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CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

AUGUST 15th is a notable date in the annals of ringing, for on that day, fifty years ago, was rung at Ipswich the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus; and perhaps it would be opportune at this time, before they are forgotten, to try and recall the events leading up to this historic peal. That it inaugurated a new era in Maximus ringing is evident, for previous to its accomplishment the summit of a man's ambition on 12 bells was to ring a peal of Kent Treble Bob. True, a few peals of Oxford T.B. Maximus had been rung—and weird stuff it is—and the Ipswich men had rung Double Norwich C.B. Maximus, a lively and musical method which has never found favour, but Kent T.B. remained the standard. Now today Cambridge Surprise has taken its place.

At the turn of the century there was a spirit of progress and achievement apparent in the Exercise, new methods were being rung and there was a search for fresh fields to conquer. Amongst the most progressive was a group of ringers in the west, including John Austin, Wm. A. Cave, the brothers James and others; they had rung a peal of Cambridge S. Royal in 1898, the first in the method since the one at Wakefield in 1822, and naturally turned their attention to the Maximus, thus becoming the first band to practise it. Courses were rung and peals attempted under the conductorship of John Austin, who was the first to call a bob in the method, but they never attained success.

We turn now eastward to Ipswich. Here for a long period there had been a good 12-bell band; for 30 years or more they had rung an average of two or three peals on 12 each year, including the Double Norwich C.B. Maximus before mentioned. Amongst its members were the brothers Motts, W. L. Catchpole, R. H. Brundle, with a younger leavening represented by L. W. Wiffen and E. Evans.

About this time the most prolific peal ringers in the country were the brothers Pye and one or two kindred spirits, and living as one might say on the doorstep of East Anglia, they often made incursions there, where they knew they could get good bells and good ringing. At the Whitsun weekend of 1908 they made one of these periodic trips, ringing Stedman Cinques at Ipswich on the Saturday, Double Norwich at Debenham on Sunday, and Superlative at Halesworth the following day—quite a good weekend bag for those days. After the peal at Ipswich the band adjourned to one of those places beloved of ringers for refreshment and talk, and the subject of Cambridge S. Maximus was broached by—so I have been told—Wm. Pye. Anyway, it was taken up by the progressive-minded ones, diagrams were produced, and it was decided to try a course at St. Mary-le-Tower for service the next morning. Now it must not be thought that this would entail 'slap-banging' about: it was a band of experienced 12-bell ringers who did not tolerate that sort of thing. The attempt was made and about eight leads rung, quite a good start this was considered, and a peal attempt was fixed for a month later, which resulted in 44 courses being rung, under the conductorship of James Motts. It was too good to abandon now, and another attempt was fixed for August 15th which turned out successful, for a very good peal was rung in 3 hours 47 minutes. James Motts again conducting the composition taken from Middleton's, being M H W five times. The band was as follows:—

EDGAR PEMBERTON Treble	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 7
WILLIAM MOTTS 2	JAMES MOTTS 8
GEORGE R. PYE 3	WILLIAM PYE 9
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 4	EDWARD EVANS 10
BERTRAM PREWETT 5	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 11
CHARLES H. GILLINGHAM 6	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Tenor

Of this band, L. W. Wiffen, actively peal ringing, is happily still with us, and I am indebted to him for help in preparing this.

There matters rested for a couple of years, during which time a peal of Cambridge S. Royal was rung by an entirely local band with the addition of Charles A. Catchpole—no relation of W. L. Meanwhile, Arthur S. Boar, a local man, and Charles J. Sedgley, who had come to live in the town in 1909, made good progress with the St. Mary-le-Tower band, courses of Cambridge S. Maximus were rung, and a good half peal was rung on August 20th, 1910, at a special practice. A peal attempt was then fixed for September 17th which resulted in an excellent peal again under the conductorship of James Motts, and the same composition. The band, all Sunday service ringers, was

EDGAR PEMBERTON Treble	WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 7
ARTHUR S. BOAR 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE .. 8
EDWARD EVANS 3	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. 9
CHARLES H. GILLINGHAM .. 4	WILLIAM MOTTS 10
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 5	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 11
JAMES MOTTS 6	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Tenor

At the end of the peal, when the seventh ringer went to set his bell it went over! At that time its slider used occasionally to jump off the pin; how long it had been off no one knows, but it is just as well he had not 'missed his sally'! It is worth recording also that Robert H. Brundle, who rang the tenor to both these peals, lived to the great age of 97 and rang the fifth to a peal of Cambridge S. Maximus for his 87th birthday.

A few months later the College Youths rang a peal at Cornhill, and up to the outbreak of the first world war seven had been rung—the two at Ipswich, three by the College Youths, one at Cripplegate, conducted by Wm. Pye, and the West Country men had at last succeeded with one at Redcliffe, Bristol, W. A. Cave ringing the tenor and conducting.

Came the war, when ringing was stopped: on its resumption Ipswich was again first with Cambridge S. Maximus, ringing a peal on March 5th, 1921, with the bells muffled in memory of Dr. Hodgson, first Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich. Later the band went on to ring the first peals in six other methods of Surprise Maximus and, in all, 68 peals of it have been rung at St. Mary-le-Tower . . . but that is another story.

CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 5, 1958, in 4 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE TOWN HALL,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in B.

EDWARD JENKINS .. Treble	PETER LAFLIN 7
JOHN A. WORTH 2	NEIL D. LOMAS 8
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 9
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	BRIAN HARRIS 11
DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 6	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

The conductor's 100th peal on 12 bells.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 7, 1958, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT.

A PEAL OF 5059 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

CLIFFORD BIRD Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON 7
GEORGE SAYER 2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 8
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 3	RONALD C. NOON 9
ARTHUR G. BASON 4	NOLAN GOLDEN 10
JOHN D. KAPE 5	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 11
FREDERICK SCOTT 6	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

TEN BELL PEALS**LEICESTER.**

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 29, 1958, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE.

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 6
*ROGER K. STRETTON .. 2	JOHN M. JELLEY 7
DAVID SIMPSON 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 8
ROLAND H. COOK 4	DEREK P. JONES 9
JOSEPH W. COTTON 5	†PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
*First peal of Grandsire Caters. †200th peal.

Rung immediately after the wedding of George H. Hebborn (member of the local band) to Patricia Wilmore; also for the induction and installation of the Rev. F. W. Pratt (a former priest-in-charge) as Canon Treasurer of Leicester Cathedral.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 2, 1958, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

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

*A. JAMES POYNOR .. Treble	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK 2	RUSSELL S. MORRIS 7
*RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES 8
DEREK P. JONES 4	ERNEST J. JELLEY 9
ERNEST MORRIS 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

*First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS**OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.**

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 7, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

A. ROBI & HEPPENSTALL .. Treble	*†DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS 5
M. SUSAN JACKSON 2	†GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. 6
*GEORGE E. CRISP 3	HUGH NEIL 7
JOHN G. GIPSON 4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

*25th peal together. †50th peal together and first peal in the method.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Thurs., March 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS MARY AND MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

ALAN L. M. SHEPHERD .. Treble	*JILL I. MARTIN 5
*DAVID P. STUBBINGS .. 2	HARRY F. CHURCHMAN .. 6
*EUSTACE W. BULLMAN .. 3	JOHN G. GIPSON 7
T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

*First peal of Major 'inside.'

Rung in memory of Christine Rutter, Sunday School superintendent at this church for many years.

DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., March 22, 1958, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.

A PEAL OF 5088 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

GEORGE CARE Treble	ALAN J. FROST 5
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 2	DAVID W. JAMES 6
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 7
SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 4	BRYAN PATTISON Tenor

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

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

Rung to welcome the Rev. K. A. Ward, B.A., to the living.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Wed., March 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 5
*JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
DEREK P. JONES 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
*550th peal.

In memoriam Mrs. Phyllis Poole, who was an enthusiastic member of the 'Wednesday' band.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., March 29, 1958, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

JOHN B. LONG Treble	ALAN J. FROST 5
AVRIL THACKRAY 2	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 6
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 3	STEPHEN IVIN 7
PETER J. SHIPTON 4	BRYAN PATTISON Tenor

Composed by MAURICE HODGSON. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

THROWLEY, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., March 29, 1958, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In three methods, comprising 1,760 Cambridge and 1,696 each of Superlative and Yorkshire, with 138 changes of method, and with all the work of the three methods for each bell. Tenor 12 cwt.

*KATHLEEN M. YEO .. Treble	JOHN R. COOPER 5
FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP 2	WILFRED W. RING 6
†CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 7
GEOFFREY PEARSON 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

*25th peal. †First of Spiced Surprise Major in three methods.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., April 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

H. MICHAEL GARTSIDE .. Treble	HAROLD DENMAN 5
*KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. 2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 6
GEORGE E. FOSTER 3	WILLIAM L. EXTON 7
*GRACE BURCHNALL 4	CHARLES J. COPP Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

*50th peal on these bells. First peal in the method by all, on the bells, and for the Guild.

Rung as a compliment to Brian Hough, a ringer at this tower, and Jean Lessiter, whose wedding took place at Normanton during the ringing of this peal.

ALLENDALE, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 7, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Mrs. K. ARTHUR Treble	GEORGE S. DEAS 5
*CAROL HALL 2	*KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN .. 6
MARION S. CAPEY 3	KENNETH ARTHUR 7
CHARLES N. LEA 4	†J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.
*First peal in the method. †100th peal for the Association. First in the method on the bells.

BALDOCK, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 7, 1958, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
A variation of Middleton's Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

NEVILLE JENKINS Treble	RICHARD J. CASTLEDINE .. 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 7
*LEONARD B. SCOT 4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.
*First peal in the method.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Mon., April 7, 1958, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
S. Biddleston's Twelve-part. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

ARNOLD MOSS Treble	FREDERICK W. BROWNLOW .. 5
JAMES FIELDING 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. 6
GILLIAN BRIDGEFORD .. 3	STANLEY ANDERTON 7
JAMES W. METCALFE .. 4	DAVID YOUNG Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of Frank Kenyon (a former chorister at this church) and Elizabeth K. Loynd (now a chorister). Rung immediately after the ceremony.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., April 7, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. Treble	*TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 5
*JACK PILGRIM 2	*MICHAEL J. STOKES 6
*RAYMOND PECK 3	*PETER KINDRED 7
G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND 4	JOHN W. BLYTHE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
*First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. Douglas Mitchell and Miss Molly Woolnough, which took place at this church on Saturday; also Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kindred's 11th wedding anniversary.

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)

On Mon., April 7, 1958, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*JACK HIGHAM Treble	LAWRENCE WALMSLEY .. 5
THOMAS BARKER 2	PHILIP DUNDERDALE .. 6
*JOHN H. OWENS 3	G. ALEC DIMMOCK 7
STANLEY WALMSLEY .. 4	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
*First peal in the method.

Rung as a birthday compliment to both Stanley and Lawrence Walmsley.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 7, 1958, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CANDIDA AND HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5088 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17½ cwt. in D.

J. S. SEAGER Treble	WILLIAM E. CHEATER .. 5
Mrs. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 2	LEWIS F. COBB 6
MICHAEL J. BEST 3	FRANK L. HARRIS 7
GEORGE E. EVENDEN .. 4	RONALD N. MARLOW .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

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

EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 8, 1958, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
IN THE BELL TOWER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston variation. Tenor 22 cwt. 105 lb. in E flat.

GEORGE P. ADAMS Treble	FRED HARROLD 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	GEORGE SAYER 6
STANLEY W. COPLING .. 3	BERT GOGLE 7
SIDNEY MARSHALL 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. Treble	DAVID W. JAMES 5
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 2	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 6
GEORGE CARE 3	BRYAN PATTISON 7
ALAN J. FROST 4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
First peal in the method on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 9, 1958, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 5
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 2	ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 6
JOHN A. ACRES 3	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 7
*RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 4	†ANTHONY F. MYATT .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
*First peal in the method. †First peal.

In memoriam Felix Sutton, of Kegworth, an honorary life member of the Guild, who died on April 4th, aged 88.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LIMERICK, IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 15, 1958, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK BOGAN Treble	FREDERICK E. DUKES .. 4
CYRIL R. FOSTER 2	CYRIL W. GALBRAITH .. 5
HARRY ELLIS 3	*BRYAN BRISLANE Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

*First peal. 350th peal for the Association.
Rung in memoriam John Armour Haydn, life member and late president of the Cathedral ringers.

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THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., March 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent each of Double Court Bob Minor, Double Oxford Bob Minor, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob Minor, and four extents of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HELEN NEVIN Treble	ROBERT L. PIRON 4
ANNE E. AMOR 2	PETER J. SHIPTON 5
JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. 3	BRYAN PATTISON Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

ELSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents of 720. Tenor 9 cwt. 20 lb. in G sharp.

CHARLES J. COPP Treble	HAROLD STEVENSON 4
MARGARET E. HILL 2	SYDNEY ADAMS 5
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 3	WILLIAM L. EXTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat

*GRAHAM A. T. TURNER .. Treble	HARRY F. CHURCHMAN .. 4
ALAN L. M. SHEPHERD .. 2	CHRISTOPHER M. P. JOHNSON 5
JILL I. MARTIN 3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal. The Association's 50th peal on the bells.

STAVERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

HUGH JOHNSON Treble	ROBIN V. BAKER 4
MICHAEL BENNETT 2	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 5
ALAN J. FROST 3	BRYAN PATTISON Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Guthrie James Larwill, inducted to the living on March 17th.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., March 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

JOHN G. GIPSON Treble	†GEORGE E. CRISP 4
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 2	*DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS.. 5
*ALAN L. M. SHEPHERD .. 3	*GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. Tenor

Conducted by DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS.

* First peal in the method. † First of Minor in the method.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., March 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double and Single Oxford, Double and Single Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

WILLIAM R. PARKER .. Treble	RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 4
JOHN F. PEARSON 2	LOUIS WILLIERS 5
AMOS INGALL 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

Rung in honour of the gift of a daughter (Patricia Rosemary) to the Rev. F. H. and Mrs. Bailey, who reside at Quarrington Rectory, Lincs.

GREETHAM, RUTLAND.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

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

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. John Dalby (Greetham) and Miss Connie Walker (Cottesmore) which took place previous to the peal.

ORSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

*ALBERT FOSTER Treble	GEORGE E. FOSTER 4
KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. 2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 5
GRACE BURCHNALL 3	WILLIAM L. EXTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. L. G. Levette who was recently inducted Vicar of this parish.

THURNBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Syston District.)

On Sat., March 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*MARTIN ROOTE Treble	H. LESLIE WYKES 4
J. GEOFFREY GEARY 2	*PETER J. PAWLEY 5
J. JULIAN PAWLEY 3	ROYSTON WILMORE Tenor

Conducted by ROYSTON WILMORE.

* First peal. First of Minor as conductor. First peal on the bells since they were augmented to six.

WHICKHAM, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of extents of (1) Double Bob, (2) Single Oxford Bob, (3) Double Oxford Bob, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Kent and Oxford T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

STEPHEN THOMPSON .. Treble	KENNETH ARTHUR 4
*MARION CAPEY 2	*GEORGE S. DEAS 5
*CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB .. 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

* First peal in eight methods.

Specially arranged and rung as a compliment to the Rector of Whickham (Rev. Spencer Wade) on his 70th birthday.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*GEOFFREY DONSON Treble	G. FRED TERRY 4
†JOHN RHODES 2	DOUGLAS THORP 5
*GEOFFREY W. BURT 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung between Good Friday services, at the Vicar's request, with the bells half-muffled.

WILLINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob, (5) Single Oxford Bob and Double Oxford Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

KEITH WAKEFIELD Treble	DOROTHY ROBINSON 4
ANNE E. AMOR 2	HAROLD S. PEACOCK 5
JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. 3	BRYAN PATTISON Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Barbara Wooding (niece of the local captain) and Michael Craft.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., April 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and four 720's of Plain Bob.

FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 4
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 2	PETER M. ADCOCK .. 5
T. CHARLES BROWNE .. 3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

Rung for the Festival of Easter.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., April 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods: (1) Alnwick, (2) Chester, (3) London, (4) York, (5) Beverley, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 9½ cwt.

RAYMOND G. SMITH .. Treble	*CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 4
BRIAN J. HOWARD .. 2	PETER J. EVES .. 5
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 3	JOE E. G. ROAST .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

BERGH APTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 7, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

*MARY SOLOMON .. Treble	*TERENCE G. PAGE .. 4
*MICHAEL J. STOKES .. 2	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 5
STANLEY W. COPLING .. 3	†COLIN ARMITAGE .. Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.

* First peal of Bob Doubles. † First peal. First in the method as conductor.

HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 7, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

RONALD RUSSELL .. Treble	WILLIAM R. PARKER .. 4
PERCY D. BALDOCK .. 2	LOUIS WILDRIDGE .. 5
AMOS INGALL .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

MARSTON, OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 7, 1958, in 6 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 12600 DOUBLES

Comprising 3,240 of Reverse St. Bartholomew and 3,120 each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob Doubles.

Tenor 6 cwt.

DAVID C. WOODWARD .. Treble	MALCOLM JOURNEAUX .. 3
ALEC GAMMON .. 2	ROY H. JONES .. 4

CLIVE HOLLOWAY .. Tenor

Arranged by ALEC GAMMON. Conducted by CLIVE HOLLOWAY.

25th peal on the bells. Longest length of Doubles yet rung, exceeding that of 10,080 rung at Whaplode, Lincs, on February 27th, 1775, in 7 hours 26 minutes by 2,520 changes.

NEWTON HALL, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 7, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods: 720's of St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS SEWELL .. Treble	*MRS. C. N. LEA .. 4
CHARLES N. LEA .. 2	GEORGE S. DEAS .. 5
KENNETH ARTHUR .. 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* First peal of Minor.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of All Saints, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Old Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

ALLAN R. JONES .. Treble	JIM C. RAINBOW .. 3
ROBERT S. ROBERTS .. 2	GEORGE F. ROOME .. 4

KENNETH D. PERKINS .. Tenor

Conducted by ALLAN R. JONES.

Rung in memoriam John E. Labutt.

HANDBELL PEALS

SHERBURN IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., March 25, 1958, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, St. Simon's and St. Martin's.

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. R. RENDER .. 1—2	A. SHEPPARD .. 3—4
JOHN POTTS .. 5—6	

Conducted by JOHN POTTS.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., March 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF 5041 STEDMAN Caters

Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 1—2	PETER J. STANIFORTH .. 5—6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3—4	ALFRED BALLARD .. 7—8
ERNEST MORRIS .. 9—10	

Composed by HAROLD J. POOLE. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

Rung to the affectionate memory of Phyllis Poole.

HOLBORN, LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIO. GUILD.

On Wed., April 2, 1958, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF

THE ROYAL AND MUNICIPAL CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,


A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

THOMAS J. LOCK .. 1—2	WILLIAM T. COOK .. 5—6
JOHN R. MAYNE .. 3—4	FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW .. 7—8

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

Rung in memory of Ernest C. S. Turner, died April 2nd, 1957.

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QUARTER PEALS

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): J. G. Hobbs 1, F. Mills 2, Miss B. Russell 3, R. Mills 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, L. C. Cooper (first quarter) 6. Rung as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. G. Plank, local ringers, who are taking up residence in London.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Mackenzie 1, Carol Eustace 2, Wendy Bird 3, M. Pierce 4, C. Wratten (cond.) 5, D. Field 6. A compliment to Judith Abbott and Douglas House on their engagement; also a 21st birthday compliment to Judith.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Corderoy 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, A. R. Greenough 3, H. L. Bishop 4, D. Bosley 5, R. B. Blond (cond.) 6, Claude Corderoy 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Cynthia Hitchman and Mr. Raymond Westell.

BOSTON, Lincs.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Stephenson 1, W. B. Dawson 2, A. Freeston 3, F. Leggett 4, W. E. Clarke 5, F. Dewey (cond.) 6, J. Petch 7, T. Freeston 8. For the Easter festival, also as a 74th birthday compliment to the conductor.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. M. Copland 1, Miss L. C. Masters 2, P. Pearce 3, C. G. Parsons 4, F. W. Box (cond.) 5, P. S. Galsford 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 6.

BRANT BROUGHTON, Lincs.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. C. Jackson (first away from cover bell) 1, F. Derry (cond.) 2, P. Pitchford 3, J. E. Brown 4, C. T. Rodgers 5, J. Marshall 6. A wedding compliment to Margaret Anne Patter and John Kisby Harvey. Also on April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. C. Jackson 1, J. E. Brown 2, F. Derry (cond.) 3, P. C. Pitchford 4, C. T. Rodgers 5, J. J. Marshall 6. Rung half-muffled for Good Friday children's service.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—At the Norman Tower, on Easter Day, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: W. Stannard (cond.) 1, P. Everett 2, C. Stannard 3, R. Rose 4, E. Nice 5, G. Jennings 6, W. Goodship 7, J. W. Banks 8, F. Buckle 9, H. Doel 10. For Evensong by the Sunday service ringers.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Norris 1, Mrs. Norris 2, J. Pares 3, H. Hodgetts 4, E. Ashby 5, G. Cook 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, F. Morris 8.

CHARING, KENT.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. M. Smith 1, F. J. Shoobridge 2, Miss E. P. Lewis 3, J. L. Woodcock 4, J. F. Moon (cond.) 5, M. H. Pym 6. For Evensong.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Mar. 29th, 1,500 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer George 1, Vivien Cott 2, D. Manger 3, N. Martin (cond.) 4, J. Parker 5, A. Smith 6. For the wedding of Miss Bridget Cox (Secretary) and Mr. Robert Farr. Also on Jan. 26th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Jillian Outhwaite 1, D. Parker 2, N. Martin (cond.) 3, J. Pannel 4, D. Manger 5, A. Smith 6.

CH'GWELL ROW, ESSEX.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Chalk 1, A. J. Salisbury 2, R. Pittman 3, F. V. Gant (cond.) 4, Miss P. Neesham 5, E. Smith 6, C. E. Wilmington 7, A. Grainger 8. In memoriam W. Vale, interred this day, life member of the Essex Association.

CRANFORD, MIDDLEX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Parker 1, Miss H. Speke 2, P. Woodruff 3, Miss J. Richardson 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, Miss J. Wave 6.

COURTENHALL, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. D. Perkins (cond.) 1, Miss S. Tompkins (first 'inside') 2, Miss P. Neesham 3, H. Curtis 4, R. Baker 5. For Palm Sunday.

DURLEIGH, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Bird 1, Miss P. Bird 2, D. Selley (first 'inside') 3, D. Miller (cond.) 4, W. Selley 5, C. Dymott 6. All local ringers except the conductor.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.—On Mar. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Wade 1, K. Morse 2, G. Lorkin 3, F. Limb 4, F. Clavdon 5, G. Trendell 6, R. Lyon 7, W. Arnold (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon H. Monks, former Vicar.

FRIEFIELD, YORKS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Smith 1, G. Perrin 2, C. Henshaw 3, H. B. Schofield (first as cond.) 4, J. Burrell 5, A. Farrand 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

GOODNESTONE, KENT.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. Brett 1, H. R. French 2, S. Walter 3, H. Stringer 4, B. J. Luck 5, S. White (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the 70th birthday of Mr. H. Stringer.

HAVANT, HANTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Marshall (first quarter) 1, Christine Ford 2, Shirley Parsons 3, S. T. Ford 4, A. Buswell (first quarter) 5, R. Borsberry 6, M. Marshall (cond.) 7, C. Parsons 8. For Evensong. The band included three fathers and three daughters.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Mar. 9th, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: R. S. Measures 1, M. Major 2, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 3, Mrs. J. M. Measures 4, R. Fuller 5, P. Thompson 6. For Confirmation service.

HESTON, MIDDLEX.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. M. Ricketts 1, P. Ruch (cond.) 2, J. Chilcott 3, D. Fowles 4, M. Hawkins 5, P. Bettridge 6, G. Ruck 7, J. Ricketts 8. Rung to celebrate the marriage of John B. Sansom with Hazel Iddles.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Salway 1, A. Tapley 2, W. Webb (first 'inside' in method) 3, E. E. Retter 4, C. Webb 5, J. L. Glanville 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, A. Holway 8. Also on Mar. 30th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: A. Holway 1, Miss S. Cope 2, J. White 3, D. Callard 4, G. E. Retter (cond.) 5, E. E. Retter 6, J. Salway 7, E. Morgan 8. First in method for 2 and 3.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. J. Langton 1, D. R. Mitche' 2, J. Smart 3, E. Fosberry 4, S. A. Paice 5, I. Windwood 6, P. H. Langton (cond.) 7, C. Denyer 8. Rung for Mr. J. Smart's 87th birthday.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: D. C. Hall 1, B. Grainger 2, R. R. Churchill 3, I. N. Pett 4, P. Newing (cond.) 5, Ann Fisher 6. For the 21st birthday of the 2nd. Also on Mar. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. C. Hall (first of Minor) 1, Angela Grainger 2, K. Fleming 3, R. R. Churchill 4, P. Newing (cond.) 5, I. N. Pett 6. For the birthday of the 4th, who is tower captain.

INTWOOD, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Plain Bob, 600 St. Simon's): L. Hindle 1, F. C. Arnold 2, C. F. Philippo (cond.) 3, P. Adcock 4, H. Hall 5. For Mothering Sunday and the visit of the Bishop of Thetford.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Cork 1, Miss V. M. Matthews 2, H. Harper 3, A. F. Burley 4, A. Carveth (cond.) 5, R. A. Southwood 6, D. N. Penrose 7, A. G. J. Edwards 8. For the festival of Easter, and also as a farewell to the tenor ringer (R.A.F.), who is being posted to Germany.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Pryke 1, L. Pryke 2, S. H. Symonds 3, R. Chambers (first in the method) 4, F. Boreham 5, F. F. Mortlock 6, M. T. Symonds (cond.) 7, L. Offord 8. A birthday compliment to L. Offord.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Esther Hambly 1, C. E. Duke 2, E. Ford 3, R. J. Hicks 4, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 5, A. J. Hambly 6. A 15th birthday compliment to Esther Hambly and her first quarter.

MILNROW, LANCs.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Doubles in 22 methods: Miss J. Halliday 1, J. H. Fielden 2, D. Butterworth 3, P. Schofield 4, D. Ogden (cond.) 5, M. Fishwick 6. The greatest number of methods rung to a quarter peal in Lancashire.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Edmund, on Mar. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss N. G. Williams 1, Miss D. M. Miller 2, J. C. Rainbow 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, R. G. Chater 5, R. S. Roberts 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, E. Billings 8. For evening service. Also at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on Palm Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. G. Williams 1, J. C. Rainbow 2, Mrs. G. F. Roome 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, Miss D. M. Miller 5, T. Jennings 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, R. S. Roberts 8. For evening service.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Jan. 30th, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,272 Minor (552 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob): D. Kirkady 1, Christine J. Stratford 2, D. Gebbett 3, G. A. Hurd 4, J. G. Underwood 5, R. Baldwin (cond.) 6. First quarter to be rung by the University of Nottingham Society.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Cox 1, A. M. Wixey 2, F. E. T. Tranter (cond.) 3, P. T. Hurcombe 4, Miss J. Watts 5, C. Leighton 6.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Ward 1, Miss B. Crossman 2, H. Warboys 3, M. Hatch 4, J. Blower 5, R. D. Tomlin (cond.) 6, A. House 7, G. Blower 8. For Confirmation.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of St. Simon's, All Saints', Canterbury, Old, and 300 Plain Bob): A. Whitlock 1, Miss P. Neesham 2, H. Curtis 3, A. C. Cozens (cond.) 4, K. D. Perkins 5. For Palm Sunday.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Chalkley 1, A. C. Harris 2, L. Runnacles 3, K. C. Timbury (cond.) 4, S. Ashton 5, L. Blackburn (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. C. Birt 1, Miss P. M. Jervis (first of Grandsire 'inside') 2, Miss L. Kew (first of Grandsire and of Triples) 3, J. Schofield 4, B. T. Lister 5, A. D. Rivers 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, J. T. Smith (first quarter) 8.

STAFFORD.—On Mar. 30th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 1, R. J. Warrilow (jun.) 2, I. Vaughan 3, Miss S. K. Seery 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, A. E. Garbett 6, E. Malin 7, T. Howe (first quarter) 8. For evening service and as a farewell compliment to I. Vaughan.

STANWELL, MIDDLEX.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss K. S. Hawthorn 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, M. G. Lane 4, C. G. V. Burgess 5, G. E. Dodd (first quarter) 6. Also on Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. M. Spackman 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, D. G. Pickett (first 'inside') 4, M. G. Lane 5, L. S. Goddard 6. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 23rd, 1,280 St. Simon's Doubles: D. G. Pickett 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, Miss K. S. Hawthorn 4, M. G. Lane 5, L. S. Goddard 6. For Evensong. Also on Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles in 13 methods: D. G. Pickett 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, M. G. Lane 4, C. G. V. Burgess 5, L. S. Goddard 6. First in 13 methods by all.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Mar. 30th, at Christ Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Bullock 1, Miss M. Wright 2, W. W. T. Daniell 3, Mrs. E. Sutton 4, Dr. H. Craig 5, R. C. Westney 6, G. Wells 7, T. Townsend 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, E. Vincent 10. To mark the forthcoming marriage of the Rev. John Poarch, curate.

TENDRING, ESSEX.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Woodruff (15) 1, Ann Collier (14) 2, J. Felote (16) 3, Ann Pryke (17) 4, Gillian R. Brown (16) 5, M. Mills (16, cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Ann Collier.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Brown 1, R. W. Rex 2, G. Wiggins 3, Miss V. Hart 4, R. Christopher 5, D. Mutram 6, H. P. Reed (cond.) 7, R. Rivers 8. First 'inside' 4 and 6. For Evensong.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—On Mar. 30th, at the Church of St. Matthew, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. M. Steel (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, W. F. Jarvis 3, Miss N. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkins 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8. First quarter on the bells since the rehanging of the tenor.

WELDON, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Hoodless 1, F. A. Ginns 2, R. W. Shaw 3, D. C. Urquhart 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5, R. A. Webster 6. Also on Mar. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. A. Webster 1, F. A. Ginns 2, R. W. Shaw 3, A. C. Urquhart 4, R. W. Spencer 5, F. A. Ginns 6. Both rung for all mothers on Mothering Sunday.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Easter Day, at the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Emerson (first quarter) 1, M. Kemp 2, P. Illineworth (first quarter) 3, T. Randall 4, J. Morris 5, D. McNeill (cond.) 6. Rung to the glory of God before Sung Mass.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The annual meeting of the East Devon Branch was held at Sidbury on Easter Monday, and about 40 ringers and friends attended. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. Taylor and tea was provided by the local ringers and their wives.

At the business meeting the secretary in his report said that membership during the past year had increased and also that there were a greater number of younger members.

Mr. G. C. Woodley was re-elected chairman, Mr. F. Parr vice-chairman, Mr. W. Webb secretary and treasurer and Ringing Master, Mr. C. Webb vice-secretary and Messrs. F. Parr, P. Davis and C. Turner on the Guild committee.

Fifteen new members were elected, including a new band at Hemyock.

Methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Cambridge and Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire, Stedman and Oxford Bob Triples, and Bob Major.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Easter Monday fixture of the Society, at Rotherham, proved to be a great attraction, and this noble ring was tapping out Grandsire Caters as early as 2.30 p.m. Besides numerous stalwarts from the Sheffield and Rotherham areas visitors from Leeds, Bradford, Newark, Retford and Canterbury were also present.

After the catering prowess of the lady members of the local company had been sampled, a short business meeting was held, with the president, Mr. H. O. Chaddock, in the chair.

The more serious business of ringing then continued with Yorkshire and London Major, Cambridge Royal and Double Norwich Caters, interspersed with numerous rounds and courses of Plain Bob for the probationers. L. M. H.

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD

In her report presented at the fourth annual meeting of the Southampton University Guild, the Master (Miss Ruth A. Carey) stated that the Guild had successfully continued to encourage regular ringing, especially for Sunday services.

Apart from weekly tower-bell and handbell practices there had been cycling outings in the Portsmouth, Winchester and the Meon Valley area. Inter-University meetings had been held with Reading at Alton, and with Bristol at Bradford-on-Avon and Westbury.

The custom of visiting towers for Sunday ringing had continued throughout the summer term, but this had to be dropped in the autumn when the ring of bells at Bitterne Park was opened, as the University had agreed to help teach a local band there. During the year 45 to 50 towers had been visited, covering some 850 miles, and considerable improvement had been made by the less experienced members in the art of change-ringing.

The first peal, Plain Bob Major, had been rung for the Guild. Altogether two peals had been rung and six quarters in the past year. This included the first quarter 'in hand.' The Guild had been privileged to provide the band for the opening rounds at the Bitterne Park dedication.

The officers elected for the coming year were: Mr. D. Exell, Master; Miss R. A. Carey, deputy Master; Mr. D. d'A. R. Blackwall, secretary-treasurer; Mr. J. A. Queen, committee member.

Mr. G. Pullinger was unanimously elected as an honorary vice-president of the Guild as a tribute to the way in which he had helped so many members when learning.

THE LADIES' GUILD Central District

The annual meeting of the Central District was held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on March 29th. Owing to the great number of weddings there was very little ringing in the afternoon, but during the evening touches varying from rounds to 6-spliced were rung. We were pleased to see so many friends present, especially a gentleman from South Africa.

Tea was taken in the Y.W.C.A., and a short service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. Gordon Taylor).

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the president, Mrs. Lock. Mrs. Savory was re-elected vice-president and Mrs. Bullock was re-elected secretary and treasurer. Mrs. Bagworth, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Rose were elected to the committee. Three new members were elected—Miss R. Clarke, Miss D. Robinson and Miss J. Spreadbury. E. S.

TEWKESBURY ABBEY GUILD OUTING

On Easter Monday afternoon a party of 11 ringers—members of the Tewkesbury Abbey Guild and friends—made an assault on six-bell towers west of the Severn.

Ringing started at Eastnor, a very nice, light ring. The next tower was Dymock, set amid fields of wild daffodils, where the bells required more effort. Newent and Huntley (the best bells of the trip) followed.

After tea, ringing was resumed at Blaisdon and this proved to be the last tower; an eight-mile traffic jam on the main road to Gloucester frustrated all efforts to arrive at Churcham.

Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob, and some well-struck touches were brought round.

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BELFRY

Truro Cathedral bells will be heard prior to the morning service to be broadcast on Sunday, April 27th, at 9.45 a.m. in the basic and West of England Home Services. The service will be conducted by the Sub-Dean, Canon J. E. Fison, who will also preach.

Three fathers and three daughters rang in the Easter Day quarter peal at St. Faith's, Havant. Emstone, Oxfordshire, ringers are trying to raise £600 to have their bells repaired.

A peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus was rung at Buckfast Abbey last Saturday in 4 hours and 10 minutes.

In the 16th century the Hinxworth ringers were referred to as the Tin Army.—From 'The Hertfordshire Countryside.'

Stafford ringers have enjoyed having Arthur Young, of Hastings, with them during his National Service. A farewell quarter was rung on March 30th.

The light bells of St. Nicholas', Marston, Oxford, were rung for 6 hours and 20 minutes when a new long-length of Doubles (12,600 changes) was rung by local ringers.

Six inches of snow in the Northumberland countryside did not deter Newcastle ringers having an enjoyable Bank Holiday with peals at Newton Hall and Allendale.

The peal at Bitterne Park, Southampton (see page 214), was a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Ruth A. Carey, who was Master of the Southampton University Guild until the end of last term.

Mr. Brian J. Woodruff informs us that the attempt for 27,328 Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Fairfield on Easter Monday was called round at about 8,000 changes after four and a half hours' ringing. The ringing had deteriorated somewhat in the last half-hour and was regarded as unsatisfactory. Another attempt is to be made in the near future.

GOSSIP

Mr. Donald Flower, captain of St. John's, Frome, was unlucky on Easter Eve, when he slipped while changing a rope and broke two ribs—the tenor crown-staple nut being the culprit.

The thanks of ringers of the Guilsborough Branch of the Peterborough Guild are due to John Kinchin, of Yelvertoft, for organising a most enjoyable Easter Monday outing to the Uppingham area.

Fifty-two ringers from Northampton and District spent Easter Monday on tour in Oxfordshire. Towers visited were Hook Norton, Chipping Norton, Churchill, Burford, Witney, Charlbury and Enstone. Thanks are recorded to the incumbents and tower representatives who met the party.

At the Banbury and District Branch meeting on April 12th, Mr. Watson conveyed the good wishes of the Branch to 'Jo' on her marriage to Mr. Wilfrid Moreton, and hoped that all the 'changes' of married life would 'come round.' The meeting at Sherington was attended by 25 members, representing eight towers.

Bro. W. Frank Stenson, P.P.G.M., of 142, Minshull Road, Crewe, is again organising the ringing at the A.M.C. of the Odd Fellows conference at Blackpool. He is hoping that for the special service at St. John's Church, on June 1st at 10 a.m., to have not only a full band for ringing but a singing party. There will be other ringing facilities during the week. Bro. J. M. Foster is co-operating to make an attractive programme.

'When I went to get my "Ringing World" from the newsagent,' writes Miss A. Henson, of West Bridgford, Notts, 'he asked me if it was a pigeon racing booklet. I ought to have replied, "No; but there is a pigeon connection—the one the Ringing Master carries if a beginner breaks a stay".'

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FIRST PEAL PERFORMANCES

By F. T. BLAGROVE

THE records of early first peal performances in different methods are often inaccurate and incomplete. The most complete list is given in E. Morris' 'History and Art,' but some of the dates are incorrect and since its publication earlier performances in some methods have come to light.

Confusion has sometimes arisen in some early 18th century dates because of the change in New Year's Day, which at that time was at the end of March. For example, the first known peal of Grandsire Cinques is usually given as January 19th, 1724. But if we follow through the early records of the College Youths we see that this is 'old style' and should now be given as 1725.

I hope in this article to sort out the incorrect dates, but it may be that some earlier dates are known to others. If so, I hope that such information will be sent to 'The Ringing World.'

Reference will be made to 'History and Art' and to the Central Council Collections of Triples and Major.

Plain Bob Triples.—The earliest peal board is at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, dated May 2nd, 1715. Reference is made to two earlier false peals, but it does not say whether false in composition or performance. The College Youths have a note of a peal at St. Sepulchre's, London, on January 17th, 1690, which Snowdon dismisses as probably false, he having found no composition of that date. But this opinion can be dismissed when we remember that Stedman undoubtedly knew how to obtain a peal of Triples from an extent of Minor. It is extremely probable that the College Youths, and maybe the London Scholars, were ringing peals long before the Norwich peal of 1715.

Plain Bob Major.—The earliest known peal was rung at St. Bride's, London, on April 26th, 1725, by the College Youths. But their records before 1725 are lost, and earlier peals were probably rung.

Plain Bob Caters.—The earliest known peals are of 6,430 at Leeds, Kent, on November 2nd and December 12th, 1751. The peal of Old Doubles Caters at Fulham on March 23rd, 1783, was presumably also Plain Bob Caters.

Plain Bob Royal.—5,040 at St. Bride's on November 22nd, 1725, by the College Youths.

Plain Bob Maximus.—5,280 at St. Bride's on February 26th, 1726, by the College Youths.

Grandsire Triples.—A peal board at St. Peter Mancroft records a peal rung on August 26th, 1718, and also refers to other previous false peals. Grandsire Triples and Caters had been practised in London since 1684, and although the Norwich peal is the first known, it is extremely unlikely that it is the first actually rung.

Grandsire Major.—5,071 rung at St. George's, Southwark, on October 11th, 1773, by the Cumberlands and 5,151 at Whitechapel on April 26th, 1775, by the London Youths. Morris gives 7,552 at Aston on July 30th, 1792.

Grandsire Caters.—5,040 at St. Bride's on January 11th, 1717, is the earliest known, and also the earliest known peal by the London Scholars. Probably not the first peal in the method.

Grandsire Royal.—5,360 at Fulham on November 26th, 1780, by the College Youths. Morris gives 5,159 at St. John's, Southwark, on November 23rd, 1787.

Grandsire Cinques.—5,060 at St. Bride's on January 19th, 1725, by the College Youths. Incorrectly given as 1724, which is old style.

Grandsire Maximus.—5,112 at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on May 7th, 1792, by the Cumberlands Youths.

Reverse Bob Major.—5,040 at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on January 22nd, 1751, by the

College Youths. Morris and C.C.C. incorrectly give March 23rd, 1751, at Harrietsham, but this was actually Double Bob Major.

Reverse Bob Royal.—5,040 at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on November 22nd and December 22nd, 1761, by the College Youths. Not given by Morris.

Reverse Bob Maximus.—5,280 at St. Bride's on May 15th, 1769, by the College Youths.

Double Bob Major.—5,040 at St. Bride's on January 14th, 1726, by the College Youths.

Double Bob Royal.—5,040 at St. Bride's on February 28th, 1733, by the College Youths.

Double Bob Maximus.—5,016 at St. Bride's on March 24th, 1740, by the College Youths.

Reverse Grandsire Triples.—The peal at Hackney on March 9th, 1782, by the Cumberland Youths is probably the first in the method. The peal of John Holt's Grandsire 'triple' reverse at Horsham was most probably Holt's ten-part Grandsire Triples reversed. (J. A. Trollope, 'R.W.', August 3rd, 1945.)

Reverse Grandsire Caters.—5,058 at Shore-ditch on September 10th, 1769, by the Cumberland Youths.

Reverse Grandsire Cinques.—Apparently has not yet been pealed.

Double Grandsire Triples.—Annabell gave two Double Triples, now known as Double Grandsire Triples or Grandsire Double Triples. Peals of Double Triples were rung on November 17th, 1765, at Spitalfields and on January 4th, 1766, at St. George's, Southwark, by the College Youths. These were most probably Holt's ten-part peal of Double Grandsire Triples. C.C.C. gives the 1766 peal and Morris gives a peal at Chester on January 6th, 1913.

Double Grandsire Caters.—5,094 at St. Bride's on March 21st, 1732, by the College Youths.

Double Grandsire Cinques.—5,060 at St. Bride's on November 29th, 1738, by the College Youths.

Spliced Plain Bob Triples and Major.—5,012 at St. George's, Southwark, on April 17th, 1768, by the London Youths. Not given by Morris.

Bob Major, St. George.—5,040 at St. George's, Southwark, on August 27th, 1750, and is Plain Bob with two types of bob.

(To be continued)



'Here's a teaser . . . it contains two Singles and a Bob!

AMERICA'S GIFT TO A SUFFOLK CHURCH

Yesterday the Lord Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich dedicated two new bells at St. Peter's Church, Eriswell, Suffolk, and rededicated the three old bells. At the ceremony Colonel Maynard E. White, U.S.A.F., former commander of the 3910th Air Base Group, R.A.F., Lakenheath, and Colonel David A. Tate, the present commander, handed the ropes of the new bells to the Bishop and asked him to dedicate the bells 'purchased by the officers and airmen under our command, to the glory of God and the strengthening of Anglo-American friendship.'

Originally there were six great bells in the belfry of St. Peter's Church, Eriswell, according to the inventory made during the last year of the reign of Edward VI in A.D. 1553. These bells, however, were probably melted down for munitions during the Civil War, 1642-1648, and were much larger than the present bells. It is over 200 years since the three old bells were hung in the church, and during most of this period Eriswell has had a link with North America through the New England Company. This Company bought the entire village of Eriswell in 1649, and with the money raised here sent Christian teachers and missionaries to build schools and churches in North America.

Today, 308 years later, men from all states of America are living in the parish of Eriswell at the U.S.A.F. base, and it is therefore most fitting that they should cement Eriswell's long link with America by donating two new bells.

DETAILS OF THE RING OF FIVE BELLS

Treble.—1 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb., note A. 'Americans gave me, John Taylor made me. April 17th, 1958. Rector, William Donnan.'

Second.—1 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb., note G. 'John Taylor and Co., founders, Loughborough. God protect those who fly; may Anglo-American friendship never die. April 17th, 1958. Ch. Ws. W. Lock, C. Frostick.'

Third.—1 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb., note F sharp. 'John Spark, churchwarden. Thos. Osborn, founder, 1795.'

Fourth.—2 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb., note E. 'John Spark, churchwarden. Thos. Osborn, founder, 1795. Taylor tablet: Recast 1958. May this bell forth tell glory to God in Eriswell.'

Tenor.—3 cwt. 16 lb., note D. 'Tho. Gardiner made me 1743.'

After the service the bells were rung by members of the Norman Tower, Bury St. Edmunds.

THE ADDERBURY WEDDING

In the presence of a large congregation in which there were a number of well-known ringing personalities with Yorkshire, Hereford and the Universities' Associations being strongly represented, Mr. Wilfrid Moreton and Miss 'Jo' Roper were married at St. Mary's Church, Adderbury, Oxon, on Easter Monday.

The service was conducted by Canon H. A. Moreton, of Hereford, father of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. A. D. Walmsley, Vicar of Adderbury.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a ballerina-length dress of white lace, a shoulder-length veil and a diamante coronet. She carried a bouquet of lilies-of-the-valley and yellow carnations and was attended by her sister, Miss Ann Roper, and two pages, nephews of the bridegroom. The best man was Mr. Michael Moreton, brother of the bridegroom.

At the reception, held in The Rookery, the home of Lord and Lady Elton, the toast of 'The Bride and Bridegroom' was proposed by Mr. Frederick Sharpe, president of the Central Council.

The bells were kept going before and after the ceremony by the local band assisted by ringers from Wakefield and Hereford, and after the reception an attempt was made for a peal of Superlative but abandoned after two hours.

IRISH ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

Southern District

The annual meeting of the Southern District was held before lunch in the Central Hotel, Mallow, Co. Cork, on St. Patrick's Day (March 17th). The District chairman, Mr. C. W. Galbraith, in his usual quick and efficient manner, got through all the business in record time—although there were 80 people present and a lot of them had (or tried to have!) much to say. Visitors included Lady Doneraile, the Rev. F. Garrett (Rector of Mallow), the Very Rev. M. J. Talbot (Dean of Limerick), Canon Osborne (Rector of Doneraile), Miss Jean Stewart (Northern District) and Fred Dukes, general secretary, representing Mr. Pratt, president.

After the meeting had paid their respects to two good friends of the District—the late Leonard Dobbin and J. A. Haydn—the various reports and routine business were dealt with.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Vice-president of executive council, Mr. D. Benson (Limerick); representatives on executive council, Messrs. G. Bingham, C. Galbraith and F. Bogan; chairman, Mr. C. W. Galbraith; treasurer and secretary, Mr. G. Bingham; Ringing Master, H. Ellis; assistant secretary, P. Hanley.

Waterford was selected as the place for the 1959 annual meeting. Nine new members were elected.

After an excellent lunch at the Central Hotel the draw took place for the R. R. Sherry striking contest. Seven teams competed on the bells of St. Mary's, Mallow, and the placings of the judges (Miss Jean Stewart and Mr. F. E. Dukes) were: Mount St. Alphonsus 'A' 106½ faults, Mount St. Alphonsus 'B' 120 faults, Doneraile 126½ faults.

Later after tea Miss Stewart presented the cup to Mr. Liam Benson, captain of the winning team and also the attendance shield to the same tower, which had a 100 per cent. record for 1957 Sunday service ringing. The shield was shared with Drogheda, who also had a 100 per cent. record.

Mr. Dukes, speaking on behalf of the president, complimented the District on its prosperous position and keen officers. He also congratulated them on their advance in change-ringing—Bob Triples is now being practised at St. Mary's, Limerick.

Eastern District

Almost 40 bell-ringers from Arklow, Dublin (St. George's, SS. Augustine and John's and St. Patrick's Cathedral), Drogheda and visitors (Mr. G. Bingham, Southern District secretary, the Rev. Professor D. Vokes, Archbishop King's Professor in Dublin University, and his son, Mr. A. Vokes, both formerly of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich) met at the annual meeting of the Eastern District in Drogheda on Easter Monday.

Ten new members were elected at the business meeting, and Bray was approved for the summer meeting on September 6th.

Election of officers: Vice-president of executive council, H. Johnston (Bray); chairman, J. MacManus (Dublin); Ringing Master, W. T. Shaw (Arklow); treasurer, W. D. Graham (Drogheda); secretary, Mrs. F. E. Dukes (Julianstown); assistant secretary, R. Huber (Drogheda); representatives on executive council, Mrs. Dukes, J. McManus and V. Crawford (St. George's, Dublin).

It was decided to send a letter of good wishes to Mr. R. S. F. Murphy, now in his 85th year, and who has recently been in hospital for treatment.

Following lunch at the Gwent Arms Hotel, the Lindoff cup striking contest was held, with Messrs. G. Bingham, V. Crawford and H. H. Brown as judges. The cup was won by Drogheda, 21 faults, followed by SS. Augustine and John's, Dublin, 56 faults, and Arklow, 98 faults. The cup was presented by Mr. Bingham to Mr. F. E. Dukes, captain of the winning team, and the attendance shield to Mr. W. Bovenizer, secretary of the Drogheda tower.

Tea was kindly provided by the Drogheda Society, and good use was made of the bells between 11.30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

NEWS FROM CAPE TOWN

At a recent meeting of the Woodstock ringers held at St. Mary's Rectory, the proceedings opened with a brief silence in memory of Mr. John Wood, who was captain of the band for many years. The following officers were then elected to hold office for the year ending Easter, 1959: W. J. Smith, Ringing Master; J. Ernstzen and C. Gardiner, bell maintenance, with O. Lamb and L. Hewitt assisting with supplies; L. Hewitt, public relations; Miss F. Collins, funds organiser. In addition to the foregoing the following ringers were also present: Messrs. J. Crump, R. Laws, J. Riley and R. H. Stickley, together with the two churchwardens E. Rip and G. L. E. Soderlund, the latter being voted to the chair in the absence of the Rector (Rev. D. H. Cumming).

The meeting heard with regret that after a stay of only a few months, J. Crump was leaving for Salisbury (Southern Rhodesia) about the middle of April. The chairman stated that the new ropes had been received from the U.K., and he wished to thank R. H. Stickley for paying the local customs duty of 20 per cent. thereon. Thanks were also accorded to the Rector for advancing the money in the U.K. to pay for the ropes, and a guarantee was given that this amount would be available for him upon his return from leave in Britain in September. Those present also sent their regards to Vic Sheppard and Mary, who are also enjoying a holiday there.

Progress has continued; ringing now includes touches in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major. Four new recruits have just joined the band. R. H. S.

Maidstone Grammar School Society

Twenty past and present members of Maidstone Grammar School Society had the privilege of visiting Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's foundry, Whitechapel, on March 28th.

After a morning sight-seeing, the party was met at the foundry by Mr. A. A. Hughes at 2.30 p.m. and an enjoyable and instructive afternoon followed.

Before returning to Maidstone the party split up; some gate-crashed the Ladies' Guild meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Field. Thanks were due to the organiser, Mr. Scott, and, of course, Mr. Hughes.

DEDICATION OF PEAL PANEL AT ASHTEAD

There was an interesting ceremony at Ashstead on Palm Sunday when a panel in the ringing chamber commemorating the recent 300th peal on the bells was dedicated. During Matins, immediately after the second prayers, the rector reminded the congregation that there are only a few churches in the land containing rings of bells upon which 300 full peals have been rung. This distinction came to Ashstead last year when the resident band of ringers, who ring for all Sunday services, rang the 300th peal in just over three hours. The rector added: 'I will now ask you to join with me in an act of dedication.'

The clergy, preceded by the Cross, and followed by such members of the choir as were ringers then proceeded down the church to the ringing chamber, which is on the first floor and is open to the church. As they proceeded, other ringers who were in the congregation joined in the procession and all went up to the ringing chamber. Then the rector unveiled the panel commemorating the peal and used the following prayer:—

'O God, the King of kings and Lord of lords, the Creator and Sanctifier of all things of true worth, we dedicate in Thy Name this panel. May the bells which ring from this church call us to worship Thee in spirit and in truth to the praise and honour of Thy holy Name. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.'

The clergy and choristers then returned to their places while some of the ringers remained in the ringing chamber to ring immediately after the service. As the ringing chamber is open to the church the congregation by turning round were able to join in the act of dedication.

The panel was beautifully written by a member of the peal band.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch

The quarterly meeting of Devizes Branch was held at St. Michael's Church, Urchfont, on March 29th. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. A. Sayer) and tea served in the Village Hall by Mrs. Smith and helpers, to which 32 ringers sat down. Visitors were present from Bath, Bridgwater, Chippenham, Chichester, Ottershaw, Reading, Runcorn and Salisbury. The meeting was presided over by the Branch chairman, who gave a very warm welcome to the Vicar and the visitors. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, the organist, Mrs. Smith, and the captain of the tower for the arrangements. Ringing during the afternoon and evening on the eight bells (tenor 19 cwt.) was of a high standard. A. T. W.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NELSON'S BELL AT JAMAICA

Dear Sir,—L/Cpl. Goldthorpe's drawing of 'Nelson's' bell at Jamaica clearly shows the monogram of the United Dutch East India Company (Oostindische Vereenigde Maatschappij) V.O.C. This great trading and exploration combine had full administrative, judicial and legislative powers from the Cape of Good Hope eastwards to Cape Horn. It is not surprising that there are two bells with the V.O.C. mark in Cape Town.

In the tower of the Groote Kerk a clock bell of 37 in. diameter bears the inscription 'Jan Albert de Grave me fecit Anno 1726, V.O.C.' and also in the castle a fine ornamented bell of 26 in. diameter is inscribed 'Claudofremi me fecit Amstellodami Anno 1697,' and in this case the V.O.C. mark is surmounted by a small 'A'—like the Jamaica bell—showing it to have been cast in Amsterdam.

As to the inscription, I can only say that the town of Jaffna in North Ceylon shows considerable Dutch influence dating from 1658, and it is locally called Yal-Pannan.—Yours sincerely,

VICTOR SHEPPARD.

Charlton, S.E.7.

'THE CONQUEST OF DEATH'

Dear Sir,—May I comment on a sentence in the front page article 'The Conquest of Death' (April 4th) which reads: 'Unless we are hired servants it means that when we ring on Easter Sunday we affirm our belief in the Risen Christ . . . Does this mean that ringers who receive some monetary reward for ringing do not believe in Christ? This is a very serious statement which can also apply to the organist, the choirmaster and the verger, who also may be hired servants.—Yours faithfully,

N. F. MOXON.

Cawthorne.

NOTE.—It was intended to convey that the art of ringing on Easter Sunday is an affirmation of our belief in the Risen Christ, unless the ringer regarded himself as a 'hired servant,' in other words, not a member of the family of Christ on earth. Payment of a 'hired servant' need not be monetary; it can be in selfish pleasure, whereby the individual allies himself to a church tower for personal motives and not to give his talents to the glory of God.—Ed.

NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS

Dear Sir.—Mr. Birmingham's letter in the issue of March 28th touches on a matter that I raised in the issue of September 3rd, 1956 (page 491).

For ringing a peal for an Association other than his own 10s. is, in my opinion, too much (even if the ringer can well afford it; even today there are many who cannot), as in most of these cases the peal may be an isolated one. I have had one experience of a suggested whip-round to assist a visiting ringer to take part in a peal for an Association other than his own. This caused some embarrassment to the proposed recipient, and much against his wishes the attempt was made and failed; nothing further was done about the 5s. life membership subscription. I have an idea this is nothing unusual when a peal attempt under these circumstances fails.

My letter of August 3rd, 1956, makes a practical suggestion, which if properly organised and put into operation would I am sure be of benefit to both ringers and their Associations. Perhaps some of our up-and-coming legislators would consider the idea.

In conclusion, whether the subscription for life membership of a ringing organisation is 5s. or 10s., both are too much; for what extra expense is incurred by printing the visitor's name in the peal records in an annual report? Presumably peal booking fees are general.—Yours very truly,

B. S. THOMPSON.

South Lowestoft, Suffolk.

JACK WOOD, OF CAPE TOWN

Dear Sir,—I was shocked to learn from your columns of the death of Jack Wood, of Cape Town. I had the good fortune to ring at St. Mary's, Woodstock, from 1947 to 1950, and during that period gained a great respect for Jack. He was a good servant to his church and to ringing, and I am certain it was almost entirely due to his enthusiasm that method ringing has survived and flourished in the face of difficulties we in this country can hardly credit.

To me he was a good friend, and I shall long remember his hospitality which meant a lot.—Yours faithfully,

HAROLD W. MILFORD.

Plymouth, Devon.

JOHN CARTER'S ODD BOB STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—The interesting letters concerning John Carter's composition of Stedman Triples, at one time known as Carter's Odd Bob One-part, has resurrected much interesting history.

It may well be that the number of times it has been performed are few owing to the difficulty of obtaining the figures. It might be useful to the few conductors interested in Stedman Triples to have the figures, and they are therefore appended.

It is interesting to recall that in 1947 Mr. Fred Dunkerley, then of Moorside, received the

figures from the late Mr. F. R. Hibbert, who at that date had not called the composition.

Within a few days of receiving the figures the Moorside company rang it, being conducted by Mr. Fred Dunkerley. This is believed to be the only occasion on which a Sunday service band has accomplished this composition.

It is worth noting that, soon after, Mr. Dunkerley called J. O. Lancashire's famous composition at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, the late Ben Thorp acting as umpire.—Yours, etc.,

E. JENKINS.

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MUSIC IN BELL-RINGING

Dear Sir,—May I trespass once more upon your space to reply to Mr. Chant's criticisms of my articles?

1. 'These progressions are not tonic-supertonic progressions.' I find it difficult to believe that Mr. Chant's comments on this proposition are seriously intended as a summary of my arguments. I did not claim that the tonic and supertonic notes lose their identity in a progression of this sort, nor did I claim that the top note of a chord must be its root. What I did say and still maintain is that Mr. Chant's so-called 'tonic-supertonic' progressions are only such if regarded purely melodically, and that so to regard them is to distort their meaning by ignoring the harmonic context which explains them; taken in this context, they are merely part of a tonic-dominant or submediant-dominant progression.

2. 'The submediant chord is the relative minor.' Mr. Chant correctly points out that this is so only when a modulation to the relative minor has been made; his criticism is, however, open to his own charge of being irrelevant and misleading, since the argument at this point is not affected by it.

3. 'Tonic-supertonic progressions are as common as blackberries in music.' This quotation of Mr. Chant's is not an accurate rendering of what I actually said. Nevertheless, I agree that a melody moves down to the supertonic note at a half close more frequently than it moves up; whether this occurs so frequently as

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Mr. Chant alleges, I am not so sure. It is interesting to see that his 'more often than not' in his article of January 3rd has now become a ratio of 12:1, and that whereas on January 3rd it was 'not difficult to find quite a few well-known hymn tunes that contain this progression,' they are now 'far from frequent.'

4. 'Anacrusis.' Here, as in No. 2, Mr. Chant is quite right in pointing out that I have used the word wrongly (although 'The Everyman Dictionary of Music' says that 'anacrusis has become synonymous with upbeat'). Here, as in No. 2, the objection is irrelevant and misleading, since the argument is not affected by it.

5. Rhythm. The letters from Mr. Chant and Mrs. Price show that this is a more subjective matter than I thought when I wrote my articles, and I can only say that I just don't hear bells as they apparently do. (I may say that I don't hear six bells in the inebriated rhythm Mr. Chant attributes to me either, but I realise that my article may have made it seem so.)

6. 6-3's at backstroke. On this point I must defer to Mr. Chant, who is more experienced than I both as a musician and as a ringer of Minor. I have never heard any Minor which sounded as if it had modulated to the sub-dominant, but Mr. Chant says he has, and I have no reason to doubt him.

There is one final point. In the first paragraph of his letter Mr. Chant says that those statements of mine which he criticises are 'made the basis of my arguments against 6-5's.' Three of the statements are not the bases of any arguments at all, while of the remaining three only two have to do with 6-5's. Neither of these is part of an argument 'against 6-5's,' for there is none such in my articles, although they do seek to counter one of Mr. Chant's arguments (not his conclusion) in favour of 6-5's.

—Yours faithfully,

DESMOND PAINTER.

Harpenden.

LETTERS—Continued

SATURN DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—I can assure Mr. Blagrove that the ringing which took place at Ockham on November 30th last year was a peal. How many ringers realise what vague rules have been laid down for the judgment of peal ringing?

The Central Council Handbook—Decisions—(D) Peal-ringing (on page 19) calls our attention to a number of rules and goes on to issue a code to apply to ordinary peals and also to peals rung to surpass previous achievements.

The code is divided up into paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and so on, and when we come to paragraph (f) we read that for peals rung to surpass previous peals of 6,720 changes or more, compliance with certain further conditions is required.

The last of these further conditions relating to long-length peals is:—

'(vi) The methods rung in such peals shall comply with the Report on Regular Methods (as on page 22).'

That is to say that whereas a long-length peal must be in a proper method, an ordinary peal is not subject to that qualification, and Mr. Blagrove's assumption that one must ring peals in regular methods (as given on page 22) is unjustified.

However, I do not wish to slide round the rules which the Central Council hoped they had set out, but rather, in this letter, to show how the changes which we rang conform with rules on both peal ringing and regular methods.

The following is a Principle and a Method. There are no 'hunt' bells.

The name of the method is

SATURN DOUBLES

1 2 3 4 5 For 240 call any bell to lead full
2 1 3 5 4 three times with a bob and once
1 2 5 3 4 with a single, repeated twice.
2 1 5 4 3 (The singles may be positioned

2 5 1 3 4 instead of any bob provided that
they come with three bobs
between.)

Bob
2 1 5 4 3 This should give 20 different
callings.

2 1 4 5 3 The plain course is 20 changes
long and is TRUE.

Single
2 1 5 4 3

2 5 1 4 3

The name given to the 5,040 rung at Ockham was Saturn Treble Bob Doubles. The changes we rang were indistinguishable from a 240 of Saturn Doubles (given above) with the treble called in firsts place, BBBS, BBSB, BSBB and SBBB, each of the four callings repeated twice.

If it will ease the consciences of those who would otherwise have liked to try Saturn T.B. Doubles, just say you are ringing Saturn Doubles, with a bob every time the treble leads, which you are ringing non-conducted! That is then no more wicked than Stedman Doubles with the singles 'winked.'

This, of course, is far from being the only anomaly in the guiding (?) rules of the Central Council.

A peal of Reverse College Minor (which has not got plain bob lead-ends) would be perfectly acceptable if rung as a peal of Reverse Original.

Similarly, Court Minor could be published as Original Minor. I know of no rule to say that a peal may not be part called, part silent.

It is ridiculous for the truth of a peal to be judged by the name given to it, yet that would seem to be the state of affairs at present.

Of course, to return to the peal in question, the fact that the peal was in 240's which were not round blocks remains, and we can only hope that revision of the rules will be enacted.

There is another method whereby this peal may be justified, but I feel that I have already taken up too much space in trying to convince,

against their will, those who do not wish to ring the method, that it is worth while.

After all, we ring methods for fun . . .
DON'T WE?—Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL P. MORETON.

London, S.W.19.

P.S.—We wait at London Airport with dying hopes for our rocket's arrival . . . feeling rather like the level-crossing keeper who kept one gate open, one gate shut—said he was half-expecting a train.—M. P. M.

VARIOUS TOPICS

Dear Sir,—I forwarded a letter to your office for your issue of February 28th; the letter appears to be lost. It was in relation to pp. 133 (front), the last paragraph, by Mr. William H. Barber; 140, The Old Gardener; 141, Music in Bell-ringing, by Mr. Desmond Painter; 143, 6-5 at Backstroke, by Mr. H. Chant; 143, Giving the Tenor Plenty of Room, by Mr. N. F. Moxon.

To the ringing fraternity I hereby express my own feelings towards these subjects. I am glad to belong to Associations which do appreciate and feel that everyone who rings in them does listen to the bells for music's sake. Amongst them I include Mr. H. Chant and Mr. N. F. Moxon, of the Barnsley Association.

I realise that should the likes of these yes-'strikers' become extinct, so will the music of the bells.

As Mr. William H. Barber's statement in the last paragraph—when the striking deteriorates the suffering must be more intense, and the fields of the Old Gardener will multiply.

What is a musical change? (by Mr. Desmond Painter). Does 6-5 and 8-7 occur in music? I would advise him to listen to the actual striking and music of those bells as Mr. H. Chant has. I think he would agree.

'Giving the Tenor Plenty of Room,' by Mr. N. F. Moxon: good luck to you, for it has been my view that the Central Council should give a lead through one of their recognised committee for a time which should appertain to the tenors. They must admit that a lot of peals are murdered for speed.—Yours fraternally,

J. BURGESS.

Friezland.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the peal rung at Alford, Lincs, on Saturday, March 15th, 1958, as I find the extent of Little Bob at the end does not conform with the C.C. ruling.

I apologise to the band for it was entirely my own responsibility in adding the extra extent which I had no idea did not meet the C.C. requirements.—Yours sincerely,

JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

Lincoln.

Progress In Australia

Ringling advances apace here. The advent of the Pipes, of course, helped us tremendously. Here at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, we now ring Kent Major, Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples quite regularly. We can also manage a course of Cambridge Major but it's a bit rough yet. Practice recently produced a course of Kent Royal—it's really lovely music.

A while ago we had a visit from the ringers of St. Paul's, Bendigo, and of St. Peter's, Ballarat. (It's rather unfortunate but the treble at St. Peter's has been cracked. It will require recasting.) Had a good day's ringing. Eight of us went up to St. Patrick's R.C. Cathedral and rang for half-an-hour. The ring is one of eight (tenor 20 cwt.) cast by Murphy, of Dublin. Considering they have only been rung four times since 1948, they went very well. We managed to score a plain course of Grandsire Triples.

G. W. H.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Bedfordshire Association took place on Easter Monday in and around Bedford. Ringing during the morning at Elstow, Kempston, Goldington and St. Peter's, Bedford, preceded the meeting in St. Peter's Hall, which was followed by further ringing at Felmersham and St. Paul's, Bedford. There was a very large attendance at all towers, visitors being present from as far afield as Maidenhead and Leicester, and it was most encouraging to notice the large number of youngsters. Methods rung during the day ranged from rounds and Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise-Major and Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

The business meeting, with the president (Miss E. Steel) in the chair, was less well supported, only about 40 Bedfordshire ringers being present. Apologies for absence had been received from Messrs. H. Gayton, H. D. Harris, E. Munday and A. King. The statement of accounts and committee's report for 1957 were all adopted, and the Association's officers all re-elected with the exception of hon. auditor, the vacancy caused by the resignation, through ill-health, of Mr. G. A. Mason being filled by Mr. F. J. Plummer.

After much discussion it was decided that the annual meeting for 1959 should be held once more in Bedford, the towers of St. Peter's and St. Paul's only being opened. It was felt that six-bell ringers, too, could be adequately catered for in these towers. The question of an organised lunch was raised; this not apparently being possible, Miss Anne Amor offered her services in arranging tea. The offer was gratefully accepted.

The joint summer festival with the Hertford County Association, to be held this year on June 14th, at Woburn, was discussed, and some suitable towers suggested to the general secretary, the arrangements to be left in his hands.

The annual dinner, 1958, was not felt to have been a success, although the meal itself was described as the best so far. It still being considered desirable by the Association to hold a dinner, the general secretary suggested that a dinner committee be formed, and Mr. J. Michael Stephens was elected with powers to form his own committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned, and the members scattered to find more ringing.

J. W. S.

'A MORAL FOR RINGERS'

By the late H. W. GIDDINGS, of MARCH Church bells ringing in the height
Of many a tower and tapering spire,
Convey a message to our souls
As sweet as sung by any choir.

They call us on God's Holy Feasts,
To Eucharist or Vespers low;
They ring, they chime in cadence clear
For sacred worship, joy or woe.

'Glory to God, goodwill and peace,'
Each Christmas day they early greet;
At Easter Festival they hail
The Resurrection's message sweet.

For ever down the stream of time,
Which slowly bears its sons away,
The old familiar changes sound
When evening practice ends the day.

Ring forth change and well-known course,
By method and by striking true,
Bring touch and peal completely round—
Ring out the old! Ring in the new!

Lord, give us ringers grace to serve
Thy Church with loyal, godly zeal:
So by Thy mercy we may share
In those blest joys Thou wilt reveal.

OBITUARY

MR. ARTHUR ALLMAN

There was laid to rest on Easter Thursday in the churchyard of the 16th century Church of St. Bertoline, Barthomley, Cheshire, Mr. Arthur Allman, who had rung these bells for 60 years.

Arthur was leading ringer, towerkeeper, sexton and parish clerk. The last of his line to hold the office of Clerk's Freehold—he followed his father, who rang at Barthomley for many years, in this office. His son, Eric, is carrying on the ringing traditions of the family as captain of the ringers.

Arthur rang 86 peals—as also did the late John Brassington (they were inseparable twins)—for the Chester Guild. On the augmentation to the Rudhall six Arthur was afflicted with deafness and probably never really heard the 'lovely eight.' It was not, however, by his peals that Arthur was so well known and much loved in Cheshire, Staffordshire and Shropshire, but by his quiet, steadfast, delightful personality and lovely character and his devotion to his Sunday service ringing.

On Easter Sunday, at 80 years of age, Arthur went to ring out the Easter message of triumph; he collapsed in the tower—at his rope—and 'passed on'—as he would have wished—ringing. With the local band were Herbert Sutton (Acton), Richard D. Langford (who rang his first peal at Barthomley, with Arthur), George A. Packer and W. Frank Stenson (Christ Church, Crewe), and some impressive touches were rung semi-muffled. A very interested visitor to the tower was the Rev. Donald F. Finlay, the Manse of Stitchill, Kelso.

May the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace; let light perpetual shine upon him, and God give Eric and family courage and comfort. F. S.

MR. PERCY A. THRIFT

A much-loved member of the St. Martin's, Ruislip, band, Middlesex, for over 30 years, Mr. Percy A. Thrift died suddenly on Good Friday, aged 59 years.

He was a member of the Middlesex Association and although he never rang a peal he was always most keen to go for a quarter peal, of which he rang several at Ruislip and Pinner. He did not care for Surprise, but was a safe ringer of Double Norwich and Stedman, his favourite methods.

The bells of St. Martin's were rung half-muffled before and after the funeral service on Wednesday, and a quarter peal was attempted in the evening but came to grief about half-way. He will be sadly missed at Ruislip, where he was of great assistance in teaching the young band of Girl Guides, who are making fine progress. He was cremated at the new crematorium at Ruislip on Wednesday. Goodbye, Percy, old friend, may you sleep peacefully. T. C.

MR. FELIX J. SUTTON

On Good Friday, Mr. Felix J. Sutton passed away at his home in Kegworth, midway between Loughborough and Derby, in his 88th year. He had been a ringer at Kegworth Parish Church for nigh on 70 years, and was a staunch churchman and regular attender at his church until illness overtook him a few months ago.

He was a man of very kindly disposition and rarely missed a meeting of the old Midland Counties Association and of the present Leicester Diocesan Guild, whenever meetings were held within striking distance of Kegworth.

He was buried at Kegworth on Easter Monday and leaves a son, Mr. Percy Sutton, a ringer, to carry on his father's tradition. Many of the older members of the old M.C.A. and Leicester Diocesan Guild will regret to hear of the passing of 'Old Felix.' C. H.

MR. J. E. LILLEY

Ringers in Mid-Devon and throughout the Guild of Devonshire Ringers heard with great regret of the death of Mr. James E. Lilley, of Perry Farm, Highweek, Newton Abbot, which occurred at the Newton Abbot Hospital in the early hours of April 8th after a short illness. The deceased, who was 50 years of age, was a market gardener, and the greatest sympathy is felt for his wife and widowed mother, more especially seeing that they had suffered two other bereavements in recent months.

Mr. Lilley was an active member of the Devon Guild, having been chairman of the Mid-Devon Branch as well as Ringing Master for a number of years, and he had been one of the Guild's Central Council members since 1951. The exact number of peals he had taken part in is not definitely known, but it is estimated that he had rung over 400, 54 of these being for the Devon Guild.

The funeral took place at Highweek Parish Church last Friday, and in addition to the family mourners and general sympathisers the following ringing colleagues were present: The Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox (president), the Rev. and Mrs. D. E. Hood (Teignmouth), Messrs. A. L. Bennett, A. Radcliff, R. E. Truman, W. G. Lavers, A. H. Birley and H. G. Lewis. Among the beautiful floral tributes sent was one from the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. Peter C. Young (Rector of Highweek). A. L. B.

MR. RICHARD DUNKLEY

Another link with the distant past was broken on April 2nd by the death of Richard Dunkley, which occurred at the home of his daughter, at Wollaston, Northants. A contemporary of Harry Chapman, of Keyston, he was born at Bythorn, Huntingdonshire, 93 years ago.

His introduction to change ringing was probably at Keyston, and here he called the first peal on the bells in 1888, one of seven Doubles methods. Two years previously he called a peal of Minor in seven methods at Raunds for the Raunds, Wellingborough and District Society, which he helped to form in 1883. At Raunds he was a firm friend of the brothers Gilbert.

He will, however, probably be best remembered for his long service to the church life of Lowick, where for many years the anti-clockwise ring of six was in his care. During these years he gave a helping hand to many a young ringer who visited his belfry, and to raise and fall his bells to his satisfaction was something of an achievement. He retired some years ago and left the village.

At the funeral service at Kettering Crematorium on Easter Tuesday morning the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was represented by Mr. G. W. Jeffs. The same evening a half-muffled quarter peal of Plain Bob was rung at Lowick by: S. Coulson 1, E. E. Whitmore 2, I. Witten 3, G. W. Jeffs 4, W. J. Whitmore (conductor) 5, H. Richardson 6.

MR. T. M. STEDMAN

Mr. Thomas Maurice Stedman, who died at Capel on March 30th, aged 92, took part in two notable peals 70 years ago. On May 3rd, 1888, he rang at Capel in the first peal in seven Surprise methods for the Sussex County Association, and on the same bells on July 7th, 1888, a peal of Minor of 10,080 changes in 14 different methods in 5 hours and 18 minutes. This was the first peal of over 10,000 changes rung for the Winchester Diocesan Guild. The last time Mr. Stedman rang was in 1951, when Capel bells were rededicated.

At his funeral on April 2nd the bells were rung half-muffled.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association was held at St. Woolos' Cathedral on Easter Monday. The weather was dry but dull and cold, nevertheless a warm welcome awaited the 80 members who attended. Ringing started just after 2 o'clock under the able guidance of the Master, Mr. T. Yeomans, who saw that all had a chance to ring.

The Dean, who conducted the service, extended a welcome to the members to St. Woolos'. Tea followed in the Church Hall, which was kindly provided by the Dean and churchwardens and ably presided over by the lady ringers of St. Woolos'.

The Dean presided at the business meeting and at the outset asked the members to stand for a few moments in silence to the memory of Mr. Alfred Parnell, of St. John's, Cardiff, who had recently passed away.

The secretary conveyed greetings and good wishes from Mr. A. J. Pitman and Mr. E. Stith. Arising from the minutes, Mr. T. Roderick said he had returned the Association's war memorial tablet to Llandaff Cathedral, where it was now waiting to be replaced in its original position.

The Rev. Ivor Richards presented the balance sheet, which showed a credit balance of £8 11s. 3d., but it was pointed out that the various officers were not claiming their expenses to which they were entitled, otherwise there would have been a deficit.

MEMBERSHIP OF 287

The secretary gave his report, saying the membership was down a little, there being 287 fully-paid members from 39 towers. Three new towers had joined during the year but several towers had lapsed during the last two or three years. Quarterly meetings had been well attended. Twenty peals had been rung, which was about the average. One peal calling for special note was the one at Penarth by the local band—first for five of them in their teens. Five members had died during the year, and Mr. A. J. Pitman had left the district to live at Leamington Spa; his loss will be keenly felt.

Mr. D. King, of Chepstow, was elected Master for the ensuing year; the hon. secretary, Mr. F. J. Hannington, was re-elected, as were the auditors, Messrs. T. M. Roderick and R. C. Lucas.

Mr. J. Sims reported on the restoration of Chepstow bells, saying the order had been placed for the complete rehanging and retuning of the present eight with the addition of two trebles, making a ring of 10. He added they were still about £160 short of the total cost. Mr. L. Malings reported that work would shortly start on the restoration of Porthkerry tower, and on the proposition of the secretary it was decided to donate £10 towards the cost.

Three life members and several resident members were elected. It was proposed to hold the next annual meeting at Llandaff.

F. J. H.

MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE

It is with a sad heart that I, as Ringing Master at Leicester Cathedral, add my tribute to Phyllis Poole, who had been a ringer at the Cathedral from the time of her marriage. She was a shining example to all who entered a belfry—a willing helper in so many ways.

Her tragic death has caused a gap in the band which will be difficult to make good, in fact she is irreplaceable. She was a sincere churchgoer, and the respect shown at the service was most impressive. She was greatly esteemed by a very wide circle of ringing friends; I personally have lost a very sincere friend. The sympathy of all is extended to her daughter, Jill, and son-in-law, Peter Staniforth.

HERRICK B. BOWLEY.

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ENGAGEMENT

BAKER—KEELEY. — The engagement is announced between Lindley, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Baker, and Daphne, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Keeley, both of Lyme Regis. 2199

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

SINFIELD—GLADMAN.—The marriage of John W. Sinfield and June Gladman will take place on May 3rd at 12 noon at St. Mary's Church, Luton. All ringing friends welcome at the church. 2213

MARRIAGE

MORETON—ROPER.—On April 7th, 1958, at St. Mary's Church, Adderbury, by the Rev. Canon H. A. Moreton and the Rev. A. D. Walmsley, Wilfrid Farrington, elder son of the Rev. Canon H. A. Moreton and Mrs. Moreton, of Hereford, and Madeline Joan, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Roper, of Adderbury, Oxon. 2192

SILVER WEDDING

KEELEY—POWELL.—On Tuesday, April 18th, 1933, at St. Michael-the-Archangel's, Lyme Regis, by the Rev. C. C. Cox, Henry George to Marjorie. 2198

DEATH

LILLEY.—On April 8th, 1958, of Perry Farm, Highweek, Newton Abbot, Jim, beloved husband of Alice and loving son of Ethel. At rest. 2181

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, East Harptree (6), Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 2153

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Joint meeting with Ladies' Guild on Saturday, April 19th, at Christ Church, Macclesfield. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (1s. 6d. each). Names to J. Worth, 261, Peter Street, Macclesfield. 2126

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cams and Hunts Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at Great Gransden (6) on Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman, H. S. Peacock.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Elm, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2164

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—By kind permission of the Rev. G. G. Hooper, a meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford (10) on Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 2116

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Combined practice at Chertsey (8) 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, April 19th. A good attendance is requested, please. 2150

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MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, April 19th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business meeting, including election of officers and proposed alteration to rules, to follow. Ringing: Christ-the-Saviour's and St. Stephen's, 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Mary's, 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. and with Brentford in evening.—T. J. Lock, Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Next meeting, Winhill, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. 2141

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OXFORD SOCIETY.—The 225th anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, April 19th, at Christ Church, Oxford, 6.15 for 7 p.m. Tickets 15s. each. Names with remittance, without delay, to P. Walker, 66, Fairacres Road, Oxford. All ringers and friends will be welcome. Ringing: Wolvercote, 12.30 to 1.30; St. Giles', 1.15 to 2.15; Ilfley, 1.30 to 2.30; St. Mary-the-Virgin, 2.30 to 3.30; All Saints', 2.45 to 3.45; St. Ebbe's, 3.30 to 4.30; St. Mary Magdalene, 3.30 to 4.30; Christ Church, 4 to 5; New College, 4.30 to 5.30; Magdalen, 5 to 6 p.m. Peals can be arranged for those requesting them. 1994

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Netherbury, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 2131

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, April 26th, at Sawley. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to J. Harvey, 95, Draycott Road, Sawley.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 2191

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and **NORTH NOTTS SOCIETY**.—Joint meeting, Bawtry, Saturday, April 26th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Short Evensong 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Teas at local snack bar. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 22nd, to Mr. George Watson, 27, Raby Road, Wheatley, Doncaster.—Mr. George Watson and Mr. H. Denham, Secs. 2187

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural District.—Saturday, April 26th. Alveston (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting following. Notify F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol, 5. All members please attend. 2202

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Alderton, Saturday, April 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 2203

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Slimbridge (6), Saturday, April 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify for tea by April 23rd.—H. J. Hobbs, 2, Council Houses, Moorend, Slimbridge. 2206

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Meeting at Cullompton, Saturday, April 26th. Numbers for tea by 19th. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Visitors welcome.—W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor, Tiverton. 2161

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South-West Branch.—Meeting at Kelly, Saturday, April 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify by April 21st.—T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 2206

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LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, Sketty, Saturday, April 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforstfach, Swansea. Gentlemen cordially invited.—J. S. King. 2168

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Lincoln, Saturday, April 26th. Cathedral, Evensong, 3.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Chapter House for those who notify by Tuesday previous Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. Usual ringing arrangements. 2148

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Redenhall (8), Saturday, April 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 22nd, to W. Flatt, 11, Mendham Lane, Harleston, Norfolk.—C. F. W. Philippo, Sec. 2178

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Brill (6), Saturday, April 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names to C. Kinch, 3, Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 2158

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—A.G.M. at Clanfield on Saturday, April 26th. Ringing at Bampton (8) 2 p.m., Clanfield (8) 2.30, and Langford (6) or Alvescot (5) in the evening. Service 4 p.m. Tea reservations by April 23rd to David Smith, Merryfield, Witney, Oxon. All very welcome, especially handbell ringers. 2149

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Burnham, Saturday, April 26th. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Meeting 6.15 p.m. Names for tea by April 22nd.—Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 2185

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Braham on Saturday, April 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please, to Mr. G. F. Roome, 116, Derby Road, Northampton. Committee meet 6.15 p.m. 2133

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 26th, at King's Norton. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at Saracen's Head 5 p.m. Important business concerning Henry Johnson dinner. For tea, please notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone: SPR 1025. 2132

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Saturday, April 26th, quarterly meeting, Durnford (5). Evening ringing at Woodford. Names for tea essential by Tuesday, 22nd, to Mr. E. Palmer, 4, The Cottages, Great Durnford, Salisbury. 2102

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SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Ernie welcomes you all to Hailsham on Saturday, April 26th. Practice meeting.—Double Norwich Tea—names to H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 2207

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting, Monk Sherborne, Saturday, April 26th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 23rd, to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 2209

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WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Suckley, Saturday, April 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 22nd, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 2200

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Bridlington on Saturday, April 26th. Priory Church bells (8) available 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in New Schoolroom. Names by April 24th to Mr. J. A. Parker, Higher Waterworks, Mill Lane, Bridlington.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2125

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Little Baddow (5) on Saturday, May 3rd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Cars to meet buses at General's Arms by arrangement with me. Boreham (8) available after tea.—P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 2182

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Joint meeting with the Hawkhurst District Society at Rolvenden, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by May 1st to Mr. S. G. Waters, Bishopsdale Farm, Biddenham.—C. T. H. 2217

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Hever, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names for tea (with cash, please) by Wednesday, April 30th, to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 2197

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Norwich on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available: St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. Giles' (8), St. George's, Colegate (6), 1.30 to 4 p.m.; St. John-de-Sepulchre (8), by complete companies, on application to the Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon, or at St. Peter Mancroft on day of meeting. Bells available after business meeting. Service, St. Peter Mancroft, 4.15 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. R. G. E. Dodson. Invitation has been extended to Norwich Diocesan Vergers' Guild to attend the service. Tea 5 p.m. and business meeting 5.30 p.m. at Chantry Hall. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 30th, to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Cromer Road, Norwich.—W. Love, Gen. Sec. 2195

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Clifton, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea only.—S. Adams, Hon. Sec. 2195

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M., Saturday, May 3rd, Brighton. Towers: The Good Shepherd, 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Peter's and St. Nicholas, 2.30 to 4 p.m. and 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service, St. Peter's, 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Church Hall—3s. per head. Individual names by April 30th to R. Percy, 47, Oldfield Road, Willingdon. 2208

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Arrange to meet your friends at the Southern Area meeting at St. George's Parish Church, Doncaster, on Saturday, May 17th. 2188

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—Joint Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Associations' summer festival on Saturday, June 14th. Service 4.15 at St. Mary's, Woburn. Tea in Town Hall, Woburn, 5 p.m. Towers later.—J. W. Sinfield, Hon. Sec. 2210

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Est. 1623). Saturday, June 28th, is Great Ringing Day and carnival day. Bells (12) available from 11 a.m. Lunch and tea arranged. Service 4 p.m. Outing secretaries should consider a call during day. 12-bell ringing guaranteed. Come and join in the ringing and fun afterwards.—L. E. Pitstow, Sec. 2104

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary notice.—The autumn meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, September 27th.—M. R. Cross. 2179

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SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Judy Robinson 1, K. R. Foot 2, L. Tuffrey 3, J. T. Gwilt (first of Major 'inside') 4, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 5, J. K. Foot 6, G. Bailey 7, G. E. Fearn 8. First of Major 1, 2 and 6. For Evensong.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKS.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles in 10 methods: Mrs. J. Render 1, A. Thornton 2, B. Sissons 3, A. Sheppard 4, J. Potts (cond.) 5. For Evensong. Also on Mar. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Paul 1, Mrs. J. Render 2, A. Thornton 3, B. Sissons 4, A. Sheppard 5, J. Potts (first of Minor as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

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