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## SOME THOUGHTS ON SUNDAY RINGING

**T**HE most practical thing that emerged from the Dublin Council meeting was the establishment of a committee drawn from Yorkshire, Bristol, Devon, Essex and Norfolk to investigate the state of Sunday service ringing, a subject which Mr. Fred Dunkerley aptly remarked was a topic among ringers in all parts of the British Isles. How the committee is to function remains to be seen, but an indication as to the work of a preliminary survey has already been undertaken by the Yorkshire Association by a questionnaire to over 150 towers in that county and by the Essex Association by a letter to all incumbents with bells, asking if they wanted help.

The normal and proper channel for such a survey is through the affiliated territorial Guilds and Associations. And these in due turn will carry the investigation through their respective districts. It is in the districts that an accurate understanding prevails as to the respective strength of each tower, its capabilities and the degree with which it is fulfilling its obligation by Sunday service ringing. These conditions change from year to year. The writer knows of a flourishing tower that is losing four experienced ringers in the space of one month, thus reducing a company with a good standard of ringing to mediocre until the six probationers are fit to qualify for membership. Such circumstances are not uncommon, and the survey to give any useful guide needs in consequence to be constantly under review.

The motion, that was carried by a substantial majority, went further than a mere survey; it wanted to know how the Central Council and others may help to increase and improve Sunday service ringing. The ideal is an enthusiast, who is a capable instructor, and has a happy relationship with the incumbent in charge of the tower. Where such circumstances prevail and the ringers are part and parcel of the big family of the church in the parish—a point made by the Rev. A. G. C. Thurlow—there is no question that ringing will flourish and a high standard of Sunday service ringing prevail. The onus is very much on the individual, and when one looks around the country at the flourishing towers, this is invariably the key to success. It is not only in training but moral leadership that instils not only a pride in good performance but a strong sense of duty and obligation to the church that results in having a company that will ring all the bells for each service.

Unfortunately leadership of such a high character is not general. There are, however, in most districts a number

of key towers where Sunday service ringing is faithfully performed; the standard as regards methods might not be high—and here we would emphasise that for Sunday service ringing it is not the method but the general quality of striking that is essential. Sunday ringing should if possible be all-embracing. The probationer, as soon as he or she can ring rounds reasonably well should have a part—even a few minutes of rounds—to gain that sense of obligation and responsibility in the act of worship through ringing. This sense of duty to the church must be inculcated in all that take up ringing.

We hold strongly to the view that each individual ringer should be definitely attached to a particular church. Because of work and often home circumstances, a 100 per cent. attendance is not always possible, nevertheless each ringer should look upon one or two towers in the cases of those working away or at college as their home towers. We commend the view of Mr. W. B. Kynaston, that every good ringer should make a resolution to give one or two hours a week towards the instruction and improvement of beginners. Every ringer who enjoys his peals should be prepared to make his contribution. We rejoice to see ringers who are masters in a wide field of Surprise and Spliced ringing taking their place in a peal of one of the four standard methods to help and encourage others in the art. This is the basis of all true ringing and real progress, as a beginner's best start is when ringing with a band of wide experience.

The biggest problem of all is tackling the silent tower where there are only one or two ringers and no ringing on Sundays. The answer can only be found by the district providing an instructor if the incumbent can find the young people. Preliminary work is in the nature of a talk on bells and ringing generally presented in an attractive way so as to whet the inquisitiveness of human nature. If the lecturer has got his audience with him then should follow a practical demonstration in the belfry by a team of ringers. A class is thus formed, and with a patient and understanding instructor eventually the bells will be rung regularly again.

We implore district officers to co-operate to the full in collecting the necessary data for the survey. Some might regard what is proposed as unnecessary, but this we say with confidence: Sunday ringing can be improved enormously, and the method of success is in each individual ringer making his or her own personal contribution. Talk about the subject at your meetings, but don't merely talk—be prepared to help.



# 18 PEALS RUNG DURING CENTRAL COUNCIL'S IRISH VISIT

ALL PEALS FOR THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

BRAY, CO. WICKLOW.

On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 28 cwt, 1 qr. 17 lb. in D.

*LEONARD STILWELL .. .. Treble	GEOFFREY PEARSON .. .. 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT .. .. 2	JOHN R. COOPER .. .. 6
JOHN G. GIPSON .. .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* 250th peal of Surprise Major. First of Yorkshire on the bells.

DROGHEDA, CO. LOUTH.

On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt.

RONALD D. SHORT .. .. Treble	ERNEST ORLAND .. .. 5
DAWN ELSAN .. .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 6
DIANA PERRINS .. .. 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN .. .. 7
DESMOND PAINTER .. .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

DUBLIN.

On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST.

## A PEAL OF 5069 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 39 cwt, 2 qr. in B.

WILFRED WILLIAMS .. .. Treble	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. .. 6
WILFRID G. WILSON .. .. 2	THOMAS G. MYERS .. .. 7
MRS. OLIVE ROGERS .. .. 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. 8
SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. .. 9
HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. .. 5	CECIL W. PIPE .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

DUBLIN.

On Sun. and Mon., May 25 and 26, 1958, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CENTRAL HOTEL.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. .. 1-2	WILFRID G. WILSON .. .. 5-6
MARGARET E. BEAMISH .. .. 3-4	ANTHONY R. MANN .. .. 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ANTHONY R. MANN.

Umpires: Members of the Central Council who were kept awake!

First peal as conductor 'in hand.'

ARKLOW, CO. WICKLOW.

On Mon., May 26, 1958, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation of Middleton's.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. .. Treble	THOMAS G. MYERS .. .. 5
MARY C. PAYNE .. .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 6
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. 7
HARRY H. POYNER .. .. 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

DROGHEDA, CO. LOUTH.

On Mon., May 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative, with 106 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 6
HOWARD SCOTT .. .. 3	BRIAN D. THRLFALL .. .. 7
THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

KILKENNY, CO. KILKENNY.

On Mon., May 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. CANICE.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.

Tenor 20 cwt.

KENNETH E. BALLINGTON .. Treble	WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 5
PAUL L. TAYLOR .. .. 2	DEREK P. JONES .. .. 6
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. .. 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN .. .. 7
BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

DUBLIN.

On Tues., May 27, 1958, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CENTRAL HOTEL.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 12 in F.

\*DIANA PERRINS .. .. 1-2

ANTHONY R. MANN .. .. 3-4

DESMOND PAINTER .. .. 5-6

Conducted by DESMOND PAINTER.

\* First handbell peal.

BRAY, CO. WICKLOW.

On Wed., May 28, 1958, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 28 cwt, 1 qr. 17 lb.

MARY C. PAYNE .. .. Treble	THOMAS G. MYERS .. .. 5
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 2	HARRY POYNER .. .. 6
WILFRID G. WILSON .. .. 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. .. 7
ARTHUR G. ROWLEY .. .. 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

ARKLOW, CO. WICKLOW.

On Thurs., May 29, 1958, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR.

## A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt, 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

FREDERICK E. DUKES .. Treble	WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 5
ELIZABETH YARDLEY .. .. 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 6
FRANK W. PERRENS .. .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 7
BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

DUBLIN.

On Sat., May 31, 1958, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK.

## A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 45 cwt, 46 lb. in C.

*ALAN J. CLARKE .. .. Treble	HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. .. 7
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 2	FRED E. DUKES .. .. 8
ARTHUR D. BARKER .. .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 9
FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW .. 4	TOM G. MYERS .. .. 10
*RONALD D. SHORT .. .. 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. 11
JOHN G. GIPSON .. .. 6	CECIL W. PIPE .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal on 12 bells. First of Plain Bob Maximus in Ireland.

## SOUTHERN IRELAND TOUR

WATERFORD, CO. WATERFORD.

On Wed., May 28, 1958, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED TRINITY.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

RONALD D. SHORT .. .. Treble	CECIL W. PIPE .. .. 5
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH .. .. 2	JOHN G. GIPSON .. .. 6
ARTHUR D. BARKER .. .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 7
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 4	HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by HILDA G. SNOWDEN.

Miss Snowden is the first lady to ring the tenor to a peal in Ireland.

CORK, CO. CORK.

On Thurs., May 29, 1958, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. FINBARRE.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.

Tenor 27 cwt, 20 lb. in C.

RONALD D. SHORT .. .. Treble	JOHN G. GIPSON .. .. 5
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH .. .. 2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. .. 6
NELIA M. LEAHY .. .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE .. .. 7
MARGARET E. BEAMISH .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

First peal on the bells.

LIMERICK, CO. LIMERICK.

On Fri., May 30, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE MONASTERY OF MOUNT ST. ALPHONSUS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt, 1 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

ALAN J. CLARKE .. .. Treble	MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 6
ERNEST H. MASTIN .. .. 2	*HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. .. 7
ARTHUR D. BARKER .. .. 3	HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. .. 8
GLADYS E. BARKER .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 9
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH .. .. 5	CECIL W. PIPE .. .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES MOTTS.

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

\* First peal on ten bells.

Rung on the 100th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of the Cathedral.



**NORTHERN IRELAND TOUR**

ENNISKILLEN, CO. FERMANAGH.

On Wed., May 28, 1958, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MACARTAN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in E flat.

RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Treble	GEOFFREY PEARSON .. 6
*KATHLEEN M. YEO .. 2	†JOHN R. COOPER .. 7
THOMAS E. SONE .. 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 8
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 4	†THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 9
WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 5	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal of Royal. † First of Plain Bob Royal. ‡ 100th peal together. First of Plain Bob Royal in Northern Ireland. The 400th different tenor which the conductor has 'turned in' to a peal.

LONDONDERRY, CO. DERRY.

On Thurs., May 29, 1958, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. COLUMB,

**A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 32 cwt. 6 lb. in D.

LEONARD STILWELL .. Treble	A. PATRICK CANNON .. 6
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 2	WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 7
GEOFFREY PEARSON .. 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 8
*JOHN R. COOPER .. 4	†THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 9
†THOMAS E. SONE .. 5	‡RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* First peal of Kent Royal. † 50th peal together. ‡ 500th peal. First of Kent Royal in Northern Ireland.

CARRICKFERGUS, CO. ANTRIM.

On Fri., May 30, 1958, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

*FREDA G. GREAVES .. Treble	GEOFFREY PEARSON .. 5
KATHLEEN M. YEO .. 2	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 6
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
JOHN R. COOPER .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob. First of Double Norwich Court Bob on the bells.

HILLSBOROUGH, CO. DOWN.

On Sat., May 31, 1958, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MALACHI,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

KATHLEEN M. YEO .. Treble	JOHN R. COOPER .. 5
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 2	THOMAS E. SONE .. 6
GEOFFREY PEARSON .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. 7
LEONARD STILWELL .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

**TWELVE BELL PEALS**

LINCOLN.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., June 7, 1958, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

*FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. Treble	GEOFFREY PAUL .. 7
DIANA J. PERRINS .. 2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 8
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 3	*WILLIAM L. EXTON .. 9
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 4	*JAMES W. RAITHEY .. 10
JOAN BERESFORD .. 5	EDMUND MALIN .. 11
CHARLES E. BROWN .. 6	PETER BERESFORD .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal on 12 bells.

A compliment to Harry Poyner and Mary C. Payne upon their engagement.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., June 7, 1958, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

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

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

*FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. Treble	*FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 2	GEORGE W. HUGHES .. 8
WILLIAM DAVIES .. 3	*P. GEORGE GOLDER .. 9
*STANLEY PRESTIDGE .. 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 10
*ALBERT D. COLLINS .. 5	BARNABAS G. KEY .. 11
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 6	HOWARD HOWELL .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Maximus.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Sat., May 17, 1958, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. Treble	†MARTYN HAWKES .. 6
A. ST. JOHN BOYACK .. 2	‡DENNIS A. HEWITT .. 7
JOHN M. JELLEY .. 3	\$H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON .. 8
*PATRICIA DOORN .. 4	‡FREDERICK P. MEAD .. 9
*GERALD PENNEY .. 5	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

\* First peal of Royal on tower bells. † First of Royal. ‡ First of Plain Bob. \$ First of Plain Bob Royal.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

(Yorkshire Association.)

On Wed., June 4, 1958, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp.

PHILIP WALKER .. Treble	SUSAN CHADDOCK .. 6
*IAN TILLING .. 2	*GEORGE S. LEE .. 7
ELIZABETH A. WARDILL .. 3	FRED FISHER .. 8
MARGARET MILLS .. 4	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 9
MRS. N. CHADDOCK .. 5	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

\* First peal on ten bells.

Rung by members of the Sunday service band.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 7, 1958, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

HAROLD N. PITSTOW .. Treble	HUGH NEILL .. 6
SUSAN JACKSON .. 2	T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 7
F. BRIAN COOKSON .. 3	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 8
RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN .. 4	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. 9
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 5	ERNEST W. PYE .. Tenor

Composed by D. N. LAYTON.

Conducted by HAROLD N. PITSTOW.

Rung for the 700th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

AND THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 9, 1958, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

ANNE E. AMOR .. Treble	RICHARD J. CASTLEDINE .. 6
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. 2	ROBERT L. PIRON .. 7
SYDNEY FOSKETT .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW .. 8
C. MICHAEL ORME .. 4	STEPHEN IVIN .. 9
JACK S. DEAR .. 5	*RICHARD E. PRICE .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN A. BURFORD.

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

\* 200th peal. With congratulations to C. Michael Orme on his coming-of-age (June 11th).

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**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 21, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, MILES PLATTING,

**A PEAL OF 5040 ERIN TRIPLES**

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

GEOFF. D. FEARNEHOUGH .. Treble	TREVOR TAYLOR .. .. 5
JOYCE HALLIDAY .. .. 2	GEOFFREY S. MILLS .. .. 6
PETER SCHOLFIELD .. .. 3	DEREK OGDEN .. .. 7
DEREK TAYLOR .. .. 4	DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by E. S. POWELL. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.  
First peal in the method for all the band.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Heywood's variation.	Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.
RAYMOND I. F. PARSONS .. Treble	FRANK E. DARBY .. .. 5
MRS. G. R. PARSONS .. .. 2	DAVID E. PARSONS .. .. 6
JAMES PHILLIPS .. .. 3	JOHN CHILCOTT .. .. 7
JOHN HILL .. .. 4	LEONARD A. REECE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HILL.

Rung in honour of the marriage at this church on May 17th of Michael V. Chilcott and Kathleen E. Weller.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

VIVIANNE M. HORTON .. Treble	*JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 5
JOHN E. TURLEY .. .. 2	*IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. 6
*H. DAVID HOLLAND .. .. 3	*PAUL J. RIGBY .. .. 7
*CYRIL RUSBY .. .. 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.  
\* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thurs., May 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN.

**A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt.

D. J. KIRBY (Selwyn) .. Treble	J. SCHOFIELD (King's) .. 5
R. J. W. HOUSDEN (Sel.) 2	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.).. 6
P. F. WINDLEY (Jesus) .. 3	H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) .. 7
*P. H. LANGTON (Trinity).. 4	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by H. NEILL.  
\* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' First in the method by all the band.

HARTHILL, YORKSHIRE.

THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

(Yorkshire Association.)

On Sat., May 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.
DAVID FRENCH .. .. Treble	GEORGE S. LEE .. .. 5
SUSAN CHADDOCK .. .. 2	FRED FISHER .. .. 6
MRS. N. CHADDOCK .. .. 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. .. 7
JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 4	PHILIP WALKER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rung to mark the 21st anniversary of the bells, which were installed in May, 1937

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

RONALD C. BURNS .. Treble	CYRIL S. JARRETT .. .. 5
HARRY SPRINGATE .. .. 2	GEORGE KENWARD .. .. 6
DOROTHY J. BORER .. .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. .. 7
TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 4	PETER F. BORER .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by PETER F. BORER.  
Rung to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. G. T. S. Prentice, Vicar of this church.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 2, 1958, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 5
*AVRIL THACKRAY .. .. 2	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. .. 6
*JACK P. KESTERTON .. .. 3	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 7
*RICHARD F. PRIME .. .. 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.

\* First peal in the method.  
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Charles Turner on the 40th anniversary of their marriage; also to Stephen Ivin and Avril Thackray on their engagement; and Mr. and Mrs. John Bramley on the birth of a daughter.

FELMERSHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Thurs., June 5, 1958, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parkers' Twelve-part.	Tenor 20½ cwt.
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Treble	GILES C. GALLEY .. .. 5
JAMES H. EDWARDS .. .. 2	COLIN PAYNE .. .. 6
ANNE E. AMOR .. .. 3	SYDNEY FOSKETT .. .. 7
RICHARD HARRISON .. .. 4	*PETER PAYNE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

\* First peal. First of Triples on the bells, and by all except the ringers of treble, 5 and 7.  
Rung as a compliment to Stephen Ivin and Avril Thackray on their engagement.

**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
D. JOSEPH GOODMAN .. Treble	WALTER AYRE .. .. 4
*GILLIAN E. GRANEY .. .. 2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. .. 5
†RODERICK V. WALLIS .. 3	BRIAN M. BARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First 'inside.'

BURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., May 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES**

Tenor 7 cwt. in A.

*JAMES BENNETT .. Treble	†CLIFFORD R. LOVETT .. 3
†RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 2	†ERNEST G. PEARCE .. 4
†ALAN CLARKE .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Doubles. † First of Doubles.

PETERCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings).	Tenor 10 cwt.
*LESLIE W. PRICE .. Treble	LEONARD C. PROSSER .. 4
†HOWARD C. TAYLOR .. .. 2	REGINALD G. POWELL .. 5
CHARLES PHILLIPS .. .. 3	*ALBERT W. MILLICHAMP .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

\* First peal. † First 'inside.'  
Rung for Empire Day.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Sandal Treble Bob and one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court and Plain Bob.	Tenor 6 cwt. in B.
FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Treble	RALPH BIRD .. .. 4
ANNE C. GARNETT .. .. 2	ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 5
WILLIAM S. DEASON .. .. 3	BRIAN J. LUFF .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.



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

*On Sat., May 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,  
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR*

In four methods: (1) and (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) and (4) Oxford Bob, (5) St. Clement's Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.  
FREDERICK WATSON .. .. Treble \*ALFRED E. HINMAN .. 4  
J. HARRY COOK .. .. 2 \*HAROLD T. BONSHOR .. 5  
GRAHAM T. BALL .. .. 3 ROLAND H. COOK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND H. COOK.

\* First peal of Minor in four methods.

Rung for the 30th anniversary of the dedication of the bells. Also a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Stella Ball, of Croft.

**HESWALL, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(Wirral Branch.)**

*On Sat., May 31, 1958, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR*

Being three extents of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

\*KENNETH C. EDWARDS .. Treble MRS. MARJORIE POOLE .. 4  
\*JOAN M. RICHMOND .. 2 ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. 5  
\*W. ANDREW D. GRIFFITHS .. 3 ERNEST T. CARVELL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells since being augmented.

Rung in honour of the birth of Beverley Ann, first grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. R. Maddock, of Bebington.

**IRNHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,  
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES*

Being eight extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 26 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

\*A. COOPER .. .. Treble D. A. FRITH .. .. 3  
†MISS P. A. HOLMES .. 2 F. W. PINCHBECK .. .. 4  
J. M. SIMPSON .. .. Tenor

\* First peal. † First of Doubles. First on the bells for over 40 years.

**ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,  
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES*

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in B flat.  
FRANK H. HICKS .. .. Treble \*WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. 3  
BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. 2 W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 4

WALTER H. DOBBIE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

\* First peal of Doubles. First of Stedman Doubles by all. First of Stedman on the bells. The ringers of treble, 3, 4 and tenor have now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Vivian Mary Mason and George Francis.

**SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,  
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR*

Being two extents each of Single Court and Plain Bob, and three of Single Oxford. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

\*JANET J. BROWN .. .. Treble RONALD RUSSELL .. .. 4  
HENRY P. COLLIN .. .. 2 PERCY D. BALDOCK .. .. 5  
J. GEOFFREY GEARY .. 3 JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\* First peal of Minor.

A birthday compliment to ringers of 3, 4 and 5.

**ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, GLAMORGAN.  
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,  
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES*

Being one 240 and 40 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

\*LOLO D. DAVIES .. .. Treble †ARTHUR W. THOMAS .. 4  
ANTHONY R. HUTCHINGS .. 2 ROBERT E. COLES .. .. 5  
HAROLD G. BLICK .. .. 3 EVAN J. CARTER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. COLES.

\* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal and first attempt. The conductor's 100th peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. E. D. Coles, and on the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Coles. Also as a compliment to Cclr. and Mrs. G. McNeil on their appointment as Mayor and Mayoress of Cowbridge.

**SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sun., June 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF 5040 TRINITY SUNDAY TREBLE BOB MINOR*

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 9½ cwt.

\*HENRY C. WEAVER .. .. Treble BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. 4  
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 2 \*RALPH BIRD .. .. 5  
\*RAYMOND P. WOOD .. .. 3 GEORGE FRANCIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FRANCIS.

\* First peal in the method.

**YAXHAM, NORFOLK.**

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sun., June 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR*

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

FRIEDA A. FROST .. .. Treble H. JOHN LARWOOD .. .. 4  
VERA NELSON .. .. 2 CECIL V. EBBERSON .. .. 5  
SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. 3 TONY OWEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

Rung for the Feast of the Holy Trinity.

**MEARS ASHBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.**

**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tues., June 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR*

Being two extents Cambridge Surprise, two extents St. Clement's, three extents Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

\*RAYMOND HENMAN .. .. Treble \*ARTHUR J. HENMAN .. 4  
ALLAN R. JONES .. .. 2 MICHAEL R. BENNETT .. 5  
ROBERT S. ROBERTS .. 3 ROBIN V. BAKER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN V. BAKER.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Michael R. Bennett.

**PATRINGTON, EAST YORKSHIRE.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 7, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,  
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR*

Being four extents Kent T.B. and three extents Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

\*LEONARD RODMELL .. .. Treble †DAVID JOHNSON .. .. 4  
JANET I. PORTER .. .. 2 JOHN J. TAYLOR .. .. 5  
HENRY RODMELL .. .. 3 RONALD DUCKER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD DUCKER.

\* 100th peal. † First peal at first attempt.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

**FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.**

**THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(The Buxton College Society of Change Ringers.)


*On Sat., May 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,  
IN THE BELFERY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES*

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor size 16½ in A sharp.

\*JOHN R. KENNETT .. .. 1—2 | BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. .. 3—4  
\*R. BRENT WHERRY .. .. 5—6

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

\* First peal on handbells. First peal for the Society.

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# FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 7, 1958, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes.

At 68, ROCKFIELD ROAD.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 45 methods (extents 1 to 24 spliced): (1) Shipway's Pl. B. and Tandridge B., (2) Shipway's Pl. B. and Colnbrook Slow Course, (3) Westminster II B. and Knapton B., (4) Westminster II B. and Chesham Sl. C., (5) Blackburn Place B. and Lyng B., (6) Blackburn Place B. and Broughton Sl. C., (7) St. Hilary B. and Intwood B., (8) St. Hilary B. and Ockham Sl. C., (9) Plain B. and Boxford B., (10) Plain B. and Candlesby Sl. C., (11) St. Simon's B. and Braywood B., (12) St. Simon's B. and Rugby Sl. C., (13) St. Martin's B. and Welford B., (14) St. Martin's B. and Slapton Sl. C., (15) St. Osmund B. and Longworth B., (16) St. Osmund B. and Merton Sl. C., (17) Reverse Canterbury Pl. B. and Dorton B., (18) Reverse Canterbury Pl. B. and Raveningham Sl. C., (19) St. Nicholas B. and Funderhall B., (20) St. Nicholas B. and Longford Sl. C., (21) Winchendon Pl. B. and Haddiscoe B., (22) Winchendon Pl. B. and Thornborough Sl. C., (23) St. Remigius B. and Harpley B., (24) St. Remigius B. and Hascombe Sl. C., (25) Reverse Pl. B., (26) Canterbury Pl. B., (27) Reverse Shipway's Place Bob, (28) Coxwell Place B., (29) St. Botolph B., (30) Stedman Sl. C., (31) St. Bartholomew B., (32) Reverse All Saints B., (33) St. Sebastian B., (34) Plain Bob, (35) Reverse Canterbury Pl. B., (36) Shipway's Place B., (37) Plain B., (38) Reverse Canterbury Pl. B., (39) Shipway's Pl. B., (40) Plain B., (41) Reverse Canterbury Pl. B., (42) Shipway's Pl. B.: 81 bobs, 174 changes of method. Tenor size 16½ in A sharp.

FRANK OSBALDISTON . . . 1—2 | BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE . . . 3—4

WILLIAM H. DOWSE . . . 5—6

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

First handbell peal in 45 methods, and first peal of Doubles in 45 methods by all, and for the Association. Most Doubles methods yet rung to a peal on handbells.

# FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 7, 1958, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes.

At 68, ROCKFIELD ROAD.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 55 methods (extents 1 to 30 spliced): (1) St. Vedast B. and Chipstead Sl. C., (2) St. Vedast B. and Bedingham B., (3) New Bob and Itchingfield Sl. C., (4) New Bob and Forncett B., (5) Huntspill B. and Oakley Slow Course, (6) Huntspill B. and Ellingham B., (7) Shipway's Pl. B. and Colnbrook Sl. C., (8) Shipway's Pl. B. and Tandridge Bob, (9) Westminster II B. and Chesham Sl. C., (10) Westminster II B. and Knapton B., (11) Blackburn Pl. B. and Broughton Sl. C., (12) Blackburn Pl. B. and Lyng B., (13) St. Hilary B. and Ockham Sl. C., (14) St. Hilary B. and Intwood B., (15) Plain B. and Candlesby Sl. C., (16) Plain B. and Boxford B., (17) St. Simon's B. and Rugby Sl. C., (18) St. Simon's B. and Braywood B., (19) St. Martin's B. and Slapton Sl. C., (20) St. Martin's B. and Welford B., (21) St. Osmund B. and Merton Sl. C., (22) St. Osmund B. and Longworth B., (23) Reverse Canterbury Pl. B. and Raveningham Sl. C., (24) Reverse Canterbury Pl. B. and Dorton B., (25) St. Nicholas B. and Longford Sl. C., (26) St. Nicholas B. and Funderhall B., (27) Winchendon Pl. B. and Thornborough Sl. C., (28) Winchendon Pl. B. and Haddiscoe B., (29) St. Remigius B. and Hascombe Sl. C., (30) St. Remigius B. and Harpley B., (31) Reverse Plain B., (32) Canterbury Pl. B., (33) Reverse Shipway's Pl. B., (34) Stedman Sl. C., (35) Coxwell Pl. B., (36) St. Botolph B., (37) St. Bartholomew B., (38) Reverse All Saints B., (39) St. Sebastian B., (40) Grandsire, (41) Plain Bob, (42) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob; 64 bobs, 2 singles, 206 changes of method. Tenor size 16½ in A sharp.

FRANK OSBALDISTON . . . 1—2 | BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE . . . 3—4

WILLIAM H. DOWSE . . . 5—6

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

First peal in 55 methods by all, and for the Association. Most Doubles methods yet rung to a peal on handbells.

**ALLOA, CLACKMANNAN.**—On May 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Pickett 1, Kate Branson 2, M. Peterson 3, E. Boumpfrey 4, R. Wilson 5, A. Best (first on working bell) 6, C. R. Raine (cond.) 7, A. W. Lloyd 8. A farewell to Canon Sturrock Clarke, Rector of Alloa, who retired this day.

**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.**—On May 18th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss E. Cooper 1, A. J. Clayton 2, Mrs. G. R. Parsons 3, D. E. Parsons 4, J. F. Galyer 5, E. G. Talbot 6, F. Jones 7, F. D. Jennings 8, F. E. Darby (cond.) 9, L. A. Reece 10. In honour of the wedding at this church the previous day of Michael V. Chilcott and Kathleen Weller.

**BENGEO, HERTS.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Cadle 1, E. Phillips 2, Miss M. Tate (first quarter) 3, J. Phillips 4, S. Carter (cond.) 5, S. Butcher 6. For evening service.

**BRAMPTON, HUNTS.**—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Cooper (first quarter) 1, Maureen Allen 2, Lucy Allen (cond.) 3, E. J. Whiting 4, J. F. W. Allen 5.

**BRISTOL.**—On June 3rd, at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Hull (first quarter) 1, Jane Cook (first quarter) 2, Pauline Sprackling 3, D. Heighton 4, M. Sprackling (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6.

**BURFORD, OXON.**—On June 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Soden 1, J. Kevie 2, F. W. Soden 3, I. Harris 4, W. Dixon 5, T. Timms 6, R. Jarvis (cond.) 7, H. Francis 8.

**BURNHAM, BUCKS.**—On Empire Day, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: J. E. Taylor 1, S. Ponting 2, R. K. Russ 3, H. Oglesby 4, Miss M. R. Jaycock 5, R. E. Dean 6, G. Gilbert (cond.) 7, D. Livingston 8. First in method for 3, 4 and 6. Arranged for S. Ponting (Sussex) after a lost peal.

**CANTERBURY, KENT.**—At the Cathedral, on May 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. R. French 1, L. V. Chamberlin 2, S. White 3, B. J. Luck 4, D. C. Chatfield 5, D. A. Chapman 6, T. H. Holmes (cond.) 7, T. C. Phillimore 8.

**CROYDON, SURREY.**—On June 1st, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss H. Talbot (first of Stedman) 1, E. W. Razzell 2, R. Davies 3, N. G. Steere 4, T. G. Myers 5, G. H. Humphries 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, F. W. Oatway 8.

**DYMOCK, GLOS.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Spiers 1, Joy Smith 2, L. Smith 3, R. Chew 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, T. Bourne 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. For Evensong.

# QUARTER PEALS

**EVERSHOT, DORSET.**—On May 27th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: H. D. W. Bishop (cond.) 1, M. D. Bishop 2, H. Smith 3, H. C. R. Vine 4, G. Bird 5, K. Knight 6. First quarter in method by all, who are service ringers at this church.

**HEMYOCK, DEVON.**—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Hart (first away from tenor) 1, L. Morrell 2, L. Mutter 3, D. Hart 4, W. D. Salter (first as cond.) 5, R. Mutter (first quarter) 6. First

**HERTFORD.**—On June 5th, at the Church of All Saints, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Carter (first quarter) 1, J. W. Thorn (first 'inside') 2, E. J. Philips 3, A. S. Carter 4, C. Springham 5, J. Welch 6, C. E. Hayter (first as cond.) 7, P. W. Saunders 8. For Confirmation service.

**MARTOCK, SOMERSET.**—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. E. Turner 1, W. E. Turner 2, F. A. Strickland 3, R. P. Selway (cond.) 4, A. W. Dyer 5, S. W. White 6, W. G. Turk 7, M. Strickland (first quarter) 8. A 76th birthday compliment to Mr. F. A. Strickland, who has been a member of this tower for 62 years.

**MELBURY OSMOND, DORSET.**—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Eastment 1, M. Wood 2, T. Stenhouse 3, D. Leech 4, R. House (cond.) 5. First quarter by all, who are service ringers at this church.

**PRESTON CANDOVER, HANTS.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Dr. D. J. Neal Smith (cond.) 1, Margaret Westcott (first 'inside') 2, J. Rock 3, C. M. Bloomer 4, R. Goodman 5, Gillian Neal Smith 6. Rung by St. Matthias, Richmond, Guild of Ringers.

**PULHAM MARY, NORFOLK.**—On June 5th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: L. J. Minns 1, C. A. Thompson 2, E. A. Head 3, Miss M. J. Alden 4, R. Plummer 5, L. E. Etheridge 6, E. Whiting (cond.) 7, P. D. T. Gathercole 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Minns, parents of the treble ringer; also a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Elvin, married at Pulham Mary this day.

**PUTNEY, S.W.**—On June 8th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Turnbull (first quarter) 1, B. Coatsworth 2, E. Curson 3, L. Allen 4, G. Goodman (cond.) 5, D. Vivian 6. For Matins.

**QUEDGELEY, GLOS.**—On May 18th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): C. Leighton 1, P. Hurcombe (cond.) 2, S. Pugh 3, C. Wixey 4, A. Wixey 5, F. Tranter 6. Also on June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Tranter 1, S. Pugh 2, Miss A. Cox 3, A. Wixey 4, P. Hurcombe (cond.) 5, C. Wixey 6. Both rung for morning service.

**ROADE, NORTHANTS.**—On May 30th, 1,260 Doubles (240 All Saints', Canterbury, Old. Kennington and 300 Plain Bob): A. Osborne 1, Miss F. Curtis 2, Miss P. Neesham 3, H. Curtis 4, A. C. Cozens (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Denis Gerald Connolly, aged 22, killed in a road accident, May 28th.

**ROYDON, ESSEX.**—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Kimpton (first quarter) 1, R. Sams 2, W. P. Sams (cond.) 3, F. Wright 4, A. A. Livings 5, N. Ward 6. For Evensong.

**SOUTHGATE, N.**—At Christ Church, on June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Miller 1, Ann Aldridge 2, Pam Miller 3, Mrs. Humphrey (first of Triples 'inside') 4, S. G. Peck 5, F. Gilbert (cond.) 6, C. Aldridge 7, M. Stanyon 8. For Evensong.

**TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hall (first quarter) 1, A. F. Lee (cond.) 2, B. Davis 3, J. R. Hobbs 4, T. J. Milsom 5, R. Stapleford (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

**WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.**—On June 8th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: P. D. Chapman 1, E. E. Holman 2, F. C. Maynard 3, H. Rumens 4, F. Sykes 5, W. Dowler 6, A. J. N. Boyack 7, B. R. Downes 8, R. J. Chapman 9, F. C. Taylor 10. Conducting shared by R. J. Chapman and B. R. Downes. For Evensong.

**WEST LAVINGTON, WILTS.**—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Daniels 1, Mrs. Trotter 2, A. T. Weeks 3, W. Bevan 4, S. G. Grant (cond.) 5, F. Nutland 6. For the Deanery Missionary Festival service.

**WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.**—On June 7th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Plain Bob and 600 Canterbury): E. Rudkin 1, Miss F. Curtis 2, Miss G. A. Ashby 3, P. Amos 4, R. V. Baker (cond.) 5. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Keith S. Manning and Miss Pamela R. Wright.

**WIMBLEDON, SURREY.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Rawlings 1, M. Sindén 2, Eunice Hiley 3, Susan Jacobs 4, A. Baworth 5, E. Jacobs 6, A. Bishop 7, F. Corfield (cond.) 8.



**BURY ST. EDMUNDS DISTRICT**

Arranged by Mr. A. W. Rolfe, ringers from Hartest, Whepstead, Bury St. Edmunds, Pakenham and a holidaymaker from Coventry had an enjoyable outing on Whit Monday.

The party met at Horringer Church and rang on the light eight for about one hour. At Fornham All Saints Mr. C. Stannard met the party and joined in various 5-bell methods. The bells were ready for the visitors at West Stow. Some of the 5-bell ringers of the party excelled themselves with Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B., with the help of Messrs. A. E. Moore and W. Stannard.

After lunch at Fornham St. Martin an hour's ringing was enjoyed at St. Martin's Church, and later on the lovely old six at Ixworth, where the District secretary (Mr. K. Brown) and some of his ringers were waiting, a good course of Cambridge was rung.

Mrs. Milton had arranged a lovely tea at Pakenham, and this was followed by ringing on the heavy-going five. A long run brought the party to Badwell Ash—another five with a long draught of rope which are seldom rung. Finally came an hour's ringing at Walsham-le-Willows. The party dispersed from Bury St. Edmunds, having enjoyed a good day's ringing, thanks to the kindness of clergy and ringers in host towers.

**ROCHDALE, LANCs**

Happy memories remain of the Rochdale ringers' outing on May 10th, which started at an unconscionably early hour. There was ringing first at the beautiful church at Bolsover, with a miner's lamp doing service in the sanctuary. Southwell was decked in lilac, and after a splendid meal the fine eight at the Minster were rung. Conditions were, however, a trial to the inexperienced, for ringing is performed in a narrow gallery strung round the inner sides of

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the tower walls with a clear view of the Minster floor dozens of feet below. The ropes are quite 10 feet apart (two to a wall) and fall anti-clockwise. Despite all this we were able to execute Grandsire Triples, Double Norwich and Plain Bob Major to the satisfaction of our hosts.

At Nottingham, where a policeman was unable to tell us where St. Mary's Church was, we enjoyed ourselves when we found it, starting with a first-rate course of Stedman Caters. A very good high tea followed, and although a little behind time we were made right welcome by Canon Sprittles and his ringers at Bulwell. The last tower was Ripley in Derbyshire, where the Vicar is an old friend, having been incumbent at St. James', East Crompton. A jolly reunion took place. Best wishes and sincere thanks are extended to local clergy and ringers for an enjoyable day.

**WELLINGTON, SOMERSET**

A tour of North Devon and Cornwall was the objective of this year's outing of Wellington Parish Church ringers on June 7th, when interesting churches were visited.

St. Mary Magdalene's, South Moulton, is a popular tower with touring parties, and these bells were soon pealing forth to the standard methods, including a good course of Kent T.B. Major. At Bideford the visit coincided with a wedding, and the bride and bridegroom were greeted from the service with a good rise in peal followed by a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples.

During an enjoyable lunch at the Globe Hotel, Bude, a presentation of a leather wallet was made to Mr. David North, the captain, in appreciation of his having organised all the ringers'

**TENTERDEN, KENT**

Tenterden ringers were augmented by friends from Benenden, Bethersden, Cranbrook and High Halden for their outing on Whit Monday. A 'long hop' was necessary to the first tower, Lindfield, where under the guidance of Percy Relf there was an hour's ringing. Grandsire, Minor and rounds were rung at Steyning before an excellent lunch at St. Cuthman's Hotel.

At Henfield there was a pleasant surprise—our Vicar came into the belfry to greet us. Here, aided by two local ringers, we surpassed ourselves by 'tearing off' a good touch of Bob Major. Intoxicated by our earlier efforts at Henfield we again set off for a touch of Bob Major at Shoreham. It went all right for a few minutes until the conductor (foolish fellow) decided to call a single. This he did with wild abandon, the result being a crash that must have been heard in Tenterden! Tea was laid on at the Huntingdon Hall.

In the evening at Hellingly we were joined by Mr. Beney and his friends, and Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Stedman were rung in fine style. A special word of thanks to Violet Relf for a very pleasant trip.

outings since 1948. The afternoon was spent at this popular resort, and after tea ringing took place at Stratton and later at Holsworthy, a grand Gillett and Johnston eight, where the ringing included Cambridge and Spliced Treble Bob Major.

An incident on the homeward journey was the stopping of the coach by a local policeman who thought one member of the party sitting in the front seat resembled an escaped Dartmoor prisoner. The coach driver, however, vouched for his respectability, and Wellington was reached soon after 10 p.m. The outing was as enjoyable as ever.

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The bells of the ancient Priory Church of St. Bartholomew-the-Great, West Smithfield, the oldest parish church in the City of London, will be heard prior to the service to be broadcast from there on Sunday, June 29th, at 9.45 a.m. in the Home Service, when the Archbishop of Quebec (the Most Rev. Philip Carrington), distinguished Canadian over here for the Lambeth Conference, will preach the sermon. The captain of the ringers is Reuben Byrne. These bells are the only complete set of five pre-Reformation bells in the City of London.

## BELFRY

After Mr. Leonard Rodmell had rung his 100th peal, scored at Patrington on June 7th, the band was entertained to an excellent tea by Mrs. Rodmell, a kindness that was much appreciated.

The band who rang in the peal at Heswall, Cheshire, on May 31st would like to express their appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. L. Smith for their spontaneous and generous hospitality after the peal; also to Mr. W. Stone, the veteran tower-keeper, for having everything in readiness.

By special request of the Rector, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on All Hallows' bells, Harthill, on May 31st, to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the bells, which were installed in May, 1937. It was the first peal of Triples on the bells and the first peal rung open, as due to the excessive noisiness in the ringing chamber the only other peal on the bells was rung fully-muffled. Due to efforts of the new band, the volume of sound in the ringing chamber has been reduced. The peal was also a birthday compliment to Mrs. N. Chaddock. Mrs. J. Bishop entertained the ringers to tea in the Rectory afterwards, and the Rev. J. Bishop commented how pleasant the changes sounded with the tenor behind.

## GOSSIP

Mr. Brian J. Woodruffe, of Fairfield, Buxton, has set up two new records in handbell ringing with 45 and 55 methods of Doubles. This was on June 7th. The first peal contained 24 extents spliced and the second 30 extents. Congratulations!

Members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths residing in the Midlands scored a peal for the Society on the bells of Lincoln Cathedral on June 7th.

Mr. Norman Chaddock has received requests for Belfry Prayers from 25 counties in England and also one from James R. Lawson, carillonneur, Rockefeller Chapel, University of Chicago.

**Correction.**—The number of changes of method in the 46 Treble Bob Minor peal at Fairfield on May 17th (page 361) was 74 and not 14 as printed.

The peal rung at Great Addington, Northampton, on Friday, April 18th, should read Colin M. Payne 2nd, and not Colin M. Walker as submitted.

In honour of the visit of H.R.H. Princess Margaret to Helmingham, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung by C. W. Beecroft, P. M. Clarke, F. Ruffles, M. R. Page, R. G. Parker, W. Ruffles, W. W. Miller and L. G. Brett. A peal attempt was impossible owing to a repeat pageant in the evening.

Traditional melodies using 35 bells were played by Rotherham High School handbell ringers when they took part for the first time in the Rotherham Schools' music festival. Those in the team were Susan Chaddock, Elizabeth Wardell, Patricia Walker, Christine Rodgers, Mary Atkinson, Joyce Godber, Rosamund Barclay and Mr. N. Chaddock. Seven out of the eight are ringers at Rotherham Parish Church.

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## Some Of Our Ladies

NO ADDITIONAL LICENCE  
FOR DOUBLES PEALS

Mr. F. T. Blagrove moved:—

'That the conditions required for peals of Doubles shall be amended to read as follows:—

- (a) Peals of Doubles shall consist of 5,040 or more changes rung in:—
  - (i) True and complete six-scores without interval between any two six-scores and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.
  - (ii) Round blocks of a multiple of 120, provided that such round blocks contain each of the different 120 changes the same number of times, without interval between such blocks and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.
  - (iii) Combinations of (i) and (ii).
- (b) Peals of Doubles may be rung with or without a covering bell, and no continuous leading bells are allowed.

That the conditions required for peals of Minor shall be amended to read as follows:—

- (a) Peals of Minor shall consist of 5,040 or more changes rung in:—
  - (i) True and complete 720's without interval between any two 720's, and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.
  - (ii) Round blocks of a multiple of 720, provided that such round blocks contain each of the different 720 changes the same number of times, without interval between such blocks and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.
  - (iii) Combinations of (i) and (ii).
- (b) Peals of Minor to be rung on six bells.'

Mr. F. T. Blagrove said the purpose of his motion was to clear up some of the inconsistencies of the Council. As Decisions stood at the moment, in the composition of round blocks of Doubles the first 120 must be true to itself and the second must be true. The idea was that a round block of 240 should consist of all the changes twice and not necessarily in each 120. It was found that Pitman's and Morris' did not conform to that idea and an exception had been made. Although they could now ring Pitman's and Morris' they could not ring B. D. Price's. He wanted that inconsistency removed.

At the moment they could not ring a peal of Erin Doubles or Double Grandire Doubles. They were contained in a book published in 1952 but they did not conform to the Council's Decisions. The reason was in the peal of Erin there were three different types of singles.

By passing the motion they would widen the scope of Minor ringing. They had twin hunt and plain hunt Minor methods which they could not put into a 720, but if they allowed round blocks they would be able to ring these methods to a peal.

The motion would firstly get rid of inconsistencies and secondly extend the range and scope in Doubles and Minor methods.

This year there was a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung with two types of bobs, which he felt that as the rules stood at present should

not be included. Also a peal of Erin Doubles, which most people regarded as a good peal but it was not included; it should have been included.

Mr. F. W. Goodfellow seconded the motion. The hon. secretary: The motion was considered by the Standing Committee and it was recommended that it be not accepted for reasons Mr. C. K. Lewis has been asked to put forward.

Mr. C. K. Lewis said he had views which did not always agree with the Standing Committee. The Exercise had been built up on truth and the motion was an attack on truth. They had kept to truth, the only exception being in two Doubles cases. Mr. Blagrove had presented a very convincing case.

The Standing Committee thought they should adhere to truth and not lower the standard. He agreed that there were inconsistencies but they had grown up with the Council. Hitherto they had worked on good sense and good taste. If they were to be ruled by regulations the Exercise was going to go down. The decision they were asked to make in Paragraph 2 was a decision which came up at Chester which was thrown out. Fortunately he turned up an old 'Ringing World' where Mr. E. H. Lewis was speaking at the Snowdon dinner. His comment was that he did not like ringing a peal of Minor with two singles. That was a point made by the Standing Committee.

Mr. G. E. Feirn said he had done much Minor ringing. By the motion, instead of clearing up inconsistencies they were opening the field to free composition. He thought they ought to stick to the present rules.

Mr. W. G. Wilson said it was 21 years ago that day when he had the temerity to propose the basis of the motion for the Handbook which contained the Minor and Doubles methods. When they composed that book they had to put in a couple of exceptions with Morris' and Pitman's. They admitted those two items and closed the door quickly. A departure would mean the risk of letting in a lot more. The debate was not one for letting in Erin Doubles. If the Council wanted Erin Doubles in they should do so by amendment. But to open the door wide and leave it open wide was asking for trouble. He would like to see the motion rejected. If the proposer and seconder could produce good reasons for admitting a good exception they should do so.



SNAPPED AT DUBLIN.—Five of the visiting lady ringers enjoy a joke demonstrated by handbells. Left to right: Miss Freda Greaves (King's Lynn), Miss Kathleen Yeo (Tenterden), Mrs. Olive Barnett (assistant secretary of the Central Council), Miss Margaret Beamish (Nuneaton) and Mrs. Olive Rogers (Isleworth). [Photo by permission 'Irish Independent.'

Mr. F. T. Blagrove in reply said the first thing was the question of truth. The only thing they could imply was a minimum of falseness. He failed to see in such cases where the truth came in. They could ring a peal of Grandire with two singles, and who would say 'that the opinion of the Council that the publication of worthless methods reflects discredit on the composer'? They had allowed Mr. Wilson's inconsistencies. Most people outside would say they did not like inconsistencies and would like to see inconsistencies got rid of.

The motion was defeated.

## NEXT MEETING

Mr. F. Dunkerley said he had great pleasure in inviting the Council to Lancashire and could promise the Council the same high standard as Dublin had set. The actual centre would be considered by his committee if the Council accepted.

The invitation was unanimously accepted.

## ALTERATION OF RULES

The hon. secretary gave notice of an amendment of rules to be submitted to the next meeting to the effect 'that all reports to the Council shall be made in writing to the hon. secretary by March 31st.'

## RECORDS OF FAMOUS PEALS

Under Any Other Business, Mr. C. W. Pipe said the Council had committees dealing with biographies of past members and records of old peal boards which would be kept to posterity. It occurred to him that they had no records of the more important things—the actual bells. He felt that the Council should have recordings of famous bells rung up and down the country. They had a perfect recording of the old Bow Bells, but how many knew what Yarmouth bells sounded like before the church was destroyed?



He thought the time had come when they should have recordings of bells up and down the country. One man had told him that a machine to make a perfect recording would cost about £80.

Mr. Paul L. Taylor said it was difficult to make a perfect recording. They could get quite a close approximation. That was all he was prepared to say.

#### ERIN DOUBLES

Mr. F. T. Blagrove asked the Council to give advice as to whether 5,040 Erin Doubles constituted a peal.

Mr. C. K. Lewis: If it is included in the analysis I would like to propose that peals of Erin Doubles be deleted.

Mr. E. A. Barnett seconded.

Mr. Blagrove: And what about Cambridge Surprise Major using two types of bobs?

Mr. Lewis contended that it was permissible.

Mr. Blagrove: But the Decisions of the Council stated only one type of bob.

After further discussion the Council agreed to the deletion of Erin Doubles.

Mrs. Barnett asked that the Peal Analysis Committee would state what peals they had thrown out.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead promised to refer the question to the convener.

#### ONE TYPE OF BOB

Another question from Mr. Blagrove was: Is it possible to alter the Decisions of the Council that only one type of bob be used?

The President asked if the Council wanted to discuss this question. As only Mr. Blagrove's hand was held up in favour, the question was not proceeded with.

#### THE ATTENDANCE

10 Associations fully represented, 20 members; 27 Associations partly represented, 52 members present, 46 absent; 18 Associations not represented, 33 members.

	Present	Absent
Life members	5	1
Honorary members	10	11
Representative members	72	79
Totals	87	91

'I think you will agree,' said Mr. Barnett, 'that the attendance figure has exceeded our expectations.'

#### VOTES OF THANKS

Mr. J. Dunwoody proposed a vote of thanks to the President for ably conducting the meeting, to Mr. and Mrs. Barnett for their work in compiling the agenda, and to Mr. Dukes for his hard work in making arrangements.

Mr. H. W. Rogers seconded and the motion was carried with acclamation.

The President then moved a vote of thanks to the Deputy Mayor of Dublin (Cdr. M. E. Dockrill), the Archbishop of Dublin (the Most Rev. G. O. Simms), the president of the Irish Association (Mr. W. Pratt), the representative body of the Church of Ireland for the use of the Synod Hall, the Very Rev. W. de Pauley (Dean of St. Patrick's), the Very Rev. E. H. Lewis-Gosby (Dean of Christ Church), and last but not least to the Irish Association for their kindness and hospitality.

'I think,' said the President, 'our members have enjoyed themselves very much in Ireland, and we thank Mr. Dukes who has done the lion's share, Miss Jean Stewart for doing the typewriting and duplicating, and Mr. J. Dunwoody for his works. We also thank local incumbents and ringers for the use of their bells. Your excellent hospitality we have enjoyed; and may I conclude with the words of the Psalmist: "Truly it is a pleasant thing to be thankful".'

The motion was carried with enthusiasm.

## THE SOCIAL SIDE

### Presentations and Hospitality

The appreciation of visiting ringers to Mr. F. E. Dukes was expressed at the conclusion of the reception given by Bord Failte Eireann (Irish Tourist Board) at the Central Hotel, Dublin, following the Central Council meeting. The guests were received by Mr. E. P. Karney, manager of Bord Failte Eireann, and after tea he gave a very cordial welcome to the Council and visiting ringers.

'It is a very great pleasure,' said Mr. Karney, 'to welcome you this afternoon on the occasion of your annual meeting—the first to be held in Ireland since the foundation of the Council in 1890. It strikes me that with Ireland's association with Christianity and Christianity's association with bell-ringers we have now a congress of holy ringers. This week we have not only had to welcome your Council but also at Cobh the carillonners. With you in session here and the carillonners at Cobh together they constitute a unique occasion.'

'I understand that for most of you it is your first visit to Ireland, and I trust it will not be your last, and that what you have seen has proved favourable and that before long we shall have the pleasure of welcoming you back again.'

The president, in replying to the welcome, thanked Bord Failte Eireann for their reception. 'We have had a delightful time and had the pleasure of ringing on some delightful Irish bells in your churches and cathedrals. To many of us it has been the most enjoyable Council we have had, set in such glorious surroundings.'

The president's remarks were endorsed by the vice-president (Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow).

Mr. Frederick Sharpe then made presentations to Irish friends, with the visitors' thanks for the wonderful service and arrangements they had made. To Mr. F. E. Dukes he presented a brief case, to Mr. J. T. Dunwoody a wallet and to Miss Jean Stewart a purse.

Mr. Dukes, in acknowledging the gifts, said it was their ambition that the Council should visit Ireland and the third time of asking was lucky.

Jean also expressed her thanks, and Mr. J. T. Dunwoody added: 'I must say Fred has done all the work—we just carried out his orders. Thank you for your kindness.'

Later in the evening the customary after-Council-meeting social was held. There was no lack of fun and plenty of handbell ringers. Highlights of the evening were contributions from clerical ringers—the recitations by the Revs. K. W. H. Felstead and J. G. M. Scott. The latter's topical verses concerning the adventures of 'A. P. C.' 'brought down the house.'

Two interesting visits were those to Messrs. Guinness' Brewery on the Saturday, when a company of some 80 ringers were most hospitably entertained to lunch, and on the Wednesday to Messrs. Jamieson's Distillery. The appreciation of the visitors at the former was expressed by the president and at the distillery by Mr. E. A. Barnett. On both occasions appreciation was expressed in a true ringer's fashion by well-struck courses on handbells.

**A special report of the Northern Ireland peal tour will appear in our next issue.**

**GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.**—On May 18th, 1,440 St. Clement's Bob Minor: F. W. Croft (cond.) 1. Miss J. Croft 2. G. Cherry 3. L. Runnacles 4. S. H. Ashton 5. P. W. Croft 6. Also on June 1st, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: Miss J. Croft 1. D. L. Gullick 2. S. H. Ashton 3. L. Runnacles 4. F. W. Croft (cond.) 5. P. W. Croft 6. For Evening.

## SOUTHERN IRELAND GAVE VISITORS A WONDERFUL RECEPTION

A tour of Southern Ireland in three days, including ringing at eight famous towers and attending the carillon festival at Cobh, appeared a formidable undertaking. All the same, a party of ten ringers in two hired cars left Dublin promptly after the C.C. meeting on Tuesday, with the intention of visiting Arklow, the one-time home of the famous James Washbrook. Here we found a magnificent church, high up on the hill and containing a fine ring of eight bells with a 22 cwt. tenor in E by Taylor. Then on to Enniscorthy where we had booked an hotel for the night. The enormous supper of ham and eggs and the famous Irish wholemeal bread and butter put everyone into wonderful spirit and we all slept like tops.

An equally wonderful breakfast and a five-minute stand on the age-old bridge and it was time to move on to Wexford, where hangs a glorious ring of ten bells (tenor 31 cwt. in D) by Gillett and Johnston. More good ringing and on to Waterford Cathedral, with its eight bells (tenor 20 cwt.), and quite a good ring too.

After lunch and a few touches, it was decided to attempt a peal, and Miss Hilda Snowden was offered the tenor and the privilege of conducting. The decision proved correct, and there was hardly a trip or a word spoken during the whole peal. The cheer from 20 to 30 locals who had gathered up on a gallery over the ringing chamber was a great tribute to Hilda's masterly handling of the tenor.

Cork was 80 miles ahead and we had to do 70 when the roads permitted to get to Cobh for the carillon festival, where some of the party were due to take part in a handbell demonstration, together with Mr. Fred Sharpe and Mr. Paul Taylor. The glorious cathedral and heavenly carillon music had to be seen and heard to be believed. Cork Cathedral is equally glorious, and its bells, with a 27 cwt. tenor in D flat by Rudhall, were the envy of all those who could not take part in a peal. Johnson's variation of Middleton's Cambridge was attempted and successfully brought round without a trip.

There was little time for delay as we were due for a reception at Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick, at 8 p.m., and a 65-mile ride in front of us. Good roads and lovely scenery were once again enjoyed, and we arrived strictly on time to be greeted by Father O'Donnell, the brothers of the monastery, and local ringers who had prepared a supper for us. The wonderful welcome we received would be hard to describe, and a conducted tour of this most beautiful building rounded off an evening we shall never forget. We stayed the night in Limerick and the next morning saw us up bright and early, ringing at St. Mary's (8, tenor reputed to be 24 cwt.).

Then back to Mount St. Alphonsus where hangs one of the nicest rings of ten by Taylor (tenor 21 cwt. in E) the writer has ever rung upon. A splendid peal of Plain Bob Royal was knocked off in 3 hours and 10 minutes, and we were soon heading eastwards for Kilkenny Cathedral, the last tower of the tour, where we were met by the Dean who requested us to fire the bells on the occasion of the engagement (to be married) of the 81-year-old Bishop. There is no difficulty in firing these bells, and we did real justice to the job.

Those of us who decided to embark on the three-day tour had no idea we would find such hospitality and friendliness. The scenery was delightful and the bells were magnificent. This tour was another sideline of Mr. Fred Dukes' arrangements, and we were all, and always will be, deeply grateful to Fred for all he did for us.

C. W. P.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## A LEADING TOWER AND RECRUITMENT

Dear Sir,—John Vernon, in his admirable letter on page 319, has drawn attention to 'the bands of ringers renowned for their abilities, in whose towers the clappers are never tied,' but who draw their recruits from less accomplished bands in their locality. This is very true. Some years ago I remember asking a member of the Cathedral band in Leicester why they did not train their own ringers right from the very beginning instead of drawing upon trained ringers from other towers where they could do more good by teaching in their own belfries. His reply was that it was not their policy, and in any case if you wished to learn the violin you would not go to Sir Malcolm Sargent but to someone else first to learn to play.

I have discussed this attitude with several ringers, and I have yet to find anyone to disagree that this is a selfish and perhaps a snob-bish attitude.

The Bishop of Coventry, in his Epilogue on B.B.C. television some weeks ago in 'Faithful Service,' said that it was usually the people in the background, whose names we very rarely heard, who kept things going in a quiet, unobtrusive way. I came across a tower last week with a band of learners who were being taught by a man from another county who cycled 18 miles twice a week. His name was quite new to me, and I was assured that you would never see his name in the glorious records of leading peal ringers, and yet, contrary to Mr. Bowley's contention that peal ringing is the best practice and means progress (page 191), the striking at this tower was some of the finest I have heard.

In February I wrote of a 12-bell tower with about 30 Guild members who could only muster six for Christmas Day Mattins. I was careful not to mention any tower by name, but both Mr. R. P. and Mr. Bowley knew to which I was referring. The excuse was that only ten minutes were available for ringing. No doubt if they only come for ringing it would not be worth while to them, to muster a band, but it would be nice to see more than one of these 30 at a service occasionally. However, I know what I am talking about regarding morning service ringing at this tower, and in spite of the writings of your correspondents, the eight bells have been rung more often than the 12 since my last letter. With nearly 30 members this is not consistent with what is known as a 'leading' tower.

To refer back to John Vernon's letter, and the need continually to fortify one's ranks with new blood, I am reminded of the story of the very full train which failed to negotiate a very steep gradient in South America. After the train had ground to a halt, the guard walked up and down the coaches shouting: 'First class passengers, sit still; second class passengers, get out and walk; third class passengers, get out and push.'

I am inclined to the belief that we suffer from too many first class passengers who are content to sit still and let the third class people do the work and push them to the top.

Congratulations to John Vernon's band at Stoney Stanton—20 of them all home-produced and all active and 'living' members of the Church. This is the work of the lesser-known third class passengers.

Finally, may I make mention of the passing of that faithful man Felix Sutton? It was the writer's privilege to be in his company several times at his home at Kegworth, and his devotion to his church was an inspiration to everyone. He was a humble man of God, and delighted, as far as his age and health would allow him, to do any work in the parish that he was asked to do.—Yours faithfully,

THOMAS C. BELTON.

Birstall, Leicester.

## THE STRENGTH OF A TOWER

Dear Sir,—Mr. H. W. Cox is a wise leader in keeping the strength of his ringers at 'double the ropes' (page 369, 'R.W.'). In my experience it is an everlasting job of teaching recruits to maintain an efficient standard of ringing, particularly in the face of National Service demands.

A terrible pitfall for a band of ringers is to be self-satisfied with the few good ringers; for when, for any reason, loss takes place, catastrophic are the results.

I am with you all the way, Mr. Cox!—Yours faithfully,  
H. A. PRICE.  
Yatton, Somerset.

P.S.—Our company at Yatton contain the following: Vicar's wife, sacristan, churchwarden, deputy churchwarden, lay reader, two servers, one chorister (boy) and, probationer, one choirboy. Is there another band containing a longer list of 'officials' than this?—H. A. P.

## HISTORY OF CHANGE RINGING

Dear Sir,—I am not the least bit surprised to note that the sub-committee appointed by the Central Council to inquire into this matter failed to reach any conclusion. As stated, it would be a colossal undertaking; but the greatest difficulty would be to find a publisher willing to lay out the required money to bear the cost of producing such a book.

I have had lots of inquiries for copies of my 'History and Art' which has been out of print for many years, and copies are fetching fabulous prices from £3 3s. upwards. I approached several publishers—including 'The Ringing World'—with a view to a revised edition, but none would undertake it.

The cost of printing, advertising and all attendant items connected with publication today is prohibitive, especially for such a limited circulation.

If the Council can find a publisher willing to risk the enormous cost of producing such a book, I would be willing to assist in its production, but not to be responsible for its authorship. That would require someone much more capable and experienced than I.

It would—to be a full and complete history of the Art—run into more volumes than one. When I wrote my book, my biggest headache was how to reduce it to a reasonable size, yet give as full account as possible. My first effort would have filled two volumes, and I was told by the publishers to reduce it to the approximate size of its companion volume 'Bells through the Ages.'

I do not envy anyone who would tackle this work, and would wish him (or her) every success.—Yours, etc.,  
ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

## IRISH COUNCILLORS' THANKS

Dear Sir,—We, the Irish representatives on the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, wish through the columns of 'The Ringing World' to thank all those who subscribed to the most useful gifts presented to us at the Bord Failte reception on May 27th.

We do appreciate very much the very kind thoughts, and feel that although the gifts were presented to us, they are an acknowledgment of the co-operation given by the bell-ringers of Ireland, and the clergy of the various churches who so readily placed the bells at our disposal. Without their help the Council's visit would not have been so popular. In addition, C.I.E., Messrs. Guinness, Jamieson and Bord Failte Eireann all, in their usual highly efficient way, co-operated in a very practical way to make the councillors and friends most welcome.

We trust that this expression of our sincere thanks will be accepted by all, and we can assure you that it was a very real pleasure for us to throw our weight into making the meeting in Dublin a happy and memorable occasion.

We hope that it will encourage you all to visit us again soon.—Yours sincerely,

FRED E. DUKES.

JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

JEAN STEWART.

## R.A.F. GUILD OF RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Further to my letter printed in the 'R.W.' dated March 28th, 1958: I would like to bring to the ringing fraternity the present progress to date.

I have had some very encouraging letters, and I have answered them all in turn and have given the general points for the formation of the Guild. The very broad outlines are as follows, and further comment is awaited.

1. The movement shall be known as the St. Clement Danes' Guild of Royal Air Force Bellringers.
2. The aim of the Guild shall be to encourage and maintain, through close liaison with all ringing circles, ringing in the R.A.F.
3. Membership will be given to all present serving R.A.F. ringers, ex-members of the R.A.F. and its ancillary services.
4. The Guild shall be formed into Regions, and a Regional Ringing Master of the Guild appointed to arrange with the local towers for the use of the bells on meetings, etc., and to report to the Guild ringing activities in his area.
5. Selection from its members for ringers to offer their services for ringing at St. Clement Danes' (the Guild headquarters) on such days as the Queen's Birthday, Battle of Britain Sunday, etc.

I hope that Mr. E. A. Barnett will revise his views on the 'closed shop' organisation, as membership will be open to hundreds of ringers if they are at present serving in the Royal Air Force, or have in the past served with the R.A.F. or in one of its ancillary services.—Yours faithfully,

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## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

### Membership Exceeds 1,100

THE festival and annual general meeting of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Dorchester on May 17th. Proceedings opened with the A.G.M. in the Corn Exchange, Canon C. C. Cox (Master of the Guild) presiding, supported by Mr. W. C. West (hon. secretary and treasurer) and Mr. F. Slatford (hon. assistant secretary).

After prayers the following apologies were read out: The Mayor of Dorchester, the Ven. E. L. Seagar (Archdeacon of Dorset), Dr. C. Brown, Dr. Taylor, the Rev. S. P. Rowcroft (chairman, Dorchester Branch), Mr. Alan MacDonald and Canon Markby (vice-president).

In opening the meeting, the chairman mentioned a large jug which the Rector (Rev. P. J. Heaton) had placed before him: this pewter jug was presented by a benefactor in 1676 and carried the inscription: 'Given to remain for the use of the Dorchester Ringers for ever,' going on to say that the ringers probably did drain it occasionally and fill it up; he was sure the giver did not mean it to remain empty for ever.

The chairman then welcomed the members and visitors, many of whom had made a long journey to attend, the number attending being 165.

The names of the following members who had died during the past year were remembered and honoured: Mr. Harold Flewellin (Wootton Bassett), Mr. W. J. Brymer (honorary member), Mr. F. Price (Wimborne), Mr. W. Pester (Great Toller), Mr. Arthur J. West (Melksham), Rev. W. Mortimer (Okeford Fitzpaine), Mr. Peter Chapman (Westbury), Miss West (Devizes, honorary member), Mr. F. Precey (Bovington, late Ringing Master), Rev. E. J. Tarrant.

Matters arising from the minutes, which were confirmed, included various items of Guild papers, records and books, a list being before the meeting. It was decided to co-opt Mr. C. F. Andrews, to bring the peal book up-to-date

and file old letters and other matters of interest with a view to starting a library.

The hon. secretary's report and treasurer's statement were accepted as printed in the new annual report.

The hon. secretary's report stated that during 1957 the Guild had gone beyond the 1,100 mark—1,090 ringing members, 17 honorary and 12 associate; total 1,119. In addition there were 36 life members. Congratulations were extended to the North Dorset Branch for their increased membership.

The number of peals rung during 1956 totalled 25. During 1957 39 were rung, a touring band in the northern part of the diocese making part of the number.

The accounts showed a balance in hand of £251 8s. 11d. again £201 2s. 4d. at the end of 1956.

The retiring officers and members of the committee were re-elected, with Mr. W. C. Shute to fill the vacancy on the Guild committee; Mr. T. Merritt (Bishops Canning) was elected an hon. life ringing member.

### EDWARDS MEMORIAL FUND

The hon. secretary informed the meeting that under the will of the late Rev. F. L. Edwards the Guild had been left £150, to be known as the 'Edwards Memorial Fund.' It had been recommended by the committee and endorsed by the meeting that £10 10s. be granted annually to the Fund, and that approved grants be made towards rehanging and bell repairs on application through the usual channels.

It was recommended and carried unanimously that £3 3s. be sent annually, without prejudice, to 'The Ringing World' when the report of the annual general meeting was submitted for publication. The hon. secretary then appealed for more subscribers to the paper: it was their paper and should be supported generally by the members of the Exercise.

Grants of £5 5s. each were made to Wareham and Pewsey, the Master suggesting that St. Martin's, Salisbury, defer their application until next year.

It was reported that a peal of Plain Bob Major had been rung at Melksham as a memorial and thanksgiving for the life and work of the Rev. F. L. Edwards. It was unanimously decided a peal board be obtained, and subject to permission being granted to hang the same in the belfry at Kington Magna.

Thanks were expressed to all who had made the meeting possible, especially to Mr. R. H. Duke who had so ably carried out the local arrangements.

The meeting then closed with Grace.

The festival service was held in St. Peter's, conducted by the Rev. P. J. Heaton, who also gave the address, the robed clergy present being the Archdeacon of Sherborne, Canon Cox, and the Rev. F. E. Brooks (Fordington St. George). The Lyme Regis ringers rang a course of Grand-sire Caters on handbells during the service.

Tea was later served in the Corn Exchange, to which 150 sat down.

### Gratefully Acknowledged

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

Personal.—Salisbury Diocesan Guild £3 3s.  
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## NATIONAL POLICE GUILD MEMORIES

The peal of Stedman Caters rung a few weeks ago by members of the National Police Guild at All Saints', Loughborough, has revived happy memories of the first peal of Stedman Caters rung for the Guild or, indeed, ever rung by a police band. This was on November 4th, 1933, nearly 25 years ago, when at the same tower the same composition was called by Harold J. Poole, then a detective-sergeant.

Just before starting this peal, one could not fail to be impressed by the fact that Harold waited for each ringer to take a rope before he himself took the remaining one—the second. After what must have been well over two hours' excellent ringing, darkness was descending outside and the peal was well under way when, without any warning, the lights in the ringing room went out and remained out for some reason which cannot be recalled.

Although it was rapidly becoming impossible for the ringers to see each other and no one quite knew what was going to happen next, there was not the slightest trip, indeed, one would have thought that this was a most natural occurrence, so high was the standard of ringing.

The other ringers, however, soon became aware that their conductor had something 'up his sleeve.' Ringing his bell with one hand he reached for his coat, which fortunately was hanging behind him and, after what seemed an interminable length of time, he extracted a torch from a pocket. Turning round and still ringing with one hand (from recollection the other hand, however), he switched on the torch and placed it in an upright position on the table in the middle of the room, an operation which took some considerable time and which he performed with great care, coolness and skill. It soon became quite dark outside, but by means of the torch the ringers were just able to discern each other's movements and carry on with the peal.

Outside the tower, another party of police ringers who had been ringing at the Bell Foundry Campanile noticed that there appeared to be no light in the belfry, but came to the conclusion they must be mistaken: Dick Benson, of Manchester, remarking: 'No band could ring like that in the dark!' A very good peal was successfully brought round, the ringing room and ringers still being in semi-darkness.

One has the happiest recollections of ringing this peal; of the usual thoroughness and complete mastery of an unforeseen situation by one of the greatest conductors of our time, and not least of being right royally entertained afterwards and until 'the small hours' at the Leicester City Police headquarters. Only two of this band were in the recent peal—Messrs. Jenney and Butler, who, by a coincidence, rang the sixth and treble respectively in the former peal and treble and sixth in the latter peal.

This latter peal, too, which was rung at the second attempt, provided many pleasant recollections. Incidentally, it was not without some misgivings that, prior to the start, two members of the band overheard that an important band contest had been planned and, in fact, actually heard it commence in a building immediately underneath and adjoining the tower. How the contest fared is not known, T. R. B.

### Lincolnshire Bells Ringable

Irnham, Lincs, bells, which are described in Dove's as unringable, have had their first peal rung on them for over 40 years. Mr. J. M. Simpson writes: 'In actual fact there are many worse rings about. The main trouble is that the belfry is very badly lit, and we had to ring this peal in the middle of a summer afternoon, by the light of three paraffin lamps. The bells do not go too badly, though they sound most unusual, being more like the front five of a six than a five tuned to a chromatic scale.'

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## HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL FESTIVAL

ON Whit Monday the Hereford Diocesan Guild held its 72nd annual festival at Hereford, when about 150 members and friends were present, every District being well represented.

The Guild service was sung in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral at 3.30 p.m., conducted by the retiring hon. secretary, the Rev. W. R. Thomas (Vicar of Marden). The lesson was read and the blessing given by the Archdeacon of Hereford, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. E. G. Benson, one of the vice-presidents of the Guild. It was a most impressive service and the singing was notably good—how well Psalm 98 sounds set to Dr. Hull's fine chant when a congregation mostly of men sings it vigorously.

### CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD'S WEEK

Mr. Benson took as his text the words: 'Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord.' (Col. iii, 23). He started by describing a vivid memory he had of walking up a village street on a bright, sunny morning a few years ago to assist at an early weekday Communion service during a C.U.G.C.R. ringing week. '... and ringing out clear and crisp in the early morning air came the steady, rhythmic beat of a perfectly-struck 720 of Cambridge Minor... so perfectly timed that the bells came into rounds just as we clergy were ready to leave the vestry to take our places in the sanctuary and so to complete the act of worship at the altar which was begun in the belfry. And at the climax of the service there were those same six ringers kneeling in a row at the altar-rails.' Seldom, he said, had he heard so impressively 'the bells rung for the services of the Church with the attractiveness of perfection.' And that, he reminded his hearers, was the primary object of the Guild—indeed those very words appeared on the cover of every Guild report.

He went on to say that he had chosen the same text as that used by the Rev. G. W. Turner (sometime hon. secretary) at the Guild festival at Ludlow in 1894, to remind the Guild 'its object is the same now as it was then—it is really twofold. Our ringing should be done heartily and also as to the Lord.'

By 'heartily' he meant aiming always at a higher standard of ringing, being satisfied with nothing less than perfect striking. But it must also be done 'as to the Lord.' A Guild member's ringing was always in its essence work for the Church—to proclaim the Gospel, to praise God 'with loud cymbals' to call God's people to worship.

The Guild, when it was founded in 1886, set before it this double object—to encourage the art of change-ringing and to link this up with the services of the Church and make ringers realise that they were in fact officers of the Church and should be recognised as such.

Before the Guild was formed conditions in most belfries were very bad. It was realised that the best means of bringing about 'belfry reform' (a phrase we never heard now) was to encourage change-ringing and Sunday service ringing. It was hard for us to realise the enormous transformation that had been brought about by the Guild. A visitor today might seek a 'Herefordshire (or Shropshire) interlude' in many another tower besides Ewyas Harold and find a local band striving hard to ring good Grandsire Doubles for a service on any Sunday of the year.

It was fitting for us, said Mr. Benson, on our annual festival to express our thankful remembrance of the founders of our Guild, and renew our resolve to carry out further and more fully the noble object that they set before us.

### EARLY MEMBERS

He was, he said, proud as a vice-president of the Guild to be able to claim what probably very few other members could—personal contacts with some of the well-known ringers who figured in the early history of the Guild. He was a close friend of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies during the last few years of his life, and rang with him in his last peal at Tewkesbury in 1928. It was, too, his privilege to minister to him at his death. The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, with the Rev. F. E. Robinson, had been invited to speak at the inaugural meeting of the Hereford Diocesan Guild in 1886.

Another famous ringer connected with these early days was J. W. Washbrook, who was appointed the paid instructor of the Guild for its first year and conducted its first four peals. In 1922 Mr. Benson as a beginner had had the privilege of ringing rounds with him at Manchester Town Hall, a year before his death. He had also rung a peal in 1933—his first for the Guild—with W. H. Fussell, who had held the post of paid instructor from 1887-1895.

Mr. Benson felt that these personal contacts brought home to members at the Guild festival that sense of continuity with the past which should inspire present members to carry on the same aims and ideals of their founders.

An excellent tea was served in the College Hall, arranged by Mrs. A. W. Davis, wife of the Master of the Hereford District, and others, presided over by the Archdeacon of Hereford. The clergy present included the Dean of Hereford, Canon Moreton and Preb. Martin.

### THE BUSINESS MEETING

The annual general meeting followed the tea, under the chairmanship of the retiring Master, Mr. H. G. Thomas, of Bridgnorth. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and approved, the officers for the ensuing year were elected.

Mr. F. A. Jaïne, of Kimbolton, was unanimously elected Master and took the chair. Mr. Jaïne had been conductor of his tower since 1912 and a Ringing Master of the Leominster District since 1929.

The Rev. W. R. Thomas wished to resign the post of hon. secretary, which he had held since 1954, and in his place Mr. H. G. Thomas, the retiring Master, was unanimously elected.

The other officers were re-elected and so was the committee, with the exception of Mr. R. T. Jones, who had left the diocese, and Mr. Albert Jones and Mr. Wilfred Overton, who had died.

The 72nd annual report of the Guild was presented and adopted, and copies were distributed to the District secretaries present.

The report shows an increase of towers from 77 to 80 in union with the Guild, but a small decrease in the number of resident members, there being now 24 honorary and 613 ringing members. There were 34 peals rung in 1957 (14 less than in 1956), including one of Grandsire Caters, six of Surprise Major methods, one of Minor in 12 methods and one of Doubles in eight. Seven members rang their first peal and two their first in Major. The District reports show that progress has been well maintained in meetings and Sunday service ringing.

Votes of thanks were warmly accorded to all the officers who had served the Guild during the year, the Dean and Chapter and the clergy who had allowed the use of their bells for the festival, Mrs. A. W. Davis and the ladies for the tea, the organist and the preacher.

Ringing was enjoyed at All Saints' (8) and the Cathedral (10) during the morning and afternoon, and parties going to and coming from the meeting made good use of the bells of Holmer (6), Marden (6), Burghill (8), Withington (6), Lugwardine (8) and Bodenham (6), which were kindly made available during the day.

It was decided to hold next year's festival at Berrington (8) in Shropshire.

## OBITUARY

### MR. ARTHUR I. HOLMES

The funeral took place at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Edenham, Lincs, on May 24th, of Mr. Arthur I. Holmes, who died on May 20th, aged 80 years. He was a ringer at Edenham for 62 years and clerk and sexton for 36 years. Mainly due to his enthusiasm the Edenham bells were augmented from five to six in 1908, and to eight in 1931.

He rang about 150 peals, many of them with the Rev. H. Law James' band. This band rang the first spliced peal of Minor in 14 methods at Edenham in 1911. He used to tell how he often cycled 20 or 30 miles for a peal. He was a founder member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and a reader of 'The Ringing World' since its foundation, previously being a subscriber to 'The Bell News.'

He will be long remembered for his faithful service to Edenham Church. He was particularly keen on Sunday service ringing and on the quality of the ringing. It is said he had taught more ringers in Lincolnshire than anyone else.

He leaves a widow and two sons and a daughter, his son William succeeding him as tower captain. Following the funeral several half-muffled touches were rung by ringing friends.

### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

An example of enthusiasm comes from our Bolton correspondent, who tells of a meeting at Hoddlesden (6, 15 cwt.) on June 7th. The church has a large tower capable of holding a ring of ten, but there are only six bells, all being in one corner. One member of the Branch had the foresight to go early, and with the help of a local man and a spanner put the bells in a ringable condition.

The day before the meeting, the roof of the tower was removed, leaving the bells exposed to the sky. After a few touches a rope broke: this was spliced and ringing continued until the last touch before tea, when another broke.

During tea rain fell in torrents, and it was still raining when the ringers returned to the exposed tower with the floor one huge pool. Undaunted, the rope was spliced, and wearing their raincoats or sou'-westers the ringers continued to ring, although conditions were like one huge showerbath. Various methods up to Cambridge Surprise were rung.

### Bradford Cathedral Dedication

The new south wing of Bradford Cathedral was dedicated by the Bishop (the Rt. Rev. F. D. Coggan) on June 5th. The bells were rung before the impressive service and afterwards a quarter peal (720 of Kent and Oxford T.B., spliced, and 540 Plain Bob). Those taking part were E. H. Simpson 1, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 2, Miss S. G. Schofield 3, J. Rhodes (Calverley) 4, H. B. Schofield 5, R. B. Coke (conductor) 6, T. Pedder tenor (covering). This was the first 720 of Spliced to be rung on the bells.

### Leeds and District Society

The May meeting was held at Guiseley on the 31st. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. and continued until 9 p.m., with short breaks for a wedding and tea. About 40 members made good use of the excellent ring of eight, and methods ranged from Plain Bob to Yorkshire. During the afternoon three visitors from Essex called in for a ring.

An excellent home-made tea was served in the Church Hall (formerly a tithe-barn), and at the business meeting membership cards, which had been kindly provided by Mr. C. F. Sutcliffe, were distributed.



# PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

## Mr. P. I. Chapman The New Master

'Well, I've had a very good day.' Comments in like vein were heard in the evening of May 17th, the day of the Guild's annual general meeting. Ringing at the dozen or so towers in and around Northampton provided practice from Doubles to Royal at various times from 11 a.m. until a late hour.

The local Branch secretary (Mr. G. F. Roome) and his committee gave careful thought to the necessary arrangements, and the smooth running of the day's proceedings reflected highly to their credit. The Rev. E. T. Hughes (Vicar of St. Giles') conducted the service in his church and gave the address. Also taking part were Canon Turner (Guild president), the Rev. G. F. Hales (Rector of Green's Norton) and the Rev. C. J. W. Faulkner (Rector of Harlestone).

Following tea in St. Giles' Buildings, where more than 100 sat down, the business meeting was held with the president in the chair, supported by his clerical brothers and Mr. B. P. Morris (Master).

The chairman first gave a warm welcome to visitors from neighbouring organisations, and also expressed his pleasure at seeing so many youthful members present. He was again elected to office as president, amid long applause, as was also the general secretary.

A ballot was necessary to elect the Ringing Master from the two nominations. The result was very close between Mr. P. I. Chapman and Mr. E. G. Orland, the former being elected. As a result of this the office of auditor is vacant until later in the year.

From the bell restoration fund two grants were made of £30 each to Boughton and Whittlebury.

After routine business had been disposed of the meeting considered the new Guild Office, which had been in preparation for some time and had been authorised by the Bishop for use in the diocese. Some members deplored the passing of the present form but the majority gave it a hearty approval. It had been felt that as new forms were needed in quantity the opportunity should be taken to make the ringers' service more acceptable to everyone.

The vote of thanks was in the hands of Mr. J. Skerritt and Mr. L. Priestley, who very ably expressed the members' gratitude for all that had been done for their pleasure.

The meeting ended with the Blessing, pronounced by the president.

## FROM THE REPORTS

The Master in his report said there had been a number of first peals in a particular method for the Guild. This was very encouraging and such bands usually maintained a high standard of striking. However, such achievements did not contribute entirely to the healthy state of the Guild: this would come when they got Sunday service ringing at every possible tower.

Losses by death he mentioned were: Mr. A. J. Green (Wicken), Mr. W. H. Ashby (Northampton), Rev. J. O. Hichens (sometime president of Guilsborough Branch) and Mr. C. D. Nichols (Kettering).

The general secretary's report mentioned that in regard to peal ringing seven firsts had been rung for the Guild—Pudsey Surprise Major, Annable's London 3, Minor, Gainsborough Little Bob and Plain Bob Major, St. Peter's Doubles, All Saints Doubles, Hinton S. Major and Hazelbeech 3. Major. The last two methods were rung to a peal for the first time. Twenty-four members rang a peal for the first time. The total number of peals rung was 42.

The number of members resident in the diocese appeared to be maintained with a good number of new members replacing those who had left the Guild. A critical analysis of the

membership lists would probably reveal a large number of inactive members. After making due allowance for reasons beyond personal control, there were still too many to be found under this heading. 'They are not getting the benefits which are to be had from the fellowship of a great body following the same pursuit and the Guild is being denied the full strength of their membership.'

## THE LADIES' GUILD

### Central District

The quarterly meeting of the Central District was held in bright sunshine on May 31st at St. Michael's, St. Albans. Good use was made of the light eight and ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Mr. Harper) who, instead of a sermon, gave a brief but fascinating account of the items of interest in this lovely 1,000-year-old church. After an ample tea, the gentlemen present volunteered to wash up, leaving 16 ladies to hold a short business meeting. Mrs. Savory took the chair.

Eight new members were elected—four from North Mymms, three from King's Langley and one from St. Michael's, St. Albans. Some discussion followed before it was decided to forgo the August meeting and accept the invitation from Mr. F. W. Goodfellow to hold a joint meeting with the Middlesex Association and Oxford Guild at Hillingdon on October 18th.

Members were also reminded that the annual general meeting of the District is to be held at Stamford Hill on January 31st.

Votes of thanks followed, and the members then rejoined the gentlemen in the tower for further ringing until 8 p.m. J. D.

## HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Thirty-six members attended the Northern District meeting at Knebworth on June 7th, when ringing ranged from rounds to Spiced Surprise Major. Mr. A. Cutler presided at the business meeting, when Miss J. Dear, of Baldock, was elected a member and Mr. J. Hulme, of Clifton, Beds, a non-resident life member. The Rector (Rev. D. Howells) conducted the service with Mr. J. Pluck as organist.

## A VISIT TO SALISBURY

Salisbury was visited by the ringers of Twerton-on-Avon and friends from Corston for their annual outing on June 7th, and it was a pleasure to meet Mr. Roger Fry, now studying at Salisbury Theological College, and Mr. Newman at the first tower, Wilton. The belfry, of Italian mediæval architecture, is 108 ft. high, and we enjoyed ringing on the six bells cast by Mears in 1831.

St. Paul's, Salisbury, the next tower, has a ground floor ring, which was augmented from six to eight in 1949 by Mears and Stainbank. After tea, the heavy octave of St. Thomas', cast by Wells, of Aldbourne, and rehung by Gillett and Johnston in 1948, were rung. The visitors were joined by members of the local band in the ringing as it was their practice night. Sincere thanks are extended to Mr. Fry for his arrangements, and the local ringers for their welcome.

**STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.**—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Curtis 1, Miss G. Smith 2, Miss A. Middleton 4, Miss J. Horton 4, B. W. Farhall (cond.) 5, J. R. Maple 6. Run half-muffled in memory of Dr. A. J. Head, interred the previous day.

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**SILSOE, BEDS.**—As from Wednesday, June 18th, the weekly ringing practice will be held on Wednesday evening from 7.30 to 9. 2555

**TEIGNMOUTH, SOUTH DEVON.**—Sunday ringing at St. Michael's on the sea front at 8.15 p.m. for 9 p.m. Holiday-makers' service during the summer in addition to the normal ringing at 9.30 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. 2557

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### MEETINGS

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Hexham Abbey now cancelled. To be held at Benfieldside, St. Cuthbert's, 3 p.m., Saturday, June 21st. Names to C. T. Lamb, 26, St. Mary's Crescent, Blackhill. 2536

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Meeting at Camlingay (6) on Saturday, June 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 2519

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, June 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2523

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 21st, at Tewin. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at the Rose and Crown, 2s. 6d. per head.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 2529



**LADIES' GUILD.**—Midland District.—Meeting to be held at Duffield (10) on June 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome. 2499

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—South and West District.—Meeting at Sunbury on Saturday, June 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Business meeting 4.30. Tea—own arrangements. Further ringing 6.15 to 8.30 p.m. Special method, Double Norwich.—W. T. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2543

**SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting at Rayleigh (8) on Saturday, June 21st. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring own food—tea provided.—B. Crossman, 2507

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Henfield (8), Saturday, June 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.—Geo. North, Sec. 2447

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Baughurst on Saturday, June 21st. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Chesterman, Hon. Sec. 2509

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Combined evening practice at Burstow (6) on Tuesday, June 24th. Bells 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—A. Streeter, Dis. Sec. 2548

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, June 28th. 6 p.m. Ringing at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 3.30 p.m.—J. Chilcott, 2502

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting at Rowberrow on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—David H. White, 2532

**CHESTER GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Disley, Saturday, June 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise before Tuesday, June 24th, Mrs. E. V. Parker, Stanley Hall Farm, Disley.—C. K. Lewis, Sec. 2560

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Belper on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements—cafés nearby.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 2562

**DEVON GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Branch.—Practice meeting at Clyst St. George, Saturday, June 28th. 7 p.m. Visitors welcome.—R. T. Perry, Hon. Sec. 2558

**DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Campsall, Saturday, June 28th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Rev. Mr. Key, The Vicarage, Campsall, near Askern, Doncaster.—George Watson, Sec. 2495

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 28th, Staindrop. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea, Central Café, 5 p.m. Names by June 25th, please, to Mr. T. Cooke, 116, Eastbourne Road, Darlington. 2533

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Childswyckham, June 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 2563

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—District meeting at Crondall (6) on Saturday, June 28th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. W. Arnold, The Manse, Itchel Lane, Crondall, Farnham.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2546

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Meeting at Brabourne, Saturday, June 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. G. K. Finn, Holly Cottage, Brabourne. Bells at Stowing (6) available after tea.—C. T. H. 2516

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Blackrod, Saturday, June 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Food can be purchased at 5 p.m. No business.—Thornley, Hon. Sec. 2561

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Woodlesford on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by June 26th to Mr. J. N. Thorp, 91, Holmsley Lane, Woodlesford, Leeds. 2530

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Syston District.—Meeting, Mountsorrel, Saturday, June 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names by the previous Wednesday to Mr. R. Wilmore, 80, Hawcliffe Road, Mountsorrel. 2545

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Ruskington (6), Saturday, June 28th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 2526

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Clewer, Saturday, June 28th. 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by 25th.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. (Windsor 1484.) 2550

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY** (established 1623).—The 355th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (12) available from 11 a.m. Service 4 p.m. 12-bell ringing guaranteed. Lunch and tea arranged for those notifying me by Thursday, June 26th. This being carnival day, catering may be difficult, so a postcard is essential to L. E. Pitstow, 27, Highfields. 2513

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS and NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting on Saturday, June 28th, at Colston Bassett. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Yorkshire Surprise Major. Names for tea must be in by Monday, June 23rd, at the latest to Mrs. P. Clarke, The Vicarage, Whatton, Nottingham. 2538

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Chiddingfold, Saturday, June 28th. Practice method, London Surprise Minor. Names for tea, please, to H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 2539

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual festival, Brecon, Saturday, June 28th. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d. per person) in Parish Hall 5.15. General meeting to follow. The chair will be taken by the Lord Bishop. Ringing arrangements: Usk (8), 11 a.m. to 12 noon; Ebbw Vale (8) 2 to 2.45 p.m.; Brecon St. Mary's (8) 2.30 to 3.30 and 6.30 to 8.15 p.m., also St. David's, Brecon (6), 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.—J. A. Hoare, Hon. Sec., 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 2408

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barton Stacey on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Plough Inn. Names for tea by previous Monday, please, to Mr. P. Nash, 10, Portal Road, Winchester, Hants. 2541

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Upper Arley (Arley-on-Severn), near Bewdley, Saturday, June 28th. Bus from Bell Hotel, Stourbridge, 2.30 p.m. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. Please give this meeting fullest support—a good time is assured.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Old Farm, Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge, Worcs. 2517

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Selby, Saturday, June 28th. Abbey bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Hawdon Institute 5 p.m. Names, please, by June 26th, to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby. Subscriptions due and reports available.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2500

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting at Darley Dale (8), Saturday, July 5th, 2.45 p.m. Cups of tea at Church Inn, 4.45 p.m. prompt. All welcome.—A. B. Cooper, H. E. Taylor. 2537

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.E. Division.—Burnham meeting, July 5th, cancelled.—P. W. Saltmarsh, Hon. Sec. 2559

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, North Weald, Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. King, 158, High Road, North Weald. 2552

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.W. District.—Meeting at Newport (6) on Saturday, July 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in the Paragon Cafe. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 2564

**GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.**—Dorset weekend meeting, July 5th/6th. July 5th. Bere Regis, 11.30 to 12.30: Kingston, 2 to 2.45: Swanage, 3 to 3.45: Wareham, 5 to 6. Sunday arrangements announced on Saturday. Names for meals to Dr. C. T. Brown, 14a, North Street, Wareham. 2478

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Annual general meeting, Canterbury, Saturday, July 5th. Bells available: St. Stephen's (8), 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; St. Dunstan's (6), 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Cathedral (12), 2 to 3 p.m. Service in the Cathedral 3.15 p.m. Tea at the County Hotel at 4.15 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea. All three towers will be open after the meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 1st, please to Mr. B. Luck, 20, Beaconfield Road, Canterbury. No name, no tea. 2505

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Branch.—Interim meeting, Gorleston-on-Sea, Saturday, July 5th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 2nd, certain, to Mr. A. W. Bird, Shrublands Cottages, Magdalen Way, Gorleston-on-Sea.—P. G. W. Newstead, Branch Sec. 2553

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District.—Annual meeting at Deddington (8), Saturday, July 5th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Please notify by July 1st H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. All ringers and friends welcome. 2556

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at East Ilsley (8), Saturday, July 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by July 1st to C. J. Hibbert, The Stores, East Ilsley, Newbury. 2549

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—Quarterly meeting Saturday, July 5th, at Selly Oak. Bells (8) available 3.30 until 7 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. No tea arranged—cafés nearby.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. Phone: SPR 1025. 2544

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Practice meeting at Nutfield (6) on Saturday, July 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by Wednesday, July 2nd, Miss N. Kempell, Ringers Rest, 1, Church Hill, Nutfield. 2547

**TRURO DIOCESAN FESTIVAL.**—Saturday, July 12th, at St. Stephen-in-Brannel, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea (2s.). Bells: St. Stephen (8), St. Mewan (6), St. Dennis (8), Roche (8), Ladock (8), St. Austell (8), from 5.45 p.m. Replies by Tuesday, July 8th, Rev. H. Trewhella, Crantock, Newquay. 2534

**CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.**—On May 29th. 1.260 Grandfire Doubles: Mary Smith 1. H. Purchase 2. G. Sparkes 3. S. Bristow 4. E. Quicke (cond.) 5. R. Purchase 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. -

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