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## A BISHOP'S WELCOME

**M**OST appropriately the 'Liverpool Diocesan Leaflet' for May has on its front page a picture of ringing in Liverpool Cathedral, and the Bishop, the Right Rev. Clifford A. Martin, devotes his letter 'In praise of bell-ringers.' The Bishop writes:—

'Three years ago I wrote in these notes about the place and value of the church bell in calling people to worship. At that time I referred to the ringers and said that at some future time I might write more in praise of the service they render to the Church.

'This month we shall welcome to Southport the Central Council of Church Bellringers, and it seems a fitting opportunity for me, in referring to this event, to write more about the great fellowship which exists between ringers everywhere.

'A ringer is welcome in any belfry he likes to visit and in most cases he will be offered a rope—one of the old hands standing down, not grudgingly but with an easy grace which quickly puts the visitor at ease. It is well to be sure you can ring a bell before accepting an invitation to take a rope. The art is not as easy as it appears to be. To become proficient in the art of bellringing requires a great deal of patience and perseverance. But given a willing learner there are many good ringers who will readily give time and care to teach the novice. I am glad to see an increasing number of young men and women taking up bellringing. We have some very fine rings of bells in the diocese of Liverpool and a very good band of ringers.

'Ringers in the church tower, although in most cases out of sight of the assembling congregation, perform a very valuable service in preparation for worship. In most belfries the bells are not rung before a prayer has been offered. When the ringing is over and the service commences the ringers (with a few lamentable exceptions) join the congregation at worship, seats usually being reserved for them.

'There is always a ready response by the ringers to a request to come along for a wedding or for some other festive occasion, even though this often means working extra time.

'It is time we raised our voices in praise of the bell-ringers and occasionally they should be given a word of thanks when the whole congregation is assembled.

'To ringers and others I commend a most interesting book about bells. It is called "Bells of the Nations" and is written by Ernest Morris, Ringing Master of St. Margaret's, Leicester. This book is full of interest both in the reading matter and in the many illustrations and provides any amount of information about the history of bells. The largest bell in this country is in St. Paul's Cathedral: "Great Paul" weighs 16 tons 15 cwt. Second to "Great Paul" comes "Great George" in our own Cathedral—14 tons 10 cwt. These are enormous bells, but are quite small in comparison with the heaviest bell in the world, which is reputed to be in Moscow "Kolokol." This bell weighs 193 tons.

'Churches which possess a good ring of bells should take great care of them and use them regularly. Where a ring of bells is not possible, a really good deep-toned tenor bell is the next best thing. Let the church bell be heard every day, so that it may be known that the people of God are called to worship daily.'

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## OXFORD UNIVERSITY EASTER TOUR IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE, 1959

ALL PEALS FOR THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY  
EXCEPT WHERE STATED.

### CAMBRIDGE.

On Sun., March 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,

At 27, GREEN STREET.

### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 1—2	ROBIN A. HODGSON .. 5—6
WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 3—4	DAVID HODGSON .. 7—8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM H. JACKSON.

### CAMBRIDGE.

On Sun., March 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At 27, GREEN STREET.

### A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 1—2	JOHN E. SPICE .. 5—6
O. MICHAEL SLANEY .. 3—4	WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 7—8

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM H. JACKSON.

### TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS.

### A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

DAVID HODGSON .. Treble	DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 5
*M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY .. 2	*DAVID T. DARBY .. 6
*JEAN M. ADDICOTT .. 3	JAMES H. PAILING .. 7
ROBIN N. PITTMAN .. 4	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

\* First peal of Rutland.

### CAMBRIDGE.

On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-GREAT.

### A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 27 cwt. 113 lb. in C sharp.

WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. Treble	*ROBIN A. HODGSON .. 7
KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH .. 2	*DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 8
DEREK P. JONES .. 3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 9
JAMES H. PAILING .. 4	JOHN E. SPICE .. 10
RUTH M. K. HOW .. 5	PETER BORDER .. 11
FRANCES A. THRELFALL .. 6	STEPHEN IVIN .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

\* First peal on 12 bells.

### WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

On Tues., March 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

### A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of Cambridge, Suplative and London, with 111 changes of method.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

RICHARD A. JACKSON .. Treble	JAMES H. PAILING .. 5
WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 2	JOHN E. SPICE .. 6
RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 3	COLIN J. B. TAYLOR .. 7
ROBIN A. HODGSON .. 4	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

A birthday compliment to Dr. D. H. Niblett.

### WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

### THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., March 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) St. Clement's, (2) and (3) Cambridge, (4) Kent T.B., (5) Oxford T.B., (6) and (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G.

*SHEILA G. CAMERON .. Treble	*ANDREW N. STUBBS .. 4
M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY .. 2	JOHN G. PUSEY .. 5
CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY .. 3	*NIGEL J. MAGGS .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY.

\* First peal. † First in five methods.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Woolley on their wedding anniversary.

### ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

On Wed., April 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

### A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 25 lb. in E.

JAMES H. PAILING .. Treble	ROBIN N. PITTMAN .. 5
*M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY .. 2	*JOHN E. SPICE .. 6
COLIN J. B. TAYLOR .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. 7
*FRANCES A. THRELFALL .. 4	STEPHEN IVIN .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

\* First peal of London. † 100th peal for the Society.

### MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.

On Wed., April 1, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E.

JAMES H. PAILING .. Treble	*†RICHARD A. JACKSON .. 6
*†JEAN M. ADDICOTT .. 2	DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 7
HARRY MILES .. 3	*†DAVID T. DARBY .. 8
*JEREMY A. M. SALTER .. 4	DEREK P. JONES .. 9
*†JOHN G. PUSEY .. 5	*NIGEL J. MAGGS .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY. Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.

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

## TWELVE BELL PEALS

### TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

### THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

At THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

### A PEAL OF 5059 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 22 cwt.

ALBERT M. TYLER .. Treble	*DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 7
MARY H. HALL .. 2	PATRICIA M. BOURN .. 8
MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING .. 3	*CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 9
EMLYN F. HANCOCK .. 4	MRS. P. LEWINGTON .. 10
IVOR GOULTER .. 5	WILLIAM HIBBERT .. 11
PATRICK J. BIRD .. 6	TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

\* First peal of Cinques on tower bells. † First of Grandsire Cinques.

### LEICESTER.

### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 27, 1959, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

### A PEAL OF 5280 LEICESTERSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*BRIAN MARTIN .. Treble	*RICHARD F. PRIME .. 7
*AVRIL THACKRAY .. 2	*HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 8
*WILLIAM A. LACEY .. 3	*JOHN A. ACRES .. 9
*DOREEN D. DUTTON .. 4	*JOHN A. SMITH .. 10
*PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5	*S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 11
SHIRLEY BURTON .. 6	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. Tenor

Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.

\* First peal of Leicestershire Surprise Maximus. † 150th peal together. First in the method as conductor.

## TEN BELL PEALS

### NORTHAMPTON.

### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

### A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

GEORGE F. ROOME .. Treble	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 6
BERNARD E. FROST .. 2	PETER R. JOHNSON .. 7
PETER M. GILES .. 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 8
BARBARA MANSHIP .. 4	ALAN E. HARTLEY .. 9
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 5	JOHN M. JELLEY .. Tenor

Composed by G. RONALD EDWARDS. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

### STEPNEY, LONDON.

### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN.

### A PEAL OF 5069 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr.

FRANK GILBERT .. Treble	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 6
MARTIN CUBITT .. 2	ARTHUR F. LEWRY .. 7
ROBERT L. PIRON .. 3	BRYAN PATTISON .. 8
CHARLES OTTLEY .. 4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 9
LEONARD J. FOX .. 5	ERNEST J. ROWE .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

A compliment to the Rev. C. E. Young (Rector of St. Dunstan's) on his appointment as Prebendary of St. Paul's.



## CARDIFF, GLAMORGAN.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 27 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

J. ARTHUR HOARE .. .. Treble	*JACK ALSOP .. .. 6
JACQUELINE S. KING .. .. 2	DAVID J. KING .. .. 7
TREVOR M. RODERICK .. .. 3	ROBERT E. COLES .. .. 8
A. RYAN PRICE .. .. 4	THOMAS YEOMAN .. .. 9
FRANK ROWSELL .. .. 5	GWYN I. LEWIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR GUISE.

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.

\* First peal on ten. First on ten as conductor.

A 'Masters' peal, the band consisting of the present Master (Mr. Gwyn Lewis) and nine past Masters of the Association.

## MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version.

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Treble	JOHN WORTH .. .. 6
ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 7
BASIL JONES .. .. 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. .. 8
*ERNEST BENNETT .. .. 4	PETER LAFLIN .. .. 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 5	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

\* First peal in the method.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

## OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.

## A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

CYRIL H. KINCH .. .. Treble	CHARLES COLES .. .. 5
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 2	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. .. 6
EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. 3	J. HOWARD FREEBORN .. 7
*NEIL I. ALLNATT .. .. 4	†ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in the method. † 650th peal.

## SHERBORNE, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 4 Hours and 8 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb. in B flat.

WILLIAM S. DEASON .. Treble	J. MICHAEL LAKIN .. .. 5
ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 2	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 6
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 3	ROGER BALDWIN .. .. 7
DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

## TICHMARSH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

DAVID W. JAMES .. .. Treble	*MURRAY A. COLEMAN .. 5
*DIANA M. LAWLESS .. .. 2	ALAN J. FROST .. .. 6
ARTHUR GIBBS .. .. 3	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 7
SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 4	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

\* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'

## WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,088 London, 1,024 Cambridge and 992 each of Bristol, Pudsey and Superlative, with 101 changes of method and all the work of the five methods for every bell.

MRS. A. DISERENS .. Treble	JOHN N. DISERENS .. 5
ALBERT DISERENS .. .. 2	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. .. 3	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON .. 7
*TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 4	NOEL J. DISERENS .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

## CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G sharp.

*CLEMENT W. JOSE .. Treble	REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 5
*ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. 2	*ARTHUR F. BURLEY .. 6
*V. MARY MATTHEWS .. 3	*ALAN CARVETH .. .. 7
*GEOFFREY W. TAYSON .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WILDE.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

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

Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday, and on the eve of St. George's Day.

## BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

*MICHAEL GRAY .. Treble	RICHARD HALL .. .. 5
JACK BRAY .. .. 2	C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 6
HARRY BALDWIN .. .. 3	ARTHUR CROWDER .. .. 7
RONALD CHAFER .. .. 4	GEORGE W. MOODY .. Tenor

Composed by N. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal and first attempt.

## CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

## A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

MARY C. PAYNE .. Treble	†RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 5
*CLAIRE DILLAMORE .. .. 2	G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 6
PETER A. SHARP .. .. 3	†LOUIS WILLIERS .. .. 7
†JOHN F. PEARSON .. .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal 'inside.' First of Little Bob.

## WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Thurs., April 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5024 ALPERTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

ERNEST H. KILBY .. Treble	DENNIS KNOX .. .. 5
FRANK C. PRICE .. .. 2	JOHN HILL .. .. 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. 7
ALICK CUTLER .. .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method.

## ALPERTON SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—16—12—36—14—38—12—18

8ths place lead-end. 4ths place bob.

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## CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb.

WILFRED NICHOLSON .. Treble	FREDERICK ROSS .. .. 5
MARGARET A. P. BERTIE .. 2	SAMUEL C. WALKER .. .. 6
CAROL HALL .. .. 3	DENIS A. BAYLES .. .. 7
KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN .. 4	CYRIL MORDUE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

Rung half-muffled on the evening of the funeral of Canon C. R. Appleton, well-beloved Rector of this parish, 1940-1958.

## AMBROSDEN, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*JEAN M. ADDICOTT .. Treble	JAMES H. PAILING .. .. 5
*SHEILA G. CAMERON .. 2	*ROBIN J. ELLIOTT .. .. 6
*ANDREW N. STUBBS .. 3	*DAVID T. DARBY .. .. 7
*ROBERT W. WINSTANLEY .. 4	STEPHEN IVIN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.

\* First peal of Triples.

## BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(The St. Mary's, Beddington, Society.)

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

*JEAN L. LAVENDER .. Treble	ALAN ROGERS .. .. 5
KATHLEEN E. CHILCOTT .. 2	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 6
*ELIZABETH A. COOPER .. 3	STEWART F. KIMBER .. 7
R. JAMES COOK .. .. 4	FRANK E. DARBY .. .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

\* First peal of Major.

## BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

HAROLD F. WHITE .. Treble	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 5
*ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 2	THOMAS PRICE .. .. 6
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 3	*DAVID W. FRIEND .. .. 7
RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. F. E. Wilshaw has now 'completed the circle' of this tower.

## CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 19 qr.

*NORMAN ERRINGTON .. Treble	WILLIAM TYSON .. .. 5
KENNETH ARTHUR .. .. 2	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN .. 6
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB .. 3	*FREDERICK ROSS .. .. 7
ROBERT B. SKELTON .. .. 4	RICHARD OLIVER .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARRIER.

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

\* First peal in the method.

A welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. L. Armstrong, B.A.

## GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in F.

WILLIAM DIXON .. Treble	GORDON BENFIELD .. .. 5
ALFRED SMITH .. .. 2	H. DAVID HOLLAND .. .. 6
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 3	JOHN W. GIBSON .. .. 7
ALEXANDER E. MARSH .. 4	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ALFRED SMITH.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

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

PETER R. JOHNSON .. Treble	ERNEST J. JELLEY .. .. 4
BARBARA MANSHIP .. .. 2	ALAN E. HARTLEY .. .. 5
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 3	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

Rung for the Festival of Easter.

## GARSINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MRS. M. GODWIN .. Treble	WILFRED C. GODWIN .. 4
SHEILA CAMERON .. .. 2	JOHN DREWITT .. .. 5
EDWARD VENN .. .. 3	ROY H. JONES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD VENN.

\* First peal. An 18th birthday compliment to Frank A. Barrett, a ringer at St. Aldate's, Oxford.

## GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JOHN AND GILES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob, and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE SAUNDERS .. Treble	ALFRED LITTLE .. .. 4
ANDREW BECKWITH .. .. 2	PETER WOOD .. .. 5
H. WALTER SMITH .. .. 3	RONALD SUCKLING .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

Rung to welcome the Rev. E. S. Spray, who was inducted on April 15th.

## GREAT HORKESLEY, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, and two each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

DAVID E. CULHAM .. Treble	GEORGE N. ORMAN .. .. 4
ALAN R. ANDREWS .. .. 2	H. FRANK PIKE .. .. 5
EDWARD LEGGETT .. .. 3	ROY DUESBURY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

## ISLIP, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB DOUBLES

Being seven extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

BARRIE HENDRY .. Treble	ALAN J. FROST .. .. 4
SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 2	FRANK E. CROSIER .. .. 5
DIANA M. LAWLESS .. 3	DAVID W. JAMES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID W. JAMES.

First peal in the method by all the band.

## NECTON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

GEORGE HEYHOE .. Treble	SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. 4
CECI V. EBBELSON .. .. 2	WILLIAM ROSE .. .. 5
JOHN WILSON .. .. 3	TONY OWEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

## SANDON, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) Kent T.B., (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Oxford, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

BERTRAM G. BRINKLEY .. Treble	IAN R. PANTON .. .. 4
PETER J. CAME .. .. 2	TOM R. ROAST .. .. 5
RICHARD J. HARRISON .. 3	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. Tenor

Conducted by IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS.



## NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*DAVID ASPDEN .. .. Treble	GEOFFREY LLOYD .. .. 4
JOHN ASHCROFT .. .. 2	DAVID BURGESS .. .. 5
*JENNIFER ELLISON .. .. 3	KENNETH EDWARDS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

\* First peal of Minor.

Rung by the Sunday service band as a compliment to Rev. J. J. Broadhurst, who recently left after 17 years as Vicar.

## NORTH WHEATLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 18 lb. in A.

*VALERIE WATERFIELD .. Treble	HAROLD DENMAN .. .. 4
GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. 2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. .. 5
† RICHARD HOBBS .. .. 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

\* First peal in seven methods. † 25th peal of Minor and first in seven plain methods. First peal on the bells, which were augmented to six in 1896, and rehung by J. Taylor and Co. in 1958.

## SAXILBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

*DAVID CROSBY .. .. Treble	*JOHN M. BLAIE .. .. 4
G. LESLIE A. LUNN .. .. 2	*H. WALTER COX .. .. 5
GEORGE E. FEIRN .. .. 3	*JOHN B. NICHOLSON .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

\* First peal in seven methods.

A farewell peal to the Vicar (Rev. C. K. Clay), who is going to St. John's, Scunthorpe.

## STOCKBURY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,440 Plain Bob (four callings) and 3,600 Grandsire (ten callings).

Tenor 15 cwt.

MRS. FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. Treble	*JOHN E. CLARK .. .. 3
FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. .. 2	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 4
CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

\* First peal of Doubles, also on five bells.

## SAXTHORPE, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sun., April 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 Plain Bob, 720 Oxford, 720 Kent, 720 St. Clement's and three extents of Plain.

Tenor 2 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in E.

JOHN WILSON .. .. Treble	TONY OWEN .. .. 4
JOHN R. SMITH .. .. 2	SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. 5
CECIL V. EBBERSON .. .. 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

## BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in A flat.

JOHN F. WOOD .. .. Treble	STANLEY WALMSLEY .. .. 4
*NORMAN TOMPKINS .. .. 2	PETER CROOK .. .. 5
FRED W. BROWNLOW .. .. 3	*JOSEPH THORNLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

\* 75th peal together.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Samuel Wolstencroft, churchwarden, who died suddenly the previous week.

## NEATH, GLAMORGAN.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 360 Stedman, 1,440 Plain Bob and 3,240 Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 lb.

DEREK G. ASTRIDGE .. Treble	JOHN T. WILLIAMS .. .. 4
EDMUND J. MORRIS .. .. 2	GWYN I. LEWIS .. .. 5
*HAZEL WAY .. .. 3	*JOHN MATTHEWS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

\* First peal. 100th as conductor.

## ADDINGTON, SURREY.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B.

*COLIN F. MCGILL .. .. Treble	*ANDREW MACVE .. .. 4
TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. .. 5
LEONARD A. TIDY .. .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

\* First peal in seven methods. First in seven methods on the bells. Colin F. McGill has now 'circled the tower.' Quickest peal on the bells.

## EDITH WESTON, RUTLAND.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob and Single Court Bob, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. in A.

JOHN L. MELVILLE .. .. Treble	DAVID C. URQUHART .. .. 4
RONALD RUSSELL .. .. 2	ROY W. SPENCER .. .. 5
PERCY D. BALDOCK .. .. 3	RICHARD A. WEBSTER .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY W. SPENCER.

A farewell peal to the Rev. P. J. Beaumont, who retires shortly, after 26 years as Rector.

## STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 30 extents (ten callings): six 240 Morris's. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr.

*JEFFREY CHARMAN .. .. Treble	JEAN HORTON .. .. 4
JIMMY MAPLE .. .. 2	BEN W. FARHALL .. .. 5
JACK NEWELL .. .. 3	R. G. BLACKMAN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BEN W. FARHALL.

\* First peal and first attempt.

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## PURLEIGH, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*MARGARET E. PANTON .. Treble	IAN R. PANTON .. .. . 4
†JOSEPH SAUNDERS .. .. 2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
PETER J. EVES .. .. . 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

\* First peal. † First in seven methods.

Rung on the Festival of St. Mark.

## SHOBROOKE, DEVON.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being 360 New Grandsire, 720 each of Plain Bob, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, 840 Stedman and 960 Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt.

SIDNEY F. SKINNER .. Treble	†JOHN MANLEY .. .. . 4
*JAMES AYRES .. .. . 2	JOHN CARTER .. .. . 5
†JUDITH ADDENBROOKE .. 3	JOHN QUICK .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY F. SKINNER.

\* First peal. † First of Doubles.

## YARDLEY HASTINGS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings).

Tenor 14 cwt.

*JENNIFER KEGGIN .. Treble	HARRY WOODING .. .. . 4
*MARIAN KING .. .. . 2	ANNE FOWLER .. .. . 5
SIDNEY J. ELLIOTT .. .. 3	TIMOTHY WOODING .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WOODING.

\* First peal. First peal by a local band since 1922.

Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. F. J. Twycross-Rains.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT 17, QUEEN STREET,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

GERALD PENNEY .. .. 1—2	GEOFFREY DODDS .. .. 5—6
JOYCE DODDS .. .. . 3—4	STANLEY HUCKLE .. .. 7—8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by STANLEY HUCKLE.

First peal 'in hand' as conductor.

## CAMBRIDGE.

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sun., April 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT SELWYN COLLEGE.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 17 in A.

M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. Hall) 1—2	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) 5—6
P. H. LANGTON (Trinity) .. 3—4	J. R. TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s) 7—8
P. J. KIRBY (Selwyn) .. 9—10	

Composed by HENRY TUCKER. Conducted by P. H. LANGTON.

First peal on the bells.

## SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 28, 1959, in 1 Hour and 33 Minutes,

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

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

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Conducted by JOHN POTTS.

\* 25th peal together.

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## LOUGHBOROUGH

### The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS



# QUARTER PEALS

**AXBRIDGE, SOMERSET.**—On April 30th, 1,260 Doubles (960 Reverse Canterbury, 300 Grandsire): J. Hooper 1, J. Brinson 2, A. J. Peters 3, A. Hooper 4, H. Hooper (cond.) 5, J. Loxton 6. Rung prior to a social evening sponsored by the churchwardens for the choir and ringers.

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.**—On April 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Ann Shiels (first of Stedman) 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, Kathleen Fletcher 4, J. Harrison 5, J. Meads 6, D. Lamb 7, M. Broadley 8. For Evensong.

**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.**—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Lavender 1, Kathleen Chilcott (cond.) 2, Jeanette Winchester 3, M. V. Chilcott 4, S. Kimber 5, F. E. Darby 6, A. Rogers 7, F. Jennings 8.

**BURSTOW, SURREY.**—On April 26th, 1,260 Canterbury Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: D. Wilson 1, T. Padbury 2, P. Boer 3, W. Slaughter 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. For Matins: also a wedding compliment to Tim Boer and Miss Eileen Gaynor.

**CHORLEY, LANCs.**—On April 28th, 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: S. Anderson (first quarter) 1, J. H. Garstide 2, S. Walmsley 3, A. Rigby (first quarter) 4, F. Brownlow 5, R. Leigh 6, A. Tomlinson (cond.) 7, P. Crook 8.

**COLSTERWORTH, Lincs.**—On May 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Dorothy Atrill 1, E. H. Willows 2, M. Phipps (first quarter) 3, C. J. Hughes 4, R. J. Stretton (cond.) 5.

**CRANFORD, MIDDLEX.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Goodfellow 1, P. Woodgyer 2, June Richardson 3, D. Shaw 4, D. Fowles 5, T. Baker (first as cond.) 6. For Evensong, and a compliment to the Rector (the Rev. M. Dean) and Mrs. Dean on the birth of a son (Christopher), and to Harry and Barbara Watson on the birth of a daughter (Carol).

**DANBURY, ESSEX.**—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. E. G. Roast 1, Miss M. Dowssett 2, T. R. Roast (first as cond.) 3, E. W. Roast 4, J. West 5, G. J. Saunders (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. G. J. Saunders.

**EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.**—On April 26th, 1,080 Plain Bob Minor (rung with treble leading and tenor behind): Sheila P. Miller 1, M. P. Howard 2, Evelyn M. Hicks 3, Evelyn D. Wallis 4, L. W. Penfold 5, A. J. Bull 6, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 7, R. Peters (first quarter) 8. First of Minor 1 and 2. For Evensong as a farewell to the Rev. E. A. Finch, curate, on preferment to St. Peter-in-the-Forest, Walthamstow.

**EGHAM, SURREY.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Marshall (first quarter) 1, Mrs. L. Hiscock 2, Mrs. J. Knowles (first 'inside') 3, P. W. Williams 4, Miss M. Gibson (cond.) 5, D. S. Froome 6. Rung by the Sunday service band for the 16th birthday of the conductor.

**EXNING, SUFFOLK.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss H. Cross 1, A. Bensiead 2, J. Gentleman 3, E. Jaggard 4, A. A. Mann (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled by members of the Mildenhall district in memory of Canon J. L. Sowden, of Freckenham, Suffolk, who died on April 30th.

**FRIEZLAND, YORKS.**—On April 27th, 1,320 Woodbine: J. Smith 1, G. Perrin 2, J. Burgess 3, C. Henshaw 4, H. B. Schofield 5, A. Farrand 6, A. 43rd birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

**FRISKNEY, Lincs.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss N. Willingham 1, G. D. Burroughs 2, B. Stockdale 3, T. Mottram 4, T. W. Eason (cond.) 5, E. Pickering 6. First quarter by all except 2.

**GRAVENHURST, BEDS.**—On April 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): B. V. Hari 1, Ann Culpin 2, B. A. Martin 3, D. Kitchener 4, P. Newing (cond.) 5.

**GREAT PONTON, Lincs.**—On April 30th, 1,320 Groundsire Doubles: Mrs. F. W. Pinchbeck 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, H. Grocock 3, T. W. Charity 4, E. A. Cole (first as cond.) 5.

**GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.**—On April 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Ainger 1, I. Panton 2, R. J. Harrison 3, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips 4, P. Felton 5, H. Carter 6, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 7, M. Edwards 8. For Evensong.

**GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Mar. 19th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob): Doreen Thorneycroft (14) 1, Sandra Freeman (13) 2, C. Rigby 3, A. A. Booth 4, G. G. Mansfield 5, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 6. First in three methods for 1 and 2.

**GREENWICH, E.**—At the Church of St. Alphege, on April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6 and 8 covering): E. Jones 1, S. Ball 3, Isobel Inman (cond.) 4, D. James 5, Kathleen Walker 6, J. Dafters 7, J. Rooke 8. For Evensong on Dedication Day.

**HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Sireeter (first quarter) 1, T. Matthews 2, Judy Funnell 3, F. Beeny 4, G. Beeny (cond.) 5, A. Pannett 6. Rung at Evensong on Rogation Sunday.

**HENBURY, BRISTOL.**—On May 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. M. Whittard 1, Miss A. Grainger 2, C. Abbott 3, J. D. Culley 4, G. Locke 5, B. Huddleston 6, J. A. Bennett (first as cond.) 7, C. Rugman 8. For Confirmation service.

**HERSHAM, SURREY.**—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Maureen Palmer (first quarter) 1, Gwen May 2, C. N. Chinnery 3, H. Culcombe 4, J. King (cond.) 5, D. George 6. For Evensong, and as a welcome to Stephen Richard, a son for Pam and Derrick Bird. Also on May 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Mrs. K. King 1, Gwen May 2, H. Culcombe 3, J. King (cond.) 4, C. N. Chinnery 5, F. Shephard 6. For the dedication of the memorial window to the late Vicar (the Rev. E. Russell Brittain).

**HILLINGDON, MIDDLEX.**—On May 3rd, 1,296 Plain Bob Major: Marjorie Hill 1, M. W. Seymour (first 'inside') 2, T. G. Bannister 3, J. Hill (cond.) 4, A. R. Turley 5, A. R. G. Twinn 6, F. W. Goodfellow 7, M. J. Palmer 8. For Evensong.

**HITCHIN, HERTS.**—On April 18th, 1,280 Lyme Surprise Major: Mrs. D. E. Latchford 1, F. J. Plummer 2, C. A. S. Harwood 3, Miss P. Doorn 4, D. E. Latchford 5, C. M. Orme 6, A. R. Agg 7, J. R. Leeming (cond.) 8. First in method for all except 7 and 8. To welcome a son to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Leeming.

**HOUGHTON, HUNTS.**—On April 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. A. Howes 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, L. G. Cowley 4, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 5. Before evening service for visit of the Bishop of Ely.

**KEYSOE, BEDS.**—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Maddison (first quarter) 1, G. Seth 2, R. J. Harrison 3, R. L. Piron 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5.

**KILBURN, N.W.**—On April 19th, at St. Augustine's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. B. Meadows 1, Marguerite Harte 2, Gillian Poplewell 3, A. Herbert 4, J. Clark-Maxwell 5, D. C. Birkinshaw 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of Charles Gilchrist Clark-Maxwell.

**KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.**—On April 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. E. Morgan 1, A. C. Boxley 2, C. Skidmore 3, C. F. Jukes 4, F. E. Jukes 5, R. A. Peakman 6, T. Hemming (cond.) 7, F. Preston 8. For Confirmation service.

**LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.**—On May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. G. Richardson 1, E. W. Furbank 2, J. Carrott 3, M. Bland 4, C. E. Willmington 5, H. Turner (cond.) 6. Rung for the institution and induction of the Rev. Edward Cecil Telford as Rector.

**LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Old, Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. Merritt (first quarter) 1, R. Henman (cond.) 2, L. Battison 3, A. Jones 4, A. Ford 5. For morning service.

**LONDON.**—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on April 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. S. Hawkins 1, R. Wright 2, R. Trebilcock 3, G. Harvey 4, W. Wilson 5, G. Parsons 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, E. Peet 8.

**MANCHESTER, LANCs.**—On April 28th, at the Emmanuel Unitarian Church, Brookfield, 1,260 Spliced Doubles (900 Grandsire, 360 Plain Bob): M. J. Maddocks 1, E. M. Quinn 2, J. Robinson 3, B. Rumney 4, R. M. Edwards (cond.) 5, G. Rumney 6. First of Spliced by all except 5. A birthday compliment to Thomas Duncan.

**MIDSOMER NORTON, SOMERSET.**—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. J. Barnett (first of Triples away from tenor) 1, V. Savage 2, F. Savage 3, B. Davis 4, C. J. A. Brown 5, J. J. Jefferies (first of Triples) 6, A. F. Lee (cond.) 7, R. W. Stapleford (first of Triples) 8.

**NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.**—On April 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. McQuistan 1, Anne Hancock 2, H. King 3, L. Cordell 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the commencement of repairs to the tower.

**QUEDGELEY, GLOS.**—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Wixey 1, Miss J. Winters (first 'inside') 2, F. Tranter 3, S. Pugh 4, P. Hurcombe (cond.) 5, C. Leighton 6.

**READING, BERKS.**—At St. Mary's Church, on May 3rd, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Bristol, Superlative, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Rutland and Lincolnshire): R. K. Russ 1, A. Diserens 2, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 3, E. J. Munday (first in eight methods) 4, J. N. Diserens 5, F. W. Lewis 6, R. F. Diserens 7, C. E. Lewington 8.

**ROYDON, ESSEX.**—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Howard 1, R. Sams 2, W. P. Sams (cond.) 3, F. Wright 4, C. W. Sams 5, A. A. Livings 6. For evening service on the occasion of a visit by the Bishop of Chelmsford.

**ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.**—On April 28th, 1,260 Minor (720 Canterbury and 540 Plain Bob): S. Hardy 1, F. Gorringe 2, R. Beard 3, F. G. Wheller 4, P. Braund 5, B. Aldridge (cond.) 6.

**SOUTHGATE, N.**—At Christ Church, on May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Miller 1, Pam Miller 2, G. Peck 3, R. Channon 4, J. Perrett 5, M. Stanyon 6, C. Aldridge (cond.) 7, W. Wainwright 8. For Evensong.

**STRATTON, CORNWALL.**—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Heard 1, C. Sangwin 2, D. Garvie (first on eight) 3, H. Trewin 4, H. Stacey 5, C. Taylor (cond.) 6, J. Sangwin 7, S. T. Stacey 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Sam Coombe, churchwarden for 12 years, who was interred this day.

**STROUD, GLOS.**—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Prichard 1, Janet Glead 2, Joan Winter 3, F. Garland 4, T. Wits (cond.) 5, V. Deane 6.

**SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKS.**—On April 26th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss M. Verity (first quarter) 1, Miss I. Piper 2, Miss B. Fisher 3, T. W. Thirkell 4, I. Glenton (first as cond.) 5, R. Ducker 6. For Evensong and the visit of the Bishop of Hull.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—On April 26th, at Christ Church, 1,263 Stedman Caters: G. W. Townsend 1, Mrs. E. Sutton 2, Dr. H. Craig 3, Miss M. Wright (first of Caters in the method) 4, H. W. Bishop 5, W. W. T. Daniell 6, R. G. Townsend 7, A. G. Wells 8, T. Townsend (cond.) 9, E. Vincent 10. For evening service and a birthday compliment to G. W. Townsend and R. G. Townsend.

**TRING, HERTS.**—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Ashby 1, W. C. Hughes 2, A. V. Good 3, W. J. Puddifoot 4, C. J. Badrick 5, B. M. Barker 6, W. Ayre (cond.) 7, D. Cartwright 8. To commemorate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lewis.

**WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.**—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hawkins (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. G. Roberts 2, Miss J. Whitcher (first of Triples 'inside') 3, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 4, M. C. Austin 5, H. Duncan (first of Triples 'inside') 6, C. Willmington 7, T. Pearson 8. Rung to celebrate the installation of the Vicar (Canon Cleall) as Archdeacon of Colchester in Chelmsford Cathedral this day.

**WARMINSTER, WILTS.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): D. Aven 1, L. Hawkins 2, J. Titt 3, H. Tudgay 4, T. Marlow 5, A. Bull 6, N. Knee (cond.) 7, T. Mallard 8. For Confirmation.

**WESTON TURVILLE, BUCKS.**—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Bevan (first away from tenor) 1, Miss S. Howard (first away from tenor) 2, Miss M. Barrett 3, R. Hazell 4, B. Evans (first as cond.) 5. First on five bells by all the band. Rung as a belated birthday compliment to the brothers of the conductor and 2.

**WHITSTABLE, KENT.**—On April 5th, 1,260 Doubles (120 All Saints', 240 Plain Bob, 900 Grandsire): W. Gray 1, S. Wooding 2, J. C. Baldwin 3, S. E. James 4, C. Dilnot (cond.) 5, Miss H. Palmer 6, A. farewell to the Rev. J. Gore.



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Miss Pamela M. Jervis, of Slough, sends us a cutting from 'The Ocean Press,' published on board the S.S. 'America' telling of an unusual idea to place thousands of bells on Burke Mountain, Vermont, in a series of peace shrines. The bells would be ringing in a constant petition for peace. Says Louis Lamoureux, who is undertaking the project, 'The bells will ring equally on the strength of the summer breezes and winter winds.' He expresses the hope that someone will donate a carillon for the summit of the mountain.

## BELFRY

Cookham ringers have elected a new tower committee consisting of Mr. Ernest Eldridge, Ringing Master; Mr. Bertram Lake, Deputy Master; Miss Janet Taylor, secretary; Mrs. E. Eldridge, treasurer. For some time Cookham had been without a steeplekeeper and grateful thanks are given to Mr. James Muller, who is undertaking this work.

In the current issue of the Malmesbury Abbey magazine, the Vicar (the Rev. Arthur Beagham) has suggested that some of the young people might like to learn the art of bellringing and continues: 'There has never been wanting a succession of the noble order of companions of the tower, whose happy function it is to call God's people to worship.' A noble tribute, indeed, to the Exercise.

Quite a pleasant afternoon was spent at Heptonstall on May 2nd, when four friends from Darlington made the journey into Yorkshire to meet old acquaintances and new ones at Heptonstall to ring a peal on these wonderful bells. The other four ringers were from the Manchester Diocese. The peal was to celebrate the centenary of the Church Union, and a High Mass was sung at 12 noon in Manchester Cathedral on that day also to celebrate the occasion.

## GOSSIP

Two soccer fans from near Burton-on-Trent combined their visit to the Wembley Cup Final with a peal of Xenia Surprise at St. Albans. They scored one, too, which was what Luton Town would like to have done in the closing minutes! Their dismay at the result was amply consoled by the lavish hospitality after the match at the Stanmore home of Mr. and Mrs. H. George Hart.

Truro Diocesan Festival will be held on July 18th.

Regarding the peal at Whittlesey, Cambridgeshire (see page 279) we are now informed that it was rung at the Church of St. Andrew, and the weight of the tenor is 19 cwt. 13 lb. in E.

In response to 'Cheshire Cat's' advertisement, 'F. S.' writes: 'Regret bath chairs are in very short supply at the moment. Having a shrewd idea as to whom they are required for, may I offer you a very nice line in "brain scrapers"? I can assure you they are very effective.'

Mr. George Watson, Doncaster District Society's secretary, has been for three weeks convalescing at the Transport General Workers Union's Convalescent Home at Buxton. He was able to participate in Sunday service and practice ringing at Fairfield and Burbage, and for the pleasure gained from these facilities he expresses his sincere thanks through 'The Ringing World.'

The peal at Chatham on May 2nd was arranged so that Mr. Cyril J. Gould and Mr. Alan Wrigley could ring a peal together again. Their last was on February 28th, 1948. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Wrigley for their hospitality after the peal.

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RINGING.—There will be ample opportunity for general ringing in many towers, details of which will be posted at Headquarters.

## SATURDAY, MAY 16TH

Inspection of the Mersey Tunnel at 10.15 a.m., followed by a tour over the S.S. 'Carinthia,' a 22,000 ton Canadian liner lying in Mersey Docks, during which refreshments will be served on board.

A coach will depart from the Palace Hotel at 9.15 a.m. and return to Southport at approximately 5 p.m. Will guests participating please meet at the entrance of the Hotel at 9.5 a.m.

Liverpool Cathedral bells from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m.

## SUNDAY, MAY 17TH

(Two coach tours)

1. Depart Southport 9.45 a.m. to Tarleton, Whalley—lunch, 12 noon, at the Assembly Rooms—depart 1.30 p.m. for Lancaster, Kirkby Lonsdale—tea 5 p.m.—depart 6 p.m. for Billsborough, arriving back at Southport 8.45 p.m. Approximate cost, 24s.

2. Depart Southport 10 a.m. for Preston, Whalley, Clitheroe, Chatburn, Downham—lunch at Assheton Arms—depart 1 p.m. via Barley and Newchurch-in-Pendle for Burnley, then via Moorland Road to Bacup—light refreshments at Duckworth Hall, returning to Southport direct at 5 p.m. Approximate cost, 17s. 6d.

Liverpool Cathedral bells from 1.50 to 2.50 p.m.

## MONDAY, MAY 18TH

(Two coach tours)

3. Depart Southport 9 a.m. for St. Anne's, Fleetwood—lunch at Heald's Cafe—depart 1.30 p.m. for Lancaster, returning to Southport for 5.30 p.m. Approximate cost, 15s.

4. Depart Southport 9.30 a.m. for Blackburn Cathedral—depart 12 noon via Wiltshire, Langho, Whalley to Downham for lunch—depart 2 p.m. for Haslingden—light refreshments at Duckworth Hall, returning direct to Southport at 5 p.m. Approximate cost, 17s. 6d.

It is hoped to arrange ringing at local towers on all four tours.

Please note that all departures will be from the Palace Hotel.

Application for 1 and 3 tours to Mr. N. M. Newby, 45, Oakwood Drive, Ulverston, and for 2 and 4 to Mr. C. W. Blakey, 133, Ormerod Street, Accrington.

Members of the Central Council and their ladies will be entertained to dinner by the Lancashire Association at the Palace Hotel at 7 for 7.30 p.m.

Manchester Town Hall, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Manchester Cathedral bells, from 8 to 10 a.m. and 2.15 to 5 p.m.

Liverpool Cathedral bells from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2.30 to 5 p.m.

## TUESDAY, MAY 19TH

7.30 a.m., Holy Communion, Christ Church,

Southport. A bus will leave at 7.15 a.m. from the Palace Hotel and return after the service.

9.45 a.m., Council Meeting in the Ballroom of the Palace Hotel.

4.45 p.m., The Southport Publicity Committee has kindly invited the Council to buffet tea in the Reception Lounge at the Palace Hotel.

8.30 p.m., Social (dance and running buffet) in the Ballroom of the Palace Hotel, to which all members and friends of the Council are invited.

## PRESIDENT'S CORDIAL

### WELCOME

We have received the following message from the president of the Lancashire Association (Rev. R. D. St. John Smith):—

*Dear Sir,—May I through the medium of 'The Ringing World' express, on behalf of the committee and members of the Lancashire Association, a very cordial welcome to the members of the Central Council, their families, and other visiting ringers, on the occasion of the Council meeting at Southport?*

*It is 27 years since the Central Council last met in Lancashire, and we of the Lancashire Association count it an honour to extend hospitality to the Council this year.*

*There were many possible centres in Lancashire for us to consider, in every one of which I know the Council would have received a warm welcome. Finally we selected Southport as being a convenient centre and also a pleasant resort for those who are able to combine a short holiday with the Council meeting. The general secretary, Mr. Dunkerley, and I have received every possible assistance from both the civil and ecclesiastical authorities while making the arrangements at Southport, and we look forward with pleasant anticipation to what will, we trust, be a happy and memorable occasion in the history of Lancashire ringing.*

*To one and all we extend a very sincere welcome to the county of the Red Rose.—Yours truly,*

R. D. St. JOHN SMITH,  
President, The Lancashire Association.

## WALTHAM ABBEY RINGERS 'AT HOME'

A function of an unusual nature took place at Waltham Abbey on April 25th. The ringers held an 'At Home' in the church tower, to which were invited parents, wives and friends of the ringers. The proceedings commenced with tea which was served to the 45 people present. The Vicar (Canon Cleall) welcomed the guests and expressed his pleasure at seeing so many interested parents who had come to learn something of the intricacies of the science of bell-ringing.

Later in the proceedings the Vicar, who is leaving the parish to become Archdeacon of Colchester, was presented with a farewell token which took the form of a silver monogrammed serviette ring. The presentation was made on the ringers' behalf by Mrs. C. W. Roberts, who thanked the Vicar for his co-operation during past years and extended to him good wishes for the future.

The evening continued with demonstrations of bell control and method construction. Many of the people present climbed to the top of the tower to see the bells.

The function was declared a great success and did much to illustrate the fascination of the art of campanology.

## LONG LENGTH NOTICE

Dear Sir,—We give notice that a band will attempt to ring 9,568 Spliced Surprise Major at Over, Cheshire, on Saturday, May 23rd, commencing at 1 p.m.

The composition, by Mr. A. J. Pitman, is given below.—Yours faithfully,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Altrincham, Cheshire.

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H—Hanbury  
S—Superlative  
C—Cambridge  
P—Pudsey  
X—Cambridge or Superlative

## PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN

Methods practised ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise when 40 members of the Towcester Branch met at Green's Norton on April 25th. The Archdeacon of Auckland (Ven. A. E. Prebble), who is acting Rector, conducted the service and gave an inspiring address. The Rev. J. T. Lewis proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Archdeacon and the ladies for the excellent tea provided.

The Northampton Branch meeting at Cogenhoe on April 25th was attended by 75 ringers, and special welcomes were accorded Miss Steele (president of the Bedfordshire Association) and Mr. Gayton, of Harrod, by the president (Mr. S. F. Earl). Miss Steele was called upon to present a 'first peal certificate' to Miss Jennifer Saunders. The Rector (Rev. Mark Meynell) conducted the service, and methods rung included Cambridge and London Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford and St. Clement's Minor.



## IRISH ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Executive Council of the Irish Association was held in St. George's Parochial Hall, Dublin, on April 25th. Mr. W. Pratt presided and addressed the meeting on their responsibilities as bell-ringers and as officers of the Association.

The annual report and statement of accounts both recorded healthy conditions, the latter due to the visit of the Central Council as a result of increased membership.

The report stated that it was most fitting that the first time the Central Council ever met outside England was in the Jubilee Year of the Association at Dublin. It was a year of great activity in ringing circles and of much appreciated co-operation by all towers, affiliated and unaffiliated, to make the Jubilee Year of the Association a memorable one. The report records the presentation to the president of the Central Council with a shillelagh, suitably inscribed to commemorate the Council's first visit to Ireland.

The report of the 'Irish Bell News' showed increased circulation amongst readers outside its jurisdiction with an indication of further increases later. The accounts were balanced.

It was decided to hold the 1960 meeting on May 14th, on which date the Murphy Cup competition has been arranged.

### NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Four life members were elected, viz: Frederick J. Scott, of Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin; Thomas Livingston, Lurgan, for services to ringing for over 50 years; Samuel R. McClelland, St. Thomas', Belfast, founder member of the Northern Branch in 1927; and Fred E. Dukes, Drogheda, for services to ringing.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. William Pratt, Holywood; Master and librarian, Mr. Robert F. Murphy, Dublin; general secretary, Mr. Fred E. Dukes, Meadow Cottage, Julianstown, Co. Meath; representatives on Central Council, Mr. F. E. Dukes, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody and Miss Jean Stewart; badge secretary, Mr. John T. Dunwoody; auditors, Mr. R. W. Smyth and Mr. W. E. Bovenger; 'Irish Bell News' Editorial Committee, Mr. F. E. Dukes (editor), Mr. G. Bingham, Miss Jean Stewart and Mrs. F. E. Dukes.

It had come to the notice of the Council that recordings of cup contest ringing had been made at some competitions and played back after the results had been announced. The Council unanimously passed a resolution that permission will not be given for recordings to be made in the future. Any party doing so would infringe the Copyright Act.

The annual contest for the Murphy Cup was held on the bells of St. George's Church, Dublin, on the same day. The finalists were St. Donard's Church, Belfast, St. Peter's, Bandon, and St. Peter's, Drogheda. All teams struck well, but none so well as St. Donard's, who have now won the cup for the first time; they had 11 faults. Bandon came second with 36 faults; Drogheda had 46 faults. St. Donard's and Bandon both rang six bells, whilst Drogheda rang the octave. The judges were Fred Bogan, James McManus and Harry Brown. In the absence of Mr. Murphy, Mr. Harry Ellis acted as Ringing Master.



**CLERICAL GUILD TOUR.**—This happy picture was taken by Mr. Percy N. Town of a group of members of the Clerical Guild outside St. Nicholas' Church, Linton, during their ringing week in Kent. (For story see page 285.)

## BRADBOURNE BELLS RING AGAIN

The six bells at the village church of Bradbourne, near Ashbourne, Derbyshire, have been silent over a number of years. It is understood that the late rector stopped ringing because he considered that it endangered the fabric, although he did allow some visitors to try the bells about two years ago. Bradbourne benefice has now been joined with Brassington, where the Vicar (Rev. J. D. Lytle) has formed a band (including himself), and the six bells there are now being rung regularly on Sundays.

When Mr. Lytle took over Bradbourne, Mr. B. P. Morris, general secretary of the Derbyshire Association, approached him for permission to inspect the bells at Bradbourne with a view to getting them rung. With Mr. F. W. Haycock, the Ashbourne steeplekeeper, the inspection was duly carried out. There was evidence that in the past the bells had been looked after. The wire netting was sound and the ropes were properly fixed and in good condition. As for the bells, they hang in a massive iron frame, and there is room for a light 12 on one level. The walls to the Norman tower are about six feet thick. We were convinced that with the aid of spanner, grease and castor oil the bells could be rung.

On April 21st ringers from Ashbourne, Derby, Overseal and Church Gresley visited the tower and good ringing was enjoyed ranging from rounds to Cambridge Surprise. The bells went exceptionally well, and some villagers came along and expressed appreciation of hearing the bells rung again.

The bells are pealable, and Mr. Lytle will be pleased to welcome visitors to ring on the bells at either Bradbourne or Brassington. His address is Brassington Vicarage, Derby.

B. P. M.

## A BERKSHIRE OUTING

Favoured by fine weather, a party of 20 ringers visited South East Berkshire on April 4th.

Ringing started at Winkfield, a good Mears six, followed by Warfield (8); Binfield, a merry six; Easthampstead, where the bells are a great improvement; Sandhurst, a popular tower with all the band; and Yateley, with its well-known timbered tower containing an eight of rather mixed tone.

A course of Beverley was rung at Finchampstead. The opinion of Arborfield bells was that they needed attention. At Wokingham only one tower, St. Paul's, was available. All Saints' tower is under repair, and the architect did not think ringing advisable. Some of the local band at Hurst, who were ringing for a wedding, joined with the visitors afterwards. Two good towers were Shiplake (Oxon) and Waltham St. Lawrence, as well as at Shottesbrooke. A course of Bristol was managed on the heavy eight at Bray. Ringing concluded at the disused church at Braywood, in the middle of a wood, and approached by a rough track. An oil lamp was found to enable the pleasant five to be rung.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Brigadier Hill, a ringer who is staying in the district from Lagos, Nigeria, was welcomed by Major E. J. Bragg at the very friendly Farnham District meeting at Ash on April 25th. The Rector (Rev. H. M. Insley) conducted the service with Mrs. Beadle as organist. The ladies of Ash provided the tea.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES AND RINGING

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Fry's welcome letter on the above subject I would like to assure him that the Central Council for training for the Ministry and all theological colleges which have not yet been asked to arrange for lectures, etc., will be approached on behalf of the Sunday Service Ringing Committee through the appropriate Guilds in the very near future.

I agree with him on the importance of this work and several Guild officers have already written to me of progress they have made in response to this committee's request. Perhaps at a later stage Mr. Fry may be able to help in setting up some permanent organisation relating to theological colleges and ringing activities. The ready response by several Guild officers to help is a very encouraging start.—Yours sincerely,

**NORMAN CHADDOCK.**  
Convener,  
Central Council Committee  
on Sunday Service Ringing.

## BROADCAST BELLS

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read the history of the Evercreech bells by Mr. Sanger, and would like to say that, like many other ringers of my acquaintance, I make a point of listening to '8.55 on the Light' on Sunday mornings. In my opinion the ringing recorded in these broadcasts is a credit to all concerned, and I would like to know more about the towers and ringers involved.

We know that the 10-bell ringing comes from Evercreech, but what were the eight bell recorded today (May 3rd)—were they Chewton Mendip's? How many records have the B.B.C. at their disposal for this purpose, and are they, generally speaking, the same ringers who made the 6-, 8- and 10-bell recordings?

If Mr. Sanger can help us to identify the bells which are being relayed, I think it will make the recordings all the more interesting to listen to. Whoever the ringers are, I would like to congratulate them on really first-rate striking which is a model to us all.—Yours truly,

**A. J. GOULD.**

Portishead.

## MANUDEN HAS FIVE BELLS

Dear Sir,—The letter from my friend Ron Russ makes interesting reading, but I am afraid his information is incorrect in one particular.

Unless the ring at Manuden, Essex, has been augmented very recently and with great secrecy, it consists of five bells only! The tenor is certainly about a semitone sharp, a peculiarity shared with, among others, the five in the unusual wooden detached tower at Brookland, Kent.—Yours sincerely,

**PETER N. BOND.**

Fordcombe, Kent.

We are sorry to hear that Eric Edginton, of King's Bromley, has been in hospital for a number of weeks. Friends who rang in a peal at Mavesyn Ridware express through it a 'get well soon' message.

## 'TIN CANS' REFUTED

Dear Sir,—There is a saying about three churches in the Isle of Axholme: 'Haxey for ringing, Epworth for singing, and Belton for old tin cans.' How and when it originated, or how widely known it is I cannot say, but so far as Belton is concerned it does not ring true. For soon the bells of All Saints' Parish Church will ring out in stronger protest to what its parishioners consider is an unkind and unjust jibe.

The four bells, one bearing the date 1643, and the tenor weighing just over 11 cwt., are soon to be augmented to a Minor ring by Taylors, of Loughborough.

The villagers contend that the bells of Belton are as sweet and harmonious as those of other churches of similar size in the district.

Several years ago an appeal was launched, and from parishioners and owners of land in the parish £1,700 was raised to put the bells and tower in a good condition.

The Loughborough founders installed a new steel frame, making provision for two new bells, and also tuned the four bells and hung them on ball-bearings. At the same time a Doncaster firm attended to the stonework and strengthened the tower.

Since 1955, when the bells were rededicated, the local ringers have raised approximately £250 by running dances and other social events in the village hall towards the cost of installing two new bells. Another £200 is needed to cover the cost of these bells, which will be in their place in the new frame by July or August.

At the time the bells were being rehung the ringers were busy building a new floor immediately under the bells. In February of this year the ringers were employed in a job of a similar nature in their spare time. They built a new floor in the belfry from which they now ring. The new ringing floor is nine feet above the old one, which is now used as a choir vestry.

When the local ringers first started to ring they were instructed by the Haxey band, and when they get their new bells they will require instruction in method ringing.

Any donations to the cost of the bells will be greatly appreciated, however small, sent to the following address: M. Rose, High Street, Belton, near Doncaster.

## SUB-EDITORIAL INJUSTICE?

Dear Sir,—It is not like you to be thoughtless or unkind. On the contrary.

I therefore cannot understand your note in 'Belfry Gossip' about Mr. Hazell's letter to the 'Radio Times'. I have had the pleasure of ringing with Mr. Hazell for a long time, and I can assure you that he is an experienced ringer and he would certainly not write such a misstatement. I assumed, and now know, that your opposite number on the 'Radio Times' so abbreviated his letter as to make nonsense of it.—Yours faithfully,

**T. N. HAWKINS.**

Windsor.

## THEOLOGY AND 'THE RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—I am wondering whether you ought to change the title of 'The Ringing World,' as there seems to be a tendency for people to dogmatise on subjects other than bell-ringing. Some weeks ago we found a churchwarden telling the clergy how to do their work, and now on May 1st another layman seeks to instruct us in evangelism and at the same time teach us theology. 'The Ringing World' hardly seems to be the place to debate these topics, but I hope you will excuse my further misuse of your columns, for I cannot let Mr. Jones' statements go unchallenged.

In his exposition of Christ's teaching on forgiveness, Mr. Jones quotes scripture with the words: 'Judge not . . .', when he has just done that very thing in condemning the action of the Vicar of Shareshill. 'The Vicar . . . has failed in one of his paramount duties.' 'This one has decided that as far as he is concerned God can dispense with this group.' Christ taught us always to forgive—yes, but that did not prevent Him from soundly condemning people like the Pharisees for their hypocrisy and just sham of religion.

These ringers each stated categorically that they had no intention of attending church. That they should be allowed to continue to call the faithful to worship, and to handle the very instruments that ring out to the glory of God, would surely be hypocrisy, if not indeed bordering on blasphemy.

Mr. Jones goes on further to fall into the prevalent heresy of suggesting that church attendance is merely 'a sign of healthy Christianity,' but that a person can be just as good a Christian without it. The popularity of this view in no way makes it right. The Church, with all its weight of scholarship, has said for the last 1,900 years that the Bible clearly teaches us that churchgoing is an essential part of Christianity. Of course, the Church may have been wrong all this time, and Mr. Jones right—but I hardly think so.

If Mr. Jones wishes to continue the argument, perhaps he would do so in the 'Church Times,' or some such paper, because I buy 'The Ringing World' to read about bell-ringing, not pastoralia and homespun theology.—Yours sincerely,

**REV. D. G. BRUNNING.**  
Curate of Usk.

## SIMULTANEOUS PEALS WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—At the annual meeting of the Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers on April 30th a motion was passed withdrawing from the records of the Guild the two simultaneous handbell peals rung by members of the Guild on November 30th, 1958.—Yours faithfully,

**JAMES R. TAYLOR.**  
Hon. Secretary.

## Cambridge University Guild

Officers of the Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers for the year 1959-60 are: President, the Rev. A. C. Blyth (Selwyn); hon. treasurer, Dr. C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn); Master, P. H. Langton (Trinity); hon. secretary, J. R. Taylor (St. Cath's); librarian, P. Hodson, Emma).

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## BELL RESTORATION IN HEXTON'S RUINED TOWER

The chalk tower of St. Faith's Church, Hexton, near Hitchin, Herts, partly collapsed during severe weather in 1947 and, as reported in these columns, the three bells (one nearly 600 years old) clung to a precarious perch amid rotting timbers until they were lowered to safety and stored in the church.

In the last few years the church has undergone a major restoration: a new west window has been installed and the tower made into a safe ruin, with only two walls standing, though this is not apparent from the road, whence it appears to be a normal tower.

Finally, through the generosity of Mr. Francis de Lautour, descendant of the Lords of the Manor of Hexton, in memory of his father, the bells have been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in a ground-floor wooden frame, installed, under a cedarwood roof, in the open base of the tower. They are chimed by an Ellacombe apparatus inside the church—an unusual but necessary arrangement.

The canons and original clappers have been retained but new crown-staples have been fitted. The first and third bells (tenor about 9 cwt.) came from the Chandler foundry at Drayton Parslow, Bucks, and are dated 1697 and 1688 respectively. The second bears the inscription 'Ave Maria' and a cross which is attributed to William Rufford, the London founder of the mid-14th century.

## TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The spring festival of the Truro Branch was held at Crantock on April 25th. About 65 ringers were present, including the president (Mr. A. Carveth), the Ringing Master (Mr. D. Burnett), the Rev. A. S. Roberts and Mr. W. H. Southard, vice-presidents. Mr. Alan Pink, an Oxford ringer, who was a frequent visitor to Cornwall before the war, was also made most welcome.

The service was taken by the Rev. A. S. Roberts and the Vicar of Crantock preached. Ringers formed the choir with Mr. Gouk, of Crantock, at the organ. The new Guild Office was used, and the collection for Branch funds came to £2 5s. 3d.

A lovely tea, given by people of Crantock and served by the wives of local ringers and others, was held in the Church Hall. A small charge was made for the tea, which produced £2 10s. 6d. for general Guild funds.

The methods rung ranged from rounds to Bob Minor, and after tea the eight bells of St. Columb Minor and the six at Newlyn were available, and many went to these towers.

## Gratefully Acknowledged

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Mr. T. Strangeway has succeeded Mr. Irvin Slack as president of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

### West Dorset Branch

Twenty-five ringers were present at the quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch held at Symondsbury on April 11th. Seven towers in the Branch were represented, with visitors from Yetminster, and Dr. Paul Jonason, from East Harling.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. D. D. Moore) and Mrs. Lewis was organist. Tea was served in the former drawing room of the old Rectory, a building of great proportions, with over 20 bedrooms, telling of an age that is past.

Although having only just returned from the Clerical Guild's tour of Kent, Canon Cox presided at the business meeting. Only two items of interest arose—the dedication of the peal board in memory of the late Rev. F. L. Edwards, at Kington Magna on May 9th, and the next quarterly meeting at Evershot on July 4th. Ringing during the day included London Surprise Minor.

### Dorchester Branch

When the Dorchester Branch held their spring quarterly meeting at Piddlehinton, two new members from the local tower and four from the new band, at Piddletrenthide were welcomed by the chairman (Rev. P. J. Heaton). The next meeting will be at Cattistock, and Branch practices are arranged for St. Peter's, Dorchester, on May 23rd, Little Cheney on June 6th, Leigh on June 20th.

The Rector (Rev. E. W. Davies) conducted the service and based his address on fellowship of membership of the Guild, and being joined together in one common purpose of calling others to worship and then joining them in the service. Tea was served at the New Inn to 33 members.

## SILENT PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE ATTEMPT

On Whit Monday, at St. Saviour's Church, Oxton, Wirral, Cheshire, an attempt will be made by members of the Central Council to ring (silent) a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods. Start, 10 a.m. Composition: 5,152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR in four methods

By A. J. PITMAN

23456	M	W	B	H
45236	—	—	—	LCCSC
24536	3	—	—	LBBSL
54632	—	—	—	LSL
36245	—	—	—	SSSCSS
24365	—	—	—	LSL
32465	—	3	—	LSBBL
42563	—	—	—	CSCCL
35264	—	—	—	CSCSL
35642	—	—	—	CSBBBB
35426	—	—	—	BBBBSC
42356	—	—	—	LSCSC
25463	2	2	—	LBLLLLL
34562	—	—	—	LCL
46532	—	2	—	CSCSBSL
53462	—	—	—	BBBBBBL
45362	—	—	—	LCL
23564	—	3	—	CSCSBL
52364	—	—	—	CSCCL
43265	—	3	—	CSCSBL
64235	—	—	3	LSLBB
52436	—	—	—	LCL
43526	3	—	—	LBBSCSC
54326	—	—	—	LCCSC
32546	3	—	—	LBBSCSC
53246	—	—	—	LCL
62345	—	—	—	LBBBBBB
24653	—	—	—	CSCS
25346	2	—	—	SSBSL
23456	—	—	2	LCLB

1,280 Cambridge, 1,280 Superlative,  
1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol.

## GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Despite pouring rain from early morning to 6 p.m., 48 ringers sat down to tea at the quarterly meeting of the S.W. Branch at Lifton on April 25th. Many came from a distance, including the president (Preb. E. V. Cox), who made the journey of 64 miles. Another welcome visitor was Mr. W. J. Harvey, after his illness. A bright service, conducted by the Rector, was followed by an excellent tea provided by the ladies.

At the business meeting it was announced that Mr. Fice (Stowford) and Miss Doreen Smith (Emmanuel, Plymouth) had qualified for Guild certificates. Miss Virginia Drake (Emmanuel), Mr. Hodge (Plymouth St. Maurice) and Mr. Williams (Lifton) were elected performing members, and the Rector and the Rev. R. J. Hearne honorary members.

Ringings were supervised by Mr. T. G. Myers, and afterwards several members visited St. Stephen's, Launceston, and were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Hillman. While the Branch can claim few honours in ringing peals or even quarter peals, a very happy spirit prevails.

## HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Owing to the second rope breaking as the first team were ringing their test piece, there was an hour's delay in the 6-bell contest at Earlsheaton on April 18th, and ringing was restricted to six-score practice and 360 changes. The judge (Mr. George Perrin) gave his results as follows: Frieze 33 faults, Shelley 65, Meltham 73, Thornhill 99, Batley 169, Kirkheaton 199.

Receiving the silver cup, Mr. Joseph Burgess said it had taken Frieze many years of hard endeavour to reach the top. He advised all bands to keep on trying. This was endorsed by the chairman (Mr. E. Earnshaw), who said the main aim of the Association's contests was to improve Sunday service ringing by the way of striking.

Wishes for a speedy recovery from illness are to be sent to Mr. Hemingway (Dransfield), and the secretary was instructed to make enquiries as to the cost of an Association badge.

## UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD GUILD

The University of Sheffield Guild held a day tour in North Derbyshire on April 25th. After a week of sunny weather, two cars set out in pouring rain, which was to last all day. A good start was made at Bakewell (8), and a reasonable standard of ringing was maintained at the other towers visited. These were Great Longstone (6), Eyam (6), Tideswell (8), Fairfield (8) and Burbage (6), all of which proved to have easily-handled rings. A variety of methods was rung, and a touch of Stedman Triples at Fairfield was probably the best of the day.

## UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

The Society's 14th annual general meeting was held in the Parish Hall of St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, on May 2nd, preceded by ringing at St. Lawrence Jewry.

Considerable time was occupied by amendments to the constitution of the Society. Reports by the Master, secretary and treasurer having been read and adopted, officers for 1959-60 were elected. Philip Gray was re-elected as president. Other officers elected include: Master, Mr. J. M. Lakin; treasurer, Mr. M. R. Rose; secretary, Mr. M. P. Barton. City and Guilds College, Exhibition Road, S.W.7. Denis Layton was re-elected as Central Council representative.

After discussion of the Whitsun and summer tours the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to all who had helped with the arrangements.



# OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY'S EASTER TOUR

THIS year the tour was centred on Cambridge and lasted from March 30th until April 3rd. What the attraction was never made itself apparent, but the fact remains that the organised organiser, Dermot Roaf, had managed to persuade upwards of 30 members of the Society, past and present, to come, by inordinate efficiency and a quite indecent amount of circularisation.

After a dinner on Saturday, ominously indicative of what was to come, Dermot reprinted his programme which, although timed in detail gave rise to doubts in the minds of some when they saw the word 'peal' no less than nine times, turning to genuine dismay when it was realised that lunch was given between half and one hour. However, we trusted.

Easter Sunday arrived, and according to our programme one ringer was required at Trumpington (8) to make up the band for a quarter peal at 6.10 a.m. One was duly sent, and returned later to announce that the programme was absolutely correct—only six locals appeared.

A breakfast maintaining the trend noted (this eventually caused the formation of a splinter group who breakfasted at 'The Waffle') was followed by ringing at Trumpington, where we were pleased to find Ralph Edwards, who helped prevent the tenor falling into unskilled hands. Other Cambridge towers were in use during the day and a peal attempt at Harston for London Minor ceased abruptly with the Master acting on humanitarian principles and calling 'Stand' when the 'Wealdman' on the third complained of physical disability. Longstanton's pleasant light eight, although somewhat odd-struck, in the afternoon helped make Sunday a busy day.

On Monday morning a coach awaited the party outside Great St. Mary's, a peal band was deposited at Trumpington (where Rutland appears to have been successfully rung) and the remainder proceeded to Ickleton—a good eight, albeit rather hard to hear inside. Saffron Walden gave the party its only opportunity to prove its inability on 12, a failing which had repercussions later in the day.

Dermot had allowed a full 35 minutes for lunch, and quite unreasonably the party arrived late at Long Melford (a ring of eight of indifferent quality which is not in keeping with the magnificence of the structure). At Lavenham the octave was rung to many pleasant touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich until the others arrived in time to ring London *et alia*. Everyone seemed to arrive within a quarter of an hour of each other at Clare (8, 28 cwt.), where some difficulty was encountered with bells which do not quite live up to their weight.

We arrived in Cambridge to hear of the events that followed the somewhat anguished moments when our itinerant conductor and composer learnt that the peal of Cambridge Maximus at Great St. Mary's this day had been reduced to Stedman Cinques. The Master, though calm and collected, was sorely tried whilst endeavouring to restore order. The peal was scored in an unusually short time, the tenor always on the watch for the chance to score a few changes of Maximus. In the evening some went to Chesterton, whilst others 'youngerred' and then unearthed a fair.

Tuesday.—The peal band departed for Whittlesey, raising St. Ives bells (8) for the back ringers on the way, and duly scored four-spliced which was probably recognisable as such. Meanwhile the others rang on the eight and six bells at Huntingdon—no windows in the belfry at the former meant candlelight, which showed up some members to best effect! After lunch

with the Rumps, in their café, everyone met at Whittlesey (St. Andrew's), an eight of dubious origin. A Minor band (U.A. owing to lack of volunteers) went to Wisbech (St. Mary's) and rang a peal, whilst the remainder visited March (an excellent ring of six and a church with a fine angel roof) and Wisbech (SS. Peter and Paul's, a good ten), where we were met by the Ven. J. P. Pelloc, an old member of the Society. An excellent high tea followed, provided by the Archdeacon, and was much appreciated (in spite of the Master's speech). Hilgay (8 bells) saw the party in Norfolk for the first time, and an uncondemned touch of Stedman was notable for the fact that many of the onlookers developed coughing fits or cold feet.

Wednesday produced a peal of London on the fine octave at Ely, whilst the rabble gave Strettham (6) and Littleport (8) 'the works.' Lunch was again highly organised and advance bands were sent out according to plan to Soham (10) whilst another party plunged into Suffolk to ring a peal of Stedman Caters at Mildenhall (10), called by the Master (successfully).

The opening of the flat season at Newmarket was manifest in the form of a loud report from the rear, but the coach reached the church with little delay and no loss in mobility. The six here are heavy and pleasant.

At Burwell a pleasant hour passed on the light eight, which sound 'different' (in no derogatory sense).

St. Benet's (6) and—yes—Trumpington (8) were available in the evening for those who had not had enough; and as there are some who don't know where to stop, they didn't.

Thursday—the last day of the tour—was memorable. A considerable furore occurred over the planned attempt for Glasgow at Eaton Socon, and Superlative was substituted but lost by a U.A. band after about three-quarters of an hour. The others, spared the necessity of peal ringing, enjoyed St. Neots' bells to the full, a really fine eight in a magnificent tower, and then Eynesbury bells, an anti-clockwise six.

Biggleswade's proved to be an excellent light eight, and the interesting spectacle of the second saying 'Treble's going—she's gone,' and the Master and organiser having a heated exchange in spiced, whetted our appetites for lunch. The afternoon saw us at Baldock, with a heavy, rolling, tub-thumping eight, and Royston, where the theoretical Glasgow band managed a course. Barkway has a good ring and a beautifully-decorated church amidst pleasant surroundings. In the evening the R.C. church at Cambridge, with a truly splendid ring, produced some good touches. This night something most unusual happened. The Master, without his consent, was given a bath in a cold liquid abhorrent to the perpetrators, whilst clad in his two-tone nightwear. A few minutes later his reappearance in his 'twills' so enraged the few that a further incident took place, not at all becoming to the victim's official position.

And so to the 'mystery tour' on Friday, arranged by Mrs. Woolley for anyone heading in the direction of London. Ringing took place at Long Stanton, Over, Benington (of Squire Proctor fame—a beautiful spot) and Ware—a good, if odd-struck, ring here: a pleasant conclusion to an excellent tour, for which we all owe Dermot our grateful thanks. The handbell ringers (who scored twice), the bridge school (imps under my bed), the layabouts and the juveniles—all had their fill, which is good going.

To conclude, grateful thanks must be tendered to the incumbents and local ringers, whose co-operation is essential for any tour; also to the drivers (and Donald) who suffered much tolerantly.

## OBITUARY

### MR. WILFRED W. BAILEY

After an illness lasting three years, Mr. Wilfred W. Bailey, one of the 11 bellringing brothers of St. Margaret's Church, Leiston, Suffolk, died in London on March 4th, aged 60 years. He was cremated at Putney Vale on March 11th and his remains were laid to rest in The Garden of Remembrance at Leiston during Easter. Mr. Bailey was for many years associated with the tower of St. Mary Abbot's, London.

### MR. WILLIAM STIFF

Mr. William Stiff, who for upwards of 30 years was a ringer at St. Mary's, Mistley, Essex, died on April 23rd.

A native of Suffolk, he learned to ring at Monks Eleigh, in the early 1890's, and was an able ringer and conductor of Minor methods. He was something of a character and would tell many a tale of the Suffolk ringers of his early days, such as Arthur Symonds, of Lavenham, and the Slaters, of Glemsford. Although his peal total was not great he was very punctual in attendance at Sunday ringing and at practice. Such men as he are hard to replace. The funeral took place on April 30th.

## 50 YEARS AGO

### 'THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD'

May 15th, 1909

Peals recorded: Treble Boh Royal 1. Stedman Caters 1. Grandsire Caters 2. Superlative Surprise Major 1. Treble Boh Major 5. Boh Major 2. Stedman Triples 2. Grandsire Triples 4. Minor 3. Doubles 2: total 27. Hand peals: Grandsire Caters 2. Grandsire Triples 2.

It is reported that: 'On Thursday, April 29th, Southwell Cathedral was the scene of the wedding of Mr. E. H. Lewis, of Frodsham, to the daughter of Archdeacon Richardson, of Southwell.'

This year it is reported that a larger number than usual of Societies have not as yet paid their affiliation fee.

## THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION

### Eastern Branch

Winterton, on the Norfolk Coast, was the venue for the meeting of the Eastern Branch on April 25th. The weather, as seems usual whenever a meeting is held at this village, was gusty and wet, but the spirits of the members and friends were certainly not dampened.

The stiff climb up Norfolk's highest tower was tackled by two octogenarians, Messrs. Lidbetter and Harwood, who then proceeded to ring as if they had just had their normal daily constitutional.

The service was conducted by the new incumbent, the Rev. M. P. Bird, who, in welcoming the members, said it was a joy to him to hear his six bells ringing, as at present there are only five ringers.

The meeting was presided over by the Branch chairman, Mr. E. R. Goate, and was attended by the Association president, Mr. F. Nolan Golden. Members stood in silent tribute to the memory of Mr. J. White, of Pakefield, who died recently.

After hearing how, at Happisburgh, another coastal parish, a band of youngsters are teaching themselves ringing with the aid of 'Ropesight' only, the members unanimously voted to hold the next meeting there on July 4th. Mr. E. T. Chapman, Branch Ringing Master, announced that the method for special study at the meeting at Happisburgh would be Stedman Slow Course Minor.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Rector and Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Howard, the organist, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Woodhouse, who, with local ladies, organised the excellent tea.



## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

The 60th annual meeting was held at Lincoln on April Fair Saturday, as it had been over the years of the Guild's existence. There was the usual ringing to suit all tastes at the Cathedral (12), St. Giles' (8), St. Peter at Gowts' (6) and St. Botolph's (6). At the Cathedral Evensong the Lord Bishop of Lincoln welcomed the Guild to Lincoln and later joined the members at tea in the Chapter House. This was the second time that this ancient building had been used for the ringers' tea, and the expressions of satisfaction made one feel that this would be a very pleasant feature of Guild meetings in the future.

The business meeting was held in the Consistory Court, the Guild president (the Dean of Lincoln) presiding.

### THE MASTER'S REPORT

The Master (Mr. J. A. Freeman) in his report stated that there was a marked decrease in 1958 in the peal total—101 as compared with 129 in 1957. There were no outstanding peals but the methods rung were up to the standard that had been set by members during recent years.

The year 1958 saw the end of the Northern Branch: it had been replaced by the North and West Lindsey Branches and the Central Branch. He expressed thanks to the two retiring officers—Mr. F. Lord, for ten years hon. secretary of the Northern Branch, and Mr. J. Walden, for 30 years Ringing Master of the Lincoln District.

Another milestone was the diamond jubilee of the Guild. Members should again remember with gratitude not only the men who founded the Guild but also those who over the years have given their services to improve the standard of the ringing, and those who have so efficiently carried on the administrative work.

There was a lengthy discussion on the contents of the 1958 Guild report; some felt that too much stress was placed on peal ringing and not enough on service ringing: this was disputed by others.

There was also criticism of the method of carrying out the recent survey of service ringing in the diocese. The hon. secretary explained that forms were sent to each Branch and District secretary, and from the returns a reasonably accurate summary had been prepared. It had been very difficult in areas where there were no members or in some no ringers: it was gratifying to know that these cases were few. These discussions showed that members were interested in the standard of service ringing—a very healthy sign.

Further details were given of the arrangements for the diamond jubilee dinner to be held at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Lincoln, on October 17th.

All the officers were re-elected with the exception of the auditors. Mr. C. Brown, now being a member of the Guild committee resigned, and Mr. J. L. Millhouse was elected to serve with Mr. W. Tomlinson.

There were many young members present, some ringing on 12 bells for the first time, and the enthusiasm showed made one feel the Guild could go forward into the years that lie ahead with every confidence.

## HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Nine Eastern District towers were represented at the meeting at Little Munden on April 11th. The service was conducted by the Vicar, and Miss Lawrence and her helpers provided a very acceptable tea. Various methods were rung with varying degrees of success, notably Cambridge, Woodbine T.B. and Double Oxford. A resume of the Association's A.G.M. was passed on by the District secretary, who was asked to apply for Bishop's Stortford bells for the May meeting.

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### BIRTH

**BRAY.**—On May 3rd, 1959, to Mewyn and Dirst Bray (nee Banks), of Plot 7, New Bunglows, Bridgemary Road, Bridgemary, Gosport, a son (Philip Kevin). 4361

### ENGAGEMENT

**ORLAND—PACKWOOD.**—The engagement is announced between Ernest George Orland, of Long Buckley, Northants, and Janet Eileen Packwood, of Earls Barton, Northants. 4346

### PERSONAL

**SCATTERGOOD.**—Many happy returns and sincere greetings for your birthday, Sam, on May 19th. Good luck, good health and happiness always. 4352

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### MISCELLANEOUS

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The new secretary of the Ely District is Mr. D. F. Murfet, 12, Power Road, Sutton, Ely, Cambs. 4372

**UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.**—In view of our intention to apply for affiliation to the Central Council, would all interested members who have not returned a circular form to me please forward their names and addresses.—B. J. Wyld, Churchill Hall, Stoke Bishop, Bristol. 9. 4344

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### MEETINGS

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Meeting at Holywell (6), Saturday, May 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 4325

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Meeting at Shere, Saturday, May 16th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Bells available afterwards with Albury (6) from 6.30 p.m. 4309

**HAWKHURST GUILD.**—Meeting, Smarden Saturday, May 16th. 4333

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting at Wheathampstead (6), May 16th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 4322

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Egerton, May 16th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—R. L. Silks, Dis. Sec. 4316

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Waterfoot, Saturday, May 16th. Ringing 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 4340

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—By-meeting, Saturday, May 16th. St. Anne's, Highgate, 2.30 to 3.30. St. Stephen's, Hampstead, 4 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Further ringing till 8 p.m. Practice meeting, May 27th, West Ham, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Please note time. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Sec. 4334

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.W.—Meeting at St. Leonard's, Heston, May 16th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business and further ringing. Special method: Oxford Bob Triples.—E. R. Gotham, Dis. Sec. 4324

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Monthly meeting, Eastington, Saturday, May 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (3s. 6d.). Names, please, to Mrs. J. Bradshaw, High Street, Eastington, near Goole.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 4348

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Practice meeting at Hartfield (6), Saturday, May 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 4327

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Seaford (8), Saturday, May 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—George North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 4314

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Annual meeting at Cawthorne, near Barnsley, May 16th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea in the Parish Hall 5 p.m. Hoylandswaine bells (6) will also be available. New reports will be ready. Buses to Cawthorne from Barnsley bus station at 5 past and 20 past each hour.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 4328

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting at Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday, May 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4337

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Annual General Meeting at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 18th. Service in the Cathedral at 11 a.m., conducted by the Provost; address by the Ven. J. E. Elvin, Archdeacon of West Ham. Annual general meeting to follow immediately after the service in the Chapter House. Tea, coffee, etc., available from 10.15 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m., cost 5s. Tea at a running buffet from 5 p.m. to 6.15 p.m., cost 2s. 6d. The following towers will be available from 9.45 to 10.30 a.m. and from 7 to 8 p.m.: Brentwood (8), Great Dunmow (8), Rayleigh (8) and Witham (8); from 3 to 6 p.m.: Galleywood (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Great Baddow (8), Danbury (6), Sanddon (6), Little Baddow (5), and from 6 to 9 p.m.: Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6), Ford End (6). Lunch and tea tickets (stamped addressed envelope, please) from F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. Tea and lunch tickets 6d. extra if not purchased prior to the meeting. 4266

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, East Brent (6), Saturday, May 23rd, 5 p.m.—David H. White. 4345



**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Dunster Branch.—Branch practice at Minehead, May 23rd, 7 p.m. Grandsire and Plain Bob.—A. R. Tudball. 4376

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Hartford, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to R. W. Worrall, 1, Vale Road, Hartford, Northwich. 4351

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—Market Drayton, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (2s. 3d.) at The Boiling Kettle. Names by May 20th, please.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 4363

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKS ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting, Carlton-in-Cleveland, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 4353

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—Meeting, Arley, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 20th to Callow, 36, Torbay Road, Coventry. 4341

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Ormston-by-Ashbourne, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting in Shoulder of Mutton. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Dis. Sec., 29, Short Row, Belper. No names no tea. Come and enjoy a ring in this delightful village.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 4356

**DEVON GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Branch.—Practice meeting, Clyst St. George, Saturday, May 23rd, 7 p.m. 4370

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ely District.—Meeting, Stretham, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 4371

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.E. District.—Meeting, Great Bentley, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Numbers for tea, please, by Wednesday, May 20th, to J. H. Gould, Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 4364

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting, Blockley (8), Saturday, May 23rd, 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by May 19th.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 4369

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting at Marshfield (8), Saturday, May 23rd. Service and tea. Names for tea to J. Edwards Woodham, 1, Market Place, Marshfield, near Chippenham, Wilts. 4357

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Bentley (6), Saturday, May 23rd, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4362

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Cradley, on Saturday, May 23rd. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woodfields, Coddington, Ledbury. 4347

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Enderby, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by the Wednesday previous to Mr. W. Salt, 53, John Street, Enderby, Leics.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 4354

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD** (Loughborough District) and the **MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Joint meeting, Measham, on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. 4358

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Louth (8), May 23rd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by May 20th to Mr. Avery, 18, Broadbank, Louth. 4323

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Radyr, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles. 4335

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held in Norwich on Saturday, May 23rd. Service St. Peter Mancroft Church 4.15 p.m. Tea, Chantry Hall, 5. Business meeting 5.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Cromer Road, Norwich, not later than Wednesday, May 20th. Ringing arrangements, 1.30 to 4 p.m.: St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. Giles' (8), and St. George's, Colegate (6). Bells will be available after business meeting.—W. Love, Gen. Sec. 4315

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting at Cholsey on Saturday, May 23rd. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Please notify for tea, J. Money, 77, Wallingford Road, Cholsey, Berks.—A. E. Lock, Branch Sec. 4318

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Chesham (6), Saturday, May 23rd, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 20th.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor (Windsor 1484). 4360

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—Evening meeting, Lilbourne and Stanford, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells from 6 p.m. 4355

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Barrowden, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday.—W. C. A. Clark, Sec. 4374

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Mansfield District.—Meeting, Warsop (6), on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 20th, to H. T. Rooke, 9, York Terrace, Warsop, Mansfield Notts.—D. H. Rooke, Dis. Sec. 4343

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Petworth, on Saturday, May 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 20th to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 4296

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Burwash, Saturday, May 23rd. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to F. Beeny, Sec., Hillbrae, Carters Corner Road, Hailsham. 4342

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A practice meeting will be held at Old Alresford, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall for those who notify by May 19th.—P. Dickinson, Riverbank Cottage, Cheriton, Hants. 4365

**ST. MARY CRAY GUILD OF BELL RINGERS.**—Ringers' service, Sunday, May 24th, 6.30 p.m. Ringing 5.15 p.m. and after service. All welcome.—P. G. Braund, Sec. 4347

**GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.**—Annual meeting and dinner, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, Saturday, May 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Dinner 7.15 p.m. Names, please, to D. L. Gullick, Mount View, Stevenage, Herts. 4326

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Wouldham, Saturday, May 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. C. Sibun, 2, Private Road, Wouldham, near Rochester. 4368

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 30th, Feltham. Details later. 4366

**NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, St. Mathew's, Buckley, Saturday, May 30th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 26th, to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 4359

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Gaywood, Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Friday, 29th, to C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 4373

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—Meeting, St. Edmund's, Northampton, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the bells, Saturday, May 30th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (no charge) 5. Social (no charge) 8 p.m. Names for tea by Saturday previous to E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton. 4339

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—East Knoyle, Saturday, May 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by 26th. Hindon available in evening.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 4367

## FIRST PRESIDENT OF LADIES' GUILD

Members of the Ladies' Guild will be interested to learn that Mrs. Rosetta Alice Sullivan (née Alice White), now 78, is living at Eventide Home, Galt, Ontario, Canada. She has a collection of 150 bells made of china, brass, bronze, silver and gold from all parts of the world.

Mrs. Sullivan began bellringing at the age of 12 at St. Michael's, Basingstoke, and was the first woman to ring a peal. She was the first president of the Ladies' Guild, and at Eventide Home she still has the bell mounted on a wooden frame, which was presented to her by the Ladies' Guild.

She first went to Canada in 1920 and remained there until 1931, when she and her husband returned to England. They built a bungalow on the South Coast, near Worthing.

The Sullivans were in England when World War II broke out; her home was wrecked by blast from a bomb and about half of her collection of 300 souvenir bells was lost. They then returned to Canada and for ten years lived at Kitchener. In 1954 she met with serious injuries in an accident suffering a double fracture of the pelvis and was laid up for a long time. Her husband died in 1955. For the past 18 months she has been living at Eventide, 255, St. Andrew's Street, Galt, Ontario.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

When the Bicester and District Branch held their meeting at Launton on May 2nd, Mr. Frederick Sharpe had his exhibition of photographs of bells, frames and founders' marks on view as well as a selection of his handbells. A short recital was given by the Launton Handbell Ringers at the conclusion of the meeting.

Visitors included Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins. At the business meeting, Capt. A. D. and Mrs. Sayer, Mr. Graham Penn and Mr. W. Townsend were elected members.

The Rev. J. H. B. Elkerton conducted the service, the Rev. C. P. Sherwood preached and the Master of the Guild (Rev. C. Elliot Wigg) gave the Blessing. An excellent tea was provided by Mrs. Sherwood and helpers. The entrance to the ringing chamber is via an iron ladder holted to the wall, and the fine afternoon reduced the hazards of the climb.

**SLOUGH, BUCKS.**—On April 30th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: K. Ward (first quarter) 1. Pamela Jervis 2. Valerie Hoby (first of Triples and in the method 'inside') 3. Janet Adamson 4. Linda Kew 5. J. R. A. Muller (first of Grandsire Triples 'inside') 6. W. Birmingham (cond.) 7. D. Livingston 8. A 14th birthday compliment to Valerie Hoby.



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## QUARTER PEALS

**BIDDENHAM, BEDS.**—On April 22nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): W. Rivett 1, F. Tysoe 2, Mary Tysoe 3, C. M. Payne 4, C. D. Mann 5, W. J. Dowler (cond.) 6.

**GOLDINGTON, BEDS.**—On Mar. 29th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Miss D. Hopkins 1, Mrs. Marshall 2, L. Duffield 3, E. White 4, J. Blick 5, J. Edwards (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob for 1 and 2. Rung before the children's Easter service.

**OTTERSHAW, SURREY.**—On May 3rd, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: R. Pashley (first quarter) 1, D. Pugh (first 'inside') 2, Hazel Pugh 3, Elizabeth Loveland 4, D. Wright (cond.) 5, H. Kingston 6. For Evensong.

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