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SOME CHESHIRE BELLS

THE names of Mottram and Stockport are familiar to our readers. It is an area where change-ringing has a long tradition, an area in which long-length peals have been scored. The bells of these two deaneries constitute Part VI of 'Cheshire Bells,' the work of Mr. J. W. Clarke, Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild, and the publication adds to the extensive records of English bells.

Throughout the last century this was a happy hunting ground for prize ringing and the spectacular side of our art. For example, the Rudhall eight at St. Michael's, Mottram, completed in 1805, were visited by the College Youths of Ashton-under-Lyne, and John Holt's Ten-Part of Grandsire Triples was rung in 2 hours 23½ minutes, and according to a scribe of that period was described as 'the best and quickest ringing ever performed in this kingdom.' It was also on these bells that the record length of 16,800 Kent Treble Bob was rung in 9 hours 40 minutes in 1906. The bells were recast in 1910, and in 1922 Mottram was again in the news with the peal of 18,240 changes rung in over 11 hours, which was later found to be false.

Nearby is Northenden, now in the county of Lancashire, having a six famous for prize ringing contests. This, as Mr. Clarke points out, is reflected in the inscriptions on the bells, quite different from the usual style. Thus the treble reads: 'Here goes my brave boys,' followed by 'I'll follow with spirit and pleasure,' and 'Hark how merry my friends are before me.' Finally, the Rudhall tenor of 1750 reads: 'When with my sweet tone your cover'd sir the generous subscription of I^{no} Worthington gent adds dignity to our sound.' These bells have been quarter turned and rehung.

On the subject of inscriptions, in these days, when Church unity is to the fore, the treble at St. Thomas, Norbury, was the gift of the Nonconformist of Hazel Grove, with the wording 'Behold how good and joyful a thing it is brethren to dwell together in unity.' In this tower the Ringer's Bell is the third and is in memory of Pte. Herbert Wilkinson, Loyal North Lancs Regt., who died on December 15th, 1918. The Freemasons of Hazel Grove gave the fourth. Those associated with the Girl Guide movement will like to note that the treble at St. Mark's, Bredbury, was the gift of St. Mark's Rangers, Guides and Brownies.

There are two cases in this area of the bells of one church being acquired by another. The old six bells from St. Mary's, Stockport, were purchased by All Saints, Marple, in 1813, and after the inscriptions had been 'edited' with hammer and chisel were duly hung in the

tower. The Stockport tower, it should be mentioned, was then in a ruinous condition and the bells had been removed. The worsening of the tower's condition is attributed to the prolonged ringing for Nelson's victory at Trafalgar in 1805. The tower then was cracked and was supported by rough buttresses. However, the tower was rebuilt in 1817, and Rudhall was commissioned to cast a new ring of eight at a cost of £1,087, of which Marple appears to have contributed £407. There is now a ring of ten at St. Mary's, Stockport, a restoration, including the recasting of the tenor and the adding of two new trebles, being carried out by Taylors in 1897.

The other case was not so much an acquisition as a presentation. In 1837 Thomas Legh presented the bells of Disley to the newly-built church at Norbury. They were an old six, four being recast in the 17th century by Oldfield. Legh then commissioned Thomas Mears to cast and install a new ring for Disley. The latter bells are still in use, but were rehung with new fittings and oak frame in 1897.

Probably the oldest bell in these two deaneries is a treble at Taxal which was recast from an older bell by Robert Quernby, of Nottingham. This bell is not dated, but the Tudor rose stamp used by Quernby indicates a date between 1570-1592. This bell is still preserved, hanging above the Taylor six of 1904. An interesting story concerns Poynton Church. In the 18th century St. George's, Poynton, was a chapel-of-ease, and the church bell was hung in an adjacent oak tree. This gave rise to the following local rhyme:—

The further you go the more you see

A church without a steeple and a bell hung in a tree.

The bell remained in the tree until 1887. A new church was built in 1859 and the tower added in 1885. Taylors were commissioned to provide a ring of six for the tower in 1887.

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Armstrong-Jones***

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At BISHOP LATIMER'S CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. Treble	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 5
MURIEL REAY 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 6
DAVID J. PURNELL 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
JOHN PINFOLD 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

CLIFTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

BRIAN F. SIMS Treble	DAVID NEWIS 5
GEOFFREY W. MAYES .. 2	JOHN HOBSON 6
SHEILA PERCIVAL 3	PERCY W. THOMPSON .. 7
JILL MAYES 4	JOHN P. HULME Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JOHN P. HULME.

First peal as conductor.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt.

VERNON FORSHAW Treble	KEITH NEWBY 5
MRS. NORMA WALL 2	A. HEDLEY WOOD 6
WILLIAM WALL 3	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. 7
W. THOMAS TURNER .. 4	RAYMOND SUART Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

Rung by the Sunday service band.

HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-Part.

JOHN H. NAPPER Treble	*CLIFFORD J. GARLICK .. 5
DOUGLAS JORDAN 2	ALFRED H. WEBB 6
GEORGE W. BISHOP .. 3	WILLIAM CORDEROY .. 7
WILLIAM L. GILKS 4	DOUGLAS R. BOSLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. WEBB.

* First peal.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

*WILLIAM J. MANNING .. Treble	DORIS E. COLGATE 5
SHEILA M. DOBBIE 2	JOHN O. WELLER 6
PAUL J. DYE 3	WALTER H. DOBBIE .. 7
RICHARD V. FULLER .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal of Major.

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND ANNE.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 32½ cwt.

A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. Treble	F. JOHN NELSON 5
ALAN CAPSTICK 2	H. DAVID HOLLAND .. 6
*LAWRENCE D. CLEMENT .. 3	DEREK TAYLOR 7
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal in the method.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 3 Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in E.

*JEAN HORTON Treble	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 5
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 2	E. WINIFRED KEYS 6
*C. R. CHAD COUSSMAKER .. 3	ERNEST TREAGUS 7
RICHARD G. BLACKMAN .. 4	RAYMOND P. WOOD Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major.

LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

*HUGH BISHOP (Selwyn) .. Treble	ALAN GRIFFIN (Trinity) .. 5
FRANCES SECKER (Girton) .. 2	STAN HOOD (Trinity Hall) .. 6
TERRY PAGE (Downing) .. 3	PETER LANGTON (Trinity) .. 7
† P. B. HODSON (Emmanuel) .. 4	JAMES TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s) Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by PETER LANGTON.

* First peal of Major. † First 'inside.'

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

*FREDERICK PEARSON .. Treble	CYRIL LOW 5
RONALD KENRICK 2	JACK ASHCROFT 6
† PATRICIA BUSS 3	NORMAN HEAPS 7
‡ MARGARET FOREST 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal. † First of Surprise. ‡ First of Bristol on an 'inside' bell.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In three methods, being 1,536 Yorkshire, 2,208 Cambridge and 1,344 Superlative, with 132 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOHN G. AMES Treble	*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 5
*JOHN E. ALLEN 2	STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 6
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 3	*CYRIL R. BURRELL .. 7
*ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 4	*RONALD C. NOON Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

CAROL FERNLEY Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
*JOHN R. GILDEN 2	BASIL JONES 6
MRS. L. BOUMPHREY .. 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 7
EILEEN M. FEARN 4	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by LESLIE BOUMPHREY.

* First peal of Surprise.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 10, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

*SEPTIMUS NEAVE Treble	ARTHUR CROWDER 5
JACK BRAY 2	GEORGE DOBBS 6
C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 3	MICHAEL CROWDER .. 7
RONALD CHAFER 4	GEORGE W. MOODY Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in the method.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Tues., May 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

F. GEORGE BAILEY Treble	ROLAND BENISTON 5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON 2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 6
ARTHUR F. ROWLEY 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 7
JOHN K. SMITH 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Bart.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

ROYAL WEDDING PEALS — Continued

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 10, 1960, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in C.

IVAN SAUNDERS Treble	EDWARD HOWES 5
JOHN WILSON 2	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON .. 6
ERNEST H. MASTIN 3	TONY OWEN 7
FREDA P. GREAVES 4	NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) and (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) College Exercise and Ockley T.B., (4) Norbury and Duke of Norfolk T.B., (5) Kingston and Sandal T.B., (6) London Scholars' Pleasure and Capel T.B., (7) Kent T.B. Tenor 9½ cwt.

GLADYS RICHARDSON .. Treble	HENRY KIRK 4
DOROTHY M. STAFFORD .. 2	JOHN R. KENNETT 5
J. DAVID ADAMS 3	ALEX. RICHARDSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. KENNETT.

IDLE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

*FRED S. WILKINSON .. Treble	*BERNARD CLOUGH 4
*DAVID ROBERTSHAW .. 2	MICHAEL S. BRUCE 5
THOMAS HILL 3	D. PETER J. BRUCE .. Tenor

Conducted by D. PETER J. BRUCE.

* First peal. First as conductor. First ever by local company.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being five extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, New Grand-sire, Reverse St. Bartholomew and two six-scores of Grandsire.

Tenor 9 cwt.

IVOR G. JONES Treble	CHARLES PHILLIPS 4
MICHAEL V. POWELL 2	LESLIE H. COLCOMBE .. 5
REGINALD G. POWELL .. 3	ALFRED J. WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

First peal in nine methods by all the band, and on the bells.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three 720's Cambridge Surprise and four 720's Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

JOHN WATKINS Treble	A. JAMES POYNOR 4
JENNIFER STRATFORD .. 2	MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 5
KEITH B. TOWNSEND .. 3	MICHAEL E. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

SUTTON, MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*PETER WM. HORN Treble	HILARY L. KIRKMAN 4
*PATRICIA A. HULLEY .. 2	ANTHONY WM. LAWTON .. 5
CHARLES WM. LAWTON .. 3	MRS. E. M. P. LAWTON .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES WM. LAWTON.

* First peal. The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower' on a working bell.

Rung by the Sunday service band.

TYTHERINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREATER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven different extents in two methods: Two of Kent and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*HUGH N. EVANS Treble	CLIFF J. RICHARDS 4
†GILLIAN M. HUSSEY .. 2	†ANTHONY W. GIBBS .. 5
PETER E. PARRY 3	PATRICK J. BIRD .. Tenor

Conducted by PATRICK J. BIRD.

* First peal. † First in two methods. ‡ First in two methods 'inside.' First peal on the newly-augmented bells.

WEST HADDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Reverse Canterbury, ten of Grandsire and 20 of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*SUSAN E. ADAMS Treble	RICHARD J. DANBY 3
†J. FRANCIS JOHNSON .. 2	WILLIAM H. COLLINS .. 4

JOHN E. GODDARD Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD J. DANBY.

* First peal and first attempt. † First in three methods. First as conductor.

CARTMEL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. Treble	W. THOMAS TURNER 4
JAMES BLACKBURN 2	THOMAS F. METCALFE .. 5
KEITH NEWBY 3	FRANK BIRKETT Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A.

SIDNEY CARNALL Treble	*ELEANOR ROSE 4
VALERIE WATERFIELD .. 2	JOHN COATES 5
HAROLD DENMAN 3	RICHARD HOBBS Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.

* First peal in two methods.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: (1) and (2) Killamarsh T.B., (3) and (4) Kent T.B., (5) and (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Oxford T.B. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

EILEEN FEARN Treble	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 4
DOROTHY M. STAFFORD .. 2	JOHN R. KENNETT 5
CAROL FEARNLEY 3	FRANK OSBALDISTON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. KENNETT.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

PERCY W. MILLS Treble	GEORGE N. ORMAN 4
EDWARD E. DAVEY 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS 5
FREDERICK A. HARVEY .. 3	WALTER F. DOWNS .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

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ROYAL WEDDING PEALS — Continued

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS .. Treble	JUNE M. CLEMENTS .. 4
H. W. WOOLVEN .. 2	LEONARD STILWELL .. 5
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 3	MERVYN FROMM .. Tenor

Conducted by MERVYN FROMM.

First peal as conductor.

APSELEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Carlisle, (2) Beverley and Surfleet, (3) Cambridge and Primrose, (4) York, (5) Lightfoot, (6) London, (7) Norwich. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*EDWIN J. UPTON .. Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. 4
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 2	KEITH B. GOOD .. 5
WALTER AYRE .. 3	WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* 75th peal.

SEALE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

EDWARD J. BRAGG .. Treble	ERNEST GARDNER .. 4
WILLIAM M. VIGGERS .. 2	TOM PAGE .. 5
CECIL POYNIZ .. 3	G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON .. Tenor

Conducted by G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 13, 1960, in 3 Hours.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 15 extents of Plain Bob and two of Grand sire. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*H. M. PETER SWANN .. Treble	*COLIN ALLWARD .. 4
*MRS. A. J. FRITH .. 2	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 5
RONALD W. TREASURE .. 3	LESLIE B. COLES .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS C. MOGFORD.

* First peal.

LANE END, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

*WENDY HUSSEY .. Treble	‡DAVID A. CORNWALL .. 4
‡SIDNEY SMITH .. 2	‡COLIN HAGGER .. 5
‡KENNETH SEYMOUR .. 3	*ROGER HAZELL .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER HAZELL.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. ‡ 50th peal. First as conductor. David A. Cornwall has now rung peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus on even numbers.

OTHER PEALS

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., April 21, 1960, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. Treble	MICHAEL ELSON .. 7
MURIEL REAY .. 2	JOHN McDONALD .. 8
RUTH M. BORDER .. 3	ANTHONY AGER .. 9
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 10
RODERICK J. LEES .. 5	JOHN ANDERSON .. 11
JOHN PINFOLD .. 6	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Easter Monday, April 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F.

MURIEL REAY .. Treble	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 6
RODERICK J. LEES .. 3	MICHAEL ELSON .. 7
GEORGE E. FEARN .. 4	JOHN McDONALD .. Tenor

Composed by WM. BARTON.

Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5152 NORTHOLT SURPRISE MAJOR

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

DENNIS KNOX .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER .. 5
THOMAS J. LOCK .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 7
JOAN BERESFORD .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

First peal in the method.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., April 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JUDITH K. HARRIS .. Treble	GORDON H. ARGUILE .. 5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. 2	RALPH ELKINGTON .. 6
ALBAN DISNEY .. 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 7
DAVID S. HARRIS .. 4	WILLIAM A. LACEY .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

100th peal on the bells.

Rung on the eve of the Feast of St. George-the-Martyr.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

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

LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. Treble	BERNARD GROVES .. 5
*EILEEN M. FEARN .. 2	*ROLAND F. ECCLES .. 6
‡CAROL FERNLEY .. 3	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 7
WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

* First peal of D.N.C.B. † First of D.N.C.B. 'inside.'

Rung for the marriage of David John Hilton to Joyce Rothwell, a ringer at this church.

HAVANT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS .. Treble	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 5
ALAN A. J. BUSWELL .. 2	RAYMOND P. WOOD .. 6
LEONARD STILWELL .. 3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 7
ERNEST TREAGUS .. 4	MORGAN MARSHALL .. Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

A wedding compliment to David S. Jones and Margaret E. Marshall, daughter of the ringer of the tenor.

DONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND THE HOLY ROOD.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN G. AMES .. Treble	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 5
JOHN E. ALLEN .. 2	STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 6
RONALD C. NOON .. 3	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 7
FRANK TAYLOR .. 4	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

First peal in the method by all.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK .. Treble	FREDERICK JACKSON .. 5
*ROGER KING .. 2	WALTER ALIMAN .. 6
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 3	CYRIL VALENTINE .. 7
DENIS MADDOCK .. 4	FRANCIS BIBBY .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by DENIS MADDOCK.

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

WERRINGTON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Wed., May 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Grove's variation of Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILFRED C. BOUCHER .. Treble	*D. ROY BOULD .. 5
CHARLES SANGWIN .. 2	A. WILLIAM MYERS .. 6
H. FREDERICK MYERS .. 3	THOMAS G. MYERS .. 7
HARRY STACEY .. 4	OLIVER J. GITTINGS .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* First peal on eight 'inside.'

WILLESSEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIO. GUILD.
On Thurs., May 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRONDESBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

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

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	DENNIS KNOX .. 5
ALICK CUTLER .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK .. 7
JOAN BERESFORD .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method. 400th peal on the bells.

HASELBECH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 13, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 12 lb. in F.

EDWARD M. THRESHER .. Treble	ROBIN WILSON .. 5
*PATRICIA F. CURTIS .. 2	MICHAEL R. BENNETT .. 6
ERIC BILLINGS .. 3	ERNEST G. ORLAND .. 7
ROBERT S. ROBERTS .. 4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

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

* First peal of Major 'inside.' First of Little Bob by all except the conductor.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 13, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

LINDA J. KEW .. Treble	SYDNEY M. BAILEY .. 5
SHEILA WALLACE .. 2	ROY WOODRUFF .. 6
E. DENNIS POOLE .. 3	ROGER HAZELL .. 7
*JOHN E. CAMP .. 4	DAVID A. CORNWALL .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by DAVID A. CORNWALL.

* First peal on eight.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth.

BLOXHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 14, 1960, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF BLOXHAM,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

JOHN T. HIBBERT .. Treble	BRIAN A. CRACKNELL .. 5
CYRIL J. HIBBERT .. 2	ARTHUR SAYERS .. 6
BRIAN MILLS .. 3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 7
DENNIS C. BOWEN .. 4	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Sayers on their wedding anniversary.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY
(Yorkshire Association.)

On Sat., May 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

*RAYMOND WOODWARD .. Treble	IAN TILLING .. 5
MRS. ELSIE CHADDOCK .. 2	PHILIP COOTE .. 6
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 3	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 7
†DAVID G. TRENCH .. 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method.

BRONDESBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

36—56.4.58—58.36—14—3.16—36.1.

8ths place lead-end: 13527486. 4ths place hobs.

SIX BELL PEALS

FITTLEWORTH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 7 cwt.

GEOFFREY R. CRISP .. Treble	RAYMOND A. BROWN .. 4
E. JANE LANGTON .. 2	PETER N. LANGTON .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 3	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER H. LANGTON.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents of Beverley, Surfleet, Durham, York, Ipswich, Primrose and Cambridge.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

WILLIAM R. MARSH .. Treble	L. BLANCHARD .. 4
JAMES HAW .. 2	JAMES H. MUSSON .. 5
CECIL WADE .. 3	ALBERT SCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Marsh.

BRISLINGTON, BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 28, 1960, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven different extents in four methods: One of Cambridge, one of mixed Kent and Oxford, two of Kent and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt.

REGINALD G. HOOPER .. Treble	BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 4
*CLIFF J. RICHARDS .. 2	PATRICK J. BIRD .. 5
D. JOHN HUNT .. 3	F. CECIL MOGFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by PATRICK J. BIRD.

* First peal in four methods. First on the bells.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*VIVIAN R. MATTHEWS .. Treble	HERMON J. OLIVER .. 4
JOAN E. M. HILLS .. 2	LAURENCE H. TURNER .. 5
*ROBERT J. HILLS .. 3	HARRY TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal.

SWANMORE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., May 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of St. Clement's and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*SUSAN M. HADDELEY .. Treble	ROBERT WAKE .. 4
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 2	E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 5
C. R. CHAD COUSSMAKER .. 3	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD E. MATTHEWS.

* First peal.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., May 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

DEREK P. JONES .. Treble	F. GEORGE BAILEY .. 4
JOAN COITON .. 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 5
W. GEOFFREY HAIR .. 3	*RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* 100th peal. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower' to peals. Rung in memoriam Mrs. Eleanor Harriet Jones, grandparent of the conductor, who died April 22nd, aged 89 years, at Hitchin, Herts.

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BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents called differently.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

*DAVID R. POTTS Treble	*T. MICHAEL FREEMAN 4
*BARBARA M. BANGHAM 2	DAVID VINCENT 5
*BARRY B. WARD 3	C. KENNETH LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Lancaster Branch.)

On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

At Holy Trinity Church,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ROSEMARY HARMSWORTH Treble	HERBERT RAINFORD 4
†ANNE BATTY 2	‡GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. 5
‡MRS. DOROTHY ECCLES .. 3	ROLAND F. ECCLES .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal together. § 25th peal on the bells.

A farewell peal to Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Eccles, who are leaving the district.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being extents in seven variations of calling, with no 6-5's at backstroke.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in G.

*JAMES E. PULLON Treble	‡SAMUEL COOK 4
†MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. 2	MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. 5
*HEATHER M. PULLON .. 3	PAUL CATTERMOLLE Tenor

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLLE.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor 'inside.' ‡ First 'inside.'
Rung to mark the commencement of the centenary celebrations of this Church of St. James. Wollaston, opened in spring of 1860.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

CHARLES PERKINS Treble	*FRANK TAYLOR 4
ALAN G. PAYNE 2	J. MARTIN THORLEY 5
JOSEPH W. BAILEY 3	JOHN G. AMES Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* 50th peal on the bells.

SEDLSCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Mon., May 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

JOAN V. GARNETT Treble	WILLIAM BUTTON 4
MARGARET A. LADD 2	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 5
JOHN E. WARNER 3	LESLIE N. MELTON Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., May 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At St. Margaret's Select Vestry Hall.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

DIANA J. PERRINS 1-2	JOHN A. ACRES 5-6
JOHN M. JELLEY 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

BIRSTALL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At 44, BEECHFIELD AVENUE,

A PEAL OF 5296 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

DEREK M. SAWYER 1-2	JOHN A. ACRES 5-6
ERNEST MORRIS 3-4	*B. STEDMAN PAYNE 7-8

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by DEREK M. SAWYER.
* 200th peal for the Guild, and 50th 'in hand.' First as conductor.

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The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

*Quarter Peals rung in honour of
the Wedding of H.R.H. Princess
Margaret and Mr. Antony
Armstrong-Jones*

HALF PEALS

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On May 6th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: M. Legg 1, K. Prime 2, H. Collings 3, D. White 4, S. G. Smith 5, G. Prescott (cond.) 6.

BURGHCLERE, HANTS.—On May 11th, 2,520 Minor (720 Surfcut Surprise, 720 Beverley Surprise, 720 London Surprise, 360 Plain Bob): E. Woolgrove 1, Hazel White 2, R. W. Rex 3, B. Mills 4, R. F. Crook 5, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 6.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On May 6th, 2,520 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Roobottom (14) 1, D. G. Brunning 2, D. Eames (14, first 'inside') 3, D. P. Jones 4, J. K. Smith 5. Jointly conducted.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On May 10th, 2,520 Stedman Doubles: A. J. Bird 1, Margaret Shuttle 2, N. Phillips 3, W. Butler 4, J. Brooks (cond.) 5.

EALING, MIDD.—At Christ the Saviour, on May 10th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: W. G. Wilson (cond.) 1, G. M. Harvey 2, Miss J. Scrutton 3, W. Oatway 4, S. Croft 5, H. W. Rogers 6, D. Theddom 7, Miss E. Palmer 8.

LOWER HEYFORD, OXFORD.—On May 6th, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. West 1, J. Elmer 2, H. Adams (cond.) 3, H. Adams 4, R. Gardener 5, H. P. Adams 6.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. G. White 1, J. Drewitt 2, F. Messenger 3, E. Drewitt 4, H. C. White 5, F. A. White 6, B. R. White (cond.) 7, H. White 8.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.—On May 10th, 720 each of Carlisle Surprise and Cambridge Surprise: Mrs. C. B. Pemberton 1, Margaret R. Jeacock 2, D. G. Marsh 3, J. Fraser Clift (first as cond.) 4, G. M. Roscamp 5, C. B. Pemberton 6.

BRAMPTON, HUNTINGDON.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. Bailey (first quarter) 1, R. F. Baker (cond.) 2, Lucy Allen 3, E. J. Whiting 4, J. W. Allen 5. Also on May 6th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: R. Cooper (first of Stedman) 1, Lucy Allen (cond.) 2, R. F. Baker 3, E. J. Whiting 4, J. W. Allen 5.

BREWWOOD, STAFFORD.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): A. Allsop 1, H. Wakelam 2, C. S. Dumbell 3, M. Whiteman 4, R. G. W. Broughton 5, I. Rimmer 6, R. L. Hawksworth (cond.) 7, L. Roberts 8.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob, Grandsire and Canterbury Doubles: Mrs. B. F. Russell 1, T. Padbury 2, P. Booser 3, L. Penfold 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. Also 720 of Oxford Single Bob and Canterbury Minor: D. Wilson 1, L. Penfold 2, H. Parsons 3, G. Charlton 4, W. Slaughter 5, A. J. Bull (cond.) 6.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Gray 1, J. Bray (cond.) 2, R. Chafer 3, G. W. Moody 4, H. Hall 5, C. A. Harrison 6, P. Barnes 7, H. Baldwin 8.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On May 8th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Grandsire and 660 Plain Bob): Ann Buncombe 1, D. Manger (cond.) 2, Jillian Outhwaite 3, M. Legg (first in 2 methods) 4, J. Parker 5, A. Smith 6.

CHISLET, KENT.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. R. Hadlow 1, H. Luck 2, W. J. Ruck 3, A. Hinkley 4, J. A. Russell (cond.) 5, J. Tumber 6. Rung for the dedication service of this restored ring of six by Bishop Rose.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Durnford (first quarter) 1, R. A. Stevens 2, R. V. Johnson 3, G. Apps 4, J. W. Jeffery 5, E. Packham 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. J. Brett 8.

DUNCHURCH, WARWICKS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. J. Pinfold 1, R. P. East 2, R. F. B. Speed (cond.) 3, P. H. Barnwell 4, F. P. East 5, J. A. Holden 6, First quarter 1 and 2.

EDLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 1, Mrs. J. W. Sinfield 2, M. D. Pearson 3, I. Knox 4, W. Sear 5, F. Sear (first quarter) 6.

EVERTON, NOTTS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Ball 1, Mrs. N. Worsdall 2, F. Jackson (cond.) 3, A. Wilson 4, A. Jowitt 5, R. Worsdall 6. By Bawtry ringers.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On May 8th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss M. A. Finch 1, P. Treble 2, J. D. Cox 3, V. M. Cox 4, P. Joyce 5, W. W. Wright (cond.) 6.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On May 8th, 1,133 Grandsire Caters: C. McCarthy (first of Caters) 1, D. A. Frith 2, Miss M. Bailey 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, P. Slight (first of Caters 'inside') 5, J. Watson 6, K. Ketteringham 7, H. R. Woods 8, J. M. Simpson (cond.) 9, J. Holmes 10. Before Evensong.

GREENS NORTON, HANTS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Minor (Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob): A. A. Booth 1, Sandra Freeman 2, C. Rigby 3, Betty Mansfield 4, W. F. Eydon 5, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 6.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Oxford T.B. Minor: W. J. Croft 1, Miss M. E. Preece (first in method) 2, Miss J. Croft 3, L. R. Runnacles 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, G. Cherry 6.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Jordan (cond.) 1, J. Napper 2, K. H. White 3, D. Bosley 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop 6, W. Corderoy 7, L. F. Cox 8.

HARWORTH, NOTTS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Bull 1, Mrs. N. Worsdall 2, R. Worsdall 3, A. Jowitt 4, A. Wilson (cond.) 5, F. Jackson 6.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On May 6th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Sheila M. Moulds 1, Patricia Reeve 2, R. E. Moulds 3, C. Sweeney 4, D. S. Hollas 5, N. J. Parkin 6, J. H. Fielden 7, G. F. Bryant (cond.) 8. By the Sunday service band.

HEYTESBURY, WILTS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Minor (720 London Surprise 540 Plain Bob): E. Woolgrove 1, Miss C. White 2, R. W. Rex 3, B. Mills 4, R. Crook 5, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 6.

HEADINGTON, OXFORD.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Plain Bob, 960 Grandsire): R. Bruce (first on treble) 1, Jill Masters 2, Cherry Withell 3, E. Parsons 4, Tom Smith (cond.) 5, J. Cruickshank 6.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sue Meredith 1, Doreen Armstrong 2, Ruth Blackshaw 3, J. Woolley (first quarter) 4, M. Harrison 5, T. F. Bradley 6.

HONITON, DEVON.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6 and 8 behind): Miss J. Real 1, C. Monley 2, C. Webb 3, J. Real 4, W. Baker 5, W. Sparkes 6, W. Webb (cond.) 7, T. Clouston 8.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Friend (first quarter) 1, C. Hill 2, W. Wright 3, W. Hill 4, R. Jones 5.

KIRK ELLA, YORKS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Irwin 1, I. N. Goldthorpe 2, G. W. Pybus (first of Minor) 3, K. Kirk 4, D. S. Johnson 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6.

LANCASTER.—On May 6th, at St. Peter's R.C. Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Crook 1, T. Jackson (first quarter) 2, R. Warden 3, R. Rainford 4, H. Rainford 5, J. Pye 6.

LONDON, E.C.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Williams (first quarter) 1, Miss E. J. Langton 2, D. E. Sibson 3, Miss P. Jervis 4, M. R. Rose 5, G. Pratt 6, J. M. Lakin (cond.) 7, M. Taylor 8.

LUPPITT, DEVON.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Middleton 1, A. J. Crabbe 2, J. Sage 3, C. Churchill (cond.) 4, L. Marker 5, T. E. Thorne 6.

MALDON, ESSEX.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Towler (12, first in method) 1, I. Pantou 2, F. White 3, S. C. Easter 4, J. Clarke 5, J. Towler 6, A. Hubble (cond.) 7, D. Shaw (first in method) 8.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gale 1, W. Baker 2, Miss J. Taylor 3, E. Ford (first of Triples) 4, H. V. Young 5, C. Carr 6, F. Casley (cond.) 7, H. Taylor 8.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On May 6th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. E. Gauntlett (first quarter) 1, W. J. Arnold 2, G. Dodds 3, B. A. Cornell 4, W. Little 5, R. F. Ewer 6, G. Penney (cond.) 7, J. McClenahan 8.

SHALFORD, SURREY.—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. E. Enticnap 1, G. D. Enticnap 2, A. E. Hunter 3, P. C. Saunders 4, J. Horsman (first 'inside') 5, A. C. A. Hunter 6, L. C. W. Hunter (cond.) 7, A. G. Rooke 8. First quarter of Triples for 2, 6 and 8.

STAINES, MIDD.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Wiggins 1, R. Shepherd 2, Jean Williams (first 'inside') 3, E. Skipsey 4, D. Hawkins (cond.) 5, B. Shepherd 6. First quarter first attempt for 1 and 6.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Chacksfield (first on treble) 1, Mrs. J. Chacksfield 2, J. R. Maple 3, Jean Henton 4, B. W. Farhall (cond.) 5, K. Pritchard 6.

TOTTENHOE, BEDS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. G. Newman 1, M. D. Pearson 2, I. Knox 3, R. J. Scott 4, W. Sear 5, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 6.

UXBRIDGE, MIDD.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Sheehan 1, Mrs. E. R. Gotham 2, D. G. Rowlands (first 'inside') 3, H. W. Impey (cond.) 4, E. R. Gotham 5, F. Bedford 6.

OTHER QUARTER PEALS

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): S. Henson 1, J. Hale 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, L. Groom 4, H. Preece 5, E. Hiddins 6, D. W. Davies 7, D. Bryant 8. For Evensong.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—On May 15th, at the Norman tower, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. J. Stannard 1, C. Stannard 2, J. Stannard 3, W. Stannard (cond.) 4, A. W. Rolfe 5, D. Rowland 6, G. Jennings 7, W. Goodship 8, F. Buckle 9, J. Banks 10. The conductor is father of the first three ringers. Rung for evening service and as a farewell to Mr. J. Banks.

COGGFSHALL, ESSEX.—On May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Turner 1, W. G. Wade 2, A. T. Beckwith 3, W. C. Bilner 4, G. Everett (first as cond.) 5, D. B. Shepherd (first on a working bell) 6, F. Mead (first quarter) 7 (covering). First quarter peal by a local band for about 40 years.

EDMONTON, MIDD.—On May 15th, 1,248 Little Bob Minor: Iris George 1, W. George 2, Trudy Newcombe 3, D. Langdon 4, D. Towers 5, T. Hawkins (cond.) 6. First of Little Bob Minor for all the band. For Evensong.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On April 24th, at All Souls' Church, 1,280 Dorchester Surprise Major: Patricia Reeve 1, Sheila M. Moulds 2, R. E. Moulds 3, M. V. Coppin 4, E. M. Fielden 5, G. F. Bryant 6, C. Sweeney (cond.) 7, J. H. Fielden 8. By the Sunday service band.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. M. Phillips 1, P. Harding 2, F. Statford (cond.) 3, E. Norris 4, A. Knight 5, N. Knee 6, E. Hutchins 7, A. Bull 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. J. Case to Miss M. Polden.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On April 24th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob: Wendy Bowak 1, Ann Hancock 2, M. McQuistan 3, L. Cordell 4, W. Wedlock 5, J. McPhail (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also on May 1st, 1,260 Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob: H. King 1, Ann Hancock 2, M. McQuistan 3, R. Bridges 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. For family service. Also on May 3rd, 1,260 Oxford and Kent T.B. and Plain Bob: H. King 1, Ann Hancock 2, Wendy Bowak 3, M. McQuistan 4, L. Cordell 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. For Wendy Bowak's 21st birthday.

ORMSKIRK, LANCs.—On May 10th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: J. Marsh 1, Miss J. Moir 2, J. Lunham 3, R. Larkin 4, D. Heaton (first in the method) 5, J. Couperthwaite 6, L. Pearson 7, S. Walsley (cond.) 8. Believed to be the first quarter of Major on the bells since they were recast in 1948.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: V. H. Nash 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, R. E. Tallis 3, M. C. Hughes 4, C. J. A. Goy 5, R. E. Tallis, jun. (cond.) 6. For Matins.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At St. Andrew's Church, on May 10th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: H. W. Milford 1, Miss Y. C. Porter (first of Stedman Caters) 2, A. W. Coles 3, F. E. Day (first of Stedman Caters) 4, D. R. Bould (first of Stedman) 5, W. G. Lavers 6, A. W. Myers 7, D. F. Wheeler 8, T. G. Myers (cond.) 9, M. J. Bray (first on ten) 10. Arranged for Mr. A. W. Coles on holiday.

SAXILBY, Lincs.—On April 28th, 1,440 Minor (Single Court, Single Oxford): M. Keyworth 1, Shirley Guymet 2, Pamela Cox 3, J. M. Blaikie 4, H. Dove 5, J. B. Nicholson (cond.) 6. A tribute to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Blaikie on the birth of a son (Robert Menzies).

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On May 8th, 1,344 Plain Bob Triples: C. A. Diggins 1, F. C. Maynard 2, H. Warboys 3, P. Chapman 4, F. Sykes 5, A. J. Boyack 6, B. Downes 7, M. Hayes 8. For Evensong.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. E. Brook (first quarter) 1, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 2, Myra J. Wilkins 3, Rita M. Webb 4, H. Taysom 5, B. K. Lewis 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Kilmaster and Mrs. W. Hunt, both interred this day.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Ireland 1, Mrs. A. North 2, G. Gammon 3, C. Webber 4, I. Hughes 5, G. Walford 6, D. T. North (cond.) 7, C. Baker 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Dr. Bradfield, late Bishop of Bath and Wells.

WHITTLEBURY, NORTHANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Linnell 1, G. Linnell 2, D. Burbidge 3, D. R. Truman (first 'inside') 4, C. E. Truman (first of Doubles as cond.) 5. First quarter by a local band.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.—On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Miss A. Bird 1, L. A. Wilson 2, C. Dunford 3, L. Bazley 4, P. Spackman 5, N. Ogbourne 6, E. F. Brooks (cond.) 7, J. Amor 8. First quarter 1 and 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. Wilson, who celebrated their diamond wedding on April 16th.

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A farewell peal was rung on the bells of Holy Trinity, Morecambe, on May 7th to Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Eccles. Until this year Mr. Eccles was the honorary secretary of the Lancaster Branch of the Lancashire Association, and Mrs. D. Eccles was tower secretary at Holy Trinity. They will both be very much missed. They are now living at 53, Alexandra Road, Sale.

Thomas Jackson, aged 14, is the youngest ringer in Lancaster ever to ring a quarter peal. His keenness is a great encouragement to his tutor.

Canon C. Carew Cox, Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, marks his fiftieth year in the priesthood on Sunday. Our congratulations to him on reaching such a significant landmark.

The 'Yorkshire Post's' cartoon on the College of Campanology, A.D. 1542, has caused amusement to many north country ringers.

The Warminster and District edition of 'The County Churchman' has a delightful sketch of Mr. Louis Wilson, Ringing Master at Wootton Bassett Church, a post he has held for 63 years. Now 84, he has been ringing for 72 years.

A welcome home peal to D. W. Kerley, after his world's cruise on H.M.S. 'Centaur,' was lost at Aberdare at the end of the 11th part of Parker's 12 part. Honours were, however, done by a quarter peal on May 15th.

Four members of the Rowe family of St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, have rung their first quarter together. This was on May 15th when Paul, aged 12, rang his first. In about two years time the family hope to ring six bells to a quarter.

A band of youngsters, with the help of Mr. E. M. Atkins and Mrs. Hood, rang the bells of St. Michael's, Teignmouth, immediately after the Royal wedding. The young ringers were Philippa Russell (13), Ian Hay (13), Michael Colquhoun (15), Elizabeth Rossiter (13), Danny McCollough (17), Ian McCollough (18) and Andrew Mackenzie (15).

BELFRY GOSSIP

After two hours' ringing in a peal at Alfreton, Derbyshire, the seventh bell broke a gudgeon pin and crashed into the pit. The bell was not cracked, but considerable damage was done to the fittings. The bells are now out of commission until they have received the bell-founders' attention.

The first peal on the bells of Brislington, Bristol, was rung on April 28th.

The latest addition to our press secretaries is Miss Sheila Percival, of The Elms, Pedley Lane, Clifton, who represents the Biggleswade District of the Bedfordshire Association.

Who was the ringer who took the band in his van for a peal attempt, and, over the usual drink afterwards before a long return journey, said he would rub some grease on his hands and tell his wife he had had a puncture, only to find when he returned to the parked van that he had got—a puncture!

The Misses J. C. Davey and S. A. Hayward, of Brentwood, Essex, visited St. Paul's, Bedford, on May 8th, and impressed the local band by the way they rang their first course of Grandsire Caters. 'A credit to their instructor and themselves,' comments our correspondent.

Mr. J. Euston, of 28, Fairmile Avenue, Streatham, S.W.16, who is organising this year's veterans' reunion in London in place of Mr. Coles, on June 18th, explains that the date was chosen to give the most hours of daylight. Any of the younger generation who can provide transport or bring or escort a veteran will be welcome.

Unfortunately a quarter peal of Minor only could be rung to celebrate the return of Wakefield Trinity R.L.F.C., following that team's victory over Hull in the Rugby League Championship Cup Final. A break followed ringing on ten bells, and when it was time to begin a quarter peal only six ringers could be mustered, others being presumably lost in the vast crowd (40,000 strong according to some reports) which thronged the team's route through Wakefield from the railway station to the Town Hall.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD'S GOOD YEAR

THE 61st annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held, as always, at Lincoln, on April 30th, when over 150 members enjoyed the usual warm welcome from the city clergy and ringers. There was ringing for all tastes at the Cathedral, St. Giles's, St. Peter at Gowts and St. Botolph's.

Those attending Cathedral Evensong heard an interesting address given by the Archdeacon of Lindsey, the Ven. E. L. Marsden. Tea was served in the ancient Chapter House by ringers' wives and friends. The Dean, who is president, thanked all who had helped with the preparations of a most enjoyable tea.

At the business meeting, the president presided and all the officers were re-elected. Mr. J. A. Freeman notified the meeting that this would be the last time he would offer himself for re-election as Guild Master. He felt that the time had come when someone better able to keep in touch with all the branches should hold the office.

This was heard with regret and the president expressed the feelings of all when he said that it was typical of the Master to take this difficult decision in this way. Mr. Freeman had felt it was the right thing to do so he must do it.

Messrs. John Freeman, G. E. Feirn, J. L. Millhouse and J. Bray were elected representatives on the Central Council for the next three years.

After some discussion it was agreed to include the Guild Librarian on the Guild Committee with the necessary change of rule. Notice was given that a proposal would be put forward at the next annual meeting to include Central Council representatives also on the committee.

The president spoke of the successful jubilee dinner and congratulated those responsible for its organisation.

The Master, in his annual report, also referred to the dinner and expressed appreciation to Messrs. J. Bray and J. Freeman for their work in this connection. He repeated what he said ten years ago, that they could look back with satisfaction at the steady progress which had been maintained and they still held a prominent place in the Exercise.

Our record of Sunday service and peal ringing is of a high standard and here let me make it clear that the former should be our first duty as church bell ringers, with regular and punctual attendance. Nevertheless, peal ringing has its place in our life and is a measure of the vitality of the Guild.

Our peal total for the year is 131, much higher than last year, and has only been surpassed twice before, and while no particularly outstanding peal has been rung, I think this has been a very successful year throughout the Guild.

During the year Coningsby bells have been rehung and Belton bells have been augmented from four to six.

A very pleasing feature of the meeting was the number of young members present.

A BROADCAST FROM FENLAND

On May 13th, listeners to 'East Anglian Highlights' heard an interview between four of the bell ringers of St. Wendreda's Church, March, Cambs. The interview, which took place on the Thursday previous to the broadcast, centred chiefly around the younger ringers, of whom there are 15, and during the recording the six bells could be heard in the background, ringing to Bob Doubles. Opening the interview, the reporter stated that the bells were not the oldest in the Fenlands but were regarded by East Anglians as possessing fine tonal qualities.

One of the ringers described to listeners the method Bob Doubles, and the difference between full peals and quarter peals, and the younger ringers (two boys and a girl) spoke of their ambitions with regard to bellringing, and told of why they were attracted to the art. It was the first time that the bells of St. Wendreda's Church had been 'on the air.'

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE - No. 22



MR. JOSEPH T. DYKE,
Hon. Member, Central Council.

Mr. J. T. Dyke is one of the great stalwarts who has pioneered for a good standard of ringing in Somerset. Like so many other highly distinguished members of the Exercise he is a teacher by profession. He is amongst that gifted band of people who can not only show how ringing should be done—but can teach how to do it; for as we all know, it's not always the best ringer that makes the best teacher.

His greatest joy is teaching six and eight bell bands to ring, and teaching their conductor the art of conducting a peal. The result of some of his efforts is reflected in the remarkably good ringing which is broadcast on Sunday mornings in the Light Programme. Although Joe is not completely satisfied with

it, there is no doubt that many bands, up and down the country, wish that they could ring half as well. Joe Dyke's was the inspiring influence which produced such a satisfactory result.

He was born in 1892 at Burton-on-Trent, and educated at the Grammar School there, and Cheltenham Training College, matriculated at London University in 1910, and commenced teaching in 1912. He learned to ring at Burton, in 1908, and rang his first peal there in 1909. How fortunate he was to be in Burton at that time, for they had a remarkably high quality company with the standards laid down by the Wakleys, Joe Griffin, John Austin, and others in that famous band, which made ringing history in those days! He joined H.M. Forces in 1914, and served overseas in the Gloucester Regiment during the war, transferred to the Machine Gun Corps in 1916, and became a prisoner of war in 1918.

At the conclusion of the war he returned to teaching in Somerset, and he made a great impact on ringing in that county. His ability was soon recognised, for he became a branch secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, and was elected general secretary in 1925, serving in that office for 28 years. His peals total is about 700, of which he has conducted 400. Amongst his notable achievements are turning in the tenor at St. Mary Redcliffe to Cambridge Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus, Queen Camel tenor to Minor, and Sherborne Abbey tenor to Major. He even rang Redcliffe tenor to Major before the bells were rehung, a colossal job at that time. He also took part in the record peal of 15,312 Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne, conducted by William Pye. On several occasions he took part in two peals of Cambridge Maximus in one day.

He has been a member of the Central Council since 1927, serving on the Standing Committee, and was also a member of 'The Ringing World' Committee until illness overtook him. He was mainly responsible for the first beginners' instruction book put out by the Council. All his friends in the Exercise will wish him well.

JAFUS.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Northern District

The usual warm welcome awaited the ringers of the Northern District of the Essex Association and their friends, when they met at the Church of St. Mary, Great Dunmow, on May 14th.

The Vicar, the Rev. D. Callum, conducted the service, which was choral, and Mrs. Coates was at the organ. An excellent tea was provided in the Church Hall by the local ringers and friends.

Fifty-one members were present in the afternoon and they represented eighteen different parishes. One new ringing member was elected, Mr. R. Martin, of Halstead.

It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Colne Engaine on July 2nd.

Votes of thanks were expressed by the District Master, and Dr. Castleden replied on behalf of the Dunmow ringers.

THE PROFESSOR WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

If it was pure coincidence that, on the day of the Rugby League Cup Final, a 'pack' of Wakefield ringers descended upon Hull to ring at the reopening of the Holy Trinity's bells?

He understands, however, that there is no truth in the rumour that a little 'loose forward' was rung to celebrate the occasion, or that one ringer during a temporary lapse in Stedman was instructed to carry out a 'stand-off half-turn.'

He also dismisses as sheer fabrication the report that a furore was created by the omission of an aspirate when someone suggested it was about time to 'Turner in.'

Broken Stay Accident

A nasty accident happened in Wye Parish Church, Kent, on Sunday, May 8th. Miss A. J. Field (17), the daughter of Lt.-Col. N. J. Field, while ringing, had the stay of her bell broken. She was carried up to the ceiling and fell back heavily to the floor. Her left arm was broken in two places and her left ankle bone cracked. She was also bruised and suffered from shock.

RETALIATION

Because in sonnet form I choose to write,
I hope this little rhyme will not offend
All those whose further joy it is to wend
Their way through works of men of greater light.

But now, the reason why I take to verse;
It comes because I dare not be outdone
Or take the credit that I have not won.
Although my try is needs a great deal worse.

You see, my name is Claire, but please do note
The 'i' in it, which will distinguish, but,
I dearly trust, may not be made to cut
Some contact with two other 'Claires' who wrote.

And now may further 'Claires' themselves reveal,
That we may join perhaps to ring a peal?

CLAIRE.

Lincoln.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Presentation To Mr. R. F. Eccles

THE annual meeting of the Lancashire Association was held at Morecambe on April 30th. Ringing commenced at 10.30 a.m. and the following towers were available: Lancaster Cathedral R.C. (10), Lancaster Priory (8) and Holy Trinity, Morecambe (8).

The annual service was held in Holy Trinity Church, the preacher being the Rev. G. Snowdon.

An excellent tea was enjoyed in the Parish Hall, immediately after which a presentation was made by Mr. John Woods, of Lancaster, on behalf of the branch and friends from an adjacent branch, to Mr. R. F. Eccles, of Morecambe, who had resigned from the secretaryship of the branch owing to his leaving the district. Mr. Woods thanked Mr. Eccles for all he had done for the branch and wished him every success for the future. Mr. Eccles suitably replied.

The general secretary thanked the Rev. G. Snowdon for the welcome extended to the Association, and asked him to convey thanks to the organist and choir for their services.

The honorary vice-president (Mr. P. H. Derbyshire) opened the meeting in the absence of the president. The minutes of the last annual general meeting were confirmed, and it was proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded to Mr. G. Thwaites for the tremendous amount of work he was carrying out on the 'Woodhouse Ringing Machine.'

Mr. J. Ashcroft was elected vice-president. Mr. F. Dunkerley re-elected secretary, and the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, Messrs. P. Crook, F. Dunkerley and J. Ridyard re-elected representatives to the Central Council.

SOUTHPORT APPRECIATED

The report of the committee stated that it was very gratifying to the Association and to the secretary to have received so many compliments, paid by members throughout the Exercise, on Lancashire's welcome and efforts in making the Central Council's visit to Southport a great success. In this matter Miss P. Grimme had given valuable service and it was unanimously agreed to record appreciation to her. The report on expenses incurred for the Central Council's visit was approved, and gratefulness was expressed to those who gave donations.

The report recorded, with sympathy to the relatives, the following losses by death: non-resident, Herbert Knight, Wolverhampton; life ringing member, E. Roger Martin, Preston (former vice-president and branch secretary); ringing members: Joseph Leatherbarrow, Newchurch, former vice-president and for 48 years tower-keeper, captain at Newchurch; Charles W. Blakey, Accrington, a capable organiser who contributed to the success of the visit of the Central Council.

The membership of the Association was made up of honorary life members 68, new 1; non-resident members 633, new 38; ringing members 1,116, new 91.

MISSING DETAILS OF PEALS

The peal secretary's report recorded 110 peals rung during the year, a decrease of 15 per cent on the previous year. Conductors were reminded that it was their duty to give full particulars of peals rung. Six peals had been received giving place, date and method only. These peals were not included in the report because of lack of information and he had not been able to trace them in 'The Ringing World.'

Twenty-four members rang their first peal: 183 their first in some particular method or on higher numbers; one first as conductor. In all, 262 members took part in peals, which was 17.1 per cent. of total resident members. Leading conductors were Derek Ogden 11, Edward Jenkins 10; leading peal ringers, John P. Parkington 36, Edward Jenkins 19, Roger Leigh 19.

RINGING CHORISTERS FROM LINCOLNSHIRE



The team which rang the quarter peal on April 28th at Saxilby to commemorate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Blaikie. As Mr. Blaikie is organist-choirmaster at Saxilby it was thought fitting to choose a team of choristers to do the ringing on this occasion. Back row: M. Keyworth (bass), J. B. Nicholson (bass), H. Dove (tenor). Seated: Shirley Guymer (soprano), J. M. Blaikie (organist-choirmaster), Pamela Cox (soprano). All are members of the Saxilby Sunday service team and the Saxilby church choir. Mr. Blaikie is also a member of the P.C.C. and Lindsey Branch representative to the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

The following firsts for the Association were rung: Cholmondeley Surprise Major; Spliced Plain Major, 9 and 15 methods; Londinium Surprise Maximus.

The reports and the audited balance sheet were approved.

The following members were transferred to life membership: Mr. W. H. Fowler, Brindle; Mr. J. Wilson, Kendal; Mr. F. T. Postlethwaite, Lancaster, and Mr. W. H. Ratcliffe, St. Anne's-on-Sea.

The general secretary, on behalf of the Association, closed the meeting with a vote of thanks to all who had in any way contributed to the success of the day, which, he was sure, had been enjoyed by all present.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The attendance at the Chew Deanery quarterly meeting at Wington on April 30th was disappointing during the afternoon and at tea but the tower was filled to capacity in the evening. This was referred to at the business meeting with Mr. H. W. Knight in the chair, when it was decided that members and visitors should signify their names for tea at the quarterly meetings in order that a reasonably accurate estimate for catering could be obtained.

Three new members and one lapsed member rejoined from Portbury: two lapsed members from Clapton-in-Gordano and one new member each from Yatton and Nailsea were elected.

The Rev. C. S. L. Alford conducted the service and ringing reached Cambridge Surprise Royal.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD Dorchester Branch

Sunny spring weather was the setting for the spring quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers, at Preston. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. P. H. W. Isdell-Carpenter, who spoke of the wonderful heritage in the bells of parish churches. Mr. J. Slade (Deputy Ringing Master) was the organist.

The business meeting was conducted by the chairman, the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth. The honorary secretary, Mr. R. H. Duke, mentioned that a message of congratulations had been sent to the Queen on the birth of Prince Andrew, and that a reply had been received from the Palace.

There was a new appointment, said Mr. Duke, that of Guild Librarian, a post filled by the Rev. W. Uphill, formerly vicar of Stower Provost and honorary secretary of the North Dorset Branch. New members elected were Mr. M. Thomas (Ringing), Mrs. H. Howard and Mrs. A. Timms, of Wyke Regis (Associate).

The next meeting was fixed provisionally for Bere Regis in June. Branch practices were arranged as follows: Litton Cheney, Wool, Fordington, Cattistock, Piddletrenthide, Upwey, Abbotsbury, at fortnightly intervals, from May 7th, subject to confirmation.

The chairman thanked the ladies who had served tea, and Mr. J. Rose (Deputy Ringing Master) moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his welcome and to the organist.

R. H. D.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MORE ABOUT BELL BROADCASTING

Dear Sir.—I compliment B.B.C. T.V. on the 'All Your Own' programme in which the youthful ringers were interviewed on Sunday afternoon (May 15th). What a contrast in the evening (after fixing up new batteries for my wife to enjoy hearing St. Mary Redcliffe), and tuning to Home Service in good time we were rewarded with the last blow only of the tenor of these bells.

Similarly, a week ago, four Isle of Wight peals were broadcast for which my help was enlisted in arranging the recordings. The whole of these were allowed about 1½ to 2 minutes and one, Godshill, partly obliterated by a voice, while an organ had 4 to 5 minutes, as also a choir of monks from Quarr Abbey. Never again do I put myself out to arrange another recording.—Yours,

W. UPTON.

Newport, Isle of Wight.

'THEOLOGICALLY INCORRECT'

Dear Sir.—The letter from Mr. W. E. Strawson, of Sarratt, makes strange and disturbing reading. One hears occasionally of restrictions placed on ringers in their towers by various incumbents with their own individual ideas, but this is, I think the first time that we have heard of a young ringer (who is, by Baptism, a full member of the Church of God) being forbidden to ring, simply because she has not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Neither the Roman Church nor any of the Churches of the Anglican Communion have ever taught that one is not a full member of the Church until one is confirmed—indeed, in the Roman Church, Confirmation is not considered essential for the reception of Holy Communion. As one is made a member of the Christian Family through Baptism, I am convinced that the action of the Rector of Sarratt is theologically completely incorrect. It should, obviously, be the ideal to have a band of ringers all of whom are regular communicants, but surely it is not essential for a young ringer to be a communicant before being allowed to ring for services—particularly when we gather that the young ringer in question regularly attends service after ringing.

It is very difficult in a case like this to suggest what action Mr. Strawson could take, as unquestionably the Rector has the legal right to decide who shall or shall not ring in his tower; but I venture to suggest that if action of this kind should become widespread a large number of towers which rely on young boys and girls to keep their bells going will soon become silent if Confirmation should become an essential qualification for admission to the belfry. Obviously it should be the ideal for all baptised Christians to receive Confirmation and become regular communicants, but in my opinion to apply such a restriction, as is apparently being applied at Sarratt, is going much too far. I wonder if one of our more senior clerical ringers could suggest a solution to what is certainly a difficult question? As the bells at Sarratt have only very recently been augmented to five, and there is presumably a new band, it would be a great pity if their enthusiasm should be damped so early in their ringing career by completely unnecessary restrictions.—Yours sincerely,

PETER N. BOND.

Fordcombe, Kent.

NOTE.—We thank other readers who have written on this subject, but at the request of a Hertford County Association official we are closing the correspondence.—Ed.

NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir.—Mr. John M. Jelley, of Leicester, asks for details of New Cumberland Surprise Major, rung at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent on May 2nd, 1901. I am not able to give the method in Place Notation, but quote fully from 'A Glossary of Technical Terms,' reprint 1904, page 68. (Published by Central Council.)

New Cumberland Surprise Major.—This, the earliest of the more modern Surprise methods, was introduced by the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, in 1886.

It is a double method in which the main feature in the work of Albion Treble Bob, viz.: contiguous places in direct order in one intermediate position and a single dodge in the other, is adopted as a foundation upon which certain additions are grafted. The work in front and behind (with one exception in each position) is always a 3 dodge on one side of the whole-pull, and a single dodge on the other. The exception is ordinary Treble Bob work once in front and once behind, before and after which, and in connection with it, Contiguous places are made, in reverse order in the nearest position, the first pair or places being preceded, and the last pair followed, by a dodge 'with the treble in the same position.'

There is one other additional phase of work, both up and down, which occurs when the working bell has dodged with the treble in front or behind after its own whole pull; it then dodges once in the nearest position, and goes as far as sixths place, if going up, or thirds place, if coming down, coursing by the treble. It makes that place (sixths up, or thirds down), returns, passing the treble in 4-5, makes thirds or sixths place, returns again coursing the treble, dodges in the furthest position, and again, with the treble behind, or in front, as the case may be. The work between sixths and thirds places is, for convenience, called the 'four-bell hunt work.' The other additional work, previously described, may be known as the 'Double Court Place Making'; and includes ordinary treble bob work in front and behind.

The path of a working-bell, after dodging with the treble in front before its own whole-pull, is as follows: 3-dodge in front, near places, far dodge—3-dodge before, single dodge after, whole-pull behind—near places down—Double Court place making in front, preceded and followed by dodge with treble in 3-4—far places up—single dodge before, 3-dodge after, whole-pull behind—near dodge—far places down—3-dodge before, single dodge (with treble) after, whole-pull in front—four bell hunt work up—single dodge (with treble) before, 3-dodge after, whole pull behind—near places, far dodge, down—3-dodge before, single dodge after, whole-pull in front—near places, up—Double Court place making behind, preceded and followed by dodge with treble in 5-6—far places, down—single dodge before, 3-dodge after whole pull in front—near dodge, far places, up—3-dodge before, single dodge (with treble) after, whole-pull behind—four bell hunt work, down—dodge (with treble) in front.

At a bob fourths place is made, instead of the whole-pull behind, by the bell that has dodged 3-4 up: after making fourths place, it dodges 3-4 down and proceeds to a 3-dodge in front before its whole pull, the two bells below it are undisturbed: the bells in 5-6 double their place-making, and those in 7-8 each make a 3-dodge instead of a single one.

I trust this will meet Mr. Jelley's requirements.—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT W. LEAVETT.

Tollesbury, Essex.

LOUGHBOROUGH COMMENT ON KIRKBY-LE-SOKEN RECORD

Dear Sir.—I should like to make a few comments on the reports of the 22,400 Bob Major at Kirkby-le-Soken. I am sure many ringers will agree with me that this peal was but a poor performance compared with the 21,600 Bristol rung by John Norton and his band, even if it was a few changes longer.

Great emphasis was laid on the aspect of progress made—this is doubtful to say the least. Why did they not ring Bristol? you ask. There is an easy answer to that, I think. All this would be excused with good grace, but for the fact that their conductor and your leader writer have taken the pains to preach a sermon to those of us who have attempted to ring 40,320 Bob Major at Loughborough.

In the first place, we rang 28,000 odd on one occasion. The reason this came to grief sounds to be extremely like one event reported by Mr. Lufkin. One of the ringers, attempting to snatch some food, momentarily lost control. He 'thought fit' to say '4th after tenor,' or some such thing—like me, I consider he should have thought fit to say 'Stand.' Their comments upon discipline and talking seem rather superfluous, when it is shown that the old, old bogy—playing around with food—marred their own performance. No, Mr. Lufkin—you have not reached the dizzy heights yet—take your band to Loughborough, and do what we have done, for a start—then learn Bristol and give us something to congratulate you upon.—Yours etc.,

STEPHEN IVIN.

Houghton Conquest.

CHARGES FOR PEALS

Dear Sir.—In reply to the Rev. L. J. Birch, who thinks a fee should be charged for the wear and tear of ropes and other gear when peals are rung. I should like to pass on to him what arrangement we have with peal bands here at Dorchester St. Peter's.

For an attempted peal rung by a band outside the membership of the tower, there is a fee of £1 ls. to be paid. In this way the number of peals that are rung are few, which perhaps is a good thing, as the people living nearby cannot complain that the bells are rung too often. Any who do ring a peal here usually pick a band that is reasonably sure of scoring the peal, and in that way we usually maintain a high standard of ringing and striking.

The rule of this fee for peal ringing was made in 1913 when the rules of the St. Peter's Society were drawn up. This rule still stands, although some of the other rules have been revised recently to bring them into line with these modern times.

If more towers were to charge a fee as we do, there would be fewer peals rung, which would give more experienced ringers more time to help the less experienced, and so improve the standard of ringing in their own particular locality.

Whilst on the subject of peals—I have occasionally noticed reports of peals rung half-muffled in a Major method. How can anyone bear to listen to a half-muffled tenor turned in with all the other bells? Any bells always sound their best half-muffled whether it be six, eight, ten or twelve, but to do them justice and to appreciate the grandeur and solemnity of half-muffled ringing let us have the tenor covering.—Yours sincerely,

R. H. DUKE.

St. Peter's, Dorchester, Dorset.

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SURREY ASSOCIATION

Economy Over Report Produces Healthy Balance

FORTY-SIX members and friends sat down to tea in the brand new hall of St. John's Baptist, Croydon, on April 30th, for the annual meeting of the Surrey Association. The Vicar welcomed us and was thanked for taking the service and for his address. The service was read from the Association's new book for the first time.

At the business meeting, the committee reported little change in the health of the Association during the past year, but the treasurer announced a 20% increase in the General Fund balance to over £153, chiefly due to the Central Council representatives paying their own expenses, and the 'home-made' annual report. Three new members were elected.

Before declaring Mr. F. E. Darby the new Master, Mr. F. E. Collins said how much he had enjoyed his term of office, and wished his successor every success. Mr. Darby then took the chair, and declared the following re-elected for 1960: General secretary, Mr. R. I. F. Parsons; treasurer, Mrs. K. Chilcott; auditor, Mr. T. A. Blow; assistant secretary, Mr. F. E. Roberts; C.C. representatives, Messrs. A. P. Cannon, F. E. Collins, W. F. Oatway, liaison officer to Guildford Guild, Mr. F. E. Collins. It was agreed to move the library from St. John's, Croydon, to St. John's Church, Redhill, with Mr. F. E. Roberts as librarian.

Several alterations were made to the rules, including one permitting certain district and general offices to be held by one person between the District and Association annual meetings; and another to make the balance between district and general funds more flexible.

The new Association service book was next discussed and members complimented those responsible on its excellent contents, style and printing. The bell on the front cover was a drawing of St. Lawrence, Jewry, tenor, and also appeared on the report circulated at the meeting. The next annual general meeting was fixed for Reigate, on April 15th, 1961.

A sub-committee of six was appointed to meet the Guildford Guild for discussion on their latest proposal, which suggested exploring ways and means of associating the work of the two bodies. The meeting stood in memory of Mrs. Marjorie Kitchen, of Thames Ditton, who had died in February, and after the usual votes of thanks to the retiring officers, to the tea-providers (and a jolly good tea it was!), to the vicar and organist, members returned to the tower to ring anything from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

F. E. R.

YOUNG RINGERS IN THE VALE OF EVESHAM

During the Easter holidays young ringers from Wychbold and Stourbridge toured the Vale of Evesham with the blossom on the trees at its best.

At St. Stephen's, Redditch, they were told they were the youngest band to ring the bells. Belfry prayers, led by the Vicar, preceded a good quarter of Doubles at Beoley. The rarely-rung old six at Coughton (Bagley 1686) were raised and rounds rung. The night was spent at Birom Hall Youth Hostel.

With the help of Michael Selby, a quarter of Bob Minor was scored at Cleeve Prior the next day. The heavy five at Honeybourne went very badly and only a few rounds were rung. The Vicar remarked that the band's efforts were well up to the average. Lower Quinton was thought to have one of the best sixes in the Midlands. Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung and there were compliments from local residents on the striking. The light six at Clifford Chambers and the eight at Bidford-on-Avon finished the day's programme and night was spent at the youth hostel.

The route on the last day was through the orchards of the Lench Hills to Salford Priors (a beautiful eight). Church Lench, Bishampton (where a quarter was rung), Upton, Snodsbury and Crowle were visited. The average age of the band was only 14½ years.

A ROYAL WEDDING TOUR

On May 7th a party of eight ringers set off at 7.30 a.m. in two cars, one starting from Andover, the other from Thatcham, to visit seven six-bell towers in Wiltshire and Somerset. The object was to ring a 720 in each tower and a different method in each.

This was successfully achieved, and ended with a quarter peal. All the ringing was in honour of the Royal wedding.

Towers visited and methods rung were as follows: Devizes St. Mary's, 720 Kent T.B.; Kilmersdon, 720 York Surprise; Radstock, 720 Durham Surprise; Crocombe, 720 Oxford T.B.; Bruton, 720 Cambridge Surprise; Sutton Veny, 720 Plain Bob; Heytesbury, Wilts, 720 London Surprise and 540 Plain Bob.

Taking part were Miss C. White, Miss H. White, E. Woolgrove B. Mills, G. K. Dodd (conductor), R. Crook and R. W. Rex. At each tower Grandsire Doubles was also rung with Miss Jill Jarrett taking part.

A most enjoyable day ended at 11.30 p.m., with thanks to all incumbents and to all who met us.

R. W. R.

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MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD DINNER

A change of venue for the second annual dinner enticed 31 members and guests to gather together for a sumptuous meal. After the coffee, the president, Mr. D. Ferguson, expressed his delight at the growth of the Guild from its small beginnings, 13 years ago, and then proposed the loyal toast. The secretary, Miss P. Walker, welcomed the visitors and singled out Mr. George Fearnough, who had opened his house (and larger!) to the Guild on many Sunday evenings. Mr. D. Taylor replied for the visitors.

Belying his assertion of not being a good after-dinner speaker, Mr. Fearnough proposed the toast of 'The Guild.' He was grateful to the Guild—not least for providing his son with a fiancée and for visiting him—in spite of the interminable argument which took place whenever ringers met. The Ringing Master, Mr. David James, replied and expressed the hope that visiting would still be allowed.

After the pleasantries, the annual general meeting was held. The Master asked the president about his insignia of office—including the famous mat emblazoned with Parker's twelve-part. Mr. Ferguson offered the mat to the next president, since he felt that after 13 years he should retire. The Master thanked Mr. Ferguson for his services to the Guild, before giving his report. The year 1959-60 was one of the Guild's best years: twelve-Spliced Surprise had been rung at practice night and there had been six peals (so far!). Two memorable ones had been the Rutland, at Hawkshead, and the Yorkshire, with the freshers. Trevor Taylor (unfortunately absent) was congratulated for teaching learners at Hulme and handbells at 'Tech.'—not forgetting the eleven-hours' marathon in Piccadilly on Rag Day.

Presenting her secretary-treasurer's report, Miss Pat Walker was thankful for the low level of illumination—members present could not notice her new dress and 'hair-do' or scrutinise the balance sheet.

The following elections were then made: Patron: The Bishop of Manchester; president: Mr. Derek Ogden; vice-presidents: Mr. D. Ferguson, Mr. G. Fearnough, Canon R. H. Hussey; Ringing Master: Mr. Robert J. Warrilow; secretary-treasurer: Mr. Ronald J. Johnston; honorary auditor: Mr. Derek Taylor. Committee: Messrs. Trevor Taylor, John Soanes and Barrie Sheppard.

The members of the Guild would like to thank the retiring officers and committee, and especially at this time George Nix for making all the arrangements for the dinner.

B. A. T.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

A most enjoyable time was spent at Sowerby, set on the top of the Pennines, by the Archdeaconry of Halifax Guild on May 7th. Ringing was well struck, and was in both Minor and Major Surprise methods. Three methods of Triples were rung and of the Minor ringing both open lead and closed lead ringing was to be had.

The local band provided a well laid out tea.

At the business meeting the committee asked for younger ringers to be encouraged to Guild meetings. About 15 methods were rung and the committee were well pleased with the steady progress being made. Next meetings: Almondsbury (evening), June 4th; Northowram, July 2nd.

BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Meeting at St. Mary's, Ecclesfield, sometimes called the 'Minster of the Moors,' on May 14th, the Barnsley and District Society elected three new members and Mrs. Doris Kelley, of Handsworth, as the first lady honorary member. Details were given of the outing into Yorkshire (fare and two meals 25s.). Felkirk was selected for the next meeting, which will be the shield contest. Mr. Noel F. Moxon thanked the local company for making the arrangements and Mr. Leslie Smith replied.

ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

By T. J. LOCK

"I"

IN COURSE.—For the purposes of composition, method construction, proof, etc., it is assumed that there are two kinds of rows. This combination has been described as the 'in and out of course' of the rows. To distinguish the two rows their kinds are known as—in course and out of course; even and odd: in phase and out of phase; positive and negative. The term used matters little if the idea is clearly understood and this we hope to explain briefly.

First we assume that rounds is in course, even, in phase or positive. To determine the nature of any given row we must find out how many pairs will need to be changed to get back into rounds. If it is an even number then the row is positive or even and if it is an odd number then the row is negative or odd. For convenience we use the plus and minus signs of mathematics to denote even and odd rows.

In actual practice it is not necessary to go back to rounds each time as we proceed from row to row determining the nature as we go along. The rule of mathematics applies, that—

Even plus Even gives Even.
Even plus Odd gives Odd.
Odd plus Odd gives Even.
Odd plus Even gives Odd.

The following example will probably make it clear—

Rows	Nature	Explanation
123456	+ Even	Assumed to be Even.
214365	— Odd	Odd number of pairs change.
241635	— Odd	Even number of pairs change.
426153	+ Even	Odd number of pairs change.
462513	+ Even	Even number of pairs change.
645231	— Odd	Odd number of pairs change.

IN THE HUNT.—A bell which is coursing the path of the treble is said to be in the hunt. It would naturally be the second bell in a plain course but, of course, could be any of the working bells in a touch, although in order to get the bells back into rounds the second would be the last bell to be called into the hunt. The term is restricted to a very select few of the Plain methods such as Grandsire and Double Norwich Court Bob when rung on an odd number of bells.

INSTRUCTOR.—Under this term I want to consider the importance of an instructor, and discuss generally but very briefly some necessary qualities he should possess. Instruction in practically anything has far reaching results within the extent of the subject taught, and with bell ringing there is much at stake.

The ringing instructor 'moulds' his learners and when, as is usual, he is tower captain as well there is the safe conclusion that a competent and thorough instructor will produce competent and thorough ringers—providing he gets the right metal to mould! On the other hand, an incompetent and slovenly ringer reflects bad instruction and his pupils would not reap the enjoyment of good ringing. It follows then that an instructor would be at an advantage if he possessed personality, patience, perseverance and an optimistic outlook, and also the ability to control in a firm but kindly manner all kinds of youthful characters. He should himself handle a bell properly, strike it correctly, be able to conduct and, preferably from experience, have a good knowledge of the technical terms and various methods. One other vital matter is that he must encourage progress and never, never attempt to stop any of his band becoming a better ringer than himself.

A PRE-REFORMATION FOUR

The four pre-Reformation bells at Spetchley, Wores, were rung on May 6th to salute the Royal wedding. They had not been raised since about 1940 and before this was done ropes were fitted and the bells well-greased. The bells went very well and a quarter of Spetchley Minimus was rung, despite the odd rope circle and showers of rubbish descending through the holes in the ceiling. The treble ringer found it necessary to wear a 'sou-wester' for the quarter.

OUTINGS

CHESTER AND DISTRICT

Ringers from Chester, Buckley, Dodleston and Flint had a very enjoyable outing in Shropshire and Staffordshire, on April 27th, when ringing was enjoyed at Oswestry, Westbury, St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, Hodnet, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Tunstall and Crewe.

Four members of the party placed cars at our disposal and in addition to the pleasure of ringing at fresh towers, the bells in each case giving satisfaction in every respect, we fully appreciated the journey through the spring countryside.

A good standard of ringing was maintained throughout the day, and it was very pleasing to note that the younger members, who had never previously rung on 12 bells, acquitted themselves very well at Shrewsbury. Special thanks are due to the Rector of Westbury, who entertained us to mid-morning coffee and cakes, which were most acceptable. J. W. G.

WYLYE VALLEY TOUR

A company that included such personalities as A. Patrick Cannon, Peter N. Bond, Bill Stote and Clive Smith, all with over 1,000 towers to their credit, met at Wilton, Wilts, on May 7th for a tour of the Wyllye Valley.

Towers visited were South Newton (6), Wishford (5), with iron poker stays and the tenor rung from the stairway, Steeple Langford (5) Wyllye (5), Chitterne (5), Shrewton (5), Boyton (5), Sutton Veny (6), Norton Bavant (5), the only tower new to all the company, Heytesbury (6), the best bells of the day, Dinton (6), Compton Chamberlayne (6) and finally St. Thomas', Salisbury.

Even plus Odd gives Odd.
Odd plus Even gives Odd.
Odd plus Odd gives Even.
Even plus Even gives Even.
Even plus Odd gives Odd.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Members of the Biggleswade District met at Blunham on Saturday, May 14th, and were pleased to welcome visitors from the Bedford and Luton districts and also from the Ely Diocesan Association.

It was rather a warm afternoon for ringing the heavy six but various methods were rung, including the special methods, York Surprise and Canterbury Pleasure Bob, a method rarely rung in this district.

Ringers joined the local cricketers in the village hall for an excellent tea arranged by Miss J. Harding, one of the local band. After tea, Mr. B. Sims took the chair for the business meeting at which three new members from Blunham were elected. Next meeting at Eaton Socon on June 11th.

S. P.

MERROW, SURREY

Organised by Valerie Bundy, Merrow ringers had an enjoyable outing on May 7th, the first tower being the six at Kingsclere, where London Surprise was rung. The ringers of Highclere were enjoying their own outing but left a note of welcome in the belfry. Kintbury was the last tower to be visited before lunch at the Red Lion, Lambourn.

A good course of Cambridge brought the best out of Lambourn bells. The ringing at Newbury (10) was good for six-bell ringers and included Plain Bob, Kent Royal and Grandsire Caters. After tea came Thatcham (8) and the new church at Silchester (5), most difficult to find as it is built on the Roman ruins several miles from the village. The day concluded in prayers led by the Rector.

D. A. R. M.

PUTNEY

As usual Putney ringers, with friends from Barnes, Kingston and Wimbledon, picked a fine day for their outing on May 7th through Hertfordshire and Essex.

Ringing started at North Mymms followed by Walden, where, according to the Rector's instructions, the lock was filed off the belfry door! Yorkshire was managed at Knebworth, where the church has an ideal parkland setting. A cross-country journey followed to Great Hormead where Wells was tried.

Saffron Walden, after tea, gave many of the party their first chance of ringing on 12 bells. The bells at Bishop's Stortford were found to be rather hard to handle. At the last tower, Much Hadham, most of the party were too tired to do real justice to this long draughted octave. Sincere thanks go to all clergy and ringers who made such an enjoyable day possible.

ORSETT, ESSEX

The Constable country was selected by Orsett ringers for their outing on May 7th, with a picnic lunch by the famous Flatford Mill.

Ringing started on the light six at Wormingford followed by the pleasant eight at Ardleigh and the six at Stratford St. Mary. After lunch East Bergholt ringers kindly gave a demonstration on their unique bells hung in a bell-cage in the churchyard. With our cars still ringing from these five great bells we went on to St. Peter's, Colchester, where on this fine eight our 11-year-old surprised us all by ringing the treble perfectly to Grandsire Triples.

After tea came the heavy six at Kelvedon and Coggeshall—and who would not enjoy ringing this new eight in the rebuilt church? We are all very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Blatch for organising the day, the incumbents and ringers who met us.

J. E. H.

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PERSONAL

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at 'The Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, May 28th, 6 p.m. Ringing at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, 3.30 p.m.—John Chilcott, Hon. Sec. 5987

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting Duffield, Saturday, May 28th. Bells (10) 3 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Teas available at cafe.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 5973

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Mansfield District).—Joint meeting Selston, May 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting and service. 5951

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Kindly note that tomorrow's meeting (May 28th) will be at **Arlingham**, 3 p.m. Not Moreton Valence, as notified. Take picnic tea. Drink will be supplied. 6002

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Cranleigh, Saturday, May 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Look up Oxford Bob Triples and Double Oxford Bob Major.—S. J. Ponting, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Please note: quarterly meeting at Bexhill, on May 28th. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea to F. Beeny (Sec.), Hillbrae, Carters Corner, Hailsham. 5965

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, June 1st, 6.30 p.m. Visitors welcome. 6000

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Evening practice. North Muskham, on Thursday, June 2nd. Bells 7.30 p.m. Methods: Oxford and Kingston Treble Bob, Cambridge and Wells Surprise.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec., 60, Albert Street, Newark, Notts. 5926

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Frodsham, on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 5995

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting, Colaton Raleigh, Saturday, June 4th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 30th, to R. T. Perry, Redcliffe, Lympstone. 5948

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at March, Saturday, June 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. L. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 6004

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W.—Crusader meeting, Havering-atte-Bower, June 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Romford (8) will also be available at 6.30 p.m. Names for tea please, to Mrs. J. Branch, 91, The Drive, Romford. 5968

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, June 4th. Abbots Leigh (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying by June 2nd. Mr. N. Coombs, 1 Glen Cottage, Abbots Leigh, near Bristol. 6008

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Meeting, Cromhall (6), Saturday, June 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service. Tea. Please attend.—B. T. Cooper, Flat 2, Rangers House, Dursley. 5912

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting at Offley, on June 4th, at 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting, Hoo, Saturday, June 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. A. Vidgeon, Whitehouse Farm, Hoo, Rochester. 5954

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at East Peckham, Saturday, June 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 1st, please, to Mr. T. Saunders, East Peckham, near Tonbridge. 5983

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at St. Philip's, Nelson, on June 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—John Pilkington, Sec. 5988

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly meeting at Melling, on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Gibson, Brentwood, Melling, Carnforth.—P. Handley, Branch Sec.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting Cheddleton, Saturday, June 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., in the Churnett Hall. Names for tea to Mr. J. Martin, 5, Vicarage Terrace, Cheddleton, Leek.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 5970

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Thame, Saturday, June 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 1st, to J. Gedman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson. 6014

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Buckingham (8), Saturday, June 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than June 1st.—F. Vickers, 64, Bourtonville, Buckingham. 6007

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting at Dore on Saturday, June 4th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, June 2nd, to Rev. G. Heawood, Dore Vicarage, near Sheffield. 5945

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting, June 4th, at Horringer (8). Bells 6.30 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 5961

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West Central District.—Evening meeting, Hinderclay (6), June 4th. Bells 6.30 p.m.—H. Mitson, Dis. Sec. 5999

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Withyham (8), Saturday, June 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea only for those who notify by Wednesday, June 1st. Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge. 5997

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 4th. Bells available: Sopley (5) 2.30 p.m., Ringwood (8) 6 p.m. Guild service at Sopley 4 p.m. Tea at Ringwood 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to Mr. W. E. Cheater, 43, Addison Square, Ringwood, Hants. 6001

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday, June 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6003

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Whit Monday, June 6th, at Cheimsford, Service in Cathedral 11 a.m. Preacher Archdeacon of Colchester. Annual meeting Coffee, etc., available in Cathedral Hall from 10.15 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m. cost 5s. Tea as a running buffet, cost 2s. 6d., if purchased by closing date, June 1st. Later applications 6s. 6d. and 3s. respectively. Ringing: Cathedral 9.30 to 10.45 a.m. (Service touch at 10.45) and from 4 p.m. From 3 to 6 p.m.: Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6), Ford End (6), High Easter (6), and from 6 to 9 p.m.: Galleywood (8), Widford (8), Great Baddow (8), Danbury (6), Sandon (6), Little Baddow (5). Lunch and tea tickets from F. V. Gant, 3 Central Drive, Hornchurch. 5899

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Presteigne, Radnorshire, on Whit Monday, June 6th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Bells available from 11 a.m. Knighton (8), Lyonshall (6), Kington (6), Old Radnor (6), New Radnor (6), Eardisley (6). Those requiring tea should notify before Thursday, June 2nd. Rev. E. G. Benson, The Rectory, Presteigne.—H. G. Thomas, Sec. 5953

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Shield Contest (with prizes), Felkirk, near Barnsley, on Saturday, June 11th. Draw 3 p.m. Teas. Please notify, not later than June 4th. Rev. T. Boyard Webster, Felkirk Vicarage, South Hiendley, Barnsley. Entrance fee 10s. Names to be in by June 4th.—James W. Buxton, 21 Royd House, Shelley, Huddersfield. 5996

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer Festival, Saturday, June 11th. Ringing arrangements: Capel 10.30-12 noon, Ockley 11-12, Ramore 11.30 a.m.-1 p.m., Cobham and Stoke D'Abernon 2-4 p.m. (probably), Epsom Christ Church 3-4. Leatherhead from 4 p.m., Dorking 7-8 p.m. Service at Leatherhead, following by tea in St. Nicholas' Hall. Numbers for tea by previous Wednesday, to G. Marriner, 6, Leach Grove, Leatherhead. 6005

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Apsley, Saturday, June 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 7th, to Mr. A. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 5994

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Goodnestone (6), Saturday, June 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. The Village Hall, at 2s. per head. Names, together with cash, please, by Wednesday, June 8th, to Mrs. R. Brett, Copmans Hall, Goodnestone, Canterbury. 5980

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Davanty Branch.—Meeting, Weedon, Saturday, June 11th. Important—names for tea by Saturday previous, to I. Nightingale, 11A, New Croft, Weedon.—F. W. Hancock. 6009

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD—Annual general meeting, Lichfield, Saturday, June 11th. Service at St. Michael's Church 3.45 p.m. Tea in St. Michael's Hall 4.30 p.m., followed by general meeting. Bells available: Cathedral (10) 2.30-3.25 p.m. and 6.30-7.30 p.m., St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) during afternoon and evening. Also Little Aston (6), Elford (6), Kings Bromley (6), Yoxall (6), Longden (6), from 10 a.m.-12.30 p.m. and 7.30-9 p.m. Names for tea (limited to approx. 125) to Mr. D. J. Tranter, 36, Seven Acres, Aldridge, near Walsall, by Wednesday, June 8th at the latest. 5990

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Bridlington, on June 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service in Church 4.30. Tea in Schoolroom 5.15 p.m. Names, please, by June 10th, to Mr. J. A. Parker, Newhaven, 188, Queensway, Bridlington, E. Yorkshire.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5989

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION—Annual meeting at Machynlleth, Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by June 11th, to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 6006

'Prelude'

'Catch hold, then, please!' the Ringing Master calls.

So, jackets pegged, or handbags chaired—they turn

To face the ropes, mute-hanging from the walls.

And first one, then another (with concern
For well-struck go-off) grasps the tufted strand.
Awaiting now—'Look to!'—that first command.

Then silence falls, and eyes aside are swung
To upstretched hands, upon the sallies clung.
Now 'Treble's Going!' warns, and ropes grow taut.

As bells on balance poise, before they hurl
Their swinging hammer-tongues—each to be caught

'Gainst bold metallic lips—in noisesome swirl.
Yet one more call, before these sounds come on—

Uncompromising, final—'Treble's Gone!'

1960.

A. Y.-B.

MR. R. BOYLETT

We regret to announce the death, on May 11th, of Mr. R. Boylett, of Pirbright, Surrey, aged 51. A loyal and faithful Sunday service ringer he will be missed. Fellow ringers from Pirbright and Worplesdon attended the funeral on May 17th and rang 720 Grandsire Doubles, half-muffled, directly after the service.

OBITUARY

MR. F. M. MITCHELL

The death occurred in Gravesend Hospital on May 4th of Mr. Frederick M. Mitchell, of Milton-next-Gravesend, after a long illness, at the age of 82 years.

As a young man Mr. Mitchell came in contact with a Rector of Milton, who was a great worker among the youth of his parish, who brought him into the Church of England and introduced him into the belfry. Some years later Mr. Mitchell called a peal of Minor at Milton, in which those taking part had all been baptised and prepared for Confirmation by this Rector.

Somewhere about the end of the 1914-18 war Mr. Mitchell lost his first wife and in 1923 he married Miss Ethel M. Goodship, of Reading, who was one of several gifted lady ringers in that area. After her marriage Mrs. Mitchell kept up her interest in ringing and is now an honoured vice-president of the Ladies' Guild.

In 1930 Mr. Mitchell was instrumental in increasing Milton bells from six to eight and in this connection his name is recorded on one of the new trebles. For twenty years he was in charge of Milton as a six bell tower and during this period he had (except perhaps for Lamberhurst) the most progressive six bell band in the county.

As a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths he was Master of the Society in 1932. This he was extremely proud of.

It is, however, in his work for the Kent County Association that Mr. Mitchell will be remembered for no Association ever had a more faithful servant. He was elected a member in 1908. From 1914-19 he was a district representative on the central committee. For the next ten years he was secretary of the Rochester District, and in 1929 he was elected to succeed Canon Helmore as general secretary of the Association. To accept this office, knowing the man he had to follow, required some courage, but Mr. Mitchell filled it with dignity and distinction for 17 years until 1946, when, to the regret of all concerned, due to advancing years and failing health he had to resign.

In 1930 he combined the office of treasurer with his secretaryship and he retained this office after his resignation as secretary until 1956 when his health would no longer allow him to continue. From 1930 to 1950 he also represented the Kent County Association on the Central Council.

His total number of peals is in the region of 250, most of which were rung in Kent.

The funeral service took place at Christ Church, Milton, followed by cremation at Rochester. Among the family mourners was Mr. Gilbert R. Goodship (brother-in-law). Other ringers present were Mr. E. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. J. Burles, Mr. G. Butcher, Mr. F. Cullum, Mr. R. Furninger and Mr. G. H. Spice. Mr. C. J. Norris was present at the crematorium.

E. B.

MR. C. E. AUSTIN

With great regret the Devon Guild, and particularly the Mid-Devon Branch, heard of the death of Mr. Charles F. Austin, of 2, Quarry Terrace, Paignton, which occurred on April 27th, and it was unfortunate that this was not known until after his burial.

'Charlie,' as he was always known, was about 85 years of age, and it was only recently that he was made an honorary life member of the Devon Guild. He commenced to learn change-ringing soon after the first world war under the tutorship of the late Mr. Frederick T. Gover, and he was always a good striker. As far as can be ascertained, he took part in four peals of Grandsire Triples, the first one being in 1928 in his own tower at Paignton (the first peal on the bells). The writer is now the only survivor of that band.

For some years he was steeplekeeper at Paignton, and he attended the annual branch meeting at Paignton as recently as March 19th last. He is survived by a married daughter who learnt to ring in the early twenties.

A. L. B.

QUARTER PEALS

BRIDGERULE, DEVON—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Hicks 1, J. H. Bowden 2, C. Sangwin 3, R. Hill 4, H. Stacey 5, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 6, J. W. Sangwin 7, O. Gittens 8.

CHEDZOEY, SOMERSET—On May 10th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Best (first of Treble Bob) 1, D. Miller 2, K. Prime (first in the method) 3, M. Stone 4, C. Clarke (cond.) 5, F. Sweet 6.

GREAT HALE, Lincs.—On May 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Bird 1, Daphne Brown 2, J. W. Bailey 3, L. H. Taylor 4, H. Barsley 5, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

HASLEMERE, Surrey—On Easter Day, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: F. Bowden 1, C. Johnstone (first of Major inside) 2, Miss J. Miles 3, Miss A. Carpenter 4, Miss E. Pearson 5, J. L. Queen 6, A. V. Queen 7, J. P. McDermott (cond.) 8. For Matins.

LONDON—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on April 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Talbot 1, C. Wood 2, J. Hayns 3, Miss C. Harbot 4, G. Parsons 5, D. Sibson 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, M. Harbot 8. First of Stedman Triples by 3 and 4, who are from Ashted, Surrey.

LONDON—At St. Clement Danes, on May 8th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: S. Penfold 1, D. Mitchell 2, J. Carrott 3, A. H. Worboys 4, M. Bland 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6, J. Fowler 7, A. Boyack 8, A. J. Salisbury 9, L. S. Woods 10, For Evensong. Also on May 8th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss E. J. Langton 1, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 2, C. Wood 3, J. A. Hales 4, G. Parsons 5, G. Pratt 6, L. Bullock 7, J. Euston 8. For Matins.

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MILVERTON, SOMERSET—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gale 1, W. Stevens 2, Miss J. Taylor 3, F. Casley 4, G. Sparks 5, W. Nurcombe 6, C. Tarr (cond.) 7, H. Taylor 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Bishop of Bath and Wells (Dr. H. W. Bradfield). Also on May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: E. Quicke 1, S. N. Bristow 2, Miss J. Taylor 3, D. T. North 4, W. Stevens 5, H. V. Young 6, C. Tarr (cond.) 7, H. Taylor 8. First of Bob Triples for 1, 3, 5, 6 and 8.

NORTHAMPTON—On Easter Day, at the Church of St. Edmund, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. White 1, Miss D. M. Miller 2, Mrs. G. F. Roome 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, R. S. Roberts 5, J. C. Rainbow 6, E. Billings (cond.) 7, G. F. Roome 8. For the 7 a.m. Holy Communion. Also at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. F. Roome 1, J. C. Rainbow 2, G. F. Roome 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, R. G. Chater 5, T. Jennings 6, A. R. Jones (cond.) 7, Miss A. Shackshaft 8. To mark the christening of Kathleen Lesley Johnson. Also on May 8th, at the Church of St. Edmund, 1,380 Doubles (Stedman, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place Bob, April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, All Saints, and Grandsire): E. Billings 1, Miss J. A. Downing 2, G. F. Roome 3, J. C. Rainbow 4, R. E. Roberts (cond.) 5, R. S. White (first quarter) 6.

STOUBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Tombs 1, M. J. Fellows 2, Barbara Stephens 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, R. Smith (cond.) 5, P. W. Webb 6, D. H. Watson 7, M. D. Fellows 8. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Mr. C. E. Cookson, a member of the Parochial Church Council.

SPOUGHTON, SUFFOLK—On May 7th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford, 540 Plain Bob): J. Prentice 1, R. Taylor 2, R. E. Lester 3, H. Milson 4, E. A. Cracknell 5, R. W. Steward (cond.) 6. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Joyce Steward and Mr. Bryan Taylor.

STRATTON, CORNWALL—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. T. Stacey 1, A. E. Bissett 2, H. Trewin 3, H. Stacey 4, H. Heard 5, C. Sangwin 6, J. W. Sangwin (cond.) 7, G. Halford (first quarter) 8. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer and also his first quarter away from the tenor. Also the 70 birthday of conductor.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET—On May 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Patricia Burt (first in 4 methods) 1, A. F. Lee (cond.) 2, D. F. Barnett (first in 4 methods) 3, J. J. Jefferies 4, T. J. Milson 5, D. F. Jefferies (first in 4 methods) 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the Bishop of Bath and Wells.

QUARTER PEALS

ABERDARE, GLAM.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: P. Jones (first quarter) 1, W. Harford 2, D. L. Kerley 3, D. W. Kerley 4, Geoff Kerley 5, Geo. Kerley 6, G. Hopkinson (first as cond.) 7, L. Scott 8. For Evensong and a welcome home to D. W. Kerley after his world cruise on H.M.S. 'Centaur.'

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Doone 1, V. J. C. Dale 2, R. J. Brown (cond.) 3, Miss J. Wood (first quarter) 4, Miss B. Fisher 5. For Matins.

BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. D. Thomas 1, Mrs. T. Rushton 2, Miss D. M. Rushton 3, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 4, R. Billings 5, A. E. Holder 6. For morning service and as a birthday compliment to ringers of 3 and 4.

BRISTOL.—On May 8th, at St. Stephen's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Beryl Abbott 1, Elizabeth Jackson 2, Angela Grainger 3, J. A. Bennett 4, M. J. Austin 5, P. J. Bird (cond.) 6, Jane Cook 7, R. Blackler 8, J. C. Baldwin 9, I. Maycock 10. First of Grandsire Caters for 2, 4, 5 and 10. Rung by the U.B.S.C.R. for Evensong.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On May 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Bonsor (first of Major) 1, J. F. Johnson 2, Elisabeth A. Negus 3, Mary J. Marshall 4, Gillian Tavener 5, Hilary M. Johnson 6, H. M. Johnson 7, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 8. Average age of band 17. Also on May 8th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. F. Johnson 1, Elisabeth A. Negus 2, Mary J. Marshall 3, Hilary M. Johnson 4, Gillian Tavener 5, P. J. Chapman 6, H. M. Johnson 7, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 8. First of Treble Bob by all the band except 6.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Ayres 1, Marguerite Battram 2, Kathleen Mallender 3, S. Boyes (first 'inside') 4, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 5, H. Wagstaff 6, J. McCluskey 7, G. White 8.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.—On May 8th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: W. George 1, Pat Rowe 2, H. Rumens 3, Trudy Newcombe 4, D. Langdon 5, F. Gilbert 6, J. Weeks 7, T. Hawkins (cond.) 8. Rung for Evensong at the commencement of Christian Aid Week.

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: P. R. Dean 1, Jill Cook (first in method) 2, E. D. Poole 3, J. Young 4, Mrs. E. Mead 5, L. J. Young 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, E. Silvey 8. For Christian Aid Week service.

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