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BELFRY PRAISE

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THE bell is an instrument of ancient origin and its connection with the Church and church worship dates back a very long way. But the ringing of bells as we know it today, and more particularly the very precise art of change ringing, may be said to belong entirely to the last three or three and a half centuries. The adoption of the completely circular bell wheel made possible a more exact control of the bell and speedily brought about a disciplined and orderly striking of the bells in the place of unsystematic jangling. By the beginning of the 17th century (and possibly earlier) bell ringing had become a popular exercise, and clubs and societies were formed to encourage the art and to provide opportunities for devotees to practise together.

Ringing societies and 'gilds' existed at a very early date, and as far back as 1254 a patent Roll of Henry III granted privileges and money to the Brethren of the 'Gild' of Westminster who were appointed to ring the great bells. The Deykins of Coventry (1462), the 'Gild' of St. Paul's (1507) and the Schollers of Cheapside (1603) were forerunners of societies like the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Union Scholars, the Cumberland Youths, the Norwich Scholars, the St. Martin's Youths, and numerous other bodies formed in the 17th and 18th centuries for the purpose of bell ringing. It was only with the coming of these later societies that any records of organised ringing were preserved.

Bell ringing at this time, it should be noted, was almost entirely secular in its outlook and practice. The bells available at the churches were, of course, used for the indulgence of the art, and doubtless were rung in connection with the offices of the Church. But the premier attraction was the art itself, the splendid physical exercise it entailed, and the irresistible fascination of the growing science of change ringing. Early in the 17th century the art of ringing systems, by which new changes were produced by each pull of the ropes, had been discovered, and from quite primitive beginnings and tentative experiments men speedily began to comprehend a vast and exciting field of mathematical exploration in the world of permutations. Change ringing spread to the ringing of changes on eight bells, then to ten, and finally to twelve bell ringing. Church authorities themselves seemed to catch some of the enthusiasm, for towards the end of the 18th century many rings of bells were being augmented; and it is worthy of note that in some cases the ringing societies provided money for this work.

In 1668 the first known work on change ringing was printed and published in London. It was called 'Tintinnalogia, or the Art of Ringing.' The book is scholarly and well written, and although its title page reads 'By a lover of the Art' it is generally accepted that the author was Richard Duckworth, the Rector of Steeple Aston, Oxfordshire. Three copies of this valuable book are known to be in existence. One of these is in the Bodleian Library at Oxford, while another was presented by Mr. Edwin Lewis to the Library of The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers at Whitsuntide last year. In 1677, Fabian Stedman published 'Campanalogia, or the Art of Ringing Improved,' and since that date there has grown up a large and extensive bibliography devoted to every aspect of the Art—historical, archaeological, mechanical, theoretical and practical. The text books of instruction for learners are numerous, and some of the works on the mathematical construction of changes ascend into quite lofty heights of applied mathematics.

It is not possible in a short essay even to begin to make clear the elements of change ringing theory. Much of it does not directly concern the practical ringer, and yet the practical ringer could not do without it, for the blocks of changes he rings must be constructed, or 'composed,' as the bell ringer says, and this is the work of the Composer. Briefly speaking, it is the business of the Composer to construct sequences of changes that shall be true, that is to say, shall have no repetition of any particular change, and shall at the same time incorporate as many of the more musical-sounding changes as possible. This may be a fairly simple task in one system of ringing changes, in another system it may be an amazingly complex proceeding, presenting problems sometimes insuperable and often dishearteningly difficult. It is a noteworthy fact that some of the most brilliant exponents of this abstruse mathematical process have been men without any mathematical training or even educational advantage; and the acknowledged intellectuals of the ringing exercise have never failed to pay ungrudging and wondering tribute to the achievements of men who by their upbringing

and limited education might reasonably have been expected to be incapable of mathematical investigation.

It has been emphasised above that change ringing was in its inception almost purely secular. This outlook persisted until the latter half of the 19th century, and only by bearing this in mind can we comprehend the astonishing change that came about: a revolution that lifted bell ringing to its present important position in the life and work of the Church and gave bell ringers a new status and importance in relation to church services. The awakening to a new sense of duty seems to have come round about 1880, when educated and important ringers like Jasper Snowdon, of Ilkley, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, of Fretherne, and Arthur (afterwards Sir Arthur) Heywood, of Duffield, together with the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, and the Rev. Earle Bulwer and others, began to perceive the need for the devoting of this fine art of bell ringing more intensely to the service of church worship. At this time there was a great increase in the number of change ringing societies, and to the existing territorial associations there were being added the Diocesan Associations. It was to these associations that Heywood turned for help.

Arthur Heywood was a man of wealth and intellectual ability and his influence was great and widespread. After much difficulty he succeeded in forming The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, a kind of ringers' parliament, composed of elected representatives from all the ringing societies. Since its first meeting in 1891 the Council has grown in size and importance and is now the very centre, and, it might be said, the driving force of the whole ringing exercise. It meets once a year, visiting a different part of the country each year, and at this momentous conference problems affecting church bell ringing and difficulties arising from the technical aspect of the art are discussed and (for the most part) resolved. The Council works perforce through a large number of committees, and the reports of these committees form the basis of each agenda. There are committees dealing with every possible branch of ringing, but two important ones must be mentioned here. The 'Towers and Belfries Committee' is composed of experts in the study of the structure of towers and the problems of bell restoration and preservation, and it is frequently called upon by parish and diocesan authorities for advice where any problem has arisen. The work of this committee should be more widely known, for its services are always available and are readily and promptly given. The other important committee that should be mentioned here is the 'Education and Sunday Service Committee,' the work of which is concentrated on the teaching of ringing and the education of bell ringers as servants of the Church. The advice of this committee is at the disposal of any incumbent.

The Central Council is responsible for two important literary institutions. One is its official list of publications and the other is the weekly journal. The Council booklets, published at a low cost, provide much technical and educational matter for the ringer, but also include pamphlets on preservation and care of bells, model codes of rules for belfries, and an excellent little treatise on Sunday Service Ringing which should be in the possession of every ringer and incumbent. 'The Ringing World' is the official journal of the Central Council. It was founded in 1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, a Surrey ringer and journalist, and on his death it was acquired by the Council. 'The Ringing World' provides all the news of bell ringing throughout the whole of the British Isles and may be said to be the chief binding force of the Exercise. By its means we record ringing performances, meetings, bell restorations and church affairs generally; its columns provide technical articles and instructional essays, and, of course, all the transactions of the Council. It is by means of this periodical that we know all the important ringers in all parts of the Isles, and it is a pleasant and significant reflection that no ringer need be a stranger in any town or village where there is a band of ringers; for in no sect or community is hospitality more spontaneous than it is among bell ringers.

In this short paper much stress has been laid upon the work of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. It is undoubtedly due to the work of this body that the status of bell ringers has been raised to such a high level. Ringers are now widely recognised as office bearers in the Church, and their work is more clearly seen as an offering of praise to God. Their hobby is a great art, and like the arts of sculpture, painting and music, is no less dedicated to the worship of the Creator because it finds its origin in the sheer delight of performance. In many towers all ringing commences with prayer.

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STAGGERING RESPONSE TO COVENTRY RALLY

1,600 RINGERS AND WIVES AT MEMORABLE SERVICE

THE all-England rally to Coventry Cathedral on April 20th proved to be a greater success than anticipated.

When the applications exceeded 500, it was realised that tickets would have to be used to ensure that everyone would be able to have a seat at the service. When the number turned the 1,000 mark, the general secretary of the Guild began to get worried, as he realised that if they all wanted to join in the tea it would be impossible to cater for them. However, as things turned out, 600 were catered for—by sending 100 to the Cathedral Refectory and the balance to the municipal canteen.

Prior to the service, all the towers that were opened were kept busy with parties calling in from all directions, and the Ringing Master of the Guild must have been very satisfied with his organisation, which included bands of ringers calling at all towers on the various routes into Coventry being present to help small parties have a ring.

To the writer's knowledge, there were very few disappointments in this direction. It was very much regretted that the ringing at Allesley had to be stopped owing to serious illness near the tower, and this also meant that this tower was not open in the evening.

As with all ringers' gatherings, there was the usual percentage of members who did not send in their names for either meetings or teas.

ORGAN INSTEAD OF BELLS

Before the general public were allowed into the Cathedral, 1,600 ringers, their wives and friends were admitted, and it was full almost to capacity. From the altar steps, before the service commenced the Provost, the Very Rev. H. C. N. Williams, gave a sincere welcome to those present. He said it was to him a great honour to be able to conduct such a service with churchmen from all over England and Wales.

Referring to the Cathedral bells, which had not yet been hung for ringing, he said he hoped that this would not be the case if they should visit the Cathedral again. They had, however, been welcomed by a peal on the organ.

The form of service had been prepared by the Precentor, Canon J. W. Poole, who was unfortunately unable to attend owing to being in Germany. It was much enjoyed by all. The lessons were read by the president of the Central Council (Mr. F. Sharpe) and the president of the Coventry Diocesan Guild (Mr. F. W. Perrens).

The address was given by the Rev. Graham M. Smallwood, a vice-president of the Coventry Guild and Vicar of St. Nicholas, Warwick, from the text, 'Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.' (1 Cor. x, 31.)

THE SECOND RALLY

He said this all-England rally of bellringers taking place in this, the newest of all the wonderful cathedrals of their land, was a great occasion; great indeed in the history of ringing: for this was only the second all-England rally to have taken place.

The first was held at Croydon in 1928. The well known firm of Gillett and Johnston had made a splendid carillon for Riverside Church, New York. These bells had been set up just as they were to be at Riverside Church, and over 1,000 ringers, from all over the country, accepted the invitation to be present.

There was a similarity between these two rallies. Normally, meetings of ringers were at a place where bells could be rung, but in both these rallies there were no ringable bells for the ringers.

There were also two striking differences in the two rallies. In the first those who attended did not meet for worship, but were given a free tea. They of the Coventry Diocesan Guild who were most honoured to be hosts to this rally were also grateful that they had been able to have the service in their splendid Cathedral. 'I am sorry the hospitality of the Coventry Guild cannot extend to a free tea.'

CATHEDRAL BELLS

'We hope that you have enjoyed ringing in the various towers in the diocese,' continued the preacher. 'We all lament that the Cathedral has not a ringable peal, but, and as I am not on the Cathedral staff I can speak quite freely, great things are being accomplished at this Cathedral. All the time new possibilities are being considered and new projects designed and undertaken to make the Cathedral's ministry more effective. Everything cannot be accomplished at once, and in due time I am sure that this Cathedral will be equipped with a splendid ring of bells. While we are looking forward eagerly to that day we thank God for the wonderful things already achieved in and through Coventry Cathedral.'

'England is known as "The Ringing Isle." The art of change ringing has developed here and nowhere else is this art practised, except in a few places where Englishmen have taken it. The sound of the bells is one of the things that makes England, England. The people of our land love to hear the bells. The grimness of the war years was made darker by the enforced silence of the bells. One of the great uplifting moments of my life was when I heard on the radio this silence broken by the bells of Westminster Abbey after the Battle of El Alamein.'

'Bell ringing is one of the fine traditions of England. People from other lands listen with wonder at the precision and order and rapid sequence of our bells when they are rung by a good band.'

FUNCTION OF BELLS

'The reason for having bells in churches is to proclaim in sound, and proclaim loudly that Church is there. And they proclaim what the Church is doing. The preface in the Prayer Book instructs the curate or Vicar to "say the same (morning and evening prayer) in the Parish Church or Chapel where he ministereth, and shall cause a bell to be tolled thereunto a convenient time before he begin, that the people may come to hear God's word and to pray with him."

This referred to week-day Matins and Evensong as well as Sundays, and Mr. Smallwood said he was meticulous about the bell being rung, telling people that though they might not be able to be in church, yet God was being worshipped, prayers offered on their behalf and they were being remembered in their parish church.

NATURE OF THE CHURCH

Church bells were not only to give witness that the Church was there; they gave witness to what the Church stood for—the glory of God. It was founded by Jesus Christ to be His Body, His instrument in the world for carrying out God's purpose. The Church was not as someone had described it, 'a social club with religious affinities, seen mainly in tea.' The Church was that great concourse of people who had accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Master and Saviour, and had been grafted into Him through baptism.

They had the duty of worshipping God, and serving God in love and thankfulness, and of proclaiming God and His purpose to the world. Every aspect of the Church's work must be part of this supreme aim, and must be undertaken in the light of St. Paul's words: 'Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.'

Bellringing, as part of the activity of the Church, shared in the ministry of the Church. Bells proclaimed in their own unique and beautiful way that the Church was set in the world for the glory of God, and to proclaim God's Name and His purpose to all mankind.

STRIVING FOR PERFECTION

This ringing for worship was a very important activity within the Church. Ringers of that excellent publication, 'The Ringing World,' could not but be impressed by the achievements recorded week by week of bands of ringers up and down the country ringing peals in many different methods. 'This striving towards perfection, this delight in the art, this excellent standard, this yearning to achieve the best; all helps very greatly to keep the

art of bellringing alive; and it needs every encouragement. Anything done by the Church should be done well, and ringers are always striving to improve their performance.'

'Nevertheless it must be remembered that the achievement of peals is not the be all and end all of church bellringing. The officials of Guilds and Associations, and of local bands, must not be dismayed if great feats of change ringing are not achieved as often as they would like by their members.'

'What is important, what really matters, is not the number of peals rung, but whether the bells are rung regularly and well Sunday by Sunday in every church for each service prescribed. A band which never reaches the standard of peal ringing, and yet sees to it that all the bells are rung at all the services prescribed for ringing every Sunday of the year, this is the good and loyal band. This is the band which is proclaiming the Church and its message to the world.'

'In this century, when there has been a general decline from the Christian faith, it is good to know that the ringing of church bells has been carried on with increasing regularity, dedication and sense of service. It is only the loyalty of bellringers that keeps the bells of this land continually ringing. May this loyalty always remain. May its quality be right. May ringers always remember that "Whatsoever they do, to do all to the glory of God."

TOWERS SWAMPED

At the tea which followed, it was announced that Allesley and Stratford-on-Avon bells would not be available, and, unfortunately, those who did not attend the tea did not get the message, and many who called at these towers were disappointed.

The remaining towers were literally swamped by ringers hoping to have a pull. What ringing the writer heard was generally of a good standard, and with ringers from all parts taking part this was a compliment to the general standard of ringing.

There were 110 organised parties, and they came from the four corners of Great Britain: Stoney Stratford, Hampton-on-Thames, Penn, Willenhall, Ormskirk, Liverpool, Bedford, Hatfield, Chalfont St. Peter, West Hartlepool, Trumpington, Croydon, Cambridge, West Hardwick, Bristol, Redditch, Aldershot, Exhall, Bulkington, Studley, Rugby, Clifton-on-Dunsmore, Warwick, Newbold-on-Avon, Bedworth, Stratford-on-Avon, Whitney, Berkswell, Kenilworth, Bishop's Itchington, Whitnash, Cardigan, London, Bransford, Newton-le-Willows, Bicester, Leominster, Hodnet, Drayton (Oxon), Middlesbrough, Calne (Wilts), Hambledon, Acomb (Yorks), Basingstoke, Plymouth, Grimsby, Bournemouth, Epsom, Guildford, Tunbridge Wells, Dunchurch, Wellsbourne, Salford Priors, Wolvey, Allesley, Atherstone, Leamington Hastings, Leicester, Nuneaton, Stourbridge, Corby, Ewell (Surrey), Chilvers Coton, Corley, Stockport, Harborough, Hockley (Essex), Yardley Hastings, Clitheroe (Lancs), Burnley, Heathercote (Norfolk), Chelmsford, Tamworth-in-Arden, Crayford, Leeds, Wootton Waven, Portsmouth, Kersley, Erdington (Birmingham), Manchester, Malmesbury, Kettering, Tewkesbury, Leamington Spa, Blackheath, Lower Heyford (Northants), Brierley Hill, Oswestry, Banbury (Oxon), and four parties from London.

The Coventry Guild regretted that the tea could not be organised as a single gathering. This would have made the occasion even more memorable. The honorary secretary (Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward) expresses his appreciation of the huge number who attended. The appreciative comments from so many made the task of organisation very well worth while and compensated for the sleepless nights as the event drew nearer.

One letter of appreciation from a participant read: 'What a wonderful time we had in Coventry on Saturday! Thank you very much for the invitation. That service will be frequently in my thoughts—thank you again.'

With such a response, 'Yes, we may do it again in the not too distant future.'

J. L. G.-H.

MR. L. J. WILLIAMS' 50 YEARS AT CHURCH KIRK

On April 17th, a quarter peal was rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the arrival at Church Kirk, Lancs, of a keen and energetic young ringer, Mr. Laurence J. Williams. It was intended to ring a peal for the occasion, but the indisposition of one of the band and hurried arrangements for a substitute contributed to an unsettled start and a premature end to such hopes. However, a good quarter of Kent was successfully completed.

No sooner had Laurence settled in Church Kirk than he was required to serve his country in the 1914-18 War, so the earliest indication of his presence can be found in the Lancashire Association records for 1916. Since then, however, his career as a ringer and servant of his Parish Church has been one of unceasing activity. So great, in fact, was his enthusiasm that it has given rise to many a heated argument (and it still does, occasionally!). Coupled with this enthusiasm, his ability as a ringer fitted him well to serve on the committee of the Lancashire Association, and on the Central Council, besides having been bell adviser and president of the Blackburn Branch.

In the early 1920's, when the old six bells at Church Kirk became unringable, Laurence spent a few years training a band at the neighbouring tower of Rishton, and the results of his work there were evidence for many years. Returning to a recast and rehung eight, he led the Church Kirk Society as a great pioneer of Surprise ringing in the district, and by 1928 he had rung his 100th peal for the Lancashire Association, to which he has since added another 228.

Faced with the now too familiar situation of no longer having a full team of ringers, in 1957 he again faced the task of training a new band. With one assistant and his usual energy he tackled this situation, and is now supported by a lively young band, which has been augmented by a rebel from Accrington and an exile from Rossendale, all of whom are unanimous in congratulating him on his fine record, and wishing him many more years' enjoyment in the company of ringers.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

Penzance Branch At Towednack

The spring meeting of the Penzance Branch was held at Towednack on April 27th, where the church is situated in a very rural setting. The meeting was appropriately held on the eve of the Feast Sunday, and the church was beautifully decorated for the occasions.

There were about sixty present, including Mr. Douglas Burnett (Diocesan Ringing Master) and Miss Eileen Symons (Branch chairman), and members from the Truro Branch. Ringing on the light, melodious eight (7 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.) ranged up to Stedman Triples. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. T. S. Hichens, who also welcomed the gathering. Mr. Harry Miles kindly acted as organist, and at the business meeting was thanked by the Rev. A. S. Roberts (Branch secretary), who also mentioned that the last meeting at Towednack was as long ago as 1925. A very sumptuous tea was provided by the local ladies, and included generous supplies of Cornish splits, jam and cream.

Ringling also took place on the six at the neighbouring parish of Zennor, and in the evening several spent a pleasant time on the ten at Carbis Bay.

An invitation to hold the autumn meeting at Landewednack was accepted with thanks.



King's Lynn is 90 miles from London, but the majority of the band who rang in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal in honour of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra's wedding to the Hon. Angus Ogilvy came from London or beyond. The distance travelled by the ringers for this local recognition of the royal wedding was commented upon in the Eastern Counties Press.

The band consisted of: Left to right: J. K. Ward, F. R. Scott, W. Birmingham, M. Hatchett, L. W. Houghton, Rev. G. Galley, D. P. Hilling, N. V. Harding, W. Wilson, T. J. Lock.

[By courtesy of Eastern Counties Newspapers.]

AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION South Australian Branch

The annual meeting of the South Australian Branch of the Australian and New Zealand Association was held on April 21st, at the conclusion of one of the regular quarterly ringing meetings of the Branch. (These meetings are held alternately at St. Andrew's, Walkerville, and St. Peter's Cathedral.) The meeting began with ringing in the afternoon at St. Andrew's, with methods ranging from Plain Bob Doubles to Cambridge and London Surprise Minor. After a short service and tea, the business meeting was conducted.

It was with great regret that the Branch accepted the resignation of Enid Roberts as Ringing Master, as she is shortly to take up a position in Sydney. The Branch officially thanked Enid for all that she had done for ringing in South Australia—a period of devoted service and assistance, culminating in her recently conducting the first peal on the Cathedral bells.

Mr. Wilfred L. Robinson was elected Ringing Master in her place, and Paul Ewens and David Bleby were re-elected to the positions of secretary and public relations officer respectively.

The Australian and New Zealand Association annual meeting will be held this year at Adelaide from June 8th-10th, and the South Australian Branch elected Wilfred Robinson and Mr. W. B. Pitcher as the Branch's delegates.

D. J. B.

PROMISING LANCASHIRE RINGER

Congratulations to Kenneth Hesketh, of Halewood, Lancs, on ringing his first 25 peals. Ken, who was taught to ring by his father, was a slow starter in the peal columns, but has recently made up for this.

His peals have been rung in 20 different methods on all numbers from Doubles to Royal, in 17 different towers and for both Lancashire Association and Chester Guild.

Kenneth's first peal was on an 'inside' bell to Cambridge Surprise Major, and since then all but one of his peals have been on a working bell. Although he has made attempts he has yet to call his first peal.

Ken's present aim, however, seems to be for peals of Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus to complete these families. Any offers?

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' May 2nd, 1913.—

The Sussex County Association.—The annual meeting will be held at the Bear Hotel, Lewes, on Saturday, May 3rd. Luncheon at one o'clock. Members' tickets 1/6d. each. The Lord Bishop of Chichester will preside, and also at the business meeting to follow. Further particulars as to service and times of ringing will be announced later on through the post. Half fares—with a maximum of 2/6—will be allowed members attending, but they are requested to avail themselves as far as possible of the cheap fares.—G. Watson, Honorary Secretary, Vale Road, St. Leonards.

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Increased Subscriptions Hit Gloucester & Bristol

WHILE financially in a better position, the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association at its annual meeting at Henbury on April 20th, attended by 190 members, reported a substantial drop in membership.

Mr. Charles Rouse, the general secretary, in his report stated that they lost last year 237 members and gained 169 new ones, giving a total of about 870. This was a small number, as in 1959 they had 1,131; other recent losses have been 235 in 1960 and 193 in 1961.

'The rising cost of being a member is partly to blame, but all who think must realise that this is no fault of the officers. I was very surprised on receiving the tower returns to see the names of some who are withholding payment. For many years they, and others, have done much to build up this Association, now, in time of trouble, surely their support should continue.'

Losses by death remembered were: Dr. W. M. Askwith, Bishop of Gloucester and joint president; Messrs. A. A. Hilliar and F. G. Leaker (vice-president), of St. Mary Redcliffe; H. J. Hobbs (vice-president), Slimbridge; E. Humphries, Brislington; T. Moulden, Stratton St. Margaret; P. Parker, Olveston; and G. W. Townsend, Swindon.

PEALS LESS

The number of peals rung had fallen to a total of 72, which was 23 less than the previous year, but the list of firsts would take a lot of beating, and spoke for itself of the high standard of peal ringing members. Seven of their members were in 'The Ringing World' list, headed by D. J. Hunt 50 peals, and followed by G. R. Drew 33, Mrs. S. M. Drew, D. C. Exell and A. R. Peake 32, C. A. Wratten 31, and M. J. Hobbs 29.

During the year the bells of Shipton Moyne and Slimbridge were rehung. Tewkesbury bells were in the founders' hands (since returned). Grants from the Belfry Repair Fund were made to Castle Paton, Kilifi, Melbourne, Australia, Shipton Moyne and Slimbridge. The executive had decided that one-third of all affiliation fees should be set aside in a special fund for instruction to affiliated towers, the rest to go to the Belfry Repair Fund after deducting administrative costs. The course at Bristol was a success, and thanks were due to Mr. P. J. Bird and all who helped them.

The audited accounts showed that the General Management Fund started the year with a deficit of £26 15s. and ended with a balance of £150 14s. The Peal Book Fund had a balance of £81 13s., and the Belfry Repair Fund £477 15s. The balance sheet showed assets of £655 13s. 6d.

NEW MASTER

The Rev. F. F. Rigby was installed as Master by the retiring Master, Mr. A. V. Bennett. After being invested with the chain and badge of office, the new Master said: 'In Lancashire, where I came from, we wore nothing at all at meetings like this.'

Mr. C. Rouse continues as general secretary and Mr. Cyril A. Wratten was elected treasurer. Mr. S. G. Riches, who had completed 10 years in office, having expressed a wish to retire. The other officers, Mr. Eric Sutton (peal secretary) and Messrs. E. F. Hancock and J. M. Stallard (auditors), were re-elected.

Honorary life membership was conferred on Mrs. J. Gould (Henbury), Messrs. W. Beard (Ruardean), T. Steward (Tirley), R. Shales (Purton), H. Day and G. Peare (Mevseyhampton), F. Simmons (Charlton Kings) and C. Jordon (Bisley).

It was decided to hold the next A.G.M. at Stroud on April 25th, 1964.

A letter inviting all male members to take part in a service for churchmen in Gloucester

Cathedral on June 8th was read, admission by tickets (applications to the general secretary, please). The bells will be available from 5 p.m. for half an hour, and again after the service for one hour.

Thanks were expressed by the Master to all who had made the day such a success and after tea in Blaise Castle, the service, conducted by Canon Davey, of Henbury, assisted by the Rev. F. F. Rigby and the Rev. R. E. Goodsell, who gave the address, was well attended. £6 5s. 3d. was collected for the Belfry Repair Fund. A number of towers in the Rural Branch were open, and good use was made of the bells during the morning.

C. R.

WEDDING OF MR. DAVID HOARE

A well known West Country ringer and former secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, Mr. David Hoare, was married on April 20th at St. James' Church, Goffs Oak, Herts. His bride, Miss Madeline Prentice, was given away by her father and wore a full-length dress of white lace and carried a bouquet of white freesias and lilies of the valley. She was attended by four bridesmaids, Margaret and Muriel Prentice, Catherine Davis and Amanda Allen.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. H. Oldham, and the Rev. Norman Mitchell, Vicar of Radstock, celebrated Holy Communion for the couple afterwards. Best man was the Rev. Roger Keeley, and the organist Mr. David Elliot, a college friend of the bridegroom. The service was fully choral and the hymns were: 'For the beauty of the earth,' 'Wherefore, O Father' and 'Strengthen for service.'

About 110 guests attended the reception in the Church Hall, and included ringers from Bath, Evercreech, Radstock and Wells. The bride's present to the bridegroom was a Cromwellian clock, and his present to her a sewing machine. The honeymoon was spent in Canterbury.

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SOCIETY

The recently revived Hereford Cathedral School Bellringing Society had its annual outing in South Herefordshire on April 18th. Valuable help was given by Mr. M. P. Moreton, a Past Master of the Society and also of the College Youths, Mr. A. T. Wingate, Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, and Mr. G. T. Cousins, Master of the Hereford District.

At Fownhope (an easy going six), the Rev. M. C. Sell welcomed the party. A noisy tenor, visible from the ringing chamber, made ringing at King's Cople disconcerting, and the rehung Rudhall six at Llangarron was somewhat tricky to handle because of the low sallies.

After a cup of tea at the Vicarage, we had a good ring on the pleasant bells at Goodrich. A brief visit to Weston-under-Penyard was followed by the light and tricky eight at Bridstow, and then an excellent tea. Mr. Godfrey, from the Christchurch District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, joined us here and came with us to Ross-on-Wye. An excellent ring on the lovely octave with Mr. J. J. Webb concluded a successful outing. Methods rung varied to Grandsire Triples and Cambridge Surprise Minor. Thanks are expressed to all those who helped in any way.

J. F. I. T.

LETTERS

A Darlington Ringing Family of 1931

Dear Sir,—Browsing through my volume of 1931 'Ringing Worlds,' I found a whole page devoted to 'A young family of ringers' from Darlington, with a picture of Mr. H. Taylor and his five children, aged from between 6 and 12 years, with handbells in their hands.

At this early age they could ring Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters 'double-handed.' The boys hoped to emulate the feats of Will Pye and Jimmie George.

Are any of this family still ringing and did the boys achieve their ambition?

It would be interesting to hear of the progress of this unique ringing family of Grace, Ida, Raymond, Harry and Fred and Mr. Taylor senior.—Yours faithfully,

THOMAS C. BELTON.

Birstall, Leics.

Paignton Bells Overhauled

Dear Sir,—The bells of Paignton, Devon, Parish Church, having been completely overhauled and retuned at a cost £1,200 by Messrs. John Taylor, are again being rung for Sunday services. As the fund to meet the cost has not reached the required figure, the bells are not officially open.

Under these circumstances the tower is as yet not available for visiting teams, but visitors to the town during the coming holiday season will be made most welcome for service ringing at 10.15 a.m. and 5.30 p.m., and anyone who has enjoyed ringing at Paignton during previous holidays who would like to assist the bell fund should send donations to the Vicar of Paignton, Preb. J. W. G. Molland.—Yours faithfully,

J. KELLY,

Captain of Paignton ringers.

Recruitment

Dear Sir,—According to Professor Dodge, there appears to be no answer to the problem of 'Recruits' (front page, April 26th). But we at St. James', Taunton, believe there is, and to have found it.

Our experience is that recruits must be found from the church's various functions and activities. Of the 17 teenage members of our band, 11 are choristers, members of the Bible class, Sunday school and the Scout Troop, whilst the remainder (girls) are also members of the Bible class, Sunday school, Girl Guides, etc. And of the older members of our band, most are actively engaged in our church affairs, and all are regular worshippers. In short, all are within the Fellowship of the Church, and this, we believe, is the answer to the problem of recruits.—Your truly,

REGINALD BEALE.

Taunton.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

The annual general meeting of the Guild was held in Clare College on April 24th. The following officers were elected for the year 1963/64:

President, W. J. Ridgman (Queens); senior treasurer, B. D. Threlfall (Trinity); Master, A. S. Hudson (Clare); secretary, S. C. Walters (Pembroke); librarian, V. Nulton (Selwyn); steeple-keeper, C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel).

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ON April 23rd, 1938, Thomas J. Lock and Kathleen M. Bradford were married at St. Mary's Church, Twickenham, Middlesex. The silver wedding of this well known and popular ringing couple was celebrated in fine style.

On Thursday, April 25th, a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung at Twickenham, in which Tom took part with a band of old friends. The younger generation was represented by Peter Coles, the son of Mr. A. W. Coles, a neighbour of the Locks at North Mymms, where they have lived throughout their 25 years of married life. Mr. A. W. Coles, a former vice-president and very hard worker for the Middlesex Association, had taken part in the ringing at Twickenham on the wedding day in 1938.

This peal was a double celebration since two local ringers at Twickenham, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Turner, were also celebrating their silver wedding, having been married at Twickenham on April 26th, 1938.

After the peal the ringers, some of whom had by then been joined by their wives, were the guests at supper of Mr. and Mrs. Lock and Mr. and Mrs. Turner. This was a jolly party, and Mr. E. A. Barnett, the secretary of the Central Council, expressed the hearty good wishes of all present to the two happy couples. The Vicar of Twickenham, Rev. W. J. Davies, who was present with Mrs. Davies, said what pleasure it had given him to hear the bells on such an auspicious occasion, and how very glad they all were to share the happiness of the Locks and the Turners at such a time.

There were further celebrations for the Locks on April 27th, when they gave a lunch and tea party and afternoon's entertainment to their relatives and friends in the Memorial Hall at North Mymms. Mr. Graham Lock, their elder son, who is reading for Holy Orders at Cambridge, was present, but a notable absentee was Mr. Martin F. Lock, the younger son, who, on Good Friday, was taken to Barnet Hospital for an appendix operation and is having to stay there rather longer than usual for such cases. Several of the party visited him in the hospital on their way home.

Mr. E. H. Kilby, secretary of the North and East District of the Middlesex Association, who was best man at the wedding, spoke of the happiness of Tom and Kath, and of the pleasure of their friendship. Mr. Lock suitably replied with an amusing few words.

Many readers of 'The Ringing World' will know this delightful couple and will be aware of the good work they do. Kath was an enthusiastic president of the Ladies' Guild for three years and is a great worker still. During her term as president she attended meetings up and down the country, encouraging support for the Ladies' Guild. She is a great worker for the Women's Institutes in Hertfordshire, and frequently travels to remote parts of the county on the Federation's behalf. Her service to North Mymms Church includes deputy organist and choirmaster for many years.

Tom has long been an ardent worker for the Middlesex Association, having been general secretary since the untimely death of his friend, Ernest Turner. Before that he was Ringing Master and subsequently secretary of

the North and East District. For many years he has arranged an annual peal ringing tour in various parts of the British Isles, and is now associated with the arrangements for the projected trip to Australia. Notwithstanding these activities he was for 21 years secretary of the Parochial Church Council at North Mymms, and is always at hand when building problems arise locally, such as with the North Mymms Memorial Hall. Throughout most of his career he has worked as a quantity surveyor for the London County Council, and has achieved high rank.

A peal attempt at North Mymms on the Saturday before the silver wedding was arranged by Martin Lock as a surprise to his parents, but was doomed to a double disappointment; first that Martin could not take part, and second that the attempt was unsuccessful.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION Northern Branch

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at St. Michael's, Aylsham, on April 27th, when the service was conducted by the Rev. A. W. Holland, with Mr. N. J. A. Pumphrey as organist. The lesson was read by the president (Mr. F. N. Golden). Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Royal.

The Branch chairman (Mr. W. Love) was unable to be present through sickness, and the meeting wished him a speedy recovery. Mrs. S. Haddon (Norwich) and Miss B. Pardon (Aylsham) were elected ringing members, and the belfry elections of Miss B. Gillian Schofield (Bradford) and Mr. Alan J. Frost (London) were ratified. It is hoped to hold a striking competition at Acle in the near future.

Suffolk Guild Districts Reorganised

THE annual general meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Ipswich on April 20th. Well over 60 members and visitors attended, including some from Hertfordshire and Norfolk. During the course of the afternoon and evening the bells of St. Clement's, St. Lawrence's, St. Margaret's, St. Mary Quay and St. Matthew's were available for ringing and put to good use in a wide variety of standard methods.

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. Standen McDougal in St. Margaret's Church at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and the business meeting at Manor House. Mr. C. W. Pipe (vice-president) presided over the tea and meeting, supported by Messrs. G. E. Symonds (vice-president), L. G. Brett (Ringing Master), R. W. M. Clouston (technical adviser) and J. W. Blythe (general secretary and treasurer).

Mr. Pipe extended a warm welcome to all present. Speaking in general terms, he said that 1962 did not appear to be too promising from a statistical point of view, but on the other hand there had been plenty of activity and he felt confident that 1963 had better things in store. He urged all ringers to do their bit by finding that recruit, calling that first 720, quarter peal or peal, and by learning some new method and by regular support. Apologies for absence were received from Miss Alice Lester, Mrs. C. W. Pipe, Mr. P. S. Bedford and Mr. C. J. Sedgley.

The reports of the various officers revealed that 56 peals were rung. Membership was slightly down at 489. Eye bells were rehung and provided the diocese with yet another fine octave. Further restoration work was envisaged for 1963. Mr. L. E. Last had been active in giving talks and lectures on bells and ringing.

HIGHER SUBSCRIPTIONS

The accounts showed a considerable excess of expenditure over income. The treasurer anticipated that the 1963 accounts would, however, make better reading than the present figures, but in the light of the trend over the last few years it was apparent that steps would have to be taken to improve the position, and the meeting ratified the pro-

posals made at the last general meeting in January that the annual subscription be increased from 2s. 6d. to 5s., as from January 1st, 1964. Other categories of membership are also being increased at the same time. Non-resident life membership will be increased to 10s.

A course, sponsored by the East Suffolk Education Committee is to be held at Belstead House, Ipswich, from Friday to Sunday, January 31st to February 2nd, 1964.

A striking competition is to be held at Bredfield, a six bell tower, on August 31st. An anonymous donor offered to present a shield or cup to be competed for annually. The meeting showed its appreciation in the usual manner and expressed its preference for a shield.

A proposal, approved by the last general meeting in January, to reduce the number of Districts to five by amalgamating the two Central Districts, but at the same time transferring a number of towers to the North-East and South-East Districts and also a number from the North-East to the South-East, was ratified. The meeting also decided that this reorganisation should become effective immediately.

The officers were all re-elected, with one exception. Mr. C. J. Sedgley did not seek re-election as a trustee of the Pearson handbells, and Mr. Roger Whittell was elected in his stead.

The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

In spite of the rather wet weather the meeting at Walton-on-Thames on April 20th was attended by over 30 members. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. under the direction of Mr. R. Collins. The service was conducted by the Rev. D. W. Hedges, in the absence of the Vicar.

After an excellent tea, a short business meeting was held, during which a request for ringers to assist the band at Walton-on-Thames was received.

Ringing in various methods continued until 8.30 p.m. R.C.

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LUMLEY RINGING COURSE, 1963

The Durham and Newcastle Association held the second of its courses in ringing on April 6th, and once again enjoyed the amenities of Lumley Castle, Co. Durham, for lectures and meals. By permission of the respective Rectors, the bells of Chester-le-Street, Houghton-le-Spring and Bishopwearmouth Parish Churches were available for practical belfry work.

With the experience of last year's venture behind them, the organising committee were able to provide a more comprehensive curriculum this time and, in accordance with a general desire of members, the course was presented in three grades—elementary, intermediate and advanced. The response of intending students was most gratifying for the officials concerned and over 80 names were registered for the classes—an increase of almost one-third on 1962.

The elementary grade was conducted by Messrs. E. P. Rock, and F. Hodgson, and they provided lectures and practical sessions for beginners at the stage of ringing rounds and call changes. The syllabus here commenced with a study of tower bells, their fittings and action, and proceeded to deal with the principles of striking and the elements of change ringing and method structure. Illustrations were presented in the classroom with tape recordings and handbells, and practical instruction was given at Chester-le-Street tower.

Mr. D. A. Bayles introduced the intermediate grade, which catered for the change ringer at the 'improver' stage, and he gave two lectures on method construction and its practical applications. In this he considered the Plain Bob system for producing changes on various numbers of bells and examined the rules and conventions of the 'regular' methods recognised by the Central Council. By means of paper exercises in the classroom and a practical session in the tower at Chester-le-Street, he showed how to apply this knowledge to the ringing of various methods.

This grade then continued with a lecture and practical session on 'Elementary Conducting' given by Mr. K. Arthur. This provided for the aspiring conductor from the point of calling the first bob to the position of calling extents of Plain Bob Doubles and Minor, and contrasted 'bob-calling' and 'conducting.' Exercises in transposition, etc., were worked out in the classroom and during ringing at Houghton-le-Spring tower.

THE QUARTER FAILED

The advanced grade started with two sessions on method construction and its practical applications given by Mr. R. G. Turner. He discussed the construction of methods and the consequent properties of the 'blue line' together with place notation and derivation of the 'blue line' from the sequence of places for the simpler Surprise methods. The practical application of the principles involved was then practised in the tower at Houghton-le-Spring. This was followed by a lecture on 'More Advanced Conducting' by Mr. Bayles, who dealt with the principles and practice of conducting beyond the mere calling of bobs from an observation bell, basing his remarks on Plain Bob Major. As a practical exercise in the topics discussed, an attempt for a quarter peal of Bob Major in which each ringer shared in the conducting was made in the tower at Bishopwearmouth; unfortunately, this was lost after several good courses.

An optional feature of this year's course was a lecture on 'Change Ringing on Handbells' given by Mr. Turner, who explained the principle of ringing handbells as a pair rather than as two 'blue lines.' The basic coursing positions and the effect of internal places in changing these positions was dealt with. This class was limited to 10 students to allow for sufficient practical instruction to be given, but it was repeated in the evening after the conclusion of the general course to enable others who were interested to take part.

As on our previous visit, the facilities provided by the vice-master, Dr. Prowse, and his staff at Lumley Castle contributed largely to the success of our efforts and everyone present was impressed by the quality of meals and service. Following dinner in the Great Hall, a forum was held in the Junior Common Room and students were given an opportunity to voice criticism of the day's proceedings. Most comments were enthusiastic in their appreciation of the 'fare' provided and in support for a repetition of the occasion next year. Only one innovation, that of a further sub-division of the intermediate grade, seemed to be generally desired and this was duly noted by the Ringing Master and his committee.

A social evening in true ringers' style then followed in the same surroundings, but not before due votes of thanks had been expressed to all those who had made the course possible by their various contributions. K. A.

OBITUARY

MR. J. NORTON

Billesdon, Leics, has lost a life member of the church by the death of Mr. Joseph Norton, at the age of 85. For 73 years he rang in the tower, and was also in the choir.

Joseph joined the old Midland Counties Association in 1922, and rang 40 peals. He was made a life member of the Leicester Guild a few years ago. In 1912 he personally collected in the village the cost of the fifth bell, and again in 1932 faithfully worked for a sixth bell to be added. It was his ambition to hear a ring of eight at Billesdon, and through his enthusiasm this augmentation took place in 1958. Until recently he rang the Shrove Tuesday pancake bell. His son-in-law and grand-daughter are carrying on the family bellringing tradition.

In the evening, following the funeral service, conducted by the Rev. J. Josephs, a quarter peal was rung as a tribute of respect. B.

MR. GEORGE CAMP

The passing of Mr. George Camp, of Fryerning, Essex, on March 24th, has left a blank in the life of the church there. For 26 years he was people's warden and for 55 years a ringer; he also did most of the verger's duties. He had a stroke about two years ago and was confined to hospital until his death.

George was a member of the band which made a name for themselves in the 1930's in Surprise Minor. His business did not allow him time for peal ringing, but to ring different 720's for Sunday services gave him great pleasure. During the 1914-18 war, he served in the Essex Regiment and was awarded the Military Medal. J. H. S.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

The newly formed Central District held its quarterly meeting at Walsham-le-Willows on April 27th. Considering the increase in membership, due to the combining of the old West and East Central Districts, the meeting was very poorly attended. The seven attending were supported by the 'faithful four' from the North West District, whose support is always appreciated.

A short service was held by the Rector. In his address, he expressed his and parishioners' pleasure to hear the bells ringing once again. His wish is that a local band be formed, so that the bells can be kept ringing Sunday by Sunday.

An excellent tea was provided in the rectory hall by the local ladies. During the lengthy business meeting which followed, meetings and practices were arranged for the coming year, a list of which will be forwarded to each tower of the District. It is hoped by doing this that members will be encouraged to support their own District meetings. Now that the District has gained two rings of ten and a few more rings of eight, it is hoped that more support will be given as some of these have been selected for meetings during the coming year.

Ringing continued until nine o'clock and consisted of a number of Surprise methods not normally rung in the general course of ringing in the county.

Meetings for the year: June 8th, Stonham Aspal (10), evening meeting; July 27th, Wilby (8), quarterly; September 21st, Hinderclay (6), evening; October 26th, Debenham (8), quarterly; November 30th, Wingfield (6), evening; January 25th, 1964, Eye (8), District A.G.M.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

North and East District

All Saints' Church, Edmonton, with its association with Charles Lamb, was the venue for the meeting of the North and East District on April 6th. A representative gathering enjoyed touches in various methods under the guidance of the Master, Mr. Alick Cutler. It was very pleasing to see Mr. and Mrs. Norman Tomlinson at a meeting again, the former having the great pleasure of his first 'pull' for several years.

The service was conducted by Preb. S. G. W. Knight, who was assisted at the organ by Mr. Ernest A. Grove, whilst Miss G. E. Newcombe read the lesson.

An excellent tea was provided by Miss Newcombe and her numerous helpers, of which home-made cakes were in liberal supply. No charge was made, but contributions invited to support the local effort for the Freedom from Hunger Campaign. Good luck, Edmonton, for your generous gesture, and it is hoped that this most worthy cause will benefit considerably as a result of your enterprise.

A short business meeting followed, at which the following new members were elected: Miss F. Studley (Harrow-on-the-Hill) and Miss Janet Cave (Edmonton). The ratification of the provisional election as non-resident life members prior, to peals for the Association was made in respect of Brian J. Bull (Putney), Miss Pauline Fennell (Broadstairs), Philip G. Erith (Ardleigh) and Anthony G. Osborn (Roads), W. A. Yates (Dodford), G. W. Holland (Malds Moreton) and James Linnell (Peterborough).

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks by the chairman to the Vicar, organist and the local ringers for ensuring a very pleasant meeting. E. H. K.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Owing to the back-log of work on the farms the attendance was rather less than average at the Marlborough Branch meeting at Collingbourne Kingston on April 27th. There was an hour's ringing on the beautiful and majestic six before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. F. Kidd).

The company were the guests of the Vicar and ringers for tea in the Village Hall, which was served by Mrs. J. Walker and Miss Murray. Mr. T. A. Palmer (honorary secretary) proposed the vote of thanks, and as an appreciation a collection was taken for the Church Restoration Fund. Ringing was then resumed until 8 p.m. W. A. E.

West Dorset Branch

Much interest was aroused in the meeting of the West Dorset Branch at Thorncombe on April 27th, as it was the first meeting since the augmentation and dedication of the bells. The many visitors included Mr. J. P. Fidler, of Messrs. J. Taylor, who carried out the contract. The opinion of all was ably expressed by Mr. C. W. Powell, who presided at the business meeting, when he congratulated Thorncombe ringers on their wonderful ring of eight. A fine job, he said, had been made by Messrs. Taylor, with the addition of three new trebles. The ringers themselves had built the ringing gallery.

Alas, substantial sums have still to be raised to meet the cost. The collection at the service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. J. Hood), amounting to three guineas and a charge of 2s. per head for tea, served in the Golden Lion by local ringers and their wives, were both given to the Bell Fund. Canon C. Carew Cox gave a helpful address at the service, and Mr. Jordan read the lesson.

A proposal by Mr. Dennis Bishop, the Ringing Master, of a monthly peal attempt was accepted. The first attempt (Grandsire Triples) was provisionally fixed for May 25th at Bradpole. Mr. Andrews and a tenor man from Bradpole should take part. The Ringing Master will select the rest of the band.

After the meeting Lyme Regis ringers rang handbells, and the church bells were kept busy until 9 p.m.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting of the Chew Branch was held at Yatton on April 20th. Ringing commenced shortly after 3 o'clock, and continued until 4.30 p.m., when the Association service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. T. C. Wilkes. An excellent tea followed in the Church Hall, after which the business meeting took place under the chairmanship of Mr. H. W. Knight.

Backwell was chosen for the quarterly meeting in July, with practice meetings at Publow (May) and Ubley (June). The Corporate Communion will be held (subject to permission) at Clevedon St. Andrew's, on June 23rd, and the Corporate Evensong at Wraxall on All Saints' Day.

Thirteen new members were elected, including the complete band from Clutton, where normal ringing has been resumed.

Mr. Brain gave a brief report of the annual general meeting at Crewkerne, and after the usual votes of thanks members returned to the tower for further ringing. J. B.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS Mid-Devon Branch

Ringling ranged from rounds to Stedman Triples at the quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch at Ashburton on April 27th.

The Vicar (the Rev. J. T. Charnley) conducted a short service.

At the business meeting, presided over by Mrs. D. E. Hood, a certificate was awarded to Barry Tyndall, of Babbacombe. New members elected were: K. Jones, I. King, K. Washer and N. Tompson, from Babbacombe and Tor.

Further ringing took place at Dean Priors. Next meeting: Ashton and Trusham, July 27th.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Between 60 and 70 ringers attended the Rochester District's quarterly meeting held at Newington-next-Sittingbourne on April 27th. Ringing commenced at 3.30 p.m., and the usual ringers' service was held at 4.30, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. R. Aylen, who gave a very appropriate address on bells. Ringers then retired to the village school for tea.

For the business meeting the Rev. Peter Robbins presided. The secretary gave details of the forthcoming trip to Loughborough, including revised starting times. It was decided that the discussion on the sub-committee's report on the Association's finances be left until the next quarterly meeting at Swanscombe on July 20th. Mr. Albert Dunk informed the meeting that the Rev. Stanley Evans, a ringing clergyman, was soon to take the living at Bredgar, one of the silent five-bell towers in this District.

Further ringing took place until 9.15 p.m. L. M.

RINGERS' PART IN FARNHAM MUSIC FESTIVAL

In connection with the Farnham (Surrey) Music Festival, from May 12th to May 18th, a daily ringing programme has been arranged by Mr. C. W. Denyer.

The local company will perform on the Sunday of opening, and on the Monday, when Farnham Grammar School is giving its programme, a team of Old Boys of the school will take the ropes, under Mr. Richard North, tower captain at Farnham.

St. Peter's, Farnborough, will provide the company on Tuesday, and on Wednesday a mixed band from Frensham and Grayshott. On Thursday, Aldershot will provide the ringers, and on Friday a mixed band from Chobham and East Clandon will perform. There will be a mixed company for the final evening, as many ringers have asked to take part in the festival. C. W. D.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Ian Hall writes thanking all members of the Kettering Branch of the Peterborough Guild for the kindnesses and friendships extended to him during his stay in Kettering. 'I am sure,' he adds, 'when I can look back, the time spent in this area will be among the happiest in my life.'

A small group of Ipswich and Stowmarket ringers have to thank Bob Lester for arranging a very enjoyable outing on Easter Monday. The party visited nine towers in East Norfolk, including Blofield, Winterton, Ludham, Knapton and Scottow.

The six bells of All Saints', Huntington, N. Yorks, have been removed to the Loughborough Foundry. They are to be rehung in cast iron headstocks, moving on ball bearings. For their repair £600 is required, towards which the Vicar, the Rev. G. Lawn, has collected about £120. The bells are expected back in September, and in the meantime the recently recruited band are practising on the four bells at Stockton-on-Forest.

Congratulations to John Ellison, of Fairfield, Derbyshire, on ringing his first quarter (Bob Minor) and first peal (Plain Bob Major) within five days of each other. The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to him, on his 12th birthday, and it also included his father and cousin, who conducted the peal.

All the variations of Lincolnshire S. Major have now been rung together in one peal. This took place at St. Neots on April 20th for the University of London Society, conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe. The four variations, previously unnamed, have been given international names, i.e., Johannesburg, Amsterdam, Zürich and Vancouver. The composition and arrangement of methods will appear in the 'R.W.' in due course.

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Four old sets of 10 hand-bells have been found in the tower of Silkstone Church, near Barnsley, according to 'The Yorkshire Post.' The Vicar (the Rev. Trevor Dearing) is hoping to contact an American antique collector or a wealthy campanologist, as the church is in desperate need of renovation, and has a leaking roof. A local bell ringer valued the bells at £2,000. Our correspondent, however, does not know who valued them at that figure!

In honour of the 50th anniversary of Mr. Edward Jenkins' first peal, which took place on April 26th, 1913, a peal of Albanian Surprise Royal was rung at Worsley on April 27th.

Congratulations to John Large (15), who, on the awkward going six at Brentford, set a quick beat on the tenor to complete a quarter peal in 39 minutes. This was only his second quarter.

Elizabeth White and Vicky Presswood, of the Lelant (Cornwall) band, have been awarded the Girl Guide badge for ringing. Both did very well in their recent practical and theoretical tests.

By taking part in the peal of Stedman Caters at St. Peter's, Brighton, on April 27th Mr. Herbert W. Woolven rang his 150th peal while Albert W. Bond completed 1,100 tower bell peals.

The Royal Wedding peal of Cambridge Royal at King's Lynn included seven Southern ringers, who travelled up specially on the day for the occasion. All were pleased with their outing because it was a very good peal.

An outstanding record has 82-year-old Mr. H. Hurst, who has completed 60 years as a ringer at St. Peter-at-Gowts' Church, Lincoln. He is still remarkably active despite serious illness during the last two winters and is always present for service ringing. On April 24th he rang in a quarter peal in honour of Princess Alexandra's wedding, and also to commemorate his completion of 60 years' ringing at this church.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Ringers in the Midlands and especially the older generation who have rung with Mr. George P. Garner, of Barwell, Leics, will be sorry to hear that he has had a leg amputated, following an illness, and is now at a convalescent home, progressing satisfactorily. It would be a great joy to him to receive letters from old friends, which should be sent to 6, Chapel Street, Barwell, Leics.

The first peal has been rung on the bells of Cheverell Magna, Wilts.

Mr. Anthony R. Peake and his band have been active in the Spliced Minor field, with peals of 100 and 105 methods, both rung on April 27th.

The Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild has appointed Mr. A. P. Cannon as District Master to succeed the late Mr. Frank Oakshott.

A new record in 12-bell ringing has been set up by the Lancashire Association with a peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus in 18 methods rung at Manchester Town Hall on Easter Eve.

In connection with their attempt for a long length peal of Grandsire Caters, the umpire Bristol University Society desired to thank, was Geoffrey Brewin, and not Brown as published recently in 'The Ringing World.'

The peal at Colmworth, Beds, on April 20th was the second peal on the bells, which were augmented from four to five in 1936. The first was rung 24 years ago. The back four were rehung in 1911.

During the holidays the combined bands of Wallingford Grammar School and the School of SS. Helen and Katharine, Abingdon, rang peals at Dorchester Abbey, Brightwell and Berrick Salome.

A very warm welcome was accorded at the Chew Deanery Branch (Bath and Wells Association) meeting at Yatton on April 20th to Mr. Cecil Mogford, who made his first appearance since his accident in January and is now well on the road to recovery.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 20, 1963, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 35 cwt. 1 qr. in D flat.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS	Treble	JOHN ROBINSON	7
NEIL BENNETT	2	DEREK BUTTERWORTH	8
JOHN CAMP	3	F. JOHN NELSON	9
DEREK OGDEN	4	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	10
MARTIN C. FAULKES	5	JOHN H. FIELDEN	11
CYRIL CROSTHWAITE	6	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	Tenor

Composed by DEREK OGDEN. Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 27, 1963, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

MRS. RICHARD F. DEAL	Treble	†BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD	7
HAROLD N. PITSTOW	2	LIONEL S. WOODS	8
LEONARD E. PITSTOW	3	ERNEST W. PYE	9
ALAN J. FROST	4	JOHN ARMSTRONG	10
*DIANA M. LAWLESS	5	JOHN H. CRAMPION	11
AIDAN ST. J. BOYACK	6	MICHAEL P. MORETON	Tenor

Composed by DAVID E. PARSONS. Conducted by HAROLD N. PITSTOW.

* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Cinques. First on the bells since rehanging.

Rung in honour of the marriage of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra to the Hon. Angus Ogilvy.

TEN BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 17, 1963, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt.

GILES B. THOMPSON	Treble	GEOFFREY DAVIES	6
JOHN C. BALDWIN	2	CHARLES A. S. WEBB	7
*JOHN P. PARRINGTON	3	†ROY WORRALL	8
MICHAEL WILSHAW	4	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	9
†BARRY CORBISHLEY	5	JOHN H. FIELDEN	Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

* First peal of Surprise Royal 'inside.' † First of Surprise Royal.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 20, 1963, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

In 12 methods, being 720 London No. 3, 480 each of Marsden, Pudsey and Rutland, 360 each of Albanian, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Lindsey, Mirfield, Whitby and Yorkshire, and 320 Selby; with 123 changes of method.

Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp.

STUART ARMESON	Treble	DONALD H. NIBLETT	6
JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY	2	GORDON BENFIELD	7
WILFRID F. MORETON	3	RICHARD E. PRICE	8
J. HENRY FIELDEN	4	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	9
VERNON BOTTOMLEY	5	NORMAN CHADDOCK	Tenor

Composed by DONALD H. NIBLETT. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

Marsden and Mirfield are rung for the first time.

Rung as a tribute of respect to Alderman Leslie J. Tarbit, former Mayor of Rotherham and a benefactor of this church, who died on April 4th, 1963.

SLOUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 23, 1963, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

JENNIFER SCEENY	Treble	GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH	6
FRANK C. PRICE	2	SYDNEY M. BAILEY	7
DAVID P. HILLING	3	FREDERICK R. SCOTT	8
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS	4	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	9
ANTHONY G. TYERS	5	J. KEITH WARD	Tenor

Composed by F. N. GOLDEN. Conducted by J. KEITH WARD.

Rung for St. George's Day; also in honour of the wedding of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra of Kent and Mr. Angus Ogilvy.

MARSDEN

36.70.36.4—1258—38—1470—38—16—70—18—1

L.H. 1426385079

MIRFIELD

—50—16—1270—38—14—50.14—14.30.14.56.14.5

L.H. 1089674523

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 24, 1963, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*†M. JOHN HALLIWELL	Treble	*†RICHARD J. PARKER	6
*JOHN T. PARSONS	2	*WALTER E. WILKINSON	7
*FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	3	*JOHN P. PARTINGTON	8
*MARYL R. CROSTHWAITE	4	NEIL BENNETT	9
CYRIL CROSTHWAITE	5	*†ERIC J. F. WALL	Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON (No. 5).

Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † 25th peal. ‡ 25th peal together. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra of Kent and the Hon. Angus Ogilvy.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 24, 1963, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

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

*LESLIE W. HOUGHTON	Treble	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	6
MICHAEL HATCHETT	2	WILFRID G. WILSON	7
NORMAN V. HARDING	3	DAVID P. HILLING	8
FREDERICK R. SCOTT	4	J. KEITH WARD	9
REV. GILES C. GALLEY	5	THOMAS J. LOCK	Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. The ringer of the third has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung in honour of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra and the Hon. Angus Ogilvy on the occasion of their marriage.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 24, 1963, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

DONALD G. CLIFT	Treble	*NIGEL LAMPING	6
TREVOR T. LEWIS	2	DAVID S. BISHOP	7
THOMAS YEOMANS	3	NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON	8
WILLIAM J. GOODFELLOW	4	ROGER G. HAVARD	9
PETER J. SHIPTON	5	*JOHN OWEN	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of the wedding of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra and the Hon. Angus Ogilvy.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 24, 1963, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, PETER AND CEDD,

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 34½ cwt.

THOMAS R. ROAST	Treble	IAN R. PANTON	6
DAVID HODGSON	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	7
ALAN R. SYDER	3	JAMES L. TOWLER	8
PATRICK W. SALTmarsh	4	PETER J. EVES	9
GEORGE E. THODAY	5	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by PETER J. EVES.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Her. Royal Highness Princess Alexandra and the Hon. Angus Ogilvy.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., April 13, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 11 lb. in F.

CLIFFORD R. LOVETT	Treble	B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD	5
ROGER L. K. WHITTELL	2	*ERNEST G. PEARCE	6
*NEVILLE F. WHITTELL	3	RODERICK W. PIPE	7
ANDREW T. BECKWITH	4	CECIL W. PIPE	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal of Superlative.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Being 1,544 Little Bob and 3,544 Plain Bob; with 30 changes of method.

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

LYNNE V. SHERWOOD	Treble	CAROL FERNLEY	5
GLADYS RICHARDSON	2	ALAN G. KIRK	6
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	3	J. DAVID ADAMS	7
EILEEN M. FEARN	4	ALEX RICHARDSON	Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Arranged and Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

First peal of Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major by all the band, and on the bells.

A birthday compliment to Bernard F. L. Groves and Alan G. Kirk.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., April 16, 1963, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh obs.). Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.
*LUCY ANN KEY Treble .. 5
†PAMELA E. KEY 2 .. JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 6
BARNABAS G. KEY 3 .. HOWARD HOWELL .. 7
E. MARION KEY 4 .. ARTHUR ALLSOP Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First of Triples 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Ilkerton variation. Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.
THOMAS R. SIMMONS .. Treble .. PATRICK J. BIRD 5
GEORGE SAYER 2 .. CHRISTOPHER G. SAYER .. 6
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN .. 3 .. DAVID HEIGHTON 7
ARTHUR G. BASON 4 .. JOHN S. BARNES Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN (Three-Part No. 2).

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

Rung to mark the christening of Fiona Mary Heighton, which took place at this church two days previously.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.
*†JOHN H. FIELDEN Treble .. EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 5
*JOHN F. BARLOW 2 .. *JOHN C. BALDWIN 6
*JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 3 .. *GILES B. THOMPSON .. 7
*DEREK A. ASHTON 4 .. *FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. FIELDEN.

* First peal of Southwell Surprise. † 25th peal together. ‡ 75th peal.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 FORDCOMBE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 96 lb. in E.
DEREK A. ASHTON Treble .. ERIC J. F. WALL 5
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 2 .. GILES B. THOMPSON 6
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 3 .. JOHN C. BALDWIN 7
RICHARD J. PARKER 4 .. MARTIN C. FAULKES Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.

100th peal on the bells for the Association. First in the method on the bells, by all the band, and for the Association.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.
*JOHN F. ELLISON (12) .. Treble .. ERIC ELLISON 5
GLADYS RICHARDSON .. 2 .. J. DAVID ADAMS 6
ALAN G. KIRK 3 .. JOHN R. KENNETT 7
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 4 .. ALEX RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by H. HOWLETT (arranged).

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal attempt. Conductor has now called a peal off every bell. A 12th birthday compliment to John E. Ellison.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.

A PEAL OF 5056 TURRAMURRA SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.
PETER J. HERITAGE Treble .. WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 5
MICHAEL HATCHETT 2 .. EDWARD R. VENN 6
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 3 .. WILFRID G. WILSON 7
CHARLES COLES 4 .. ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

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

Rung for the Easter Festival.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.
*DAVID JENNER Treble .. †TERENCE FITZGERALD .. 5
†VICTOR DRAPER 2 .. RONALD KENRICK 6
†MARYL R. CROSTHWAITE .. 3 .. FRED PEARSON 7
CYRIL CROSTHWAITE 4 .. JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.'

Rung as a birthday compliment to Philip Crosthwaite.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 PENZANCE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.
C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble .. J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 2 .. THOMAS J. LOCK 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3 .. JOHN HILL 7
ALICK CUTLER 4 .. JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method (Corrigan, No. 245).

A second birthday compliment to Ian P. Hill.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 19, 1963, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5120

**LLANFAIRPWLLGWYNGYLLGGERYCHWYRNDROBWILL-
ANTYSILIOGOGOGOTH SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in A.
VERNON BOTTOMLEY Treble .. RICHARD J. PARKER 5
PETER SCHOLFIELD 2 .. JEFFREY KERSHAW 6
JOHN H. FIELDEN 3 .. NORMAN SMITH 7
JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. 4 .. ERIC J. F. WALL Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., April 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.
R. KINGSLEY MASON Treble .. SHIRLEY BURTON 5
JOHN A. ACRES 2 .. ANDREW J. CORBY 6
W. ERNEST RAWSON 3 .. RUSSELL S. MORRIS 7
JOHN M. JELLEY 4 .. A. JAMES POYNOR Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLL.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's variation. Tenor 15 cwt.
ARTHUR G. MASON Treble .. MARTIN L. HOWE 5
*STANLEY G. R. ZOBEL .. 2 .. BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 6
IAN H. ORAM 3 .. GEORGE J. BUTCHER 7
CYRIL S. JARRETT 4 .. THOMAS W. BLEWITT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal attempt.

A birthday compliment to Betty, daughter of the treble ringer.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5056 HAVANT SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 9½ cwt.
CYRIL A. WRATTEN Treble .. MICHAEL J. STANLEY 5
IVOR GOULTER 2 .. PETER T. HURCOMBE 6
*SHIRLEY M. DREW 3 .. BRIAN BLADON 7
GEOFFREY R. DREW 4 .. VICTOR GRIFFIN Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

* 50th peal of Surprise Major. First in the method.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Hurcombe.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 20, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.
FRED PEARSON Treble .. WILLIAM E. COURT 5
PETER COXALL 2 .. ERIC COOK 6
*MARGARET E. FORT 3 .. THOMAS S. HORRIDGE .. 7
VICTOR DRAPER 4 .. JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal of Surprise.

HAVANT SURPRISE MAJOR

x 38 x 14 x 1258 x 36 x 14 x 58 x 16.34
Half Lead 7. Lead End 2.

PENZANCE SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—4.58—56.38.14—14.5—16—3
2nds place L.E. 14263857. 4ths place bob.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation,	Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in D.
PATRICK J. BIRD .. Treble	*MICHAEL J. HOBBS .. 5
*GILLIAN M. HUSSEY .. 2	PETER BRIDLE .. 6
†C. MARTIN FOSTER .. 3	ANTHONY R. KENCH .. 7
‡HENRY TAYSON .. 4	D. JOHN HUNT .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. KENCH.

* 25th peal together. † First of Surprise Major. ‡ First of Surprise Major 'inside.' § 25th of Surprise. First of Surprise as conductor.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 20, 1963, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. Treble	†ALAN R. BALDOCK .. 5
*R. IAN VAUGHAN .. 2	‡ANTHONY JACKSON .. 6
†THOMAS M. BARLOW .. 3	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 7
‡IAN V. J. SMITH .. 4	EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.

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

First of Major on the bells since rehanging, and first of Surprise.

Rung for the Festival of Easter.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's six singles,	Tenor 17½ cwt.
WALTER F. JUDGE .. Treble	†BRIAN W. HALL .. 5
*FREDERICK W. SODEN .. 2	THOMAS W. TIMMS .. 6
FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS .. 3	EDGAR J. SMITH .. 7
PETER D. BEEDIE .. 4	*WILLIAM J. DIXON .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* 25th peal together. † First in the method.

DOWNTON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 20, 1963, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt.

JAMES E. DANIELS .. Treble	*RAYMOND HAINES .. 5
REGINALD W. REX .. 2	R. ROGER SAVORY .. 6
*I. ANN ABRAHAMS .. 3	LEWIS F. COBB .. 7
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 4	RONALD N. MARLOW .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by RONALD N. MARLOW.

* First peal in the method.

A compliment to David Marlyn Hoare and Madelene Prentice on their wedding day.

EBBW VALE, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 20, 1963, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

At CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

Holt's Original,	JACK ALSOP .. 5
THOMAS STEPHENS .. Treble	ALAN EVANS .. 6
THOMAS T. YEOMANS .. 2	DONALD G. CLIFT .. 7
ALDREY BRUTEN .. 3	GEORGE WARD .. Tenor
ROBERT STEPHENS .. 4	

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 20, 1963, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 NAILSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

HERBERT F. WOOD .. Treble	A. PATRICK CANNON .. 5
LEONARD STILWELL .. 2	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 6
WILLIAM T. BLESON .. 3	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 4	W. LESLIE WELLER .. Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON.

Rung in honour of the weddings this day of Barwell B. Dibben and Shirley A. Richardson, and David Hoare and Madelene Prentice.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., April 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 21 methods and variations, being two extents each of New Grand-	Tenor 12½ cwt.
sire, All Saints, Rushall, Marchington, Northrepps, Rev. St. Bartholo-	
mew, Fortune, Grandsire, Newborough, Besthorpe, Old, April Day,	
Seighford, Kennington, Plain Bob, Costessy, St. Columb, Clifford's	
Pleasure, Little Aston, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps.	
MARGARET J. STEPHENS .. Treble	JOHN W. HOPE .. 4
F. NORMAN ISTANCE .. 2	ROBERT A. HATCHER .. 5
COLIN A. LEWIS .. 3	DANZEY H. WATKINS .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. HOPE.

Rung for the Easter Festival.

HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 CARLISLE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents,	Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.
JUDY EXON .. Treble	JOHN TICKLE .. 4
VALERIE LACEY .. 2	*RON CARTER .. 5
CELIA HARRIS .. 3	TOM HARRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by TOM HARRIS.

* 25th peal.

Rung for the Easter Festival.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents,	Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.
*BARBARA TURNER .. Treble	ANTHONY HELLIWELL .. 4
JOHN T. PARSONS .. 2	MICHAEL BIRTWISTLE .. 5
ROGER LEIGH .. 3	PETER L. NICHOLSON .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL BIRTWISTLE.

* First peal.

BARTON-IN-FABIS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents of 720,	Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr.
LESLIE HARRISON .. Treble	CHARLES W. TOWERS .. 4
SYDNEY ADAMS .. 2	DAVID H. OLIVER .. 5
HENRY K. HARRISON .. 3	GRAHAM J. FISHER .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY K. HARRISON.

First peal of Kent by all the band except the fifth ringer. First as conductor.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss B. R. Dickens and G. J. Fisher.

GAYTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of St. Clement's, Kent Treble	Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.
Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Single Oxford and Plain	
Bob.	
JACQUELINE A. DOWNING .. Treble	ROGER W. SMITH .. 4
RONALD RUSSELL .. 2	ALAN A. PAUL .. 5
GEORGE F. ROOME .. 3	GRAHAM C. PAUL .. Tenor

Conducted by GRAHAM C. PAUL.

Rung for the Easter Festival.

WHITCHURCH, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 extents and one Morris' 240,	Tenor 14½ cwt.
*SANDRA M. FORD .. Treble	†GEOFFREY G. UPSDELL .. 4
*GWENDOLINE BIDGOOD (12) .. 2	CHRISTINE M. GLASTONBURY .. 5
*JOHN D. EVANS .. 3	WILLIAM H. DARE .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTINE M. GLASTONBURY.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' First as conductor. First on the bells by a Sunday service band.

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On Tues., April 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being four extents of Surfleet and three of Cambridge, with no 6-5's at backstroke.

PETER L. BILL Treble	Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in G.
JOHN C. EISEL 2	MICHAEL J. FELLOWS 4
GEOFFREY WESTWOOD .. 3	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. 5
	MARTIN D. FELLOWS Tenor

Conducted by MARTIN D. FELLOWS.

First peal in two Surprise methods by all except the ringers of the fifth. Rung as a compliment to Dr. F. Brian Cookson (of St. Thomas', Stourbridge) and Miss Hilary A. Simpson on their engagement.

HOLT, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHARINE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 6 lb. in G.

JAYNE HARDING (15) .. Treble	DAVID NIBBS (14) 4
*JONATHAN NIBBS (12) .. 2	*DAVID STILLMAN (16) .. 5
*KINGSLEY JONES (17) .. 3	RICHARD HUMPHRIES (18) Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD HUMPHRIES.

* First peal of Bob Minor. *First of Bob Minor as conductor. Rung for Easter.

NEWTON VALENCE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, being 16 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob, and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

KEITH SANSOM Treble	KENNETH G. WALLER 3
RAMON A. STONE 2	KENNETH A. TIPPER 4

CHARLES E. BASSETT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

First peal on the bells. Rung for the Easter Festival.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (2) Kent and Oxford T.B., (3) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (4) Childwall, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in A.

CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. Treble	PHILIP J. CROSTHWAITE .. 4
MARYL R. CROSTHWAITE .. 2	FREDK. PEARSON 5
RICHARD J. PARKER 3	ERIC J. F. WALL Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

First peal in 11 methods by all the band.

WELLOW, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Bath Branch.)

On Wed., April 17, 1963, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JULIAN.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

*DAVID A. BURT Treble	J. JAMES JEFFERIES 4
†DAVID J. BARNETT 2	HAROLD L. PARFREY 5
TERENCE J. MILSON 3	ALAN F. LEE Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD L. PARFREY.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Plain Bob Minor. First of Minor as conductor.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. Ralph Thomas.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being an extent each of Mendip, Quantock, Snowdon, Pennine, Chiltern, Cotswold and Cheviot. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

D. PAUL SMITH Treble	RICHARD G. CROSLAND .. 4
ANDREW M. MACVE 2	RALPH BIRD 5
JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH 3	IAN H. ORAM Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

ABSON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*BRIAN K. LEWIS Treble	HENRY TAYSON 4
*MYRA J. GIBBS 2	†HUGH N. EVANS 5
†IAN G. SMITH 3	†ANTHONY W. GIBBS Tenor

Conducted by HENRY TAYSON.

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

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. JOHN SOCIETY.

On Fri., April 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Primrose Surprise, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Kent T.B., (5) Plain Bob, (6) Single Oxford Bob, (7) St. Clement's College Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*GEOFFREY F. HAND .. Treble	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 4
PAUL J. ATKINS 2	M. KEITH SWINGWOOD .. 5
MICHAEL WILSHAW 3	GEOFFREY DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

* First peal.

ROADE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., April 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 17 methods, viz.: One each of Newborough and Grandsire, two each of St. Simon's, St. Albans, Eynsham, St. Martin's, St. Paul's and three each of Southrepps Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington, Old, April Day and Seighford.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

*RAYMOND C. MOORE .. Treble	ALAN C. COZENS 3
DAVID BURBIDGE 2	ANTHONY G. OSBORNE .. 4

ROBIN H. ROGERS Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN H. ROGERS.

* First peal. First in 17 methods by all. Rung for the Festival of Easter; also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Cozens on the birth of a son.

RUMNEY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in F sharp.

*JOHN B. PLUMB Treble	CHRISTINE GLASTONBURY .. 4
†GWENDOLINE BIDGOOD .. 2	DAVID S. BISHOP 5
MARY E. PRYOR 3	NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON .. Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 10, 1963, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,
AT 33, BRIDGE END ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 COLLEGE BOB IV. DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

GORDON W. LAND 1-2	BRIAN BLADON 3-4
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ANTHONY R. PEAKE 5-6

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

First handbell peal of Delight and first in the method by all the band, and for the Association.

LECLADE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 12, 1963, in 2 Hours,
AT 10, ST. JOHN STREET.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Netherseale Surprise, Oxford T.B., Old Oxford Delight, College Bob IV Delight, Neasden Delight, Sandal T.B. and London Scholars' T.B. Tenor size 15 in C.

*GORDON W. LAND 1-2	BRIAN BLADON 3-4
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ANTHONY R. PEAKE 5-6

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* 25th peal.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., April 13, 1963, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,
IN THE BELFREY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, with no 6-5's at backstroke. Tenor size 15 in C.

*MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. 1-2	*JOHN C. EISEL 3-4
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MICHAEL J. FELLOWS 5-6

Conducted by MARTIN D. FELLOWS.

* 25th peal together. First of Minor 'in hand' as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to Paul and Tessa Webb on the birth of a daughter.

COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., April 19, 1963, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,
AT 18, FROBISHER ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods, viz.: (1 and 2) Cunecastre, (3 and 4) London, (5 and 6) York, (7) Cambridge. Tenor size 14 in D.

ANNE B. SPEED 1-2	PETER BORDER 3-4
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RICHARD F. B. SPEED 5-6

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

HALF PEALS

ANDOVER, HANTS.—On April 22nd, 2,528 Plain Bob Major: D. Murduck 1, R. F. Crook 2, Miss J. Davies 3, Miss C. Hassel 4, M. S. Holbrook 5, P. Murduck 6, T. Tarrant 7, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 8.

EWHURST, SUSSEX.—On April 25th, 2,520 Plain Bob Doubles: P. E. Duncan 1, J. M. Bowen 1, A. Jackson 3, I. V. J. Smith 4, T. Barlow (cond.) 5. Longest length as conductor. First half-peal by all. For St. Mark's Day.

BUCKING, ESSEX.—On April 21st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Jennifer Dye 1, Rev. J. Burslem 2, Mrs. M. Moore 3, H. Moore 4, P. Laurence 5, P. Le Count 6, R. Suckling 7, A. R. Syder (cond.) 8. First in method 3, 4 and 5. Rung in honour of Easter and as a birthday compliment to Mr. P. Coppin, a server, on his 74th birthday.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. D. Short 1, C. T. Clarke 2, K. Prime 3, G. R. Marchant 4, M. J. Stone 5, J. Brain 6, B. J. Wyde (cond.) 7, D. G. Miller 8. First of Stedman Triples 3 and 5. For St. George's Day.

BRUTON, SOMERSET.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. R. Waller (first quarter) 1, R. Hutchfield (first quarter) 2, W. White 3, W. Tiley (cond.) 4, H. White 5, H. Creed 6. Rung on the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. H. G. White, tower captain.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.—1,248 Yorkshire Surprise Major: D. Targett 1, A. F. Lee 2, G. W. Massey 3, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 4, G. J. Hawkins 5, A. W. T. Cleaver 6, R. G. Beck (cond.) 7, D. J. Hunt 8.

COBHAM, SURREY.—On April 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: A. Roberts 1, A. F. Wren 2, S. Thornton 3, W. R. Hayward (first quarter) 4, W. E. Matthews 5, A. W. Holden (cond.) 6.

COVENTRY.—At St. Michael's, Stoke, on April 21st, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Margaret Pratt 1, Pamela Wright 2, R. D. Hart 3, H. W. Milford (St. Andrew's, Plymouth) 4, A. R. Wright 5, G. Pratt (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method 'inside' 2, 3 and 4. 'A farewell to R. Robinson, and to welcome the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Zanzottera, verger.

COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGAN.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 behind): G. Morgan 1, Miss E. Thomas 2, Miss A. Thomas 3, A. W. Thomas 4, H. G. Blick (first as cond.) 5, A. Charles (first quarter) 6, L. Groom (cover) 7, J. H. Thomas 8. For Evensong.

CUDDESDON, OXON.—On Good Friday, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. F. Acworth 1, M. R. Platt 2, D. J. Tuck 3, M. L. Lester 4, B. Grainger (cond.) 5, D. M. Low 6. Rung half-muffled for the Three Hours' Devotion by members of Cuddesdon Theological College.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.—On April 20th, 1,260 Oxford Treble Bob Royal: R. B. Smith 1, W. T. Turner 2, C. K. Lewis (cond.) 3, W. Wall 4, Christine Macnair 5, N. Martin 6, F. Osbaldiston 7, A. H. Wood 8, G. B. Thompson 9, B. Jones 10.

DEPTFORD, LONDON.—At St. John's, on April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. M. Jope 1, Miss E. J. Mead 2, Miss A. Spooner (first quarter) 3, B. R. Holliss (first 'inside' 4, F. P. Mead (cond.) 5, Miss S. Sandeman (first quarter) 6. First quarter rung entirely by members of re-formed local band. Rung for evening prayer, and as an engagement compliment to the ringers of 2 and 4.

EARDISLEY, HEREFORDS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hatcher (11, first quarter) 1, F. Sandford 2, E. R. Chillingford 3, F. N. Instance 4, R. A. Hatcher (cond.) 5, R. Langford 6. For Matins.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Goldsmith (first quarter) 1, P. Stevens 2, Mrs. I. L. Wake (first quarter 'inside' 3, W. Bristow 4, R. Wake (cond.) 5, N. Crouch 6. For Evensong. Also on Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles in five methods (Stedman, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Ivy L. Wake 1, Felicity Pocock 2, M. J. Wake 3, P. Stevens 4, R. Wake (cond.) 5, A. Stevens (first quarter) 6. First in five methods 1, 2, 3 and 4.

FRECKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. G. Oakley (first quarter) 1, J. Gentleman 2, R. Whitwood (first 'inside' 3, A. M. Barber (cond.) 4, J. E. Goodwin 5.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. W. Rigby 1, G. G. Mansfield 2, Betty M. Mansfield 3, J. Snelling (first attempt) 5, F. W. Eyden 5, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 6.

HOLT, WILTS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: R. J. Purrell (cond.) 1, J. H. Nibbs 2, D. L. Nibbs 3, F. W. Box 4, P. Gaisford 5, K. C. Jones 6. First of Stedman 2, 3 and 6. For St. George's Day.

QUARTER PEALS

MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.—On April 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Montgomery 1, P. M. Wilkinson 2, Jane Foster (first as cond.) 3, Felicity Webber 4, Rev. E. Wood 5, J. H. Croxton (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

MARSTON BIGUT, SOMERSET.—On April 27th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Withers 1, D. Massey 2, Miss F. Massey 3, D. Robertson 4, D. G. Brown (cond.) 5, R. Baker 6. First quarter Surprise by all the band and first by the Frome District Minor practice band.

MARTLEY, WORCS.—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Parry 1, T. Lloyd (first quarter) 2, C. Davies 3, J. A. Gwilliam (cond.) 4, A. Davies (first quarter) 5, J. Milward 6. For the 21st birthday of Miss T. Lloyd.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On April 28th, At St. Andrew's Church, for 6.30 Evensong, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: D. F. Wheeler 1, Mrs. D. R. Bould 2, J. W. Perkins 3, T. G. Myers 4, A. R. Agg (Hitchin, Herts) 5, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 6, F. E. Day (cond.) 7, H. F. Myers 8, D. R. Bould 9, W. H. Marks 10.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Chiswell (first quarter) 1, K. Chatwin (first quarter) 2, A. Roberts 3, I. J. Darby 4, W. Davies (cond.) 5, G. Chiswell 6. Rung for the first anniversary of the Christian Stewardship Campaign.

SOUTHGATE, N.14.—At Christ Church, on April 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Margaret Moore 1, Diana Belcham 2, Monica Moore 3, S. G. Peck 4, J. Belcham 5, D. Belcham (cond.) 6, W. Wainwright 8. For Evensong, and a wedding compliment to Rosemary E. Peck and Rev. J. Bloomfield, of St. George's, Fordington, Dorchester.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Clark 1, H. Trewin (cond.) 2, J. H. Payton 3, E. Nunn 4, J. A. M. Salter 5, B. G. D. Vince (first 'inside' 6, J. W. Sangwin 7, J. F. Payne (first of Triples) 8.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. F. Neal 1, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 2, J. A. Hales 3, C. A. Gray 4, J. M. Steele 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, R. K. C. Wilkings 7, E. Steele 8. Also on April 21st, 1,280 Bob Major: C. F. Neal 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, J. M. Steele 4, J. A. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. W. Gray 7, D. Neal (cond.) 8.

WADENHOE, NORTHANTS.—On March 30th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 London, 720 Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge): Miss S. Staley 1, Miss D. Lawless 2, A. Sansom 3, I. Hall 4, Miss S. Collins (cond.) 5, A. Frost 6. Rung after peal failure.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Pope 1, J. Hill (first quarter 'inside' 2, Sybil Tonkin 3, Rosemary Earl 4, P. D. Pope (cond.) 5, L. Wright 6. For the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Bull 1, P. Roynon 2, E. C. Shepherd 3, L. E. Hawkins 4, N. G. Kne 5, E. E. Norris (cond.) 6, B. D. Price 7, T. E. Mallard 8. For Confirmation service.

WATERLOO, LONDON.—At St. John's, on March 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. J. M. Hampton 1, Miss D. A. Deverell 2, Mrs. G. G. Meyer 3, W. D. Grainger 4, Miss M. E. Powell 5, C. W. Otley 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, A. J. Hampton 8. For Evensong.

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Maureen White 1, D. M. Hughes (first of Triples as cond.) 2, Mary White 3, K. A. Tipper 4, A. R. Cope 5, B. R. Walton 6, R. J. Corke 7, D. E. G. Port 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor's nephew.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On April 15th, 1,440 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): Margaret Womack 1, R. G. Fanthorpe 2, P. Smithson 3, J. A. Coates 4, D. A. Whetton 5, J. M. Gow (cond.) 6.

WHITSTONE, CORNWALL.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Walker 1, J. A. Saher 2, J. H. Payton 3, B. G. Vince 4, J. E. Clark (cond.) 5, J. F. Payne (first quarter) 6.

WINFORD, SOMERSET.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gladys Bishop 1, C. York 2, Ruth Yeates (first 'inside' 3, H. Ball 4, C. Bishop (cond.) 5, D. Dando 6. For Evensong, also as a compliment to Ruth Yeates and H. Ball, on their engagement.

WITNEY, OXON.—On March 19th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. K. Adkins (cond.) 1, T. Hester 2, L. T. Olliffe 3, B. T. Coggins 4, P. Pearce 5, A. Lloyd 6, W. Clarke 7, E. Townsend 8. First 'inside' 2 and 7.

EASTER DAY QUARTER PEALS

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. I. Kendrick 1, M. D. Barsby 2, M. G. Godwin 3, J. R. Perkins 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, F. K. Thompson 6.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Willard 1, Sonia Taylor (first 'inside' 2, T. T. Jones (cond.) 3, E. W. Furbank 4, A. Pryke 5, P. G. Banks 6, E. Stich 7, H. Flanders 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Judith Wood (first quarter) 1, Sonia Taylor 2, Anne Willard 3, A. Pryke 4, E. W. Furbank 5, P. G. Banks 6, T. T. Jones (cond.) 7, H. Flanders 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.—1,260 Stedman Triples: Sheila Copping 1, P. W. Cave (cond.) 2, G. E. Foster 3, Maria E. Kirby 4, Katharine M. Guy 5, M. G. Foster 6, P. J. Spice 7, D. P. Smith 8. A farewell to the verger (Mr. Austin).

CADOXTON-JUSTA-NEATH, GLAM.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. I. Lewis (cond.) 1, J. Matthews 2, E. N. Thomas 3, L. Jenkins 4, B. Williams 5, A. Thomas 6.

COUNTSTHORPE, LEICS.—1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Morris 1, B. Chapman 2, Patricia Morris 3, P. Immins 4, G. Dudley 5, R. Morris (cond.) 6.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Apton (aged 12, first attempt) 1, Miss R. Stevens 2, R. Johnson 3, J. Jeffrey 4, R. Durnford 5, J. Herbcque 6, J. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Jean Exon 1, Margaret Thewlis 2, Barbara Butler 3, C. Adam 4, Helen Butler 5, D. Exon 6, G. McIlhorne (cond.) 7, A. Howes 8.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Clark (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Wiggins 2, Gillian Wiggins 3, G. Grant 4, H. Thomas 5, J. Seymour (cond.) 6.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Saviour, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. Budgen (first quarter) 1, Miss J. M. Lenham 2, A. R. Baldock 3, I. White (first quarter of Plain Bob) 4, T. M. Barlow (cond.) 5, R. Wagborne 6.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 1, E. C. Leigh 2, G. S. E. Winter 3, D. J. M. Cox 4, D. Roe 5, J. M. Hollyman 6.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.—1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Ivings 1, G. Herbert 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, J. Yorke-Parker 4, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 5.

EWELL, SURREY.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. A. Carpenter (cond.) 1, Mrs. C. W. Munday 2, Gladys Anderson 3, S. J. Philbrick 4, P. Munday 5, A. S. Besant 6, P. A. Ford 7, C. W. Munday 8.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. E. Ellison (11, first quarter) 1, J. D. Adams 2, E. Ellison 3, S. Ellison 4, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 5, J. C. Eisel 6.

FARMBOURGH, SOMERSET.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosemary Smith 1, A. Perry (first of Minor 'inside' 2, R. Smith 3, M. Heymann 4, Margaret Wright (Ashton-under-Lyne) 5, M. Horseman 6. Also for the christening of Katharine Helen Marshall, granddaughter of the Rector.

FILTON, GLOS.—1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, April Day, Grandsire): Miss R. C. J. Sheldon 1, D. C. Haslam 2, Miss M. N. Haslam 3, D. S. Voss 4, W. Naylor (cond.) 5, F. M. Sheldon 6.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. W. Pipe (cond.) 1, C. R. Lovett 2, A. Clarke 3, R. W. Pipe 4, B. Gillian Schofield 5, E. G. Pearce 6, R. Downing 7, S. E. Pipe 8.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—1,280 Plain Bob Major: E. G. Sawyer (first in method) 1, W. White 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, G. W. Bishop 4, C. J. Garlick 5, A. H. Webb 6, M. Bishop 7, J. H. Napper (cond.) 8.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—At Christ Church, Blacklands, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. M. Downing 1, Ann Harris (first in method) 2, Joan M. Downing 3, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 4, J. A. W. Downing 5, R. I. Vaughan 6, A. Jackson 7, G. Stenden 8.

HITCHIN, BUCKS.—1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): Anne Secar 1, M. Sceenay 2, Mary F. Carr 3, Jennifer Sceenay 4, G. J. Berry 5, H. Oglesby (cond.) 6.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. F. Turner 1, S. H. Symonds (cond.) 2, W. Jarvis 3, W. Fairers 4, F. Borcham 5, L. Pryke 6, F. F. Mortlock 7, L. Offord 8. Also as a mark of respect to L. Poulson, for many years an active member of the Lavenham company, who was interred the previous day.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Marjorie Legg (cond.) 1, June Legg 2, Mrs. M. Thirkettle 3, J. Lambard (first quarter 'inside' 4, S. White 5, R. Venn 6.

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BIRTH

COX.—At Felton, Bristol, on Saturday, May 4th, 1963, to Doreen and Anthony, a daughter, Kathryn Elizabeth. 2470

PERSONAL

PLEASE pray for David Hoare, to be ordained Deacon in St. Albans Cathedral on Trinity Sunday at 11 a.m. Pray, too, for his wife, Madelene. Their future address will be the Rectory Cottage, Ampthill, Bedfordshire.

*That we henceforth be no more children tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men and cunning craftiness, whereby they lay in wait to deceive.' (Ephesians iv, 14.)

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MISCELLANEOUS

Intending visitors to ST. MARY'S, HORSHAM, please note that in future correspondence should be addressed to Mr. T. Fox, 106, D'not Road, Horsham. 2455

PERSHORE ABBEY.—Any inquiries regarding the bells of Pershore Abbey should now be addressed to J. Lloyd, 53, Head Street, Pershore, Wores. 2438

SURPRISE MAJOR practice at Holy Trinity, Guildford, on Thursday, May 16th. Methods: Bristol, Cambridge, Ealing, Rutland, and Cambridge, London, Superlative Spliced. 2446

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

Please note that at our A.G.M. on April 27th, Mr. J. P. Partington was elected Ringing Secretary, and details of peals, together with booking fees, should, in future, be sent to Mr. Partington at 23, York Street, Heywood, Lancs. 2448

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Limited number of the 1950 Report now available and complete sets of Leicester Guild Reports from 1946 to 1962 are on sale at £1. Separate copies as follows: 1946/47; 1948/49; 1950 (197 compositions); 1951-53 (81); 1954 (22); 1955 (44); 1956 (53); 1957 (47); 1958 (50); 1959 (51); 1960 (48); 1961 (32); 1962 (29). All 1s. 6d., except 1950, 5s., and 1962, 3s., plus postage.—B. G. Warwick, 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 2412

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—There will be no meeting during May.—J. Seager, Sec. 2407

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Barton St. David (6), Saturday, May 11th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Prescott, Copse Cottage, Barton St. David, Somerton.—L. McCreadie, Sec. 2394

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Striking competition, Barlborough (6) on Saturday, May 11th. Draw for order of ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Ashly, 76, Boughton Lane, Clowne, Derbys.—M. Phipps, Sec. 2371

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Ickleton on Saturday, May 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 2404

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Fobbing, May 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. Smith, 76, Lampits Hill, Corringham, Essex. 2411

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Worplesdon (8) on Saturday, May 11th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Collier, Crimscoote, Fox Corner, Worplesdon, Surrey.—D. P. Elsmore, Hon. Sec. 2399

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 11th, Hunsdon, 3 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 2376

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Sarratt (5), May 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Chilton, Virginia Cottage, Sarratt, near Rickmansworth. 2405

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting May 11th changed to Charing. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea to follow. Names for tea to Mr. P. M. Bradford, 14, Downs Way, Charing, Kent. No name no tea.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 2403

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Crosthwaite, near Kendal, Saturday, May 11th. 2.30 p.m. Names to R. Hudson, Lorraine, Crosthwaite, near Kendal.—N. M. Newby. 2466

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, May 11th, St. Mary's, Woolwich, 3-5.30 p.m. Tea and business follows immediately. Evening ringing, St. Alphege's, Greenwich, 7-8.30 p.m. Names for tea essential.—Miss Powell, 56, Narbonne Avenue, S.W.4. Kelvin 2390. 2392

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Annual meeting, Burton-on-Trent, May 11th. Bells available: All Saints' (6), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Modwen's, 6 to 8. Tea and meeting in Friars Walk Schools at 4.30 p.m. Business important, election of officers. All welcome

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Annual meeting, Warborough, Saturday, May 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to F. Absolom, 'Beverley', Warborough, Oxon. 2429

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Orston, May 11th. Preliminary rounds, Crawford Cup contest, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, 'St. Queens', Wharton.—R. Blackshaw, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2417

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M., Saturday, May 11th, at the Good Shepherd, Brighton. Ringing as usual. Good Shepherd, St. Nicholas', St. Peter's. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall, 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Individual names for tea to R. Percv. Gen. Sec., 47, Oldfield Road, Willington, Eastbourne. 2344

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Evening practice on Monday, May 13th, at St. Mark's, Bath, 1.30 p.m. 2430

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Publow (6) on Saturday, May 18th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 2441

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Carlton-in-Cleveland on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, previous to P. Wishart, 8, Fairfield Avenue, Ormesby, Middlesbrough. 2442

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry Archdeaconry District.—Meeting at Exhall-by-Coventry on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 14th, to Mr. D. Harrison, 185, Wheelwright Lane, Exhall, near Coventry. 2431

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Ilkeston District.—Meeting at Denby on May 18th. Names for tea to David W. Camm, 103, Thorpes Road, Heanor, Derbyshire. 2431

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Bakewell (8) on Saturday, May 18th. Own tea arrangements.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 2456

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Elm, Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2464

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, May 18th at Shipton Moyne at 3 p.m. (bells recently rehung). Service 4.30. Tea in School Room 5 p.m. Names essential for tea by May 16th to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 2454

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Egham on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. approx. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. I. Knowles, 46, Simon's Walk, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey. 2463

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—May 18th, Hughenden, 3 p.m. West Wycombe 5 p.m. Beaconsfield 6 p.m. Dinner 7.30 p.m.—D. L. Gullick, 13, Weston Road, Stevenage. 2420

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Cound, Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea.—G. Randle, Yew Tree Farm, Ashford Bowdler, near Ludlow. 2468

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting at Sawbridgeworth, Saturday, May 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. Rochester, 7, Riverfield Lane, Sawbridgeworth, Herts.—D. Kingston, Dis. Sec. 2432

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (St. Albans District) and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (N. and E. District).—Joint meeting, May 18th, South Mimms. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. G. Frost, 38, Blanche Lane, South Mimms, Barnet, Herts. by May 15th. No name no tea. Monken Hadley (8) available 7-8.30 p.m.—M. A. Coburn, E. H. Kilby, Dis. Secs. 2409

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Striking competition, Saturday, May 18th, at Accrington. Bells 2.30 p.m. Competition 4.15. Tea, buffet, moderate charge, from 4.30 p.m. Short meeting and further ringing after competition. Names for tea to me by Friday.—R. Leigh (321, Willows Lane), p.p. Competition Committee. 2465

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting and competition at Stretford, Saturday, May 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Competition 4. Buffet tea (3s.) 4.30 p.m. (names to Mrs. D. Ogden, 8, Carlyn Avenue, Sale, by previous Thursday—PYR 1717). Flixton bells (8) 3.30 to 5 p.m. and both towers again after tea. Frequent trains to Stretford from Piccadilly and Oxford Road. Buses to Flixton, Nos. 5, 11, 12, 23 from Piccadilly. Visitors welcome.—Neil Bennett, Sec. 2461

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Peckleton, Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Rooms. Names by Wednesday, 15th, please, to Mrs. Liddington, Main Street, Peckleton, Leics. Tel.: Desford 488. Regret no name no tea.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 2443

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Misterton, Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Provide own tea. Outing, June 15th. Fare £1 5s. 6d. inclusive tea, etc.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 2469

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Corringham, Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. Special methods: Sandal and Double Court.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel.: 2623. 2433

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Practice on May 18th. Ringing at Harlington, 3.15 to 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and business.—Evening ringing at Harmondsworth.—F. T. B. 2451

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Finchampstead on May 18th at 6 p.m. Special method: Burton T.B. Minor.—B. C. Castle. 2439

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Saturday, May 18th, meeting at Daybrook, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. F. N. Pailing, 6, Charles Street, Arnold.—P. Nix, 2450

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 18th, South Collingham. Prayers in church 2.20 p.m. Bells 2.30-4.30. Crawford Cup contest, North Collingham, 6 p.m. Regret cups of tea only, for limited number in South Collingham Rectory. 2440

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Quarterly meeting at Huntingfield (5), Saturday, May 18th, 3-4.30 p.m. No service. Tea at 4.45 p.m. Heveningham (5) bells from 6-9 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 15th, to Marion Branch, Fern Bank, Bungay Road, Halesworth. 2425

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Stratford St. Mary and Higham, Saturday, May 18th. Stratford St. Mary (6) bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Higham (6) bells after tea and business meeting until 9 p.m. Names for tea by May 15th, please, to Mr. W. D. Bailey, Squirrels Hall Cottage, Stratford St. Mary, Colchester. 2393

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Ringmer (8), Saturday, May 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: St. Clement's Bob Major. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 15th, please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 2458

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Storrington (6) on Saturday, May 18th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones,' Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 2449

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual meeting, Tickhill, May 18th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. Cannings, 15, Northgate, Tickhill, Doncaster, by 16th. Bells also available at Bawtry (6) 3-4.30 p.m. and Harworth (6) 7.30-9 p.m. Subscriptions are now due, and new reports will be available.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 2452

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Great Totham, Saturday, May 25th. Ringing competition 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. General ringing after tea. Names to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 2367

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Hempstead on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. Ryeart, The Vicarage, Hempstead, Saffron Walden. 2396

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (North Lindsey Branch) and **LADIES' GUILD** (Lincolnshire Branch).—Joint meeting, May 25th at Bigby. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to the Rev. Canon H. Thackray, Bigby Rectory, Barnetby, Lincs.—C. A. H. 2453

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting at North Creake, Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to T. Owen, The Flat, Slys Farm, North Creake, Fakenham. 2467

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—A.M., Hook Norton (8), Saturday, May 25th. Bells 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Names for tea by 21st latest.—J. Keyte, Freeland, Oxford. 2460

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, Wallingford, May 25th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea, 3s. 6d. per head. Hartwells, High Street, 4.30. Meeting in church 5.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than 20th, most essential.—C. Corderoy, West Wynds, Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot. 2437

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Striking competition, May 25th at Ashted. Service 2.30 p.m. Draw 3 p.m. Entry forms from me. All Sunday service bands in the county eligible. Tea after last team has competed. Names (other than competing bands) to Mr. J. T. Symonds, 44, West Farm Avenue, Ashted, by previous Wednesday. Ringing after.—W. Parrott, 19, Eastdean Avenue, Epsom. 2391

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Saturday, May 25th, 1963, at Wellingborough.

Committee Meeting 3. Service 4 p.m. Transport will be provided from the church to St. Andrew's Hall, Berrymoor Road, for tea at 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Tea tickets, at 3s. 6d., each, obtainable from Mr. A. R. Elliott, 29, St. Crispin Avenue, Wellingborough, before Tuesday, May 21st. Please send C.W.O. and S.A.E.

BELLS AVAILABLE
Wellingborough (8), 3.15-4. 7-9 p.m.; Ecton (6), 1-2.30, 7.30-9; Mears Ashby (6), 1.30-2.30, 7.30-8.30; Doddington (5), 2-3.30, 7-8; Wilby (6), 2-3.30, 7.15-8.15; Yardley Hastings (6), 1-2, 7.30-9; Castle Ashby (5), 2-3, 7.30-8.30; Bozeat (5), 1.30-2.30, 7.30-8.30; Wollaston (6), 2-3, 7.15-8.15; Irthlingborough (8), 1.30-3, 7.30-8.30; Stanwick (6), 1-3.30, 7.30-9; Higham Ferrers (8), 2-3.15, 7.30-9; Rushden (8), 2.15-3.15, 7.15-8.30; Irchester (8), 2-3.15, 7.15-8.15 p.m.
—E. Billings, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS (Western Branch) and **GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL** (Tewkesbury Branch).—Joint meeting, May 25th. St. John's, Worcester. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Parish Hall, Blakefield Road. Names for tea to A. A. Jopp, Church Road, Stoulton, Worcester, by Tuesday, 21st. St. Swithun's (6) from 7-8.30 p.m. 2459

SOUTH WALES NOMADS.—Annual general meeting at Marshfield, near Cardiff, on Saturday, June 1st, 2.30-6.30 p.m. Will members please make a special effort to attend. Visitors always welcome.—S. Williams, Sec. 2436

MASONIC RINGERS' GATHERING, 1963.

Will all Brethren requiring details of the above gathering, to be held at Leicester on June 22nd, 1963, please contact: P. J. Stanforth, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester. 2462

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary notice.—Oswy Street Memorial Cup (open contest) will take place at Babworth, 1 miles from Retford, on Sat., Aug. 31st. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. Copies of Rules can be had from me.—H. Denman, 2, Ashham Road, Rockley, Retford, Notts. 2457

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A Civic tea is being arranged for members and friends after the meeting. Will those wishing to attend please apply to me by NOT LATER THAN MAY 20th. Tickets (limited to two per member) will be sent with the meeting papers to those who have applied.

Members are reminded of tours being arranged for the Sunday and Monday. Details were published in 'The Ringing World' of March 15th, 1963.

E. A. BARNETT,
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OUTING

TWYFORD, BERKS

Twyford ringers' Easter Monday outing had Send, Surrey, as their first call, but a telephone message on Sunday brought the unwelcome news of a fire at the church and withdrawal of permission to ring. Fortunately both the tower and the bells are safe, as we learned on calling at the church to meet the remainder of the party.

A warm welcome at Shere augured well for the rest of the day. Across country by a pleasant ride to Horsham, where we found the bells very much to our liking. Billingshurst and Pulborough were visited before tea at Petworth. Some of the best ringing of the day was at Chiddingfold, and included a well-struck touch of Grandire Triples. Worplesdon was the last tower of the day, and the ringing included a ladies' touch—well done, girls! Our thanks again to all who met and helped us. H. S.

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