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WELCOME TO TRURO

THE modern age has brought many advantages to our people, and one which is enjoyed is the ambition to travel to other parts of the country, to see and explore the beauties of our land, to make friendships and, for ringers, to hear and ring church bells.

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers has become accustomed to this ever-changing scene for its annual conference, and if it were not for the trend of the age we would not have been given the opportunity to welcome the Council to Truro.

The Truro Diocesan Guild of Ringers was formed in 1897 and soon became affiliated to the Central Council. The first member of our Guild to attend a Council meeting was Mr. W. H. Southeard, who joined the first resident company of ringers in Truro Cathedral, and is still an active ringer and a vice-president of our Guild.

For many years the Truro Guild has cherished the idea that one day the Central Council would honour it with its presence at a Council meeting to be held in the City of Truro, and it is to the City of Truro and the diocese that we welcome you this Whitsuntide.

Truro is a pleasant little city almost in the centre of Cornwall, set amid green, sloping hills, steeply running down to a valley, clustered with buildings, streets and shops, with a steady flow of cars and vehicles passing through from one side of the town to the other. Away to the south can be seen the River Fal, winding its way along from the city centre downstream through thickly-wooded slopes towards the port of Falmouth. The call of the seagull can be heard and the small pleasure steamer taking its daily crowd of sightseers on the river is a familiar sight. In the centre of the city, as if reaching up to heaven, rise the tall spires of the Cathedral. Built of granite and Portland stone, the Cathedral stands, casting long shadows across the dwarfed streets and shops, which appear to crowd beneath its shelter. From the north west spire can be heard the tones of a ring of ten bells that reflects great credit upon the founders who cast it in 1910. On a Sunday the sound of the Cathedral bells mingles with a melodious ring of eight at Kenwyn, and in the distance may be heard the bells of St. Kea.

It is from this city that the Diocesan Guild has spread out to meet the needs of the diocese. Today the Guild covers the greater part of Cornwall, under the patronage

of the Lord Bishop and the leadership of a president, Ringing Master and the general secretary.

The president, Mr. A. Carveth, is fortunate to have a wife who rings. His pleasant, enthusiastic personality has won the hearts of the Cornish ringers. He is Master of the Cathedral company of ringers and has been president of the Guild for ten years. In his home tower of Kenwyn he has built up a good band of change-ringers and himself has a good list of peals to his credit. He has guided the Guild through many difficulties with dignity, and he provides a vital link between the youth and the older members of our Guild.

The Diocesan Ringing Master, Mr. D. Burnett, began his ringing career in the small 6-bell spire of St. Ewe. His early years were spent ringing call-changes, and he later progressed to change-ringing. He has been a regular of the Cathedral band since 1949. For the past ten years he has been Master of the Guild and a representative on the Central Council, and for eight years a branch secretary.

The general secretary is the youthful-looking Vicar of Kenwyn, Rev. A. J. Vincent. He learnt to ring at Camborne Parish Church and after ordination was privileged to return to Camborne as the assistant curate, and later became Vicar of Kenwyn, a large parish in the City of Truro. He is a popular figure at Guild meetings and has a vital part to play in the important leadership of the Guild.

The Truro Guild is divided into six branches, each with a secretary, and has a total membership of approximately 900 ringers, some of whom are round ringers, some call-change ringers, and a proportion are method ringers. The greatest task of the Guild is to unite all the ringers in the diocese into one fellowship to proclaim the one true, living God.

So to the city and diocese of Truro we welcome you. To our picturesque towns; to our fishing villages; to our seaside resorts, especially Carbis Bay; to the land of the white pyramids of the clay industry; and to our villages, some of which are untouched since the time of the Reformation—we welcome you to ring in our towers, to enjoy our fellowship, to enjoy the sea air and green countryside.

We have looked forward to your visit; we hope that you will take away pleasant memories of Truro and also have the ambition to come again. On behalf of the Truro Guild, welcome.

DOUGLAS BURNETT.

WASHINGTON A GREAT TRIUMPH

Three Peals in America

THE Washington party arrived home at 7 a.m. on Monday extremely tired but very happy. Their visit had been a great triumph.

The big day was Ascension Day. At 12 noon the tower, Gloria in Excelsis, was consecrated, and in the afternoon there was a second ceremony for the dedication of the bells. Afterwards the bells were heard in all their glory as a quarter peal of Stedman Caters was rung.

Washington has been won over to change ringing. There were tears in many eyes among the crowd, as they listened to the bells.

AMAZING ENTHUSIASM IN PRESS AND RADIO

The excellent publicity drew a large crowd to sit in the grounds to listen to the peal of Stedman Caters on Saturday. The peal was successfully brought round in 3 hours and 24 minutes, and as the bells went into rounds the crowd clapped their hands and cheered. The enthusiasm was amazing.

It was good ringing throughout, although the temperature reached 90 degrees. A recording of the ringing was taken and this will be played at Truro by Mr. Douglas Hughes to enable members of the Central Council to form their own opinion.

Sunday was spent at Groton School, and on the ten bells at the school a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung. This was also a good peal.

When the band were in Washington on the first Sunday the bells were rung for a short period. The bells were silenced for the intensive training periods. There was amazing keenness among the young people. The principal lecturers were Mr. Norman Chaddock and Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton, but all the band worked hard during the training periods. It was a week of late nights. The hospitality extended to the visitors was most generous.

While in America handbell ringing is almost entirely confined to tune ringing, the English visit has created an interest in change ringing in hand. So much so that the set Mr. Douglas Hughes had with him was left with the girls of Washington High School.

PRESENTATIONS

Messrs. Charles and Douglas Hughes were presented to Mr. Robert F. Kennedy, Chief Justice Earl Warren and the British Ambassador. As a souvenir of the visit Messrs. Mears and Stainbank presented three miniature silver bells to Dean the Very Rev. Francis B. Sayre. Mr. Robert F. Kennedy and the Chief Justice. On one side was panelled the arms of the Cathedral and on the other the arms of the Whitechapel Foundry.

The Dean presented to each member of the visiting band a beautifully bound, signed copy of the history of the building of Washington Cathedral.

While in America a handbell peal was also rung, bringing to total to three peals and one quarter.

When the aeroplane touched down at 7 a.m. on Monday there was quite a number of ringers and relatives there to greet them. Among them were Mr. J. E. Chilcott's wife and parents Mr. W. H. Coles (who has rung at Groton School), Mrs. Jill Staniforth and daughter and Mr. George Pipe's wife and children.

'The Ringing World' will be publishing a special article on the tour, with pictures, written by Mr. George Pipe. Those who participated regard it as the most outstanding week in the history of change ringing.

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Bristol University Society held its annual meeting on April 28th, when the following elections for the season 1964-65 were made: Master, C. M. Foster; secretary, D. B. Williams, Victoria Rooms, Bristol 8; hon. treasurer, Miss P. Bligh-Cheesman; tower secretary, B. M. Baverstock.

OUR HOSTS AT TRURO



Mr. Douglas Burnett,
Ringing Master of
the Guild.

Mr. Alan Carveth,
President of the
Truro Diocesan Guild.

Rev. A. J. Vincent,
General Secretary
of the Guild.

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

CREWE was the venue for the eighth annual meeting of the Railwaymen's Guild held on April 25th, with Kettell's Restaurant as headquarters. For those who arrived on Friday evening there was ringing at Christ Church. Every region was represented and the attendance was up to the average. It was nice to see Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pitman amongst those present.

The business meeting was held in the morning with the Master, Mr. Charles Bassett, in the chair. A silence was observed in memory of Mr. A. Hill, of Workson, and a tribute was paid to him by Mr. S. Foskett. Apologies from 28 members and also best wishes from Mr. Norris (Rochester) and Mr. S. Robinson were received.

A short report from the hon. secretary deplored the lack of publicity of actual ringing within the Guild. Subscriptions and bank balance had increased and Mr. F. Stenson thanked the auditors.

Three nominations were received for the office of Master. A ballot resulted in a tie between Messrs. F. Stenson and A. Bassett and, with the casting vote of the chairman, Mr. Stenson was elected. Mr. J. A. Hoare was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer. The regional Masters remain in office until the new regional territories are sorted out.

London was selected for the 1965 annual general meeting on May 15th. The September autumn meeting will be at Swansea. Eight new members were elected. Mr. F. Hodgson proposed the vote of thanks.

The company left by a private coach for The Beehive, Macclesfield, for lunch. Guests included Mrs. H. L. Horne, secretary local branch Ladies' Guild; Mr. J. Worth, Christ Church, and Mr. H. Longson, St. Michael's. The Ven. T. Clarke (Archdeacon) accorded the company a great welcome to Macclesfield. Mr. F. Stenson replied.

The coach took the Guild around Macclesfield with ringing on the light eight at St. Peter's, Cinques and Treble Bob at St. Michael's, and finally the five at Christ Church. Tea at The Beehive was very welcome. After evening ringing at Christ Church, Crewe, a very successful meeting, voted by some as one of the best, concluded.

J. A. H.

BELLS OF ST. MARY'S JUBILEE

SUNDAY, April 26th, was truly a memorable day in the life of St. Mary's, Southampton, when special services marked the jubilee of the bells. The Rector, the Rev. Roy Chamberlain, who conducted the services, took as the theme bells and the ringing of bells. Two of the foremost clerical ringers preached—Canon K. W. H. Felstead, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, at Matins, and Canon Gilbert Thurlow, president of the Central Council, at Evensong.

There were some noteworthy dedications during the day. The first was a plaque recording a name which will always be remembered in connection with Southampton ringing. It reads:

'This tablet records the service of John Walter Faithfull, chorister, bellringer, church councillor, for over 30 years captain of the belfry. Erected by his fellow ringers.'

Other dedications were a pew given by the ringers and friends, and also a tapestry depicting the bells of St. Mary's given by the Mayor of Southampton, Ald. Ronald Pugh, and the Mayoress, Cdr. Mrs. Elinor Pugh.

Before and after each service the bells were rung, the standard of ringing being very good. It ranged from rounds to Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal. This was possible not only by the loyal support of ringers from the Southampton District but also those from Bournemouth, Christchurch, Fordingbridge, Farnborough, Bristol, Eastbourne, Winchester, Lichfield and London.

Mr. T. R. Faithfull, on behalf of the Rector and ringers of St. Mary's, thanked Canons Felstead and Thurlow and all ringing friends for their wonderful support which resulted in a really memorable day in the history of St. Mary's Church.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN

Holding their first meeting at Corton Denham for 15 years on April 25th, the Cary Branch had the pleasure of electing eight new members from Cucklington and their Rector, Rev. R. G. Harewood, as an associate member. South Dorset was chosen as the venue for the Branch's outing in September.

The Rev. S. Risdon-Brown was thanked for conducting the service, also Mr. F. P. Hill, the organist, and Mrs. Longney, who provided tea. Evening ringing was at South Cadbury.

WITH ANGELA IN CORNWALL



The party at Coverack, near the Lizard. Kneeling, Wendy Bird; standing (left to right), Paul Treble, Angela Wright, Mike Bird, Frances Gilbert, Douglas Snowswell, Catherine Powell, Tony Bennett, John Long, John Norris, Norman Wright, Stella Rice, Bernard North and Ivor Pett.

AT mid-day on Saturday, April 4th, three carloads of ringers from Brighton and Cheltenham descended on Mr. Frank Mack's garage in Exmouth. The Grainger tour of 1964 had started. Difficulty was experienced in handling the lightest ring of six in the world but eventually we managed some rough rounds and two scarcely recognised Plain Bob.

Our hotel in Helston was reached in the early evening and here we were joined by the Bedford contingent and Dr. Tony Bennett, who is living in Cornwall. Sunday morning saw the entire party at All Saints', Helston, for early Communion, followed by breakfast and ringing for Matins at St. Keverne. The rest of Sunday was spent enjoying the sunshine at Coverack before attending Evensong at Landedwack.

On Monday morning the residents of Carbis Bay heard some rough ringing on the ten bells but this improved at Towednack and Zennor. Sennen provided the highspot of the day. On arrival we were greeted by the Rector and taken on a tour of the church. He told us of the six-day-old wreck on the rocks at Land's End, which we subsequently saw, and of the quarrel among the local fishermen over the mullet catch. Ringing at Penzance and Madron rounded off the day.

All partook of a trip round St. Michael's Mount the following day. Our boat was driven by a local fisherman, who told stories of smuggling, whales and wrecks associated with the bay, and gave us information about the tides and currents. In taking the boat over the causeway running from the shore to the Mount, we found our experience with boathooks from last year's tour on the Llan-gollen Canal useful. The first tower of the day was Gulval, where the churchyard looked really beautiful in the bright sunshine. Some good ringing ensued during the day including a call change peal at Camborne. Two quarter peals of Grandsire Triples were scored by different hands during the afternoon, one at Tuckingmill, the other at Crowan. In the

evening everybody relaxed at a party given by Dr. Bennett.

After ringing at Helston on Wednesday morning a band of six was despatched to Sennen to ring for a wedding in accordance with a request from the Rector. The rest travelled toward The Lizard, ringing at Cury, Mullion, St. Antony-in-Meneage and Manaccan. They were later joined by the Sennen band. A cordial welcome was received at the practice at Redruth. That night we moved our base to Truro.

We rang in seven towers on Thursday and it was a relief to visit only three on Friday. A visit to Verran produced interest in and speculation about the origin of the unique round houses. Ringing on the sixes at Golen and St. Ewe followed before the party split up to find rest or entertainment.

The final day of touring took us to seven towers to the north east of Truro, Crantock Rural, Newlyn East and St. Erme being towers to remember. The local at Newlyn East called a long peal of call changes which were enjoyed by those ringing but taxed the patience of those waiting to ring.

Sunday morning; and most of us were up for a non-existent 7 o'clock Communion at Truro Cathedral. After this disappointment we returned to the hotel to pack before returning to the Cathedral to ring. During Eucharist at the Cathedral one of the three organists in the party was allowed to play a chord at the start of the anthem. Those who did not stay for the Cathedral service made their way to Kenwyn to ring and attend Matins. After the services, a brief meeting to say farewell before we went our various ways.

Throughout the week a reasonably high standard of striking was maintained and methods included Yorkshire, Cambridge and an ill-fated attempt at Cornwall Surprise.

We would like to thank Angela Grainger, of Brighton, and John Norris, of Hurstpierpoint, for their hard work in organising the tour.

D. P. T.

CORNISH BELLS

O merry ring the Christmas bells across the Western land,
From Launceston town to Michael's Mount,
from Bude to Sennen Sand,
The joyous echo sweeps along far spaces by the sea.
And Church bells answer Church bells with their 'Gloria Domine!'
O Cornish bells, ring far, ring free,
Ring—'Gloria tibi Domine!'

High o'er the ridge of Bodmin moor grey
Rowtor keepeth guard.
His age-worn crown of granite crag by wind and storm is scarred.
But here as once in Bethlehem the Christmas stars shine bright,
And moorland men are wending far to Church on Christmas night.
O Bodmin bells, etc.

O hark the bells of Liskeard how they call the bells of Looe.
St. Winnow and Lansallos, Lqstwithiel and Duloe,
Till all the upland pulses with the Glorious Hymn of Joy,
As Talland calls to Lanreath and Lanteglos answer Fowey.
O Liskeard bells, etc.

O'er Mordred's town, by Michael's rock, the bells of Roche out-tell
Their silver call to Wenna's fane beyond the Holy Well:
O! Columb's hill! O! Deny's heights, the glad-some chorus sing.
Till all Luxulyan's rock-piled dells with clashing echoes ring.
O Roche Church bells, etc.

Ring glad some bells, ring pealing bells from Falmouth harbour wide,
To where St. Mary's Minster stands above the Truro tide.
Ring Christmas bells of Roseland in our maddest, merriest glee.
From Probas to Penkevil, from Lamorran to the sea.
O Kenwyn bells, etc.

As by the mystic star of all the Magian kings were led,
So homing boats on Christmas Eve by lights of Lizard Head;
And fisher lads safe home at last from peril on the sea,
Give incense of brave hearts to greet their Lord's Epiphany.
O Keverne bells, etc.

Round dark Tintagel's castled crag, round Gurnard's Titan keep,
The long Atlantic rollers boom their organ-music deep.
And Buryan bells o'er land and sea the Christmas message bear
To where the dreaming Scillies sleep in moon-enchanted air.
O Buryan bells, etc.

O Magic moon! O mystic Stars!
O music of the night!
Your 'Gloria in Excelsis' sing,
O Praise Him in the Height!
'On earth be Peace, Good-will to men!'
it is the Angels' song—
Ring Cornish bells, ring one and all.

Ring Cornish bells o'er land and sea,
Ring 'Gloria tibi Domine!'

Author unknown. Submitted by Mrs. P. J. Stanforth.

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Letters to the Editor

Standard Notation wanted

Dear Sir,—The method given as Rothley Surprise Major (page 278) is incorrect. The 2nds place method with the given place notation produces the lead end 1573 . . . not 1352, and has previously been rung in spliced as Guernsey. It was renamed Llanfihangelrhychdeith in a peal (page 48).

Since the False course heads (not ends) given are correct (see H. and M. Collection, Vol. II. Method No. 1,796) presumably the lead end place was printed or submitted incorrectly, since 8ths p.l.e. is 1352, as printed.

May I redefine the distinction between lead- and course-ends and heads? The end of a lead or course has the treble leading at the hand-stroke of its whole pull, the head has it leading at backstroke. Thus (e.g.) 12345678 is the zero-th lead head of Plain Bob, 13254768 is the first lead-end and 13527486 is the first lead-head.

Could copy submitted incorrectly be corrected by the Editor before printing, to avoid the confusion now existing? And could we have a uniform standard style of place-notation? (Again editorially supervised if necessary.) I suggest that places be printed in full (no first or last places 'understood'), changes where no bell makes a place be denoted by X, and adjacent places be separated by a full stop. An example of this type of layout is Spalding Surprise Major (page 299).

The economics of leaving places to be 'understood' are negligible, the 'understood' place has to be restored before use, and an X seems to me clearer than the alternative dash. Compare the clarity of Spalding with the untidiness (and inconsistency) of Hounslow in the adjacent column.

Could I also plead for a standard notation of lead-heads? The numerical system adopted in our Surprise Major collection has the advantage of easing the task of working out successive lead-heads, even in spliced methods. For example, a method like Cambridge having a lead-head denoted by the lead-head number 2 has its 2nd lead-head 4, its 3rd 6, 4th (8) = 1, and so on. (See Maurice Hodgson, 'A Symbolic Treatment of False Course Heads,' page 4, where he discusses the meaning and use of Hn, where n is our lead-head number). I have here called rounds the zero-th lead-head: this seems preferable to calling it the first, as he does.

The alternatives are two: The lead-head letter system, which is extremely compact, but does not have the ease of interpretation and prediction of the number system; or the present haphazard method of quoting the lead-head bells in full or in part, which is clear and easy to interpret, but takes much space and is not suited to easy prediction of the next lead-head.

Is it asking too much of our Editor to ensure a consistent editorial style? Most periodicals have it (for instance, the journal of the Institute of Physics has a multi-page booklet 'Notes for Authors,' which even goes into details of spelling and punctuation).

If it is objected that editing may lead to misinterpretation of submitted copy, then I would counter that if the Editor can misinterpret the copy, then so can the reader, and so nothing is lost, while something is gained—clarity and consistency.

As a further illustration, compare Hounslow, as printed on page 299, with my suggested method.

(a) 36—56.4.58—58.36.14—14.5—14—3.
2nds place L.E. 157 38264 4ths place
boh.

(b) 36 x 56.14.58 x 58.36.14 x 14.58 x
14 x 38. 12 2 boh 14.

In the half-page width columns on the peal pages (even if not here), (b) has the advantage of taking a line fewer. Which is preferable? Anarchy or consistency? (Even if not on my terms, but on some.)—Yours faithfully,

JOHN W. McCLENAHAN.

Christ's College, Cambridge.

Note.—For 18 years the Editor has been trying to get a consistent form of arranging a peal with the number of a bell after the name, and not before, and footnotes in the following sequence, *, †, ‡, § (recognised by printers) and there are still members of the Central Council who refuse. He hesitates to rearrange place notation.—Ed.

Carillon goes to Belgium

Dear Sir,—Those who like to keep their 'Dove' up to date should delete the entry relating to the carillon in the Odeon Cinema, Marble Arch, London.

On the recent closure of this cinema the magnificent four-manual Hill, Norman and Beard concert organ was sold to a church at St. Austell, Cornwall. (I fear little room will be left for the congregation.) The carillon has been sold to Belgium—for £5,000!

Although the carillon had been disconnected for years, following complaints from patrons in the front stalls, it was played manually during a final B.B.C. recording of the organ, due to go out on the Third Programme at a future date.—Yours faithfully,

A. St. J. BOYACK.

Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex.

The Leeds Broadcast—an Apology

Dear Sir,—It is considered an apology is due from the A.B.C. Television Authority rather than from Mr. Dove. We at York have had a similar experience.

On Easter Monday, 1962, A.B.C. Television broadcast the morning service from the Minster and we rang a titum course of Grandire Cinques prior to the service. What was broadcast, however, was a recording of rounds on the front eight.

The recording was made without our co-operation or knowledge and was made when rounds were being rung for the benefit of learners. At that time, also, the 9th was unringable, being loose on its headstock, and was awaiting the attention of the bellhangers, so that was why the middle octave was not being rung.

The facts were reported to the Dean and Chapter and we were advised that what had been done could not be undone, but we were forewarned for the future!

Our relations with the B.B.C., however, have been excellent. A few months ago a service was broadcast and several weeks before the event I was contacted and told it would be necessary to record the bells. My advice was sought as to the best time to take the recording and also the best place to place the microphone. The result was that on the Sunday prior to the broadcast the recording van arrived at the Minster at 9 a.m. and I was able to stay with the operator while the rest of the band rang a good course of Grandire Cinques. Everyone was satisfied.

Perhaps the Central Council Broadcasting Committee will take note of the ways of the A.B.C. Television Authority.—Yours sincerely,

HAROLD WALKER.

President.

York Minster Society.

Australian Hospitality Commended

Dear Sir,—I would deem it a great privilege to be allowed a little space in your columns to try and express thanks to the ringing circle here 'down under.'

It is now two months since this ship called at the first port in Australia; from then on I have been received by the ringers in each respective port with hospitality that knows no bounds, both in the belfry and in Australian homes. This letter can do little to repay the debt I owe them but I feel I must pen a few words and assure people in 'The Ringing Isle' that both ringing and ringers are very much alive here. We in the U.K. can learn something from the ringers in Australia. At times they express regret at the sparseness of towers here but their insatiable enthusiasm for ringing will carry them a long way and makes up many times over for the lack of towers. At times like this I think that we are spoilt in Britain.

Finally, may I ask any merchant seaman reading this who has not sailed out here yet to mend the error of his ways, for a great and spontaneous welcome awaits him.

Thank you all in Australia for making this the most enjoyable and memorable voyage of my career at sea.—Yours sincerely,

K. FLEMING.

M.V. 'Port Brisbane.

Two Points

Dear Sir,—I should like to draw the attention of the Exercise to two matters.

Firstly, in the Doubles collection in that excellent publication, 'Ringers' Notebook and Diary' for 1964, the dividing line between the leads has been drawn at the lead-end. This no doubt is due to last year's academic discussion on lead-heads and lead-ends in 'The Ringing World.' May I suggest that it would be of more use to the Doubles ringer if the dividing line was drawn below the lead-head, which most non-academic ringers refer to as the 'lead-end.'

The second matter is the motion which Mr. D. A. Bayles proposes to put to the Central Council this year. To propose a motion and then exclude certain methods (e.g., Cambridge) from it is quite illogical, better not to introduce the motion at all. One also fears that a motion applied in the first instance to even-bell methods may eventually be applied to odd-bell methods may eventually be applied many popular methods.

No doubt other ringers have their own views on the above matters, and I may be criticised for what I have said. I shall, however, be quite content if this letter succeeds in drawing attention to the two points discussed above.—Yours faithfully,

COLIN A. LEWIS.

Glasbury-on-Wye.

An Apology

Dear Sir,—I hasten to apologise to my friend, Mr. Maurice Hodgson, for his renaming as Stuart on your front page of May 8th. Whether this was due to the article being written late at night, or to my calligraphy, or merely to a hitch in the production line, I have no idea, but I am glad that he is so well known in the Exercise that there can have been no doubt as to his identity.—Yours,

W. G. WILSON.

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THE MASTER MARRIES THE SECRETARY



Mr. Alan John Frost, of Kettering, Master of the University of London Society, and Miss Diana Mary Lawless, of Corby, the secretary to the Society, photographed after their wedding at St. John the Baptist Church, Corby, on March 28th. A representative band of ringers assembled to ring before and after the service, which was fully choral and was followed by Communion. The bridegroom could not resist having a ring while waiting for the bride.

Diana wore a dress of patterned white brocade and carried a spray of tangerine rosebuds and white heather. She was attended by three bridesmaids—Bridget Lawless (her cousin), Idena Frost (sister of the bridegroom) and Enid Town (a college friend who is also a ringer). Their dresses were of tangerine coloured brocade, and they carried carnations and heather. The best man was Roger France, who, like the bridegroom, is an architect.

The top tier of the wedding cake was decorated to resemble a church tower complete with bells. The honeymoon was spent in Italy.

CHESHIRE RING TO BE RECAST

Due to the dangerous condition of the tower, ringing at Bowdon Parish Church, Cheshire, was suspended early in 1963.

Inspection revealed that the eight pinnacles, each weighing approximately 3½ tons, would have to be demolished and the turret wall rebuilt.

The present ring of eight bells (tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp) is to be recast with a tenor of 18 cwt. in E and hung in a new frame, approximately 25 feet below the existing one. The church gallery is to be modified to form a new ringing chamber.

Originally the tower held six bells, cast by A. B. Rudhall, in 1714, which in 1923 were recast and two trebles added. The first recorded peal was rung in 1936 and to date the total stands at 57.

It is hoped to dedicate the new ring towards the end of this year. A. J. B.

RINGING COURSE AT LUMLEY CASTLE

'Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high-sounding cymbals.' (Psalm cl, 5)
'Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.' (Proverbs iv, 7)

SUCH may be the thoughts behind all our schemes of organised courses in ringing, but variation in approach to these aspects will be found in particular cases. Thus development and innovation were the features of the third annual one-day course arranged by the Durham and Newcastle Association on March 21st.

Once again, we enjoyed the facilities of Lumley Castle, Chester-le-Street, a privilege accorded us by the Vice-Master of University College, Durham University, and the response of intending students was enough to tax even the resources of this resplendent hall of residence. Over 90 names were registered for the various classes and with the continuing yearly increase in numbers one can contemplate invoking the spirit of Sir Ralph de Lumley, the founder of the castle, to make some extensions.

The curriculum was developed on previous courses by catering for four different grades of study—Elementary Stage I (Class A) for the round and call change ringer wishing to take first steps into change ringing; Elementary Stage II (Class B) for the 'plain hunter' progressing to method ringing; Intermediate (Class C) for the elementary method ringer seeking to extend his repertoire by considering the two stages (i) Plain Bob to Kent T.B. Minor, (ii) Kent T.B. to Cambridge Surprise Minor; and the Advanced (Class D) for the more experienced ringer. Innovation was introduced by adeptly 'tailoring' the time-table so that each class was afforded two full sessions of practical belfry instruction, and in this respect we were fortunate in having five local towers available. In addition, no lectures were projected for the Advanced grade and, instead, the main feature was a discussion group where ringing topics of particular interest were considered and reported upon, while further time was devoted to advanced ringing practice in the tower.

Beginning with general assembly at 10.30 a.m., the full course was addressed by the Ringing Master, who welcomed all students and supplied general orders for the day. Class A was conducted by Mr. E. P. Rock and Class B by Mr. F. Hodgson, and these classes alternated throughout the day between the Pillared Hall at the castle and the belfries at Lanchester and Chester-le-Street parish churches. The syllabuses here covered respectively the study of tower bells, their fittings and action, to principles of striking and the elements of change ringing; and explanation of terms 'hunting', 'place making' and 'dodging' with their application to the structure of Plain Bob, the rules for ringing Plain Bob Minor and their practical aspect in belfry work.

Class C was organised in two streams 'X' (Plain Bob to Kent T.B.) and 'Y' (Kent T.B. to Cambridge Surprise), but to commence with a joint session was held, when Mr. D. A. Bayles lectured on 'Method Construction and its Practical Applications', in which the Plain

Bob system for producing changes was developed and the structural relationship of other 'regular' methods demonstrated. A text of the talk was available in booklet form and at a charge of 6d. copies were readily bought up. The streams then divided and Class X had a lecture from Mr. K. Arthur, who provided a detailed analysis of the Treble Bob principle with particular reference to the Kent variation. Simple rules and hints in ringing the method were demonstrated. Two practical sessions then followed at Houghton-le-Spring belfry when exercises in the Treble Bob principle were performed. Meanwhile, the Y class, which was alternating with the X class between lecture room and Houghton-le-Spring, completed a practical session ringing methods considered at the morning lecture as stepping stones to Cambridge Surprise. A further talk from Mr. Bayles on 'Progress to Cambridge Surprise' followed and the Treble Bob system with its variations 'in phase' and 'out of phase' were examined.

A welcome addition to the panel of tutors this year was Mr. W. J. Davidson, who undertook the unenviable task of launching the newly-introduced discussion group for the Advanced grade. With him gathered in the Junior Common Room were 16 expectant ringers and a wide range of subjects was dealt with in an informal atmosphere. The training of recruits and instructors, publicity, Association organisation were among the matters discussed at length and the opinion was expressed that the group met a real need and could be repeated to advantage. Then after an afternoon assisting with practical work in the A and B grades, this class concluded the course with ringing practice at the Sunderland belfries of 'St. Ignatius' and Bishopwearmouth, which included the ringing of a quarter peal of Bob Major, elsewhere reported.

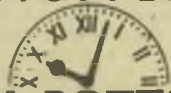
Following dinner in the Great Hall when we had the Rector of Chester-le-Street and Mrs. A. Spurr as our guests, the usual forum was held where the proceedings of the day are open to criticism. Among suggestions for future courses was one for a talk on belfry maintenance for towerkeepers and this was duly noted by the organisers. On a proposal of Mr. E. P. Rock a vote of thanks was passed to the Ringing Master for his work in promoting his third successful project and the gathering then adjourned to the Pillared Hall to conclude the event with a social get-together and general discourse on those things that only ringers understand. K. A.

LORD FISHER AT DORSET MEETING

Lord Fisher of Lambeth, who lives at Trent, Dorset, in retirement, honoured the joint meeting there on May 2nd of the Ilchester Branch (Bath and Wells Association) and the North Dorset Branch (Salisbury Diocesan Guild) by his presence. Over 50 attended the service conducted by the Rector (the Rev. T. F. Taylor) and tea. Lord Fisher did at one time learn to handle a bell but he would not be persuaded to come to the tower.

Numbers increased in the evening and methods rung included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Kent, Cambridge and London.

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QUARTER PEALS

ASH, SURREY.—On April 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. G. Sherwood 1, Angela J. Smart 2, Joan Reynier 3, Angela Hawes 4, J. Collier 5, P. G. Smart (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

ASHWICK, SOMERSET.—On April 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Quartley 1, B. Carter (first quarter) 2, J. Nibbs 3, C. Quartley 4, G. Carter 5, D. Nibbs (cond.) 6. First of Bob Minor by all the band.

BARRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On April 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Bryant 1, Miss J. Crocker 2, Mrs. L. Crocker 3, A. R. Parker 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5. A. Callow 6.

BARTON ST. DAVID, SOMERSET.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: T. Bryant 1, Mrs. L. Crocker 2, Miss J. Crocker 3, F. J. White 4, R. Parker 5, W. Prescott (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandire): Miss B. Fisher 1, Miss L. Doone 2, Miss H. Copperthwaite 3, R. J. Brown (cond.) 4, V. J. C. Dale 5. For Parish Communion.

BENTLEY, YORKS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Mrs. E. Anderson 1, Miss P. Leigh 2, Mrs. R. J. Sanderson 3, A. Mullinger 4, J. Whitam 5. Conducting shared by 3 and 5. Rung on the 50th anniversary of the Sheffield Diocese.

BLANDFORD FORUM, DORSET.—On St. George's Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. G. Rose 1, Mrs. C. Mould 2, L. J. Lockyer 3, R. Sheppard 4, E. G. Mould 5, G. C. Grant 6, H. A. Mitchell (cond.) 7, M. Jenkins 8. For St. George's Day, and as a 65th birthday compliment to the conductor.

BRADFELD, BERKS.—On April 29th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. Munro Ashman (first quarter) 1, B. Holloway (first 'inside') 2, F. Brooks 3, R. Allum 4, J. Butler (cond.) 5, M. Wise 6.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Grandire Triples: P. Bevan (first quarter) 1, J. Nibbs (first of Triples 'inside') 2, B. Carter (first Triples) 3, C. Quartley (first of Triples) 4, D. Nibbs 5, G. Carter 6, F. Box (cond.) 7, J. Beavan 8. For inauguration of 'Elizabethan Week' in honour of William Shakespeare. Also on May 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Beavan 1, B. Carter (first in method) 2, R. Quartley (first of Triples) 3, G. Carter 4, G. Parsons 5, P. Gaisford 6, F. Box (cond.) 7, E. Wicks 8. Also on May 4th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: B. Carter 1, G. Carter 2, D. Nibbs 3, R. Quartley 4, G. Parsons 5, F. Box 6, P. Gaisford (first as cond.) 7, J. Beavan 8.

BROMBOROUGH, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 29th, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. H. Fielden 1, Hazel A. Arrowsmith 2, N. Lamping 3, R. S. Starkie 4, J. J. Fox 5, C. K. Cooper 6, G. H. Pullin 7, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 8. Rung by members of the L.U.S.C.R. on the occasion of their annual dinner, to congratulate Miss P. Ann Freeman and Mr. Michael Pilgrim, both members of the Society, on their engagement.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On April 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandire): A. Neilson 1, Miss M. Cook 2, R. Brotherton (cond.) 3, Miss A. Rayner 4, Mrs. R. Wratten 5, T. Fagg 6. Rung half-muffled as tribute to Frank Watts, captain at Burmarsh, whose funeral took place earlier in the day.

CASSINGTON, OXFORD.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. Floyd 1, H. F. Miles 2, H. Floyd 3, W. Butler 4, W. Jones (cond.) 5, O. Jones 6.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: W. Francis 1, J. Lloyd 2, C. Jones 3, E. Drew (cond.) 4, G. Goodson 5, F. Bennett 6, V. Parton 7, J. Courtman 8. Rung half-muffled before Matins in memorial Joseph Marsh, captain of the ringers at Claverley for 50 years, who died on April 21st.

COTHERSTONE, YORKS.—On March 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janice M. Smith 1, Dinah M. Blow 2, Sheila A. Chinnery 3, P. P. Fenney 4, J. D. Weaver 5, C. B. Dove (cond., 25th quarter) 6. Birthday compliments to Dinah M. Blow and C. B. Dove.

CRANFIELD, BEDS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Manton 1, Pauline Hillson 2, Dawn Weller (first 'inside') 3, D. W. Manton (cond.) 4, S. Woolley (first of Doubles) 5.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Vivienne Stevens (first quarter) 1, PERRY Butcher 2, Betty Butler 3, A. W. Fuller 4, A. J. Butcher (cond.) 5, Lynn Taylor 6. First in five methods by all. For Evensong and as a compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret, on the birth of a daughter.

GORING-ON-THAMES, BERKS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandire Triples: D. Birt 1, M. W. Napper 2, N. H. F. Tull 3, H. Tull 4, L. G. Haines 5, S. Franklin 6, W. J. Irving (cond.) 7, F. J. Hiscock 8. For Confirmation.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On May 3rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: L. Ainger 1, T. Roast 2, M. Jane Foster 3, E. W. Roast 4, J. P. Brandon 5, J. E. G. Roast 6, D. A. S. Symonds 7, I. R. Pantom (cond.) 8.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDD.—On March 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss P. Ollen 1, Miss S. Heaseman 2, C. W. Simpson 3, Miss L. E. Simpson 4, Mrs. J. Rose 5, R. A. Gage 6, B. E. Matthews (cond.) 7, B. A. Rose 8. To celebrate the birth of a son to H.M. the Queen. Also on April 5th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: J. Elliot (first 'away' from tenor) 1, Miss S. Heaseman 2, Mrs. M. G. Gage 3, R. A. Gage 4, Miss L. E. Simpson 5, C. W. Simpson 6, B. E. Matthews (cond.) 7, Mrs. J. Rose 8. For Evensong.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On May 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss D. Colcombe 1, Miss G. Mooring 2, G. Bailey 3, Miss J. Palmer 4, Mrs. P. Bird 5, C. Webb 6, H. Colcombe 7, B. White (cond.) 8. Rung for evening service.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On April 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. A. Cornwall 1, Wendy Hussey 2, Joyce Barton 3, R. H. Newton 4, P. Newton 5, A. Newton 6, R. Birrs (cond.) 7, B. J. Forest 8. Rung half-muffled in memorial Rev. T. R. G. Carter, father of a local ringer.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): W. Wright 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Wallis 3, W. T. Hill (cond.) 4, R. G. Jones 5. To mark the birth of a child to the Duke and Duchess of Kent.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—At the Cathedral, on May 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. R. Weston (first of Major) 1, Lucy Smith 2, C. T. Collins (first of Major) 3, F. A. Sedgwick 4, F. T. Hayle 5, B. J. Townsend 6, J. B. Webb 7, C. M. Smith (cond.) 8. For Matins.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Diane Presdee 1, Ann Cass 2, Elizabeth Sunley (cond.) 3, Sarah Peck 4, R. Snack 5, A. Peck 6. A birthday compliment to S. Orchard, tower foreman and president of Chiltern Branch O.D.G.

LIVERPOOL, LANCs.—On March 14th, at the Church of St. Francis Xavier, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): M. A. Phillips 1, R. F. Mack 2, N. Lamping 3, J. J. Fox 4, J. H. Fielden 5, C. K. Cooper (cond.) 6, R. S. Starkie cover. Rung by members of the L.U.S.C.R. on the occasion of the enthronement of the new R.C. Archbishop of Liverpool.

LYDD, KENT.—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Lydia Terry 1, H. S. Humphery 2, Maisie Vantom 3, S. J. Boulden 4, R. Swift (cond.) 5, A. S. Phelps 6. An 83rd birthday compliment to Mr. H. S. Humphery.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Bob and Grandire Doubles: A. Neilson 1, Rachel Sinden 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, Myrtle Cook 4, R. P. Brotherton (cond.) 5, C. Kidd (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.—On April 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Cannon 1, P. Huggitt 2, H. E. Turner 3, A. C. Best 4, S. A. Turner (cond.) 5, A. W. Robinson 6. For the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.—On April 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Honeywood 1, Rita Peck (first 'inside') 2, Gillian Brown 3, G. Waterman 4, A. E. Honeywood (cond.) 5, U. Wildney 6. Birthday compliments Philip Spearman (21st) and Gillian Brown.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On April 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. M. Goodchild 1, M. D. Trigg 2, Miss C. M. Hadfield 3, Miss R. J. Kemp (first quarter) 4, J. H. Taylor 5, M. M. Powell (first as cond.) 6. By the Southampton University Guild for the birth of a daughter to the Duchess of Kent.

OAKS-IN-CHARNOOD, LEICS.—On April 23rd, half-muffled 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Wright 1, Mary Barrass 2, S. Hall 3, M. Roberts 4, J. W. Bowley 5, C. W. Hall (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 2. In memorial Rev. A. C. Holden (Vicar, 1929-1949), died April 21st, aged 80. Also on April 26th, for the memorial service, 1,292 Kent T. B. Minor: A. Lord 1, S. Hall (first of Kent) 2, C. Lord 3, C. W. Hall 4, J. W. Bowley 5, R. Beniston (cond.) 6.

OTLANDS PARK, SURREY.—On May 3rd, 1,400 Plain Bob Triples: Miss D. Colcombe 1, Miss J. Smith 2, Miss G. Mooring 3, Mrs. P. Bird 4, C. Webb 5, H. Colcombe 6, J. Martin (cond.) 7, B. White 8. A compliment to Joan Smith and John Martin, on their engagement.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On April 26th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): S. Holdaway 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, Miss J. E. M. Hills 3, T. G. Hull (first in seven methods) 4, D. G. Mayell (75th quarter as cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6. A compliment to Gillian Loughhead and Rex Osmond, on the occasion of their marriage.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles (with two stationary trebles): Mrs. M. Croall 1, Miss C. Hart (first quarter) 2, Mrs. F. J. Cheal 3, Miss D. Southam 4, S. V. Rayfield 5, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 6, C.P.O. T. Wright, R.N. 7, R. Pearce (aged 13) cover. Birthday compliments to M. Osborne, S. Naylor, M. Wicks and Stephen Deer, of the Rainham band.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: H. King 1, Mrs. D. Belcham 2, Miss A. Goddard 3, Miss P. Halliwell 4, F. May 5, M. Hallett (cond.) 6, D. Belcham 7, W. Ward 8. For the engagement of Miss A. Goddard and M. Johnson-Baker. Also on April 12th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. Belcham 1, T. Jones 2, Miss R. Carr 3, F. May 4, B. Bull 5, R. Tomlin (cond.) 6, M. Hallett 7, A. House 8. First of Surprise Major for 3 and 5. For Evensong.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Seighford Bob Doubles: Joan Gaine 1, M. Hawkes (cond.) 2, C. Haylings 3, A. Halling 4, B. Spiers 5, J. Mead 6. First in the variation by all the band.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On April 25th, 1,316 Grandire Triples: Judy Bowen 1, S. Bailey 2, G. Ridd 3, Louise Gallini 4, S. C. Driver 5, G. Piper 6, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 7, R. Bailey 8. 25th together for 1 and 7. For the induction of the Rev. Edward Elton Lury, as Rector.

SALTLEFEBY, Lincs.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: H. Rigall 1, I. Burgess 2, A. Patrick 3, P. Jacklin 4, K. Faulker (cond.) 5. To celebrate the birth of the first grandson to treble ringer. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Davey, were former ringers at North Somercotes.

SEEND, WILTS.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Osborne 1, Pamela Osborne 2, S. Cottle 3, W. Alexander 4, J. Abbott (first of P.B. Minor) 5, D. Bailey (cond.) 6.

SEND, SURREY.—On April 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandire): P. Privett 1, J. Bills 2, Joyce Drury 3, C. Webb 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, S. Strudwick 6. Rung in memory of William A. Goldstone, of Addlestone, who died two years ago this day.

SHAPWICK, SOMERSET.—On April 9th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Joy Bagg (13) 1, K. Prime (cond.) 2, D. Dean (13, first 'inside') 3, Janice Haggett (15) 4, K. Cavill (first 'inside') 5, Angela French (13) 6. A 65th birthday compliment to Tom Hawkins, Sexton at Ashcott, rung by the Ashcott band.

SHARESHILL, STAFFS.—On March 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Smith 1, D. R. Hawksworth 2, Mrs. E. M. Key 3, B. G. Key (cond.) 4, H. Butler 5, M. H. Butler 6. First in method 1, 2 and 6. Rung for Easter.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On April 28th, 1,440 Cambridge Minor: W. E. Turner 1, G. H. Rendle 2, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 3, K. Prime 4, E. T. P. Field 5, H. E. G. Jeanes (cond.) 6. For the 30th wedding anniversary of Rev. T. H. O. and Mrs. Hayter.

STREATHAM COMMON, LONDON.—At Immanuel Church on May 2nd, 1,260 Grandire Triples: C. G. Barnes (first quarter) 1, R. Davies 2, Miss R. Carr 3, N. S. Bagworth (cond.) 4, B. J. Bull 5, D. I. Woodhams 6, R. C. Stevens 7, K. Taber 8.

TROWELL, NOTTS.—On April 29th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (10 methods): T. Dutton and Miss S. Meredith 1, Miss C. Froggatt 2, B. M. Buswell 3, Mrs. D. Bradley 4, F. Bradley 5, B. Mills (cond.) 6.

WANDSWORTH, LONDON.—On May 1st, at All Saints' Church, 1,263 Stedman Triples: Ruth Carr 1, R. E. J. Dennis (first of Stedman) 2, R. J. Cooles 3, Alison Mann 4, B. Bull 5, M. J. Bingham (cond., first of Stedman) 6, M. J. Uphill 7, J. H. Gaze 8. A compliment to Princess Margaret on the birth of a daughter.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.—On April 18th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (Cambridge): W. Davidson (first of Treble Bob) 1, Miss M. E. Murcott 2, S. Thompson 3, J. Crowther 4, R. A. Yeates (50th quarter) 5, M. Maughan (cond.) 6. Rung to mark Mr. Stephen Thompson's 60 years as a ringer at this church. Also on April 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. T. A. Thow 1, W. A. Thow 2, S. Thompson 3, M. Maughan 4, W. Davidson (first as cond.) 5. For Evensong.

WINFORD, SOMERSET.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Gladys Bishop 1, C. York 2, Ruth R. Ball 3, H. Ball 4, C. Bishop (cond.) 5, D. Dando 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Harold Worle, a regular Sunday service ringer and member of the choir, whose funeral took place earlier this day.

OBITUARY

MR. JOSEPH MARSH

Mr. Joseph Marsh, of Claverley, Salop, died suddenly on April 21st. He had had trouble with his heart a few weeks earlier and had been advised by his doctor to take a period of rest, which necessitated him giving up his ringing.

His death came as a shock to the residents of Claverley, and especially his fellow ringers. Joe Marsh, who was the local captain, had been a ringer at All Saints' Church for just over 50 years. He was a devoted 'Sunday service ringer' and it was only on rare occasions that he was absent from duty. He was equally regular on practice nights. Joe loved his bells at Claverley and it was on a few special occasions only that he could be persuaded to ring at other towers. He had rung a few peals, mostly at Claverley.

In addition to his ringing activities Joe Marsh was a very keen chorister and his good tenor voice will be much missed. He was also a member of the Parochial Church Council for many years. Claverley Church has indeed lost one of its stalwarts. F. C. A. B.

AN APPRECIATION

Mr. Philip Mehew writes: It was with sorrow that I read of the death of Joe Marsh, of Claverley. One of my most treasured ringing experiences was that of ringing in a peal at Claverley on November 30th last year in commemoration of 50 years' service by Joe Marsh and Ernie Drew in their belfry.

It was of this village that a ringer once said 'in other place one exists, but in Claverley you really LIVE!' The beauty of this place goes far deeper than the material, the warmth of its fellowship lies everywhere, and welcomes one in belfry, choir, 'Top,' 'Middle' or 'Bottom.' Joe Marsh had a great deal to do with this welcome, and I would like to offer my sympathy to Mrs. Marsh and all of my many friends at Claverley, for Joe's passing is our loss.

PHILIP MEHEW.

MR. F. WATTS

Burmarsh, Kent, ringers suffered a tragic blow in the sudden death of their captain. Mr. Frank Watts, on April 24th, at the early age of 57. Not only had he been a member of Burmarsh band for about 35 years, but was also organist and churchwarden for the last few years.

Frank had rung several quarter peals and was always present for service ringing. Only in recent years, with Frank's leadership and determination, had Burmarsh ringers made progress in change ringing, and a few weeks before he died they rang their first course of Cambridge Minor.

To his memory a half-muffled quarter peal was rung on April 29th, with the help of friends from Lympe. Later Mrs. Watts, Brian and Yvonne paid a visit to the belfry to express their thanks. A. T. R.

SIR GILBERT ACLAND-TROYTE

Lieut.-Col. Sir Gilbert Acland-Troyte, C.M.G., D.S.O., who died recently, aged 87, was Member of Parliament for Tiverton from 1924 to 1945. He was the third son of Col. C. A. W. Troyte, one of the founders of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers and the author of a formerly well known text book on ringing.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX

A programme of ringing, which included Cambridge, Kent, Oxford, London and Double Norwich, made the Guild's meeting at Mytholmroyd on May 2nd most enjoyable. Local ringers provided a sumptuous tea, the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Barnes) conducted a Ringers' Evensong and the presence of friends from Lancashire among the many visitors gave us great pleasure. W. M.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On April 25th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Triples: Joanna J. Wigg (first of Triples) 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, L. H. Pink 3, G. W. Elmes 4, J. W. Blackwood 5, H. I. Pitman 6, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 7, R. W. Young 8 First of Triples in the method by all. Rung for the Feast of St. Mark.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Some 63 members were present at the annual general meeting of the Bedfordshire Association, held in the crypt of St. Mary's Church, Woburn, on May 2nd.

During the day ringing took place at Amptill, Flitwick, Westoning, Aspley Guise, Husborne Crawley and Eversholt. Despite the rather damp weather, there was a good crowd at every tower and the ringing was generally of a good standard. Our thanks are extended to the incumbents who met us and allowed us to ring on their bells.

The Vicar of Woburn, who had taken the service, at which the captain of Woburn ringers read the lesson, welcomed the Association, and particularly to the spacious but 'empty' crypt, where all present enjoyed tea, prepared by the local ladies. After tea the young Woburn handbell ringers under their conductor, Mr. K. Spavins, ably entertained the company.

The president, Mr. A. E. Rushton, who presided, thanked the Vicar and ringers of Woburn, and the ladies who prepared the tea. It was pointed out by the treasurer (Mr. A. S. Smith) that the statement of accounts showed no deficit only because an annual report was not published last year.

The officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Mr. A. E. Rushton; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. S. Smith; peal secretary, Mr. P. Mehew; auditor, Mr. C. E. Jeffries; Central Council representatives, Messrs. J. H. Edwards and A. E. Rushton; trustees, Messrs. H. D. Harris and A. J. Smith; librarian, Mrs. S. J. Ivin.

It was decided to hold the 1964 A.G.M. at Bromham on May 1st, with ringing at various towers in the district. The meeting rejected the idea of holding a summer festival, but there were indications that if a dinner was held in November it would be well supported.

After the meeting ringing up to London was continued on the eight bells. A. R. A.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On April 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. A. Gautrey 1, R. C. Kennell (first 'inside') 2, J. H. Williams 3, N. Craddock 4, J. E. Goddard (cond.) 5.

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EDITOR: T. W. WHITE.

A word of gratitude is
expressed by those who rang
the peal of Plain Bob Royal

at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, on April 28th, to
William A. Theobald for standing in at the
last moment and making the peal possible.
The band send their best wishes to Thomas
G. Myers and E. Maurice Atkins, two Guild
officers, and wish them both a speedy recovery
and a quick return to the ringing chamber.

Peals at Sherborne Abbey are always occa-
sions to be remembered. Mr. Derek Jones
conducted a youthful band through a very
good peal there on March 30th.

Colin Wright, of Walthamstow, who started
ringing at 13 after his holidays last year and
is already ringing Stedman Caters, recently
stood in a peal of Bob Major at short notice
and rang this, his first peal attempt, without
a single trip.

In connection with the peal of Grandsire
Doubles at Chetwynd, Salop (see page 301),
it was the first peal at first attempt for L.
Evans, S. Illidge and Jack Smith, and the
first of Grandsire and of Doubles for Philip
R. Johnson.

The band who rang the peal at Timsbury
would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Cottle for
providing tea afterwards — this and the teas
for the previous lost attempts have been
most kind. Mr. Cottle is tower captain and
he rang the tenor to his first peal.

Considerable interest in campanology is
being evinced by Rotary in the South. Mr. A.
York-Bramble has accepted his fourth invita-
tion to lecture to clubs in this area, this
time to the Cosham (Hants) club. Previous
talks he has given to the Southampton, Ports-
mouth and Fareham clubs.

Cottingham (Yorkshire) ringers were rather
taken aback during ringing for Evensong on
May 3rd. Since Matins two pigeons had built
a nest in the eye-level window alcove of the
ringing chamber and the female bird started
to lay eggs during the evening ringing. It has
not been possible to ascertain the foundry
marks on the eggs yet, however, but whether
cast at Loughborough or Whitechapel it is
hoped that the 'youngsters' will be interested
enough to take up ringing at a later stage!

BELFRY GOSSIP

When the new Vicar in a
Yorkshire parish suggested
to the old bell ringer nearing
80 that it was time he retired, the old chap
cheerfully replied: 'Lookee here, sir. I was
born and bred in this place and in me time
I've seen five Vicars of the parish dead, and I
would like to make it half-a-dozen before I
give up myself.'

No more applications for peal attempts at
Lichfield Cathedral can be considered until
mid-1965.

At the 13th attempt, spread over a period of
two years, M. J. Bangham, of Kingston-upon-
Thames, has rung his first quarter of Stedman.

The band who rang a quarter peal of Sted-
man at Blandford on St. George's Day would
also like to associate the quarter with the
Ancient Order of Foresters Friendly Society
(Wimborne, Wareham and Bournemouth
Courts) as a quarter peal attempt before a
centenary service at Wimborne Minster on the
previous Sunday was unsuccessful.

Mr. Cecil W. Pipe writes that the ringing
arranged in Cornwall on Sunday, Monday,
Wednesday and Thursday during Whit week,
excluding the two coach tours, allows a fairly
good tour of the county and deserves support.
At least four ringers of his family will present
themselves at the towers mentioned.

Mr. George Hawkins, of Luton, and Donald
Clift, of Cardiff, attended school together, and
learned to ring at Usk while still at school.
Up to 1935 they rang many peals together,
now, after an interval of 29 years, they have
rung another, a peal of Stedman Caters at
Luton.

The quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise
Minor rung at Somerton on April 28th ran
into difficulties owing to part of the tenor
rope breaking and unplaiting and flying
around, and also the sally breaking apart
after the conductor set the bells. At the end
all had a good laugh. The ringer of the
treble said, 'There's one thing, old Garge
got more hair now than when he started!' To
this the ringer of the fifth added: Ah! and
I got more fluff, too.'

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LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE,
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 18, 1964, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS, PIERHEAD,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

WILFRED WILLIAMS Treble	TUDOR P. EDWARDS 7
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD 2	JOHN H. FIELDEN 8
RODERICK W. PIPE 3	JOHN S. MASON 9
ANDREW N. STUBBS 4	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY 10
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 5	RALPH G. EDWARDS 11
F. JOHN NELSON 6	PETER BORDER Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 25, 1964, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in C.

AVRIL IVIN Treble	L. MICHAEL CALLOW 7
CLIFFORD A. BARRON 2	EDWARD W. COLLEY 8
JOHN McDONALD 3	DAVID J. ALLEN 9
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN 4	HUBERT E. ASHLEY 10
FRANK W. PERRENS 5	STEPHEN IVIN 11
BASIL JONES 6	PETER BORDER Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 27, 1964, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5280 TIMARU SURPRISE MAXIMUS

(Five course block, rept.)

Tenor 25 cwt.

BRIAN S. CHAPMAN Treble	E. ALAN JACQUES 7
SANDRA E. CHESTERTON 2	J. BARRY PICKUP 8
PETER J. STANFORTH 3	ALAN E. HARTLEY 9
JOHN M. JELLEY 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY 10
DAVID WILFORD 5	RUSSELL S. MORRIS 11
SHIRLEY BURTON 6	WILLIAM J. ROOT Tenor

Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.

Umpire: JOHN A. ACRES.

First peal to be rung in the method.

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L.E. 1573.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., April 25, 1964, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
*BERYL N. REED 2	*COLIN W. REED 7
RODERICK W. PIPE 3	BARRIE HENDRY 8
SUSAN FUNNELL 4	FREDERICK ROSS 9
CHARLES A. S. WEBB 5	J. ALAN AINSWORTH Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 25, 1964, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

HAROLD J. HAZELL Treble	JOHN WEAVER 6
*MONICA M. MOORE 2	MICHAEL J. HALLETT 7
†CHRISTOPHER J. ALDRIDGE 3	PHILIP J. ROTHERA 8
†JOAN SPREADBURY 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE 9
†ALAN G. SPREADBURY 5	†MICHAEL J. MEDLEY Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.

* First peal of Grandsire. † First on ten. ‡ First on ten, and of Grandsire.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1964, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE ROYAL

In 28 methods, being 240 each of Albanian, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London No. 3, Mirfield, Oakham, Prittlewell, Pudsey, Ranmoor, Rutland, Selby, Staffordshire, York and Yorkshire, and 120 each of Abingdon, Banbury, Bromsgrove, Coalbrookdale, Haslemere, Inveraray, Leek, Lindsey, Marsden, Ossett, Sunderland, Wembley, Whitby and Yeovil; with 122 changes of method.

Tenor 35½ cwt. in C.

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

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

Most methods rung in a peal of Royal.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Tues., April 28, 1964, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 35 cwt. in D flat.

JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD .. Treble	A. WILLIAM MYERS 6
D. ROY BOULD 2	MARTIN F. LOCK 7
JEAN F. BARNETT 3	FREDERICK WREFFORD 8
MARGARET A. BOULD 4	NORMAN MALLETT 9
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 5	FRANK D. MACK Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by NORMAN MALLETT.

A 21st birthday compliment to Jean F. Barnett.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 2, 1964, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5000 REDCLIFFE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

*PATRICIA J. LAYCOCK .. Treble	JOHN HILL 6
JOAN BERESFORD 2	THOMAS J. LOCK 7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY 3	DENNIS KNOX 8
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 4	FRANK T. BLAGROVE 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal on ten bells. First in the method in the county, for the Association, and by all the band except the ringer of the fifth.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS

SHERBORNE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., March 30, 1964, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb. in B flat.

DEREK P. JONES Treble	JOHN K. SMITH 5
GILLIAN M. HUSSEY 2	D. JOHN HUNT 6
EDWIN DEAKIN 3	C. MICHAEL ORME 7
TERRY R. HATCHETT 4	DAVID EAMES Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., April 6, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

CECIL W. PIPE Treble	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE 5
*MICHAEL F. DANIELS 2	ERNEST G. PEARCE 6
BRENDA E. DOWNING 3	ROBERT F. DOWNING 7
CLIFFORD R. LOVETT 4	GEORGE W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

* First Surprise peal attempt.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., April 11, 1964, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in E flat.

IAN FRIEND Treble	GEOFFREY DAVIES 5
ANN P. FELLOWS 2	RICHARD J. WARRILLOW 6
F. HECTOR BENNETT 3	*DEREK P. JONES 7
CHARLES A. S. WEBB 4	DAVID W. FRIEND Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* 625th peal

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 15, 1964, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

RONALD H. DOVE Treble	ARNOLD COLE 5
R. FRASER MACK 2	ROGER J. LUMLEY 6
JOHN WEAVER 3	JEFFREY J. FOX 7
ANTHONY E. STAMP 4	C. BARRIE DOVE Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by C. BARRIE DOVE.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Arthur Hollis, for 37 years churchward under six vicars of Leeds.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Thurs., April 16, 1964, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

MURIEL REAY Treble	GERALD C. HEMMING 5
GEORGE E. FEARN 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 3	RODERICK W. PIPE 7
EDWARD W. COLLEY 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Treble	DENNIS ELLISON 5
*JOAN SPREADBURY 2	DAVID A. H. BENNETT 6
MONICA M. MOORE 3	MICHAEL J. HALLETT 7
DENNIS A. HEWITT 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by MICHAEL J. HALLETT.

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

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 18, 1964, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

WILLIAM A. YATES Treble	GILES R. SHEDDEN 5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM 2	EDWARD R. VENN 6
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 3	DAVID P. HILLING 7
SYDNEY M. BAILEY 4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by DAVID P. HILLING.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 18, 1964, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23½ cwt.

JOHN J. STANIER Treble	ALLEN MORGAN 5
R. GEORGE MORRIS 2	JOHN C. SLATER 6
REGINALD WOODYATT 3	HUGH NEILL 7
M. ROGER ASHMORE 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by HUGH NEILL.

A welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. J. G. Barnish, inducted the previous evening.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Mon., April 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5024 SHROPSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

IAN C. MAYCOCK Treble	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 5
DAVID J. ALLEN 2	RODERICK W. PIPE 6
SUSAN FUNNELL 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
PETER S. BENNETT 4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

First peal in the method by all the band.

Rung for the induction of the new Vicar.

DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 23, 1964, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

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

RICHARD F. B. SPEED Treble	*KENNETH D. PERKINS 5
*GRAHAM C. PAUL 2	*MICHAEL R. BENNETT 6
DAVID J. MARSHALL 3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN 7
*ALAN A. PAUL 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

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

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 24, 1964, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5088 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

EDWIN G. JENNER Treble	ALEC W. FRY 5
*CYRIL S. JARRETT 2	MARTIN L. HOWE 6
CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON .. 3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 7
ANDREW J. CORBY 4	TREVOR A. CROSS Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES, Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* 350th peal for the Association. First in the method by all the band.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Fri., April 24, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's	Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.
*CHRISTOPHER M. STURGESS .. Treble	ALFRED BALLARD 5
CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD 2	*JOHN WATKINS 6
BRIAN L. BURROWS 3	JOHN VERNON 7
*K. PAUL GILLIVER 4	MICHAEL E. BROWN Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

* First peal on eight, and first of Surprise Major.

BITTERNE PARK, SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 25, 1964, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in G sharp.

*KAY HOLLINGSWORTH .. Treble	ARTHUR W. G. BUTLER .. 5
*STEPHEN KIRBY 2	MAURICE J. BUTLER 6
MARGARET E. CHAPMAN 3	MICHAEL J. THOMAS 7
TOM CHAPMAN 4	DAVID J. FORDER Tenor

Composed by TOM CHAPMAN.

Conducted by DAVID J. FORDER.

* First peal.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW-THE-GREAT.

A PEAL OF 5088 GRANTCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

JOHN A. HARRISON Treble	J. RICHARD HOUGH 5
CLAIRE DILLAMORE 2	VIVIAN NUTTON 6
HADLEY HUNTER 3	CHRISTOPHER H. ROGERS .. 7
KENNETH J. DARVILL 4	ANDREW S. HUDSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ANDREW S. HUDSON.

First peal in the method (H. & M. Collection, No. 3,544).

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., April 25, 1964, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G.

F. HECTOR BENNETT Treble	*WILLIAM A. BLAKE 5
J. DENNIS HOLDEN 2	†MICHAEL W. FAIRBY 6
RODRICK J. LEES 3	RICHARD J. WARRILLOW 7
ERIC E. SPEAKE 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

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

DORCHESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 25, 1964, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's.	Tenor 15½ cwt.
ANGELA M. AYRES Treble	*MIKE C. E. HODGE 5
ANDREW HOWES 2	ANDREW J. JOHNSON 6
BARBARA M. BUTLER 3	JOHN PLADDYS 7
ROGER M. HEYWORTH 4	FRANK ABSOLOM Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PLADDYS.

* First peal on eight bells.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., April 25, 1964, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

LESLIE G. BRETT Treble	FRANK RUFFLES 5
MURIEL R. PAGE 2	WALTER RUFFLES 6
DIANA M. PIPE 3	WALTER W. MILLER 7
HAROLD LEATHER 4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Llewellyn ('Chum') Allum, a former member of this company. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1964, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 GODMANCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

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

JOHN G. GIPSON Treble	DONALD F. MURFET 5
GEOFFREY PEARSON 2	KENNETH J. HESKETH 6
C. MARTIN PRESS 3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS 7
ALAN M. BARBER 4	GEORGE E. THODAY Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL.

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

First peal in the method.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1964, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.

*E. MARION KEY Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 5
PETER MORRIS 2	FREDERICK PRICE 6
*RICHARD E. MORRIS 3	IAN FRIEND 7
GEORGE MORRALL 4	BARNABAS G. KEY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by PETER MORRIS.

* 25th peal together. Ringer of sixth has now 'circled the tower' to peals. First of Major as conductor.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1964, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET.

A PEAL OF 5120 BIRSTALL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	JACK S. DEAR 6
VERNON GREEN 3	EDWIN G. BUCK 7
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

KIDSGROVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1964, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*ALAN BARLOW Treble	†CHRISTINE BIRKS 5
NORMAN SHERRATT 2	HARRY WINDSOR 6
HAROLD DOWLER 3	ROY WORRALL 7
WALTER SHERRATT 4	DENNIS LATHAM Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by NORMAN SHERRATT.

* First peal. † First of Major. Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb.

GRANTCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., April 25, 1964, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

E. JANE SIBSON Treble	*KENNETH NEWMAN 5
*DOREEN A. DEVERELL .. 2	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES 6
*ANDREW J. STRATHDÉE .. 3	DEREK E. SIBSON 7
STANLEY G. PONTING .. 4	DENNIS BERESFORD Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP.

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

* First peal in the method.

TARLETON LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

AND

THE ANTIEN FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.

On Sat., April 25, 1964, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's variation.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

W. BRO. D. VINCENT, P.M., De Sala Lodge 5657 (Cheshire) .. Treble	
W. BRO. J. W. HORNER, P.Pr.A.G.D.C., P.M., Norley Lodge	
7319 (West Lances) 2	
W. BRO. N. HEAPS, P.M., Lodge of Unity 613 (West Lances) .. 3	
W. BRO. E. ASHCROFT, P.M., Latham Abbey Lodge 6286	
(West Lances) 4	
*W. BRO. A. P. SANDFORD, P.M., Adestes Fideles Lodge 7425	
(West Lances) 5	
W. BRO. E. C. BIRKETT, P.Pr.A.G.D.C., P.M., Thermopylae	
Lodge 4386 (Cheshire) 6	
W. BRO. T. R. BUTLER, P.M., Minerva Lodge 4002 (West Lances) .. 7	
†W. BRO. T. J. BRETHERTON, P.M., St. Michael's Lodge, 5756	
(West Lances) Tenor	

Conducted by W. BRO. T. R. BUTLER.

* First peal of Stedman 'inside.' † First peal ever rung by a band of Masonic Past Masters.

Rung in honour of the consecration of the Tarleton Lodge 7871, of which the Rector of Tarleton, Bro. Rev. W. Riley, is a founder, W. Bro. Ashcroft is organist and chief ringer at the church.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1964, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. Treble	ANDREW J. CORBY 5
*THOMAS E. SONE 2	ERNEST J. LADD 6
CYRIL S. JARRETT 3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 7
TREVOR A. CROSS 4	F. EDGAR DARBY Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* 300th peal of Surprise. First in the method on the bells.

For the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's birth.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 28, 1964, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANK I. HAIRS Treble	WALTER H. DOBBIE 5
SHEILA M. DOBBIE 2	ERNEST J. LADD 6
ANN JENNER 3	STANLEY JENNER 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

A compliment to Jean F. Barnett, daughter of the conductor and grand-daughter of the treble ringer, on her 21st birthday.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

M. JANE FOSTER Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
*PETER M. WILKINSON .. 2	DAVID E. BELCHAM 6
FRANK V. GANT 3	MICHAEL J. HALLETT 7
IAN R. PANTON 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.

* 50th peal. First on the bells since rehanging.

SPROTBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ERNEST SHORT Treble	MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD .. 5
J. HENRY FIELDEN 2	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. 6
BARRY SULLIVAN 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 7
IRIS LEMARE 4	IAN M. HOLLAND Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Sheffield Diocese.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 21, 1964, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.

*PETER LOUTH Treble	†PETER LAIN 4
DINAH M. BLOW 2	*PETER FENNEY 5
†LINDA E. F. JONES 3	C. BARRIE DOVE Tenor

Conducted by C. BARRIE DOVE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in three methods 'inside.'
‡ First peal. § 25th peal.

HAMMERWOOD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 6, 1964, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. SIMON'S DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

JACK LEPPARD Treble	JOHN A. HOWARD 3
C. JANE SMART 2	ERNEST J. LADD 4
FRANK H. HICKS Tenor	

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

First peal of St. Simon's Doubles by all the band, in the county, and by the Association.

MILTON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 11, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BLAISE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.

*JANE CARRUTHERS Treble	DAVID PIMM 4
BARBARA BUTLER 2	*MICHAEL HODGE 5
HELEN HOWES 3	ANDREW HOWES Tenor

Conducted by ANDREW HOWES.

* First peal.

SEDLSCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 11, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*JUDY M. BOWEN Treble	*JANET M. PERCY 3
†ANN HARRIS 2	THOS. M. BARLOW 4
IAN V. J. SMITH Tenor	

Conducted by IAN V. J. SMITH.

* First peal of Doubles. † First of Doubles 'inside.' First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

STAVERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 18, 1964, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 23 methods, viz.: (1) Lightfoot, Stamford, Rossendale and Wearmouth; (2) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; (3) Surfleet, Hexham, Durham, York, Berwick and Beverley; (4) Chester, Newcastle, Alnwick and Munden; (5) London, Wells and Cuneacastre; (6) Cambridge and Ipswich, (7) Beverley and Surfleet; with 98 changes of method.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

RONALD RUSSELL Treble	*ALAN A. PAUL 4
GRAHAM C. PAUL 2	CHARLES E. TRUMAN 5
*ROGER W. SMITH 3	JAMES LINNELL Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. TRUMAN.

* 50th peal together. First of 23-Spliced Surprise for all the band.

ECKINGTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being extents in seven variations of calling, with no 6-5's at backstroke. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

*RONALD M. LOXLEY (14) Treble	ARTHUR C. BERRY 4
ANTHONY P. WHITE 2	JOHN E. WHITTALL 5
JAMES ATTWOOD, JUN. 3	PAUL CATTERMOLLE Tenor

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLLE.

* First peal attempt.

A compliment to J. E. Whittall for his birthday.

DUNKERTON, BATH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 22, 1964, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 12 methods/variations, being three extents each of Stedman, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury, Union and April Day, and four each of Old, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire. Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR .. Treble	DAVID J. BARNETT 4
HAROLD L. PARFREY 2	ALAN F. LEE 5
GEORGE J. HAWKINS 3	ALBERT F. BUTT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

First peal in 12 methods/variations by all the band.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 23, 1964, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, SHRUB END.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's in nine methods: (1) Double Court Bob, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Ipswich Surprise, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford T.B., (7) Plain Bob. EDWARD E. DAVEY Treble HARRY J. MILLATT 4

ALAN R. ANDREWS 2 FRANK B. LUFKIN 5

NEIL V. AVIS 3 JAMES L. TOWLER Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the enthronement of the first bishop of Chelmsford; also as a farewell to Rev. L. Reading (Vicar).

CROFTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 23, 1964, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F.

*MALCOLM JOWETT .. Treble	GEORGE HANCOCK 4
CATHERINE SLATER 2	R. GORDON CORBY 5
IRIS LEMARE 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal.

STOKE-ON-TERN, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., April 23, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (15 callings). Tenor 8 cwt.

*E. M. KEY Treble	ERIC YOUNG 4
BARNABAS G. KEY 2	ROGER L. HAWKSWORTH .. 5
†DAVID R. HAWKSWORTH .. 3	WILLIAM WATKIN Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* 150th peal, all rung with ringer of second. † First in the method.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 24, 1964, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

*MICHAEL BELL Treble	ANTHONY J. HELLIWELL .. 4
JUDITH P. WINTERBOITOM .. 2	ROGER LEIGH 5
†ROBERT ARMSTRONG 3	†RICHARD J. PARKER Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY HELLIWELL.

* First peal on the treble. † First of Doubles 'inside.' ‡ First on a covering tenor.

BIRLINGHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1964, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of St. Osmund, St. Remigius, St. Simon and St. Nicholas, and six each of St. Martin, Winchendon Place, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury. Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

DAVID C. TRENFIELD .. Treble	PAUL CATTERMOLLE 3
ANTHONY P. WHITE 2	ARTHUR C. BERRY 4
JOHN E. WHITTALL Tenor	

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLLE.

First peal on the bells, a ring of five since 1685.

Rung for the Feast of St. George; also a compliment on their silver wedding to Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Lewis, of Worcester.

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CHERITON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1964, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB AND GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

*ANNE BARBER Treble	*VIVIANNE M. DYE 4
†ELIZABETH A. TODD 2	†JANE M. HOUGH 5
*RACHEL J. SINDEN 3	*JANICE C. SAUNDERS .. Tenor

Jointly Conducted by JANE M. HOUGH and ANNE BARBER.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.

On Sat., April 25, 1964, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Double Court, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Double Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN H. GOULD Treble	NEVILLE F. WHITTELL .. 4
*KEITH W. WHITTELL 2	EDWARD E. DAVEY 5
ALAN R. ANDREWS 3	RONALD W. STEWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

* 200th peal.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1964, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

B. JOAN HINGLEY Treble	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. 4
JOHN POTTS 2	ALAN SHEPPARD 5
G. FREDERICK TERRY 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

NEW BUCKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1964, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court and Kent T.B., and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

DANIEL PHILLIPPS Treble	*ROY E. CULLINGTON .. 4
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS 2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 5
JOHN R. SMITH 3	DEREK W. PARDON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

* First peal in four methods.

NORTON DISNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 25, 1964, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb. in B flat.

*JANE DOWSE Treble	*GEORGE A. DAWSON .. 4
MARGARET E. CHILTON 2	MAURICE W. HARRISON .. 5
†RUTH BLACKSHAW 3	JOHN R. PRATCHETT .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. PRATCHETT.

* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal.

OADBÝ, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 25, 1964, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

FRANK HASLUM Treble	BRIAN C. LAW 4
MICHAEL W. BROWN 2	S. JOHN HAINES 5
MAURICE R. A. KIRK 3	A. JAMES POYNOR .. Tenor

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.

Rung to commence the celebrations for the golden jubilee of the Council.

ORWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1964, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

LEONARD B. JEFFERIES .. Treble	GEORGE E. BONHAM .. 3
BRIAN HORRELL 2	TERRY R. HATCHETT .. 4

ANDREW C. D. MAYES .. Tenor

Conducted by TERRY R. HATCHETT.

First peal as conductor.

RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods, viz.: Three extents each of Wychbold Pl., Clifford's Pl., Little Aston, Reverse Canterbury Pl., Southrepps, Dedworth, April Day, Seighford, Kennington, Plain Bob, Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Newborough and Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH LAWRENCE Treble	CHARLES HAYTINGS 4
MARTYN HAWKES 2	JOHN CLEMENTS 5
FRANK LAWRENCE 3	*JOHN MEAD Tenor

Conducted by MARTYN HAWKES.

* First peal. Western Branch quarterly peal.

TOTTENHAM, N., MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., April 25, 1964, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN, STAMFORD HILL.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's College Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A.

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM Treble	BRYAN C. BURROUGH .. 4
*AIDEN ST. J. N. BOYACK .. 2	WILFRID G. WILSON .. 5
ANTHONY H. SMITH 3	†BERNARD E. MATTHEWS Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD E. MATTHEWS.

* First peal on six bells. † 100th peal, and 25th as conductor.

A birthday compliment to Roger Powell and Tony Smith.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY.

(Aberystwyth Branch.)

On Sun., April 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*H. LYNDON HATFIELD .. Treble	†GWEN STORER 4
*KATHERINE S. MAYLOTT .. 2	W. GWYN THOMAS 5
GILLIAN E. GRANEY 3	COLIN A. LEWIS .. Tenor

Conducted by COLIN A. LEWIS.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

GREAT BARRINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 27, 1964, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being two extents each of Netherseale and Bourne and three of Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt.

BERTRAM J. COGGINS .. Treble	PETER PEARCE 4
FREDERICK W. SODEN 2	D. KAY ADKINS 5
BRIAN W. HALL 3	THOMAS W. TIMMS .. Tenor

Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 1, 1964, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents April Day, two Plain Bob and 26 Grandsire.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

CLARENCE F. BRIGGS .. Treble	†MAURICE W. HARRISON .. 4
*F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 2	*MARGARET E. CHILTON .. 5
†RUTH BLACKSHAW 3	CHARLES J. COPP .. Tenor

Conducted by MARGARET E. CHILTON.

* 25th peal together. † 50th peal together. ‡ 50th peal.

Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

ALBURY, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 2, 1964, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

*JULIE NURSEY Treble	†CHARLES H. BAILEY .. 4
†JAMES G. ETHERINGTON .. 2	HERBERT G. ARTHUR .. 5
*PETER MEPHAM 3	*BASIL TEBENHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT G. ARTHUR.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

Rung by the local band.

HANDBELL PEALS

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

AT 5, MOAT CLOSE.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 14 methods, comprising 640 of Bristol, 480 each of London and Rutland, and 320 each of Cambridge, Ealing, Eastcote, Elford, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Pudsey, Superlative, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire; with 144 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN .. 1-2	JOHN R. MAYNE 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 3-4	ROGER BALDWIN 7-8

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Fri., April 17, 1964, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT 170, HEADSTONE LANE.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, comprising 1,120 each of London and Rutland, 640 each of Bristol and Eastcote, and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 129 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

*THOMAS J. LOCK 1-2	JOHN R. MAYNE 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 3-4	*FRANK C. PRICE 7-8

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in nine methods on handbells.

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BIRTHS

GIBSON.—On Sunday, April 19th, 1964, at Cliveden Hospital, Taplow, Bucks, a daughter, Heidi Caroline, to Pearl (née Andrews) and Stewart, of 112A, Grenfell Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire. 4663

PARRY.—To Eveline (née Robinson) and Peter, a son (Andrew Peter), a brother for Philip, on April 20th, 1964, at home. 4653

ENGAGEMENT

CROUCH—DRURY.—The engagement is announced between Stanley, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Crouch, of Tolworth, and Pauline, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Drury, of Horsell. 4666

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

LEWIS.—As from May 19th the address of Miss Margaret Lewis will be 10, Sand Hill Court, Farnborough, Hants. 4667

PERSONAL

MEW, CHRISTOPHER F.—Will all ringing friends please not my home telephone number is now PUTNEY 0733. 4665

YOUR PRAYERS are asked for those to be ordained at this time, especially for Graham Robert Lock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lock, North Myms, to be made deacon in Rochester Cathedral on Trinity Sunday, May 24th, and to serve in the parish of St. Peter, Bexleyheath. 4672

'And thou shalt not appear before the Lord thy God empty: every man shall give as he is able according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he has given thee.' (Deuteronomy xvi. 17.)

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Surprise Royal practice at St. Nicolas', Guildford, on Tuesday, June 2nd, from 7.30 to 9 p.m. Cambridge, Yorkshire and London No. 3. All welcome. 4678

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—At an extraordinary general meeting of the Society, alterations to Rules 3, 8 and 10 will be proposed. 4682

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.—Visitors to the area will be welcome at St. John's Parish Church. Ringing times: Sundays, 10.20 a.m. and 5.45 p.m.; practice, Wednesdays, 7.30 p.m.—D. J. Gay, 23, St. David's Close, Worlebury. 4664

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at West Wrattling (5) on Saturday, May 16th. Please note change of date. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—B. D. Threlfall, Dis. Sec. 4625

HAWKTHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Sedlescombe, Saturday, May 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—E. A. Fellows. 4640

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—May 16th, Essendon. Bells (6) 3 p.m. No service. Own tea arrangements. S.M.: St. Nicholas.—M. A. Coburn, Dis. Sec. 4629

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Practice on May 16th. Ringing at Harlington from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Ringing at Harmondsworth from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Grice, 15, Burnham Gardens, Harlington.—F. T. B. 4635

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Evening practice meeting at Winfarthing on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (6) 6.30 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Philippo, Hon. Sec. 4643

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Buxted (8), Saturday, May 16th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 4632

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual meeting, Penistone, May 16th. Bells (8) from 3. Also available Cawthorne (6) 2.30-4. Hoylandswaine (6) 7-9. Tea will be provided only to those who notify Mr. A. Champion, 32, Church View Road, Penistone. New reports will be available. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert, 10, Pye Bank Close, Sheffield, 3. 4630

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole, St. Andrew, Whit Monday (May 18th). Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4648

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 85th A.G.M. will be held on Whit Monday, May 18th, at Chelmsford. Service, conducted by the Provost, at 11 a.m. Address by the Right Rev. T. Steward Smith, Assistant Bishop. Annual meeting immediately after service in Chapter House. Coffee, etc. available in Cathedral Hall from 10.15-10.45 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m., cost 5s. 6d. Tea, as a running buffet, from 5-6.15 p.m., cost 2s. 6d. Ringing: Cathedral (12). 9.30-10.45 a.m. and from 4-8 p.m. From 3-6 p.m.: Great Waltham, Boreham, Broomfield, Little Waltham, Little Baddow: from 6-9 p.m.: Great Baddow, Writtle, Galleywood, Springfield. Lunch and tea cannot be guaranteed without tickets, obtainable from Gen. Sec., s.a.e. with remittance, please.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornechurch. 4595

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Seale, Whit Monday (May 18th). 6 to 9 p.m. 4679

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Caddington, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea must be sent to Mrs. A. Baldwin, 83, Dunstable Road, Caddington, near Luton, not later than 21st. Positively no name no tea. Frequent bus service from Park Street, Luton.—K. G. S. 4668

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Frodsham on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 4655

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry Archdeaconry District.—Meeting on Saturday, May 23rd. Exhall bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bedworth bells (8) from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Harrison, 185, Wheelwright Lane, Exhall, near Coventry. 4657

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Brancepeth, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea situation unknown yet. Ring Aycliffe 2240 before Wednesday, 20th. 4680

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—Saturday, May 23rd: Elstree, 3.15-4.15; Bushey, 4.30-5.40; Watford, 6.30-7.30. Dinner 8 p.m., Red Lion, Radlett. Names to D. L. Gullick, 13, Weston Road, Stevenage. 4662

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wellington on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (6) from 3 to 4 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Bells available after tea till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, by May 20th to Mr. R. G. Powell, 9, Green Lane, Kingstone, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Competition at Pendlebury, May 23rd. Bells (8) 2 and after tea, also Swinton (8) 2-5.30. Competition 3.30. Tea 5.30. Names to Mr. A. Lomas, 47, Normanby Street, Swinton, not later than previous Wednesday. Everyone welcome.—Neil Bennett, Secretary. 4641

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Walkden, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea only at 5 p.m. Business after tea. Branch members must attend.—Thornley, Sec. 4681

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Claybrooke Magna, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in the Village Hall, Ullesthorpe, at 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. Clarke, 23, Goodacre Road, Ullesthorpe, near Rugby, by the Wednesday previous.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 4677

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Easton, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for outing on June 13th by this day, please.—L. W. Allen. 4676

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Long Clawson on May 23rd. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in hall 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. Tinsley, Chapel Street, Long Clawson, Melton Mowbray, by May 21st.—M. Stimson, Dis. Sec. 4660

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Annual dinner at Birstall, May 23rd. 6.30 p.m. Tickets 8s. each from Hon. Sec. Come and enjoy a good night out.—R. R. Brown, Hon. Sec., 34, Swithland Lane, Rothley. 4675

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Interim meeting at Wiveton (6), Saturday, May 23rd. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mr. W. R. West, Southfield, Norwich Road, Holt, Norfolk, as early as possible.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 4638

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual meeting Burford, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea 5. Numbers for teas by previous Tuesday, Ringing Shipton under Wychwood 7. 4624

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, May 23rd. Ringing at Winkfield, 3.15 to 4.45 p.m. Old Windsor, 6 to 9 p.m.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 4659

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—May 23rd practice meeting, Wilton. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, 19th, to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street, Wilton. 4652

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Practice meeting on May 23rd. Ringing Gussage St. Michael (6) 3 and 6.30-8.30 p.m. Service 5. Gussage All Saints (5) 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 21st to Rev. S. J. T. Buffrey, Gussage St. Michael, Wimborne. 4661

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Granby, May 23rd (District round Crawford Cup contest). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to W. L. Exton, 'St. Owen's', Whatton.—R. Blackshaw, Sec. 4671

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Meeting, Clare, May 23rd. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Names to Mr. S. J. Twitchett, 7, Station Road, Clare, Sudbury, Suffolk. 4590

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Quarterly meeting at All Saints', Hastings (please note), on May 23rd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Further ringing till 8. Names for tea, please, to I. Smith (Sec.). 37, Wellington Gardens, Battle. 4634

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —Meeting at Stone-in-Oxney. Saturday. May 30th. Bells (6. 13 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Daw. 'Craigerne,' Stone-in-Oxney, near Tenterden. not later than Wednesday. May 27th.—C. T. H. 4636

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District. —Meeting at Elstree. May 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. followed by tea and business. South Mimms bells 6.30 to 8 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield. Tel. Hatfield 2866. 4673

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Barmouth, Saturday, May 30th. Bells available 2. Service 3.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea by May 23rd, please, to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 4615

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. —Quarterly meeting at Caston, on Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea to C. Banham, Bridge Cottage, Caston, Attleborough. 4683

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch. —Meeting at Cogenhoe. Saturday, May 30th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton. 4601

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern and Western Districts. —Combined meeting at Allendale. June 6th. Bells 3-7.30 p.m. Bus leaves Bewick Street, Newcastle. 1 p.m., picking up at Whickham, Consett and Lanchester. Names as soon as possible to H. P. Thompson, 3, Hallgorth Terrace, Lanchester, Durham. 4654

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Names for tea essential by May 27th
to F. G. Beddow, 7, Judith Butts
Gardens, Monkmoor, Shrewsbury. 4670

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held in Oxford on Saturday, June 27th. 9.45 a.m. Corporate Communion; 11 a.m. Festival Service at Christ Church Cathedral; 12 noon annual meeting in the Chapter House; 1.30 p.m. luncheon in the Dining Hall. Ringing arrangements as on agenda. Luncheon tickets (7s. each) from Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Church Lane, Wexham, Slough, Bucks. Names, together with remittance, by Tuesday, June 23rd.—Marie R. Cross. Hon. Gen. Sec. 4541

LATE NOTICES

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Meeting Brockworth on May 23rd. 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting following. Names for tea to Mr. A. Crawley, 82, Avon Crescent, Brockworth, Glos, before May 20th, essential. 4685

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. —Striking competition at Ash, May 23rd, at 3 p.m. Normal practice in evening. Numbers for tea to Mr. C. Champion, 62, Wentworth Crescent, Ash Vale, Aldershot. 4686

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District. —Meeting. Sat. May 23rd. Edwinstowe (6). District cup contest, 6 p.m. prompt. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying Mrs. R. Woodhead, 12, Church Street, Edwinstowe. Magsfield, by Wednesday previous. Ringing during afternoon at Mansfield Woodhouse (6) 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.—R. J. Beach, Dist. Sec. 4684

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

The fourth annual dinner of Manchester University Guild was held on March 14th in the New Millgate Hotel, Manchester. Fifty-one members and visitors attended.

After an excellent meal, the toast of the Queen was proposed by the Guild's president, Mr. Brian A. Tomlinson. This was followed by a minute's silence in remembrance of the former president, Mr. Derek Ogden, who died so suddenly last year.

The toast of 'The Church' was proposed by Mr. John C. Baldwin, and ably replied to by Mr. Gordon Benfield. Miss Jean Allen then proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' and Mr. Roger Shea, of Liverpool University Society, replied.

The toast of 'The Guild' was proposed by Miss Gillian Webb, of Durham University Society, and replied to by the Master, Mr. Edward F. P. Bryant.

In his speech, Mr. Bryant first expressed the Guild's sorrow at the loss of Mr. Derek Ogden. He then gave a brief resumé of the Guild's activities during the year, and concluded by once more appealing to life members to continue their support to the Guild in the coming year.

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SURREY ASSOCIATION

The eight bells of Carshalton and the ten of Beddington were available for the annual general meeting of the Surrey Association and a well attended service was held in St. Mary the Virgin's Church, Beddington. A company of 69 attended tea in the Village Hall.

The meeting commenced with the reading of the minutes, followed by comments on the accounts by the treasurer, Mr. G. Marriner received in person a cheque drawn on the Belfry Repair Fund as a contribution towards the cost of repairs at Leatherhead.

There being only one nominee for each of the posts on the General Committee, the officers were elected en bloc. The Master, Mr. A. P. Cannon, thanked Mr. R. A. Parsons, the retiring general secretary, in his absence (caused by business commitments) for his work during the past years and welcomed Mr. W. Parrott as his successor.

An application to transfer some towers from the Northern to the Southern District of the Association caused a lively discussion. A motion that the towers of Ashted, Epsom, Epsom Common and Ranmore Common should be transferred was carried with a reasonable majority.

The meeting was closed by the Master thanking the Vicar, the organist, the ladies for providing the tea, and the officers, and the day ended with further ringing at Beddington until 9 p.m. A. G. C.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD Newark District

A new band has recently been formed at All Saints', Barnby-in-the-Willows, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Mayer, and all were present at the very successful meeting held there on May 2nd.

The District contest for the Crawford Cup took place in the afternoon, and out of three entries Newark were placed first with 104 faults, closely followed by Sutton A with 119 faults.

Over 40 people enjoyed an excellent tea served in the Church Hall by the local ringers and their mothers, and at the business meeting visitors from the Bingham District and the Lincoln Guild were welcomed. B. N. R.

BANSTEAD, SURREY. — On April 6th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: P. Glanfield 1, G. R. Smerdon 2, Andrea Tilley 3, A. F. Spooner 4, N. Hobden 5, A. E. Cheesman 6, H. N. Pinstow (cond.) 7, G. Huxley 8. A farewell to A. F. Spooner, who is going to Bognor Regis.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX. — On April 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Faulkner 1, A. St. J. Boyack 2, J. H. Crampion (cond.) 3, K. Warner 4, D. Ellison 5, R. Cousins 6, D. A. Hewitt 7, G. Longdale 8. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

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BANWELL, SOMERSET.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Hebden 1, M. T. Hebden 2, G. Dodson 3, W. S. Rice (cond.) 4, R. W. Rice 5, R. G. Pruett 6, D. J. Westlake 7, C. Horneett (first quarter) 8. Average age of band 18½ years. Rung for the annual District Scout service at Banwell.

BROAD HINTON, WILTS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jill Davidge 1, M. Penney 2, G. Wheeler 3, Shirley Little 4, P. Minchin 5, E. Sutton (first in method as cond.) 6. First in method 1 and 4. Rung for christening of George Robert Horton.

CAMBRIDGE.—On April 21st, at the Church of St. Mary the Great, 1,080 Cambridge Surprise Royal: H. Muncey 1, C. Muncey 2, R. M. Damerell 3, J. Harrison 4, P. Lawrence 5, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 6, T. R. Dennis 7, R. Darvill 8, P. Bergdahl 9, H. F. Brown 10. In honour of the Queen's birthday. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Cinques.

COMPTON MARTIN, SOMERSET.—On April 21st, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: G. Talbot 1, J. Brain 2, C. J. Boulbee 3, M. Heymann 4, M. J. Horseman 5, P. Gay (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 3, 4 and 6.

CROWAN, CORNWALL.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Stella G. Rice (first quarter of Triples) 1, Catherine M. Powell 2, Angela M. Wright 3, Angela Grainger (cond.) 4, M. J. Bew (first of Triples 'inside') 5, J. R. Norris 6, I. N. Pett 7, N. J. Wright 8. Rung on tour.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On April 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: G. Reeve 1, D. Reeve 2, R. Rose 3, June Wright 4, M. Rose 5, H. Ivings 6, J. Paul 7, H. Fuller (cond.) 8. For 'Parents' service and complimenting Mr. Arthur Rolfe, a Suffolk ringer, on his 77th birthday.

HILLINGDON, MIDD.—On March 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. A. Fardon 1, Mrs. R. A. Fardon 2, Miss R. Myllys (first quarter) 3, J. Sexton 4, M. Seymour 5, A. R. G. Twinn 6, J. Hill (cond.) 7, G. W. Hill 8. Also on April 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. J. Palmer 1, A. R. G. Twinn 2, A. M. Stacey 3, A. R. Turley 4, J. Hill (cond.) 5, F. W. Goodfellow 6, W. H. Coles 7, G. W. Hill 8. Both for Evensong.

REDBOURN, HERTS.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Simpson (first of Minor) 1, D. A. Bedford 2, Miss G. Martin (first of Minor) 3, Miss V. Mills (first quarter) 4, K. D. Waples 5, P. W. Harper (cond.) 6.

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