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# SURREY ASSOCIATION'S TERRITORY

THE Surrey Association at its three-hour annual general meeting at Merstham rejected the recommendation of the joint sub-committee of the Surrey Association and the Guildford Guild concerning the area in Surrey where they would be allowed to hold meetings.

A motion was carried directing the committee to follow a policy of complete freedom of choice for any meetings within the ancient county of Surrey as it existed at the time of the formation of the Guild.

The Master (Mr. F. E. Darby) presided over a company of 77 representing 30 towers.

As expected, a lengthy discussion took place on the recommendations of the joint sub-committee. Mr. W. Parrott, in proposing that these recommendations be accepted ("Ringing World," page 219), mentioned two suggestions put forward to the Guildford Guild by the sub-committee. The first, amalgamation, had not been received with enthusiasm, and the second, on the question of boundaries, was not discussed owing to the rigid nature of diocesan boundaries. Mr. Parrott deplored the efforts of what he described as "the lunatic fringe" of the Guildford Guild to generate ill-will and harm existing cordial relations.

Mr. A. P. Cannon seconded and discussion followed. Mr. C. Mew felt strongly that if the motion were passed the Association's activities in the southern part of the county would be restricted. If similar restrictions were enforced by other neighbouring bodies they would end up with no towers to visit, the only members being non-resident in the county. At present individual towers in the Guildford Diocese made them welcome for peals and meetings.

## CONFUSED BY TWO BODIES

Mr. J. F. M. Maybrey (liaison officer to the Surrey Association from the Guildford Guild), replying to Mr. Mew, wondered whether incumbents confused the two organisations when their towers were requested for meetings. The Rev. A. Clayton, repeating a point mentioned earlier that the Surrey Association depended on the support of members and not attached towers, said that the whole basis of the Association would have to be reconsidered if the motion were carried.

Mr. W. Parrott, exercising his right of reply, quoted from a letter received from Mr. F. E. Collins to the effect that the Association should not be "sold up the river" and that if a seconder were obtained the members would wipe the floor with the motion. In another letter Mr. D. Parsons considered 2 (ii) of the motion to be one-sided and suggested it be referred back.

The Master, in putting the motion to the vote, stressed that a vote in favour implied full agreement with all parts. The motion was defeated by a majority vote. The sub-committee was thanked for its work.

The meeting then agreed to discuss the motion proposed by Mr. C. Mew, seconded by the Rev. A. Clayton ("Ringing World," page 341), which was in effect the opposite of the sub-committee's recommendations. It was felt that the second part of the motion reflected fully the general policy of the Association. The word "holding" in the last sentence was changed to "requesting," and the amended motion was carried with only two against.

## CENTRAL COUNCIL UNDER FIRE

Three motions concerning the Central Council, all proposed by Mr. C. Mew and seconded by Mr. A. Bagworth ("Ringing World," page

341), were passed after some discussion. It was the general feeling that insufficient time was devoted to the business side of the Central Council meetings.

Another motion proposed by Mr. C. Mew, seconded by Miss J. S. Armstrong, namely "That the Association's three representatives on the Central Council should report at each annual general meeting of the Association and that there should be included in the agenda for each annual general meeting: 'Proposals to be forwarded to the Central Council'" was narrowly defeated. It was felt that a report given at the annual general meeting following the Central Council meeting achieved little owing to the time lag, and that in any case fairly adequate coverage was given by "The Ringing World."

A further motion, proposed by Mr. M. J. Uphill, seconded by Mr. C. Mew, on the subject of peal elections, was defeated. The motion sought to make tower elections easier by accepting decisions with a minority of non-present instead of, as now, insisting on a majority of resident members.

## PEAK MEMBERSHIP

The hon. secretary's report for 1967 contained the following information: Membership 395, an all-time peak; 46 peals rung, an increase of 15 (174 ringers took part); Addington, with 51 to their credit, again headed the list of a total of 215 quarter peals.

The treasurer's report showed a drop in the balance from 208 ls. 7d. to 241 ls. 10d., due mainly to expenses of the Central Council representatives and the cost of a special issue of "The Ringing World." The District levy remained at 66 per cent. The Befry Repair Fund showed an increased balance from £275 13s. 5d. to £304 7s. 5d. A motion proposed by Mr. C. Mew, seconded by Mr. A. P. Cannon, to the effect that "Not more than 20 per cent. of the cost of the job and not more than 25 per cent. of the total fund available at the time of application is to be given to any one tower," to ensure a better usage of this balance, was carried nem con.

Mr. B. J. Stone, the librarian, reported the acquisition of five books, including the extremely popular "Change Ringing" by Wilfrid G. Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Oatway had again presented a bound volume of "The Ringing World" for 1967. The librarian would welcome news of pre-1938 copies of "The Ringing World" for purchase by the library.

The Richard Stevens award for the most promising young ringer was presented for the first time, to John Hull, of Kingston, by the General Master.

## NEW GENERAL SECRETARY

Officers elected for 1968-69 were: Master, Mr. F. E. Darby, who expressed thanks to Mr. W. Parrott for his long and valued service as general secretary and former Northern District secretary, now resigning owing to

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pressure of work; secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. H. Cook; assistant secretary, Miss J. S. Stoy; auditor, Mr. M. V. Chicott; liaison officer to the Guildford Guild, Mr. W. Parrott; Central Council representatives for 1969-70-71, Mr. A. P. Cannon, Mr. S. F. Kimber and Mr. C. Mew. Three new members were elected, and the election of one non-resident life member ratified.

Permission is to be sought to hold the next annual general meeting at Southwark Cathedral on May 3rd. The Association dinner will be held on October 19th at Lakers Hotel, Redhill. (Tickets 27s. 6d.)

The Vicar, the Rev. P. E. Duval, who took the service and preached, was taught to ring at All Saints', Fulham.

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# Appendix to the Report of "The Ringing World" Committee

*Submitted to the Central Council in 1968, as agreed by "R.W." Committee, 2/12/67*

## INTRODUCTION

1. In accepting the report of "The Ringing World" Committee, the Central Council at Nottingham in 1967 asked the committee to include in its report to be submitted in 1968 "a statement on the measures it had taken and the plans it had made for widening the appeal of the 'R.W.' to all sections of the ringing community." We have thought it wise to make this appendix very full to refresh the memories of those interested.

2. It will be recalled that at the meeting of the Council at Bath in 1966, criticisms of the "R.W." and the committee came to a head. Let us first examine the situation up to that time. The Council took over in 1942 a business which was "in the red" and a big financial risk was incurred for the sake of the Exercise. It will be generally admitted that the "R.W." is essential to communication within the Exercise. By careful husbandry during 20 years of continually rising prices, the committee has managed to keep solvent, aware that often that position was only realised by the generosity of individual ringers and some Associations and by keeping expenses to a bare minimum. Every time a price rise became essential because of increased costs, the circulation dropped and the heavy task of building up had to start all over again. All this time, too, the work has had to be done with a very limited staff, on limited salaries and with the limited accommodation and facilities which were made available free by the printers.

3. Gradually over these years the funds of the "R.W." have been built up to about the equivalent of one year's expenditure at present rates. This we submit is no more than prudent in times like the present, bearing in mind that the risk of heavy additional expenditure is always just around the next corner.

4. Many of the suggestions which were made, or hinted at, at Bath or have been put forward since, have been constantly in mind during all this time. It will be recalled that the committee issued a special jubilee number in 1961, considering the extra cost justified on this special occasion. A competition was also held to see whether a new front page design could be found acceptable to the Exercise, but at that time it was clear that a change was not generally desired.

5. With a view to greater economy in that part of the paper, various changes in page layouts have been tried, and each has been strongly criticised at the time. In this matter, where the Exercise is very conservative, none of the changes was popular, but the economy was essential and some of us have grown to accept different styles, even if we don't like them.

6. Having reached the stage when insolvency was no longer imminent, the committee accepted that it was time to modernise cautiously, step by step. It was thought that the financial risk could be taken without betraying the trust which the Council had given them. So at Bath one of the committee's recommendations was that a new, younger member of the Council, who had shown his capabilities and keenness (and his willingness to help in our work) should be added to the committee.

## THE BATH MEETING, 1966

7. Now to summarise the events at Bath. The committee's report referred to changes at Guilford and to inevitable increases in charges which would cause further financial anxiety. They indicated, however, that they had decided not to raise the price of the paper during 1966, except perhaps that any increase in postage might have to be passed on to new postal subscribers. The convener gave further information about increased costs;

pointed out that the committee had agreed changes in investment policy giving an increased income; said that the circulation was about 5,600, which was an increase of 120-130 over the year before; and announced that by the judicious operating of funds by his predecessor the "R.W." account was in a good position. The Standing Committee recommended the adoption of the report and accounts and the addition of Mr. D. A. Bayles to the committee.

8. Mr. G. W. Pipe was concerned with the non-financial side of the matter. He was confident that the number of subscribers could be doubled. He had twenty suggestions and criticisms to ask the "R.W." Committee to consider. Mr. D. Beresford wanted a new committee with original ideas, so that they could expect the "R.W." to adopt a forward looking attitude. The Rev. J. Scott couldn't find the "R.W." on a station bookstall and supported the previous speakers. Mr. Chad-dock asked the committee not to worry about financial loss, even if it amounted to a thousand pounds or two, if it would increase the sales! He suggested that the Editor did not receive sufficiently good contributions (literary, presumably, not financial). Another member suggested paying for contributions.

9. Mr. White, the Editor, said he had not seen Mr. Pipe's twenty suggestions, but every one of those Mr. Pipe had sent in some time ago had been previously thought of and considered by the committee. After referring to the essential contents of the paper, he told the Council that brightening the paper could not double the circulation. There was great difficulty in holding the circulation.

10. After further discussion, Mr. R. S. Anderson reminded the Council that when the price was raised from 6d. to 8d., the circulation dropped from 6,000 to 5,000. When suggestions for a new front page design were obtained they were rejected by the Exercise. The difference in cost between a 16 page and a 24 page issue was £50—i.e., £2,600 a year. The 1966 surplus was £1,047, which included £268 from investments and £676 from donations. Mr. Smallwood feared it would be easy to dispose of the balance built up by much hard work. The solution was increased circulation first—then the news could be spread over a bigger and brighter paper.

11. Considerable discussion ensued over the possibility of forming an "ad hoc" committee to examine the position of the "R.W.", but after the lunch adjournment helpful speeches by Mr. Speed and Mr. Lufkin were against such a committee, but sought an opportunity to vote for a new "R.W." Committee individually, to obtain new members with new ideas. A notable contribution was Mrs. Staniforth's "let's all be for the 'R.W.' and not against it." Finally the "ad hoc" committee suggestion was defeated overwhelmingly: ten names were proposed individually for a committee of six members; and on a ballot three of the existing committee were re-elected, and Messrs. Bayles, Beresford and Pipe were appointed new members.

12. The front page article of "R.W." of June 17th, 1966, summed up the salient features of the debate admirably—to avoid repetition we quote merely some phrases from it:

"The Standing Committee were satisfied with the report and the competence of the committee and wanted them to carry on, with the addition of Mr. D. A. Bayles."

"It soon became evident... that the critics were organised."

"None of the critics attempted to define what they meant by a brighter newspaper."

"Above all we must endeavour to keep the present price stable. An increase to one shilling could mean a drop of one thousand in circulation."

## THE NEW COMMITTEE

13. It was clearly desirable in the circumstances outlined above that the new committee, elected on May 31st, should meet as soon as possible and attempts were made to find a suitable date. July 30th was reserved for a meeting, but owing to the inability of two of the new members to attend, this was cancelled and it did not in the end prove possible to arrange a meeting until October 8th. One possible advantage of this delay, however, could have been that any new proposals for consideration could have been circulated before the meeting.

14. Meanwhile on June 26th Messrs. Beresford and Pipe addressed a letter to the convener, the key-points of which are quoted or summarised below:

(a) "If we are now able to take some bold imaginative steps."

(b) "We are of the opinion that it is now sufficiently financially stable to develop it in size and content."

(c) Could the first meeting of the committee be spread over two days, so that the "new boys" could put themselves in the picture?

(d) We feel our proposals can be considered under the following headings:

1. What is likely to be the financial result for 1966?

2. What are the magnitude of the increased cost factors forecast for 1967?

3. ... What is the circulation required to support a 24 page "R.W." weekly, once a fortnight or once a month?

4. How are the administrative costs increased as circulation rises?

(e) On the answers to these questions depends the practicability of planning an extensive sales development programme on which, with an improved paper with more space devoted to the many aspects of ringing, we might hope to achieve a higher circulation.

(f) We feel a minimum 24 page paper weekly is essential.

15. Most of these very laudable sentiments and our comments on them will be found later. It was clear that any firm ideas needed thought and expert advice before a meeting could make firm decisions. It may, therefore, suffice at this stage merely to comment on

(b) The opinion that the "R.W." is financially stable prejudices the consideration asked for under (d).

A development in size and content depends on many other things as well as finance.

(c) We have seen above (para. 13) the fate of this suggested two day meeting.

(d) It has always been normal practice for the "R.W." Committee to consider expected income and expenditure—a favourable balance could hardly have been built up otherwise.

16. On September 20th (three weeks before the date of the committee meeting) the convener was "still pressing for suggestions." On September 29th the convener circulated copies of a letter (17-9-66) which Mr. Pipe had sent to the Editor (and to the committee) with a "mock-up" of a 24 page issue, designed to be the basis "to achieve a new look as far as the cover is concerned, regular features and contents on a family journal pattern, wide scope for advertising and something for everybody." The letter admitted that "so much of all this centres round cost. It may be that these suggestions are just out of the question." But it did not say how all these extra pages, every week, were to be filled, either by whom or how the present limited staff and office facilities could cope, even if the cost could be met. One proposal was for an already very busy clerical member of the Council to write a half page every fortnight!

(Continued overleaf)



17. On the Thursday/Friday before Saturday, October 8th, the members of the committee received a seven page foolscap document, photocopied and not completely legible, posted late on October 5th, unsigned and undated, merely headed "To all members of the 'R.W.' Committee." It dealt mainly with financial matters. We will call this Document A. At about the same time appeared another document of six foolscap pages, also unsigned and undated, headed "Scope and Content." (Document B)

18. These two documents apparently form the 13 pages of suggestions, etc., referred to in subsequent debate and we propose, therefore, to quote from them fairly fully, each quotation to be followed by comment, where appropriate.

### DOCUMENT A

19. (i) Quote: "To satisfy the various needs of all sectors of ringing we believe a weekly 24 page paper should be the objective."

Comment: Apart from the cost, the existing staff could not cope with 24 pages every week, even if the material to fill those pages was available.

(ii) Quote: "The cover—we would propose the adoption of a heavier paper for the outside cover...to enable good reproduction of a photograph. Problems we envisaged were—

(a) Cost of two-colour printing if desirable. (b) Problem of folding—will it spoil the quality of the photograph? (c) Cost of paper. (d) Cost of blocks and photographs.

Answers provided by the Editor to the first three points are: (a) £1 per 100 copies additional cost. (b) No problems for 50 lb. weight paper. (c) £50...

The additional cost (of a weekly 24 page paper with heavier weight cover) would be of the order of £75 a week; with no heavier weight cover £50 a week...

In summary we would recommend...  
1st choice—A 24 page paper with heavier weight cover

2nd choice—A 24 page paper with uniform paper throughout.  
"We would strongly urge a bold choice" of the first choice recommended above.

Comment: This is a firm recommendation from two very new members that the Exercise should commit itself to spending £75 more a week (£4,000 a year). The surplus for 1965 was only just over £1,000. This to produce an enlarged paper with no assurance that it could be filled. It does not allow for additional staff or for adequate office space. The additional cost could well be some £6,000 a year. Increased size and weight might mean increased postage.

(iii) Quote: "The cover photograph.—The appearance of the cover is of tremendous importance in presenting an attractive paper... The cost of the block would be £2 and we feel that many of the Associations would respond to an appeal..."

Comment: Attractive covers are being produced as often as cost will allow. The desirability of this has always been recognised (see paragraph 4 above). The committee agree only too readily that its latest attempt was given a wonderful send off by the picture of "Mancroft," obtained by Mr. Pipe himself.

(iv) Quote: "Organisation.—It is recognised that expansion of the paper to one of 24 pages weekly would entail a considerable increase in the work required of the Editor in soliciting articles."

Comment: It would require far more work for the Editor than asking for articles. He has a full time job now.

(v) Quote: "It is therefore proposed that members of the 'R.W.' Committee should play a more active role...and that responsibility for certain sections should be assumed by various committee members."

Comment: This is not new. Members of the committee have always made themselves responsible for series of articles and have always encouraged others to do so. But to obtain articles of the length and at the rate suggested later is another matter entirely, especially as we can't necessarily afford them.

(vi) Quote: "We feel strongly that some

financial recompense should be offered to those who spend...time writing the feature articles for the paper. In the proposed paper we have two features weekly—one general, one technical...we anticipate requiring...80-90 of these per year...these articles should be commissioned for a particular date and a fee should be paid...we propose a figure of £3 10s. for a full page article."

Comment: The layout suggested in Document B (see paragraph 20) suggests a feature article on page 3; a beginners' corner on page 7; the half page a fortnight suggested in para. 16 above; a page of call change news and articles about this aspect of ringing; and a page for a technical feature. This makes at least 156 pages of articles a year. Cost of payment over £500. The number of people who have the ability and are willing to devote the time necessary to write worthwhile articles for the "R.W." is extremely limited. They write them because of their strong desire to help the "R.W.", or because they feel strongly about something. The likelihood that payment would produce worthwhile articles from others, in the quantity indicated and at fixed dates, is remote. What happens to those contributors who are not offered payment? Who makes the invidious choice? Who does the necessary tax correspondence?

(vii) Quote: FINANCE. A paragraph of Document A was devoted to a re-examination of the policy of persuading people to take the "R.W." by post and figures were produced suggesting that the income per copy from postal subscribers was very little more than that for newsgate subscribers.

Comment: Postal copies are needed for many subscribers.

(viii) Quote: Increased costs for 24 page paper in 1967. Figures were given indicating an annual increase in cost of £4,855 in the case recommended earlier as first choice. Against this it was estimated that £500-£1,000 should be obtained from advertising—more space should be sold. It is claimed that "an increase of 3d. a week would amply cover the most favoured case and give an excess income of £300 a year."

Comment: Once again it will be noted that no increased cost for staff or office facilities is included. It is not shown how a paper with the limited technical appeal and limited circulation of the "R.W." can increase advertising revenue in the manner indicated. An increase of 3d. a week is estimated by the Editor to produce, say, £20 a week to the "R.W.", allowing for the fact that the "R.W." would not get the whole of the 3d. and there would inevitably be a drop in circulation, as experience has shown. The only acceptable justification for an increase in price would be the danger of cessation of publication for lack of funds.

(ix) Quote: Circulation.—A paragraph gives target figures for a planned increase in circulation.

Comment: If the committee, by maintaining the present price and by the alterations it has made and is making in the "R.W." to date, can continue the present gradual increase in circulation, this will be more useful than setting imaginary targets that may or may not be met. Targets can be limiting as well as stimulating!

(x) Quote: "We believe a number of Associations...donate a sum of money each year to the 'R.W.' A suggestion is that this money is used by these Associations to provide half price or quarter price copies...to certain cases."

Comment: There is nothing, except the work involved, to stop any Association doing this now, so long as the copies so sold are additional copies and the scheme does not mean that a full paying subscriber ceases to pay full price.

(xi) Quote: Document A concludes with a summary of proposed action, the only new points made being a reference to a census (to be taken in December, 1966); the launching of the "new" paper on May 5th, 1967; and a suggestion to "invite someone with experience in this field to work with the committee on the obtaining of advertisements. A name we would like to put forward would be that of ...."

Comment: It took until March, 1967, to launch the census (by the proposer of it).

To fix a definite date for a "new" paper, with all the considerations referred to above and also dealt with in paragraph 20, before the new committee had even met, let alone considered the matter, seems premature.

Any offer, by Mr. X or anyone else, to help with advertisements would of course be welcomed—it should not need an invitation.

### DOCUMENT B

#### SCOPE AND CONTENT

20. (i) Quote: "We have assumed as a basic exercise a weekly issue of 24 pages as normal."

Comment: A rash assumption. See paragraphs 14, 16 and 19 (ii) above.

(ii) Quote: "We then envisage the inside pages running to a fairly regular pattern week by week."

Comment: They do now and always have done. This is normal for any newspaper.

#### PAGE BY PAGE SUGGESTIONS FOR CONTENTS

(iii) Quote: Page 1. Title page. Suggestions for heavier quality paper; additional colour; new-look designs; photographs—Associations to donate; responsibility for title page to be on one member of the committee.

Comment: Most of these points are covered earlier. The Editor must be responsible for day to day working under the policy direction of the whole committee. The committee cannot act as six individuals, each responsible for his own little job. What happens if he resigns unexpectedly?

(iv) Quote: Page 2. Full details of the journal, subscription rates, etc. This week's contents, and a "crisp, pithy, pertinent editorial comment." This then dispenses with formalities and "the remainder of the magazine unfolds into a meaty, well organised document."

Comment: The "R.W." is a newspaper. The Editor may not always have a "crisp, pithy, pertinent" comment to make.

(v) Quote: Page 3. Features. An article about one of the aspects of bell ringing. Examples are given. 23 names are given of people who could write these articles.

Comment: Some of those named already do more than their share; others write occasionally when they feel strongly about something. If they could each find time and were willing (John Betjeman was one name!) to write two a year, that would not even suffice for one year.

(vi) Quote: Page 4. Meetings. Small coverage at present.

Comment: Unless Association officers send in readable accounts of meetings they cannot be published.

(vii) Quote: Page 5. Letters. "One would assume that with a livelier magazine the quantity and quality of the letters will be proportionately larger—calling for perhaps a further half page."

Comment: Experience suggests that the quantity of letters varies in inverse proportion to their quality. An acrimonious correspondence seems to be the only kind that does not fizzle out quickly. All Editors want to receive good, helpful letters—they can be the most interesting part of any newspaper, but so far a regular page full of printable letters is the exception.

(viii) Quote: Page 6. Letters and outings. Comment: See above for letters. Outings will not fill a page in the winter.

(ix) Quote: Page 7. Beginners' Course. "It is recognised that sufficient material for a whole page every week would be hard to achieve, but...they must have their page. Any short fall of copy could allow the space to be utilised for outings, meetings, letters, etc."

Comment: We have already noted that letters and outings are unlikely to need extra space. Some of the committee consider that beginners are unlikely to be induced to pay 9d. each week in the hope of getting a short article useful to them, when for 1s. or 2s. they can buy the appropriate booklets. Other members of the committee have written many



articles for beginners and know that 52 pages a year, every year, is very difficult, if not impossible.

(x) **Quote:** Page 8. Quarters. "A slightly modified layout is desirable to relieve the monotony of a mass of small print."

**Comment:** This would cost more and use more space for the sake of using it.

(xi) **Quote:** Page 9. Half page quarters. "The other half page may be considered flexible—suggestions here are:

(a) Every two weeks or month—Canon 'X'.

(b) Alternating with any other readers observations of matters of interest.

(c) Merits or otherwise of various compositions."

**Comment:** On (a)—Canon "X" is a very busy man, who does a fairly regular annual or biennial article. We must not assume he can spare more time.

On (b), surely this would be letters—already amply catered for.

On (c)—But see suggestion for page 16 (see quote (xv) below).

(xii) **Quote:** Page 10. Belfry Gossip. "A full page—with illustrations if possible."

**Comment:** To fill regularly a full page when all the events of the week have had ample space in other pages would be very difficult unless readers are much more helpful in this respect than they are now. Illustrations would involve still more expense—not included in the calculations in paragraph 19 (iii) above.

(xiii) **Quote:** Pages 11-14. Peals. Central four pages, as being easy to find. "More thought needs to be given to layout."

**Comment:** Whether the peals go at the front (as formerly), in the second half (as now) or in the middle doesn't seem to the committee particularly relevant to the success of the paper. As to format—the number of changes in the last few years—made for economic reasons and never immediately acceptable—is evidence of much thought by the committee.

(xiv) **Quote:** Page 15. Call change news. "Another key position in the contents. It is our belief that an untapped subscriber potential of 500-1,000 readers presents itself here." Suggestions made for various articles by certain already busy people. "Ample opportunity for photographs." "It is again accepted that call change news may well not run to a full or even half page every week. Then the available space may be given to other miscellaneous items."

**Comment:** There is no evidence for the assertion that up to 1,000 new subscribers are likely from call change ringers. The recent census gave 45 people out of 1,376 who were call change ringers only, and this is the only available figure. Fifty-two pages a year, every year, of notes and articles about call change ringers is clearly not feasible, even if the writers were available. Ample photographs will cost still more money. Half pages left over will not be needed for other items already over-catered for.

(xv) **Quote:** Page 16. Composition page. Suggestions are made for more articles.

**Comment:** More articles from other busy people. Fifty-two pages a year, every year!

(xvi) **Quote:** Page 17. Miscellany. "A crossword, general anecdotes, quizzes, competitions, etc., when space permits. Perhaps the... members of the Exercise would be approachable here. Needs considerable organisation of course."

**Comment:** More work for more busy people and perhaps costly organisation. Recent issues have contained crosswords and quizzes, but a full page, every week, is beyond what is possible. General anecdotes would be needed to fill up the Gossip and other pages.

(xvii) **Quote:** Page 18. Technical feature. "As a counterpart to the main feature, a half page or full page technical feature." Ten examples given of possible articles. Eleven members of the Exercise are named (without their permission) as contributors.

**Comment:** Many of the suggestions are interchangeable with those for page 3 (Quote (v) above). Five of the ringers named as contributors already appear in the list for page 3 articles. A compliment, I am sure,

but those five are going to be even busier than the other six to produce 52 pages a year, every year.

(xviii) **Quote:** Page 19. "General news, obituary, etc., recognising that obituary columns must be printed on another page to marriages, for example."

**Comment:** General news would be amply provided for on other pages. Many weeks, fortunately, the obituaries would not fill a page.

(xix) **Quote:** Page 20. This week's anniversary. "Almost every week sees the birth, death or some anniversary of some famous ringer or event. Our plans would be to organise suitable people with an interest in the historical side to cope with this."

**Comment:** More work (52 pages a year, every year) by someone else and more organisation for someone else.

(xx) **Quote:** Pages 21-22. Notices.

No comment.

(xxi) **Quote:** Pages 23-24. Advertisements. "A very real and considerable source of revenue."

**Comment:** This has yet to be proved. Also the possibility of filling two pages regularly at whatever charge. And we are not convinced that the Exercise wants us to publish advertisements just to fill a larger paper. Primarily our readers want news.

## GENERAL COMMENTS ON DOCUMENTS A & B

21. It will be seen that Messrs. Beresford and Pipe, before even having attended a committee meeting and with no experience of the practicalities or the practicabilities involved, had suggested a "new paper" to start on a specified date. This new paper would cost an additional £4,000 a year over the expected increased costs for 1967; plus, say, £2,000 a year for extra staff and accommodation; plus, say, a minimum of £500 a year to pay for articles; plus a more expensive layout for quarter peals; plus the cost of illustrations and photographs for Belfry Gossip and for call change ringers.

To offset these costs we are advised that we can get £500-£1,000 additional revenue from advertising (though we are not told how); plus the whole of an increase of 3d. a week in the price of the "R.W."

22. As we have shown, both these figures of additional revenue are suspect.

The Editor's estimate of the produce of 3d. increase, allowing for drop in circulation, is about £20 a week. The committee now have assets of about £10,000—one year's operation on the new scale suggested would make that look silly!

23. Looking quickly at the suggested pagination we see that we have to find every week (and perhaps pay for) a full page cover photograph; material for feature articles, beginners' articles, compositions, call changes and editorial amounting to 5½ pages a week, as well as filling up any over provision of space for gossip, miscellaneous, obituaries, advertisements, etc. It must be realised that every article submitted is not suitable for publication (at least one member of the "R.W." Committee has written unpublished articles), so an even larger number of articles would be needed. In a bad week one could envisage a number of blank spaces in a 24 page paper.

## THE FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING

24. The foregoing was, therefore, the position when the committee met at Derby on October 8th, 1966. At the outset a senior member of the committee was very outspoken about the action of Messrs. Beresford and Pipe in leading an agitation against the committee before the Council meeting at Bath (see paragraph 7, et seq.) and at what he considered was the underhand way this was done. He also objected strongly to receiving pages of barely legible suggestions the day before the meeting (after waiting many months) and being expected to consider them properly in the committee that day. After about ten minutes Mr. Pipe walked out of the meeting,

in spite of entreaties from the convener and other members of the committee to remain and explain his suggestions to the committee. He did not return.

25. As can be imagined it took the welcome lunch break to reduce the tension in the committee, after which much useful discussion took place. Mr. Beresford explained his and Mr. Pipe's suggestions; he was given appropriate replies by other members, and the Editor, and the committee agreed on certain changes which they considered they could now afford. A further meeting was arranged for January 28th, 1967, and the hope was expressed that Mr. Pipe would be able to attend.

(NOTE.—The "R.W." issues subsequent to the committee meeting are evidence of some of the decisions then taken. See paragraph 41 below.)

26. We have been told repeatedly that the Exercise has been kept in the dark about the work of the committee and what happened! We would, therefore, draw attention to the Editorial on October 21st, 1966, which dealt with the meeting of October 8th. To save members of the Council the trouble of looking this up, we quote fully from the article headed "Planning for the Future":—

"The democratically elected committee entrusted by the Central Council to produce a brighter and better "R.W." met... having had more than three months to assimilate the opinions of the Exercise and to submit new ideas for improvements.

"Two days before the committee met the members received a 12 page (sic) typed document, setting out 'the scope and contents' of the journal and the financial obligations involved. This had been prepared by Messrs. D. Beresford and G. W. Pipe. There were also cover designs and mock make-up for the committee's consideration.

"Many of the points raised... had been considered by the committee previously... Mr. R. S. Anderson extended the fullest co-operation, sympathetically considering the points raised by Mr. Beresford and answering if possible the questions submitted.

"The first point... the title block... There was a general opinion that the time had come for a change... The choice was a clear, clean-cut design of Mr. Pipe's... this the Editor considered could be appropriately adapted.

"Finance was involved in the next step. The two alternatives were a 24 page issue at regular intervals, and a tinted cover with a picture... on the front page and 16 pages inside. Both issues would cost... about £50 more than the present... 16 page paper.

"The question of the quality of paper used came under very close scrutiny.

"The Editor was instructed to produce... a tinted paper issue... in December. The committee empowered the Editor to produce up to twenty 24-page issues during 1967, provided the material available was suitable.

"To meet demand, it was suggested that Associations should select an appropriate personality for a picture and biography, and also submit an appropriate picture for a front page illustration.

"It was felt that the Bellfounders' page... and Gossip could be enlarged if there were live correspondents and a readiness on the part of readers to send information to the Editor.

"With more space available a great range of special articles will be required. A beginners' corner and a technical page might be regular features. We also hope that call change ringers... will have their interest.

"A volunteer with an interest in the historical side of our art is required.

"The sale of the paper can only successfully be stimulated locally and much depends on local officials. There is a genuine desire on the part of the committee to keep the selling price of the journal as at present.

"Sales revenue will never be enough to finance journals like the "R.W."... we are now reaping a little from the prudence in the past... The "R.W."... is planning to spend very much more on larger papers, confident that such is the family spirit of the Exercise that it will not be let down."

(Continued overleaf)



27. These extracts indicate that the Editor gave the Exercise a very full account of the committee's meeting. It would have been wrong for him to mention at that date that one new member (it was hoped only temporarily) had taken umbrage and walked out. The value of a committee is in its decisions, taken after full discussion; not in the idiosyncrasies of its individual members. No committee chairman would have his members' confidence if he advertised the disagreements among them.

### "RINGING WORLD" COMMITTEE MEETING, JANUARY 28th, 1967

28. As agreed at the October meeting, the committee met again at Derby on January 28th—as hoped there was a full attendance. The auditors' estimate of the 1966 surplus was considered, as were proposals of Seven Corners Press, Ltd., for increases in printing charges. It was agreed that the committee would try to negotiate reductions, but that if this was not possible the new terms would have to be accepted.

It was agreed to obtain the views of readers by a questionnaire and Mr. Beresford's offer to analyse the results and present them to the next meeting was accepted. "It was resolved that Messrs. Beresford and Pipe prepare and circulate to the committee a draft form for examination and approval prior to its insertion in 'R.W.'" Among other matters discussed were various ways of improving circulation and the likely effect of any price increases. Some at least of the committee considered the journey and time spent worth while.

### THE CENSUS

29. As agreed on January 28th, the Editor, on March 10th, 1967, announced the proposed issue on March 17th of census forms and at the same time gave further financial information. To quote:—

"a questionnaire to our readers, which is the brain child of two members of the committee, Dennis Beresford and G. W. Pipe. It is an attempt to analyse the 'R.W.'s' family: to find out what the readers desire for the journal and how they would prefer the space available to be utilised."

"The desire behind the questionnaire is to ascertain how to fashion the 'R.W.' so that a big sales drive can be attempted. This does not mean embarking on extravagant ideas."

30. As indicated in paragraph 28 above, the draft questionnaire was circulated to the committee for approval, but was not received until March 9th, only just before zero hour for going to press. Nevertheless frantic efforts by some of the committee, helped by the Editor, managed to make a few improvements. It is extremely difficult to frame questions which do not lead the reader to an answer you hope for. For example, part of question 12 said that part of an increased price of 3d. a week must occur, whereas the committee had firmly set its face against an increase, unless one was proved inevitable later. In its original form question 8 said "Are you a call change ringer?" Ninety-nine per cent of ringers would have had to answer "Sometimes" or "Often." The last minute addition of the word "only" made it possible to reply "Yes" or "No," giving useful information.

### "RINGING WORLD" COMMITTEE MEETING, APRIL 29th, 1967

31. As previously arranged, a further meeting, attended by all the committee, was held on April 29th, to consider primarily the draft annual report and the accounts for 1966, and the report on the census. The draft report was amended and agreed, and Mr. Beresford gave a verbal summary of the results of the census and was thanked for his work. He agreed to prepare a comprehensive report on the replies for examination at the next meeting, fixed for July 22nd, 1967.

### NOTTINGHAM, 1967

32. The position, when the Central Council met at Nottingham, has been outlined above. The committee's report (as printed in "R.W." June 16th, 1967, page 407) was in the hands of members. It might not have been un-

reasonable to assume, in view of the time given to the subject at Bath, only twelve months before, the fact that the new committee had only been in existence for 12 months and in the year under review (1966) had met only once, that the Council would have wished to devote its time to other matters. But it was not to be.

33. Just before the Standing Committee meeting the evening before, the Council's secretary was handed separate letters from Messrs. Beresford and Pipe. Each of the letters (of clearly premeditated resignation from the committee) ended by saying that business commitments rendered it difficult to give the time to the work of the committee. Neither of the resigned members mentioned this reason in his speech to the Council. (See "R.W." June 16th, 1967, for report.)

34. The Editorial of "R.W." June 9th, 1967, referred briefly to the resignations and a very full account of the debate was given on June 16th. In addition, on page 406, the Editor gave "The Background to the Debate." The two issues of "R.W." gave such a full and fair report of proceedings and the events leading up to them that it does not seem necessary to lengthen this paper by quoting. They refute most emphatically suggestions that have continued since the Council meeting that the Exercise has not been told the full story.

35. A week before the next committee meeting Mr. Beresford was good enough to send to each member of the committee a photocopied MS. giving a full summary of the replies to the census. A typed copy was promised to follow, but has not.

36. On July 19th, Mr. Pipe wrote at length to each member of the committee repeating many of the points made in Documents A and B, basing his remarks this time on the census returns and telling the committee what they should do. "We would reiterate how essential it is for the 'R.W.' Committee to..." etc. "Each member should..." etc.

### "RINGING WORLD" COMMITTEE MEETING, JULY 22nd, 1967

37. To bring this long story up to date, the committee met again at Derby on July 22nd as arranged, the main reason being to consider a full report on the census. Messrs. Beresford and Pipe, who were members when the date was fixed, were invited to answer any questions which might arise on the report they had agreed to present. In the event, both of them had other engagements that day. After a very full discussion of the summarised replies the committee authorised the Editor to report in the "R.W." on the most interesting details. (See August 4th, page 551.) The Editor expressed, at the committee's request, their public thanks to Messrs. Beresford and Pipe for the work done. The committee also supported the convener in his decision that from September to Christmas, 1967, 20-page cover issues of the "R.W." should be printed weekly.

38. This last decision was announced by the Editor in the "R.W." of August 4th, and on August 11th in a review entitled "The Next Step" the Editor dealt with the foregoing decision and with the latest views of Messrs. Beresford and Pipe. He went fully into costs and work involved in various proposals.

39. Our quotations and references in the foregoing paragraphs to statements in the "R.W." from time to time completely answer the suggestions that members of the Council or other readers of the "R.W." are not told of the committee's proposals or intentions. We are content to conclude this very long account with a statement of the changes made in the "R.W." over recent months.

### A LOOK AT THE "RINGING WORLD" SINCE BATH WHAT HAS THE "RINGING WORLD" DONE?

40. It must be emphasised that, for mechanical reasons, the "R.W." must contain 16 or 24 normal pages (multiples of eight). It is possible, when it can be afforded, to add a special cover (coloured or otherwise), giving

another four pages. A 16 page issue can therefore be turned into a 20 page issue for about the same cost as a plain 24 page issue. Hitherto, the normal practice had been to have a 16 page issue, with an occasional 24 pages when the amount of news justified it. For example, a 24 page issue was necessary on June 17th, 1966, to cover Central Council news.

41. Let us see what the effect of the new committee and its decisions of October 8th (and subsequently) have been:—

- 1966
- 28 Oct. 24 pages, including 1 page of compositions.
  - 4 Nov. New heading to normal 16 page issues.
  - 9 Dec. Special coloured cover (Mancroft), plus 16 inside pages—including half page special advert and 1 page for a crossword and "party games."
  - 16 Dec. Normal 16 pages with special advert.
  - 23 Dec. Ditto. 30 Dec. Ditto
- 1967
- 6 Jan. 24 page issue. Picture on front.
  - 3 Feb. Coloured cover, plus 16 pages—half page cartoons and special advert.
  - 24 Feb. Coloured cover, plus 16 pages—including 1 page of compositions.
  - 17 Mar. Coloured cover, plus 16 pages—including 1 page technical feature, 1 page beginners' article, 1 page compositions and half page crossword.
  - 14 Apr. Coloured cover, plus 16 pages—including half page crossword, 1 page quiz and 6 additional illustrations.
  - 5 May Coloured cover, plus 16 pages.
  - 12 May Ditto.
  - 26 May Ditto.
  - 16 June 24 pages. Picture on front.
  - 23 June—
  - 28 July Coloured cover, plus 16 pages.
  - 18 Aug. 16 pages, with front page picture.

From September until Christmas each issue will be 20 pages, including a coloured cover, as indicated in paragraph 37 above.

42. We consider this record of achievement speaks for itself—the advent of three new members on the committee (two unfortunately for such a short time), the financial situation and the full co-operation of the Editor have made this possible. This is being written in August, 1967, but we are hopeful that the gradual increase in circulation since the last price increase will be maintained, thus justifying the work and faith of the committee and their staff.

43. In apologising for the length of this document, we point out that, like all members of the Council who are chosen to serve on the various committees, we too are busy people, who are only too happy to volunteer our time and services for the good of the Exercise. Perhaps immodestly, however, we consider that our work is more onerous than that of some other committees of the Council but that the future prospects of the Exercise depend more upon the regular appearance of the "R.W." than on any other single factor.

44. In the leading article in the Golden Jubilee number Mr. Frederick Sharpe wrote:—

"The 'R.W.' is a specialist paper... this creates problems not encountered in the ordinary course of journalism... one of the most difficult things is to keep a true balance to suit the majority and yet to meet the needs of all... within the available financial resources... We are not likely to receive an attractive take-over bid from a national newspaper... We need greater support... A much greater circulation would make possible the publication of more technical articles and reports and our journal would have a much wider appeal in consequence."

45. These statements are as relevant today. As instructed, we have set out above the measures we have taken and some plans we have made. Other plans depend entirely upon our readers. The active support of the Council and the Exercise, shown by an increased circulation and a readiness to contribute news and articles of interest, will enable the "R.W." to meet the needs of the Exercise and be ample reward for our efforts.

August, 1967.



## Letters to the Editor

### THE RATIO OF PEALS AT DAVENTRY

Dear Sir, — How often we hear people talk of "peal ringers" and "service ringers" as if they were entirely separate groups. Usually there is the implication that peal ringers are a selfish breed of heathen experts with no time for the saintly service ringers.

I think it is high time the peal ringers defended themselves, and I would suggest that a more accurate description of the two groups would be competent and incompetent! Naturally there are exceptions to this but I am quite certain it is a more realistic division than that inspired by "sour grapes." So let us forget the old division and concentrate on getting rid of incompetence.

I am well aware that some people like to think that the peals rung in some popular towers constitute a very large part of the total ringing done. That this is not always so is shown by the analysis of ringing at Daventry in 1967. Seven of our own band took part in the peals and five others in quarter peals.

	Hours	%
103 Sunday services at 40 mins.	68.6	25.6
16 Extra services at 30 mins. ..	8.0	3.0
12 Weddings at 20 mins. ...	4.0	1.5
50 Practices at 1.5 hours ..	75.0	28.0
3 Meetings at (av.) 2.5 hours	7.5	2.8
10 Visiting parties (outings) at 45 mins. ...	7.5	2.8
<b>Total non-peal-ringing</b>	<b>170.6</b>	<b>63.7</b>
27 Peals scored at av. 3.083 hrs.	83.3	31.1
9 Peals lost at av. 1.5 hours ..	13.5	5.2
<b>Total peal ringing</b> ..	<b>96.8</b>	<b>36.3</b>

<b>Grand total</b> .. .. .	<b>267.4</b>	<b>100</b>
30 tied practices (beginners) at 30 minutes .. .. .	12 hours.	
Maintenance work (approx.) ..	20 hours.	

Yours sincerely,

**PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.**

Daventry, Northants.

### LAMINATED DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. R. K. Williams' letter in the May 24th issue of "The Ringing World," I cannot help wondering why he seeks names for these variations. If his letter is correct in what was rung, extents B, C, D, F and G just contain two types of single and would therefore be better described as laminated (method changes occur in effect at the half-lead and so cannot be called spliced). Extent B would better be described as mixed Royston and St. David. Doubles variation ringing contains enough scope without having to resort to the use of frivolous calls.—Yours faithfully,

**GEORGE A. DAWSON.**

West Norwood, S.E.

### A WORTHY OR A SELF-RIGHTEOUS LIST?

Dear Sir,—Ringers' attendance at church is entirely a matter of conscience, and that those who may have measured up to Miss Horsford's requirements should advertise the fact in "The Ringing World" must surely be the most impudent suggestion which has ever been mooted in your columns.—Yours faithfully,

**R. H. DOVE.**

Leeds.

### BIRMINGHAM PEAL RINGERS AND SUNDAY SERVICE

Dear Sir,—It is sad that Mrs. Ainsworth should have been upset enough to reply to the rubbish contained in Mr. Roberts' letter, and I am concerned that this type of un-called-for publicity may make some inexperienced ringers coming to Birmingham a little apprehensive.

I also learned to change-ring in Yorkshire, and along with five other call change ringers managed a 720 of Minor, thanks to Jarvis Close. Since coming to Birmingham two and a half years ago I have progressed further and ring at three local churches regularly. I do not ring peals at St. Martin's or the Cathedral.

Please believe me when I say that many people may gain the wrong impression that the peal ringers do not ring locally and help learners, and I would like to remark on a few of the silly beggars who prance about Edgbaston Church, as Mr. Roberts so childishly puts it. Below are some of the ringers in the peal of Glasgow:—

George Fearn went out of his way to help me ring my first peal of Grandsire Triples. Directly under the record peal of Stedman Cinques in "The Ringing World" was another peal where two of the Cinques ringers, one of whom was John Anderson, were helping me ring my first peal of Plain Bob Major. Clifford Barron is better known to me as Ringing Master at Harborne and Edgbaston, where he and other local ringers are helping my son to ring Grandsire Doubles. Clifford attends all Sunday service ringing regularly.

Roderick Pipe is another familiar name in peal ringing but I do not know him as a peal ringer; I only meet him at Sunday service ringing and practice at King's Norton.

I would like to thank, on behalf of the local towers, Alan Ainsworth, who, on behalf of the St. Martin's Guild, invited all ringers at local churches to hold a practice at St. Martin's. These practices were well attended.

It is some of these ringers along with other locals who have helped me ring 20 quarter peals for Sunday service.

Grow up, Mr. Roberts—get your facts straight.—Yours faithfully,

**ERIC SPENCE.**

Edgbaston.

### FALSE PEALS

Dear Sir,—Every Thursday morning when my copy of "The Ringing World" is pushed through my letter box a cold shiver goes down my spine, the reason being false peals. I open it carefully and think: "Will I still have rung 25 peals or will I have rung in a false peal somewhere?"

It must be very disappointing and disheartening for young ringers who take part in their first peal or first peal in the method only to find a fortnight later the composition which they rang was false. It is only due to the carelessness of the conductors and, let us face facts, there are a lot of careless conductors about at the present time, as hardly a week goes by without one, two or even three peals being withdrawn.

To my way of thinking, this situation is very frightening, so could not the conductors in the future check carefully the composition (with the composer, if necessary, if it has not been rung before)? In so doing this unnecessary disappointment will be avoided.—Yours sincerely,

**TONY LEWIS.**

Chislehurst, Kent.

## OUR COVER PICTURE

### ST. KATHARINE'S, MERSTHAM SURREY

**T**HE Church of St. Katharine, Merstham, stands to the north of the village close to the main London-Brighton Road. On Sunday mornings in the summer the efforts of the young band of ringers are all but drowned by the steady drone of traffic heading towards the coast. But in winter, walkers on the North Downs, following the old paths that were used in the Stone Ages, can hear well the ring of eight bells across the rolling countryside.

The church dates from the 13th century and was established on a promontory above the marshy land about which Merstham lies. The Pilgrims' Way goes within feet of the South Door, and forms the main pathway from the road to the church. Fortunately escaping the effects of Victorian Restoration, St. Katharine's retains a simple yet well-balanced interior.

The bells are of mixed descent. The oldest bell is the five, and dates from 1380, being cast by William Barford of London; the six was cast by Robert Mot in 1597, and later two Eldridge bells were added, the tenor (13½ cwt. in F) in 1640 and four in 1657. The old ring of five bells was completed in 1774 with the addition of the seven, a fine-toned bell cast by Pack and Chapman. An old board in the belfry records a peal of 720 changes of Doubles in 1827 consisting of six methods: Grandsire, Plain Bob, New London, Oxford, Stedman's Principle, and Crown Bob, conductor William Smith.

In 1901 Messrs. Mears and Stainbank rehung the old five and provided a new treble to make a ring of six. The old clappers were removed and mounted on some of the original belfry oak against the north wall of the church where they can be seen to this day. Lastly, in 1964, through the gifts of two parishioners the bells were rehung lower in this attractive shingled spire, and augmented to eight. Ringing now takes place on the ground floor, in full view of the congregation, who are evidently pleased and interested to see how it is done.

The youthful band that has been learning under the guidance of the tower captain, Alec Cheasley, and the late Alfred Bull, has been fortunate in receiving the regular assistance of surrounding ringers in furthering their knowledge of change ringing. It seems likely that the bells at St. Katharine's will continue to compete with the Sunday motorist for a long time to come.

**C. H. C.**

### THE LADIES' GUILD

The Eastern District had an encouraging meeting at St. Matthew's, Ipswich, on May 18th, attended by 16 members and some gentlemen. A new committee was formed and seven new members elected. It was decided to have a half-day outing into Norfolk later in the year and a ladies only evening meeting at a suitable six-bell tower.

Following tea, the six-bell towers at Bramford and Sproughton were visited.

**J. L.**

**BELL ROPES**  
**JOHN NICOLL**  
**SEE BACK PAGE**



# THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

## Memorial to the late John Worth

THE Annual Festival of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Hoole on May 18th. Attendance was considerably better than last year's poorly attended meeting at Macclesfield. During the morning ringing took place at a number of towers in and around Chester.

At 2 p.m. members assembled in the Church Hall of All Saints', Hoole, for the business meeting. Before the formal proceedings commenced, members stood for a minute's silence in memory of Peter Laflin and the work he had done for the Guild during the past 40 years. An apology for absence was received from the Bishop of Chester.

Mr. H. O. Baker then read correspondence he had received, in particular from the Dean of Chester Cathedral, regarding the Cathedral bells appeal; it would appear that following delays due to unforeseen problems things would be going ahead in the not too distant future.

The minutes of the last Annual Festival and the statement of accounts for 1967 had been circulated to all who were present; both were adopted as presented. In presenting the annual report for 1967 Mr. C. K. Lewis stated that we had lost through death in 1967 the following members: John Worth, Alfred Frost, Harry Parker, Albert Booth, Nicholas Collins and Harry Thomas. Suitable tributes were written of them in the report.

**Membership** at present stands at: Honorary members 11, life ringing members 22, ringing members 633, representing 87 towers. Compared with last year's ringing membership this is a drop of 16 members, but there are two more towers in union than last year, which is a pleasing feature.

**Finance.**—General Account balance £77 2s. 7d. (£86 1s. 2d. last year). Bell Restoration Fund balance £327 8s. 11d. (£293 12s. 5d.). Chester Cathedral Bell Fund £738 8s. 7d. (£681 10s.).

**Performances.**—The total of 174 peals rung in 1967 is nine fewer than the record number rung in 1966, but the statistics showed some pleasing trends. The complete analysis is as follows: Total peals 174 (183 last year), 136 on tower bells (150) and 38 on handbells (33). The people taking part in peals were as follows: 161 resident members (161 last year), 71 non-resident members (91), i.e. the reduction in peals was not due to a reduction in resident members taking part. There were 29 first-pealers (33 last year) and 68 rang a peal in a new method or methods (73). There were 38 conductors (42), three of whom conducted their first peal (3).

Peals of particular note were those rung for the 600th anniversary of Malpas Church and the first peal of Major by the local band at Marple. The first peal in 24 Surprise Maximus methods was rung for the Guild, and peals by members of the Guild were rung at Liverpool Cathedral and Inveraray. A Guild band rang four peals of Surprise Royal in one day at Loughborough Bell Foundry, three were for the Guild and one for the 21st anniversary of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. On handbells, the first peals of Spiced Surprise Major and Royal had been rung in 1967 for the Guild, also the longest peal of Royal on handbells, 19,260 changes, which, incidentally, is the longest peal (in time) to be rung on handbells.

### NEW MASTER

Mr. Alexander Martin was elected as Master of the Guild and then took the chair for the remainder of the meeting. Mr. Martin thanked the retiring Master, Mr. A. R. Elkins, for the excellent way in which he had handled the Guild's affairs during his term of office and he hoped that he would be able to justify his election as Master.

The following officers were then elected: Secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. O. Baker; report secretary, Mr. C. K. Lewis; peal recorder, Mrs. C. K. Lewis; librarian, Mr. A. Whiting, auditor, Mr. S. Jones; Press reporter, Mr. R. B. Smith

The business then continued with a notice of motion for the next Annual Festival; that there would be a general revision of the rules with particular reference to Rule 5 (relating to the Executive) prior to reprinting the rules. A sub-committee had been appointed by the General Committee to undertake this work, but feeling from the floor was that Branch secretaries should be included in this sub-committee and this was finally agreed upon although some thought that the sub-committee would then be unwieldy.

A motion involving the selection of the Guild's Central Council representatives was debated and carried by the 2/3 majority required for a change in a constitutional rule. The effect of this will be that the two re-

presentatives (other than the Master and the general secretary) will in future be elected at the Annual Festival instead of being nominated by each of the seven Branches in turn. Mr. Martin then reported that this year the annual dinner and dance will be held at the Coach and Horses at Moreton on October 12th and the cost would be 27s. 6d. The Annual Festival for 1969 will be held in the Grappenhall Branch, and Mr. M. Thompson announced that this would be centred at Lymm on May 10th. The annual dinner-dance in 1969 will be held at the Mollington Banastre Hotel, Chester, and Mr. Baker has already booked the room.

There followed a short discussion regarding a permanent memorial to the late Master, Mr. John Worth. Mr. Martin said that one of the new bells in Chester Cathedral would be dedicated to his memory, but a more personal and permanent memorial would be a badge of office for the Master, bearing his name. Mr. Martin was given the general approval of the meeting to obtain designs and probable costs of such a badge. Proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks to all concerned with the arrangements for the festival.

The above proceedings were held in two sessions, the first before the service, and the second for a short time immediately after tea. The service at All Saints', Hoole, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. B. Martin, who also preached an interesting sermon. Tea followed the service and all were well catered for. Ringing at Hoole and various other towers in the area continued from 5.45 p.m. onwards before ringers started to make their various ways home after a busy but enjoyable day. R. B. S.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE RINGING COURSE

Following the apparent success of recent District meetings catering specially for ringers at the rounds and call change stage, it was felt by several Association members that learners in this category might benefit further from a more formal and intensive course on the "Lumley" basis. Accordingly, the Ringing Master was asked to investigate the possibilities and, if the demand warranted it, to promote a suitable programme. An initial inquiry showed that there was little or no interest in a full-day course at Lumley Castle, but a further suggestion for a half-day event proved sufficiently popular to make this proposition worthwhile and arrangements were put in hand for a course of this nature at Chester-le-Street Parish Church on April 20th.

Tuition was provided for in two separate streams—Class A for the round ringer wishing to study first steps in change ringing, and Class B for the ringer at the plain hunting stage seeking an understanding of elementary method ringing. In all, 36 students were registered for the course, with numbers fairly balanced between classes, and there was representation from 10 of our affiliated belfries.

The Ringing Master invited three of the Association's up-and-coming young men to act as tutors for the day. Jim Crowther, of Whickham, undertook responsibility for Class A, while Rodney Yeates and Andrew Craddock, of St. George's, Jesmond, directed Class B. Assistance for practical belfry exercises and demonstrations was provided by volunteers from the "old brigade" of instructors.

As usual on these occasions, time was our great enemy and, in order to provide as much variety as possible for alternate classroom and

tower instruction, each class was allotted eight 45-minute sessions, four in the afternoon and four in the evening after tea. The close proximity of tower and church hall at Chester-le-Street allowed transfer of classes to proceed smoothly.

Jim Crowther began in Class A with a visit to the tower for a sifting of students' handling and striking abilities, and after pointing out a variety of faults proceeded with alternate practical and classroom exercises in the rudiments of change ringing from four to six bells. By the end of the day most students were attempting plain hunting with an understanding of purpose and in some cases with considerable success.

Rodney Yeates introduced the first half of Class B with a theoretical session, demonstrating graphically the development of plain hunting to Plain Bob Minimus and Doubles and the essence of rhythmic striking by holding up and cutting in. Belfry exercises in hunting and dodging then followed and further sessions in class and tower elaborated the principles for ringing Bob Doubles. After tea, the second half was directed by Andrew Craddock, who extended the studies to the pricking of Bob Minor together with the effect of bobs and singles. Further belfry exercises enabled students to gain experience in ringing the method.

In a full assembly at the conclusion of classes, the Ringing Master recorded acknowledgments to all who had contributed to the organisation of the course—the Rector of Chester-le-Street, who had placed all facilities at our disposal; the ladies under Mrs. D. A. Bayles, who had provided the sumptuous tea; and all tutors and assistants who had given their time and experience. K. A.

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### IN BEAUTIFUL MONMOUTH

Above the almost deserted A.48, on a little hilltop, stands the Castle of Penhow, one of the few castles still inhabited! Tucked away behind this charming castle is the Church of St. John the Baptist, its hillside churchyard bathed on May 11th in sunshine and carpeted with buttercups and daisies.

To this delightful spot came many ringers for the Monmouth Branch meeting, with their friends, children and babies, all to enjoy something—either the six sweet little bells, the spring sunshine, the friendship or the joys of making daisy chains! Later, all gathered inside to fill the church for an inspiring service, taken by the Rector (the Rev. Francis Kear). Linda Weekes, a Penhow ringer, read the lesson, and her grandmother, Mrs. D. Weekes, played the organ.

Afterwards all packed the tiny Church Hall for tea: the register of attendance never did get round and the throng seemed never static enough to count! So the number attending proved a mystery until one of the "tea ladies" said that 74 cups had been put out and all were used! So, near that number tucked into an excellent tea.

The business was, luckily, brief, and the Rector a good chairman. One new member was elected from Penhow, five from Mathern and one from Monmouth. News was given of the dedication of the rehanging bells at Grosmont on June 30th at 2.30 p.m. Trevechin was mentioned for the next meeting on July 11th.

Ringling on the six bells continued under the direction of the Master (Mr. Richard Stewart) until late in the evening, when dusk fell and the little hilltop was left once more to the bleating of the sheep and their snow-white lambs. J. S. K.

### BROMHAM AND GOLDINGTON OUTING

In recent years the ringers of Bromham and Goldington, Bedfordshire, have joined forces and planned some very successful outings, and the one which took place on May 11th, jointly organised by Jim Edwards and Derek Hammond, was certainly no exception.

First stop was at the charmingly situated church at Old Wolverton, where Mr. G. F. Eales was waiting to welcome us; the six bells were much enjoyed.

Next, Northamptonshire, and first the delightful eight at Wicken, where we were received by Mr. G. E. Green. The bells are a joy to ring, and Stedman Triples went with a smooth rhythm that made us want to stay longer than the scheduled hour, but a very enjoyable high tea en route to Nether Heyford took away the last pangs of remorse!

The village of Nether Heyford possesses much "olde worlde" charm, and we enjoyed the fine ring of six bells, too, but were sorry to find that Mr. N. H. Collins was suffering from influenza, though his able deputy did a good job.

Finally came the magnificent recently-rehung six at Floore, where we were met by Mr. R. Fonge. The bells leave no excuse for bad striking, and everything from rounds to London went with a majestic swing—even Single Court was successful!

But ringers do not think of bells only, and beer, with fish and chips, at Northampton completed the programme!

Sincere thanks to incumbents, organisers and all who helped to make this trip such an enjoyable one. A. E. R.

### A MID-CORNWALL FESTIVAL

Nineteen teams, representing seven different towers or groups, took part in the Spring Festival of the Mid-Cornwall Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild at St. Columb Major on May 11th. The judge, Mr. N. C. Manhire, of Roche, complimented the teams on their greatly-improved standard, which excelled that of any Guild festival he had ever attended. There were three separate tests—round ringing off the stays, change ringing off the stays, and a rise, changes and fall.

In all, nine first-class, seven second-class and three third-class certificates were awarded. As might be expected, a team from the home tower, St. Columb Major, took the honour of having rung the best peal of the day, in the second test, and Mr. Manhire awarded them a first-class certificate "plus."

Those taking part, with results, were: St. Columb (three 1sts and two 2nds), Truro Branch (Cathedral, Kenwyn and St. Kea combined) (two 1sts and one 3rd), St. Austell (one 1st and one 3rd), Tywardreath (two 1sts and two 2nds), Bodmin (one 1st and one 2nd), Helston (one 2nd), Veryan (one 2nd and one 3rd). The timekeeper was Mr. H. Lander (St. Stephen's), the secretary of the Mid-Cornwall Branch, Mr. John Purdey (St. Austell) was the recorder, and the captain and secretary of the St. Columb tower (Messrs. Alan and Michael Rodliffe) made the arrangements.

The Rector of St. Columb (Canon A. Gordon Cooke) welcomed the visitors and conducted the Guild Office, which was sung by the Parish Church choir. The organist was Mr. C. E. Lanson, of Truro, a vice-president of the Guild. Mr. Alan Carveth, president of the Guild, together with the secretary, Mr. Anthony Davidson, and the Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. Anthony Lock, took part in the ringing.

### CHESHIRE RHYMES

Two Cheshire bell rhymes of the last century are forwarded to us by Christopher J. Eden, of West Kirby.

F From faults observe you ringers well.  
R Ring true and don't dare turn your bell.  
O On each default by him that's made  
D Down sixpence surely shall be paid.  
S Swear not in this most sacred place  
H Here come not but with aweful grace:  
A And whoe'er rings with spur or hat  
M Must sixpence pay or forfeit that.

D Dare not to come to this sacred place  
A All you good ringers, but in aweful grace.  
R Ring not with hat nor spurs, no insolence.  
E Each one that does, for every such offence  
S Shall forfeit hat or spurs or twelve pence.  
B But who disturbs a peal, the same offender  
U Unto the box his sixpence shall down tender.

R Rules such, no doubt in every church are used.

Y You and your bells, that may not be abused.

### SCHOOLBOY PROMISE FULFILLED

The Rev. O. J. Aisbitt, who has recently been inducted as Vicar of Cleckheaton, Yorks, went to school with Alan Ainsworth on Tyne-side. Alan was then just starting on his ringing career and promised that when his friend got a church with bells he (Alan) would ring a peal for him. The promise was fulfilled on May 19th.

### NORTHERN RINGERS GO NORTH

The Northern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association covers the whole of Northumberland, an area (ringing-wise) roughly triangular in shape bounded on the south by the River Tyne, up the coast from Tynemouth to Bamburgh, then across country to Allen-dale.

As with most Associations, an attempt is made to hold a District meeting at every ringable tower in the District, and the towers at Embleton and Bamburgh were visited this year on May 4th. A bus was laid on and 34 ringers and friends joined it at Newcastle and had a most enjoyable run via Morpeth up the beautiful Northumbrian coast to Embleton. The delightful little church stands back from the road and the belfry is reached by a unique wrought iron spiral staircase. An hour was all the time we could spend here so the ropes changed hands quickly as everyone who wanted to had a pull.

Tea was waiting at Bamburgh, some seven miles further up the coast, so after a quick look at the Vicarage, part of which is an old Pele Tower, the bus filled again and half an hour later the meal was being enjoyed. After tea three young members of the local band escorted the visitors to St. Aidan's Church, overlooking the sea, where the bells, which were already raised, were soon going, and the tone and "go" of the eight (tenor 14 cwt) was much appreciated. There was a wide choice of ringing from rounds to Surprise Major.

Eight o'clock was the time scheduled for leaving; goodbyes were said, the last stragglers climbed on board and, just before getting under way, the chairman of the District thanked the secretary for organising the trip. An uneventful run back to Newcastle concluded a most successful outing. S. H.

### ARCHBISHOP SIMON HONOURED BY SON

Previous to the start of the quarter peal at Llandaff Cathedral to mark the election of the Rt. Rev. Glyn Simon, Bishop of Llandaff, as Archbishop of Wales, Dr. Simon visited the ringing room, where his son, Nicholas W. H. Simon, was about to conduct the attempt. During his term of office as Dean of Llandaff the Archbishop was responsible for the rehanging of the Cathedral bells and encouraged the formation of a young local band. Undoubtedly this is the first occasion that a ringer has conducted a peal or quarter peal to mark his father's election as Archbishop.

### BURGHCLERE DOUBLES

As a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Stradling, of Burghclere, a peal of Burghclere Doubles was selected. This Doubles method was composed by Mr. David Pepworth, formerly of Burghclere. It is on the same principle as Ascension Doubles with the calls made after the treble has led. Both have been rung in multi-method peals, but Ascension has yet to be rung to a full peal, although a quarter peal was rung by an all-Burghclere band on Ascension Day five years ago, conducted by the composer.

Three Burghclere ringers rang in Burghclere Doubles, Marion Gosling ringing her first peal exceptionally well.



## TOWER BELL PEALS

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WEST BUCKLAND, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin and the Holy Trinity.

On Ascension Day, May 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 42 methods/variations, being 42 extents, one extent each of Stedman, Union, Stedman Slow Course, Coxwell Place, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, Kennington, Old, April Day, Seighford, May Day, Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Columb, Cliford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Royston, St. Simon, St. Albans, Cassington, Eynsham, Elford, St. Ignatius, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Leonard, Austrey, Churchill, St. Giles, St. Nicholas, St. Thomas, Lapley, Shreshill, Heyford, St. Miles, Winchendon Place, St. Luke, St. John, Ryton, Chilton. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

Mervyn R. Arscott .. .. Treble	Keith E. Beale .. .. 4
Arthur H. Reed .. .. 2	*Raymond F. Arscott .. 5
Robert Parker .. .. 3	*Leslie H. Arscott .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.

\* 25th peal together. Most methods/variations to a peal by all the band.

Rung for Ascension Day.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARTHOMLEY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Bertholine.

On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

David J. Midgley .. .. Treble	Gerald Parsons .. .. 5
Norman Sherratt .. .. 2	Ivor R. Nichols .. .. 6
Felicity Ashford .. .. 3	*Richard C. L. Brown .. 7
Raymond J. Ballard .. .. 4	Roy Worrall .. .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

\* 100th peal. First peal on London on the bells.

KIDSGROVE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5021 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

6th place bobs. Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb.

William H. Dowse .. .. Treble	Felicity Ashford .. .. 5
Norman Sherratt .. .. 2	David J. Midgley .. .. 6
*Derek F. Yates .. .. 3	*Ivor R. Nichols .. .. 7
Gerald Parsons .. .. 4	Roy Worrall .. .. Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

\* First peal in the method.

CONGLETON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Fri., May 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Norman Sherratt .. .. Treble	David J. Midgley .. .. 5
Roy Worrall .. .. 2	Basil Jones .. .. 6
Felicity Ashford .. .. 3	Frank Morton .. .. 7
Derek F. Yates .. .. 4	Jeffrey Brannan .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

Fastest peal on the bells.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Mon., May 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Peter C. Randall .. .. Treble	John F. Thorne .. .. 5
Frederick R. Shallcross .. 2	Robert W. Sherriff .. .. 6
Ian C. Munn .. .. 3	John H. Fielden .. .. 7
Maryl R. Fielden .. .. 4	Maurice C. Hughes .. .. Tenor

Composed by R. Baldwin. Conducted by Frederick R. Shallcross.

Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. Smith.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

WILFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 7 cwt. 18 lb. in A.

George A. Dawson .. .. Treble	Simon Humphrey .. .. 3
Elizabeth J. Foster .. .. 2	Christopher P. Starbuck .. 4
John R. Pratchett .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

Rung as a compliment to Joan, Peter and Dennis Beresford for 21 years' peal ringing.

## THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SHEPSHED, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.

On Thurs., May 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Melvyn A. Rose .. .. Treble	Denis R. Carlisle .. .. 5
Brian A. Tomlinson .. .. 2	Michael J. Fellows .. .. 6
Rev. R. D. St. John Smith .. 3	A. Colin Banton .. .. 7
Gordon A. Halls .. .. 4	David W. Friend .. .. Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

ELLASTONE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in F.

Clive A. Thrower .. .. Treble	David R. Chambers .. 4
Thelma E. Staples .. .. 2	Burley P. Morris .. .. 5
Susan E. Thompson .. .. 3	*A. Colin Banton .. .. Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

\* 50th peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

BASLOW, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Anne.

On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

Graham Newman .. .. Treble	*Andrew Else .. .. 4
*Lawrence Gascoyne .. .. 2	Rev. R. D. St. John Smith .. 5
Susan E. Davis .. .. 3	Timothy Wylie .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Rev. R. D. St. John Smith.

\* First peal in three methods. 50th peal as conductor on tower bells.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

THORVERTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.

On Wed., May 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

6th observation. Tenor 17 cwt.

Charles P. Yates .. .. Treble	Sydney F. Skinner .. .. 5
Frank D. Mack .. .. 2	D. Roy Bould .. .. 6
Derek Jewell .. .. 3	Frederick Wreford .. .. 7
Martin F. Lock .. .. 4	John N. Longridge .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by D. Roy Bould.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE, Northumberland.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

Kenneth Lawson .. .. Treble	*Dennis G. Blows .. .. 7
*Enid Lawson .. .. 2	*Thomas M. Cox .. .. 8
John E. Anderson .. .. 3	*Thomas Cooke .. .. 9
*Janet Warwick .. .. 4	George S. Deas .. .. 10
*Ann Lawson .. .. 5	Roland Park .. .. 11
Fred Hodgson .. .. 6	Philip H. Toccock .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Philip H. Toccock.

\* First peal of Maximus.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Stephen.

On Wed., May 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in A.

Julia A. Fellows .. .. Treble	A. Stephen Taylor .. .. 4
*Roderick K. Bickerton .. 2	Peter T. Dale .. .. 5
Brian J. Woodruffe .. .. 3	Frank M. Byrne .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter T. Dale.

\* First peal.

Rung in memoriam Peter Laffin, of Stockport, Cheshire, who was known by the ringers of 2, 3 and 5.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Fri., May 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's variation. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Trevor A. Cross .. .. Treble	Herbert E. Audsley .. .. 5
Arthur G. Mason .. .. 2	John W. Smith .. .. 6
Dennes Randall .. .. 3	Frederick J. Cullum .. .. 7
Ernest J. Ladd .. .. 4	James T. Stevens .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Herbert E. Audsley.

ASHFORD, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In seven methods, comprising 768 each of Cambridge, London, Pudsev, Rutland and Superlative, 640 Bristol and 576 Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

Arthur S. Richards .. .. Treble	Ralph Bird .. .. 5
Margaret E. Oram .. .. 2	Thomas Cullingworth .. .. 6
Ian H. Oram .. .. 3	Tony Lewis .. .. 7
Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 4	Stanley Jenner .. .. Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

First peal of seven-spliced on the bells.



## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CUDHAM, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Fri., May 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.

Richard Hayes .. .. Treble	John Pladdys .. .. 5
Judith M. Corby .. .. 2	John A. Howard .. .. 6
Lucile M. Corby .. .. 3	Tony Lewis .. .. 7
*Derek Slater .. .. 4	Philip A. Corby .. .. Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

\* First peal in the method.

WYE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Gregory and Martin.

On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 3 Hours

## A PEAL OF 5184 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in D.

Peter M. Wilkinson .. .. Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski .. .. 5
Derek Slater .. .. 2	John A. Howard .. .. 6
Judith M. Corby .. .. 3	Trevor A. Cross .. .. 7
Richard Hayes .. .. 4	Tony Lewis .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. Poyner.

Conducted by Richard Hayes.

First peal in the method by all the band.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Thurs., May 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 BURSLEM DELIGHT MINOR

Four different extents and a 2,160.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

Judith M. Corby .. .. Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan .. .. 4
Jennifer L. Quaife .. .. 2	Richard Hayes .. .. 5
John Pladdys .. .. 3	Tony Lewis .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.

First peal in the method by all the band. John Pladdys has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

PETHAM, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., May 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. in B.

James Hedgcock .. .. Treble	Richard A. Birch .. .. 4
Elizabeth Todd .. .. 2	Cyril W. J. Beeching .. .. 5
Pamela E. Powell .. .. 3	Rachel J. Sinden .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Cyril W. J. Beeching.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret.

On Fri., May 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

On the "Margaret" eight.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.

John Bramley .. .. Treble	Philip A. Mason .. .. 5
*Alastair M. Elliot .. .. 2	†Martin Green .. .. 6
Monica M. Jelley .. .. 3	John M. Jelley .. .. 7
Malcolm E. Wade .. .. 4	R. Kingsley Mason .. .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

\* First peal of London Surprise Major. † 100th peal. First peal of London Surprise on the bells.

BURBAGE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Catherine.

On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

John E. Cook .. .. Treble	*K. Paul Gilliver .. .. 5
John M. Jelley .. .. 2	Michael E. Brown .. .. 6
Roland H. Cook .. .. 3	John Watkins .. .. 7
*Robin A. Gilliver .. .. 4	R. Kingsley Mason .. .. Tenor

Composed by James W. Washbrook.

Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

\* 25th peal together.

OAKHAM, Rutland.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., May 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

Michael T. Stimson .. .. Treble	Ronald J. Hill .. .. 5
*Richard E. Manton .. .. 2	John H. Bluff .. .. 6
*Mrs. Mary Stimson .. .. 3	Roland H. Cook .. .. 7
*Robert Preston .. .. 4	E. Alan Jacques .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. Craven.

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

\* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise.

Rung as a compliment to Canon George Britten. Vicar at Somerby, Leics. for 43 years (his only living), on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

ENDERBY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Wed., May 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Martin Green .. .. Treble	Philip A. Mason .. .. 5
W. Ernest Rawson .. .. 2	John M. Jelley .. .. 6
*Dorothy Mason .. .. 3	Joseph W. Cotton .. .. 7
Monica M. Jelley .. .. 4	R. Kingsley Mason .. .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by John M. Jelley.

\* First peal of London.

SWITHLAND, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Cambridge and Kent T.B. and one each of St. Clement's, Plain Bob and Spliced Kent and Oxford T.B.

*N. Roderick Ellway .. .. Treble	Edward W. Martin .. .. 4
Hazel J. Nichols .. .. 2	Raymond H. Martin .. .. 5
John Hunt .. .. 3	Edward Guy Slater .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.

\* Has now "circled the tower."

Tenor 12½ cwt.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARROWBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., May 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 63 methods/variations: (1) Stedman and Grandsire, (2) New Huntspill and St. Vedast, (3) Hendred, Radlett and St. Breward, (4) St. Merryn, Hadham and Chippenham, (5) St. Modwen, Fairfield and Eling, (6) Winshill, Carlton and Lenton, (7) St. Simon and St. Osmund, (8) St. Albans and St. Ambrose, (9) Eynsham and St. Ninian, (10) Elford and St. Felix, (11) Cassington and St. Patrick, (12) St. Martin, (13) St. Paul, (14) St. Leonard, (15) Austrey, (16) St. Peter, (17) St. Nicholas and St. Remigius, (18) St. Giles and Church Gresley, (19) St. Andrew and Horsley, (20) Sharesill and St. Cleer, (21) St. Thomas and St. Dominica, (22) Winchendon Place, (23) St. Miles, (24) St. John, (25) Ryton, (26) St. Luke, (27) Plain Bob, (28) Kennington, (29) April Day, (30) Seighford, (31) Old, (32) Reverse Canterbury, (33) Southrepps, (34) Clifford's Pleasure, (35) Little Aston, (36) St. Columb, (37) All Saints, (38) Rushall, (39) Marchington, (40) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (41) Northrepps, (42) Fortune.

Frederick W. Pinchbeck .. .. Treble	†Peter A. Slight .. .. 4
Vaughan P. Evans .. .. 2	†Denis A. Frith .. .. 5
*Owen Homewood .. .. 3	Thomas A. Relf .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter A. Slight.

\* First peal in 63 Doubles. † 25th peal together.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Jean M. Collins, of Sutton Coldfield.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., April 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5184 BELFAST SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Joan Beresford .. .. Treble	Frank T. Blagrove .. .. 5
Ruth M. Foreman .. .. 2	G. William Critchley .. .. 6
Claudia A. Critchley .. .. 3	Dennis Knox .. .. 7
Alick Cutler .. .. 4	Thomas J. Lock .. .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by Dennis Knox.

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

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

COLE-ORTON, Leics.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Tues., March 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Arthur E. Rowley .. .. Treble	Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. .. 5
Roland Beniston .. .. 2	E. Frederick Gobey .. .. 6
Richard J. Clifton .. .. 3	Joseph W. Cotton .. .. 7
Robert L. Piron .. .. 4	Derek P. Jones .. .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

OVERSEALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Fri., March 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

Joseph W. Cotton .. .. Treble	William J. V. Conduct .. .. 5
Richard J. Clifton .. .. 2	Ron Hughes .. .. 6
Norman W. Attaway .. .. 3	Arthur E. Rowley .. .. 7
*Sheila Parsons .. .. 4	Derek P. Jones .. .. Tenor

Composed by Sir A. Percival Heywood. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

\* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., April 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 MAURETANIA SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

John K. Smith .. .. Treble	Gordon H. Lane .. .. 5
Richard J. Clifton .. .. 2	Arthur E. Rowley .. .. 6
Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. .. 3	G. Ronald Edwards .. .. 7
Joseph W. Cotton .. .. 4	Derek P. Jones .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler.

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

OVERSEALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Mon., May 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 LUSITANIA SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

Joseph W. Cotton .. .. Treble	Arthur E. Rowley .. .. 5
*Edward R. Fairbrother .. .. 2	*Frank Beech, jun. .. .. 6
Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. .. 3	*F. Frederick Gobey .. .. 7
*John K. Smith .. .. 4	Derek P. Jones .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

\* First peal in the method.



**THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
**DRAYCOTT-IN-THE-MOORS, Staffordshire.**—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES**

Tenor 11 cwt. 25 lb. in F sharp.

*Frederick S. Sutton .. Treble	*Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 5
†Anthony R. Trickett .. 2	*John R. Scott .. .. 6
*A. Doreen Edwards .. 3	Frank R. Morton .. .. 7
Eric Young .. .. 4	William H. Watkin .. Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard.

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

\* First peal of Bob Triples. † First of Triples. First of Bob Triples as conductor.

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
**KING'S LYNN, Norfolk.**—At the Church of St. Margaret.  
 On Sun., May 19, 1968, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

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

Leslie W. Houghton .. Treble	A. F. Ballam .. .. 6
George P. Adams .. 2	C. R. Stannard .. .. 7
Shelagh R. Collins .. 3	John A. Underwood .. 8
Alan G. Feaver .. .. 4	Clifford Bird .. .. 9
George Sayer .. .. 5	Norman V. Harding .. Tenor

Composed by John S. Goldsmith. Conducted by Norman V. Harding.

Rung on Rogation Sunday and as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. Rowland Newson, St. Margaret's tower secretary.

**QUIDENHAM, Norfolk.**—At the Church of St. Andrew.  
 On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

H. William Barrett .. Treble	Henry Tooke .. .. 5
F. Charles Goodman .. 2	Thomas E. Spight .. 6
Nolan Golden .. .. 3	Frank C. J. Arnold .. 7
*Wilfred G. Saunders .. 4	Leslie F. Bailey .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.

\* 200th peal. Mr. Henry Tooke's 500th peal, his first being rung at this tower with the same conductor and composition and Mr. F. Charles Goodman also taking part.

**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**EASTON NESTON, Northants.**—At the Church of St. Mary.  
 On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

Kilby R. Holtom .. .. Treble	Christopher C. Stokes .. 5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 2	Charles E. Truman .. 6
Raymond A. Vickers .. 3	Alan A. Paul .. .. 7
Graham C. Paul .. .. 4	Patrick I. Chapman .. Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

First peal in the method on the bells.

**WARMINGTON, Northants.**—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin.

On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In six methods, being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and St. Clement's, and two extents of Plain Bob.

*Pamela J. Blackith .. Treble	†J. Malcolm Tyler .. 4
Gilbert F. Cowlin .. 2	†John E. David .. .. 5
Alfred Waller .. .. 3	Raymond H. Daw .. Tenor

Conducted by Raymond H. Daw.

\* First peal at first attempt. † First in more than one method and first peal for 18 years. ‡ First of Minor.

Rung to welcome the Rev. T. Wilde as Vicar of Warmington.

**ECTON, Northants.**—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.  
 On Thurs., May 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Tenor 16 cwt. approx.

David Morgan .. .. Treble	Hugh M. Johnson .. 4
J. Malcolm Tyler .. 2	David J. Marshall .. 5
Barry R. Care .. .. 3	*Graham C. Paul .. Tenor

Conducted by David J. Marshall.

\* 300th peal.

Rung for the opening by H.R.H. the Duchess of Gloucester of Ecton House, the Diocesan Retreat Centre.

**PATTISHALL, Northants.**—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Alan A. Paul .. .. Treble	Barrie Hendry .. .. 4
Malcolm J. V. Chown .. 2	Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 5
Graham C. Paul .. .. 3	A. Patrick Cannon .. Tenor

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

**BRACKLEY, Northants.**—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

Being extents of Netherseale, Hull, Carlisle, Munden, Berwick, Norfolk and Hexham.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in F.

Alan A. Paul .. .. Treble	Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 4
Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 2	Roger W. Smith .. .. 5
Barry E. Saunders .. 3	Graham C. Paul .. Tenor

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

**THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

**PENSNETT, Staffordshire.**—At the Church of St. Mark.

On Mon., April 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 8 lb.

*Christopher J. Bennett .. Treble	*Stephen T. Yates .. 5
*Alan J. Fletcher .. .. 2	Philip R. Johnson .. 6
*Gillian Bosworth-Smith .. 3	Philip G. K. Davies .. 7
*S. Geoffrey Pick .. .. 4	Richard B. Dorrington .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

\* First peal of Kent.

**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(And the Society of Sherwood Youths)

**NOTTINGHAM.**—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

Richard S. Starkie .. Treble	Simon Humphrey .. 6
R. Brian Mills .. .. 2	George A. Dawson .. 7
William L. Exton .. .. 3	John R. Pratchett .. 8
Dennis Frith .. .. 4	Ian V. J. Smith .. .. 9
Christopher P. Starbuck .. 5	D. Roy Bould .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. Pye.

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

Rung as a compliment to Christopher P. Starbuck and Jennie Brown upon their engagement.

First peal of Surprise Royal as conductor. First of Royal in the method, on the bells, for the Guild and in the county.

**CODDINGTON, Nottinghamshire.**—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 12 lb. in B flat.

Paul Raithby .. .. Treble	Beryl N. Reed .. .. 4
*Derick E. Kirton .. .. 2	Colin W. Reed .. .. 5
*Keith C. Vernon .. .. 3	Derek J. Tysoc .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Colin W. Reed.

\* First peal in more than one method.

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

**DEBENHAM, Sussex.**—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.

On Tues., May 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Middleton's Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.

Walter W. Miller .. Treble	Ernest G. Pearce .. 5
Muriel R. Page .. .. 2	John W. Blythe .. .. 6
Leslie G. Brett .. .. 3	William J. Button .. 7
Cecil W. Pipe .. .. 4	George W. Pipe .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.

Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to a fine ringer, Peter Lafin, in this his native tower. The band wish to associate with this peal Walter and Frank Ruffles, late Debenham company, who were unable to take part.

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## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

SAXMUNDHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.  
On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's and Kent T.B. and two extents of Plain Bob.

J. Martin Thorley .. .. Treble	James Thorley .. .. 4
Katharine M. Thorley .. .. 2	Stephen Bedford .. .. 5
Peter S. Bedford .. .. 3	Vernon Bedford .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

The ringer of the third has now "circled the tower" for the second time.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

PUTNEY, London.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

*John Oakshott .. .. Treble	Rev. Michael Hart .. .. 5
†Jill P. Oakshott .. .. 2	‡Peter J. Munday .. .. 6
Alison M. Mann .. .. 3	§Christopher F. Mew .. .. 7
‡Tony Skilton .. .. 4	Alan E. Bagworth .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Christopher H. Mew.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Surprise "inside." ‡ First of Yorkshire. § 100th peal for the Association.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Extents 1—10, 15—24, 29—38 Grandsire and 11—14, 25—28, 39—42 Plain Bob.

Barry J. Vitler .. .. Treble	Harold G. F. Reynolds .. .. 4
*Susan M. Harrison .. .. 2	Alan R. Baldock .. .. 5
*J. Michael Swift .. .. 3	Ronald A. Vitler .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.

\* First peal in more than one method.

HEVER, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Fri., May 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Seven extents in 11 methods, as follows: (1) Beverley, Cambridge and Surfleet Surprise and Burslem Delight. (2) Childwall and St. Clement's Bob. (3) Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob. (4) Oxford T.B. (5) Kent T.B. (6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Derek Slater .. .. Treble	Maurice Thompson .. .. 4
Valerie J. Howard .. .. 2	John A. Howard .. .. 5
Judith M. Corby .. .. 3	Richard Hayes .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURGHCLERE, Hampshire.—At the Church of the Ascension.

On Tues., May 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 BURGHCLERE DOUBLES

Tenor 7 cwt.

David Goss .. .. Treble	†Robert B. Crocker .. .. 4
*Marion Gosling .. .. 2	Geoffrey K. Dodd .. .. 5
Michael J. Goss .. .. 3	Bernard Doe .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

\* First peal † 50th peal. First peal ever rung in this method. Rung for the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Stradling. Mrs. Stradling being a past ringer at this church.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CLECKHEATON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John.

On Sun., May 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Odd-bob five-part. Tenor 10 cwt.

Jeanne E. Bottomley .. Treble	Frederick A. Munday .. .. 5
Wilfrid F. Moreton .. .. 2	W. Eric Critchley .. .. 6
Vernon Bottomley .. .. 3	J. Alan Ainsworth .. .. 7
*John M. Ineson .. .. 4	Douglas Carruthers .. .. Tenor

Composed by Brian D. Price. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

\* First peal in the method at first attempt (aged 10). Rung as a welcome to the Vicar, Rev. O. J. Aisbitt, inducted May 13th, 1968.

WRAGBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and Our Lady.

On Wed., May 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Sandal, London Scholars, Kingston, Oxford, Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

*Gail Cater .. .. Treble	Rev. Nicholas Webb .. .. 4
*Robert Cater .. .. 2	Trevor Tarbatt .. .. 5
Christopher A. Moxon .. 3	Wilfrid F. Moreton .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

\* First peal of Minor.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLASTON, Cheshire.—At 4, Coppice Road.

On Sun., April 21, 1968, in 1 Hour and 33 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5280 DOUBLES

In 22 methods/variations, being two extents each of Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Tredington, Preston, Thrumpton, All Saints', Rushall, Marchington, Rev. Canterbury, Cliford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Wychbold, Little Aston, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Kennington, Dedworth and Seighford.

Geoffrey A. Edwards .. .. 1-2	*John R. Scott (cond.) .. 3-4
*Frank R. Morton .. .. 5-6	

\* 125th peal together.

WILLASTON, near Nantwich, Cheshire.—At 4, Coppice Road.

On Sun., May 12, 1968, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor size 18 in G.
Geoffrey A. Edwards .. .. 1-2	John R. Scott .. .. 3-4
Frank R. Morton (cond.) .. 5-6	

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At Churchfields.

On Sun., May 19, 1968, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor size 18 in A.
Geoffrey A. Edwards .. .. 1-2	John R. Scott .. .. 3-4
Frank R. Morton (cond.) .. 5-6	

## THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SAWLEY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., May 16, 1968, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.	Tenor size 12 in F.
John S. Harrison .. .. 1-2	Alec Humphrey .. .. 3-4
David J. Marshall (cond.) .. 5-6	

DERBY, Derbyshire.—At Friarsfield, 5, Peet Street.

On Mon., May 20, 1968, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1 and 2) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (3 and 4) St. Clement's and Childwall, (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Geoffrey Bridges .. .. 1-2	Michael J. Fellows .. .. 3-4
A. Colin Banton (cond.) .. 5-6	

The conductor's 100th peal.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At 15, Harford Drive.

On Mon., May 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1-2	Roger Baldwin .. .. 5-6
Brian J. Woodruffe .. .. 3-4	Martyn L. J. Jordan .. .. 7-8

Composed by Simon Humphrey.

Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

First peal in the method on handbells by all the band.

HARPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At 81, Overstone Road.

On Wed., May 15, 1968, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor size 15 in C.
A. Stephen Taylor .. .. 1-2	Julia A. Fellows .. .. 3-4
Roger D. R. Brown (cond.) .. 5-6	

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STONEY STANTON, Leicestershire.—At 2, Church Street.

On Tues., May 14, 1968, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor size 11 in G.
John Vernon .. .. 1-2	Geoffrey N. Goodall .. .. 3-4
Alfred Ballard (cond.) .. 5-6	

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrooke Lane.

On Tues., May 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*Paul N. Mounsey .. .. 1-2	Harry Poyner .. .. 5-6
Margaret A. Parker .. .. 3-4	Geoffrey R. Parker .. .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by Harry Poyner.

\* First peal of Major.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHAPEL ALLERTON, Yorkshire.—At 5, Toronto Place.

On Sun., May 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor size 10 in A.
Ronald R. Warford (cond.) .. 1-2	Ronald J. Snack .. .. 3-4
Margaret Warford .. .. 5-6	



## DATE TOUCHES

**BRIDGWATER, SOM.**—On May 14th, 1,968 Plain Bob Major: A. Kent 1, M. Stone 2, R. Woodward 3, G. Nabb 4, C. Clarke 5, G. Marchant 6, P. K. Williamson 7, R. Short (cond.) 8. First date touch by all except the conductor. First "long length" on eight by 1 and 4.

**PETERBOROUGH.**—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on May 12th, 1,968 Plain Bob Major: Gladys Munsey 1, H. Goakes 2, Katharine Gorvin 3, B. J. Branstion 4, J. M. Tyler 5, F. T. Boyall 6, J. H. Bluff 7, R. H. Daw (cond.) 8. Longest length 1 and 3. First date touch for all. For morning service, at which the Bishop of Peterborough dedicated a new stained glass window.

**BARTON ST. DAVID, SOM.**—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. D. G. Mayell 1, Miss S. A. Mayell (first Minor "inside") 2, D. G. Mayell 3, A. Callow 4, L. A. England 5, F. J. White (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Mayell on their wedding anniversary.

**BETHERSDEN, KENT.**—On May 19th, 1,320 Bob Minor: Elizabeth Stewart 1, Violet Relf 2, J. E. Spree 3, W. W. Ring (cond.) 4, E. Clifton 5, G. Stewart 6. For Confirmation.

**BEXLEY, KENT.**—On May 11th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: Anne Barber 1, N. J. Davies 2, A. P. S. Berry 3, F. Richardson 4, H. Deacon 5, P. C. Sinden 6, C. J. E. Wyld 7, B. Johnson (cond.) 8. First in method by all except 2nd.

**BLUNSDON, WILTS.**—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Anne Ford 1, D. Naylor 2, J. Vincent 3, W. H. Trueman 4, E. W. Ford (cond.) 5, H. Ball 6. For Confirmation service.

**BRISTOL.**—At Christ Church, on Jan. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. Plum 1, Christine Webb 2, Elizabeth M. Emmett 3, Mandi McCallion 4, J. Stalard 5, A. N. Brock 6, Gillian M. Brearley 7, M. J. Platt (cond.) 8, M. Gibbey 9, P. N. Murgatroyd 10. Rung by U.B.S.C.R. for Evensong.

**BURWELL, CAMBS.**—On May 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: G. Orbell 1, Mrs. R. J. Palmer 2, R. J. W. Housden 3, P. G. Goodwin 4, M. Brown 5, R. J. Palmer (cond.) 6, A. M. Barber 7, C. F. Sargent 8. First of Triples 4 and 5.

**CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.**—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Haywood 1, J. Roe 2, W. G. Soar 3, D. P. Jones (cond.) 4, D. Perry 5. For Patronal Festival (St. George's Day).

**DEVIZES, WILTS.**—At St. Mary's, on May 9th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): Janet Pink 1, R. Fisher 2, Pamela Osborne 3, B. Osborne 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, P. Barrett 6. Half-muffled in memory of Mr. Henry Gummer, whose funeral took place earlier this day.

**ELSTREE, HERTS.**—On May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Wilcocks 1, G. H. Foster 2, Susan Farnes 3, Frances Dodds 4, Corinna Smith 5, Thelma-Lynn Willis (cond.) 6.

**ERITH, KENT.**—On May 11th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Anne Barber 1, C. J. E. Wyld 2, P. Richardson 3, B. Johnson 4, P. C. Sinden 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6, A. P. S. Berry 7, H. Deacon 8.

**HOLLOWAY, LONDON.**—At St. Mary Magdalene Church, on May 12th, 1,260 Grandairs Triples: Sheila J. Robinson 1, Eleanor Hough 2, Doreen A. Deverell 3, Jane Hough 4, K. R. Tompsett 5, R. Amos 6, A. W. Turner (cond.) 7, F. Akers 8. First quarter 1, 5. An 80th birthday compliment to the conductor.

**HUGGLESCOTE, LEICS.**—On May 4th, 1,568 Huntingdon Surprise Major: H. O. Over 1, M. M. Jelley 2, W. E. Rawson 3, M. Green 4, J. M. Jelley (cond.) 5, A. M. Lindsey 6, R. H. Cook 7, R. K. Mason 8. Rung on the first anniversary of the Vicar's induction.

**HUNTINGTON, YORK.**—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandairs Doubles: N. Hildred 1, Susan E. Thompson 2, Susan Mitchell 3, Lynne I. Clowe 4, A. C. Banton (cond.) 5, B. J. Seymour 6. For Confirmation service.

**LONDON, W.C.**—At St. Clement Danes', on May 19th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: T. Lewia 1, E. J. Ladd 2, Miss J. Quaffe 3, M. H. O'Callaghan 4, P. J. Simmonds 5, K. Rider 6, Miss D. Colgate 7, P. W. Cave 8, J. W. Smith (cond.) 9, P. J. Spice 10. First in method 3, 5. For Evensong.

**LOUGHTON, ESSEX.**—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandairs Triples: H. Corney 1, Miss E. M. Ottaway 2, E. W. Broom 3, Miss G. E. Perry 4, K. S. Gardiner 5, F. W. Tomlin (cond.) 6, C. A. Ottaway 7, J. P. Bowen 8. First quarter 3, 8. For Rogation Day.

**MOTTISFONT, HANTS.**—On May 6th, 1,320 Doubles (22 meth./var.): D. C. Jackson (cond.) 1, W. R. Gilks 2, R. H. Roberts 3, T. Marcham 4, R. Allinson 5.

## QUARTER PEALS

**NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS.**—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandairs Triples: T. M. Evans 1, Jane Dando 2, N. G. Hughes 3, R. W. T. Slack (first Triples "inside") 4, L. A. Tremere 5, B. R. M. Johnson (first Triples as cond.) 6, A. J. Mason 7, A. M. Donaldson 8. First of Triples 3, 8. A birthday compliment to the Rev. R. S. Hornby, retiring chairman of the Winchester District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

**NEWINGTON, KENT.**—On May 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandairs, Plain Bob): Mrs. A. Eastmead 1, A. Binstead 2, R. A. Birch 3, A. Eastmead 4, K. D. Butler (cond.) 5, R. J. Birch 6. First Stedman for all.

**ORDSALL, NOTTS.**—On May 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Butler (first Doubles) 1, C. M. Wright 2, Linda M. Wilkinson 3, R. Rogers (cond.) 4, J. W. Hurst (first Doubles) 5. Rung half-muffled in memorial Rt. Hon. F. J. Bellenger, M.P., member for Basselaw from 1935, buried this day.

**OKHAM, RUTLAND.**—On May 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. J. Hill 1, Mrs. M. Stimson 2, M. T. Stimson 3, L. Anon 4, V. Chamberlain 5, J. H. Bluff 6, R. H. Cook (cond.) 7, R. Hoy 8. For the induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. A. D. Lowry-Corry.

**OXFORD.**—At the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. R. Pink 1, C. Coles 2, P. H. Mackie 3, A. J. Adams 4, D. C. Woodward 5, A. Gammon 6, R. A. Post 7, P. J. Heritage (cond.) 8. Rung before Evensong on the 40th anniversary of Mr. Richard Post's first peal.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—At the Church of St. Peter, on May 19th, 1,344 P.B. Major: Thelma-Lynn Willis (cond.) 1, Heather Darvill 2, Frances Dodds 3, C. Forster 4, H. V. Frost 5, J. E. Ewer 6, J. D. Duggan 7, K. J. Darvill 8. For Evensong.

**SAWLEY, DERBYS.**—On May 19th, 1,320 Oxford T.B. Minor: Mrs. N. Marshall 1, W. Simpson 2, W. Barwell 3, J. Harvey 4, D. Marshall 5, A. Humphrey (cond.) 6. First in method for all.

**SEVENOAKS, KENT.**—On May 13th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: W. J. Manning 1, Miss J. M. Corby 2, Mrs. L. M. Corby 3, P. J. Simmonds 4, Miss D. E. Colgate 5, R. T. Pankhurst 6, A. J. Corby 7, P. A. Corby (cond.) 8. First in the method 4 and 6.

**SHEBBEAR, DEVON.**—On May 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. S. Brimcombe (first quarter) 1, A. N. Hine 2, R. H. Toop 3, P. R. Denton (first as cond.) 4, J. L. Queen 5, T. C. Hine (first quarter) 6. Also on May 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: G. R. Heal (first quarter) 1, J. L. Queen 2, R. H. Toop 3, P. R. Denton 4, A. N. Hine (first as cond.) 5, A. L. Hooper (first quarter) 6. For Matins.

**SHIRLEY, WARKS.**—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Diane Clack (first Minor) 1, V. H. Nash 2, C. Baugh 3, N. Smith (first Minor) 4, E. Lloyd 5, D. H. Walters (cond.) 6.

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**SOBERTON, HANTS.**—On May 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Angela Edwards (first on eight) 1, R. Green 2, Bery J. Daysh 3, L. D. Duguid 4, P. Page 5, T. Hargreaves 6, E. W. Colley (cond.) 7, S. Richards 8.

**STEPNEY, LONDON.**—At St. Dunstan's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. Brown 1, A. Corby 2, Mrs. M. Slater 3, W. Hughes 4, R. Hunt 5, H. Weedon 6, G. King 7, J. Slater 8, T. Bailey 9, J. Phillips 10. First Royal for 1, 4, 7. For Patronal Festival.

**WENTWORTH, YORKS.**—On May 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Cairns 1, R. Nalliah 2, M. R. Meadows 3, A. King 4, M. King (cond.) 5, L. Hallows (first attempt) 6.

**WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.**—On May 17th, 1,440 Cambridge S. Minor: M. R. Reed 1, E. R. Rapley (cond.) 2, F. R. Verrall 3, G. Rix 4, J. Smith 5, C. R. Longhurst 6. In memorial Olive Longhurst, mother of the tenor ringer, aunt of conductor, interred this day.

**WITNEY, OXON.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: D. J. Crump (first quarter) 1, D. K. Adkins (cond.) 2, L. T. Olliffe 3, F. Soden 4, E. J. Hill 5, W. H. Clarke 6, T. J. Hester 7, B. J. Coggins 8. Rung for the induction of the Rector, the Rev. J. H. Cook, M.A., B.Sc.

**WORLE, SOM.**—On March 27th, 1,260 St. Martin's Doubles: H. Kinnar 1, R. Jones 2, S. Lewis 3, J. Coombs 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, W. Kingsbury 6. For the 100th birthday of Mrs. Springfield. Also on May 13th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): S. Lewis 1, G. Prescott (cond.) 2, J. Coombs 3, Miss J. Legg 4, Miss M. Legg 5, W. Kingsbury 6. Rung half-muffled in memorial Mrs. Wheeden.

**YEOVIL, SOM.**—On May 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Caters: R. Fox 1, J. Walton 2, G. Davies 3, T. Marks 4, G. Rendall 5, D. Beaufoy 6, F. G. Sandy (cond.) 7, G. Gaylard 8, H. Gaylard 9, W. E. Turner 10.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

## Southern District's New Secretary

In succession to Mr. M. King, who had resigned, the Southern District at its annual general meeting at Dore on May 18th, elected Mr. J. Seager to succeed him. Mr. T. Tarbutt was elected to the General Committee for three years and Mr. H. Mann for two years. Elected to the Southern District's committee were Messrs. G. Pilkington, R. Carter and R. J. Sanderson.

The vice-president (Mr. M. R. Meadows) was supported by the president (Mr. V. Bottomley) in stating that practice meetings were only being suspended for a short time. They were being revised so that the benefit would be felt by the weak towers.

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## ENGAGEMENT

**SMALLEY—DONOVAN.**—The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Smalley, of Rotherham, and Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Donovan, of Thrybergh, near Rotherham, Yorks. 3082

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Steyning and Little Beeding on Saturday, June 8th. Steyning (8) 3.15, followed by service. Upper Beeding (8) 6.30 to 8.30. Please make own arrangements for tea.—R. Wake, Hon. Sec.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

**DALE.**—Peter T. now resides at 49, Station Road, Harpenden, Herts. Phone 3470. Visitors welcome, especially two or more with handbells. 4057

**KETTERINGHAM.**—From June 1st the address of John R. Ketteringham is 16b, Sutherland Place, Talbot Road, Bayswater, W.2. Tel. 01-405 6977, extn. 0118. 4069

**PRIME.**—From June 7th the address of Dick will be R.A.F., Salalah, B.F.P.O. 66. During this enforced absence of 13 months Pat and the children will be at 36, The Avenue, Halesworth, Suffolk. 4090

**TALBOT.**—The address of Raymond J. Talbot is now Springfield Cottage, Vicarage Road, Marlton, near Paignton, Devon. 4086

**TAYLOR.**—Jim and Jennie Taylor have moved to Vincent House, 7, Farleigh Road, Backwell, Bristol. Tel. Flax Bourton 2826.

## PERSONAL

"He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much."—St. Luke xvi, 10.

H. H. F., W. E. B., J. N. L. June 10th, 1945, Happy Anniversary. 4075

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## MISCELLANEOUS

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leicester District.—Surprise Major practice at Belgrave, Tuesday, June 11th, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Plenty of help for first-timers in Surprise Major.—Ron Hughes. 4046

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Branch.—Surprise Major practice at Gorleston-on-Sea on Tuesday, June 18th, 7.30 p.m. Methods: Cambridge and Yorkshire. All welcome.—N. P. J. C. 4058

## KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK

St. Margaret's Parish Church.

Bellringers' Sunday, June 16th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Special Evensong 6.30 p.m.; preacher, Canon A. G. G. Thurlow. Names for tea to Miss Shelagh Collins, 59, Wootton Road. King's Lynn, will be much appreciated.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome Branch.—The Corporate Communion will be held at Radstock on Sunday, June 9th. Bells 7.15 a.m. Service 8 a.m. Names for breakfast to Mr. F. Carter, Oakhurst, Welton Road, Radstock. 4054

## ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE

### RINGERS' SUNDAY JUNE 16th, 1968

Ringling arrangements:

10.15 a.m. for 11 a.m. Matins.  
5.45 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. Ringers' Evensong. Preacher Rev. D. Sutcliffe.

Ringling and refreshments after service. All welcome. 4064

## EXETER COLLEGES GUILD

Annual Dinner to be held on Tuesday, June 18th, at the Chevalier Tavern, Exeter. All ringers and students (N.B. Southern Universities Association) welcome. Tickets (price £1) available from Angela Hughes, Haldon House, Birks Halls, Exeter. 4055

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## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

### A GARDEN PARTY

will be held at Goosnargh Vicarage on Saturday, June 29th.  
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Cricket match 2.30 p.m.

Tea in the W.I. Hall 4.30 to 5.30 p.m.

### Towers available:

Saxilby (6) .. ..	10.30-11.30 a.m.
Stow (6) .. ..	11.00-12.00
Willingham (6) ..	11.30-12.30 p.m.
Upton (6) .. ..	12.00-1.00 p.m.
Lea (6) .. ..	12.30-1.30 p.m.

Also by arrangement during afternoon.

Belton (6) .. ..	2.00-3.00 p.m.
Owston Ferry (6) ..	2.30-3.30 p.m.
Epworth (8) .. ..	3.15-4.15 p.m.
Huxey (6) .. ..	3.30-4.30 p.m.
Gainsborough (8) ..	6.15-7.15 p.m.
Messingham (6) ..	7.00-8.00 p.m.
Broughton (6) .. ..	7.30-8.30 p.m.
Brigg (6) .. ..	8.00-9.00 p.m.

Names for tea to George L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, not later than Monday, June 24th. Tel. 2623. 4089

**UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.**—A circular giving details of future activities has been sent to all active members whose addresses are known. If you have not received one, please inform: M. C. C. Melville, Hon. Secretary, Rushmoor School, Shakespeare Road, Bedford. 3999

## MEETINGS

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—North West District.—Practice meeting at Hopton (6) on Friday evening June 7th. Bells from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 4014

**DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at Old Brampton, Saturday, June 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, without fail, please, to Mr. J. Arkwell, 296, Brimington Road, Chesterfield. Tel. 78778. — Malcolm Phipps, Sec.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting to be held at the Church of St. Giles, Willenhall, on Saturday, June 8th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. Bells available 6-7.30. Names for tea to R. Edwards, 4 Silver Avenue, Highacre, Kingswinford, Staffs. 4033. Names for tea to me.—R. Edwards, 4 Silver Avenue, Highacre, Kingswinford, Staffs. 4033

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting at Leigh, 3-5 p.m. and Charlwood, 6.30-8.30 p.m., on June 8th. Names for tea, please, to M. D. B. Roberts. 87, Hitchings Way, Reigate, Surrey. 3979

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cambridge District.—Evening meeting, Weston Colville (5), Saturday, June 8th, 6-7 p.m. West Wrattling (5) 7-8 p.m.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 4037

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.W. District.—Meeting at Pringlewell, Saturday, June 8th. Bells (10) from 3.30. Service 4.30., followed by tea. Further ringing after tea. Names, please, to Miss J. Emms, 76, Eastwood Road North, Leigh-on-Sea. 3967

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—Meeting at Blishopstone (8), Saturday, June 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon. 4049

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Tring (8), June 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Collings, 16, Christchurch Road, Tring. 4042

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—By-meeting and striking competition at Hartlip, Saturday, June 8th. Competition 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. General ringing after tea. Names for tea, please, to Rev. J. Green, Hartlip Vicarage, Sittingbourne.—T. Barton. 3965



**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Maidstone District.—By-meeting at East Farleigh, Saturday, June 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss R. Caley, The Vicarage, East Farleigh, Maidstone. — M. L. H. 4028

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Ringing Meeting, Saturday, June 8th, St. John the Evangelist's, St. John's Road, Penge, S.E.20, 3-4; SS. Peter and Paul's, Church Road, Bromley, Kent, 4.30-5.30; St. George's, St. George's Road, Beckenham, Kent 7-8. Own tea. Monthly practice in St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, first Thursday.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 4040

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Llandaff Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Pentre (Rhondda), Saturday, June 8th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4, followed by tea. Names for tea to Iolo Davies, Hon. Sec. Llandaff Branch, Cowbridge Grammar School, in reasonable time, please.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Central Bucks Branch.—A.G.M., Wingrave (6), Saturday, June 8th. Bells 2.45. Service 4. Names for tea to J. W. Hall, 44, Buckingham Road, Winslow, Bletchley, Bucks. 4056

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Reading Branch.—Summer meeting, Shiplake, June 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting, and ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Smith, Stratton, Shiplake Cross, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon. 4070

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Kidlington on Saturday, June 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Sterling Cinema. Names for tea to Mr. A. J. Adams, 64, Horspath Road, Cowley, Oxford. 4048

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.** — Monthly meeting, Hemingbrough, Saturday, June 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (mod. chge) 5. Names, please to Mr. G. F. Terry, Water Lane Farm, Hemingbrough, near Selby. —L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 4053

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bingham District.—Meeting, Radcliffe-on-Trent, on June 8th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Stainsby, 12, Johns Road, Radcliffe-on-Trent. 4039

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—S.E. District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Copdock (6) on Saturday, June 8th. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea in the Sproughton Parish Room at 4.45, followed by the business meeting. Ringing at Sproughton Church 6.30-8.30 p.m. Please note change of meeting, as in the Suffolk Report. For tea, please book to Mrs. Winifred Lockwood, 2, Chalk Pit Cottages Offton, near Ipswich. Please make this nearly 100 per cent. turn-out. All friends welcomed. —W. L. Dis. Sec. 3982

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—Practice meeting on June 8th at Crawley (5). Bells available 6-8 p.m. 4073

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Bishampton (6), June 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow in the Old School, Church Lench (6) 6.30 p.m.-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss B. Newbury, Roma, Main Road, Bishampton. Tel. Bishampton 642. 4041

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—S. and W. District.—Special practice at St. Mary's, Staines, on Wednesday, June 12th, at 7.45 p.m. Methods: Grandsire, Cambridge.—M. J. Palmer. 4074

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.** — Chew Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Yatton (8), Saturday, June 15th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m., during which memorial to the late Bert Price will be dedicated. Tea at 5.45 p.m., followed by business.—D. G. Yeo, Branch Sec. 3898

## JOINT COUNCIL OF YORKSHIRE RINGING SOCIETIES

1968 ANNUAL RINGING FESTIVAL at LEEDS on SATURDAY, JUNE 22nd.

Ringling: Collingham (8), Kippax (6), Bradford Cathedral (10), Ossett (10), Batley (8), 10.30-11.30 a.m.; Chapel Allerton (6), Pudsey (8), East Ardsley (8), Birstall (8), Pontefract, All Souls' (8), 11.45-12.45 a.m.; Headingley, St. Michael's (8), Bramley (8), 1.30-2.45 p.m.; Armley (8), Meanwood (5), 1.45-2.45 p.m.; Leeds Parish Church (12), Rothwell (8), 6.30-9 p.m.; Headingley, St. Chad's, 7-8 p.m.; Dewsbury 7-8.30 p.m.

Service: Leeds Parish Church, 3.30 p.m.

Tea: L.I.C.S. Hall, 10, Albion Street, Leeds.\*

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**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.** — Glaston Branch. — Practice meeting, Wooley (6), Saturday, June 15th, 6.30-9 p.m.—P. Hull, Hon. Branch Sec. 4088

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — Huntingdon District.—Meeting, Houghton, Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: London Surprise Minor and Stedman Doubles.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 4087

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Stroud Branch.—Randwick, June 15th. Tower bells open 1.30 p.m. Service 3. Handbells at Archway School 4. Tea 5. Handbells 5.30-7. Tower again open 7. Numbers for tea essential by 10th.—E. Cribley, France Lynch, Stroud. 4083

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.** — Cirencester Branch. — Meeting, Fairford (8), June 15th, 3 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Godwin, 12, Fairford Road, Quenington, by June 12th.—J. Pearse, Branch Sec. 4077

**GUILDFORD GUILD.** — Leatherhead District.—Meeting and striking competition at Ashted on Saturday, June 15th. Names for tea to Mr. J. Symonds, 44, West Farm Avenue, Ashted, by previous Wednesday, please. —J. P. O. 4066

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — St. Albans District.—Meeting, Welwyn (8), June 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Scout Hut only for those who notify Mrs. M. A. Coburn, 3, Lea Road, Harpenden. (Tel. 4621.) Special method: Double Bob.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 4021

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Ashford District.—Meeting at Warehorne, Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea only for those who notify Mrs. B. Davies, Handenwood Cottage, Aldington, Ashford, by Wednesday, June 12th. Details of evening ringing available at tea.—A. P. S. B. 4061

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Manchester Branch.—Striking competition and half-yearly meeting at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, June 15th. Competition to commence at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Parish Hall followed by business meeting. Tower open after tea for general ringing until 9 p.m. Sacred Trinity, Salford, also open from 3 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. Please note: Hulme bells not available. Names for tea to Miss F. Ormrod, 46, Norton Street, Old Trafford, Manchester 16 (Tel. 061-MOS-1932) by Tuesday, June 11th. No names, no tea.—A. Ward, Branch Sec. 4005

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting, Helmshore, Saturday, June 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—H. Parkinson, Branch Sec. 4085

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, June 15th. Ringing 2.30-5 p.m.; then cups of tea. Ringing after tea until 8.15 p.m.—A. J. Illingworth, Branch Sec. 4068

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leicester District.—Meeting at Lutterworth, June 15th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5, followed by meeting. Names for tea (important) to Mr. W. H. Loughton, 7, St. Mary's Road, Lutterworth, Rugby, by Wednesday, June 12th. Please note ringing arrangements. Misterton in afternoon, Lutterworth after tea. —Ron Hughes. 4047

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Gedney, Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Picnic day; please bring your own food.—H. R. Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4067

**NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.** — South Western District.—Meeting, Somerset, June 15th. Shepton Mallet 1.45-2.45, Ditcher 3 p.m.-4 p.m., Castle Cary 4.15-5.15. Tea 5.30 p.m. Evercreech 7-8. Names for tea to me by June 8th.—G. T. Cousins, 7, Merrivale Crescent, Ross-on-Wye. 3974

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — Meeting at Northrepps, Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) from 2.30 Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. W. Richardson, 30, Church Street, Northrepps, Norfolk, by the 12th, please.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 3988

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Sonning Deanery Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Easthampstead on June 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea. Further ringing after tea. Names for tea to Mr. S. G. Scott, Spincroft, Tilehurst Lane, Binfield, Bracknell, Berks, by June 10th. 4059

**SUFFOLK GUILD.** — Central District. — Practice meeting at Cotton (8) on Saturday, June 15th, 6.30-9 p.m.—M. Page, Dis. Sec. 4071

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Marlborough Branch. — Half-yearly meeting at Chiseldon on Saturday, June 15th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss H. Jones, High Green, Windmill Close, Aldbourne, Wilts, by Tuesday, 11th. 4084

(Notices continued overleaf)



## NOTICES—continued.

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Northern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Upper Arley, Saturday, June 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to Mr. N. King, Chestnut Cottage, Upper Arley, near Bewdley, by Friday, 14th.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, near Stourbridge. 4065

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hanley Swan, Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting and tea in Hanley Swan Village Hall at 5.15 p.m. Hanley Castle bells (6) also available from 7 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec., 14, Canterbury Road, Ronkwood, Worcester, not later than Wednesday, June 12th. 4076

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Western District.—The annual District meeting will be held at All Saints, Ilkley, on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. and in the evening. Main business—election of officers. Names for tea (5 p.m.) to Mr. D. M. Crawshaw, 8, Yewcroft, Ilkley, by Wednesday, June 12th.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.** —A.G.M. at Lichfield on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available: Cathedral (10) 3-4 p.m.; St. Michael's (6) 3.30-4.15; St. Chad's (4) 3.45-4.15; all available after meeting. St. Mary's (8) available 7 p.m. NO ringing during service, please, which is in Cathedral choir stalls 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in St. Michael's Church Hall. Seating limited, so numbers for tea earliest possible, please, to C. M. Smith, 29, Dimbles Hill, Lichfield, Staffs, at very latest by June 19th. Tel. Lichfield 4539.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 4080

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Western District.—Practice meeting at Bingley (8) on Saturday, June 29th, 6-8.30 p.m. Methods: D.N.C.B., Stedman, Plain Bob and call changes. All welcome, especially learners. Maurice Thurmott. 3907

**ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.** — A.G.M. at St. David's Cathedral on Saturday, July 6th. Note change of date. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. Boorman, The Canonry, St. David's, Pembro.—R. Warburton, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The Festival and annual general meeting will be held in Oxford on Saturday, July 6th. Guild service in the Cathedral 11 a.m. Annual meeting in the Dining Hall 12. Social gathering 12.45 p.m. Luncheon 1.15 p.m. Luncheon tickets (9s. 6d. each) on application, together with remittance and s.a.e. to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, before Monday, July 1st. Lists of towers will be distributed with tickets or on application (accompanied by s.a.e.). Members wishing to join the choir are asked to notify the Deputy Master.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4052

**BARNESLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY**

The annual Shield Contest will be held at the June meeting on Saturday, June 8th. Ringing arrangements for the day are: Shelley (6) 1415 onwards and as required. The contest will be rung at Kirkburton, the first team to take possession of the tower at 1600 hours. Liquid refreshments will be provided at Kirkburton Vicarage 1630. All ringers and friends welcome.—T. T., Sec. 4091

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**MR. PETER LAFLIN****Appreciations**

By the death of Peter Laflin the Chester Guild has lost a faithful and efficient librarian, for he had cared for the Rev. A. T. Beeston's library from the time it was handed over by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, in 1932 until the middle of last year, when he suggested that Mr. A. E. Whiting understudy him with a view to taking charge.

Peter joined the Chester Guild in 1930 and took part in many first performances for the Guild on handbells with the band formed by the late Allen F. Bailey. A native of Suffolk, he had formed a real attachment for his adopted county, and when he retired he continued to serve his church in even more ways than before. His Vicar, Canon Wilfrid Garlick, at the funeral service spoke of him as a true Christian who never spared himself in helping others. Until last Christmas he climbed the steps to the bells of St. George's and cared for them in a way that few steeplekeepers do, but he found coming down the stairs more and more difficult and so he resigned the office of steeplekeeper. Though he could not climb the tower he turned out to listen to the ringing for service and was impatient with members of the congregation who tried to engage him in conversation when he was in spirit with his friends in the tower.

His peal record will show the great variety of his ability and when in the immediate post-war years the band at Norbury became interested in Spliced Surprise in many methods Peter's "broadsheets," which he produced for the seventh, were a source of amusement but nevertheless they were a demonstration of his innate thoroughness. With learners he was very popular, for although he could be severe he was never unkind and young ringers seemed to appreciate him. His work for the Beeston Library was enormous; not only did he keep the index of first peals up to date but he also made the cabinets to contain the records, dealt with requests for information and compiled the peal records of numerous individuals.

He was a mine of information on past ringing matters; he was sometimes amused by the interest shown in methods or ideas which were rediscovered after being buried for 40 or 50 years. The last time the writer spoke to him he commented on the increased use of irregular methods and the like, which he rightly said appeared many years ago. In the past he had known John Carter and had a shrewd appreciation of the genius of that great composer and his work. As a practical steeplekeeper his occasional letters to "The Ringing World" giving advice were always to the point and I believe he never had a broken rope at St. George's.

To those interested in the theoretical side of the art he was always helpful and though he claimed he knew little of this side he could always put his hands on the information one sought. The writer owes him a great deal for his kindness and patience over 30 years ago, when he helped him with his early investigations. We shall miss him, and the Church of St. George, Stockport, will miss him. The last tributes paid to him at his funeral service by his church were that he was escorted into church and from the church by the churchwardens and choir, and as the coffin was carried out a course of Grandsire Triples was rung at a moderate pace on handbells. At the service there were representatives of various branches of parish life, for Peter had helped all and sundry, as well as representatives of the Chester Guild and Lancashire Association and the Ladies' Guild. Ringers from a very wide area were present to pay their last respects to an old and trusted friend.

Finally a memory which epitomises his life. As he took hold of the treble sally before the long peal of Bristol at Over in 1950 he said: "Remember we ring this to the Glory of God." C. K. L.

**OBITUARY**

The report of Peter Laflin's death is sad, although I only met him once. This was at a ringing meeting at Christ Church, Macclesfield, about five years ago, when I was a nervous learner and had never seen ten bells in action before. His kindly encouragement did much to allay my anxiety, and when he left the belfry he shook my hand, saying it had been nice to meet me, and gave me a sweet. I still remember that meeting as being one of pleasant incidents in my ringing experience. It is no wonder that he was a beloved man.—Yours sincerely,

Liverpool.

ELIZABETH TIMMINS.

**MR. ALFRED L. RYMAN**

The East Grinstead and District Guild has lost a founder member and friend by the death on May 14th of Alfred L. Ryman at the age of 78.

When the Guild was formed, in June, 1927, Alf, as he was affectionately known to ringers in the District, was captain of the Hartfield, Sussex, band. He joined the Guild at its first meeting and was soon elected to serve on the committee. In 1936 he was elected chairman, which post he held throughout the difficult war years with the ban on ringing, until 1944. He then became auditor up to the time of his departure from Hartfield in 1950. He was then living in West Sussex but never lost his keen interest in the progress of the Guild, and attended its meetings whenever it was possible for him to do so.

His peal total is not known but the writer had the pleasure of taking part in nine peals with him, including one rung by officers of the Guild to celebrate its coming of age.

On Wednesday evening, May 22nd, eight members of the East Grinstead and District Guild met at Coleman's Hatch and rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples to his memory. This was conducted by the present chairman, Mr. B. E. Jeffrey.

To his son John, who is tower captain at Coleman's Hatch, and his daughter Stella the members of the Guild extend their sincere sympathy. E. J. L.

**MR. JACK MAWDESLEY****An Appreciation**

Jack Mawdesley, of St. Peter's, Newton-le-Willows, Lancashire, learned to ring at Coppull, in Lancashire, before the 1939 war. With the lifting of the ban on ringing Jack found himself in Newton-le-Willows and, with all the pre-war ringers at St. Peter's being engaged on active service, he was called upon to form and train a new band; I was fortunate to be one of the first. Within the space of a few months there was a sufficient number to man the bells for Sunday service. It was a great pride and joy to us all that we were able to ring for such memorable occasions as VE and VJ days.

Jack never became a prolific peal ringer (he rang about half a dozen) yet he always maintained an enthusiastic interest in ringing. Perhaps his greatest virtue was that he was prepared to encourage others to become much more proficient than himself—a quality that is often lacking in Ringing Masters.

His passing is mourned by his family and by his many ringing friends. Although he will be missed, the fact that he has passed on his skill to others will mean that the bells at St. Peter's will continue to ring in the way that he would have wished them to. G. A. H.

**LATE NEWS**

We regret to report the death, while on holiday in Spain, of Mr. Michael David Trigg (23), Ringing Master at St. Mary's, Hitchin. He was a former Master of Southampton University Guild.



## RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD IN LIVERPOOL AREA



Some members of the Railwaymen's Guild in the ringing chamber of Ormskirk Parish Church. Front row (left to right): J. A. Hoare (secretary), W. B. Kynaston (Western), F. A. Staveley (Eastern), F. Hodgson (retiring Master), Syd Foskett (London Midland), B. Sutton (North Eastern), Jack N. Brown (newly-elected Master of the Guild). [By courtesy of "The Ormskirk Advertiser."]

**A**PPROPRIATELY, the first tower visited when the Railwaymen's Guild visited the Liverpool area on April 27th was the Cathedral. John Ridyard, the Ringing Master, explained the outstanding features of the awe-inspiring bells and building, and for many it was their initial visit.

Jack Brown, who was responsible for the week-end arrangements, kindly placed a coach and mini-bus at the disposal of the party, and with railway promptness we left for Setton at 11.30. Here Bill Deacon had the bells in readiness. So enjoyable they proved to be that it was with reluctance that we departed for the Stanley Arms, Aughton, where a real Lancashire hotspot awaited the company of 60. The Vicar (the Rev. L. Ayres) endeared himself to all by his charming manner. Unfortunately a mishap occurred in raising the light six before correctly adjusting the clock chimes. The Guild is not unmindful of the possible inconvenience caused and awaits the opportunity to recompense the church authorities.

The journey continued to Ormskirk, and here again the Ringing Master, Jim Dilworth, was waiting with the bells in readiness and, of course, there is no need to emphasise the pleasure this 23 cwt. ring of eight provides. Sharp on time we left for St. Nicholas', Liverpool; the route was around the famous race-

course at Aintree and the Liverpool Docks. Ted Birckett had everything in readiness and a short service was conducted by the curate. Local lady ringers, under the capable supervision of Miss White, provided a much appreciated tea.

The Master, Fred Hodgson, of Darlington, presided at the annual meeting and received the report and accounts from the secretary, Arthur Hoare. Jack Brown was elected Master, with Arthur Hoare continuing as secretary. Divisional Ringing Masters are Syd Foskett, Charles Bassett and Fred Staveley, with Eric Franklin as Central Council representative. Messrs. J. Brough and F. A. Morton continue as auditors.

It is hoped to hold the next annual meeting at Penzance and the half-yearly meeting at Hull. Votes of thanks were passed to the Dean of Liverpool, incumbents and Ringing Masters for their splendid co-operation.

J. A. H.

### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION Eastern District A.G.M.

Beverley was chosen for the District annual general meeting on May 18th, the Minster bells being available in the afternoon and rung to standard methods on ten. The service was held in the Minster, followed by an excellent tea provided by Mrs. Parham assisted by her Girl Guide troop.

Mr. H. Walker (of York) deputised as chairman at the business meeting. A warm welcome was extended to visitors from Nottingham, Swindon (Wiltshire), Leeds and Kirk Deighton.

In the absence of any offers to take over the secretaryship, it was a case of re-election, but the secretary did point out that he might find the end of the year a little bit of a strain when the business of editing the Association's report became due. The two retiring committee members, Mrs. D. S. Johnson and W. Stoker, were also re-elected. Miss Eileen Waddingham, of Walkington, was elected a member.

### SUFFOLK GUILD STRIKING COMPETITION

The Hubert Mitson Shield was won by Bramford "A" at the sixth annual Suffolk Guild striking competition, held at Ashbocking on May 4th, from 11 other competing teams. The Master, Mr. George W. Pipe, ensured that no time was lost and all teams had rung by 4 p.m. Apart from Grundisburgh, who chose to ring Cambridge Minor, all teams rang 240 Plain Bob Minor. The general standard had greatly improved and the judges, Messrs. George Thoday, Bob Sherriff and Geotrey Lucas, were faced with a difficult task.

Announcing the results after tea, Mr. Thoday said that the standard had been generally good, though in the judges' opinion ringing was rather slow. Several teams had lost marks because of the treble clipping the back bell. Placings:—

1 Bramford "A" 32½ faults, 2 Grundisburgh 33½, 3 Aldeburgh 38, 4 Mendlesham 45, 5 Beccles 46½, 6 Framsden 60, 7 West Stow 65, 8 Henley 67½, 9 St. Mary-le-Tower 75½, 10 Offton 126½, 11 Barking 131, 12 Bramford "B" 157.

The Shield was presented to Robert I. Southgate, tower captain of the winning band.

The service in the afternoon was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Donnan, himself a ringer, whose address was based on the inscription on a ringer's tombstone in Worlingworth Churchyard. The church choir attended and rendered an Easter anthem. Evening ringing was at Ashbocking and Henley.

**ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.**—On May 15th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: A. F. Ballam 1, Mrs. D. M. Pipe 2, A. Leaver 3, J. A. Underwood 4, M. Howes 5, R. Palmer 6, R. Rogers 7, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 8. After peal attempt failed.

**ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On April 14th, 1,260 D. Court, S. Court and Plain Bob: D. Rose 1, L. Wright 2, R. Rose 3, C. Hancock 4, L. Nice 5, M. J. Rose (cond.) 6.

### THE LADIES' GUILD

The Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild held its annual meeting at a joint meeting with the Ashford Branch (Kent County Association) at Tenterden on May 18th. Twelve members were present and the following officers were re-elected: Vice-president, Miss E. Todd; secretary, Miss J. Wood; committee. Mrs. Cheal, Mrs. Wratten and Miss Pearce. Miss F. Cannon is new to the committee and with Mrs. Wratten is a representative on the Guild's Central Council.

Next meeting: Biggin Hill, July 27th.



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