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### 'FRIVOLOUS'

Periodically there are serious challenges at the whole basis and structure of bellringing and the Church's use of bells. One such incident took place at Sunderland, where the Chancellor for Durham Diocese, Mr. R. G. S. Bankes, held a Consistory Court to hear a petition from Mr. Friend, a schoolmaster, that no faculty be given for the installation of a ring of ten bells in the tower of Roker Parish Church. The contention of Mr. Friend was that 'the noise of bellringing will destroy one of the most valuable amenities of the area.'

The Chancellor overruled the petition. Mr. Arthur Greaves, who appeared for the Vicar of St. Andrew's, Roker, asked for costs, pointing out that the delay caused by this 'frivolous objection' had already penalised the parish to the extent of £500 on account of the increased cost of material and labour. The Chancellor ordered Mr. Friend to pay five guineas Court costs.

We have not before us a full copy of the Chancellor's judgment, but he could not have ruled otherwise. A bell, or bells, is an essential part of the equipment of a church, and in common law the ringing of church bells has never been construed as a nuisance or an offence against the community at large. The society formed for the abatement of noise also does not regard church bells as coming within the category of its objections. Indeed, the society has admitted the Central Council of Church Bellringers to corporate membership, and the relationship between the two bodies has been most friendly.

Thus bellringers, both ecclesiastically and in common law, are upheld in their avocation. There is a sacredness about the trust; and while the great advance in our art came about by the secular development of ringing, as is so admirably told by Mr. Trollope in his book, 'College Youths,' the alliance between ringers and the Church is very real. Sunday ringing to the great majority of ringers is performed as an act of worship, and we commend the beautiful prayer composed specially for the ringers of Hull which appears in our issue.

The Epistle for last Sunday contains lines which we ringers should study: 'Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour; whom resist steadfast in the faith.' The days of the association of ringers with insobriety have long been dead; there are other matters which require vigilance. Our president is constant in his appeal to the Exercise for good striking, and it is a

matter for congratulation that a number of reports reaching us point to a marked improvement in this respect. Not all are satisfactory. A few weeks ago we published a letter which commended the striking in a country tower. Before us we have a letter dealing with the ringing at the same tower during the performance of a peal: 'At times the bells were in a heap and firing,' was the comment. Peal enthusiasts should always consider two things—the outside public and the 5,000 true changes. 'Your adversary . . .' may well be inside as outside the belfry. So be vigilant.

## TEN BELL PEALS

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23½ cwt.

CHARLES F. SAYER ... <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS A. BLOW ... 6
ARTHUR DAY ... .. 2	*LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH ... 7
*LESLIE HANSELL ... .. 3	HAROLD P. BURTON ... 8
*WILLIAM J. ARNOLD ... 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 9
*THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ... 5	†EDWARD SPRAGUE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.  
\* First peal of Caters in the method. † First peal on ten bells.  
First peal of Caters on the bells.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Macclesfield Branch.)

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23½ cwt.

WILLIAM GAYES ... <i>Treble</i>	LAWRENCE WARD ... .. 6
JACK TIPPER ... .. 2	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... 7
ALAN A. POTTS ... .. 3	JOHN WORTH ... .. 8
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 4	*EDWARD SEED ... .. 9
CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 5	GORDON HENSHAW ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by HY. COOPER. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.  
\* First peal away from tenor. For the wedding of Mr. G. Farrer,  
a ringer at the above church, to Miss F. Gidman.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM BALDRY ... <i>Treble</i>	*JOHN W. G. KINDRED ... 5
EDWIN R. GOATE ... .. 2	LEONARD G. WEBB ... 6
ARTHUR W. BIRD ... .. 3	†PETER KINDRED ... .. 7
RICHARD W. R. COATES ... 4	ALBERT E. COLEMAN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by E. R. GOATE.  
\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Bob Major.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., June 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

W. E. MAULDEN ... <i>Treble</i>	LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 3	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 7
FRANK L. FISHER ... .. 4	*LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WM. J. G. BROWN.  
\* First peal in the method.

SEAFORD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. N. SMEATON ... 5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... .. 2	STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL ... 6
MRS. BETTY PERCY ... .. 3	FRANK H. HICKS ... .. 7
*ROBERT W. R. PERCY ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR F. LEWRY.

\* First peal on eight bells 'inside.' First peal on eight bells as conductor. The first peal in the method on the bells.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOSEPH T. DYKE ... <i>Treble</i>	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 5
ALEC MUNDY ... .. 2	*EDWARD CHIVERS ... .. 6
BERYL LOOK ... .. 3	WILLIAM G. GIGG ... .. 7
JOHN METCALFE ... .. 4	HENRY J. SANGER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

\* First peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of the daughter of Herbert C. Lintern, a local ringer.

MALDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRED CHALK ... <i>Treble</i>	REGINALD C. THRIFT ... 5
HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 2	*BERNARD C. MANN ... 6
*SIDNEY R. LINNET ... 3	*SYDNEY C. EASTER ... 7
ARTHUR HUBBLE ... .. 4	ARTHUR H. EVERETT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. PRITCHARD (No. 115, C.C.C.).  
Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

\* First peal of Bob Major. In memoriam to Canon I. L. Seymour,  
Vicar for 30 years.

KINGHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., June 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF MAIDSTONE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANCES M. MARTIN ... <i>Treble</i>	HELMUT VON DER HEYDE ... 5
KATHLEEN HIGGINS ... 2	PETER C. WRIGHT ... .. 6
*M. WILLIAM H. GRAY ... 3	C. JOHN DICKINSON ... 7
BETTY SPICE ... .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Arranged and Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal on an 'inside' bell and of Major on tower bells. First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the fourth.  
First peal in the method on tower bells.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 5
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 2	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 6
*MAURICE HODGSON ... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 7
ALICK CUTLER ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

\* First peal in the method. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers, and also to celebrate the birth of a son to the ringer of the 7th.

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**BOCKING, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., June 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,  
AT THE DEANERY CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Johnson's Variation.	Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.
FRANK W. J. ROPER ... <i>Treble</i>	RONALD SUCKLING ... .. 5
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 2	GEORGE SAUNDERS ... .. 6
CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... .. 3	JOSEPH JENNINGS ... .. 7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 4	WALTER ARNOLD ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by R. SUCKLING.  
A 66th birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

**OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., June 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans'.	Tenor 15½ cwt.
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... <i>Treble</i>	C. WILLIAM SMITH ... .. 5
JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 2	KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... .. 6
MRS. ENID M. WAYMAN ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. 7
MADELINE M. LYON ... .. 4	MANSFIELD GINN ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.  
First peal of Triples on the bells. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

**OSPRINGE, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., June 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Holt's Original.	Tenor 17¼ cwt. in F. sharp.
WALTER H. DOBBIE ... <i>Treble</i>	BERT W. MAY ... .. 5
MISS DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 2	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. 6
*J. GARTH ROOKE ... .. 3	LOUIS HEAD ... .. 7
†STANLEY M. EVANS ... .. 4	GEORGE WOOD ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.  
\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method.

**CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., June 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Ernest Morris ... .. <i>Treble</i>	*ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... .. 5
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 6
JILL POOLE ... .. 3	J. FREDK. MILNER ... .. 7
MRS. A. H. BEAMISH ... .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.  
\* First peal of Bristol 'inside.'

**WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.**

**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Tues., June 10, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Edward Barker ... .. <i>Treble</i>	WALLACE W. COUSINS ... .. 5
MRS. J. THOMAS ... .. 2	*CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 6
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... .. 7
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... .. 4	*CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.  
\* Fiftieth peal together. First peal in the method on the bells.

**CHURCH, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Wed., June 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

JOHN CAVANNAGH ... <i>Treble</i>	JOSEPH WOODS ... .. 5
*CHARLES CLEGG ... .. 2	ROGER LEIGH ... .. 6
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS... 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 7
CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... .. 4	ERNEST GOWER ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.  
\* First peal in the method.

STEPNEY, LONDON.—On June 8th, at St. Dunstan's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. H. Francis 1, M. V. Chilcott 2, H. Belcher 3, J. B. Sansom 4, R. F. Deal 5, W. H. Hewett 6, J. Phillips (conductor) 7, J. H. Boomsma 8.

**WYE, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Wed., June 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Ilkeston Variation.	Tenor 20¼ cwt. in D.
MRS. T. CULLINGTON ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... .. 5
WILFRED W. RING ... .. 2	HILDEED S. WICKENS ... .. 6
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... .. 7
PERCY PAGE ... .. 4	THOS. CULLINGWORTH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by AMBURN WILSON. Conducted by T. CULLINGWORTH.  
First peal of Spliced Treble Bob Major by all the band. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Youngs (June 10th).

**WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.**

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Thurs., June 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF EALING SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Ernest C. S. Turner ... <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 5
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 2	MAURICE HODGSON ... .. 6
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 7
ALICK CUTLER ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CHAS. W. ROBERTS.  
First in the method by all the band, except the ringers of the treble, 2nd and 5th. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

**EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Fri., June 13, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Mrs. Betty Percy ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. H. DALLAWAY ... .. 5
HAROLD G. F. REYNOLDS ... 2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... .. 6
ROBERT W. R. PERCY ... .. 3	FRANK H. HICKS ... .. 7
DONALD W. J. PANKHURST ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

**WARNHAM, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Pitstow's Variation.	Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.
ALFRED H. PULLING ... <i>Treble</i>	*NORMAN V. HARDING ... .. 5
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... .. 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 6
HERBERT G. ANDREWS ... .. 3	HAROLD A. MAY ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. 4	T. MARK WHITE ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.  
\* 100th peal.

**SIX BELL PEALS**

**FELKIRK, YORKSHIRE.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(Barnsley and District Society.)

On Sun., June 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of College Bob IV., Old Oxford, Willesden, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury and Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.	
PETER WOODWARD ... <i>Treble</i>	ARNOLD HILL ... .. 4
WILLIAM GREEN ... .. 2	J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... .. 5
HAROLD CHANT ... .. 3	DANIEL SMITH ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.  
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Ryder, of Rotherham, on the occasion of their silver wedding.

**BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.**

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

On Mon., June 9, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different extents.	Tenor 8 cwt.
*HAROLD HARRISON ... <i>Treble</i>	BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 4
†ALAN FOSTER ... .. 2	GORDON HARRISON ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. LEACH ... .. 3	*GEORGE L. RODEN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.  
\* First peal in the method. † First peal other than on a covering bell. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. R. B. Sherratt, chorister and churchwarden at St. Paul's for 18 years.

APSLEY END, HERTS.  
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Mon., June 9, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven extents in 21 methods: (1) Lytham, London Bob, Thelwall, Double Oxford, Double Court, Hereward, College Bob, Waver-tree, St. Clement's and Ohildwall; (2) Fulbeck, Plain Bob, Double Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse Bob; (3) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise; (4) Oxford Bob; (5) Beverley Surprise; (6) York Surprise; (7) London Surprise. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*EDWIN J. UPTON ... .. Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... .. 4
WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ... 2	†HERBERT GATES ... .. 5
*WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... .. 3	WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal in more than seven methods. † First peal in more than seven methods 'inside' and 50th peal. First peal in 21 methods by the Society. Rung to celebrate the bicentenary of the Society, the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Banfield, and in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Puddifoot.

WEEDON BEC. NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Daventry Branch.)  
On Wed., June 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Forty-two six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

EDWARD ELSIGOOD ... Treble	*GEORGE H. WEBB ... .. 4
VICTOR A. PERRY ... .. 2	JAMES H. WEBB ... .. 5
WILLIAM ELSIGOOD ... .. 3	*SYDNEY STONE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. WEBB.

\* First peal. First peal of Grandsire by all the band. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by a local band. Rung for the induction of the Rev. Lewis.

STONE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

MERVYN W. MALPASS ... Treble	FREDERICK OAKHILL ... .. 4
HORACE V. ROBINSON ... .. 2	*JOHN W. ADSHEAD ... .. 5
FREDK. J. ROBERTS ... .. 3	WALTER J. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER J. SMITH.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. The ringer of the 4th has now completed 50 years of ringing. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. B. M. Richards, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Bridget Jenner-Fust.

WIDCOMBE, BATH.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*FRANK E. NEWMAN ... Treble	*HARRY C. NEWMAN ... .. 4
*LEONARD COLES ... .. 2	†REGINALD W. PERRY ... .. 5
†WILLIAM G. BROWN ... .. 3	*FREDK. J. COLES ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. BROWN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Doubles. First peal on the bells.

MOORLYNCH, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 20 cwt.

RONALD G. BECK ... .. Treble	*FRANCIS J. WHITE ... .. 4
ALEC MUNDY ... .. 2	*EDWARD CHIVERS ... .. 5
*PERCIVAL H. HULL ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

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

TREDUNNOC, MONMOUTHSHIRE.  
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being fifteen 240's and twelve six-scores. Tenor 9 cwt.

MRS. LESLIE BAINHAM ... Treble	LESLIE F. G. BAINHAM ... .. 4
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 2	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ... .. 4
ROBERT H. SMITH ... .. 3	SIDNEY BAMFORD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT H. SMITH.

Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, Canon T. Powell-Davies.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN D. ROCK ... .. Treble	*LESLIE EVANS ... .. 4
THOMAS E. STEAD ... .. 2	FREDERICK A. JAINE ... .. 5
E. PETER ROCK ... .. 3	THOMAS G. COOKE ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. A. JAINE.

\* 100th peal.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Ten different callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANCIS KIRK ... .. Treble	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... .. 4
ERIC B. HARTLEY ... .. 2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... .. 5
HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. 3	THOMAS J. CLARK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

Ringers of 2, 3, 4 and 5 have now completed circuit of Stedman, and the conductor of calling same.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,  
IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

**APEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 17 in A.

LEONARD TREVOR ... .. 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	CHARLES MARSHALL ... .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., June 9, 1947, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,  
AT 34, ASTON LANE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 1-2	FRED PRICE ... .. 5-6
ALLAN SHORT ... .. 3-4	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... .. 7-8
MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 9-10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Mon., June 9, 1947, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,  
IN ST. MARY'S BELFRY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;**

*ALFRED JORDAN ... .. 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	†HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.  
\* First peal of Major 'in hand.' † First peal 'in hand.' First peal of Major 'in hand' by a Hinckley District band.

COOKHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(East Berks and South Bucks Branch.)

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

*HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 1-2	*DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 5-6
*WAYTER LEE ... .. 3-4	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRICHARD. Conducted by H. WINGROVE.  
\* First peal on handbells.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 18 in G.

JOHN HOBDEN ... .. 1-2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... .. 5-6
*FRANK H. HICKS ... .. 3-4	WILLIAM ROGERS ... .. 7-8

Composed by F. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.  
\* First peal of Major 'in hand.' Believed to be the first handbell peal for the Eastern District of the Association.

**AMESBURY, WILTS.**—On June 1st, 1,264 Bob Major: J. Mussel 1, L. Page 2, H. Abrahams 3, P. Anger 4, L. Harris 5, P. Wenham 6, W. Theobald (conductor) 7, F. Harris 8.

**BOSBURY, HEREFORD.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Canterbury, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): H. Goodchap (first quarter) 1, W. Nutt (conductor) 2, K. Hill 3, G. Hill 4, H. Hill 5, C. Davis 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Buck.

**BALTONSBOROUGH, SOMERSET.**—On June 13th, at St. Dunstan's, 1,260 Doubles (120 April Day, 120 Plain Bob, 240 Morris' Grandsire, 780 Grandsire): E. E. Frampton 1, J. Rawles 2, H. Hoskins 3, P. Hoskins 4, V. J. Farthing (conductor) 5, H. Attwell 6. Compliment to Albert Woolley, who has been a regular ringer at St. Dunstan's for 60 years.

**BROMLEY, KENT.**—On June 8th, at St. Luke's, for diamond jubilee of consecration, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss H. Oakshett 1, G. H. Kite 2, G. E. Plater 3, G. F. James 4, P. J. Spice 5, M. F. Oakshett 6, J. E. Lyddiard (conductor) 7, S. J. Humphrey 8. First quarter in the method on the bells.

**BROADSTAIRS, KENT.**—At St. Peter's on June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. N. Bridges (first quarter Grandsire) 1, Miss B. Solley 2, L. J. Hilton 3, H. Luck 4, J. Russell (conductor) 5, L. A. Porritt 6, W. Fairbeard 7, A. Curling 8.

**CAMBORNE, CORNWALL.**—At Church of St. Martin on June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 7.5.8 covering: P. Jago (first quarter) 1, R. C. James 2, Miss J. E. Wither (first as conductor) 3, E. Sanders 4, J. Vincent 5, Miss E. Randell (first quarter) 6, S. A. Reed 7, D. J. Whear 8.

**COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.**—On June 7th, quarter-peat of Bob Minor for the weddings of E. R. Lambert and Miss Olive Williams and D. Chown and Miss E. Priestley: E. J. Lambert 1, W. J. Norton 2, J. May 3, F. Lambert 4, J. Higgins 5, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 6.

## QUARTER PEALS

**DONCASTER, YORKS.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Nora Holmes 1, E. H. Baldwin 2, J. McCluskey 3, E. Dalingwater 4, W. E. Critchley (conductor) 5, E. C. Stacey 6, H. Wagstaff 7, P. J. Daw 8.

**EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Board 1, S. Skinner 2, J. Carter 3, C. Deem 4, G. Smith 5, G. E. Retter (conductor) 6. First of Minor for 1, 4 and 6.

**EATON SOCON, BEDS.**—On June 11th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. V. Beldam 1, Miriam F. Pettitt 2, L. J. Clarke 3, A. L. Mardlin 4, C. H. Harding (conductor) 5, B. F. Sims 6. First quarter by 1, 3 and 4. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

**GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.**—On June 7th at St. Michael and All Angels', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Green 1, A. Bartholomew 2, H. W. Shadrack 3, I. Hall 4, P. Eves 5, P. Green 6, W. Barrett (first in method as conductor) 7, A. Meadowcroft 8.

**HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.**—On June 1st at the Church of St. John, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: F. Blondell 1, F. W. Goodfellow 2, J. B. Sansom 3, H. W. Impey 4, F. Corke 5, T. G. Bannister (conductor) 6, W. H. Coles 7, E. E. Easton 8. First quarter in the method by 3 and 4.

**HESTON, MIDDLESEX.**—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Bettridge (first quarter) 1, W. T. Godfrey 2, H. C. Chandler 3, W. A. Lewis 4, C. H. Tricker 5, J. B. Sansom (first quarter in the method as conductor) 6, E. R. Gladman 7, B. A. Rose 8.

**HENLEY-ON-THAMES, OXON.**—On May 31st, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. Taylor 1, R. W. Rex 2, B. C. Castle 3, E. Humfrey 4, N. Golden (conductor) 5, C. Pullen 6, H. Osborne 7, P. J. Dyke 8.

**LONDON.**—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields on June 8th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Charge 1, A. E. Hoare 2, F. A. Barker 3, R. Newman 4, G. A. Parsons 5, T. J. Lock 6, A. H. Russell (longest length) tenor covering.

**LUTON, BEDS.**—On May 4th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: R. Kendall 1, A. Kine 2, H. Burton 3, A. J. Smith 4, W. Bottrill 5, A. E. Rushton 6, H. Wood 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8. A farewell to the ringer of the 5th.

**MESSINGHAM, LINCS.**—On June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Parkin 1, Miss M. King (first quarter) 2, J. Blackburn (first quarter) 3, R. Travers 4, B. Lambkin (conductor) 5. First quarter on bells.

**SILVERTON, DEVON.**—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles on back six: R. Harris 1, Mrs. A. G. Selley 2, D. Brooks (first quarter) 3, C. G. Dymond 4, J. R. Hutchings 5, T. H. Pook 6, A. G. Selley (conductor) 7, W. E. Richards 8. In honour of the birth of a daughter to Mrs. H. Gillespie, niece of the conductor and ringer of the second.

**STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.**—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Copeland 1, O. G. Barnard (conductor) 2, Miss J. Freer (first in method) 3, F. Borley 4, S. W. Arbon 5, S. Sparrow 6, E. A. Cracknell 7, J. Dale 8.

**TYRINGHAM, BUCKS.**—At St. Peter's Church on May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Croot 1, Miss E. Sharp (first inside) 2, A. Armstrong 3, V. Adams 4, P. Amos (conductor) 5.

**WEEDON, NORTHANTS.**—At St. Peter's on May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Elsigood 1, W. Elsigood 2, V. A. Perry 3, G. H. Webb 4, J. H. Webb (first quarter as conductor) 5, S. G. Osborn 6.

**WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.**—On June 7th at All Saints' Church, 1,274 Grandsire Triples: R. Ellis 1, J. R. Cotterill 2, W. Peart 3, E. Parish 4, W. A. Partridge 5, W. Reynolds 6, A. Mills 7, M. G. Turner (conductor) 8.

**WORSLEY, LANCS.**—On June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Annie Potter 1, Miss Barbara Smedley (first quarter of Triples) 2, F. Barraclough 3, T. Royle 4, J. Potter 5, F. Grundy (conductor) 6, P. H. Derbyshire 7, J. Cheetham 8. For the induction of the Rev. C. Lamont as Vicar.

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*'The Ringing World' was founded in the year  
1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained  
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

Where is the most easterly ring in England? The answer is Pakefield, Suffolk. This church was destroyed by enemy action in 1941 and only the tower and bells remain. A new danger is the sea, which has taken a corner of the churchyard. The bells are a ring of five, tenor 12½ cwt., by George Day, of Eye. The band ring each Friday evening and Sunday morning and would welcome visitors. On June 12th they had an outing, visiting six and five bell towers around the Norfolk Broads.

There will be a service broadcast from Melksham, Wilts, on Sunday, July 20th, at 9.30 a.m. The bells of St. Michael and All Angels' will be included. The bells are a ring of eight by Taylor, tenor 18½ cwt., in E (1924).

Does your Vicar see 'The Ringing World'? A copy was shown to the Vicar of Childswyckham, Glos., and the result was eight of his ringers joined the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

St. Budock's Church, Falmouth, is to have a ring of eight. The existing six bells are to be hung in a new frame, and Col. J. C. Annear is providing two new trebles. The order for the work to be carried out has been placed.

Those who have rung at Alfriston, Sussex, 'the Cathedral of the Downs,' will know that the ropes fall in the chancel arch of the church and are rung in full view of the congregation. When the peal was rung here on June 14th there was at one time an audience of about 30 visitors viewing the church.

Twenty-one years ago the Northern District Ladies' Guild held their first meeting at Handsworth, Sheffield, on November 6th. It is hoped to celebrate the coming of age by a meeting at Handsworth on November 8th. Already a two-tier iced cake has been promised.

**BELFRY GOSSIP**

Mr. Norman V. Harding rang his 100th peal at Warnham, Sussex, on June 14th. He rang his first peal on the same bells. The peal was the 40th together of Mr. Harding and the conductor, Mr. A. H. Pulling.

Another 100th pealer this week is Mr. Leslie Evans, who reached his century by a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Eardisland, Herefordshire. His coincidence was that he rang the same bell as his first peal with four of the original band and with the same conductor ringing the same method.

Gratifying it is to read of four first peelers from Widcombe, Bath. The other two ringers scored their first of Grandsire Doubles.

The charge for notices is a penny a word or a minimum of 2s. Will secretaries please check. An attempt was made this week to get in 37 words for 2s.

A hardy Welsh ringer is Mr. Richard John, who rang in his 76th birthday quarter of Grandsire Triples at Llantrisant, Glam., on June 12th. The company was W. Jeffreys 1, W. Huish 2, J. Westcott 3, R. John 4, R. Westcott 5, R. Davis 6, F. Rowsell (conductor) 7, J. Evans 8.

Another veteran of the week is Mr. H. E. Cook, age 76, of Chipping Norton, Oxon, who has been a member of the local band for over 50 years. He rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Triples on June 14th. His last peal was 39 years ago in the same tower.

Correction.—The tenor to the peal of Cambridge at Wolborough, Newton Abbot, on May 28th, was rung by George E. Fearn, not George E. Feirn.

Hopes are being entertained by St. Mary's, Standon (Herts), Ringing Society that their bells will be rehung by July or August. Peal ringing is out of the question until then.

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## Consecration of New Bells at Lija, Malta

BY THE REV. MALCOLM MELVILLE.

The announcement that a remote country village on the island of Malta has a new chime of five bells would have little interest for English ringers but for the fact that these bells have been cast in England. For centuries Malta has had her bells from Italy or from the Low Countries, and many of great age and beauty can be found within her churches. The recent consignment of English bells is thus a break with tradition, and these flat-topped bells have been critically examined and compared with the domed bells from the Continent.

Five of the new arrivals were for Lija Parish Church and the writer was privileged in seeing not only the enthusiastic reception the bells had when they arrived in the village, but also their beautiful and solemn consecration a few days later.

Their journey from the docks to the church was accompanied by all the wild enthusiasm and colour with which the Maltese are capable. Five gaily decorated lorries were provided and lots were drawn for the honour of driving the biggest bell. The fact that this monster of four and a quarter tons happened to be on the smallest lorry was an unfortunate coincidence, but a doubly great honour, and both lorry and driver rose to the occasion.

On the outskirts of the village they were met by the village band, and together with hundreds of joyous villagers and many more envious onlookers from far and near they made their triumphal way through the bedecked streets. A procession in Malta really is a procession, and nothing is spared to make it a magnificent spectacle. This one must have been equal to any that had preceded it, both for the numbers taking part and the length of time taken to cover the  $\frac{3}{4}$ -mile through the village.

However, after three hours or so, and as darkness fell, the procession came in sight of the church. What a scene it was! The Square thronged with cheering people, the church illuminated with myriads of coloured lights, and what must have been one of the greatest displays of fireworks for many a year, formed a glorious background for their reception. As we left Lija that evening we wondered what these five strangers, if they could have spoken, thought of it all, as they stood there, majestically overshadowing the scene around, and having arrived at last at their journey's end.

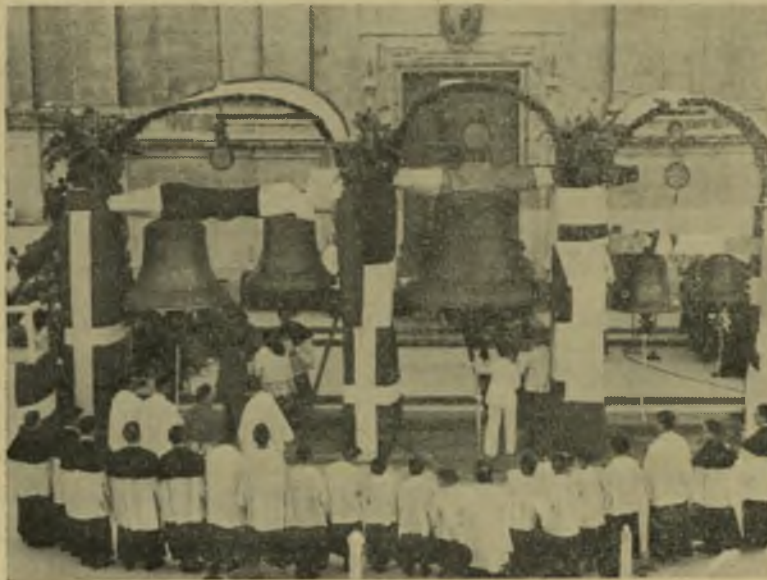
The consecration of the bells took place in the evening of the Feast of Corpus Christi. Stone columns had been erected before the church, and the five bells hung between the columns with their mouths about 7ft. from the ground. The columns were draped in flags and arched with damask decorated with plants and flowers. The square was thronged with the people of Lija and with others from many towns and villages; flags fluttered from the roof-tops, among which could be seen the Union Jack, the Papal Flag, and the Flag of Malta.

The ceremony, which was performed by His Grace Mgr. Michael Gonzi, the Archbishop of Malta, took the form of the beautiful centuries old service of consecration used in the Roman Catholic Church, and with which many of our pre-Reformation bells in England must have been consecrated.

After preliminary blessings of water, oil and salt, each bell was sprinkled with the bap-

tismal water by His Grace. While psalms were being sung priests then proceeded with the ceremonial washing of each bell inside and out. His Grace the Archbishop then, ascending an elevated platform, anointed each bell in turn with Holy Oil. After more psalms the Archbishop reascended the platform and anointed each bell with eleven crosses, seven evenly spaced around the lip, and four more on the inside.

Fires of incense were then lit and placed below the bells while the Gospel was sung. Then came the climax, the moment for which all had been waiting, the ringing of the bells. Accompanied by loud clapping from the people and fireworks from neighbouring houses, each bell was rung, first by His Grace the Arch-



PRIESTS WASHING THE BELLS.—Left to right: Carmela, 2 tons; Margarita, 25 cwt.; Salvina, 4½ tons; Catherina, 10 cwt.; Josepha, 5 cwt.  
[Photo: The Times of Malta.]

bishop, and then by their own sponsors and donors. Lady Strickland, the wife of a former Governor of Malta, who had given the third bell, gallantly rang hers, and produced further applause from the assembly.

Afterwards the bells were rung all at the same time, as is the custom in Malta, and it was noticeable how the harmonics of each bell blended together. His Grace concluded the ceremony by giving the Pastoral Benediction to the assembled people.

The bells:—

JOSEPHA, 5 cwt. in B, 2ft. 7in. diameter.

CATHERINA, 10 cwt. in G, 3ft. 2½in.

MARGARITA, 25 cwt. in D, 4ft. 3½in.

CARMELA, 2 tons in B, 5ft. 1in.

SALVINA, 4½ tons in G, 6ft. 5in.

Cast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, England, 1946.

### LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Fifteen towers were represented when the Elloe Deanery Branch held their quarterly meeting at Long Sutton on Whit Monday. The Rev. Cuthbert Powell presided at the business meeting which followed an excellent tea provided by the local captain, Mr. H. Harrison. Thanks to Mr. Harrison were voiced by Mr. J. E. Allen, and Mr. A. J. Farr thanked the Rev. Powell for conducting the service. Ringing ranged from Bob Major to Cambridge Surprise.

## Burton's Victory Bells

1,280 PEOPLE SUBSCRIBE.

Five bells have been added to the tenor at All Saints' Church, Burton, to provide a ring of six to commemorate victory. No fewer than 1,280 people subscribed to the gift.

The ceremony of dedication was performed on June 6th by the Archdeacon of Stafford (the Ven. W. A. Parker) in the presence of the Mayor and a congregation numbering 700.

In the course of his address the Archdeacon said it had been his good fortune to hear bells rung in all parts of the world, from the weird tinkling of the Russian bells to the amazing bells the Abyssinians used. But there was no other place in the world but England where the art of change ringing was practised. That was something specifically English.

'It is a great joy to hear that the bells have been rung by All Saints' men, some of whom have already done service in this church choir,' concluded the Archdeacon. 'You have started well, and I hope that those who ring the bells will ring them prayerfully, realising that they are ringing to the glory of God.'

Following the dedication, the beautifully toned bells were first rung by the band of All Saints', who had been taught by ringers at Burton Parish Church. Those ringers were H. H. Britten (capt.), C. Bower, D. Halford, P. Kilburn, C. Rabbetts and T. Mear (tenor). It is also hoped soon to have a band of lady ringers, as four—Jill Cochran, Monica Smith, Margaret Munro and Gloria Inwood—are already well advanced and will soon be able to ring without supervision.

Visitors were present from Leeds, Loughborough, Rolleston, Overseal and the local churches of St. Modwen and St. Paul. Mr. Paul Taylor, of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, also attended.

### THE CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

In spite of the weather, a most enjoyable meeting was held at St. Mary's, Prittlewell, on June 14th, attended by 30 members. Mr. F. S. Lufkin presided in the absence of the Master (Mr. G. H. Cross). Six new members were elected, viz., Misses J. R. Brittain (Banstead), M. Janet Mattinson (Guildford), P. M. Steere (Sutton), M. and D. Lidbetter (London) and Mr. R. W. Croucher (Leigh-on-Sea). The service, of novel character, and dedicated to the 200th anniversary of the Society, was conducted by the Archdeacon of Southend (the Ven. E. N. Gowing).

Ringling ranged from rounds to Cambridge Royal, and to those of the party who had not visited the tower previously, the delightful bells and well-appointed ringing chamber were ample repayment for the long journey in the rain.

Mr. Lufkin and his wife were warmly thanked for their arrangements, especially in providing the fish tea, which was so much appreciated, and finally Mr. Lufkin was congratulated on ringing the record length of Bob Royal on Easter Monday.

Tewkesbury Abbey broadcast on June 8th of Grandire Caters was by a band representative of Cheltenham and Tewkesbury branches of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, with Mr. W. Dyer as conductor.

## Ladies' Guild

### GENEROUS GIFT FOR GRUNDISBURGH BELLS.

Upwards of 50 ringers assembled at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, for the annual meeting of the Eastern District of the Ladies' Guild on June 14th. Ringing ranged from Cambridge Maximus to rounds with varying success.

Canon R. H. Babington (Vicar) conducted the short and pleasant service. One regret was the few ringers who attended service, which was a source of disappointment to the secretary, who had gone to a lot of trouble in the arrangements, especially in getting the services of a competent organist. It was felt that the words of Mr. R. Post in his letter were well founded.

Tea was partaken at the Tudor Cafe, and before the gentlemen retired the vice-president thanked them for their attendance and said how glad they were to see the Master of the Suffolk Guild (Mr. C. J. Sedgley) with them after a long and serious illness.

The secretary and treasurer of the Suffolk Guild congratulated the ladies on turning up in such good numbers. He reminded all those present that the Grundisburgh Tower and Bells Fund was still open and that a further £750 was required before the work could be put in hand.

A magnificent gesture of generosity and goodwill then followed, when Mr. Ernest W. Pye, of Sible Hedingham, arose to announce he would like to support Mr. Pipe in his great task and he had pleasure in presenting him with a cheque.

Mr. Pipe announced to the party present, in accepting the cheque with many thanks, that it was for the grand sum of £200. Amid great applause, he said that such a sign of generosity left him speechless, and it was difficult to say how grateful he felt to Mr. Pye for his goodness. At the moment he could only say 'Thank you a thousand times,' and if it could be called an honour to conduct the first peal on the restored Grundisburgh bells, then he extended to Mr. Pye that honour.

While the men returned to St. Mary-le-Tower and St. Margaret's for further ringing, the ladies held a brief business meeting, the chief item of which was the election of officers. The vice-president, Miss H. G. Snowden, and secretary, Mrs. S. R. E. Pipe, were re-elected. Mrs. F. Moor, Mrs. Willis-Betts, Mrs. Suckling and Mrs. Trendall were elected to the committee, with Mrs. Moor and Mrs. Trendall to the Central Committee. Two new ringing members and one honorary member were elected. The next meeting will be at Beccles on September 13th.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks from the vice-president to the secretary for her work, to which the secretary replied with a heartfelt 'Hear, hear!'

### A PRAYER FOR RINGERS

Canon F. Boreham, who has just left Holy Trinity, Hull, to take up duties at Truro Cathedral, composed at the ringers' request a prayer to be used before ringing for divine service. This has been beautifully illuminated by a member of the congregation and framed and hung in the ringing chamber after having been dedicated by the Canon on Trinity Sunday. The prayer reads:—

Almighty God, Who hast called us to Thy service, and appointed to each of us, a task to do for Thee, grant that we who serve Thee by the ringing of these bells may be filled with reverence and godly fear; and, uniting in the worship of Thy Church on earth, may be found worthy to stand with those who praise Thee evermore in Heaven.

And may all those who are called by the sound of these Bells to Thy House of Prayer, enter into The Gates with thanksgiving and into Thy Courts with praise.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

## Shirley, Warwickshire

### DEDICATION OF TWO NEW BELLS AND NEW CLOCK.

In conjunction with the bi-quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild, the dedication of two new trebles and a new clock took place at the Church of St. James the Great, Shirley, Warwickshire, on June 7th.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. E. Fraser (Rector of Solihull), and the service was fully choral and conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. S. Billings).

Immediately following the service, rounds, Queens and Grandsire Triples were rung by Shirley's own band: E. T. Lloyd 1, A. D. Cooke 2, V. A. Hemming 3, Mrs. J. Watts 4, G. Bailey 5, T. Abbotts 6, A. Morris 7, E. Ledsam 8. Tea, which was arranged by the ringers and their wives in the Church House, was partaken of by upwards of 50 friends.

During the evening ringers present from Birmingham, Sutton Coldfield, Solihull, Knowle, Coventry, Nuneaton, and Loughborough, and Mr. J. P. Fidler, representing the bellhangers, enjoyed ringing in the following methods: Kent, Double Norwich, Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Yorkshire, Bristol, Superlative, London and Cambridge.

The work was most efficiently carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. They are an excellent splice and augment a six with a tenor of 6½ cwt. in B flat, the back five of which are by C. and G. Mears, 1854, the treble being added by John Taylor and Co. in 1929. The new bells are the Shirley ringers' memorial to victory and peace, the cost being raised exclusively by the ringers' efforts and bear the following inscriptions on the crown of the bells:—

Treble: Dei Gloria Qui Victoriam Dedit 1946.

Second: Rejoicing in Peace 1946.

The addition completes a most musical octave which can justly be claimed as an asset to the St. Martin's Guild.

The clock is an electrical system controlled by a master clock in the ringing chamber with an impulse movement driving the two dials on the tower, the hours striking on the tenor bell. The apparatus, which was supplied by Messrs. Gent and Co., of Leicester, is a thanksgiving gift from Mr. H. Norman Shirley, churchwarden of the parish, and Mrs. Shirley, and replaces the old weight-driven movement which had served the parish for 98 years.

### RINGING IN THE COTSWOLDS

The half-yearly meeting of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association on June 7th in the lovely village of Childswyckham was a great success—grand weather, good going bells, a hearty welcome from the Vicar and a good tea provided by the inhabitants. There were 37 members and visitors present.

Eight ringers of Childswyckham were made members, including Barry Bindoff, aged 13, who is now the youngest member. Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Several were able to ring their first touch of Stedman.

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### WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK BRANCH.

About 50 members and friends attended the annual meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch at Bampton on June 7th. The service was conducted by the vice-chairman (the Rev. G. Bateman, Vicar of Bampton), and the address given by the Rev. B. C. Foulger (Vicar of Black Bourton).

The branch secretary (Mr. H. C. Farmer), in his annual report, paid tribute to the work which had been done by several members of the branch; notable among these were Mr. Harry Floyd, Mr. G. Wright and Miss L. Pimm, also Mr. Alan Pink, of Oxford, who had given valuable advice and instruction, travelling to various towers in all weathers, even through the snow and frost.

The accounts showed a balance in hand of £21 11s. 3d.; membership for 1946 totalled 138.

The Deputy Master of the Guild, Capt. Poyntz, briefly addressed the meeting, as also did Miss M. Cross, the Guild librarian. After the meeting good use was made of this fine ring of eight in various methods with rounds for the learners.

### SONNING DEANERY.

A very successful meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch was held at Waltham St. Lawrence on June 7th. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. S. Edgington). Tea was provided by the Waltham ringers, to which about 40 sat down, including the chairman of the branch (Archdeacon Shaw).

After some handbell ringing all returned to the tower, where the excellent ring of six bells was kept going to various methods of Doubles and Minor until after 9 p.m.

### DEDICATION AT HOLYWELL

On May 30th, a new treble bell, installed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., was dedicated by the Rural Dean (the Rev. R. F. McNeile) at Holywell, Hunts. The service was intoned by the Rector (the Rev. A. G. McL. Pearce Higgins), and an address on the message of the bells was given by the Rev. A. Potter.

Mr. Gordon Ross, the donor of the new bell in memory of his brother, the Rev. A. J. Ross, was at the organ.

Immediately following the dedication, rounds were rung by H. Hodge (captain), R. Wilmer, J. Parish, O. Norman, W. Papworth and F. Warrington. After the service to mark the occasion a 720 of Plain Bob was rung by J. P. Stocker 1, J. Parish 2, H. W. Pratt 3, L. W. Fisher 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, H. Hodge (first 720) 6. The beautiful addition and the 'go' pleased both listeners and ringers. F.W.

### TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

#### PENZANCE BRANCH MEETING.

About 100 members attended the annual meeting of the Penzance Branch at St. Keverne on June 8th. Mr. W. H. Southard (Diocesan Ringing Master) and the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella (Diocesan Secretary) attended. The fine eight (tenor 18 cwt.) were kept going until 9 p.m. The Rev. J. W. E. Brown conducted the service and gave the address, and the lesson was read by the Rev. A. S. Roberts. Tea was generously provided for all, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and all concerned for this kindness.

At the business meeting the Rev. A. S. Roberts explained that the Central Committee had been unable to arrive at anything definite regarding a memorial to the late Dr. J. Symons. One proposal was to install a bell in a suitable tower. It was agreed that this would be a worthy memorial, and it was decided to earmark ten guineas from the branch funds for this purpose in the hope that the Central Committee would soon be able to make a definite move and issue the appropriate appeal.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Film Studio Ringing

Dear Sir, — Mr. Goodenough and other readers may be interested in a 'ringing job' carried out a year or two ago in the studios at Denham, in connection with the picture called 'A Canterbury Tale.'

In the picture a peal of bells in motion had to be shown, and the expert technicians at Denham made a miniature set of ten, hung in a wooden frame. The bells were modelled in plaster (the largest 1ft. 7in. in diameter), accurately shaped and fitted with beautifully made wheels in correct proportion. Having got so far, I suppose they found that nobody knew how they should be rung.

The advice of our conductor at St. Paul's, Mr. Herbert Langdon, was sought, and at his request I went to Denham to see what could be done. I found that pulleys and one or two other details were missing, but deficiencies were soon made good, and sashoord 'ropes' provided. The clappers were of india rubber and bounced around in all directions. I arranged for the bells most prominent in the picture to be fitted with balanced clappers, which worked perfectly.

The frame was about 12ft. off the floor and ringing was done from a confined space under a platform, so the ringers did not appear in the picture. After a little experimenting, unobtrusively loading some of the wheels with lead, etc., I found it possible to raise and set the bells at will, except for two which for an obscure reason had only half wheels.

The arrangements completed, we assembled a mixed company of ringers, representing College Youths and Cumberlands, with three from Denham, and after one or two practices were able to give the film people what they required—needless to say, these tiny bells called for very careful handling, as even a mild 'wallop' on the stay would cause loss of control.

As our proficiency increased, we were able to make a show at synchronising the movement of the back bells with the record used, which was of Grand sire Caters from St. Margaret's, Westminster. The small bells didn't matter so much—they were kept going as well as possible to give plenty of movement in the picture.

The effect on the whole was good, and I have since spoken to one or two practical ringers, who thought they had seen a full-scale peal of bells on the screen—they did not perhaps notice one or two peculiarities in the design of the frame. Personally, I got quite a 'kick' out of the experience. The studio people are very resourceful, and I found them excellent collaborators. I don't think even Hollywood could have done it better!—Yours faithfully,  
RICHARD F. DEAL.

East Ham, E.6.

THE POUGHILL PEAL

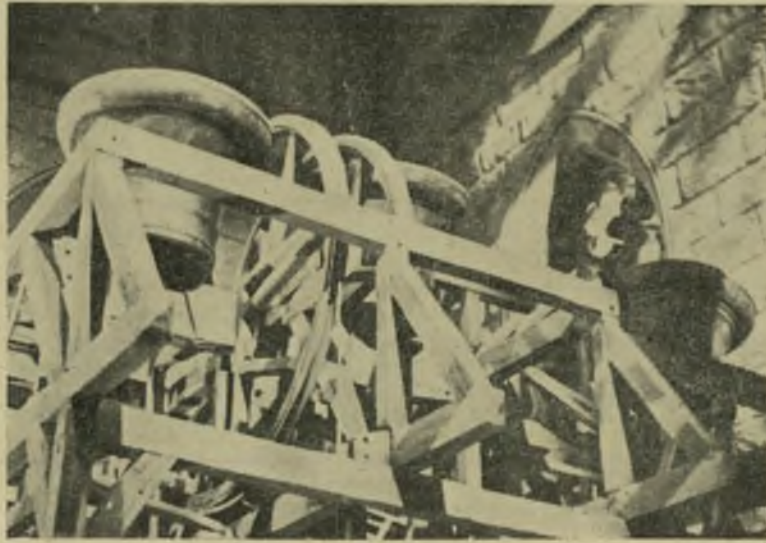
Dear Sir,—Congratulations to Alan Hicks, who conducted the above, his first, peal. Also to Fred Sangwin, his tutor. This is no mean achievement in the north-east corner of Cornwall, and may this be the forerunner of further progress. Having two Cinques-Maximus-Surprise ringers in the band makes the performance the more creditable, for they would rightly be critical of the peal, but I have heard from one that it was well rung.—Yours faithfully,  
A. S. ROBERTS, Vice-President,  
Truro Diocesan Guild.

'Guillotine'

Dear Sir,—Whilst most of your readers will probably agree with what you say regarding the amendment proposed on the report of the Analysis Committee, it is possible that the suggestion of the use of the 'guillotine' would not be widely accepted.

So far as I was able to judge, the general feeling was that the matter was not sufficiently important to warrant a full dress debate, and most of those present voted for 'next business' not because they desired to evade any issue, but because they were bored by the laboured presentation of the case.

I cannot see why the time of the Council should be wasted in discussing these offences against good taste, neither do I see why the



PLASTER BELLS in a Denham Studio that deceived ringers. The largest is 1ft. 7in. in diameter.

decisions of the Council should be pulled about to accommodate these stunt performances. These decisions were made by men of wide practical experience in ringing—much wider than the experience of the gentleman who is so anxious to have them overhauled.

It must be pointed out that the rules and decisions have resulted so far in building up a standard of good taste in ringing which is acceptable to the majority of ordinary people, who loyally abide by them, and who do not try to find loopholes or weaknesses in them in order to prove their cleverness.

Least I should be accused of getting excited over these freak performances, let me say at once that they leave me stone cold; but we live in a free country, and if it pleases certain folk to do unusual things, let them get on with it, provided they do not bring ringing into ridicule, or ask the Council to give its official blessing on them.—Yours faithfully,  
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

West Ealng, W.13.

RINGERS AS CHURCH WORKERS

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Southard's excellent list of church workers who ring at Truro Cathedral, the following, while in no way claiming to be a record, may interest your readers.

In the small Oxfordshire village of Launton are 15 ringers, among whom are eight choristers, three servers, three lectors, four church councillors, a verger, an organ blower and a churchwarden. Some ringers, of course, hold more than one other office.—Yours truly,  
FREDERICK SHARPE,  
Churchwarden and Captain of Ringers.  
Launton, Bicester. Oxon.

Truro Jubilee Peal

Dear Sir,—Rule 11, (v) (e) of the Truro Diocesan Guild says: 'No member shall forward to the Press any communication reflecting upon any band in union with the Guild or upon any member. In case of any disagreement or complaint, the matter shall be laid before the General Committee through the secretary.' I fear that our Diocesan Ringing Master has disregarded this rule in saying that the conductor of the peal, Mr. C. E. Lanxon, misled the Dean and Chapter. This is a grave reflection. The suggestion that the rest of the band may be neglectful in Sunday service ringing is also a strange insinuation. Their names are far too well known to the Ringing Exercise generally for this to sink very deep.

The facts are these: The peal was suggested last November when a few enthusiasts agreed it was time a peal of Bob Royal was rung for the Guild. Easter Monday was chosen and application for the bells was made in the same way as for 11 successful peals which I personally arranged from 1926 to 1936. This time Mr. Lanxon made the application. This attempt lasted nearly two hours, and before leaving the tower everyone was eager to make a further attempt. May 17th was fixed as the date provided we could meet again and the bells would be available. All was well and the peal rung. This being the diamond jubilee year of the Cathedral, we decided that the peal should be rung in commemoration of this. If there had been the slightest suggestion that the Cathedral band wanted to ring a peal I think we would have all bowed graciously and withdrawn, and certainly we would not have honoured our Mother Church in the way we did if the local band wished to perform such an honour.

I cannot believe that the Dean and Chapter have handed over their authority over the bells, which they have properly retained for the past 37 years, to an uncertain number of persons, of whom only three have rung a peal, in order that they may be a kind of clearing house over the names submitted for their judgment. This cuts at the very roots of the aims and ideals of each and every ringing association, of which when one is a member that should be sufficient. It is such unfortunate publicity as this that makes for bad feeling, debars progress in an area where method ringing is as elementary as it can be, and depresses the enthusiast so much that he feels like giving up in despair.

For love of my old tower where I learnt to ring I offer the local band every good wish for success, and also an open invitation to come to my tower to ring what they like without any reservation whatsoever.—Yours faithfully,  
A. S. ROBERTS.

Carbis Bay.

A BREACH OF RULES

Dear Sir,—The letter appearing in your issue of June 13th regarding the peal at Truro Cathedral is distinctly inaccurate and misleading, since the facts of the peal bear no relation whatever to those of the Kington peal. Since, however, the letter is, in itself, a breach of the rules of the Truro Diocesan Guild, I do not propose to reply to the allegations through the medium of your paper. I am, however, laying the facts before the Guild for a decision.—Yours faithfully,  
C. E. LANXON.

Truro.

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**ESSEX ASSN.**—South-Western Division.—Meeting Fyfield (5), Sat., June 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath. 1528

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Market Rasen (8), Sat., June 28th. Bells available 2. Service 4 p.m.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 1571

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY** (Est. 1623).—The 324th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Sat., June 28th, 3. Service 6.30.—Leonard Pitstow, 21, Debden Road. 1564

**DERBYSHIRE ASSN.**—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Melbourne, June 28th, 3. Tea 5. Meeting after. 1563

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**—Southern District.—Annual meeting joint with district societies, Wentworth, near Rotherham, on Sat., June 28th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Tea 5 in Rockingham Arms.—J. J. L. Gilbert, 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Sheffield, 9. 1545

**ELY ASSN.**—Wisbech District.—Meeting at Terrington St. Clement (8), Sat., June 28th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (provided) 5.—W. Buckenham, Marham. 1567

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting Wooburn, Sat., June 28th, 5.30. No tea.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 1559

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Eastern Division.—Meeting Sat., June 28th, Hoddesdon. Bells (8) 3. Short service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. 1556

**OXFORD GUILD.**—South Oxon District.—Combined practice at Thame, Oxon, on Sat., June 28th, 6-8. All welcome.—H. Badger. 1561

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOC.**—Extraordinary general meeting Carlton (6), June 28th. Bells 2. Service 4. Tea 2s. 6d. 1566

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—Next meeting at New Mills, Sat., June 28th. Bring own food.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec. 1577

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.**—Practice meeting at St. Andrew's, Enfield, on Monday, June 30th. Bells available 5.30 to 9.30 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 1575

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.**—Western Branch.—Meeting Crowle, Sat., July 5th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Names by Tuesday, July 1st.—Ernest F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 1611

### SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER.

Quarterly subscribers are reminded that remittances should be sent without delay to Mr. H. J. Eldred, 26, Springfield Road, Corleston, Great Yarmouth.

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Summer Festival meeting at Farnham, Sat., July 5th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea at British Restaurant. Notices to Mr. C. Denyer, 15, Holly Road, Aldershot, by June 30th. Aldershot, Bentley, Frensham and Seale available after tea.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec. 1573

**ST. MARTIN'S, BIRMINGHAM.**—Quarterly meeting at Solihull, near Birmingham, on Sat., July 5th. Bells (10) available at 3.30. Service in church 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. E. C. Shepherd, 2, Witley Avenue, Solihull, not later than July 2nd.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 1552

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting Minster Abbey, Isle of Sheppey, Sat., July 5th. Tower open 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Tea provided by the local Guild to ringers and friends who notify Miss S. Knight, 341, Minster Road, Sheerness, by July 1st. Queenborough (6) and Eastchurch (6) open during evening. Let's have a good meeting in ideal surroundings.—B. W. May, Dis. Sec. 1579

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at East Peckham (6), July 5th, 3. Service 4. Tea 5. Names for tea by July 2nd to Mr. T. Saunders, East Peckham, Tonbridge, Kent. Take bus route No. 7 from Tonbridge or Maidstone to Forge Gate. 1580

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS** (N.E. Branch) and **BATH AND WELLS ASSN** (Taunton Deanery).—Combined meeting Uffculme, Sat., July 5th. Further announcement next week.—C. G. Dymond, Branch Sec., Silverton. 1604

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Wigan Branch.—Meeting Emmanuel, Southport (8), Sat., July 5th. Ringing 2.30. Address by the Bishop of Liverpool 4. Tea 5. Bus Nos. 17, 2, and 10 from Lord Street. Notify for tea, Mr. N. Heaps, 24, The Crescent, Crossens, Southport, not later than July 2nd. All welcome. 1565

**NORTH STAFFS ASSN.**—Meeting at Stone, Sat., July 5th. Names for tea not later than 1st to Mr. H. Hodson, 43, Church Street, Stone, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 1582

**SHROPSHIRE ASSN.**—Worthern (6), Sat., July 5th. Tea at White Horse Hotel for those who send names to Miss P. Fletcher, Kingscote, Dawley Bank, Shropshire, by Monday, June 30th.—E. D. Poole. 1569

**ESSEX ASSN.**—N.W. Division.—Meeting at Hatfield Broad Oak (8), Sat., July 5th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by July 3rd, please.—G. Blake, Sec., 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 1584

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Annual general meeting Manchester, Sat., July 5th. Bells: Town Hall (12) and Cathedral (10) from 2; Sacred Trinity, Salford (8), during the evening. Service Cathedral 3.30. Tea, Gravel Lane Schools, Greengate (5 minutes from Cathedral), 2s. 6d. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea to Miss M. Elkins, 44, Beeston Avenue, Altrincham, Cheshire, by Tuesday, July 1st.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 1609

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury Branch.—Annual at Great Tew (8), Sat., July 5th. Service 4. Tea for those who notify before July 2nd.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon. 1514

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—Meeting Daventry July 5th. Names to me for tea by Tuesday, July 1st.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 1102

**DERBYSHIRE ASSN.** — Peak Branch.—Saturday, July 5th. Buxton. Burbage (6) 3, Fairfield (6) 6.30. No tea arranged. Business meeting 5.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 1608

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Holy Trinity, Blackburn, July 5th. Ringing at 2.30. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower 6.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 1607

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Diocesan Festival, Saltash, July 5th, 2 to 9 p.m. Service Saltash Church 4.30, followed by tea (1s.). Bells: Saltash (6), Stephen-by-Saltash (6), Botus Fleming (6), Landulph (6), St. Germans (8). Notify as soon as possible.—Rev. H. Trehwella, Crantock, near Newquay. 1592

**LEICESTER DIO. GUILD.** — Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Peatling Parva (5), July 5th, 3. Service 4.30. Meeting and cups of tea only, 5. Bring own food and sugar.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 1605

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Bristol City Branch.—July 5th, monthly meeting St. Matthew's. Bells (8) 3. Tea and business 4.30. Short service 6. Bring own food. 1602

**SALISBURY DIO. GUILD.** — Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting Trowbridge, July 5th. Bells (12) 3. Usual arrangements. Advise for tea.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham. 1600

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Northern Division.—Practice meeting Coleman's Hatch, Sat., July 5th, 3. Names to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 1603

**OXFORD GUILD.** — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Sandhurst (6), Sat., July 5th, 6 till 9.—B. C. Castle, Hon. Sec. 1598

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Southern District.—Staindrop (8), July 5th, 2.30. Names for tea by July 2nd.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 54, Newlands Road, Darlington. 1593

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOC.**—Wortley (8), Sat., July 5th, 3. Cups of tea provided. 68 bus, Castle-gate, 1.45, 2.45, 3.45.—H. O. Chad-dock, Sec. 1557

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The Grimsby District meeting at Caistor, which was arranged for Sat., July 5th, is postponed to a date to be fixed in August.—H. I. Migay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby. 1594

**LEICESTER DIO. GUILD.** — Leicester District.—Lutterworth (8) and Bitteswell (6), Sat., July 5th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 1st, to W. J. Root, 8, The Portwey, Leicester. 1606

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Jubilee Festival at Ely, Sat., July 5th. St. Mary's bells available 2.30. Service at the Cathedral 4; address by the Lord Bishop of Ely. Tea at St. Mary's Hotel 5. Ringing afterwards. Reports available.—W. W. Cousins, Gen. Sec. 1591

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.** — Northern District.—Meeting at Middleham (8), Sat., July 5th. East Witton bells (6) available after tea. Names for tea (4.30) to Mr. H. Parrish, Kirklea, Middleham, Leyburn, not later than July 3rd. All are welcome.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1576

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.**—Summer Festival, Eaton Socon (8), Sat., July 5th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy, Beds. 1588

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual general meeting Newport, Isle of Wight, July 5th. Committee 1.15. General meeting 2.30. Tea 4 in Unity Hall. Service 5.15. Bells available: Brading (8), Carisbrooke (8), Ryde (8), Godshill (6), 12-2; Newport (8), 12.30-2.30, and in evening. Tea only for those who inform Mrs. A. M. Guy, 3, Merrie Meade, Watergate Road, Newport, by July 3rd.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 1587

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.** — Rossendale Branch.—Sat., July 5th, Bury, St. Mary's (8), 3. Meeting in tower 6. Teas at moderate charge.—H. Parkinson, Hon. Sec. 1572

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Watford District.—Langleybury (6) Sat., July 5th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to K. Dunstan, 8, Bridge Road, Hunton Bridge, King's Langley, by 2nd. 1581

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Lancaster and Furness and Lake District Branches.—Practice meeting at St. John's Church, Silverdale, Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Names for tea to W. Bolton, Kirkmead, Silverdale, near Carnforth.—J. Skeats and N. M. Newby, Branch Secs. 1603

**OXFORD GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Milton Keynes, Sat., July 5th, 5.—R. H. Howson. 1597

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.** — Wotton Branch.—Coaley (6) July 5th, 3. Service 4.30. Names by July 4th to John W. Adshhead, Hon. Sec., Police Station, Falfield, Glos. 1585

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual Festival Oxford, Sat., July 12th. Service Christ Church Cathedral 11 (preacher, the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Oxford). Business meeting Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon Christ Church Dining Hall 1.30; tickets 4s. Application for luncheon tickets, accompanied by remittance, to General Secretary not later than July 4th. Owing to catering difficulties no member or visitor can be guaranteed lunch unless in possession of ticket. Ringing: Cathedral (12), time next notice; Colleges, New (10) 4.5, Magdalen (10) 3-4, Merton (8) 3.30-4.30; Churches, St. Giles' (8), 3-4, St. Ebbe's (8), 4-5, All Saints' (8), 5.30-7, St. Thomas' (6), 3.30-4.30, Holywell (6) 4-5 p.m., Carfax (6) 5.30-6.30, St. Aldate's (6) 6.30-7.30.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants. 1527

**ESSEX ASSN.** — North-Eastern Division.—Meeting Colchester (St. Leonard's), Sat., July 12th. Bells 2. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea by July 8th, please.—H. J. Millatt, Dis. Sec., Wood View, Thorington. 1586

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.** — Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting Irchester (8), Sat., July 12th. Advise early for tea to Mr. C. Payne, 2, School Road, Irchester. 1599

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.**—South Norfolk Branch.—Summer meeting, Saxlingham Nethergate (8), Sat., July 12th. Service 4.30. Tea 5, for those who let me know by 8th. Shotesham bells (5) available after tea.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss, Norfolk. 1610

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—200th Anniversary celebrations, Sat., July 12th. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Mary's, Lambeth (8), 10.30 to 12 noon; Southwark Cathedral (12), 1 to 3.30; St. Giles'-in-the-Fields (8), 3.30 to 4.45; St. Margaret's, Westminster (10), 3.45 to 4.45; St. Martin-in-the-Fields (12), 3.45 to 4.45. Special service St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 5.15. Dinner at Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6.30.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 1596

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KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Birling (8) July 12th. Bells 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, near Maidstone. 1589

SOUTHWELL DIO. GUILD.—Meeting Nuthall, Notts, July 12th, 3. Names for tea to Mr. T. Harrison, 21, Nottingham Road, Nuthall, by July 7th. 1595

SALISBURY GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting Martin, Sat., July 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please bring own food. Damerham bells also available.—J. E. Figgures, 54, Wyndham Road, Salisbury. 1612

ELY ASSN.—Ely District.—Willingham (6) Sat., July 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (at The Bays).—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 1603

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—Jubilee Dinner, Oct. 18th, at Slater's, 393, Strand. Tickets, price 12s., available from E. C. S. Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing, W.5. 1601

CARBIS BAY, ST. IVES, CORNWALL.—Fridays, 7 p.m.; Sundays, 10 a.m. and 5.15 p.m.—Rev. A. S. Roberts, The Parsonage (phone St. Ives 206). 1583

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