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PUBLICATIONS & THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

MR. STUART HODGSON'S letter, criticising the Central Council for not publishing technical literature, has been followed by a thoughtful contribution by Mr. Andrew S. Hudson. May I first of all assure Mr. Hudson of my pleasure in sharing with him the honour of this front page in that issue (April 24th), and also that, while we may differ on details, we have clearly each the same cause at heart. In my letter ('R.W.' March 6th) I wrote that it was little use bemoaning the fact that the Council or anyone else had not yet produced what another correspondent called a 'mythical long promised' collection. Any collection or publication about change ringing would only be published when one of us gave up sufficient time to produce it and found the cash (or a backer) to publish.

In view of the approach of the annual meeting of the Central Council it might be appropriate to consider the Council's powers and duties and how they relate to this demand for technical publications. We must all the time, however, bear in mind that the Council is not a corporate body like a local government authority, or even like a limited company, with a salaried staff to carry out its orders and the finance to see that those orders are implemented.

Among its original aims (1890) and relevant to this article are that the Council shall use its best endeavours to guard the rights and generally promote the welfare of the Exercise, both in its scientific aspect and as a branch of Church work. It shall also encourage and assist the development of the Art in its scientific, mathematical and historical branches. The Council today is still in this position—it can try to promote the welfare, etc., and can encourage and assist the development, etc. Note that there is nothing mandatory about this—our predecessors realised that there could not be, above all because the power of the purse was lacking.

The members of the Council, and its officers, are volunteers and all the work done for the Council is voluntary. Apart from the secretarial expenses incurred in arranging the annual meetings, hardly any of the expenses of its members on the work of its committees are met and all the actual labour is completely free. In spite of the reference in the Handbook to 74 delegates attending the first meeting, the members are not delegates in the sense that union delegates attend meetings and vote on the instructions of their unions. They are representatives elected by the constituent associations and, while normally they reflect the views of those associations, there are many occasions when they do not, with the result, sometimes, that their association does not re-elect them. But this does not happen often.

Now let us consider the vital question of finance. First the matter of cost of publication, remembering that ringing textbooks cannot be printed as cheaply as novels. Because of the considered policy of publishing the Beginners' Handbook as cheaply as possible it is now in its third edition of 5,000 copies. This last edition cost £169—about eightpence a copy. Allowing for postage, packing, advertising, etc., and the six copies for five shillings concession, the Council does not lose money on it. And it achieves its main object—a wide circulation. If this work had been dealt with on commercial standards there would have been publishers' costs, distributors' costs, retailers' costs, profits to all of these, initial payment to author and continuing royalties. At, say, two shillings and sixpence or more a copy sales would have been so much lower that the opportunity of a low reprint charge would never have occurred. It is quite possible that it would never have been printed at all—certainly not in its present form. It was the proof of demand supplied by a certain 'Notes for Beginners' which led to the issue of the printed booklet. And I am well aware that the circulation for the 'Notes' of some 3,500 copies in six hand produced editions was only because it was sold for the cost of the paper used.

Your critics may reply that they have only suggested that charges should be increased to commercial levels, and that this need not cause costs to rise similarly. But that is to ignore human nature. You can only use voluntary labour if you use it to cut costs so that you can produce cheaply for the benefit of all. The moment you raise charges to commercial levels and start to make 'profits,' the labourer will decide that he is worthy of his hire. There's also the tax man!

Now let us see what money is available to the Council under the present arrangements. It would not be right to use 1963 figures: they have not yet been presented to the Council. But the 1962 figures, published last Whitsun, are sufficiently recent for our purpose. The publications account showed a profit for 1962 of £58. This was obtained by carrying out the Council's policy of publishing at low prices to obtain a wide circulation. Enthusiasts may well say that ringers could buy at the full commercial price. I sincerely hope this will prove true when my own venture is published—both for my publishers' sake and my own. But I suspect we shall rely largely on copies being bought for public libraries! The large majority of ringers are not enthusiasts for textbooks and they are used to having their hobby almost for nothing. Perhaps this is subconsciously because it is a kind of return for all their voluntary ringing as part of their church work. Whatever the reason I know no peal ringer who pays for his three hours ringing at the rate he would for the same time at tennis, or ten-pin bowling—or bingo! We know well the reaction of association members to proposals for increasing subscriptions—usually only about the price of a packet of ciragettes per annum.

The profit of £58 was made on a total sale of 3,542 items—almost half of them copies of the Beginners' Handbook; the other half was divided among 22 other publications—no fortunes to be made there. It would be rash to prophesy that a doubling of the selling price would not at least halve the sales. With that result the profit would be no more and the aims of the Council, mentioned earlier, would not have been achieved.

The Council's general fund showed an excess of income over expenditure for 1962 of £54. But this took account of the £58 profit on publications. So the ordinary income, primarily from affiliation fees, barely covers necessary expenses. Perhaps this general fund should also be put on a commercial basis by asking the constituent associations for higher fees. But if you do this you cannot expect still to have the Council's work done for nothing, so your final position will be the same. And the associations will have less to spend on buying books, or teaching, or will have to raise subscriptions and round the circle we shall go!

There is the Clement Glenn bequest, now amounting almost to £900. The annual interest on this is about £25, which at commercial rates the capital might suffice for a quite limited edition of one 200 page text book and that would be that. This leaves 'The Ringing World' account, which shows an annual profit which may or may not continue to meet rising costs of production. It shows also a capital which in 1962 brought in the useful sum of £265 in interest to help towards the annual profit. As a member of the committee, I can well imagine the views of its convener

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

Invitation to Central Council

THE Coventry Diocesan Guild held its annual general meeting at St. Nicholas' Church, Warwick, on April 18th. Ringing before the service was in a variety of methods, all tastes being catered for. The service was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. Graham Smallwood, who is a vice-president of the Guild and also a ringer. In a short address he assured the members present that the Guild would always be welcome at St. Nicholas'.

Tea was followed by the business meeting with the president, Mr. F. W. Perrens, taking the chair. Opening the meeting, he gave a hearty welcome to all present, and in particular to the visitors. After dealing with the usual items, reports were given by the various officers.

MORE AND MORE YOUNG PEOPLE

The secretary said that the Guild was doing the job it set itself to achieve, that is, to keep as many of the bells ringing on Sundays for services. This he felt was being done very successfully as only bells that were unringable were silent, and even some of these were being chimed. Looking around the room, it was obvious that more and more young people were coming into the Guild, and this assured continuity, as these young people would be taking their place among the peal ringers, and peal ringing would help to keep them.

The treasurer's report created quite a useful discussion on the Guild finances, and how they should be used.

The Ringing Master commented on the ringing at meetings, saying that rounds for learners was very much worth while, as it taught them how to listeen to their bell and improve their striking. He also commented on the low attendances at some District meetings, particularly because some of the towers were not too easy to get to. This was borne out by the Branch secretaries.

It was confirmed that the Guild acquire a typewriter and duplicator to enable the annual report and other duplicating work to be produced at little cost. It was also confirmed that the Guild renew its invitation to the Central Council to visit the Guild for its meeting in 1965.

It was confirmed that the annual subscription be raised to 3s. 6d. for seniors and 2s. 6d. for those under 18. This would make Guild finances more realistic and would enable officers of the Guild to claim expenses to which they were entitled, as it was obvious that many of them did not make claims out of consideration for the Guild.

A NEW PRESIDENT

As the president had intimated that he would not be seeking re-election, he nominated Mr. A. Beamish for that office. Mr. Beamish was duly elected. Before vacating the chair Mr. Perrens said how much he had enjoyed serving the Guild as their president and assured the meeting that he would always be pleased to help in the future in any way he could.

Mr. Beamish, on taking the chair, said he very much appreciated the honour the Guild had paid him, but he took it as an honour for the tower he represented. He realised that in following such a capable man as Frank Perrens, who had served the Guild in many offices, he had quite a difficult task before him, but assured members that he would do his utmost to uphold the example set by his predecessor.

All other officers were re-elected with the exception of the Warwick Branch secretary, who was not seeking office again. A successor will be nominated at the next Branch meeting, to be confirmed at the next quarterly meeting.

The meeting concluded with thanks to the Vicar and those who had arranged the tea. A social evening arranged by the young members of St. Nicholas' band was much enjoyed. Those not able to do the twist were left to enjoy more ringing on the good eight.

J. L. G. H.

AN APOLOGY TO BIDDENDEN

A. E. Davies (age 16), of Chartham, Canterbury, has written to Mr. H. G. Payne, tower captain at All Saints', Biddenden, expressing his 'sincerest apologies for my very stupid comment in your visitors' book about your tenor bell. I'm afraid it was one of those things which was written humorously without thought.

'So that the article "Uncalled For" should have no reflection on the band of St. Dunstan's Church, Canterbury, or for that matter any of the other churches in the city, I should like to make it quite clear that I am not an attached member of the tower, but, being a member of St. Dunstan's Church, the band and their captain very kindly allowed me to join them in their ringing.'

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if it was proposed to use either capital or interest for the risky business of publishing books at commercial prices.

What does all this amount to? Mr. Hodgson says 'There are signs of an increasing determination by ringers interested in technical aspects that their requirements shall be met. If those in control of the Central Council will not satisfy the demand they ought to announce their refusal at the Whitsun meeting in order that other sources of supply can be investigated without delay.' Brave words. But it needs no decision by the Council to enable Mr. Hodgson or any other of those determined experts to write and publish commercially, at their own risk, any book they wish, provided it does not infringe the law. Mr. Hodgson's own treatise on false course heads, which he substantially subsidised to enable publication, is being handled by the Council's voluntary labour system. It has only 12 pages and the charge at non-commercial rates is two shillings. Interesting as it is, sales in 1962 amounted to 34 copies.

Mr. Hudson says that 'When there is a demand for information by the Exercise, the Central Council should take all reasonable steps to satisfy it.' The word 'reasonable' can only mean in the context of the Council's voluntary workers and limited finance; that is just what the Council does when it is satisfied that the demand is sufficient to encourage its members to give of their leisure time and spare cash to produce suitable manuscripts. I can only underline Mr. Hudson's own words—'One has to take things into one's own hands.' Of course one does and always has, and those hands must dip into one's own pockets. More so if you are not prepared to accept Council publications which in his words 'omit what we want on account of some personal whim of the people responsible.'

May I conclude by saying that the Exercise should be—I believe most of it is—deeply grateful for all the work done all the year, freely in both senses, by so many members of the Central Council, some for many years. While realising that a 'Snowdon' family does not appear in every generation, I am sure the Exercise will be equally grateful to any of your correspondents who produce desirable text books to fill the gaps. Whether they will show that gratitude by paying commercial prices is a matter of doubt. It will depend on their valuation, not that of the author. But the enthusiasts for publication should be aware that the previous experience of several eminent ringers has not been too encouraging.

W. G. WILSON.

Burslem Delight

Dear Sir, — The Methods Committee are unanimous in their decision that Burslem Delight does not extend and request the conductor of the peal rung on November 23rd, 1963, to furnish a name for the method rung.

—Yours faithfully,

C. KENNETH LEWIS,
Convener, Methods Committee.

OBITUARY

MR. JOSEPH MARSH

Local captain and a ringer at Claverley, Salop, for over 50 years Mr. Joseph Marsh, died on April 21st. A memoir will appear in our next issue.

MR. H. R. FRENCH

As briefly reported recently, the death of Mr. H. R. French, of Sturry, near Canterbury, came as a great shock to his friends. Proud of the fact that he was born a 'true Cockney,' his father being in the City of London Police, he spent his early youth at Smarden and was apprenticed to a local builder, and later moved to Ospringe. He served in the Royal Engineers during the first world war, and after hostilities moved to Sturry to join Mr. Ernest Slingsby, who at that time was captain of the local ringers. He soon took up ringing and eventually became captain, retaining that office until recently. In 1934 he joined the Cathedral company and at the time of his death was vice-captain. He was a keen peal ringer in the early days, but the demands of his business, which he took over in 1935, curtailed his activities. For a number of years he represented the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association.

As a builder he maintained a very high standard of workmanship, and gained the complete confidence of his many customers. This, together with the high regard with which he was held by all ringers who knew him, was vividly shown by the large attendance at the funeral service held in Sturry Church. This was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. R. Lunnon, assisted by the Rev. T. G. Williams (former Vicar) and the Rev. S. M. Evans. In a short address the Vicar paid a wonderful tribute to 'Dick' in his work as a former verger, latterly as a churchwarden, and in his relationships with all the village people. As the cortege passed between the ringers on its way to Barham Crematorium a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the back eight of his own handbells.

He will be sadly missed by all who knew him, and many expressions of sympathy have been received by his family. To the writer it is the break of over 30 years of wonderful friendship.

B. J. L.

MR. SIDNEY HOUGH

The Chester Diocesan Guild has lost one of its oldest and most honoured members by the death on April 10th of Mr. Sidney Hough, aged 85 years. He had been a member of the Guild for at least 68 years (his name appears in the Quinquennial Report for 1896) and all of this time he was a ringer at Knutsford. He rang his first peal at Norbury on October 23rd, 1909, and his last peal was one for his own golden wedding on December 27th, 1952, rung by members of his own family with him as conductor. His peal total of 22 was by modern standards insignificant, but his contribution to peal ringing had been in the encouragement of others and he had travelled miles to take part in attempts, and many ringers who are better known to the Exercise owe much to his help in the early stages of their ringing careers. The writer is proud that Sidney Hough took part in his first attempt for a peal (which failed) and later conducted his first peal.

He was always active in Guild and Branch affairs and his attendance at Branch meetings was extremely regular until age prevented him from travelling, but in the last year he had attended one or two meetings and was obviously delighted with the progress of the young ringers he met. He was chairman of the Stockport Branch in 1933 and 1934 when he took over from the Rev. A. T. Beeston, with whom he had a great friendship, and he continued to keep in contact with Mrs. Beeston up to the time of his death. When his period in office was over he continued to offer the Branch his guidance and his advice was always sound and much of the Branch's strength may be attributed to his, and his contemporaries', work.

C. K. L.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Mr. F. Dunkerley Retires

THE 1964 annual meeting of the Lancashire Association, held at Leyland on April 25th, marked the retirement from office of Mr. F. Dunkerley, who had been general secretary since 1951, following the death of Mr. W. H. Shuker.

The president, the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith, paid a very warm tribute to his services and, as a gesture of thanks from the members, presented Mr. Dunkerley with a silver cigarette box. A bouquet of flowers was also given to Miss Grimme, who had given such sterling service to him.

Mr. Dunkerley, in his reply, thanked the members and asked them to support the new secretary.

The only nominee for the vacancy was Mr. F. Reynolds, of 38, Windsor Avenue, Whitefield, Manchester, who was declared elected. There was a ballot for the vacancy on the Central Council caused by the death of Mr. Derek Ogden, and Mr. J. P. Partington (Rochdale) was elected. Mr. Cyril Crossthwaite was the only nominee for the office of vice-president. Miss Mary Walshaw's appointment as custodian of the Derek Ogden Memorial Library at Manchester Cathedral was confirmed.

LAPSED MEMBERS WHO REJOIN

The committee's printed report, which was received, called attention to the resolution from the Blackburn Branch: 'That the committee be asked to consider a request that members whose subscriptions had lapsed, but who had since rejoined the Association, should be credited in the peal totals with peals they had rung when they were previously members.' After discussion it was carried that the resolution should go before the annual general meeting with the addition of the following words: 'if they request the same and furnish details.' The committee agreed that if the resolution was adopted by the annual general meeting an asterisk should be placed by the name of any member in the annual report who had rejoined. This was adopted at the half-yearly meeting.

Mr. Frank Reynolds reported to the committee that the bookcase for the Association's library had been completed at a cost of £20 for timber, although its value was estimated at £100. The library was to be named 'The Derek Ogden Memorial Library.'

LOSSES BY DEATH

These were.—Life ringing members: Henry Moss (Bolton), William T. Clark (Broughton), J. Miller (Leyland), Mrs. H. M. Windle (Hoghton), H. Entwistle (Burnley), H. Reynolds (Manchester). Ringing members: W. E. Loxham (Penwortham), R. Longden, D. Ogden and B. Walshaw (Manchester), A. Parker (Poolstock) and F. Bentley (Burnley).

The Association membership was: Honorary life 65 (new 2), non-resident 784 (new 43), ringing members 940 (new 101).

The ringing secretary (Mr. J. P. Partington) reported that 218 peals were rung for the Association in 1963, which was a record and 78 more than last year. They consisted of: Maximus 9, Cinques 4, Royal 13, Caters 8, Major 118, Triples 9, Minor 46, Doubles 11. There were 20 'firsts' for the Association: 203 resident members took part and 47 rang their first peal. Fifty-one shared in conducting, the leaders being Neil Bennett 22, John Ashcroft 19, Frederick Shallcross 18. Three resident members took part in the extent of Major at Loughborough. The outstanding peal for the Association was 18-Spiced Surprise Maximus at Manchester Town Hall conducted by Derek Ogden. This was the greatest number of methods ever rung to a peal on 12 bells.

MR. F. DUNKERLEY,
General Secretary since 1951.

The president regretfully gave notice that having left the county he would have to resign next year. He also moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar, the ladies, organist, Mr. L. Walmsley and local ringers, and this was warmly supported.

Earlier in the day a large congregation heard the president give an interesting sermon at the service in St. Andrew's Church. A potato pie tea followed, and in spite of the number who had not sent in names, the locals rose to the occasion and catered excellently.

PROGRESS IN NEW ZEALAND

GREAT progress has been made in regard to ringing at Christchurch Cathedral. The membership is the highest ever and the result is that Grandsire Caters (plain courses) are being rung fairly regularly and soon a 'touch' will be attempted. Other methods rung are Stedman Doubles and Triples and a start has been made with Cambridge Surprise Minor.

At Easter we were very pleased to welcome Mr. John Gardner, of Balcombe, Sussex, England. Ringers of his ability, also Mr. John Gunner (late of Winchester) are a great help to the Society. On practice nights, with learners included, we have had as many as 15 present.

I am delighted to report that the ring of five bells at St. Paul's Church, Papenui, is active again, after being silent for some years. The Vestry at St. Paul's are behind this, the result being that recruits have been trained at the Cathedral by our members. Under the guidance of Ray Idle a start has been made at Papanui with practice on Thursday nights and Sunday evening ringing.

These are the bells that the ringers practised on for the opening of the Cathedral bells in 1881.

G. NELSON SLOANE.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch

The quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held at Symondsbury on April 18th, representatives from nine towers and two visitors being present.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. R. J. Edmondson, Vicar of Melplash, and the lesson was read by the Rev. K. G. C. Rowcroft. Mr. B. Elsworth was the organist.

An excellent tea, to which 30 sat down, was prepared and served by the local ringers and their wives, and all were made welcome by this hospitality.

At the business meeting members paid tribute to the memory of Messrs. E. Case and Elie Hawker. Five new ringing members were elected. Final arrangements were made by members for attending the Guild Festival at Marlborough, by coach.

Methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire and Stedman, Cambridge, London and Bob Minor.

Next quarterly meeting: Askerswell, June 13th; and practice meetings: Thorncombe, June 10th, and Hawkchurch, July 8th. J. D.

Marlborough Branch

Aldbourne, where for over 200 years bells of all descriptions were cast by the former Wiltshire founders, Cor and Wells family, was visited by the Marlborough Branch for their meeting on April 25th. With the Rev. Roger Keeley (Ringing Master) in charge, a variety of touches was rung. It was a good meeting with many visitors. The Guild secretary (Mr. W. C. West) and his assistant (Mr. F. Slatford) were present and the Branch secretary was welcomed back after being laid aside with a severe attack of lumbago.

After the Guild service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. C. Perry), came a splendid tea in the Memorial Hall generously provided by Mr. and Mrs. Keen. Helping with the arrangements were Mrs. P. Newman, Mrs. G. Newman and Miss E. Palmer. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. G. Newman (chairman) and the evening's ringing concluded with an excellent touch of Stedman Triples rung by a touring band from Thatcham, Berks.

W. A. E.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS SILENT

Unless an unexpected gift is forthcoming, Chester Cathedral bells are likely to be silent for some time.

The Bishop of Chester (the Rt. Rev. Gerald Ellison), in his diocesan leaflet, states that an architect has reported that the bell frame is badly related to the tower structure, and movement in it could seriously affect the stability of the tower.

'The bells must be silent,' he says. 'First aid steps could be taken for £500. This would enable the bells to be rung for short periods. For £9,000 to £10,000 the troubles could be completely cured.

'Is there anyone who would like to provide for the restoration?' appeals the Bishop. He points out that the Dean and Chapter were faced with heavy responsibilities for cleaning the inside of the Cathedral, and putting the Cathedral in order must be given priority.

'It looks as if there will be a long wait before the bells are heard again in Chester. This is a great sadness to those of us who love the sound of the bells and who feel much sympathy with Dorothy Sayers, who remarks that in this noisy world the sound of the bells is the one loud noise made solely to the glory of God.'

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Letters to the Editor

Xingu Surprise Minor

Dear Sir,—The performance at Countesthorpe on March 9th does not conform with the C.C.'s conditions for peals of Minor, and cannot therefore be classed as a peal. I am sure that the ringers concerned are aware of this fact, and it was therefore wrong of them to mislead you into publishing details in the peal columns of 'The Ringing World' of April 24th. If it was necessary to publicise this feat at all, a heading such as 'Other Performances' should have been requested.

Minor methods such as Xingu are worthless since they are incapable of producing true extents in the conventional manner. This essential requirement cannot be evaded by using singles to produce 1,440's.—Yours sincerely, GEORGE W. MASSEY.

Frome, Somerset.

Dear Sir.—With regard to the peal Xingu Surprise Minor rung at Countesthorpe on March 9th, I would like to point out that this peal does not comply with the Central Council's requirements for peals of Minor. The reason for this is that, as Mr. Jelley already knows perfectly well, it is impossible to obtain a true 720 in the method, and therefore the 1,440's employed could not consist of true and complete round 720's.

I am sorry to have to raise this matter, but, if my memory serves me correctly, a peal of Saturn Treble Bob Doubles was disallowed for this very reason.—Yours faithfully,

ROGER D. BAILEY.

Holbeach, Spalding.

Mr. William Pye

Dear Sir,—The writer of the article concerning the first 12-bell peal for the Truro Guild on page 266 does the memory of the late Mr. William Pye a very grave injustice in suggesting he credited the five peals he rang in Cornwall in 1913 to the Devon Guild, instead of the Truro Guild, because he was only allowed three-quarters of an hour's ringing at the Cathedral instead of a peal.

Mr. Pye was not only a great ringer, he was also a great man, and quite above anything mean or petty such as is suggested.—Yours sincerely, E. BARNETT.

170, Kings Close, Crayford.

Disappointed by Record

Dear Sir,—A few weeks ago my son and I were looking through the miscellaneous records at a well-known store. To our surprise we came across a bell-ringing record (H.M.V. CLP 1441). We hadn't the time to hear it played but knowing that bell-ringing records are rather hard to come by we bought it. But what a shock we had when we played it for the first time!

On the first side there was Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. The striking was terrible and I fail to see how this came to be recorded. On the second side there was Cambridge Surprise Major: this was a little better but I should not think it was up to recording standard.

I myself am by no means an expert ringer, indeed I am limited to Bob Minor and covering. But even I can tell bad striking when I hear it. If anyone doubts me and would like to hear the record I am in all day and would be more than pleased to oblige.—Yours sincerely. M. BROWN.

3, Driftholme Road,
Drighlington, near Bradford.

Behind Washington Criticism?

Dear Sir,— There has been much correspondance and criticism of the selection of the Washington band.

The final one from Tom Lock adds something. He speaks of 'obvious omissions.' May I ask what obvious omissions?

Perhaps the general secretary of the Middlesex Association or the Master of the Cumberlands or a representative of the Ladies' Guild? Why end here? Why not the general secretary and Master of every Association? Why not a representative of every Association? Why not a representative of every band who contributed?

Now let us face facts. The selection of a band of everybody's choice is impossible.

No matter who had selected the band, criticism was bound to come. One has only to glance down the peal columns each week and look at the number of Societies to realise the difficulties. I have been assured in certain circles that the fact that nine of the band are Cumberland Youths is purely a coincidence, and a sane look at the names will show that they are as good a band as possible.

The universal appeal has been pointed out. As a matter of fact it would be interesting to find out how many of the people who have complained have actually contributed to the fund.

Let us therefore have a little reason in the matter.

Certain people have selected certain ringers. If anybody has any complaint against any certain ringer or ringers, let them out with it openly.

Otherwise, let us have a little less of the sour grapes and pious platitudes and resign ourselves to the fact that everybody suitable could not possibly go and that in view of the difficulties a good job of selection has been done.—Yours sincerely.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

London, E.1

Place Notation for Doubles

Dear Sir, — Could correspondents give Doubles methods in place notation? This would avoid the rather clumsy Winchendon plain leads with half-leads of Original called as bobs and Old Doubles calls for singles' type of notation, which may be all very well for Mr. Amos and Mr. Walkgate, but is rather disheartening for the less expert.

Two difficulties would be prevented entirely by place notation. The first is that it is not always made plain whether a whole lead of one method is being used as the bob of another, or if the plain lead method is being modified near the lead end.

Secondly, the method or call referred to may not be known to the reader. For instance, I cannot find any mention of a Grandsire extreme or odd bob in the 'Collection of Doubles Methods.'

Place notation is bound to be a little complex when the bob lead is very different from the plain lead, but it does have the advantage of conveying the information concisely, accurately and unambiguously.

It might also take up less column space and, in the long run, lead to fewer arguments in your columns.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN DAVID.

Guernsey.

Peal on Woodhouse Machine

Dear Sir,—On Sunday, April 19th, a peal was rung on the Woodhouse Ringing Machine. The peal was P. G. K. Davies' composition of 5,120 Spliced Surprise Major in four methods —1,120 Rutland, 1,280 Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 1,440 Yorkshire with 69 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. The peal was rung in 2 hours and 47 minutes.

This is the first peal to be rung on this machine since it was completely rebuilt by Mr. Gordon Thwaites, and we are pleased to report that the machine behaved faultlessly throughout..

I set the methods and put in the bobs whilst Gordon Thwaites attended to the diagram mechanism. A complete diagram of the paths of the treble and seventh was made, and this measures about 12 feet in length!—Yours faithfully.

C. CROSSTHWAITE.

Preston, Lancs.

'Wizard Show, Truro'

Dear Sir.—May I congratulate the members of the Truro Diocesan Guild who broke the Cinques barrier for the Guild. I know of no Cornishman who will not echo my sentiments when I say 'Wizard show, chaps, wish I'd been there'

Of course, we could all draw up bands which we think should have rung this peal. We did not, and therefore to this band goes all honour for having done that which we have neglected.—Yours sincerely,

CORNJSHMAN-IN-EXILE

Dagenham.

Sundays at Twerton

Dear Sir,—May I first be allowed to congratulate the Highclere ringers on their Sunday service ringing and to tell them that the band at Twerton-on-Avon have rung for three services every Sunday since 1958.

Also, since starting off several youngsters at the beginning of 1963, we have added ringing for Sunday School and after Evensong to make it five times on a Sunday. It may be added that people around the church love to hear the bells and up to now have not found it too much.

It is interesting to note that the Sunday time-table of at least four of the band, who are also choirboys, ring six times and sing four times (which includes a visit to a neighbouring parish). I am not sure whether meal times exist but their keenness does not seem to wear off and I hope it won't. — Yours truly.

ALAN F. LEE.

Twerton, Bath.

Not from St. Dunstan's

Dear Sir,—It is a pity that Mr. Payne, of Biddenden, did not add the name of the 'gentleman' in his letter regarding the comments written in the visitors' book, that the tenor was 'lousy and flat.'

I have known all the members at St. Dunstan's for years. I am quite positive that not one of them would even think of making such an entry in any visitors' book, let alone do it, no matter what state the bells were in. I am equally positive that the 'gentleman' in question is not a member of St. Dunstan's and, whoever he is, he should at least have the decency to apologise to both the Biddenden and St. Dunstan's ringers.—Yours faithfully.

Canterbury B. J. LUCK.

For Apology see page 306

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BRISTOL RINGING FESTIVAL

May 30th, 1964

As you can see from looking in 'Dove,' the city of Bristol and the immediate neighbourhood are wonderfully well endowed with rings of bells. It is therefore a natural place to hold a big Ringing Festival, for it provides all the facilities for a lot of ringers to do a lot of ringing in one day and to come together and meet each other. This year there will be 26 towers open and between them they will provide something for everybody; for the 12-bell ringers there are the fine bells of St. Mary Redcliffe; for the eight-bell specialists our Cathedral and the heavy eight at Long Ashton, as well as light eights like those of St. Ambrose or Knowle; for those who wish to pit their skills against heavy sixes there will be Westbury and Portbury as well as Filton and Clapton-in-Gordano for those who prefer their sixes lighter.

At any time of year Bristol is a beautiful city, but at the end of May it and the surrounding country are at their very best and provide much to delight and interest the eyes of the visitors, whether they be ringer or a non-ringing member of his family. For those whose particular interest is seeing unusual bells, there will be opportunities during the day to visit the central tower of the Cathedral to see the mediæval bells and frame recently described by Mr. Ranald Clouston in 'The Ringing World,' and also Great George, the great bell of Bristol University.

On such occasions as this ringers also wish to get together and meet one another outside the tower. We have therefore arranged that all those who wish can lunch together at a modest cost at a hotel conveniently situated for the towers which will be open immediately after lunch and also for car-parking—no small problem in Bristol on a Saturday. There will also be a social gathering in the new Senior Common Room of the University in the evening, to which all are invited and for which there will be no admission charge.

It is appropriate that when ringers meet together like this they should also worship together and give thanks for the great gifts they enjoy. We shall have our own service at noon in the Cathedral, in which there will be a special ringers' choir.

Festivals were previously held in Bristol in 1961 and 1962 and were very well attended. We do hope, though, that ringers will not find themselves at the same tower simultaneously, as happened once or twice before, and we have tried to arrange things to prevent this.

You will not find the day's programme published in detail in 'The Ringing World' because it is so large that it will take up too much space together with all the necessary instructions for finding the towers. You can get the programme by writing to Mr. D. J. Hunt, 58, Gordon Avenue, Bristol 5. He also has lunch tickets for sale (7s. 6d.). Organising a festival like this does cost us a little, so we hope you will not mind a small surcharge being put on the lunch tickets to cover organising expenses; perhaps if you want to come but do not wish to have lunch with us, you could let us have a little contribution to help towards these expenses. Thank you.

We hope to see you in Bristol on May 30th.

P. G.

CHELSEA RINGERS' TOUR

Ringers from St. Luke's, Chelsea, together with other ringers who have in the past been associated with St. Luke's, took part in a well organised tour of North Yorkshire and Westmorland during the week April 11th to 18th. Headquarters were at Bedale, Yorks, and excursions were made daily by road to visit and ring at about 30 churches, which included Kendal, Bowness-on-Windermere, Ambleside, Sedburgh, Beverley Minster, Beverley St. Mary's, Walkington, Leeds, St. Chads, Headingley St. Michael's, St. Peter's, Bramley, Armley, Northallerton, Guisborough, Whitby, Pickering, Saltburn-by-Sea, Skelton-in-Cleveland, Middlesbrough, Thornaby-on-Tees, Howden, Selby, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Tadcaster and Middleham.

No peals were attempted but an excellent quarter peal of Stedman was rung on the beautiful eight at Howden. A very warm welcome awaited the party at every tower visited and ringing was enjoyed on some very good bells.

Those taking part in the tour were Miss K. Branson (Edinburgh), Miss V. Dupré (Chelsea), Miss M. Powell (Chelsea), Squire Croft (Ealing), J. H. Lott (Chelsea), Ian Lloyd (Pershore), Aubrey Lloyd (Charlbury), W. H. Pickett (Stoke), A. J. Stimson (Melton Mowbray), J. F. Smallwood (Darley Dale) and A F Udall (Chelsea).

Sincere thanks to those who made it possible for us to ring, and to Veronica and John for their efficient organisation. JAFUS.

MISS JEAN BARNETT'S '21st'

As April 28th fell on a Tuesday, it was decided to hold the first part of Miss Jean Barnett's '21st' celebrations on the previous week-end, when friends and relations gathered at Crayford, where they were entertained by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett (mother doing a specially good job with the buffet!). The second part consisted of a peal of Bob Royal at Plymouth, in which Jean took part, and a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Withyham, in which her father, grandfather and godfather took part (both peals being rung on the 28th). After the Withyham peal the band were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Hairs at Groombridge, and the opportunity was taken of wishing Jean 'Many Happy Returns,' this being done by telephone to Exeter.

SUFFOLK GUILD

The Central District held a quarterly meeting at Worlingworth on April 25th, which attracted ringers from as far afield as Hertfordshire, Cambridge, Norfolk and Ipswich. The Rector, the Rev. W. H. Donnan, welcomed the ringers at the service and gave an interesting account of the history of the eight bells and their connection with the people and village life over the past 300 years.

Before sitting down to tea at the Rectory Mr. L. E. Last thanked the Rector and Mrs. Donnan for their warm welcome and hospitality and congratulated all concerned on the very effective restoration work recently carried out at the church. At the business meeting the chair was taken by Miss Alice Lester and it was agreed that the meeting had proved a successful ringing and social occasion.

L. E. L.

THE LADIES' GUILD

South Wales District

Several young Caldicot ringers were able to ring their first courses and touches of Stedman Triples when the South Wales Branch held an enjoyable meeting on April 18th. The visit was regarded as a special occasion by the Vicar (the Rev. Roy Hallett), who arranged for solemn Evensong.

Tea was served in the church school by Mrs. Sowerby and Mrs. Wheeler. These ladies were thanked by Mr. Jack James. Mrs. Coles thanked Mr. Hallett for his warm welcome and Miss Dilys Hulbert thanked the organist, Mr. H. Harris.

Two new members were elected the Misses Nona Davies and Sally Behenna, of Cardiff.

Next meeting: St. Mellons, October 31st.

J. K.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

Seven Sunday service bands competed for the second striking competition held by the Society at St. Mary's Church, Bushbury, near Wolverhampton on April 11th. The test was 120 changes of either Plain Bob Doubles or Minor.

The results were: 1 Little Aston 'A' (7½ faults), 2 Lichfield Cathedral (10½), 3 Great Barr (21), 4 Aldridge (26½), 5 Penn (31), 6 Cannock (50½), 7 Little Aston 'B' (52). Great Barr should be congratulated on coming third as they had never entered a band before and some were learners, also Little Aston on not only winning but on entering two six-bell bands.

Thanks are accorded to the Vicar for his co-operation, the local ringers for light refreshments, and to Messrs. Gordon Halls (Derby), Dennis R. Carlisle (Sandiacre) and Gordon Lane (Kingsbury) the judges.

C. M. S.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting of the Chew Branch was held at Long Ashton (8) on April 18th, when the Association service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. I. F. Westmacott). Tea in the Church Hall was followed by the business meeting under the chairmanship of Mr. H. W. Knight. Eight new members were elected, seven from Yatton and one from Portishead.

Subject to permission, the following towers were chosen for meetings: Wraxall (quarterly) and Nailsea (June). The May meeting will be replaced by the Striking Competition at Nempnett Thrubwell, with Mr. A. M. Tyler, of Bristol, as judge. The test piece will be 120 Doubles or Minor, rung by a tower's Sunday service band.

An offer from Portishead to hold the annual Corporate Communion at their tower was accepted with thanks by the meeting.

Tribute was paid to the memory of Mrs. E. Knight, who had died since the last meeting, and Mr. H. W. Knight was congratulated on his election at the annual general meeting as an honorary life member of the Association.

J. B

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HALF PEALS

BARROW GURNEY, SOMERSET. — On April 19th, 2,408 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Brenda Foster 1, Jill D. Sewell 2, Elizabeth T. Birmingham 3, P. G. Erith 4, T. G. Pett 5, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 6, R. W. Powell 7, N. J. Davies 8.

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND.—On April 4th in 1 hr. 35 mins. at the Cathedral, 2,520 Grandsire Triples (on the heavy eight): John Dunn 1, John H. Gardner 2, John Gunner 3, Terry Moore 4, Northely Reeve 5, G. Nelson Sloan 6, Raymond Idle (cond.) 7, Colin Ward 8. Longest length on heavy bells with the best wishes of the band to Daniel Richards, of the Cathedral Society, and Miss Helen Walker, on the occasion of their marriage earlier in the day at Holy Trinity Church, Avonside.

OLD ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On April 25th, 2,640 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. J. Corke (cond. Stedman) 1, Miss L. J. Read 2, D. B. Brown (cond. Grandsire) 3, B. B. Hullah (cond. Plain Bob) 4, F. C. W. Knight 5, W. J. Mansbridge 6. First half peal 2 and 6. A peal attempt to mark the opening this day of Old Alresford Place as the Diocesan Retreat House and Training Centre, which had to be concluded due to an outside interruption.

BANWELL, SOMERSET. — On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sue Walker (first quarter) 1, M. T. Hebden (first quarter 'inside') 2, M. G. Dodson 3, G. Hebden 4, R. W. Rice 5, W. S. Rice (cond.) 6, D. J. Westlake 7, B. Hebden (first quarter) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Malcolm D. Criddle.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.—On April 25th, 720 Single Oxford and 540 Plain Bob: R. F. Law 1, G. Seth 2, Miss M. F. Pettitt 3, Miss S. Law 4, R. Chapman 5, R. H. French (cond.) 6. Also 1,296 Cambridge Surprise: G. Seth 1, Miss M. F. Pettitt 2, Miss S. Law 3, R. French 4, R. Chapman 5, R. F. Law (cond.) 6. Both rung as birthday compliments to Mrs. M. Daniels and Mrs. V. Law.

BINSTED, HANTS. — On April 26th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): K. Sansom 1, Maureen White (first 'inside' three methods) 2, Mary White 3, D. White 4, B. R. Walton (cond.) 5, T. White 6.

BOSTON, LINCS. — 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Freeston (first quarter, age 13) 1, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 2, R. Stephenson 3, A. Freeston 4, F. Leggott 5, J. Petch 6. Also on Palm Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Freeston 1, R. Stephenson 2, N. Forvague 3, A. Freeston 4, F. Leggott 5, J. Petch 6, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 7, T. Freeston 8. In memoriam C. Wright, S. Jessop and F. Dewey. Also on April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Freeston 1, R. Stephenson 2, A. Freeston 3, F. Leggott 4, A. E. Flatters 5, J. Petch 6, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 7, T. Freeston 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Canon A. M. Cook, former Vicar and Sub Dean of Lincoln Cathedral.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS. — On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan B. Baker 1, C. M. Smith 2, Lucy Smith 3, R. F. Baker (cond.) 4, E. J. Whiting 5, J. F. W. Allen 6.

BRISTOL.—At St. Werburgh's Church on April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Sweet (first quarter) 1, S. G. Riches (cond.) 2, I. Freestone 3, A. True 4, L. Clash 5, K. Ingham (first quarter) 6. For Evensong and visit of Bishop of Malmesbury.

CHIRTON, WILTS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Cannings 1, D. Stone (first quarter) 2, F. Stone 3, C. Smith (first quarter) 4, C. Hillier (first as cond.) 5, B. Smith 6. Rung for the fourth centenary of the birth of William Shakespeare and for St. George's Day.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON. — On April 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Tipler 1, A. Clayton 3, R. Cooles 4, A. Mann 5, A. Bishop 6, J. Eisel 7, F. Seabright (cover). A.M.D.G.

DUNSFORD, DEVON.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: J. Bird 1, P. M. Evans 2, R. Waters 3, B. Neale 4, E. N. Thomas (cond.) 5, D. Thomas 6. First quarter 1 and 6. By South Wales Nomads touring Exeter area.

EDMONTON, MIDDX. — On April 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Jacky Hedges 1, Beryl Platt 2, Teresa Langdon 3, Sheila Moore 4, Trudy Newcombe 5, E. Beachamp 6, D. Langdon 7, T. Hawkins (cond.) 8. First of Major 1 and 2. For Evensong.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On April 12th, 1,272 Oxford T.B. Minor: M. J. Marriott 1, Miss M. F. Pettitt 2, Miss S. M. Law 3, S. R. Huckle 4, R. F. Law 5, R. H. French (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

EXETER, DEVON.—At the Church of St. Petrock, on April 26th, 1,440 Little Bob Minor: P. Colton 1, C. Yates 2, A. White 3, M. F. Lock 4, Diane Lissenden 5, C. Reeves (cond.) 6. First in method for all. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

HOWDEN, YORKS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. F. Smallwood (cond.) 1, Molly E. Powell 2, Veronica E. Dupre 3, Kate M. H. Branson 4, A. J. Stimson 5, Ian Lloyd (first in method) 6, A. W. Lloyd 7, J. H. Lott 8.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Shipp 1, Robt. Greenacre 2, Roger Harrop (first quarter) 3, E. Greenacre 4, R. Shipp 5, E. Shipp (cond.) 6. For the Induction of the new Rector, Rev. G. Phizackerly.

GREASLEY, NOTTS. — On April 25th, 1,532 Gainsborough Little Bob Major: H. Lewin 1, D. A. Whetton 2, D. J. Beach 3, P. Mary Beach 4, G. Challans 5, P. Nix 6, F. Cooke 7, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 8. First in the method by all. Rung as a compliment to the congregation of Greasley Hill Top Mission Church.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS. — On April 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Cynthia Kemp (first quarter) 1, Kay Winterbourne (first quarter) 2, P. Holmes 3, M. Holbrook 4, G. Dodd (cond.) 5, P. Murduck 6. Also on April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Kewell 1, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 2, Penelope Goddard 3, C. Smith 4, A. Green (first quarter) 5, J. Cheney 6.

LANCHESTER, CO. DURHAM.—On April 12th, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): Miss L. Moore 1, K. Ather 2, A. Walker 3, D. Appleton 4, H. P. Thompson (cond.) 5, J. Thomson 6. First in three methods for the band. For Evensong. Also on April 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Ballentine 1, J. Tonks (first 'inside') 2, J. Thomson 3, A. Walker 4, H. P. Thompson (cond.) 5, D. Appleton 6. For Evensong. Also on April 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Thomson 1, A. Walker 2, B. Nicholson (first quarter) 3, H. P. Thompson (cond.) 4, D. Appleton 5, R. S. Jackson (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—On April 12th, at the Cathedral, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Gillian M. Webb 1, Penelope Sedgwick 2, Marlene E. Townsend 3, Lucy Smith 4, F. A. Sedgwick 5, J. B. Webb 6, B. J. Townsend 7, C. M. Smith (cond.) 8. For Matins.

LINTON, KENT.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Russell 1, Shirley Town 2, T. Grise 3, J. Mattingley 4, N. Mattingley 5, W. Manser 6, L. Head (cond.) 7, P. Town 8. To welcome the Rev. C. D. Elliott, A.K.C., inducted as Vicar this day.

LODERS, DORSET. — On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. Davis 1, Mrs. J. Mead 2, Rev. O. L. Willmott 3, J. Mead 4, J. Davis (cond.) 5, H. Crabb 6. A tribute to Alfred Crabb, father of the ringer of 6.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes' on April 19th, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: E. J. Ladd (cond.) 1, Miss K. Guy 2, Miss M. A. Ladd 3, T. E. Sone 4, Mrs. O. Tester 5, P. J. Spice 6, Miss D. Colgate 7, J. W. Smith 8, J. E. Cannell 9, C. Tester 10. First in the method by all the band.

LONG EATON, DERBYS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Harvey 1, D. Marshall (cond.) 2, A. Humphrey 3, C. Geary 4, R. Gascoyne 5, C. Beswick 6. First quarter 5 and 6. A wedding compliment to Rev. A. Chappell.

MITCHELDEAN, GLOS. — On April 19th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): R. Poston 1, G. Cousins 2, P. D. Sell 3, J. Turney 4, A. Paton 5, F. Scudamore (cond.) 6. First quarter on the bells since rehanging. For Evensong.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE. — At St. George's Church, Jesmond, on April 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Esther Henderson 1, P. C. E. Shears (first 'inside') 2, S. J. Pardoe 3, J. G. White 4, A. G. Craddock (cond.) 5, J. A. Sturrock 6. Rung by members of the Royal Grammar School Society and St. George's Guild for Evensong.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Batten 1, Susan Cantell 2, V. Clifton 3, F. Trinder 4, D. Floyd (cond.) 5, P. Trinder 6. To celebrate the 80th birthday of Mr. G. Bowsher, a ringer at this church for nearly 70 years.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Peter's Church on April 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. Henson 1, Mrs. M. Foskett 2, F. A. Salter 3, C. Towers 4, H. Dale 5, D. Stainsby 6, S. Foskett 7, R. Inglis (first quarter of Major) 8. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to Audrey Moult.

ORMSKIRK, LANCS. — On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Garner 1, J. Dilworth 2, J. Pilkington 3, John Dilworth 4, W. G. Ellison 5, R. Larkey 6, J. Brown (cond.) 7, H. Robinson 8. Rung for the Queen's birthday and the Chancellor's visitation.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On April 19th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure: Miss V. Mathews 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, T. G. Hull 3, H. Smith 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5. First in the method by all and on the bells.

PORTBURY, SOMERSET.—On March 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Goodliffe 1, Jennifer Brake 2, M. Horseman 3, V. James 4, G. Skelly 5, B. H. Goodliffe (first of Minor as cond.) 6. Also on March 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Bob Doubles): C. Peaple 1, G. Skelly 2, R. Goodliffe 3, V. James 4, B. H. Goodliffe (cond.) 5, A. Saye 6.

PORTSMOUTH. — At St. Mary's, Portsea, on April 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. M. Page 1, N. W. Cope 2, T. R. Taylor 3, R. H. R. Parker 4, W. Riddle 5, A. Page 6, L. D. Duguid 7, A. Burbidge (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 4, 8 covering): V. M. Polhill (first quarter) 1, M. D. G. Northway 2, M. L. Northway (cond.) 3, Miss D. Greenlaw 4, H. J. Page 5, K. J. Jacobs 6, P. J. Jackson 7, D. Greenlaw 8. For Evensong.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On April 21st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss B. Butler 1, Miss J. Carter 2, Miss P. Butcher 3, A. W. Fuller 4, A. J. Butcher (rond.) 5, Miss L. Taylor 6, W. J. Sale 7, Mrs. S. Norris 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering, as a compliment to Miss J. Carter and Mr. A. G. Lowther, on their engagement.

SAXTHORPE, NORFOLK.—On April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Smith (cond.) 1, R. Cullington 2, P. Stearman 3, D. Pardon 4, D. Gray (first quarter) 5, N. Wright 6.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On March 15th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: A. B. Stevens 1, N. W. Grassby 2, B. G. Warwick 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, A. R. Mildred 5, M. G. Wood 6, D. W. Stenson 7, K. H. Mildred (cond.) 8. Also on March 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Carol L. Norman 1, A. R. Mildred 2, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, D. W. Stenson 5, K. H. Mildred 6, M. G. Wood (cond.) 7, N. R. May 8. For Evensong. Also on Easter Day, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): N. W. Grassby 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, A. R. Mildred 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, D. W. Stenson 5, K. H. Mildred 6. Also on April 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Carol L. Norman 1, N. W. Grassby 2, B. G. Warwick 3, Carol I. V. Corton (first as cond.) 4, A. R. Mildred 5, D. W. Stenson 6, K. H. Mildred 7, June E. Wood 8. All for Evensong.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.—At the Church of St. Mary, on April 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Heys (first quarter) 1, F. Dodds 2, Janet Heys 3, Joyce Grainger 4, G. W. Mitchell 5, J. Robinson (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

SUNDERLAND.—At the Church of St. Ignatius, on March 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Anderson 1, Miss E. Murcott 2, Miss G. Douglas 3, Miss I. Thomson 4, R. Bell 5, M. Armstrong 6, W. Tyson 7, T. Cooke 8. During the Lumley Castle ringing course.

THURLOXTON, SOMERSET. — On April 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): W. H. Tarr 1, E. H. Langley 2, J. E. Brewer 3, A. H. Reed 4, N. J. Maggs (cond.) 5. Rung in honour of Induction and Institution of the Rev. H. C. Hosken as Rector.

TUCKINGMILL, CORNWALL. — On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Bew (first of Triples) 1, Wendy Bird 2, Frances Gilbert 3, D. P. Treble 4, J. B. Long 5, D. P. Snoswell 6, J. A. Bennett (cond.) 7, B. G. North 8.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On April 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: D. Wright (first quarter) 1, H. Rumens 2, J. Boyack 3, C. Wright (first quarter) 4, E. Holman 5, P. Chapman 6, D. Hewitt (cond.) 7, J. Rixon 8. For Evensong.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On April 19th, 1,320 Minor (London Surprise and Oxford T.B.): F. Cooke 1, J. T. Rooke 2, M. Foster 3, F. Flint 4, D. H. Rooke 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Evensong and also in honour of the marriage of John Terrance Horner and Freda Ann Robinson (former ringer at Warsop), whose wedding took place on Saturday, April 18th.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET. — On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. N. Bristow 1, C. H. Webber 2, Mrs. M. Riddle 3, G. J. Gammon 4, I. G. Hughes 5, W. A. Riddle 6, D. T. North (cond.) 7, B. Hughes 8. A compliment to Mr. C. H. Webber, who joined the Guild of Devonshire Ringers 50 years ago.

WEST HUNTSPILL, SOMERSET.—On April 15th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. H. Pullin 1, C. T. Clarke 2, B. J. Wylde 3, M. J. Stone 4, E. T. Lee 5, J. Brain (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to fourth ringer.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Truro Arrangements

TUESDAY, MAY 19th

7.15 a.m.—Celebration of Holy Communion in Truro Cathedral. The Celebrant will be the Dean of Truro, the Very Rev. H. M. Lloyd.

9.45 a.m.—Meeting of Council in Town Hall. Make own arrangements for mid-day meal. There are plenty of places within easy reach of the town centre, where lunches or light snacks may be obtained.

2 p.m.—Afternoon session of Council in Town Hall.

4.30 p.m.—Reception by the Truro Diocesan Guild of Ringers in the City Hall Annexe. Members of the Central Council and their friends will be introduced to the Mayor and Mayoress of Truro and the Lord Bishop of Truro. A tea of traditional Cornish fare will be served. Admission will be by ticket only. Please make application for your tickets (limited to two per member) direct to the Secretary of the Council, address as below, by not later than May 8th.

There will be an informal evening at the Headquarters Hotel, The Red Lion, Boscawen Street, Truro. The Elizabethan Room of the Hotel will be reserved for members and friends.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

The following towers in the Truro District are available for ringing at the times shown. In case no local ringer is available to meet a band, please leave the bells exactly as you find them. Clock hammers to be pulled off at Probus and Kenwyn.

Truro Cathedral (10 bells): Saturday, May 16th, 7 to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 9 to 9.45 (SR), 5.30 to 6.15 (SR), 7.30 to 9 p.m.; Monday, 3 to 4 p.m., 7 to 9 p.m.; Tuesday, 6.30 to 9 p.m.

Kenwyn (8): Saturday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 10.30 to 11 (SR), 5.45 to 6.15 (SR), 7.15 to 9 p.m.; Monday, 10 to 12, 7 to 9 p.m.; Tuesday: 7 to 9 p.m.

Kea (8): Saturday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 10.30 to 11 (SR), 3.30 to 4.30, 6 to 6.30 (SR), 7.30 to 9 p.m.; Monday, 2 to 3 p.m., 7 to 9 p.m.; Tuesday, 6.30 to 9 p.m.

Perran-ar-Worthal (6): Saturday, 6 to 8 p.m.; Sunday, 10.30 to 11 (SR), 4 to 5 p.m., 5.45 to 6.15 (SR), 7.15 to 9 p.m.; Monday, 1.30 to 3 p.m., 7 to 9 p.m.; Tuesday, 7 to 9 p.m.

St. Erme (6): Saturday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 10.30 to 11 (SR), 3 to 4 p.m. 5.45 to 6.15 (SR), 7.30 to 9 p.m.; Monday, 2.30 to 3.30, 7 to 9 p.m.; Tuesday, 6.30 to 9 p.m.

Probus (8): Saturday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 10.30 to 11 (SR), 5.45 to 6.15 (SR), 7.30 to 9 p.m. Monday, 3.30 to 5 p.m., 7.30 to 9 p.m.; Tuesday, 7 to 9 p.m.

(SR)—Service ringing.

Kea Church is 1½ miles from Truro, just off main Falmouth Road.

Perran-ar-Worthal is five miles on main Falmouth Road. turn right just past the Norway Inn.

St. Erme is three miles from Truro, just off main Newquay Road.

Probus is five miles from Truro, on main St. Austell Road.

TOURS

Two coach tours are being arranged. of which the following are the details:

Sunday, May 17th.—Dep. Red Lion, Truro, 1.30 p.m. St. Enoder, 1.45 to 2.45 p.m.. St. Columb Major, 3 to 4 p.m. St. Stephen-in-Brannel 4.30 to 5.30 p.m. High tea at Windsor Grill, St. Austell, 6 p.m. St. Austell, after Evensong to 8.30 p.m. Arrive Truro approximately 9.15 p.m. Fare, including meal at St. Austell, 10s. 6d.

Monday, May 18th.—Dep. Red Lion, Truro, 9.30 a.m. Tuckingmill, 10 to 11 a.m. St. Mary's, Penzance, 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m. Make own arrangements in Penzance for lunch. Gulval. 1.45 to 2.45 p.m. Carbis Bay, 3.15 to 4.15 p.m. Phillack, 4.30 to 5.30 p.m. Arrive Truro approximately 6.30 p.m. Fare only, 7s. 6d.

Please make application for the tours direct to the undermentioned, enclosing remittance. Tickets will be forwarded by return: Mr. A. J. Davidson, Tyneholm, Barrack Lane, Truro, Cornwall.

For Saturday, May 16th, application has been made for the following towers on the A.30 main road to be open at the times stated: St. Mary's, Launceston, 1.30 to 2.30; Altarnon, 3 to 4; Bodmin, 4.15 to 5 p.m.

Ringing is also being arranged for a touring party of Council members, and others with their own transport are welcome. The following towers have been applied for at the dates and times mentioned:

Sunday, May 17th.—Launceston, 10 to 11 a.m. (Service ringing). Altarnon, 1 to 2 p.m. Cardinham, 2 to 3 p.m.. St. Mabyn, 3 to 4 p.m. Bodmin, 5.15 to 6.10 p.m. (Service ringing).

Monday, May 18th.—St. Columb Minor, 9.30 to 10.30. St. Mawgan, 10.30 to 11.30. St. Dennis, 11.30 to 12.30. St. Stephen-in-Brannel, 12.30 to 1.30. Ladock, 2.30 to 3.30.

Wednesday, May 20th.—Redruth, 9.30 to 10.30. Camborne, 10.30 to 11.30. Crowan, 11.30 to 12.30. Phillack, 1.30 to 2.30. Carbis Bay, 2.30 to 3.45. Towdenack, 3.45 to 4.45. St. Mary's PZ, 7 to 8 p.m. Madron, 8.15 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, May 21st.—Lanlivery, 11.30 to 12.30. Lansallos, 1.30 to 2.30. Liskeard, 2.30 to 3.30. St. Germans, 3.30 to 4.30. Stoke Climsland, 4.30 to 5.30.

Affiliation Fees.—At the time of writing, the affiliation fees for 1964 of the undermentioned Societies have not been paid: Derbyshire Association, Devon Association, East Derby and Notts Association, Essex Association, St. Martin's Guild, Sheffield and District Society.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. R. Gorton, of 152, Deane Road, Bolton, completed on May 2nd 61 years as a ringer, of which the first 60 were at The Saviour's Church. For the last 12 months he has been a freelance. His father was for 67 years a ringer at The Saviour's Church. This is, indeed, a family record to be proud of.

The band who rang in the 150th peal on the bells of St. John's, Cardiff, on April 23rd, included five of the Sunday service band.

The peal at Seavington on April 23rd was rung by the St. James', Taunton, band, with the exception of Mr. Tom Hill, of Ilminster, to whom grateful thanks are accorded.

A naval correspondent who will be in Mombasa in June and hopes on six days' leave to visit Nairobi inquires as to the possibilities of a ring on the six bells at Kilifi.

Is it the custom for young ladies having the misfortune to break a stay in a strange tower to purloin the same as a souvenir? This happened recently when the Wotton Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association visited Malmesbury, Wilts.

Commander Davies, the son of the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies, the well known authority on ringing, visited Aldbourne tower during the meeting of the Marlborough District of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild on April 25th. The Commander resides at Aldbourne.

Yorkshire has wrested from Lancashire the honour of most methods rung to a peal of Royal. On April 25th at Wakefield Cathedral a peal of 28 spliced methods was rung, conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton. A fine achievement!

A peal attempt at Old Alresford to mark the opening of a Diocesan Retreat House and training centre was terminated because the local tower captain was required to disconnect a hosepipe in a garden near the church. A half peal was, however, rung.

On the day after a peal Mr. Michael E. Brown was in Mr. Mick Vernon's shop at Stoney Stanton when he heard Mick ask a customer, who lived near the church, if the bells annoyed her. She replied that they lulled her baby to sleep and wished they rang every night!

The band who rang the peal at St. Stephen's, St. Albans, on April 18th wish to associate it with Miss Christine Rimmer. No girl could wish for a more graceful compliment as the method was St. Albans Delight.

The peal of Kent T.B. Major at Clanfield, Oxon, on April 25th, was the first in the method on the bells since 1921.

Miss Claire Dillamore informs us that to the best of her knowledge the gentleman who rang on her left in the peal at Downham, Essex, on March 29th (see page 281) was Peter J. Came, and not as printed. Will the conductor accept this correction?

Congratulations to 14-year-old Ronnie Loxley, of Eckington, Worcs, on his first attempt for a peal. He rang the treble faultlessly to Bob Minor at his home tower. A 19½ cwt. six of magnificent tone, Eckington bells are locally regarded as being 'men's bells.'

The Rev. L. Reading, who is leaving Shrub End, Colchester, to a national position in the Church of England, was recently responsible in getting the three bells at Shrub End augmented to six. A farewell peal was rung on the bells on April 23rd. 'We in N.E. Essex wish him good luck in the name of the Lord,' writes F. H. L.

The band who rang the peal of Stedman Caters at Nottingham St. Mary's wish to thank Mr. Walter Nicolls for volunteering to ring the tenor at short notice when the band met short for Royal. This was the 19th time Walter had rung the 35 cwt. bell to a peal and at the age of 69 his latest performance was first class; fully deserving of the congratulations of the band.

The last meeting of the Kent County Association at Tenterden was not 59 years ago as erroneously stated in our report. Mr. H. E. Audsley recalls a meeting there in 1932 or 1933. Lunch at the time cost 2s. 6d. and included a bottle of beer. Mr. Audsley and the late Harry Hoverd were in charge of the distribution of beer and when they had finished there was none left for themselves! This sad state of affairs has not been forgotten.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

BRISTOL
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 25, 1964, *in* 4 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFFE,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 50 cwt. in C.

ELIZABETH BOWDEN	*Treble*	DAVID J. LLEWELLYN	7
FREDERICK J. NELSON	2	JOHN ROBINSON	8
MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	9
BRIAN J. WYLDE	4	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	10
DEREK A. ASHTON	5	JOHN H. FIELDEN	11
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	6	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Arranged by DEREK OGDEN. Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.
First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., April 25, 1964, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5011 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

FRANK L. HARRIS	*Treble*	R. ROGER SAVORY	7
ANN M. COX	2	JOHN HARTLESS	8
DAVID E. HOUSE	3	GWILYM SALMON	9
PHILIP N. TUBBS	4	EDWARD J. CHIVERS	10
MICHAEL J. BEST	5	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	11
JOHN R. FAITHFULL	6	LEWIS F. COBB	*Tenor*

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

TEN BELL PEALS

NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 18, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

*JEAN CURTIS	*Treble*	JOHN W. T. HIBBERT	6
*H. MARY WILLIAMS	2	*HAROLD SMITH	7
PATRICIA E. HIBBERT	3	*FREDERICK E. TURNER	8
*ROGER B. PIKE	4	*WALTER HUNT	9
HENRY LAWRENSON	5	JOSEPH E. CONSTANT	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD (C.C.C. No. 33).
Conducted by WALTER HUNT.
* First peal of Caters.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1964, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

DAVID W. FRIEND	*Treble*	GORDON A. HALLS	6
DAVID J. MARSHALL	2	DENIS R. CARLISLE	7
ALAN BRIDGES	3	MALCOLM P. PHIPPS	8
ROBIN ROGERS	4	JOHN F. MURFIN	9
DAVID W. PARKIN	5	WALTER NICOLLS	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., April 18, 1964, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5220 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb.

*DAVID BATES	*Treble*	REV. MICHAEL HART	6
MAURICE TURNER	2	ALBERT J. HUBBLE	7
†CHRISTINE TURNER	3	KEITH WILLIAMS	8
ARTHUR H. HINGLEY	4	JOHN ASTBURY	9
*BRIAN MORTON	5	JOSEPH HINGLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR H. HINGLEY.
* First peal on ten. † First peal.
A welcome to Rev. Gerald Owen; also a farewell peal to John Astbury.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 23, 1964, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 26 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

*NONA DAVIES	*Treble*	THOMAS T. YEOMANS	6
MARY E. PRYOR	2	JOHN MANLEY	7
M. ELIZABETH BROWN	3	GEOFFREY J. B. STICKLAND	8
†CHRISTOPHER L. R. BAINHAM	4	M. JACK PRYOR	9
‡JOHN OWEN	5	WILLIAM T. PETTY	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by M. JACK PRYOR.
* First peal. † First of Caters. ‡ First of Grandsire. First as conduuctor. 150th peal on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

AMBROSDEN, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Feb. 29, 1964, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

M. ROGER ASHMORE	*Treble*	CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR	5
JOHN W. THORP	2	NICHOLAS J. MARTIN	6
BRUCE WAKEFIELD	3	F. JOHN NELSON	7
JOHN S. RANK	4	JOHN E. CAMP	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by F. JOHN NELSON.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 14, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5152 DERBY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

KATHLEEN PILSBURY	*Treble*	DEREK YATES	5
EILEEN M. FEARN	2	ROBERT B. SMITH	6
BASIL JONES	3	ALAN MCFALL	7
CAROL FERNLEY	4	WILLIAM H. DOWSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BASIL JONES.
In memoriam Sidney Hough, interred this day at Knutsford.

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 17, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans'.

WALTER F. JUDGE	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE	5
*NORMAN LESLIE	2	EDGAR J. SMITH	6
*DENNIS LESLIE	3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	7
WILLIAM A. YATES	4	FRANCIS A. WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.
* First peal of Stedman. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 17, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
Consisting of 2,016 each of Plain and Little, and 1,008 of St. Clement's; with 377 changes of method. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*DEREK CARR	*Treble*	MICHAEL J. STANLEY	5
VICTOR GRIFFIN	2	E. WILLIAM FORD	6
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	3	BRIAN BLADON	7
PETER WAKEFIELD	4	ANTHONY R. PEAKE	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE E. FEIRN. Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.
* First peal. First of Spliced Plain Major by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

WASHINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 17, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF 5184 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

NORAH M. RANDLES	*Treble*	GEORGE H. RANDLES	5
*JOYCE M. GURNHILL	2	JOHN WALDEN	6
*CLAIRE DILLAMORE	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
LOUIS WILLDERS	4	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.
* First peal in the method.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 11 methods, comprising 576 each of Cambridge, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, 448 Bristol, 384 each of Ashtead, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, London, Rutland and Uxbridge; with 124 changes of method.
Tenor 10 cwt.

PHILIP J. CROSSTHWAITE	*Treble*	*RICHARD J. PARKER	5
JAMES H. PAILING	2	*CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	6
J. BARRY PICKUP	3	NORMAN SMITH	7
*WALTER E. WILKINSON	4	*ERNEST BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.
* Most methods to a peal of Spliced Surprise Major.
Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Tom Johnson, formerly a ringer at St. Leonard's, Padiham.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 18, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in G.

*CLARE F. DOLPHIN	*Treble*	†RICHARD D. GIBSON	5
WILLIAM H. MALE	2	†GEOFFREY W. RANDALL	6
GEORGE P. HAMMOND	3	PETER S. BENNETT	7
ERNEST J. GOWER	4	†EDWARD HOLDSWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by H. POYNER. Conducted by EDWARD HOLDSWORTH.
* First peal attempt. † First of Major in the method. First of Major as conductor.

BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ..	*Treble*	ERIC EDMONDSON	5
*DAVID R. SAUNDERSON ..	2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD ..	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY ..	3	JACK S. DEAR	7
PETER J. COLES	4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE ..	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
Conducted by CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., April 18, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, HANDSWORTH.
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 78 lb. in F.

JENNIFER M. COOK	*Treble*	MAURICE G. INGRAM	5
SUSAN FUNNELL	2	FREDERICK ROSS..	6
WILLIAM J. V. CONDUCT ..	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN ..	7
JOHN R. INSLEY	4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

BIRSTWITH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1964, *in* 3 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 7168 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

MRS. D. SMITH	*Treble*	PETER M. DAWSON	5
ROGER J. LUMLEY	2	BARRY SULLIVAN..	6
PETER A. KIRKBY	3	LEONARD GOODALL	7
DAVID SMITH	4	H. DAVID HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by AMBURN WILSON. Conducted by LEONARD GOODALL.
In memoriam Jackson Ewbank, ringer and chorister at this church for over 60 years, who died recently.
This composition contains the 60 course-ends and is rung for the first time.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

*JEFFREY T. TURNER..	*Treble*	RAYMOND SUART	5
MRS. NORMA WALL	2	W. THOMAS TURNER	6
JAMES E. BURLES	3	JOHN BAGNALL	7
G. ALAN METTERS	4	WILLIAM WALL	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM WALL.
* First peal.

BUCKLAND, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 18, 1964, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

FREDERICK W. SODEN ..	*Treble*	PETER PEARCE	5
*JAMES F. LIST	2	PETER BEEDIE	6
PETER G. HOLDEN	3	D. KAY ADKINS	7
†BRENDA HALL	4	BRIAN W. HALL	*Tenor*

Composed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Bob Major.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., April 18, 1964, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in D.

*JILL D. SEWELL	*Treble*	PHILIP G. ERITH..	5
ELIZABETH T. BIRMINGHAM	2	ROGER W. POWELL	6
PAULINE FENNELL	3	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES	7
TIMOTHY G. PETT	4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

CLEATOR MOOR, CUMBERLAND.
THE CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOC.
On Sat., April 18, 1964, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
(The Cannon Peal.)
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in E.

NICHOLAS M. NEWBY ..	*Treble*	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY, JUN.	5
*M. KATE DENT..	2	HAROLD WILSON	6
JAMES E. DICKINSON ..	3	ALAN CAPSTICK	7
GEOFFREY TEMBEY	4	THOMAS F. METCALFE ..	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK C. W. KNIGHT.
Conducted by THOMAS F. METCALFE.
* First peal 'inside.'
Rung for the birth of a son to H.M. the Queen.

EPWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 18, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb. in F.

JOYCE M. GURNHILL ..	*Treble*	GEORGE H. RANDLES	5
*ANNE E. BATESON	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	6
DELIA E. HEPPENSTALL ..	3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER.. ..	7
CLAIRE DILLAMORE	4	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL ..	*Tenor*

Composed by DENNIS KNOX. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM B. POMEROY ..	*Treble*	PAUL CATTERMOLE	5
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ..	2	JOHN C. EISEL	6
ARTHUR C. BERRY	3	GERALD C. HEMMING.. ..	7
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS.. ..	4	MARTIN D. FELLOWS ..	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.
A birthday compliment to Martin D. Fellows.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1964, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 DARLINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	MARTIN F. LOCK..	5
RUTH M. FOREMAN	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	DENNIS KNOX	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	THOMAS J. LOCK..	*Tenor*

Composed by D. KNOX. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.
First peal in the method by all except ringer of seventh, and for the Association.

KINGSDOWN, BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1964, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt.

ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN	*Treble*	PETER BRIDLE	5
GILLIAN M. HUSSEY	2	F. CECIL MOGFORD	6
ALAN TUBB	3	*D. JOHN HUNT	7
MALCOLM M. POWELL ..	4	VICTOR GRIFFIN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.
* 50th peal for the Association as conductor.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 18, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

HAROLD C. LONYON	*Treble*	ROBERT J. WARRILOW.. ..	5
ALAN SHARPLES	2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD ..	6
JOHN WORTH	3	BASIL JONES..	7
ALAN McFALL	4	ROBERT B. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
A 21st birthday compliment to Bernard F. L. Groves.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 18, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ..	*Treble*	BRYAN C. STIRLAND	5
FREDERICK S. SLATFORD ..	2	*DAVID T. H. ROBERTSON	6
*RICHARD O. HUMPHRIES..	3	GEORGE W. MASSEY.. ..	7
*NORMAN G. N. KNEE ..	4	LAURENCE E. HITCHENS ..	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by GEORGE W. MASSEY.
* First peal in the method.

NORTHCHURCH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 24 lb. in F sharp.

*JONATHAN D. CHAMBERLAIN	*Treble*	BRIAN M. BARKER	5
HOWARD COLLINGS	2	REGINALD E. SHEPPARD ..	6
†A. RONALD ASHBY	3	KEITH D. WAPLES	7
‡JAMES LAWSON	4	ANTONY R. KENCH	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by ANTONY R. KENCH.
* First peal on eight bells. † First 'inside.' ‡ First peal attempt.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

Barbara M. Goodspeed	*Treble*	Stephen P. Darvill ..	5
*Christina R. Folkes ..	2	*Keith J. Walpole	6
Nina B. Thomas	3	Kenneth J. Darvill ..	7
‡Gillian M. Brearley ..	4	*Robert E. Hardy	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Sottanstall. Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.
* First peal in the method. † First 'inside,' and first of Major. ‡ First peal. First in the method as conductor.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1964, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

Thomas W. Strangeway	*Treble*	†Douglas Thorp	5
David Atkins	2	*Robin Brown	6
*Patricia Lockwood ..	3	David S. Lockwood ..	7
*Ian North	4	Irvin Slack	*Tenor*

Conducted by David Atkins.
* First peal of Grandsire. † 25th peal. First of Grandsire as conductor.

QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., April 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
A PEAL OF 5152 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

David J. Allen..	*Treble*	Joseph Wm. Cotton.. ..	5
A. James Povnor	2	A. Maxwell Lindsey ..	6
John K. Smith	3	Martin C. Faulkes	7
R. Kingsley Mason	4	Alan E. Hartley	*Tenor*

Composed by Shirley Burton. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
First peal in the method by all the band except ringer of fifth, on the bells, and for the Guild.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.
At the Church of the Sacred Trinity.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 73 lb. in G.

Rosemary M. Eccleston..	*Treble*	Giles B. Thompson	5
John C. Baldwin	2	Derek A. Ashton	6
David J. Baker	3	Frederick Shallcross ..	7
John H. Soanes	4	Neil Bennett	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.
Rung to weclome the new Rector, Rev. Arthur Peter Lumley, M.A., immediately prior to the induction service.

SELLING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 960 of London, 928 of Watford, 832 each of Pudsey, Cambridge and Superlative, and 732 of Bristol: with 122 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 11 cwt.

Hilary F. Martin	*Treble*	*David S. Osenton	5
Trevor A. Cross	2	*Christopher T. Osenton	6
Robert W. Hinde	3	Bernard F. L. Groves	7
*Cyril S. Jarrett	4	*Martin L. Howe	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of 6-Spliced. First of 6-Spliced as conductor.
A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.

Terence Barton	*Treble*	*George Fry	5
Cyril S. Jarrett	2	David S. Osenton	6
*Alexander Waddington	3	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	7
Christopher T. Osenton	4	†Martin L. Howe	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Martin L. Howe.
* First peal in the method. † 200th peal. First in the method as conductor.
A 21st birthday compliment to Bernard F. L. Groves.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1964, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

Iris Lemare..	*Treble*	Christopher J. Groome ..	5
Margaret E. Wilkinson..	2	George Pluckrose	6
Graham Smith	3	John S. Rank	7
David Pearson	4	Colin Reeves	*Tenor*

Composed by Brynley A. Shackleton. Conducted by Colin Reeves.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., April 18, 1964, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5712 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Shortened from a 6,048 by E. Morris. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F.

Jennifer Smith	*Treble*	Norman Mallett	5
Frederick Wreford	2	*Brian Coles	6
Ann E. Fellows	3	William J. Harvey ..	7
Jean F. Barnett	4	Frank D. Mack	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank D. Mack.
* First peal of Major.
To welcome Andrew Glennie, the first grandson of the ringer of the second.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sun., April 19, 1964, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 448 each of Pudsey and Superlative, and 416 of Lincoln: with 121 changes of method, and with all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. in E flat.

Mikaela Erik	*Treble*	Stanley Jenner..	5
E. Jane Sibson..	2	*Edwin A. Barnett	6
Joan Beresford	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
*Sheila M. Dobbie	4	Dennis Beresford	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal of 8-Spliced Surprise Major.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 19, 1964, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
At the Church of SS. Mary and Thomas of Canterbury.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh obs.). Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr.

William Clover	*Treble*	Martin Cubitt	5
H. William Barrett ..	2	Leslie Bailey	6
Thomas E. Spight	3	Henry Tooke	7
David Cubitt	4	Peter Adcock	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Clover.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. A. W. J. Bertie, who is retiring from the curacy of the above church.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
At Christ Church.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 12 lb.

*Stanley Livesley	*Treble*	*Edmund Rothwell.. ..	5
Ronald Kenrick	2	Dennis Jones	6
John Lunham	3	Norman Heaps	7
Robert Larkey	4	Harry Moorcroft	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. C. D. P. Davies. Conducted by Ronald Kenrick.
* First peal.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. J. Lunham.

FOBBING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Michael.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

*Philip J. Rothera	*Treble*	†Michael J. Hallett ..	5
†Peter G. Brown	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
†Terence T. Jones	3	Frank V. Gant	7
†David E. Belcham	4	Alfred J. House	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* 50th peal. † First in the method.

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LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 21, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

SANDRA E. CHESTERTON ..	*Treble*	REV. MALCOLM C.C. MELVILLE	5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	2	BRIAN G. WARWICK	6
RAYMOND A. G. BENFIELD	3	G. RONALD EDWARDS	7
JOSEPH W. COTTON	4	A. JAMES POYNOR	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 22, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH THORNLEY	*Treble*	IAN MUNRO	5
CHRISTOPHER A. LOMAX ..	2	BERNARD MOSS	6
ALBERT GREENHALGH	3	GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL ..	7
JAMES CUNLIFFE	4	JOHN ASHCROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.
First peal in the method for all.
Rung on the eve of the Feast of St. George.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Wed., April 22, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 11 cwt.

ROBIN SHUTTLEWORTH ..	*Treble*	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY ..	5
JAMES E. BURLES	2	WILLIAM WALL	6
*FRANK BIRKETT	3	ALAN CAPSTICK	7
JOHN BAGNALL	4	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY, JUN.	*Tenor*

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.
Rung to commemorate the golden wedding of Lt.-Col. and Mrs. G. O. Sandys; also as a tribute to that family's 500 years of service and generosity to the Church in Hawkshead. The tenor bell was given by Myles Sandys (1765) and the treble by G. O. Sandys (1958).

MARSHFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Wed., April 22, 1964, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

*TIMOTHY J. SAMUELSON ..	*Treble*	C. MARTIN FOSTER	5
†BRIAN M. BAVERSTOCK ..	2	DEREK B. WILLIAMS	6
MARIA E. KIRBY	3	†DAI A. EVANS	7
JANET D. PHILLIPS	4	DEREK M. SAWYER	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by DEREK M. SAWYER.
* First peal. † First on eight bells.
An engagement compliment to Ian C. Maycock (Past Master) and Ann Hobbins.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 23, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

DEREK G. ASTRIDGE ..	*Treble*	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE	5
*ROBIN ROGERS	2	DENNIS COOPER	6
*MARILYN A. GIBBS	3	GORDON A. HALLS	7
*MALCOLM P. PHIPPS	4	IAN M. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 14¼ cwt.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. I. M. Holland (April 24th).

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 24, 1964, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Six-Part. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

*WILLIAM WILLANS	*Treble*	ALAN TUBB	5
†DIANA CHAPMAN	2	†JOHN BRAIN	6
JACQUELINE A. HOBBS ..	3	PATRICK J. BIRD	7
MICHAEL J. HOBBS	4	D. JOHN HUNT	*Tenor*

Conducted by PATRICK J. BIRD.
* First peal attempt. † First of Grandsire Triples.

CLANFIELD, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 25, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in G flat.

ROBERT B. BLOND	*Treble*	FRANK E. GODDEN	5
*HAROLD W. DUNSDEN ..	2	JOHN H. NAPPER	6
CLAUDE CORDEROY	3	ARTHUR W. SAYERS	7
REGINALD W. REX	4	GEOFFREY K. DODD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.
* First peal of Treble Bob.
A 79th birthday compliment to Mr George Clarke, of Clanfield

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Thurs., Feb. 13, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in four methods: (1) Kent and Oxford T.B., (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Kent T.B., (4 and 5) Cambridge Surprise, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

BRUCE WAKEFIELD	*Treble*	JOHN R. CAWOOD	4
JOHN W. THORP	2	M. ROGER ASHMORE	5
HOWARD K. NICHOLS	3	F. JOHN NELSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. JOHN NELSON.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 13, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
In 16 methods, viz.: (1) Beverley, Berwick, Durham, York, Hexham and Surfleet; (2) London and Wells, (3) Netherseale and Lightfoot, (4) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; (5) Beverley and Surfleet, (6) Cambridge and Ipswich, (7) Beverley and Surfleet; with 74 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

V. THOMAS COOPER	*Treble*	BRIAN L. BURROWS	4
*MRS. JILL BELCHER	2	†JOHN WATKINS	5
CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD ..	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.
* First peal of Spliced, and most methods to a peal. † 25th peal.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 16, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, SHRUB END,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven 720's, as follows: (1) London Surprise, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Ipswich Surprise, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Kent and Oxford T.B., (6) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

ALICE E. J. LESTER	*Treble*	JAMES L. TOWLER	4
MICHAEL J. COWLING	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
PETER G. BROWN	3	PHILIP J. ROTHERA	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
Rung as a compliment to Philip J. Rothera on his 21st birthday; also a birthday compliment to Keith Brown.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 17, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In eight methods, viz.: (1) Durham, (2) York, (3) Wells, (4) London, (5) Bourne, (6) Cambridge, (7) Beverley and Surfleet.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

JOHN VERNON	*Treble*	JOHN WATKINS	4
MRS. JILL BELCHER	2	BRIAN L. BURROWS	5
*K. PAUL GILLIVER	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.
* First peal in eight methods.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 17, 1964, *in* 1 *Hour and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents rung in 32 methods: (1) St. Simon, (2) St. Albans, (3) Eynsham, (4) Cassington, (5) Elfords, (6) St. Martin, (7) St. Paul, (8) St. Leonard, (9) Shareshill, (10) St. Peter, (11) Plain Bob, (12) April Day, (13) Seighford, (14) Old Bob, (15) Kennington, (16) St. Nicholas, (17) St. Giles, (18) St. Andrew, (19) Austrey, (20) St. Thomas, (21) Winchendon, (22) St. Miles, (23) St. John, (24) Ryton, (25) St. Luke, (26) Rev. Canterbury Pl., (27) Southrepps Pl., (28) Clifford's Pl., (29) Little Aston, (30) St. Columba, (31 to 38) Grandsire, (39) Newborough, (40 to 42) Plain Bob. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

RUPERT A. CLARKE	*Treble*	N. RODERICK ELLWAY ..	3
STUART H. J. EDWARDS ..	2	DAVID F. MOORE	4
MAURICE R. A. KIRK ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by MAURICE R. A. KIRK.
A 20th birthday compliment to Michael W. Brown.

WALLINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 17, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8½ cwt.

C. MICHAEL ORME	*Treble*	TERRY R. HATCHETT	4
*MARGARET M. RODEN ..	2	EDWIN G. BUCK	5
CHRISTINE M. RIMMER ..	3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUCK.
* First peal in seven methods.
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. M. E. C. Pumphrey.

BRAMHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

DAVID SHEPPARD	*Treble*	JOHN F. UNDERWOOD.. ..	4
JOHN POTTS	2	ALAN SHEPPARD	5
*MELVYN A. ROSE	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

* 25th peal.

HARTEST, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's, as follows: (1) Double Court Bob, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Ipswich Surprise, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (6) Kent and Oxford T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

*ARTHUR F. BALLAM	*Treble*	†NEVILLE F. WHITTELL ..	4
ROBERT E. LESTER	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
*RICHARD ROSE	3	*MAURICE J. ROSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* Most methods to a peal. † 50th peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Arthur W. Rolfe.

HOLT, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHARINE.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

DAVID NIBBS	*Treble*	DAVID STILLMAN	4
JONATHAN NIBBS	2	RICHARD HUMPHRIES ..	5
*SARAH BOSWELL..	3	JOHN STILLMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID STILLMAN.

* First peal.

HUTTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being three extents each of Rev. St. Bartholomew, St. Martin's and St. Simon's, five each of April Day and Grandsire, 13 of All Saints and ten of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

P. FRIEND	*Treble*	J. J. WALLETT	3
C. E. HILL	2	W. T. HILL..	4
R. G. JONES	*Tenor*		

Conducted by J. J. WALLETT.

A 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1964, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of College Exercise, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*JOSEPH PAPWORTH	*Treble*	ANDREW BECKWITH	4
*WINIFRED ELLIOTT	2	CHARLES BURTON	5
*EDWARD COULSON	3	*ALAN R. ELLIOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ELLIOTT.

* First peal in four methods. First on the bells since rehanging.
A 72nd birthday compliment to Joseph Elliott, tower captain.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 14 methods: (1) Kent Treble Bob, (2) London Surprise, (3) Norwich Surprise, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Morning Star Treble Bob, (6) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob; (7) Oxford, Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN A. BOOTH	*Treble*	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.. ..	4
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	2	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
NEIL D. LOMAS	3	JOHN ROBINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

In memoriam Sidney Hough, for over 60 years ringer at this church and life member of the Chester Guild.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. ALBANS DELIGHT MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

ALLISON MACFARLANE ..	*Treble*	ROGER D. R. BROWN	4
SHEILA BROWN	2	ERIC EDMONDSON	5
JULIA A. FELLOWS	3	GERALD PENNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

First peal in the method by all the band.

STANTON-ON-HINE HEATH, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B., and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in A.

EDWARD V. RODENHURST ..	*Treble*	IAN FRIEND	4
PETER MORRIS	2	RICHARD E. MORRIS	5
FREDERICK LEACH	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

First peal on the bells since retuning and rehanging by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. in 1963.
Rung on the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, and with the same treble ringer.

UFFINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

JOHN H. BLUFF	*Treble*	CHARLES E. BLACK	4
*ALAN G. PAYNE..	2	DEREK J. JONES..	5
KEITH R. DAVEY	3	*ROGER D. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN G. PAYNE.

* 50th peal together. Tenor 13 cwt.

SEAVINGTON ST. MARY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 23, 1964, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being six 240's and 30 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 7 cwt.

*JENNIFER P. LUNN (16) ..	*Treble*	THOMAS J. HILL	4
REGINALD BEALE	2	*DAVID J. BEALE	5
*TERENCE SPEARING (14) ..	3	*BRIAN K. LUNN (14) ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD BEALE.

* First peal. For St. George's Day.

HANDBELL PEALS

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Thurs., March 5, 1964, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes.
AT ORIEL COLLEGE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

NICHOLAS J. MARTIN.. ..	1—2	CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR ..	3—4
F. JOHN NELSON..	5—6		

Umpire: JOHN E. CAMP. Conducted by F. JOHN NELSON.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 7, 1964, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.
A PEAL OF 5120 QUORNDEN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. ACRES	1—2	JOHN M. JELLEY	5—6
PETER J. STANIFORTH.. ..	3—4	ALFRED BALLARD..	7—8

Composed by JOHN M. JELLEY. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

First peal to be rung in the method on handbells.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 9, 1964, in 2 Hours,
AT 20, EDWARD AVENUE.
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

GEOFFREY R. CRISP	1—2	DAVID J. FORDER	5—6
MARGARET CHAPMAN	3—4	TOM CHAPMAN	7—8

Composed and Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.

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

SWANSEA, GLAMORGAN.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., April 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT MOR-AWELON, LON DERW, TYCOCH.
A PEAL OF 5016 SPLICED MAJOR

Being 792 Gainsborough Little Bob and 4,224 Plain Bob: 132 changes of method. Tenor size 18 in G.

HAZEL WAY	1—2	J. ARTHUR HOARE	5—6
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.. ..	3—4	EDMUND J. MORRIS	7—8

Arranged and Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

First peal of Spliced Major on handbells by all the band. First of Spliced for the Guild.
A wedding compliment to Patricia M. Whitworth and Royston H. Palmer, married at Sketty on March 28th.

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AGATHA,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 9 in E.

*ROGER M. HEYWORTH ..	1—2	P. GERALD MCILHONE ..	3—4
*ANGELA M. AYRES	5—6		

Conducted by P. GERALD MCILHONE.

* First peal on handbells.

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BIRMINGHAM.—Saltley Carillon, Parkfield Road. Ringers and friends are welcome to listen to an amateur recital by Clive M. Smith, on the 23 G. & J. bells (bass 17 cwt.), on Sunday, May 10th. Tower open approx. 6.40-7.30 p.m. Any inquiries telephone Lichfield 2124. 4617

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ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL. — Practices, Saturday, May 9th, and Saturday, June 20th, both from 7.30 to 9 p.m. Please come—all welcome. 4644

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Branch practices at Wiveliscombe, May 9th: Minehead, May 30th, 7 p.m. Quarterly meeting, Wootton Courtenay, June 13th.—A. R. Tudball. 4639

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Horsley Cup ringing contest, Clay Cross, May 9th at 3 p.m. Non-competitors send names for tea to Mrs. J. Price, 1, Bertrand Close, Clay Cross. 4499

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at West Hartlepool, on Sat., May 9th. St. Oswald's 2-4. All Saints' 3-5 and 7-9. St. Aidan's 7.30-9. Committee 4.15. Tea 5. Service 6.15. Names for tea to Mr. W. Maughan, 57, Belmont Gardens, West Hartlepool. 4585

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Stanford-le-Hope, on May 9th. The district heat of the ringing competition will start at 2.30. Bells (8) available after competition until service at 4.30 and from 6 to 9 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Ody, Woodstock, First Avenue, Stanford-le-Hope. 4555

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—A district meeting will be held at Mistley, on Saturday, May 9th. Striking competition 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15. General ringing afterwards. Names to Mr. A. E. Honeywood, 27, Harwich Road, Mistley. 4573

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Meeting at Dursley (8) on Saturday, May 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. Mills, Church Street, Wotton. 4618

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District. —Quarterly meeting, Whitbourne, May 9th at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Reservations to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard. 4616

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Meeting Hoddesdon, Sat., May 9th. Bells (8) from 3. Service 4.30. Business meeting 5. Special business: election of Bell Fund trustees. Further ringing to 8. Own tea arrangements, cafes nearby.—R. Durrant, Dist. Sec. 4577

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Sarratt (5) May 9th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Miss M. Petts, Pinnaroo, Dimmocks Lane, Sarratt, nr. Rickmansworth. 4605

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Maidstone District) and LADIES' GUILD (Kent Branch).—Combined meeting at East Farleigh on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and Ladies' Guild annual meeting. Names for tea to S. G. Hayzelden, 1, Station Hill, East Farleigh. —T. A. Cross. 4550

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch. — Meeting, May 9th at Llangattack-Vibon-Avel. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow. 4592

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Saturday, May 9th, St. Mary's, Walthamstow (Church Hill, St. Mary's Road), 3-4.30 p.m. Tea, St. Saviour's, Walthamstow (Markhouse Road), after tea till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. St. John Boyack, 29, Palmerston Road, Westcliff-on-Sea.—V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 4589

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, May 9th, at St. Modwen's Church, Burton-on-Trent. Business meeting in adjoining school 3 p.m. Followed by tea. Bells (8) available after tea. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 4558

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Norwich, Saturday, May 9th. Service at St. Peter Mancroft Church, 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Chantry Hall. Meeting to follow. Bells available: St. Peter Mancroft (12) 3 to 4.10 p.m. and after meeting, St. Giles' (8) 2 to 4, St. Miles' (8) 2 to 3.45 and 7 to 8.30, St. George's, Colegate (6), 2 to 3.45 and 7 to 8.30 p.m. Also St. John de Sepulchre by request with Ringing Master. Names for tea to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road Norwich, Nor. 57 N.—H. Wm. Barrett, Gen. Sec. 4535

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Annual meeting, Warborough, Saturday, May 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to F. Absolom, Beverley, Warborough, Oxford. 4606

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District. —Practice meeting at Exning (5), Saturday, May 9th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 4575

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Saturday, May 9th, East Grinstead. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. For ringing arrangements see last week's 'R.W.'—R. W. R. Percy, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4529

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—A.G.M., Saturday, May 9th, St. Giles', Camberwell (10). 1.30-2.30 p.m. Further towers will be announced at Camberwell.—A. J. F. 4642

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—In addition to the towers already published as available on May 9th for the annual meeting, ringing has been arranged at Barnby Don (6), 10.30 a.m.-12 noon. 4622

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Practice meeting, Bathampton (6), Monday, May 11th, 7.30-9 p.m.—M. de Jong. 4619

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Combined Practice at Chertsey on Wednesday, May 13th. Bells (8) available from 7 p.m. All welcome.—R. Caporn, Dis. Sec. 4637

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Hedon (8), Saturday, May 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. C. Hunter, 59, Westlands Drive, Hedon, Hull. 4620

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Bromborough, May 16th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea **free** for those notifying by Thursday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead. 4650

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

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Meeting at Westbury-on-Severn, May 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to A. Gibson, 18 The Village, Westbury. 4628

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

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch meeting will be held at Helmshore on Saturday, May 16th. Tower open 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m. No business.—R. Holt, Branch Sec. 4631

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

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Draycott on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. (Note earlier time.) Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to F. Shelley, Cresswell Terrace, Cresswell, Blythe Bridge, S.o.T., by Wednesday, May 13th, **latest.** No name, no tea.—G. C. Beech. 4645

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

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch. — Meeting Ramsbury, Sat., May 16th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16 Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 4633

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Harworth (6), Sat., May 16th. Sorry no tea arrangements.—H. Denman. 4647

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

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Annual meeting, Penistone, May 16th. Bells (8) from 3. Also available Cawthorne (6) 2.30-4, Hoylandswaine (6) 7-9. Tea will be provided **only** to those who notify Mr. A. Champion, 32, Church View Road, Penistone, by May 14th. New reports will be available. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert, 10, Pye Bank Close, Sheffield, 3. 4630

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

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

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival, Clifford, Whit Monday, May 18th. Bells (8) from 10.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. and 5.30 to 9 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15 p.m., followed by A.G.M. Other towers, from 10.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. and 5.30 to 8.30 p.m.: Almeley, Bredwardine, Clyro, Eardisley, Glasbury-on-Wye, Peterchurch, Staunton-on-Wye, Talgarth, Whitney-on-Wye and Weobley. Names for tea by May 12th, please, to G. T. Cousins, The Flat, Police Station, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire. 4587

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

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

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

SUFFOLK GUILD. — N.E. District. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 23rd, at Dennington (6) 2.30, Laxfield (6) 6-9. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 20th, to Miss M. Branch, Fern Bank, Bungay Road, Halesworth. 4649

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

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

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

3rd BRISTOL FESTIVAL
on SATURDAY, MAY 30th

Cathedral service 12 noon. Buffet lunch 1 p.m. Social evening 7.30 p.m.

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Full programmes will be issued with lunch tickets (7s. 6d. each) and are available from: D. J. Hunt, 58, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol.

This is the final notice. 4578

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Preliminary notice. The annual general meeting will now take place on Saturday, June 13th, at Bury St. Edmunds. Watch for particulars later. — L. Wright, Dis. Chairman, N.W. District. 4646

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QUARTER PEALS

HOLBEACH, LINCS.—On April 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Vellam (first quarter) 1, G. Johnson 2, Julie A. Vellam 3, M. J. Rains 4, P. Sanders 5, R. B. Sanders 6, K. R. Davey 7, R. D. Bailey (arr. and cond.) 8. For morning service.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe, on April 19th, 1,472 Plain Bob Major: C. Coles 1, P. A. Sharp 2, S. D. Edwards 3, A. Gammon 4, A. R. Pink 5, A. J. Adams 6, D. Roat 7, P. J. Heritage (first of Major as cond.) 8. For Evensong.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On March 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Smart 1, Margaret Womack 2, P. Vincent 3, J. A. Coates 4, J. M. Gow (cond.) 5, D. A. Whetton 6.

WYMESWOLD, LEICS.—On March 19th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (five methods Oxford Group): Sue Meredith and T. Dutter 1, Christine Froggatt 2, B. Buswell 3, Doreen Bradley 4, F. Bradley (cond.) 5, B. Mills 6.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

Portsmouth Guild

Canon Gilbert Thurlow, president of the Central Council, received a warm welcome when he attended the Portsmouth District meeting at St. Peter's, Titchfield, on April 25th and was invited to take the chair at the business meeting

New members elected were:—Ringing: J. Stanning (Swanmore), D. Pountney, R. Smith, the Misses L. Wyatt, S. Sales and E. Ahearn (all Titchfield), S. Raperport and D. Evershed (Alverstoke). Associate: the Rev. N. A. L. Miller, Vicar of Titchfield. Compounding: F. J. Nelson (Manchester), D. T. Darby (Leicester) and A. N. Stubbs (Birmingham).

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. G. Hewitson, Vicar of Salisbury, for conducting the service, and the ladies of the parish for the fine tea served at the Vicarage.

Next meeting: July 25th. L. D. D.

SURREY ASSOCIATION STRIKING CONTEST

Banstead was the venue of this year's striking competition organised by the Northern District. There were five entries, all of them Sunday service bands, and the competition was judged by Mr. C. H. Kippin. The test was a touch of 224 Grandsire Triples.

After tea, which had been prepared by local ladies, the judge gave his report and the results. Beddington had the honour of gaining the least number of faults, followed by St. John's, Croydon, Wimbledon, Epsom Common and Redhill.

A short business meeting and the usual votes of thanks preceded general ringing.

Next quarterly District meeting: West Hill, Wandsworth, and Wimbledon on July 11th.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

When the Association met at Silkstone on April 18th the Meltham band gave a demonstration of contest striking on this delightful six. Tea was at Cawthorne Church Hall, provided at a ridiculously low price by the ladies of Cawthorne ringers.

Before the business meeting the Vicar (the Rev. R. T. Ellam) gave a warm welcome to the 'ancient and picturesque village of Cawthorne.' Three new members were elected—Miss Susan Greenwood ,Mr. M. Farrall (Meltham) and Mr. Hedley Burton (Slaugham) Miss Christine Savile, who is moving to Kent, was made a life honorary member. Ringing continued in a great variety of methods—regular and irregular.

Next meeting and prize contest: July 18th.

MASONIC PEAL THAT MAKES HISTORY

History was made on April 25th at Tarleton Church, near Preston, Lancs, when a peal of Stedman Triples was rung by Past Masters. This was the first ever by Past Masters. Thanks are due to the Rector of Tarleton (the Rev. W. Riley) for his kindness, and it was fitting that the peal should be rung in honour of the newly-consecrated Tarleton Lodge. It is hoped to ring a peal of Stedman Caters in the near future. It is interesting to record that five of the Past Masters who took part in the peal are P.Z.'s of the Royal Arch.

Cambridge University Guild

At the annual general meeting, held on April 29th, the following were elected officers for the year 1964-5: President, W. J. Ridgman: senior treasurer, B. D. Threlfall; auditor, H. E. Bishop; Master, S. C. Walters (Pembroke); secretary, K. J. Darvill (St. Catherine's); librarian, K. J. Triplow (Selwyn): steeple-keeper, J. A. Harrison (Sidney Sussex).

QUARTER PEALS

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.—On April 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. R. Smith 1, W. Dumolo 2, D. Grey 3, D. Phillips 4, R. Cullington 5, D. Pardon (first as cond.) 6.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On April 26th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: S. Hutton 1, E. Buck 2, D. Sutcliffe 3, L. Scoot 4, R. Trebilcock 5, P. Flack 6, J. Dear 7, C. Harwood (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

CATHERINGTON, HANTS.—On April 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. W. Mitchell 1, Jennifer M. Tyack 2, N. R. Webber 3, J. G. Hallett 4, E. Treagus (cond.) 5, H. R. Morgan Marshall 6. A birthday compliment to Jennifer Tyack.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Lawrence 1, K. Small 2, F. Hurrell 3, P. Clarke 4, G. Clarke 5, R. Clarke (first in method as cond.) 6, T. Culver 7, J. Sims 8. For Matins.

GLASBURY-ON-WYE, BRECS. — On April 24th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. A. Hatcher 1, E. J. Smith 2, J. A. Ellis 3, M. T. Johns 4, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 5, C. F. N. Wedgwood 6.

ILMINGTON, WARWICKS.—On April 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. W. Randall (first as cond.) 1, R. D. Gibson 2, F. M. Robottom 3, K. F. Gardner 4, W. H. Male 5, P. S. Bennett 6. A compliment to Ian Maycock and Ann Hobbins, on their engagement.

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

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.—On April 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Forder 1, Miss B. Parsons 2, Miss M. Lovell 3, J. Gudgeons 4, F. Tysoe 5, B. Makeham (cond.) 6. For the birth of a daughter to Mrs. D. Wilson.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On April 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. F. Bowler 1, Marilyn Barton 2, M. G. Swift 3, B. T. Lister 4, E. E. R. Gosling 5, G. R. Shedden 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, F. R. Scott 8. For St. George's Day.

WOLLATON, NOTTS. — On April 12th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (Norwich and Cambridge): Susanna Poppleston 1, J. C. Shonfeld 2, R. A. G. Benfield 3, P. R. Humphrey (cond.) 4, P. J. Hawcock 5, C. R. Daft 6. For Evensong.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On April 19th, 1,260 Doubles: C. Slyfield 1, F. Cherryman 2, R. Tickner 3, W. Savill 4, J. Collier (first as cond.) 5, R. Jordan 6. A tower compliment to captain, Mr. S. Petter, on his 87th birthday.

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