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## LINCOLN

**A**FTER an absence of 30 years, the Central Council are back again in Lincoln. Formed on April 29th, 1899, the Lincoln Diocesan Guild has made a big contribution to the advancement of the Exercise, and for years the voice of Lincoln has carried weight in ringing councils. We think of the Guild's three masters—the late Rev. H. Law James, a theorist and forthright speaker whose mathematical mind opened up new vistas in method construction; the late Mr. Rupert Richardson, whose sound commonsense, generous hospitality and knowledge of ringers made him one of the most influential men on the Council; and the present Master, Mr. John A. Freeman, whose long association with Lincoln Cathedral, his friendliness and his reputation as a 12-bell ringer have gained him the esteem of the Exercise. The Council will be very welcome at Lincoln, and the programme of ringing facilities and hospitality and general interest arranged augurs well for a happy meeting.

Every American knows of the White House; English ringers have also their White House from where for many years official communications and guidance have emanated. The meeting next Tuesday ends an era of 21 years, during which Mr. G. W. Fletcher has served the Council faithfully and efficiently as its secretary and treasurer. His resignation, which came before the Chester meeting, was received with regret. Mr. Fletcher kindly consented to remain in office for another year to enable a special committee of the officers of the Council to make a mature recommendation. Their choice is the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Vicar of St. Michael's, Southampton, and chairman of the Methods Committee. His nomination has received the support of 24 members of the Standing Committee. There is a second recommendation before the Council, Mr. E. A. Barnett, of Crayford, Kent. One might say of Mr. Barnett that he was nurtured in the art of change ringing—his father and grandfather being famous ringers. Before he had turned 15 years he had rung 100 peals and he has an encyclopædic mind on ringing matters. To whoever is appointed we will pass on the comment given by an old journalist to your Editor when he accepted the editorial chair of a newspaper: 'You will make mistakes, but take comfort in the thought that anyone else in the chair will probably make more mistakes than you.' To the Exercise we would say, Extend to your new secretary the greatest of all gifts—charity. Following one with 21 years' experience will not

be easy, but the load of office can be lightened by friendly helpfulness on the part of the many who hold key positions in the Guilds and Associations of the Exercise.

## BELLS FOR THE MODERN CHURCH

(From 'The Irish Bell News')

**'I**S the Tubular Type the Answer?' is the question asked under the above title in an article published in the 'Irish Builder and Engineer' recently. The author, who claims to be a 'campanologist,' alludes to the subject of Church bells and chimes of the future; 'bells that will in many church designs be amply accommodated in a slender ultra modern tower, turret or cot.' He speaks of the love for bells of many since early Christian times, and then deals with the high cost of construction and upkeep of ecclesiastical buildings and the need for the dimensions of belfries to be reduced to a minimum.

The writer says that 'the solo bell, peal of bells in the traditional form of bell-founding requires plenty of room in the belfry, which means a tower of considerable size.' The answer he advocates is tubular bells, and states some advantages for these types of bell over the traditional form: 'The tubular bell is the decided answer to the ultra modern Church ring.'

This article should not pass without some comment. There is a number of sets of tubular bells—or, correctly speaking, 'tubes,' in churches throughout the country. They range from one tube up to ten in number; their lengths vary from four feet to nine feet, and a frame to accommodate an average set of eight tubes can be ten feet high by four feet wide by three feet deep—which requires considerable space—whereas a chime of eight real bells could be accommodated in a space not much larger.

Tubes sound only one note—it is a monotone and is therefore 'monotonous' to the listener, whereas bells, when properly tuned, will strike a harmonious chord, and even one bell is music in itself. Far better to have one good bell than a set of monotonous tubes. A large sweet bell, having a long range of sound, can be accommodated in an average tower or even an ultra modern one. Quite recently a bell, 3ft. 3in. diameter, was hoisted into a tower which is only 4ft. 6in. in diameter.

True campanologists everywhere will advocate a ring of bells rung by a team of bellringers. Due to local conditions, rings of bells are not always possible; in such



cases we press for chimes of bells, or one good single bell. While we disagree with the author in his advocacy of 'tubular bells,' we do, on the other hand, congratulate him on part of his final paragraph, which is reproduced here:—

'We find to-day a tendency to adopt recorded bell-ringing and chiming in plans for the future. This is only recorded as on a gramophone and has been properly referred to as "canned music." It is in truth sham. Keep the tradition of the actual living bell alive in our churches.'

With these remarks we are in full agreement, but let it be in no other form than the traditional bell. We hope that our readers will do all in their power to keep alive the living bell by pressing for rings of bells, chimes of bells, or even the humble single bell as the case may be, in preference to tubes or 'canned music.'

## TWELVE BELL PEALS

READING, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 17, 1952, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt.

JOHN PHILLIPS .. .. Treble	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 7
HERBERT LANGDON .. .. 2	JOHN CHILCOTT .. .. 8
RAYMOND G. BURTON .. .. 3	WILLIAM HIBBERT .. .. 9
MRS. P. LEWINGTON .. .. 4	HORACE BELCHER .. .. 10
KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH .. 5	CYRIL G. J. WATTS .. .. 11
CYRIL J. HIBBERT .. .. 6	WILLIAM H. RAMPTON .. Tenor

Composed by HAROLD N. PITSTOW.

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

QUEX PARK, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 18, 1952, in 3 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. .. Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS .. .. 2	*FRANK J. MATTHEWS .. .. 8
JOHN HILL .. .. 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. .. 9
NOEL J. DISERENS .. .. 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. .. 10
DAVID W. BEARD .. .. 5	JOHN S. MASON .. .. 11
DONALD G. CLIFT .. .. 6	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Maximus. First peal of Surprise Maximus on the bells.

## TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 7, 1952, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN HILL .. .. Treble	*HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. .. 2	HARRY G. WAYNE .. .. 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. 3	JOHN R. SMITH .. .. 8
J. FREDERICK MILNER .. .. 4	†T. EDWARD HARROLD .. .. 9
ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 5	*HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\*200th peal together. †First peal on ten bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 14, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6½ cwt.

PAUL L. TAYLOR .. .. Treble	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 6
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 2	JOHN HILL .. .. 7
JOHN R. SMITH .. .. 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. .. 8
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. .. 4	T. EDWARD HARROLD .. .. 9
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. 5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., May 15, 1952, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5040 LANGLEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*ANTHONY AGER .. .. Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. .. 6
MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 8
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. .. 9
WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

\*First peal of Royal. The first peal of Royal in the method. Method No. 548 in Corrigan's Collection.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., May 17, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SOLIHULL SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

MRS. KATHLEEN PARR .. .. Treble	THOMAS E. DAVIES .. .. 6
R. JOYCE PETT .. .. 2	SQUIRE CROFT .. .. 7
SHEILA HARRIS .. .. 3	FRANCIS D. BISHOP .. .. 8
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. 4	CHARLES T. RICHARDS .. 9
WILFRID G. WILSON .. .. 5	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

First peal in the method by all, for the Association, and in the county of Middlesex. All members of the local company except the ringer of the 5th. (No. 622 Corrigan Collection.)

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Thurs., April 17, 1952, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

*ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. Treble	W. GWYN THOMAS .. .. 5
†RUTH M. K. HOW .. .. 2	N. GERARD MCCRUM .. .. 6
REV. PETER T. ROBBINS .. 3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 7
*JOHN T. HOMFRAY .. .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

\*First peal of Treble Bob on tower bells. †25th peal and first peal in the method. \*First peal of Surprise. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major as conductor.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., April 27, 1952, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

MRS. EVELYN M. HICKS .. Treble	ERNEST J. LADD .. .. 5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY .. .. 2	*RICHARD J. SUMNER .. .. 6
ARCHIBALD G. GRIMWOOD .. 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE .. 7
HENRY N. VAUGHAN .. .. 4	FRANK H. HICKS .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

\*First peal of Major.



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## FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

SIDNEY MARSHALL .. .. Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON .. 5
STANLEY G. ELSEY .. .. 2	ERNEST H. MASTIN .. 6
GEORGE A. COOK .. .. 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 7
TONY OWEN .. .. 4	WILLIAM ROSE .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

## CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5088 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. Treble	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 5
DAVID G. JACKSON .. 2	GIBSON JACKSON .. 6
MILTON C. FOWLER .. 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 7
F. BERNARD DITCHER .. 4	ERNEST A. THORPE .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

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

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 9, 1952, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

PAUL L. TAYLOR .. .. Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. 5
J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 2	HAROLD J. POOLE .. 6
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 3	DONALD PRICE .. .. 7
JOHN R. SMITH .. .. 4	HARRY PARKS .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

## SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GRACE BURCHNALL .. .. Treble	*CLARENCE F. BRIGGS .. 5
KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. 2	HARRY BARNES .. 6
FRANK VERNON .. .. 3	†WILLIAM H. DALE .. 7
FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. 4	GEORGE W. CREASEY .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE W. CREASEY.

\*First peal of Major. †First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Rosemary Creasey, daughter of the conductor.

## MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 13, 1952, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.

*ALBERT RELFE .. .. Treble	*†WM. A. KITCHENSIDE .. 5
*ARCHIBALD GRIMWOOD .. 2	*BERNARD V. COLLISON .. 6
*ARTHUR F. LEWRY .. 3	†ERNEST J. LADD .. 7
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 4	*CHARLES A. BASSETT .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

\*First peal in the method. †200th peal. ‡175th peal. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a compliment to A. W. Kitchenside, son of the 5th ringer (and former member of the local band) on obtaining his B.Sc. degree at the London University.

## NORWICH.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 14, 1952, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL,

## A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 100 lb. in F.

ELIZABETH M. BIBBY .. Treble	GEORGE SAYER .. .. 5
*WILLIAM LOVE .. .. 2	BERT GOGLE .. .. 6
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 3	F. CHAS. GOODMAN .. 7
ARTHUR G. BASON .. 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\*First peal in the method.

## CHIPPING NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 15, 1952, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDMUND E. PEARSON .. Treble	REGINALD H. JARVIS .. 5
EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. 2	GEORGE F. BURTON .. 6
JOHN S. WALTON .. .. 3	ALAN R. PINK .. .. 7
DOUGLAS O. WILKS .. 4	CYRIL TOMPKINS .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal of Bob Triples by all except the conductor, and on the bells.

## BRISTOL.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 16, 1952, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE, BRISTOL, E.

## A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JACK R. WORRALL .. Treble	ALBERT M. TYLER .. 5
ALBERT C. BAKER .. 2	J. WALTER SMITH .. 6
SIDNEY G. RICHES .. 3	ERIC SUTTON .. .. 7
P.C. WM. F. SCUDAMORE .. 4	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Rev. Arnold Lee, eldest son of Rev. F. S. Lee, Vicar of St. Ambrose, who was married on this day, to Miss Kathleen Stowe, of London, at St. Edmunds, Lombard Street, E.C. The bride and bridegroom are leaving this country, to take up missionary work, in Malaya.

## CHESTER.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 16, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY'S-WITHIN-THE-WALLS.

## A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F.

WILLIAM ALLMAN .. Treble	JOHN WORTH .. .. 5
JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 2	ERIC J. GILBERT .. 6
HENRY O. BAKER .. 3	WALTER ALLMAN .. 7
BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Composed by JOHN E. BIBBY.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Stella Mary Kingdon, a ringer at the above tower.

## WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 16, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*RICHARD E. MANTON .. Treble	*JAMES W. BOWLEY .. 5
HAROLD J. POOLE .. 2	JOHN R. SMITH .. 6
MICHAEL E. BROWN .. 3	JOHN B. BENNETT .. 7
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

\*First peal of Surprise Major. A welcome home to John B. Bennett, who has returned from service with H.M. Forces in Germany.

## ALMONDSBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., May 17, 1952, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

*RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. Treble	*HAROLD L. PARFREY .. 5
*MRS. H. L. PARFREY .. 2	ERIC NAYLOR .. .. 6
ERIC SUTTON .. .. 3	*WILFRED F. WEBB .. 7
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 4	ROGER O. FRY .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

\*First peal in the method. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John Bramley, of Leicester.

## BATTERSEA, LONDON.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSN. &amp; N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., May 17, 1952, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr.

AUDREY M. CASTLE .. Treble	A. FRANK UDALL .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 2	ERIC T. BEAUCHAMP .. 6
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 3	CHARLES W. OTTLEY .. 7
NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH 4	*PETER DEVENISH .. Tenor

Conducted by NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH.

\*First peal. Rung in honour of the induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. Barzillai Beckerleg, M.A.



## GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 17, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5152 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

GEORGE A. FLEMING .. Treble	FRANK L. FISHER .. 5
*PATRICIA CLARKE .. 2	RONALD W. STEWARD .. 6
*RODERICK W. PIPE .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE .. 7
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN .. 4	GEORGE W. PIPE .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.

\* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Mrs. R. W. Steward.

## MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 17, 1952, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17 cwt.

M. DOROTHY SMITH .. Treble	JOHN HOUGH .. 5
FRANK K. MEASURES .. 2	*ALAN HOUGH .. 6
ALFRED BALLARD .. 3	T. KELHAM DEACON .. 7
DAVID PRICE .. 4	WILLIAM R. PROUDMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

\* 25th peal. A birthday compliment to Miss M. D. Smith. Rung on the second anniversary of the dedication of the bells and the first peal since augmented to eight.

## PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 17, 1952, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

*S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT Treble	†LESLIE D. DUGUID .. 5
†BLANCHE M. BALL .. 2	PETER N. BOND .. 6
†PATRICK PAGE .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. 7
TOWER R. TAYLOR .. 4	JOHN H. HUNT .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Cambridge. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Josiah D. Harris, a member of the local band.

## SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 17, 1952, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MARY HOWELL .. Treble	EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 5
BASIL W. WHITE .. 2	LEONARD STILLWELL .. 6
FRANK BENNETT .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 7
*BERNARD G. MOORE .. 4	RAYMOND OVERY .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

\* First peal in the method.

## STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 17, 1952, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH,

## A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

MARGARET E. RICHARDS .. Treble	WALTER H. TRUEMAN .. 5
*MARION J. SKINNER .. 2	THOMAS TOWNSEND .. 6
*PAULINE MANNING .. 3	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. 7
*RALPH E. W. WENBAN .. 4	WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by W. B. KYNASTON.

\* First peal in the method. A farewell to Miss M. J. Skinner, who is leaving for London.

## WITTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 17, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

## A PEAL OF 5280 COLVILLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE F. SPERRING .. Treble	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 5
NORAH M. BIBBY .. 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 6
JOHN W. BEST .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS .. 7
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD (No. 25). Conducted by P. SWINDLEY.

First peal in the method for the band, for the Chester Guild and in the country. Rung in memory of James Swindley.

## SIX BELL PEALS

## COPLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 8, 1952, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt. in G sharp.

RONALD J. SHARP .. Treble	*BRYAN PATTISON .. 4
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 2	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. 5
C. HENRY HARDING .. 3	BRYAN F. SIMS .. Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells since the addition of the new treble bell.

## WONSTON, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 26, 1952, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

*MOLLY DENBY .. Treble	RICHARD SMITH .. 4
†CHARLES TAYLOR .. 2	†TOM CHAPMAN .. 5
†NORMAN HAYES .. 3	REGINALD A. REED .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.

\* First peal. † First peal on 6 bells. First peal of Plain Bob Minor as conductor. A 19th birthday compliment to Molly Denby.

## AVENING, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire, 24 of St. Dunstan's and four 240 Morris's arrangement. Tenor 12½ cwt.

DORIS H. SHEPPARD .. Treble	THOMAS PRICE .. 4
JOAN BUSSEY .. 2	LESLIE BARRY .. 5
MARY DREW .. 3	CHARLES ROUSE .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

First peal on the bells for 33 years. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. C. C. Cooper on his appointment as Canon to Gloucester Cathedral.

## CARLTON-JUXTA-SNAITH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

*ALAN E. HARTLEY .. Treble	HENRY R. ROBINSON .. 4
WILLIAM GRAVES .. 2	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. 5
JOHN J. TAYLOR .. 3	LEONARD DRAKE .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD DRAKE.

\* First peal.

## SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (C.C.C. Nos. 34, 48, 49, 50, 51, 28 and 29).

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

ALLAN CHAPMAN .. Treble	ALFRED BALLARD .. 4
MRS. M. J. ABBOTT .. 2	FRANK K. MEASURES .. 5
*MALCOLM J. ABBOTT .. 3	MICHAEL E. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

\* First peal of Minor.

## STAMFORD HILL, LONDON, N.15.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 2,160 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 2,160 Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

REGINALD P. CRUMP .. Treble	JOHN E. CRUMP .. 4
JOHN L. MORRIS .. 2	DAVID H. KINGSTON .. 5
LEONARD E. TUBB .. 3	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID H. KINGSTON.

First peal as conductor.



ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Wells, Durham, London, York, Norwich, Bourne and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILLIAM WENBAN .. .. Treble	†ALICK CUTLER .. .. 4
GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. .. 2	FRANCIS KIRK .. .. 5
*LEONARD H. BOWLER .. .. 3	*HAROLD G. CASHMORE .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

\* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods. † First peal on six bells.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Plain Bob, and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

ANNE WORTH .. .. Treble	IVOR JENKINS .. .. 4
NEIL D. LOMAS .. .. 2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 5
DOROTHY KIDD .. .. 3	SYDNEY SAGE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DOROTHY KIDD.

Rung to open the Wilmslow Christian Arts Festival.

BLADON, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in 19 methods with 134 changes of method, viz. (1) Ockley Treble Bob, Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob; (2) College Exercise Treble Bob, Norbury Treble Bob; (3) Cambridge Surprise, Primrose Surprise; (4) Fulbeck Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Bob, Plain Bob; (5) Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford; (6) Hereward, Single Oxford; (7) Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in B.

CYRIL H. KINCH .. .. Treble	HARRY P. FLOYD .. .. 4
DOUGLAS O. WILKS .. .. 2	EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. 5
EDMUND E. PEARSON .. .. 3	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal in 19 Minor methods by all the band and on the bells. This is the greatest number of Minor methods yet rung to a peal by the Guild.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	JOHN J. MORRIS .. .. 4
HAROLD KILBY .. .. 2	†E. CHARLES TURNER .. 5
WILLIAM A. WOOD .. .. 3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. Tenor

Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Kent Minor. First in the method as conductor.

ASHBOCKING, NEAR IPSWICH.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., May 16, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

E. Banks James' Arrangement. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES BENNETT, JUN. .. Treble	ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. 4
GEOFFREY PAGE .. .. 2	MAX P. PAGE .. .. 5
JOHN W. C. BLYTH .. .. 3	GARNHAM BLAXCELL .. Tenor

Conducted by MAX P. PAGE.

First peal of Surprise as conductor, aged 18 years. First peal of Cambridge arranged by E. Banks James for all except the ringer of the 3rd.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of R. Lester.

BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 16, 1952, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILFRED STOKES .. Treble	AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. 4
†JOHN D. ROCK .. .. 2	LESLIE EVANS .. .. 5
†REGINALD BULLOCK .. 3	LESLIE QUARTERMAIN .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

\* First peal away from covering bell. † 100th peal for the Hereford Guild. † First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells since recasting by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.



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CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 17, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,440 Plain Bob and 3,600 Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt.  
WILLIAM A. WOOD .. .. Treble | GEORGE PICKERING .. .. 4  
E. CHARLES TURNER .. .. 2 | FREDERICK WATSON .. .. 5  
PETER J. THOMAS .. .. 3 | DAVID BISHOP .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. THOMAS.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Sheila May Simms-Reeve, daughter of the Rector of this church, and John Frank Holdridge.

DYFFRYN, NEAR NEATH, GLAMORGAN.  
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 17, 1952, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 12 cwt.  
\*WILLIAM DAVIES .. .. Treble | GWYN I. LEWIS .. .. 4  
†W. JOHN LOCKE .. .. 2 | EDMUND MORRIS .. .. 5  
HARRY BOYCE .. .. 3 | \*REGINALD ELIAS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

ECCLESTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Sat., May 17, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, and three extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.  
\*JOHN NELSON .. .. Treble | IAN JONES .. .. 4  
LAWRENCE WALMSLEY .. .. 2 | CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. .. 5  
THOMAS BARKER .. .. 3 | ARTHUR HATCH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

\* First peal. In memoriam William Holmes, who had been a ringer at St. James', Leyland, for over 60 years.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northampton Branch.)

On Sat., May 17, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.  
\*JOHN W. FELCE .. .. Treble | STANLEY F. EARL .. .. 4  
\*JACK PAYNE .. .. 2 | FRED BENFIELD .. .. 5  
BERNARD E. FROST .. .. 3 | ERIC NOBLES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells since 1914. Rung in memoriam George Parker and John Dunkley.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 17, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court and St. Clement's, two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.  
GEORGE TRENDELL .. .. Treble | JOHN BRETT .. .. 4  
RONALD SUCKLING .. .. 2 | REGINALD RIPPINGALE .. .. 5  
ERNEST BROWN .. .. 3 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

GREAT BRINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 17, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E flat.  
\*STEPHEN J. SUMMERS .. Treble | †ERNEST G. ORLAND .. .. 4  
†VICTOR A. PERRY .. .. 2 | RONALD C. NOON .. .. 5  
†MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN .. 3 | ERNEST MORRIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor in seven methods.  
‡ 50th peal.

SNODLAND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 17, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 30 six-scores (10 callings) Grandsire and 12 six-scores (4 callings) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.  
\*PETER F. BORER .. .. Treble | \*TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 4  
WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 2 | †CYRIL S. JARRETT .. .. 5  
FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. .. 3 | ALBERT GREEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal of Doubles in two methods.

MISTERTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 19, 1952, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 13 lb.  
FREDERICK WATSON .. .. Treble | WILLIAM A. WOOD .. .. 4  
DENNIS H. ALLSOPP .. .. 2 | E. CHARLES TURNER .. .. 5  
PETER J. THOMAS .. .. 3 | W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. Tenor

Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.

MOBBERLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 19, 1952, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. WILFRID AND MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.  
HENRY PARKER .. .. Treble | CECIL RADDON .. .. 4  
\*DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK .. 2 | HAROLD WORRALL .. .. 5  
A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. .. 3 | HARRY W. HOWARD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

\* First peal in three methods away from treble.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 17, 1952, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor size 18 in G sharp.

PETER J. STANFORTH .. 1—2 | \*MICHAEL SLANEY .. .. 7—8  
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 3—4 | \*ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. 9—10  
ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 5—6 | †PETER BORDER .. .. 11—12  
Composed by SAM WOOD.  
\* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal on 12 handbells and first peal of Maximus.

LEICESTER.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Fri., April 18, 1952, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,  
AT 147, NARBOROUGH ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In seven methods, viz.: Plain, Double, Reverse, Little Bob; Gainsborough; St. Clement's College; Crayford Little Court, with 230 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

\*ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. 1—2 | MICHAEL SLANEY .. .. 5—6  
†RUTH M. K. HOW .. 3—4 | †PETER BORDER .. .. 7—8

Arranged and Conducted by MICHAEL SLANEY.

\* First peal of Spliced Major. † First peal of Spliced Major in seven methods. ‡ First peal of Spliced Plain Major. First peal of Spliced Major as conductor.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 23, 1952, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,  
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Comprising three extents of Cambridge Surprise, three extents of Kent Treble Bob, and one extent of Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.  
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 1—2 | RONALD BARLOW .. .. 3—4  
MICHAEL SLANEY .. .. 5—6

No Bobs called.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 16, 1952, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

No. 5. Tenor size 15 in C.  
ALBERT H. WARD .. .. 1—2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 5—6  
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3—4 | KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 7—8  
Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

## QUARTER PEALS

**ALDRESHOT, HANTS.**—On May 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Batt (first of Major) 1, Miss M. Lewis 2, Miss S. Corke (first of Major 'inside') 3, D. Williamson (first of Major 'inside') 4, R. Corke 5, J. Bragg 6, W. Viggers 7, K. Williamson (first of Major as cond.) 8.

**BARFORD ST. MARTIN, WILTS.**—On May 16th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grand-sire): H. Roper 1, C. Oakley 2, C. Haines 3, C. Holly 4, H. Abrahams (cond.) 5, J. Drew 6.

**BEDFORD.**—On May 12th, at St. Paul's, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss J. Pell 1, S. J. Woodcock 2, A. Lacey 3, G. Satter 4, K. Spavins 5, L. Williams 6, C. E. Jeffries 7, D. Thompson 8. First quarter of Grandsire Triples for 1, 3 and 5.

**BOSTON, Lincs.**—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Nancie Swaine 1, Lorne Briggs 2, D. White 3, R. Brown (cond.) 4, F. Dewey 5, S. Jessop 6, W. E. Clarke 7, J. Petch 8. Specially rung for the new Mayor.

**BRAMLEY, HANTS.**—On May 14th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss S. Bowden (first quarter) 1, Miss O. Osler 2, C. Herridge 3, Miss J. Baby (first quarter Triples) 4, W. Clift 5, W. Perry 6, S. Webb (cond.) 7, H. Bartlett 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Osler on their silver wedding, both of whom have been members of the local band for 36 years and Mr. Osler captain for 27 years. First quarter on the augmented 8 bells.

**BRITFORD, WILTS.**—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: H. Farmer (first quarter on working bell) 1, Miss M. Page 2, Miss Y. Eloie (first quarter as cond.) 3, J. Lewis 4, H. Abrahams 5, L. Page 6.

**CAPENHURST, CHESHIRE.**—On May 14th, 1,260 Doubles (being 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 300 Bob, 360 Antelope and 360 Grandsire): Jeanne Pilkington 1, R. B. Morris 2, J. Bagley 3, D. N. Peers 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, D. Bishop (first quarter) 6. A farewell quarter for Jeanne Pilkington, who is leaving Capenhurst to take up a new appointment in London.

**CASTLE ACRE, NORFOLK.**—On May 4th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Bob, 540 Plain Bob): V. Bowen 1, S. G. Elsey 2, E. Barker 3, W. Buckenham 4, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 5, R. E. Price 6. First quarter peal on the bells.

**DARTFORD, KENT.**—On May 18th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Betty Allan 1, H. Hoverd 2, K. Noy 3, J. Walker 4, H. Audsley 5, W. Lemon 6, R. Rayfield (cond.) 7, G. Huckstepp 8. A farewell to Miss Betty Allan on leaving Dartford to take up a laboratory position in Sunderland.

**EBBW VALE, MON.**—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Evans 1, R. Stephens 2, Audrey Stephens 3, R. Alsop 4, B. Werry (first quarter as cond.) 5, T. Stephens 6, B. D. Price 7, J. Jeaynes 8. A birthday compliment to Miss Audrey Stephens.

**FENHAM, NEWCASTLE.**—On May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Sewell 1, Miss M. A. Softley (first quarter) 2, K. Arthur 3, N. Hewitt 4, J. A. Ainsworth 5, E. N. Harrison (cond.) 6, J. Heal 7. A 16th birthday compliment to the conductor.

**GRANTHAM, Lincs.**—On May 15th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: T. W. Charity (first quarter Triples) 1, R. H. Parker 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, F. P. Turner 4, R. H. Woods 5, T. H. Hall 6, R. C. Blakey (cond.) 7, F. S. Parsons 8.

**HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.**—On May 18th, 1,272 Minor (720 Kent, 552 Plain Bob): E. J. Parish 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, G. Nicholls 3, L. W. Fisher 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, G. L. Perkins 6.

**KENSINGTON, LONDON.**—At St. Mary Abbots, on May 18th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. R. Mackrill 1, Miss M. J. Freer 2, N. G. Hollingworth 3, W. G. Wilson 4, P. Devenish 5, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 6, C. W. Ottley 7, J. Bullock 8.

**KINGSTON SEYMOUR, SOMERSET.**—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. T. Summerell (first quarter) 1, E. C. S. Baker 2, E. R. Norton 3, H. A. Price (cond.) 4, W. H. Neath (first quarter 'inside') 5, A. E. Parsons (first quarter) 6. Last quarter before restoration.

**LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.**—On May 11th, 1,260 Doubles (960 Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): S. Smith 1, M. Amos 2, A. Cooper 3, S. Summers 4, E. Orland (cond.) 5.

**LUTON, BEDS.**—On May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: C. Mann 1, June Gladman 2, J. Herbert 3, H. Burton 4, J. Rushton 5, A. Smith 6, L. Goodenough (cond.) 7, H. Wood 8, R. Kendall 9, A. Rushton 10. First quarter of Royal on the bells and by the Sunday service band.

**NEW ROMNEY, KENT.**—On May 1st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: M. J. Martin 1, C. A. Wratten (first of Triples as cond.) 2, H. S. Humphrey 3, J. R. Cooper (first of Triples) 4, R. Swift 5, G. F. Gray 6, E. J. Walker 7, J. Chittenden 8.

**PAUL, CORNWALL.**—On May 13th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: J. B. Rodda 1, Marion L. Lidgey 2, H. Miles (cond.) 3, Elizabeth S. Ford 4, W. R. Curtis 5, J. H. Ladner 6. First quarter for 1, 4, 5 and 6.

**PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.**—On May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Doris Walden 1, N. B. Davis (cond.) 2, A. Tyers 3, F. C. Davis 4, E. T. P. Field 5, B. Cheeseman 6. A compliment to Mrs. Betty Brook (nee Allen), of Leeds (a former member of the local band), on the birth of a daughter.

**ROCHDALE, LANCs.**—On May 11th, at All Saints', Hamer, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Leach 1, Beatrice Wood 2, I. W. Taylor 3, K. Abbott 4, Alwyn Taylor 5, J. Taylor (cond.) 6. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Taylor.

**SAWLEY, DERBYS.**—On May 18th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 120 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): O. Cripps 1, Sheilaigh Kilbourn 2, R. Harrison 3, W. E. Simpson 4, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 5, R. G. Newsum 6.

**STAUNTON, GLOS.**—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Bessant (first quarter, aged 14) 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, Mrs. D. Stafford 3, S. Goodwin 4, L. H. Jones (cond.) 5, E. Malsom 6. Rung half-muffled for the late Mrs. L. M. Heygate.

**ST. BRIAVELS, GLOS.**—On May 13th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering: Mrs. K. Smith 1, W. Reynolds 2, Mrs. D. Stafford 3, W. Reynolds 4, L. H. Jones (cond.) 5, A. Barton (first quarter) 6, E. Malsom 7, G. Wilce 8. Rung half-muffled for the late Doctor Nanda.

**STYTHIANS, CORNWALL.**—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Stagg 1, Miss T. Richards 2, C. H. Drewett (cond.) 3, R. G. Clemens 4, E. S. Seymour 5, P. E. R. Williams 6. Rung on the occasion of the induction of the new Vicar.

**TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.**—On May 2nd, 1,260 Oxford Bob and Plain Bob Minor: D. Nelson 1, S. Flint 2, C. Cousins, jun., 3, E. Bunting 4, W. W. Cousins (cond.) 5, C. Cousins, sen., 6.

**TIBSHELF, DERBYS.**—On May 13th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. Eastland 1, Miss D. Armstrong (first quarter) 2, Miss M. Bradley (first quarter 'inside') 3, T. Radford 4, F. Bradley (cond.) 5, W. Riley 6. Rung for the 84th birthday of Mr. H. Draycott, a ringer at the above church for 65 years.

**TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.**—On April 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Baxter 1, R. Amor 2, C. Butcher 3, F. A. Penn 4, P. W. J. Harding 5, C. Doel 6, F. Slatford 7, E. Parker (cond.) 8, C. Harding 9, L. Hitchins 10. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Francis.

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These contributions are vital.

Considerable self-control was shown by Miss M. E. Richards during the ringing of a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Stratton St. Margaret, Wiltshire. Just after the half-way mark had been passed a bee stung her arm. Apart from a slight flutter, the ringing proceeded smoothly, and at the end of the peal the sting was removed.

For visitors to Lincoln. The times for Whit Sunday ringing at Newark Parish Church are from 9-9.30 a.m. and from 5-6 p.m., and not as published in 'The Ringing World' last week.

Mr. Sydney Sage, who 'completed the circle' of Wilmslow tower on May 10th, is believed to be the first ringer to accomplish this in this Cheshire tower.

Three days after the F.A. Cup final at Wembley a peal of Wembley Surprise Major was rung at Conisborough, Yorks. Facetious members of the band suggested that the footnote should read, 'In memoriam, Arsenal.'

Mr. P. W. B. Semmens contributes an interesting article headed 'Campanology, or the art of bell-ringing,' to the I.C.I. Magazine. The Exercise will feel flattered by the sub-title, 'Cambridge Surprise Royal,' says the bell-ringer, and everyone in the belfry knows what he means! Nevertheless, it is a first rate article and is one of the best introductions to change ringing.

Bristol University Society at a general meeting on May 20th elected the following officers for the 1952-53 session: President, Professor S. H. Piper, D.Sc.; Master, Miss B. Enid Lloyd Roberts; secretary, Miss Heather J. Tesson (address, McAdam, Stapehill, Wimborne, Dorset); treasurer, Miss Jeannette A. Rose; tower secretary, Mr. Alan P. Cave; committee member, Mr. Robert J. Stokes.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

One guild secretary who devotes much of his leisure to teaching the young has been perturbed of late by the ease with which he loses his temper. To remedy the defect a large envelope hangs on the wall of the belfry, marked with a red cross for danger. Inside is a big black T. When irate, 'George' walks over to the envelope, pulls out the T and puts it back again, thus relieving his feelings. The novitiates heave a big sigh of relief and 'the Mother Superior' smiles benignly.

Chester Diocesan Guild have the honour of ringing the first peal of Colville Bob Major.

Kingston Seymour, Somerset, bells are to be restored. A last quarter on the old bells was rung on May 12th.

Mr. Brian D. Threlfall is hoping to arrange a Brians peal. Will those interested please write to Thorncroft, Thornton Hough, Wirral, Cheshire?

The mid-Essex ringers and friends will be on tour in Somerset for a week commencing Aug. 16th. There are several vacant seats. Anyone interested should get in touch with Mr. A. H. Everett, Boreham, Essex.

Mr. C. Chambers, of 147, Garmonth Avenue, King's View, Durban, S.A., is seeking information about Mr. Dick Sworder, who died three or four years ago. He particularly wants to know what part of England this ringer came from.

Will the visitors who applied for the use of Cookham, Berks, bells please repeat their application, with an assurance that it will be granted. Inadvertently the Vicar returned the original letter without passing on details to the tower captain, Mr. T. J. Fowler, of Black Butts, Cookham, Maidenhead, who does not know when to receive the ringers.

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## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD 1952 Festival at Bridport

The annual festival of the Guild was held at Bridport on May 10th and attracted an attendance of about 200 ringers and friends.

The annual general meeting was held in the Church House, the Master of the Guild (Canon C. Carew Cox) presiding, supported by the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. W. C. West). A civic welcome was accorded the visitors by the Mayor of Bridport (Mr. H. R. C. Palmer).

In reply, the Master said the aim of the Guild was the highest standard for Sunday service ringing. He commended ringers on their regular work and said from his contacts throughout the diocese there were few instances where there was not this regular Sunday ringing.

'From time to time a great deal has been delivered from the pulpit and in the ringing Press about ringers and their connection with the Church,' he said. 'I don't believe a lot of it. I believe ringers have such interest in the Church that it enables them and impels them to give up their time on Sundays for ringing.'

Canon Cox told the Mayor that the Guild was formed in 1882 and that in the last 20 or 30 years in particular there had been 'tremendous progress' in ringing.

Messages were read from the Earl of Shaftesbury (president) and the Bishop of Salisbury, who expressed his 'appreciation of the work that ringers do for the Church, Sunday by Sunday, and to wish the Guild every success in the coming year.'

In his annual report, Mr. W. C. West said that during the period of national mourning the number of peals, quarter peals and attempted peals was 'legion.' Ringers were certainly not found wanting at that time, he said. Membership remained steady, with 1,078 members. There were 30 peals rung, and he spoke of the fine achievements of the Lyme Regis band, who had rung the first peal of Lyme Surprise and Double Oxford and Little Bob Major, the first for the Guild. 'I don't think any other tower in the diocese could come up to such performances,' he added.

Officials were re-elected as follows: President, Lord Shaftesbury; Master, Canon Cox; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. C. West; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. F. Slatford; committee, officers and Messrs. A. Macdonald, G. H. Harding, F. Precey and R. H. True; auditors, Mr. J. S. Weeks and Mr. C. F. Andrews.

The Guild service was held in Bridport Parish Church, the address being given by the Archdeacon of Sherborne, the Ven. J. C. Chute.

Towers open for ringing were Bridport, Bradpole, Beaminster, Lyme Regis, Burton Bradstock, Loders, Symondsburys and Netherbury.

## CREATING INTEREST IN A HAMPSHIRE VILLAGE

On a recent Wednesday evening some ringers from neighbouring towers met at the Church of the Holy Cross, Binsted, to try the bells, which had not been rung for a number of years. With the aid of one or two borrowed ropes, some oil and the tightening up of the gudgeon bolts of the fourth bell, the six were raised and various touches rung, including a course of Cambridge.

The Vicar is anxious for a band to be trained for the bells to be regularly rung, but they will need the attention of a competent bell-hanger and tuner before much can be done upon them. The tenor is a 14 cwt. bell and from limited knowledge the back five are by T. Mears and the treble added at a later date by Barwell, of Birmingham. The tower clock takes up a lot of valuable space and rather spoils the circle of ropes.

It is hoped to arrange another evening's ringing in the near future to try and rouse some local interest. W. J. PAICE.

## SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON METHOD EXTENSION

THE members of the Central Council have received the following as part of the Methods Committee's report this year. In the hope that the question of Extension can be finished with at the coming meeting of the Council, the members of the Committee are anxious that the Exercise as a whole should know what is proposed and they invite comment:—

Since presenting our last report to the Central Council at Whitsun, 1951, we have further considered the subject of Extension in the light of comments and suggestions made by various people prompted by our invitation published in 'The Ringing World.' In particular, we have directed our attention to the problem of the movement of the bells in the coursing order from lead to lead.

It will be appreciated that, if the structure of a lead of an extension be satisfactory, the 'likeness' of the blue-line of the extension to that of the parent will be governed by the order in which the leads are joined together. This order is determined by the sequence of pivot bells from parent to extension. Each pivot will move all the bells two distinct numbers of places through the coursing order, dependent upon whether the lead-end place is 2nds or ultimate; e.g., if in a Major method the pivot bell be the 3rd followed by an ultimate place, the lead head will be 3527486, each bell having moved one place back in the coursing order, but if followed by a 2nds place, the lead head will be

5738264, each bell having moved two places back in the coursing order. Moreover, each movement may be regarded in two different ways, backward or forward. In the example given above, the first movement may be regarded as one place backward or six forward, and the second movement as two backward or five forward. Thus, if it is desired to extend an ultimate place Major method having the 3rd as pivot, and the movement be regarded as one place backward, the pivot sequence in Major, Royal and Maximus will be 3, 3, 3; but if the movement be regarded as six forward, the required sequence will be 3, 5, 7. In the first case the lead heads will be 3527486, 352749608 and 35274968r0; but in the second case 3527486, 795038264 and 79507856342 respectively. It will be readily seen that while in the first case the blue line of the extensions will closely follow that of the parent, in the second place it will be so badly cut up that it will bear very little resemblance to that of the parent.

Similarly, if the method be 2nds place and the 3rd the pivot and the movement be regarded as two backward, the pivot sequence will again be 3, 3, 3, and for five forward again, 3, 5, 7, and once again the first will piece together satisfactorily and the second will not.

The following table shows the results for Major methods having the 5th as pivot. In these the movement may be regarded as four forward (ult.) and three forward (2nds) or three backward (ult.) and four backward (2nds).

	Pivot Sequence	Lead-head Ult.	2nds	Pivot Sequence	Ult.	Lead-head 2nds
Major	5	7856342	8674523	5	7856342	8674523
Royal	7	089674523	860492735	5	795038264	907856342
Maximus	9	08T6E492735	8604T2E3957	5	795E3T20486	9E7T5038264

None of these will piece the leads together satisfactorily.

Investigation has shown that very few sequences permit the leads of an extension to be joined together in an order that produces a

blue line bearing a close resemblance to that of the parent, and so it is our desire to amend the table of pivot sequences recommended in our report to the Council in 1951 so that it reads as follows:—

	Ultimate Place Methods only	2nds Place Methods only	All Methods
Minor	2	4	3
Major	2	6	3
Royal	2	8	3
Maximus	2	0	3

The above sequences produce the lead heads of Plain Bob on all numbers and their reverse order, and those of Cambridge Surprise on all numbers and their reverse order, and no others. Whilst recognising that many true mathematical extensions give other sequences than those in the above table, we recommend that none but those above be recognised.

Our last year's definition must now be amended as follows:—

'The pivot bell should be the same treble

or the same tenor throughout the series of extensions but that the third treble and the third tenor be the limits. In the case of extensions from Minor where the pivot may be regarded as either the third treble or the third tenor, second's place methods should be treated as the third treble and ultimate place methods as the third tenor.

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

St. Michael's Vicarage,  
Southampton.

## WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

### A Visit to Laverstoke

The quarterly meeting of the Andover District was held at Laverstoke on May 17th. About 25 members attended from surrounding towers. Ringing on the bells (6) ranged from rounds to Oxford Treble Bob Minor. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar of Overton, who, a ringer himself, gave an inspiring address on discipline in the tower, stating that although the parson has the last word in control, he should obey the captain on all matters when in the tower.

A splendid tea was afterwards served in the canteen of Messrs. Portals, of Laverstoke, the famous banknote paper manufacturers' factory.

A short meeting was held after tea, and the new Vicar of Andover (Rev. Dr. Machin) was welcomed and elected an honorary member of the Guild. Ringing then continued until a late hour, when those ringers left were entertained by the local band in the village club. This is the first meeting held in the tower by the Guild since pre-war days, and though the bells need the attention of the bell hanger, a lot of local interest has been aroused.

One feature of the meeting was the attendance of clergy, no less than five being present—Rev. — Gidlow (Goodworth Clatford), Rev. Dr. Machin (Andover), Rev. F. Marle (Deane), Rev. — Saunders (Overton) and the priest-in-charge, Laverstoke. The organ was played by Miss N. Smith, of Wonston, also a ringer, who is well known locally, being a teacher at Wolversdene School.



# RINGERS HAVE THEIR BANNER

## An Example From Marksbury

**M**ARKSBURY, near Bath, is a very small village, and it can truly be said that the centre of its activities is its church. It is fortunate to possess that man of energy and vision, W. A. V. Prescott. He it was who raised the money for the repair of the bell fittings, and he it is who has now, after much research, had a ringers' banner designed. This was dedicated at a special ringers' service, the fourth of its kind in the parish, on Saturday, May 10th.

The service was conducted by Prebendary C. S. L. Alford, Rector of Rowberrow and Shipham, assisted by the Rev. H. Warren, curate of the Parish Church of Weston-super-Mare. The former deputised for the Rector of Marksbury, the Rev. E. Wells, who was ill.

The very hearty hymn singing, accompanied by the organ and the Hallatrow handbell trio, included the Ringers' Hymn, by the Rev. J. H. Matthews. The anthem, 'The radiant morn has passed away,' was also sung by the choir.

The dedication of the banner was carried out by Prebendary A. J. Hook, Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, who in the course of his address said: All things are sacramental, including the banner and the bells. The banner is to remind us of the sacramental nature of bells, that is that they are there for the glory of God. Ringers are tempted to look upon them as 'things,' but they are not there because we enjoy ringing or for the number of peals that can be rung on them. They are in God's house, for His glory, and to call the faithful to worship. That should make us treat them with reverence, and should make us want to ring them as well as possible. So there is the necessity for peals and practices. And how lovely it is that we can do a thing which we enjoy for the glory of God! There are many kinds of voices in the world, and one of them is bells. We must remember that they are not without signification, namely, that they were made, and we were created, for the glory of God.

During the recessional hymn, the banner was taken from the altar by the Master, and handed to W. A. V. Prescott, who in turn handed it to Janet Smith to carry, assisted by Barbara Bradley and Betty White, who are all young bell ringers.

The usual bountiful tea was then taken, and Prebendary Alford welcomed the visitors, who included Mr. and Mrs. F. Skidmore, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hilliar and Mr. and Mrs. N. Coombs, of Bristol. He also thanked the choir and those who had helped in any way.

No one who knows Mr. Prescott can fail to be impressed with his singleness of purpose. A job done by him is a job well done. He inspired a lady in the village, Mrs. G. Smith, to undertake the embroidery of the banner, which was a colossal task. As an appreciation of her work, a cheque was presented to Mrs. Smith after evensong on May 18th.

[Photo: Wendie Scutts, Ditchat.

## BOUGHTON ALUPH BELLS SOLD

Protests have been made by the Canterbury Archaeological Society at the granting of permission to sell the bells of All Saints', Boughton Aluph, Kent, by the Canterbury Diocesan Board of Faculty. The five bells have been sold for scrap for about £300 to meet the cost of repairs to the church.

The bells have been in All Saints' belfry since 1540, and one of them, 'The Great Bell, Gabriel,' was cast just after 1500. Archaeologists place its value at over £1,000.

Endeavours are being made to recover the bells.

A letter on the subject from Mr. George H. Head appears in another column.



## DEDICATION STOKE GOLDINGTON

There was a large congregation on Thursday evening, May 8th, at Stoke Goldington Church, Bucks, when the Archdeacon of Nottingham, the Rev. J. H. L. Phillips, M.A., dedicated the new treble and recast tenor bells. All six bells, now retuned, have been rehung with new fittings in a metal frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. J. L. Woods, assisted by the Rural Dean, the Rev. C. J. Tovey. The Archdeacon, clergy and churchwardens climbed the spiral stone steps into the ringing chamber to perform the dedication ceremony.

As the inscription on each bell was read, the notes of that bell responded, and rounds were rung by the local ringers as the procession returned to the chancel. In an inspiring address the Archdeacon spoke of the efforts which had been made. That night was a joyful occasion and the bells would peal for generations to come, proclaiming glory to God in all things.

Following the service, short touches were rung on the bells.

Among those present were the Deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, Mr. F. Sharpe, and the secretary of the North Bucks Branch, Mr. R. Howson.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—Treble.—'Cast by Mears and Stainbank, London, 1952. 'Let Brotherly Love Continue.'

2nd.—'Henry Penn Made Me, 1707. Thomas Hodgkins, William Waring, Churchwardens.'

3rd, 4th, 5th.—(Cast by Robert Atton, Buckingham.) 'God Save Kyng Charls, 1625.'

Tenor.—'God Save Kyng Charles, 1625.' Recast by Mears and Stainbank, London, 1952.

A section of the old oak frame bearing the date 1625 is being preserved in the ringing chamber. A. A.

## OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY EASTER TOUR

### A Week in Leicestershire

The Oxford University Easter tour was held in Leicestershire during Easter Week. Thirteen members were present, including the Misses Brown, Clayton, How, Higgins, the Rev. P. Robbins and Messrs. Border, Meadows, Turner, Homfray, Slaney, Thomas, McCrum and Edge.

Towers visited included Leicester (St. Mary de Castro's and St. Margaret's), the Loughborough Foundry Campanile, Anstey, Thurcaston, Swithland, Markfield, Birstal, Quorn, Rothley, Sileby, Old Woodhouse, Woodhouse Eaves, Copt Oak, Barwell, Thurlaston, Enderby, Kibworth, Wigston Magna and the notable rings at Earl Shilton, Hinckley, Leicester (St. John's) and Loughborough.

The ringing consisted chiefly of Surprise, there being only one member requiring Grandsire and Plain Bob. This was exceptional and meant that the Surprise was leavened with the more homely fare instead of vice versa. There were two tower-bell peal attempts, Cambridge being rung at Sileby and Pudsey lost at Barwell with the treble in three four down in the final lead. There was a handbell peal of Spliced Major in seven methods.

A very pleasant afternoon was spent in the Taylor Foundry on April 16th. Thanks are due to Mr. Paul Taylor and Mr. Fidler, whose explanation of the various processes involved in the preparing of a ring was most interesting and instructive, and also for their patience and phlegm afterwards whilst members attempted to wreck the campanile.

On the evening of April 19th, a merry couple of hours were spent with a company of the Leicester ringers in the Earl Howe Hotel. In addition to the anticipated vigorous conversation, there were other entertainments, including three leads of Kent Treble Bob Fourteen, rising and falling on handbells, odd courses of Grandsire Triples and the Beer Runner's face, which bore a marked resemblance to that of an asylum attendant serving juvenile inmates with ice-cream.

Grateful thanks are due to the captains of the towers visited for their courtesy in making the arrangements, to Mr. H. J. Poole for his invaluable assistance, and to many other Leicestershire people for the pleasure that they gave by their hospitality and friendliness.

G. McC.

## FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of May 31st, 1912  
THE SURPRISE MAJOR RECORD

Hornchurch, Essex.

The Middlesex County Association.

On Monday, May 27th, 1912, in 9 hours and 49 minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A Peal of Bristol Surprise Major, 15,264 changes.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

Reuben Sanders Treble	Bertram Prewett	5
George R. Pye	Alfred W. Grimes	6
Isaac G. Shade	Ernest Pye	7
John H. Cheesman	William Pye	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

Conducted by William Pye.

[Superseding the 12,160 rung at Knebworth seven weeks before, this remained the record length of Bristol until the 21,600 rung at Over, Cheshire, in 1950. The ringer of the 4th is said to have rung the entire peal without making a trip. Of this famous band, the treble ringer alone survives.]

**GRIMSBY, LINES.**—On May 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Kennington 1, F. Bloomfield 2, D. Cox 3, Miss G. Rusby 4, A. Swain 5, S. Bloomfield 6, A. Pashley (cond.) 7, H. Hadwick 8. Rung as a farewell to D. Cox, who has now left the district and gone to Aberdeen.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## FOR VISITORS TO DEVON

Dear Sir,—As the summer approaches, we of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers look forward to a very large number of touring and peal-ringing parties who plan to visit this part of England this year. They are welcome, as are all ringers, and we love to see them, yet we view their arrival with some apprehension.

Many of us in the G.D.R. are becoming very concerned at the increasing number of towers around us where change ringers are acquiring a bad reputation. This is not on account of our striking; that has been a standing grievance for years. It is on account of the very inconsiderate conduct of some visiting change ringers, and this, we are sorry to say, almost invariably means touring parties from 'up the line.'

Apart from one or two occasions when peals have been rung without permission, the grievance is always the same—tampering with the ropes. The call-change ringers of the Devon Association usually ring with the rope's end spliced into a small loop, for as a rule they ring with a coil or two in hand; this makes peal ringing uncomfortable, and as a result visitors often untuck the splices and tuck the rope in the usual manner. This is very annoying to the local ringers, particularly if the splice is not replaced, and for this reason many fine rings of bells are now not available for change ringing whether for a meeting or a peal attempt.

It is inconvenient, we know, but ropes in these towers are generally very long, and if parties carry a small ball of twine the loop at the rope's end can be stopped up to the rope firmly enough to last out a peal. But we do earnestly urge touring bands not to unsplice ropes in call-change towers. The relations between the Guild and the Devon Association at present are better perhaps than they have ever been, but on those relations depends much of our own ringing at meetings and peal attempts, and we do not relish the prospect, next autumn, of totting up the number of towers which, since the summer invasion, have been labelled 'No Scientific.'—Yours, etc.,

(Rev.) JOHN G. M. SCOTT.  
Chairman, Exeter Branch, G.D.R.

## A KENT RING SOLD

Dear Sir,—The sale of All Saints', Boughton Aluph, bells is very sad reading. To think that the powers that be should allow such a transaction to take place seems almost unbelievable. It is to be hoped that the bells will be recovered intact. But will they be?

Boughton Aluph Church is on the Pilgrims' Way to Canterbury, not far from Wye. Both churches can be clearly seen from my old home, Kennington.

The dispersal of these bells follows closely on recent news of the proposed sale of the bells of Eastwell Church, the neighbouring parish of Boughton. The church is rapidly falling into decay; only the outer walls and the tower were standing when I was there last year. This church is in beautiful setting, being close to the lake in Eastwell Park and close to the Pilgrims' Way. We struggled with Grandshire Doubles on these bells 60 years ago, being just able to keep the tenor up for six-score. Since those days they have been rehung, and the Ashford lads have rung several peals there.

I wonder if the ringers' organisations are ever consulted in such matters as mentioned above?—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE H. HEAD.

Twickenham, Middlesex.

**DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.**—On May 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major, with tenor covering: V. Forshaw 1, Miss E. Pearson 2, Miss N. Roberts 3, C. H. Ford (thru 'inside') 4, J. Bagnall 5, J. E. Burles 6, W. Wall 7, N. M. Newby (cond.) 8, T. Metcalfe 9.

## BELFRYMANSHIP A TONIC

Dear Sir,—I should like to say that I found Mr. Meadows' contributions on 'Belfrymanship' to be quite a tonic.

The art of gentle and humorous satire is probably as old as bell ringing and just as essentially English. In any case, it is much to be preferred to personal invective, which seems to be Mr. Raymond Philpott's method of approach.

After all, no one need wear a cap which does not fit him!—Yours faithfully,

VICTOR NEIL.

Shepherd's Bush, London.

## YOUNG PEAL BANDS

Dear Sir,—In your issue of May 9th, Mr. Peter J. Came asks if a younger band than 164 years has rung a peal.

On April 21st, 1934, eight members of the Kent County Association rang a peal of Plain Bob Major, 5,024 changes, at St. Paulinus' Church, Crayford, Kent, in two hours and fifty minutes, the average age of the band being 15 years and 2 weeks.—Yours truly,

GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

## THE SNOWDON SCHOLARS

Almost seven years ago two groups of young ringers from towers in the Leeds area attended a local ringing meeting. They were at the stage when they ate, drank and slept bells, particularly Bob Minor. That's where the story begins. Nobody else at that meeting seemed to be interested in Bob Minor. The young ringers were upset about this, for in their minds there was nothing sounded finer, nothing made more enjoyable ringing; in their minds there was, in fact, nothing save Bob Minor. So it was that during the lengthy periods when such weird and uninteresting names as Superlative and Double Norwich were being bellowed across the circle, these two groups of young aspirants gathered in a corner and nursed their common grievance and plea, 'We want more Bob Minor.' Were there, they wondered, any meetings where nothing was rung but this cream of all methods. If not why not arrange some? Absurd as it now sounds, that's precisely what they did and after several such meetings at a small six-bell tower near Leeds, more learners were recruited, and so the Snowdon Scholars Society of Young Change Ringers was born.

The aim of our first meeting has been our aim throughout, namely, to give beginners the opportunity for practice in the simpler methods, and as we look back over sixty such monthly meetings we feel proud of what we have achieved. Month by month young ringers from the area, all under twenty-five, have gathered in numbers of up to thirty, and the sixty or so members whose names appear on our books are mostly ready to agree that the second Saturday in each month has at some time or another been the day to which they most looked forward and fully enjoyed.

We have progressed since those early days. We have aimed higher than Bob Minor and have struggled to attain a good standard of striking. In early 1946 eight members, whose ages averaged 18, proudly recorded the first peal for the Society, one of Bob Major at Calverley. Several of our members are now officers of the Yorkshire Association and are ringing peals regularly. But as a society we are not ambitious in that direction. We like to feel that perhaps some learners who might never have stuck it have done so because of the encouragement and comradeship they have found with us. We are proud to feel that we have found favour in the sight of most of the experts in the district. So, after what must seem a rather long time, we humbly bring ourselves to the notice of the Exercise.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### Meeting at Ruislip

Bell ringing as a recreation to offset the restrictive effects of television was put forward by the Rev. L. Fawcett, the curate of St. Martin's, Ruislip, when he spoke at the ringers' service on the occasion of the visit of the South and West District on May 17th. The habit of passive entertainment might lead to a new generation unable to think or do things for itself.

The ancient craft of bell ringing, Mr. Fawcett said, besides its present-day connection with the Church and all that that implied, did offer men and women, and boys and girls, an opportunity to take a pride in using hand and brain, and to join together in mutual pleasure and satisfaction in the accomplishment of good change ringing.

The meeting was a most successful and happy occasion, about 50 persons attending from a wide area on the most lovely day in May for years. The old Priory Church was a source of interest in many ways, not least the cool and shady churchyard in which to gossip and listen to the bells.

The business was expeditiously conducted by the District Ringing Master, Mr. R. E. Price, in the mysterious absence of the vice-president, Mr. W. H. Coles. Mr. H. J. Hazell, of Enfield, was elected a ringing member. The new bell restoration fund of the Association was explained by the general secretary, Mr. E. C. S. Turner, and the subsequent collection brought in 26s. 9d. The new rota of meetings drawn up by the officers was approved, the next meeting taking place as usual in June at Egham and Staines on the 28th.

The district secretary, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, told members that in conjunction with the North and East District he had arranged for the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office to forward details of their scheme for ringers' insurance to all the towers in the Association.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening was generally of good quality, ranging from rounds to the dizzy heights of Surprise Major.

### College Youths at Rotherfield

The Ancient Society of College Youths had a most enjoyable meeting at Rotherfield, Sussex, on May 10th at the invitation of the local ringers, who provided an excellent tea. The tones of the mellow-sounding, 'old standard' tuned bells provided an appropriate background to this quaint old Sussex village. A short service was conducted in the 13th century church.

All the officers and five past masters attended the business meeting. Mr. A. A. Hughes, referring to the annual dinner, said it was desirable to find a venue giving more accommodation than that at Pim's even if it cost a little more. He was empowered to see what he could find in the way suggested.

### GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED

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Personal.—M. Jackson 2s. 6d., H. Sargent 10d., Christchurch (N.Z.) Cathedral Society £1 1s.

Peals.—Bonvilston 3s., Croft 3s., Downham Market 10s., Chester 4s., Carlton-juxta-Snaith 3s.

Quarter peals.—Carlisle 2s., Piddlehinton 1s., Little Cheney 1s., Britford 1s. 6d., Paul 2s., Terrington St. John 2s. 6d., Grantham 2s., Bramley 4s., Boston 2s. 6d., Barford St. Martin 3s., Tibshelf 2s. 6d., Hemingford Abbots 2s. 6d., St. Giles-in-the-Fields 2s. 6d., Seaton 3s., Luton 2s. 6d., Staunton 2s., St. Briavels 2s.

**HARPOLE, NORTHANTS.**—On May 7th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: A. E. Watson 1, Miss J. Watson 2, D. Gibbins 3, W. Burt 4, H. Haynes (cond.) 5. First quarter for 2 and 3.



# THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

## Mr. S. E. Armstrong the New Master

THE sixty-seventh annual general meeting of the Sussex County Association was held in Brighton on May 10th, when more than 100 members enjoyed ringing at St. Nicholas' and St. Peter's. The two rings of ten were kept fully occupied throughout the afternoon and evening.

The service took place at St. Nicholas', the old Parish Church of Brighton, where, as the Vicar recalled in his address, notable figures such as the Duke of Wellington and Dr. Johnson had attended regularly to worship. The church, although by no means the oldest in Sussex, has had a long and distinguished history, and is still full of life and vigour.

The business meeting took place after tea in Union Institute Hall, and was presided over by the Master, Mr. G. W. Cecil. After the reading of the minutes, Miss F. Wyman presented to the Association a beautiful peal book in memory of Mr. Oliver Sippetts. The volume, leather bound and lettered in gold leaf, contains a memorial plate to Mr. Sippetts following the form of a peal board. The book was received by the Association with very great appreciation, and will serve for a large number of years as the manuscript peal record.

### THE MASTER'S REPORT

The report for 1951, signed by the Master and general secretary, stated:—

In the early part of the year the Association suffered a heavy loss by the death of Mr. O. Sippetts, which occurred during his term of office as hon. treasurer. Although having been in poor health for some months, his death was nevertheless a severe shock for all members, and it removed one who had rendered priceless service to the Association both in his pioneer work with the ringing of Spliced Surprise methods and as an officer of long and outstanding service. The record Mr. Sippetts left behind would make an historic mark on the Exercise as a whole, as well as in the county of Sussex.

There had been some reduction in the number of peals rung during the year, but it was a matter of opinion as to whether this was an indication of decline. The main object of the Association was the maintenance of Sunday service ringing, the regularity of which did not command the publicity it deserved. Peal ringing, however valuable in itself, was mainly practised for pleasure, and did not require the attendance and duty demanded by service ringing throughout the year. 'We would not wish to discourage peal ringing in any way, but it is on those ringers who go to their towers Sunday after Sunday, and perhaps suffer discouragement through the unpunctuality or irregularity of others, that stability and progress depend.'

The hon. treasurer explained the policy of leaving as much of the Association's balance as possible with the divisions, removing by levy to the Central Fund only the minimum to cover working expenses. In consequence, all the divisional balance sheets showed a gratifying increase.

The peal secretary reported the ringing of 67 peals during the year, a decrease which was mentioned in the Master's report.

The hon. treasurer announced the levies on the divisions as follows: Northern, £9 4s. 10d.; Southern, £11 9s. 5d.; Eastern, £15 7s. 5d.; Western, £15 17s. 4d. These were accepted as satisfactory.

Three new members were elected, being Miss Valerie Mephram, of Aldington, and Messrs. S. Brook and A. Turner, of Barcombe. In addition, the ratification of the election of Messrs. R. Rich, E. R. Warner and D. Riley was carried out.

Mr. F. Cruttenden and Mr. E. Treagus were elected life members of the Association for their services as divisional officials. Mr. Cruttenden has served the Southern Division as a

committee member for many years, and Mr. Treagus is the present secretary of the Western Division.

In the election of officers, the Bishop of Chichester was re-elected president and the vice-presidents re-elected en bloc.

### A NEW MASTER

Mr. G. W. Cecil reminded the meeting that he had given notice that he would not be able to offer himself for the office of Master again owing to his departure from the county.

The general secretary, Mr. S. E. Armstrong, was nominated for the vacant office and elected as the new Master. A number of members spoke in appreciation of his work during 16 years as general secretary, and, in reply, Mr. Armstrong thanked the members for the honour they had paid him, and assured them of his best efforts in the new office.

The hon. treasurer, Mr. R. G. Blackman, was re-elected and, by ballot, Mr. B. W. White, secretary of the Southern Division, was elected general secretary.

The peal secretary, Mr. J. Dearlove, was re-elected, as were the auditors, Messrs. R. Overy and A. W. Bond, and the trustees of funds.

It was decided that the small balance remaining in hand from the Keith Hart Memorial Fund should be given to the bellfellow fund at St. Peter's, Brighton, where Mr. Hart had been leader for close on forty years. Mr. W. C. Hart expressed, on behalf of the relatives, their appreciation of the memorial and the thoughts which had inspired it.

Suggestions for the 70th anniversary meeting were discussed, and it was decided to pass the matter over to the divisional meetings, who were to report back the opinion of the members. The treasurer warned the meeting of the financial implications if the anniversary were not self-supporting.

The final business was a discussion on the coincidence of a meeting of the College Youths held in the county on that day. Letters were read from the leader of the Rotherfield ringers and the secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths. The general secretary was instructed to write to the Society expressing their thanks for the efforts made to postpone the Rotherfield meeting, which, although unsuccessful, were nevertheless appreciated. S. E. A.

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

### Hunts District

In the pleasant market town of St. Neots, in the 15th century Church of St. Mary the Virgin, the Hunts District held their meeting on May 17th. At 3 p.m. the ringers were welcomed to the church by the parish clerk, Mr. S. W. Hawksford, and soon very good use was made of the fine ring of bells.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. Galley, R.D.): Mr. M. Cousins was at the organ and the District Ringing Master (Mr. F. Warrington) read the lesson.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting. About 60 ringers were present during the day, including friends from Bedford, Chelmsford, Hitchin and Peterborough districts. Among the methods practised were Bristol, Cambridge, London, Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise Major, with Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

F. W.

### NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The recently-augmented ring of eight at Pakfield was visited by 40 members of the East Norfolk Branch on May 3rd, who were well pleased with the splice of Messrs. John Taylor and Co. and also the 'go' of the bells.

The Rector (the Rev. B. P. W. Strathern Hunt) conducted the service and afterwards took the chair at the business meeting, which followed

## IRISH ASSOCIATION

### Keen Competition for Murphy Cup

THE competition for the Murphy Cup was held at St. George's Church, Dublin, on May 10th, when the finalists of the three district competitions held on St. Patrick's Day and Easter Monday met to decide the destination of the premier trophy.

Mt. St. Alphonsus', Limerick (Southern), who had beaten the holders, St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, into second place in the initial round, took the bells first. They settled down to a steady rhythm, but unfortunately had 'cart-wheel' leads. Otherwise, apart from occasional clashes in changing, their ringing was perfect. Such good ringing probably demoralised Drogheda (Eastern), who rang second. Their ringing was much too slow and leads too open. They really did not settle down to a steady rhythm. Their changing was good. St. Thomas', Belfast (Northern) leads were perfect, but they spoilt the ringing by gaps and a sluggish tenor. The judges awarded the cup to the Limerick team with 27 faults; the Belfast team was second with 29 faults and Drogheda third with 43 faults. The judges, Mrs. S. E. Darmon, Messrs. J. T. Dunwoody and C. W. Galbraith, commented on the exceptionally high standard of ringing, which was an improvement on previous years. Miss Jean Stewart acted as Ringing Master.

The Executive Council met in St. George's Parochial Hall after the competition, and before transacting business stood as a mark of respect to those members who had departed this life, viz., Dr. J. C. E. Simpson, Messrs. A. J. Corrigan, James George and T. Laver.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. William Pratt (Holywood); vice-presidents, Rev. J. Barry, Mr. Samuel J. Evans and Mr. J. Ernest Harris; Master, Mr. Robert S. F. Murphy (Dublin); general secretary, Mr. Fred E. Dukes, 26, William Street, Drogheda; librarian, Mr. R. S. F. Murphy; Council, Messrs. J. T. Dunwoody, F. G. Burrowes, C. W. Galbraith, J. Baldwin, B. Brislane, J. MacManus, J. Fennell, Mrs. S. E. Darmon and Miss E. Young; auditors, Messrs. W. Graham and W. Bovenizer; editor, 'Irish Bell News', Mr. F. E. Dukes; Editorial Committee, Mrs. F. E. Dukes, Miss J. Stewart and Mr. G. Bingham.

A letter of good wishes to the 'Irish Bell News' from the Maidstone District of the Kent C.A.C.R. was read, and the general secretary was instructed to reciprocate them.

The annual report gave the strength of the Association as: Resident 299, life 12, honorary 6, N.R.L.M. 97, total 414. The number of resident members was the highest yet reached in the history of the Association.

The Association's badge was designed during the year and had been well received by most members. Practically the entire stock was sold out. Mr. John T. Dunwoody kindly acted as badge secretary.

During the year the bells of St. Peter's, Drogheda, were overhauled by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who were congratulated on completing a fine job. Inspections of bells were carried out on 15 towers. In nine cases action was taken and in seven of these effect was given to the Association's recommendation.

Peal ringing maintained a high standard. In all 24 peals were rung—16 on tower bells and eight 'in hand.' In all 32 ringers took part, 12 scoring their first peals.

Messrs. W. Young and W. Rogan were elected life members.

tea. He was supported by the Rev. A. St. J. Heard (president), Mr. B. N. Goale (branch chairman), Mr. J. G. W. Harwood (branch secretary), Mr. N. Golden (Ringing Master), and Mr. H. W. Barrett (Branch Ringing Master). Votes of thanks included a special one to Mr. P. Kindred and the ladies who had arranged an excellent tea. If possible the next meeting will be held at Ditchingham on June 21st.



## METHOD 'DISTENSION'?

Dear Sir,—The writer of the recent two instalments on 'Method Extension' has gone to some trouble, but the effort is rather abortive. It has offered, unfortunately, little that is novel either in substance or in form of presentation. Its author will not, I hope, be discouraged by this criticism, intended as constructive and helpful, as follows:—

Of the several branches of ringing, that of Method Structure (of which Method Extension is, of course, only one aspect) is the one that most needs 'putting its house in order.' Studies of the subject in later years have achieved some results towards this end, but little or no official pronouncement thereon has hitherto been made.

Much of what Mr. Mottershead has reiterated (and, indeed, many other relevant matters) may be more adequately treated, in fact must be so treated for any comprehensive and logical deduction, under what are now recognised as fundamental heads, including:—

- Identification of the Constant and Expanding Sectors of the method's Grid.
- Appreciation of the conjoint effects of Pivots—both position and bell—and at both Link and Junction of the Division unit of the method.
- Identification of the true Basic Stage of the method. (Specific test.)

Of the last-named it is surprising enough to find that only within the past two years even, has its importance been fully realised. Much of the controversy (one might say method 'distension'!) over such subjects as stage-variation of the London method (in which the Royal is now recognisable as the basic stage) would probably never have arisen, had this truth been appreciated.

Some of the main underlying principles of this absorbingly interesting subject have been summarised in a 'Memorandum of Technology of Method Structure,' a copy of which has been lodged with the Librarian of the Central Council, and could, no doubt, be borrowed on application. Inter alia, the investigations recognise therein three classes of extension:—

- The 'NATURAL.' In this there is geometrical similarity of the basic grid-pattern; maintenance of the method's Position Cyclic; basic coursing order; and—an obviously related blue line in a full-range plain course.
- The 'PROXIMATE.' This is obtainable, where an extension of class 'A' form does not arise naturally, by the employment of an 'inherent' place or places in only the expanding sectors of the grid-pattern. The blue line is relatively maintained.
- The 'MODIFIED.' employing shifted pivot positions, or at least additional places, often in the constant sectors of the grid-pattern. The result is a displacement of section-sequence of the blue line, with lack of 'cyclics.' In fact the method, to the ringer, seems unrelated to the basic form. The ringing of such forms under the parent name is to be deplored.

The following, extracted from a supplement in preparation for the Memorandum, may be of some interest to those whose attention to method structure takes them as far as participating in ringing methods on the higher stages. Patient investigation has enabled the compilation of a table of stage variations of methods of all categories, including those listed in the Corrigan Publications ('C.P.' in the table), and those more recently evolved by the use of Grid Analysis ('G.A.' in the table), showing the class of the extension and which is the basic stage. The following selected extract from the table includes only Surprise methods and shows where published extensions are positively identifiable as of class 'C'; also, in some methods, where preferred forms ('A' or 'B') are obtainable:—

Method	Basic stage & source.		Stage Variations. (Particular.)		
Beaconsfield	Major	CP 22	Royal	CP 524	C exten.
Bolton	Major	CP 36	Royal	CP 527	C exten.
"	"	"	Maximus	CP 815	C exten.
Bosmere	Major	CP 38	Royal	CP 528	C exten.
Bristol (Craven's)	Royal	CP 503	Maximus	CP 816	Shifted L-pivot
Cornwall	Major	CP 79	Royal	CP 536	C exten.
"	"	"	Maximus	G.A.	A exten.
Daventry	Royal	CP 537	Major	CP 90	C contr.
"	(Or 'C' ext. of Maj.)	"	Maximus	G.A.	A exten.
Helmingham	Royal	G.A.	Major	CP 154	A contr.
"	"	"	Maximus	G.A.	B exten.
"	"	"	Royal	CP 543	Unrelated
Howden	Major	CP 168	Royal	CP 544	C exten.
Lancashire	Major	CP 189	Royal	CP 547	B exten.
"	"	"	Maximus	CP 830	C exten.
Lavenham	Major	CP 192	Royal	CP 549	C exten.
"	"	"	Maximus	CP 831	C exten.
Lindoff's '35'	Maximus	CP 834	Royal	CP 556	C contr.
" '112'	Royal	CP 563	Maximus	CP 839	C exten.
London	Royal	G.A.	Minor	(ancient)	A contr.
"	(Vide the 'Memorandum')	"	Major	"	A contr.
"	"	"	Maximus	G.A.	A exten.
"	"	"	(The CP Royals and Max.'s are only B and C extens. of the ancient Major given as CP 207.)		
Newcastle	Royal	G.A.	Major	CP 234	A contr.
"	"	"	Maximus	CP 569	C exten.
"	"	"	Maximus	G.A.	A exten.
Oakham	Maximus	G.A.	Royal	CP 570	A contr.
Orwell	Royal	G.A.	Major	CP 238	A contr.
"	"	"	(Royal CP 571 is 'C' of 238)		
Painswick	Major	CP 241	Royal	CP 515	A exten.
"	"	"	Maximus	G.A.	A exten.
Peterborough	Major	CP 246	Royal	CP 572	C exten.
"	"	"	Maximus	CP 847	C exten.
Rutland	Royal	G.A.	Minor	G.A.	A contr.
"	"	"	Major	CP 272	A contr.
"	"	"	Maximus	G.A.	A exten.
"	Note.—Regarding CP 272 as the	Basic, then 'Cambridge above the Treble' is			
"	a misleading conclusion, for CP	519 is a 'C' Royal and CP 849 a 'C' Maximus.			
Staffordshire	Royal	CP 574	Major	CP 295	A contr.
"	"	"	Maximus	CP 853	B exten.
Superlative	Major	CP 304	Royal	G.A. (Memo)	A exten.
"	"	"	Maximus	CP 809	A exten. (855)
Warwickshire	Royal (Tipler)	"	Major	CP 324	A contr.
"	"	"	Maximus	G.A.	B exten.
Wembley	Major	CP 327	Royal	CP 576	C exten.
"	"	"	Maximus	CP 858	A exten.
Whitbourne	Major	CP 330	Royal	CP 579	C exten.
"	"	"	Maximus	CP 859	C exten.

It is emphasised that the foregoing is only an extract and that further information has been derived; for example, sundry 'B' extensions are not given, and there are, of course, 'A' extensions of many other methods.

Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

## OUTINGS

### ST. MARGARET'S, LEICESTER

Rochester and Canterbury were visited by St. Margaret's, Leicester, for their annual outing on May 10th, with a brief stop on the outward journey at Dunstable Priory. Through the rope of the treble having been threaded through outside the pulley wheel, one who thought he could ring anything with a wheel on it had a surprise.

The visit to Canterbury coincided with that of the King of Denmark to dedicate a war memorial, and the company felt greatly honoured to be permitted to ring. Methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Surprise Maximus, in which 'Bill' Bottrill joined.

### NORTON AND BALDOCK

The combined bands of Norton and Baldock, with friends from South Bedfordshire, held their annual outing on May 17th. Lincolnshire was the objective and ringing took place at Crowland Abbey, Spalding, Pinchbeck, Boston, Sutterton and Surfleet. At Boston the party listened to a Leeds band tapping off a touch of Royal, and afterwards five from each band rang three leads of Treble Ten.

A delay of 50 minutes arose from running out of petrol 10 miles from home.

### BOLTON BRANCH

A company of over 100 ringers, wives and friends participated in the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association's outing to Loughborough on May 17th. The route was via Buxton, Matlock and Derby, 50 miles of the finest scenery in England at this time of the year.

The party was met by Mr. J. P. Fidler and escorted around the foundry by Messrs. P. L. Taylor, Colin Harrison and J. P. Fidler. Permission was given to use the foundry ring of ten.

Later the party was entertained with music from the 47 bell carillon in the War Memorial Campanile, and the ringers enjoyed the fine ring of ten in the Parish Church.

En route handbells, tune and change ringing, solo and community singing added to the pleasures of the day.

### DEVON GUILD

A number of Devon Guild members and their friends held a very successful half-day outing on May 17th, when four moorland parishes were visited. Weather conditions were most ideal, and the arrangements were ably made by Mr. E. M. Atkins, of Teignmouth. Towers visited were Ilstington (6); the 'Cathedral of the Moor,' Widecombe; Lustleigh (6), and Bovey Tracey (8).

The outing, including cream tea, was specially arranged for some visiting ringers, and the event proved most enjoyable.

A. L. B.



## OBITUARY

### MR. CONOR O'BRIEN

Mr. A. H. Pulling writes recalling when Mr. Conor O'Brien was a member of the band of S. Nicolas', Guildford, and was then a very keen peal ringer. He rang with him a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Hershaw on Sept. 26th, 1903; Stedman Caters at S. Nicolas', Guildford, on Jan. 28th, 1904 (Mr. Pulling is now the only survivor of this peal); Double Norwich at Shere on July 2nd, 1904; and Bob Major at Chobham on Feb. 4th, 1905.

Mr. Conor O'Brien, when living at Guildford, cycled to Brighton, spent the afternoon on the beach learning London Surprise Major, and rang his first peal and first blow in the method the same evening.

### MAJOR LEWIS JOHN ROPER

The death occurred on May 15th of Major Lewis John Roper, R.A.O.C., retired, at the age of 70. He had not enjoyed good health for some time, but the end came as somewhat of a surprise as he had voted in the Town Council elections on the previous Thursday.

Before his illness Major Roper was a keen ringer at the Cheltenham Parish Church, and it was always a pleasure to ring with him as he had a most pleasing personality. He was a native of Bury St. Edmunds, where it is believed he learned, as a boy, how to handle a bell. He saw service in many parts of the world before ill-health forced his retirement in 1939 after 35 years' service. While serving in France in the 1914-18 war he was awarded the Military Medal. Major Roper was an enthusiastic gardener, as the beauty of his garden could testify; he was also a keen worker in the Conservative cause and was well known as a Civil Defence lecturer.

The interment service was held in the Parish Church on May 19th, and touches of Grandsire Caters were rung, the bells being half-muffled for the occasion.

### MR. T. F. KING

Mr. Thomas F. King, a well-known Bath ringer, passed away suddenly on May 15th at the age of 74 years. He had been in poor health for about a year, yet maintained an active interest in ringing until recent months. For 55 years he was a ringer at Twerton Parish Church, ringing his first peal there in 1898, and eventually becoming tower master. He rang altogether just over 200 peals, his last peal being Grandsire Caters at Trowbridge in February of this year. Mr. King had been a member of the Abbey band for over 50 years, being the only member to take part in the two peals of Caters rung there.

The funeral service took place on May 19th at Twerton. Attending the service were many ringers, representing most of the Bath towers, and from other Somerset towers and the Salisbury Diocesan Guild towers of Trowbridge, Bradford-on-Avon and Holt. The floral tributes included wreaths from the Bath Abbey band, the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association and from the Trowbridge ringers. As the cortege left the church, half-muffled touches of Triples and Major and the 'whole pull and stand' were rung.

In the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung half-muffled at the Abbey by W. J. Prescott 1, R. J. Cousins 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, H. D. Taylor 4, G. J. Hawkins 5, E. Naylor 6, J. Hallett 7, M. Helps 8, R. O. Fry (cond.) 9, K. Medway 10.

### MR. WILLIAM KEEBLE AN APPRECIATION

Although rather late in the day, I wish to pay my small tribute to the memory of William Keeble. I had hoped that an abler pen than mine would have done justice to the memory of a great ringer.

I have no idea where his personal record of peals is, but if available it would speak for itself. He was undoubtedly a genius as a conductor and a very large number have to thank him for conducting their first peal, especially Surprise.

He was, of course, associated with the late brothers Pye, who after much practice succeeded in ringing the first peal of London Surprise double-handed on handbells. Another outstanding performance of Mr. Keeble's was the then record, 14,000 odd of London Surprise at King's Norton. L. W. WIFFEN.

Braintree, Essex.

### OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD North Berks Branch at Appleton

The annual meeting of the North Berks Branch took place at Appleton on May 17th. Ringing on the celebrated ten bells began about 2.30 p.m. and included touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters.

At the short service, conducted by the Rev. H. C. Joyce (Vicar), assisted by the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Master of the Guild), it was a great pleasure to have a full choir to lead the singing and to give an anthem.

The business meeting followed tea (which included some Appleton lardy cake), and the branch was very pleased to welcome the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. E. Wigg), the Deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe), the librarian (Miss M. R. Cross), and the Revs. G. E. Bussell (Ardington), N. E. Hope (March Baldon) and J. V. Pixell and more than 100 members and visitors.

In the absence of the chairman owing to ill-health, the Rev. G. E. Bussell (vice-chairman) presided. The hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. A. E. Lock) in his report said that most towers in the district were progressing, especially in Drayton where there was a competent change ringing band for the first time in the memory of the bells. He presented the balance sheet, which showed a credit balance of £46. Seventeen ringing and one honorary member were nominated.

A grant of 10 guineas was made towards the cost of rehanging the Radley bells and one of 5 guineas towards the work being carried out on the bells at Chilton, where it was subsequently decided to hold the autumn meeting in September. The sum of £10 was voted from the funds for the Canon Coleridge Memorial, which is to take the form of a tablet in the cloisters at Christ Church, Oxford, and certain work on the existing bells.

The towers of Cunmor, Sunningwell, Marcham and Drayton were open for ringing in the evening.

### QUARTER PEALS

**DANBURY, ESSEX.**—On May 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Royston (first quarter) 1, J. West 2, Miss M. Shadrack 3, I. Saunders 4, J. E. G. Roast 5, P. J. Came (first as cond.) 6. Rung in memoriam William Spokes.

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**—On May 11th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: D. M. Salisbury 1, J. Carrott 2, A. H. Worboys 3, A. J. Salisbury 4, C. E. Wright 5, G. Penfold 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

**LONDON.**—At the Church of St. Giles, on May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. H. Harvey (first quarter Triples) 1, Miss J. M. Midgley 2, Miss J. H. Friswell 3, M. Sinden (cond.) 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, G. A. Parsons 6, F. G. Shorter 7, C. F. Neal 8. Rung for the visit of the Archdeacon of London.

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### MEETINGS

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Ickleton, Saturday, May 31st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 795

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, May 31st, St. Mary's, Eastbourne. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. H. Rollison. 815

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Cheriton, Saturday, May 31st. Bells (6) 2. Service 4. Tea 4.45 in Bricklayer's Arms.—J. A. C. King. 754

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday, June 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided (numbers, please).—J. E. Fox. Walpole Highway. 796

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, Chelmsford, Whit Monday, June 2nd. Service in the Cathedral 11 a.m., preacher the Very Reverend G. E. Gordon, M.A., Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. Lunch at the Cathedral Hall 1.30 p.m., members 3s., non-resident members and non-members 4s. Tea will be served as a running buffet in the Cathedral Hall from 4.30 p.m. until 6 p.m. at 1s. 6d. per head. Bells available: Cathedral (13) 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. The following bells are available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Great Baddow (8), Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Galleywood (8), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6), Sandon (6), Little Baddow (5).—Robert C. Heazel, Hon. Sec. 764

**WIVELSFIELD RINGERS** are organising a 'Dance on Whit Monday, June 2nd, in the Church Room, Wivelsfield, 8 p.m.—12 m.n. Tickets 2s. All are welcome. In aid of tuning and reconditioning handbells, and annual outing. 828



**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, June 7th, 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards St. Stephen's, Clapham Park.—A. B. Peck. 802

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—Meeting at Cople on June 7th. Bells at 3. Service 4.30. Tea, in Church Room, 5. Special method: Trinity Sunday Treble Bob Minor.—Michael Stephens. 732

**DEVON GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Branch.—East Budleigh, June 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. 808

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—West Hartlepool (St. Oswald's). Saturday, June 7th, 2.30. Names for tea, by June 5th, to Mr. F. Robson, 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool. 811

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 7th, Wingerworth (5). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. E. Blythe, 58, Church Street South, Derby Road, Birdholme, Chesterfield. 835

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ely District.—Meeting, Chippenham (6), Saturday, June 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 834

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Meeting at Foxearth (8), Saturday, June 7th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, to H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 798

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.W. Division.—Crusader meeting, June 7th, High Ongar (6), 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Impossible to make arrangements for tea. Cafes at Chipping Ongar, short walk or bus. To High Ongar by bus from Brentwood.—F. V. G. 781

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Tirley, June 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by June 3rd, to J. Beech, Hon. Sec., 6, Abbey Terrace, Tewkesbury. Tel. 2308.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol City Branch.—Brislington (6), June 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Notify, before June 4th, A. Bennett, 5, Lancaster Street, Bristol 5. 821

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Oatlands Park (8 bells) on Saturday, June 7th. Notification for tea, by Wednesday, June 4th, to Miss Joan Smith, 5, Pantiles Road, Oatlands Park, Weybridge.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec. 824

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Aldenharn (8), Saturday, June 7th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names to R. G. Bell, 131, Hammer Mill Lane, Watford. Tel. Watford 7936. 840

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Quex Park, Saturday, June 7th, 2.30 p.m. Tour of museum during afternoon. Tea 2s. per head; names, with cash, please, to Mr. J. A. Russell, 40a, Station Road, Birchington, Kent, not later than June 4th. This is definite: no names no tea. Entrance is by the Farm Road, and not in front of the Mansion.—B. J. Luck. 794

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, Lydd, June 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 787

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Cowden (6), June 7th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by June 4th to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge. 804

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—Annual meeting at St. Peter's, Milton-next-Gravesend, June 7th. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by June 4th, to Mrs. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend. Everybody welcome. 792

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Whalley on Saturday, June 7th. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 844

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster, Furness and Lake District Branches.—Joint practice meeting at Silverdale on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (6) 2.30—8.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by 4th, to W. Bolton, Kirkmead, Cove Road, Silverdale.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 836

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Eccleston, Saturday, June 7th. Refreshments provided. Please send names by May 31st, that is, immediately, to Mr. A. Rigbye, Tannersmith Lane, Mawdersley, Ormskirk. Bus 113 from Preston, 2 p.m. and hourly, 113 from Wigan, 1.15 p.m. and hourly, 327 from Chorley, 1.56 p.m. and hourly, also 367 at 2.26 p.m.—L. Walmsley. 813

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, June 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. All welcome.—F. Pritchard. 810

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leicester District.—First meeting at Swithland (6), June 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Village Hall. Thurcaston (8) 6.30. Buses leave St. Margaret's, Platform 4, 2.15, 2.35, 3.15. Names for tea, by June 4th.—F. Bindley, 31, Mill Lane, Thurcaston.. 814

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting, Marshfield, June 7th. Bells 2.30. Service at 4. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 784

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Newport Pagnell, Saturday, June 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea, please, by June 2nd.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 789

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Easthamstead on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea afterwards. Notify for tea, by June 2nd, to B. C. Castle, The Briars Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 830

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—Meeting at Welford (8), Saturday, June 7th. Names for tea, before June 3rd, please, to Mr. P. Gardner, Top House, Welford.—E. Orland, Hon. Sec. 825

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Damerham (6), June 7th. Bells 2.30. Tea for those who notify me by June 3rd.—Miss Eloie, 81, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 780

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Market Lavington, June 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea.—F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 820

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Next meeting at Hope on Saturday, June 7th, at 3 p.m. Fare 2s. 6d., L.M.S., at 1.5 and 2.20. Names for tea (2s. per head), by June 4th, certain, to J. E. Turley, 356, Main Road, Sheffield 9. 842

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern.—Quarterly meeting, Fairwarp (8), Saturday, June 7th, 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify, by Wednesday, June 4th, G. T. Jennings, 5, Malt-house Road, Crawley. 839

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting, Thirsk (8), June 7th. Service 4. Tea 4.45 at the Farm House Cafe. Names, by June 5th, to Mr. J. Stott, 13, Kirk-gate, Thirsk.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 841

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Bridlington Priory Church, June 7th. Bells (8) available 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Service 3 o'clock; preacher, Ven. C. O. Ellison (Archdeacon of Leeds and president, Yorkshire Association). Tea in Priory Institute. Names, by June 5th, to Mr. J. A. Parker, Higher Waterworks, Mill Lane, Bridlington. 50th anniversary of dedication of bells.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 801

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Frome Branch.—Corporate Communion at Chilcompton, Sunday, June 8th. Bells 7 a.m. Service 8 a.m. Names for breakfast essential, not later than Wednesday, June 4th, to E. Chivers, Wingles, Chilcompton, Bath. 817

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Milton Abbey, Thursday, June 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Meeting follows. Names, by June 9th, to Mr. Bolt, Ravensbourne, Milton Abbas, Blandford.—Hayne, Abbotbury. 819

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting, Stoke-under-Ham, June 14th. Service 4.30. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock. 827

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Nuneaton District.—Meeting at Bulkington, near Nuneaton, Saturday, June 14th. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me not later than June 11th.—J. J. Hinde, Nuneaton District Secretary. 832

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Annual outing, Saturday, June 14th, to West Suffolk, six towers. A few seats available. For further details write to H. S. Peacock, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon, Hunts. 823

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Burleigh (6), Saturday, June 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 829

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting at Tring (8), Saturday, June 14th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by June 11th, to Mr. D. Cartwright, 56, Longfield Road, Tring.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 831

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Leek, Saturday, June 14th, not the 7th as previously arranged. Names for tea to Mr. E. Sharratt, 13, Lowther Place, Leek, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 818

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Pattishall on Saturday, June 14th. Names for tea, by June 7th, to W. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham. 809

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Meeting, Newnham and Badby, Saturday, June 14th. Service, meeting and tea (5.30) at Badby. Names for tea to me not later than Saturday, June 7th.—F. W. Hancock, Willoughby, near Rugby. 826

**ST. DAVID'S GUILD.**—Annual meeting at St. David's, Saturday, June 14th. Bells (8) 2. Service 4. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carmar. 822

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—North Notts District.—Crawford Cup contest and meeting at Ordsall (6), Saturday, June 14th, 3 p.m. No tea arrangements possible: please bring own. Buses every 15 minutes to Retford, if required.—H. Denman. 843

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Halesworth District.—Meeting at Southwold, Saturday, June 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by June 11th, to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Hotson Road, Southwold. 833

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Freckenham, June 14th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—D. M. Reeve. 837

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—Meeting fixed for June 26th at Esher cancelled. Date for next meeting July 19th. Place announced when notice due.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 797

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—Preliminary Notice: Quarterly meeting, June 28th, Honiton Clyst. Will all those requiring transport from the Bath-Bristol district please notify, by June 14th, Mrs. Parfrey, 28, Corston, near Bath. Details on application. 838



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