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ATMOSPHERE

CHURCH towers are like houses, they consist of four walls, but what a variety of atmosphere there is inside those four walls. Some church towers are not pleasant places to ring in and some houses are not homes.

We all know the towers where there is 'Welcome' on the 'mat.' Usually at this type of tower the ringing room is well appointed, there is a place for everything and everything is in its place; the ringers are a happy crowd, they take a pride in keeping the place clean and tidy. There seems to be no dearth of recruits at such a tower, the atmosphere encourages them to stick it and they are not afraid of going well dressed. Needless to say, they are proud of their tower and give visitors a hearty welcome.

Then there are those towers which do not have 'Welcome' on the 'mat,' yet you are received pleasantly. Unfortunately, the atmosphere is not like the former type of tower. The ringers are keen enough, but somehow or other they do not take a pride in their ringing room; there is dust everywhere. A few clothes pegs adorn the walls, but you think twice about hanging up a good coat; sundry pieces of old bell rope hang on nails driven into the walls and, in short, the place does not look inviting. Youngsters have to be keen to stick it, for such a ringing room is not much of an inducement to those who have a bit of pride.

At the other end of the scale we have the tower where complete indifference reigns, there is certainly no 'Welcome' on the 'mat' and the ringing room is a place to be avoided unless one has on an old suit or overalls; everything about the place reeks of neglect. There are no hat pegs, yet perhaps an old rule board states, 'He who rings in spur or hat shall surely sixpence pay for that.' Yet what can one do with one's hat? You cannot put it on the floor; that is too filthy. Often an old worm-eaten form serves the purpose of 'cloakroom,' so you think twice about placing your clothes on it. What ringers there are have no pride at all and no wonder youngsters are frightened off after the first visit.

'Atmosphere' certainly is a large contributory factor in the encouragement of the right sort of recruits to the ringing Exercise. If a youngster feels he or she is lowering his or her dignity you cannot blame them for packing in, but if they feel the tower is a pleasant place, then they look forward to visiting it and they are not ashamed of taking their friends to it.

J. P. F.



Peals Rung in Honour of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5053 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

H. JAMES TURNER Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 7
MURIEL REAY 2	JOHN PINFOLD 8
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY .. 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 9
ALBERT WALKER 4	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 10
WILLIAM C. DOWDING .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 11
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 6	EDWARD T. LLOYD .. Tenor

Composed by A. W. T. CLEAVER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 13, 1953, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER, AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 24 cwt.

*GEOFFREY PAUL Treble	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS .. 7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 2	WALTER TOMLINSON .. 8
ARCHER T. LOWMAN .. 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN .. 9
GEORGE E. FEIRN 4	JOHN WALDEN 10
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 5	H. LESLIE PARK .. 11
HERBERT LOWMAN 6	CHARLES E. BROWN .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal on 12 bells and in the method.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 3, 1953, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER .. Treble	NORMAN H. COOMBS .. 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	ALAN A. HILLIAR .. 7
JOHN M. STALLARD 3	RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 8
ALBERT M. TYLER 4	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 9
WILLIAM H. PARKER 5	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5017 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY	Treble	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY ..	6
ALBERT WALKER	2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON ..	7
JOAN BERESFORD	3	JOHN PINFOLD	8
DENNIS BERESFORD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	5	MICHAEL G. MORTON ..	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY, GEORGE AND DENYS,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in D.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	Treble	REV. PETER T. ROBBINS ..	6
RICHARD LONGDEN	2	JAMES W. GROUNDS	7
BRIAN TOMLINSON	3	JOSEPH THORNLEY	8
NORMAN TOMPKINS	4	ALBERT GREENHALGH ..	9
PETER CROOK, SEN.	5	ROGER LEIGH	Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version.

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb in E.

WILLIAM ALLMAN	Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ..	6
BASIL JONES	2	*JOHN WORTH	7
C. KENNETH LEWIS	3	WALTER ALLMAN	8
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ..	9
HENRY O. BAKER	5	EDWARD JENKINS	Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

* 100th peal on ten bells.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWARD EVANS	Treble	THOMAS BOREHAM	6
FREDERICK G. NURDEN ..	2	GEORGE KILMINSTER ..	7
PETER BAKER	3	WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL ..	8
*ANTHONY R. PEAKE	4	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ..	9
EDWIN T. NEWBURY	5	A. LESLIE BARRY	Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY. Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

* First peal of Caters.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 9, 1953, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb.

W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ..	Treble	B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS ..	6
CHARLES J. GARDNER	2	REGINALD G. TOWNSEND ..	7
PAULINE MANNING	3	WILLIAM A. T. CARTER ..	8
E. JOHN BERRY	4	WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL ..	9
BRIAN BLADON	5	ELI VINCENT	Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY. Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

STOKE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Sat., May 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

JOHN McDONALD	Treble	JOHN PINFOLD	5
MURIEL REAY	2	ANTHONY AGER	6
HENRY H. FEARN	3	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY ..	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., June 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

H. JAMES TURNER	Treble	HENRY H. FEARN	5
MURIEL REAY	2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY ..	6
FRANK E. HAYNES	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 1, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

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

*ALLEN D. RIVERS	Treble	*DEREK W. STONE	5
FRANK T. BLAGROVE	2	*FREDERICK SCOTT	6
*JEFFREY C. BIRT	3	*MICHAEL HATCHETT	7
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ..	4	*WILLIAM BUTLER	Tenor

Composed by J. PAGET.

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 15 cwt. 4 lb.

*KENNETH MITCHELL	Treble	ALFRED T. WORTHINGTON ..	5
GERALD C. HEMMING	2	W. ARCHIBALD REED	6
BRENDA M. SMITH	3	R. ROGER SAVORY	7
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ..	4	LAURENCE MITCHELL	Tenor

Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

* First peal away from the tenor.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*PETER A. RUCH	Treble	JOHN B. SANSOM	5
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	2	JOHN CHILCOTT	6
WILLIAM A. LEWIS	3	†WILLIAM J. WINTER ..	7
*BRIAN A. ROSE	4	*JACK E. RICKETTS	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal of Triples as conductor.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*M. JOY WHITEHEAD	Treble	ARTHUR CATTELL	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ..	2	ALAN CATTELL	6
†DEBORAH WILLIAMS	3	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ..	7
CHARLES V. CATTELL	4	JOHN E. COOK	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal. First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells.

SALISBURY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 27½ cwt.

REGINALD LOWE	Treble	HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS ..	5
FRANK L. HARRIS	2	JACK MUSSELL	6
*MARGARET PAGE	3	RONALD N. MARLOW	7
JEAN M. HARRIS	4	EDWARD J. DOEL	Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal of Triples.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

JOHN COOKE	Treble	WILLIAM DEAN	5
CHARLES B. PEMBERTON ..	2	CHARLES WILTSRAW	6
*ROBERT MADDOCK	3	H. STEWART BAILEY	7
STANLEY D. SUTTON	4	FRANK T. PARRY	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by FRANK T. PARRY.

* First peal of Major.

BOYNE HILL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 3, 1953, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.	
*KATHLEEN NORTH Treble	..	GEOFFREY H. LISTER ..	5
†BRIAN T. LISTER 2	..	WILLIAM BUTLER ..	6
ERNEST E. GOSLING 3	..	E. DENNIS POOLE ..	7
JESSE ELDRIDGE 4	..	JOSEPH YOUNG Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 13 cwt.	
FREDERICK S. SLATFORD .. Treble	..	CLIVE BARBER ..	5
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING .. 2	..	LAURENCE E. HITCHINS ..	6
MRS. F. A. PENN 3	..	WILLIAM C. WEST ..	7
FRANK A. PENN 4	..	JACK LUCAS Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., June 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 6½ cwt.	
THOMAS GWILT Treble	..	LEONARD TUFFREY ..	5
EDWARD T. LLOYD 2	..	ARTHUR MORRIS ..	6
GEORGE E. FEARN 3	..	VINCENT A. HEMMING ..	7
*MRS. KATHLEEN WATTS .. 4	..	†BARBARA BAYLISS ..	Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by VINCENT A. HEMMING.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.

MARK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 5, 1953, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Morris's Variation of Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 19 cwt.	
*JOHN HOBBS Treble	..	WALTER STEVENS ..	5
*STEPHEN D. CLARK 2	..	GEORGE PRESCOTT ..	6
MARJORIE LEGG 3	..	JOHN S. WALTON ..	7
JOHN BURROUGH 4	..	F. BENJAMIN COMER ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN S. WALTON.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Wirral Branch.)

On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, OXTON.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in E.

DOUGLAS WATSON, SEN. .. Treble	..	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN ..	5
CAROL F. JONES 2	..	H. STEWART BAILEY ..	6
ERNEST T. CARVELL 3	..	ERNEST F. BENNETT ..	7
THOMAS SMITH 4	..	THOMAS ROGERS ..	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, SURREY ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

ROY C. HURST Treble	..	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ..	5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 2	..	WILLIAM G. YOUNG ..	6
DANIEL T. MATKIN 3	..	MICHAEL J. E. BEST ..	7
HERBERT A. MITCHELL .. 4	..	JAMES E. DANIELS ..	Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

First peal of Major as conductor on tower bells. Mr. Mitchell has now 'circled the tower.'

GREAT WALTHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 26½ cwt.

JOE E. G. ROAST Treble	..	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON ..	5
ERNEST W. FURBANK 2	..	ARTHUR H. EDWARDS ..	6
*PETER J. CAME 3	..	LEONARD DAY	7
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 4	..	PETER J. EVES Tenor	

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Conducted by PETER J. EVES.

* 25th peal.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Six-part.		Tenor 16 cwt.	
ERNEST J. GOLDSTONE .. Treble	..	RICHARD J. BOWDEN ..	5
NORMAN R. PHILLIPS 2	..	CLIFFORD C. EDWARDS ..	6
RONALD J. GALE 3	..	NORMAN H. COOMBS ..	7
MRS. G. J. SIMMONS 4	..	GEORGE E. ROWBOTHAM ..	Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN H. COOMBS.

ST. KEVERNE, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KEVERAN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.	
REV. A. S. ROBERTS Treble	..	HERBERT W. PERKINS ..	5
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS 2	..	A. HUBERT EPLETT ..	6
GORDON WALFORD 3	..	JAMES P. BLOND ..	7
V. MARY MATTHEWS 4	..	CLEMENT W. JOSE ..	Tenor

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part.		Tenor 15 cwt. in F.	
HORACE BELCHER Treble	..	HERBERT E. ELLIS ..	5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 2	..	SELWYN H. DEARDEN ..	6
HERBERT LANGDON 3	..	JOHN PHILLIPS ..	7
GEORGE W. CECIL 4	..	JOHN B. SANSOM ..	Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

LEONARD WALSH Treble	..	ERNEST J. GOWER ..	5
JEAN DAWSON 2	..	NORMAN SMITH ..	6
KENNETH HARTLEY 3	..	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON ..	7
CHARLES W. BLAKEY 4	..	ROGER LEIGH ..	Tenor

Composed by HORACE HOWLETT.

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

EWHURST, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 8, 1953, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON .. Treble	..	*EDGAR R. RAPLEY ..	5
C. ERNEST SMITH 2	..	*JACK R. WORRALL ..	6
*LEONARD STILWELL 3	..	WILLIAM T. BEESON ..	7
*GEORGE L. GROVER 4	..	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY ..	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDK. A. MUNDAY.

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



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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 8, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

MARGARET SOFTLEY Treble	HAROLD WALKER 5
EDMUND P. CROWDY 2	KENNETH ARTHUR 6
DENIS A. BAYLES 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 4	ERIC N. HARRISON Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

TERRY SENIOR Treble	JUNE S. STARLING 4
MRS. H. W. MOORE 2	TERRY EARLE 5
ALBERT SAUNDERS 3	ALAN R. SYDER Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. SYDER.

WINKFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

FREDERICK SCOTT Treble	FRANK T. BLAGROVE 4
DEREK W. STONE 2	*JEFFREY C. BIRT 5
MICHAEL HATCHETT 3	WILLIAM BUTLER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

* First peal of Bob Minor.

WONSTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

NESTA L. SMITH Treble	*MICHAEL LUKIN 4
*ROSINA PITTAWAY 2	RICHARD SMITH 5
WILLIAM G. YOUNG 3	RICHARD M. CURRIE Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD M. CURRIE.

* First peal of Plain Bob.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Ipswich Surprise, (3) Primrose Surprise, (4) Spliced Cambridge and Ipswich, (5) Spliced Cambridge and Primrose, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

FREDERICK W. FRENCH .. Treble	CECIL WADE 4
JAMES H. MUSSON 2	JAMES W. HAW 5
WILLIAM H. OLDMAN 3	ALBERT E. SCOTT Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

(The Lord Mayor's Chapel),

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER .. Treble	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 4
*EMLYN F. HANCOCK 2	*ALAN A. HILLIAR 5
†JOHN M. STALLARD 3	ALBERT M. TYLER Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

* First peal of Minor. † 25th peal. First peal on the bells.

BRITFORD, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 (Morris's) and 40 six-scores (10 callings).

Tenor 8 cwt. in A flat.

*HERBERT FARMER Treble	JAMES LEWIS 4
YOLANDE ELOIE 2	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 5
†FREDERICK E. MANNS .. 3	JACK MERRIFIELD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising eight extents each of Stedman, Reverse Canterbury, Reverse St. Bartholomew, and nine extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in F.

MONICA HOWARD Treble	WILLIAM BUTLER 4
*ARTHUR W. BIRD 2	†JAMES BROOKS 5
†ROYSTON P. PURCHASE .. 3	GORDON C. HERD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal in five methods. The first peal to be rung in the tower by an entirely local band.

CLUTTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*M. WILLIAMS Treble	*A. N. CHURCH 4
C. S. BENNETT 2	*A. H. ROGERS 5
*MISS M. FRAY 3	*N. BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by C. S. BENNETT.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

JOHN T. MEDHURST Treble	LUTHER J. HONESS 4
TOM SAUNDERS 2	DOUGLAS F. DRIVER 5
MAVIS COOMBER 3	WILLIAM R. MANSER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM R. MANSER.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 extents (10 callings) and 240 Morris's.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in G.

M. H. KETTEL Treble	A. BROUGHTON 4
HY. MEASURES 2	G. BROUGHTON 5
J. WOODWARD 3	H. JONES Tenor

Conducted by G. BROUGHTON.

First peal of Doubles to be rung on the bells and first peal by a local band.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and one extent of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

R. CHAMBERS Treble	D. ALDERTON 4
W. SHORTER 2	F. DAY 5
F. HUNT 3	H. HOLLOCKS Tenor

Conducted by F. DAY.

THURLBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FIRMIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores: Three of April Day, three of Canterbury Pleasure, four of Old Doubles, six of St. Simon's, six of St. Martin's, ten of Plain Bob and ten of Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

ALBERT E. SCOTT Treble	WILLIAM H. OLDMAN .. 3
BERNARD WADE 2	CECIL WADE 4
JAMES W. HAW 3 Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

RUNG FOR HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Sun., May 31, 1953, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

IN THE SCHOOL.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 17 in A.

FRANCIS KIRK	1—2	WALTER AYRE	5—6
*THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ..	3—4	DEREK E. LATCHFORD ..	7—8

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

*First peal on an 'inside' pair.

A Coronation peal for the village; the church only having two bells.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOE HOBBS	Treble	WALTER AYRE	5
HERBERT GATES	2	REGINALD SHEPPARD ..	6
*KEITH GOOD	3	EDWIN J. UPTON	7
PAMELA A. MARTIN ..	4	DEREK E. LATCHFORD ..	Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

*First peal of Major.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Wed., June 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOE HOBBS	Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ..	5
WALTER AYRE	2	*DEREK E. LATCHFORD ..	6
WILLIAM C. HUGHES ..	3	†EDWIN J. UPTON	7
WILLIAM WENBAN	4	†GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN ..	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

*First peal of Oxford. †First peal of Treble Bob. First peal in the method on the bells.

REDBOURN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Fri., June 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*WILLIAM TAYLOR	Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ..	4
JOE HOBBS	2	EDWIN J. UPTON	5
WILLIAM C. HUGHES ..	3	WALTER AYRE	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

*First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since recasting and rehangng.

GREAT GADDESSEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

In seven methods, being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JANE M. PLUMBE	Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ..	4
JOE HOBBS	2	WILLIAM C. HUGHES ..	5
EDWIN J. UPTON	3	WALTER AYRE	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

FLAMSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Beverley, Bourne, Nether-seale, London, York, Cambridge and Norwich.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

JOE HOBBS	Treble	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ..	4
EDWIN J. UPTON	2	TERENCE G. MORTON ..	5
*AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ..	3	*WALTER AYRE	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

*125th peal together.

WEOBLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 40 six-scores (10 callings) and 240 of Pitman's.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

V. RAWLINGS	Treble	A. WEBB	4
H. T. PRICE	2	T. BOUND	5
W. C. WILLIAMS	3	R. FARMER	Tenor

Conducted by H. T. PRICE.



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WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD S. RUCK Treble	LESLIE C. SMITH 4
MARK S. LANCEFIELD 2	RAYMOND J. CARLTON 5
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 23 lb. in A.

WILLIAM RAMSBOTTOM .. Treble	LEONARD WALSH 4
CHARLES J. ABRAHAMS 2	ROGER LEIGH 5
BRIAN H. WOOD 3	GORDON WHEWELL Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Wirral Branch.)

On Thurs., June 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD, BIDSTON,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford Bob and St. Clement's Bob, two extents of Oxford Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.

*FRANK H. HOLLAND .. Treble	*BRUCE A. CRITTEN 4
*TERRY OWEN 2	THOMAS SMITH 5
CHARLES B. PEMBERTON .. 3	STANLEY D. SUTTON .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS SMITH.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

BULWICK, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,440 Plain Bob, 3,600 Grandsire (14 different callings).

Tenor 11 cwt.

EDWARD COX Treble	RONALD RUSSELL 3
CECIL MATTHEWS 2	PERCY D. BALDOCK 4
JOHN H. BLUFF Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being an extent of Single Oxford, and two extents each of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE CHERRY .. Treble	PETER W. CROFT 4
*MICHAEL ORME (15) .. 2	DEREK P. JONES 5
JOHN CHURCH 3	FRANK W. CROFT Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.

* First peal in four methods 'inside.'

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Fri., June 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 7 cwt.

DEREK FOWLES .. Treble	PETER J. WOODGYER 4
FRANK C. PRICE 2	WILLIAM H. COLES 5
BROOKE K. LUNN 3	JOHN CHILCOTT Tenor

Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

JOHN W. BROWN .. Treble	ALAN R. SYDER 4
JUNE S. STARLING 2	ANTHONY B. STOCK 5
ALBERT SAUNDERS 3	TERRY EARLE Tenor

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

ST. WENN, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WENNA,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 34 six-scores (10 callings) and four 12 scores. Tenor 10 cwt.

*RICHARD R. TRESTAIN .. Treble	JAMES P. BLOND 4
PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS .. 2	EDWARD V. WILLIAMS .. 5
A. HUBERT EPLETT 3	*GEORGE F. KEY Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD V. WILLIAMS.

* First peal.

CHECKENDON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 callings) Tenor 11 cwt.

LUCY E. SLADE .. Treble	E. BAUGHAN 4
RUTH GREY 2	G. J. HEARNS 5
W. A. GREY 3	C. BAUGHAN Tenor

Conducted by G. J. HEARNS.

First peal by all the band.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN OF TOURS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 36 extents (10 callings) and three 240 Morris's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ANN PANNELL .. Treble	JOHN PARKER 4
BRIDGET COX 2	JOHN CARPENTER 5
JOHN PANNELL 3	VICTOR WEBSTER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN CARPENTER.

First peal by all.

COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

*PETER WILLIS .. Treble	*LESLIE L. WILLIS 4
*DONALD L. HOOPER 2	WILLIAM C. RHODES 5
*JOHN W. HOVEY 3	GORDON H. LANE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. HOVEY.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

*JOHN BREESE .. Treble	*HAROLD MONKS 4
*JAMES PETERS 2	*CLIFFE SHAW 5
JOHN ASHCROFT 3	HAROLD WORRALL Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

* First peal in two methods.

GREAT WAKERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 of Plain Bob and two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

MRS. C. G. WOODGATE .. Treble	HORACE J. MANSFIELD .. 4
DONALD COOMBS 2	*FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
PHILLIP SADLER 3	ARTHUR HUBBLE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* 300th peal.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16½ cwt.

*JOHN V. BLACKLIDGE .. Treble	HARRY HARDACRE 4
STANLEY WALMSLEY 2	LAURENCE WALMSLEY .. 5
WALTER MANSLEY 3	FRANK STEAD Tenor

Conducted by FRANK STEAD.

* First peal.

MARKET WEIGHTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents, C.C.C. Nos. 39, 28, 29, 55, 34, 37, 35.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.

JOHN W. T. CHEW Treble	*THOMAS SOUTHWICK 4
JOHN B. IBBOTSON 2	JAMES A. PARKER 5
JAMES V. DAVIES 3	HAROLD PARKER Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD PARKER.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents of April Day, 15 extents of Plain Bob, 15 extents of Reverse Canterbury and six extents of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

J. RANFORD Treble	J. WARD 4
C. W. NUTT 2	F. MERRICK 5
R. LEWIS 3	W. RANFORD Tenor

Conducted by C. W. NUTT.

W. Ranford has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

MORTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's: One each of Carlisle, Rossendale, Cambridge, Primrose, Beverley, Ipswich and York. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM H. OLDMAN .. Treble	ALBERT E. SCOTT 4
CECIL WADE 2	JAMES W. HAW 5
FREDERICK W. FRENCH .. 3	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and two of Single Oxford.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

HENRY P. COLLIN Treble	DENIS A. FRITH 4
RONALD RUSSELL 2	P.C. H. REGINALD WOODS .. 5
PERCY D. BALDOCK 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Wirral Branch.)

On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, two extents of Oxford Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*JOYCE ROGERS Treble	VIVIAN T. BOASE 4
JOAN M. WEBSTER 2	CHARLES B. PEMBERTON .. 5
MARJORIE E. WEBSTER .. 3	JOHN A. WEBSTER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. WEBSTER.

* First peal.

WARBOROUGH, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents of Plain Bob, six of April Day, 24 of Grandsire and two 240's. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ROBERT ABSOLOM .. Treble	JAMES GODMAN 4
WILLIAM ABSOLOM 2	FRANK ABSOLOM 5
FREDERICK S. SMITH 3	*WILLIAM FAULKER Tenor

Conducted by FRANK ABSOLOM.

* First peal.

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The unexpected home-
coming on 14 days' leave
from Germany of Mr. F. W.

Grocott has resulted in some very successful
peal attempts for the North Staffordshire and
Midland Counties Associations. Fred demon-
strated by his conducting of London Surprise
Major from an 'inside' bell that he had not
completely forgotten how to handle and strike
his bell. The high-speed booking-up of extra
towers was only made possible by the helpful
co-operation of local ringers foregoing practice
nights, and the clergy. There was a farewell
party prior to Fred's departure. This is Mr.
Grocott's last leave prior to his demobilisation
in February.

Congratulations from a wide circle of friends
will be extended to Mr. F. Bennett on ringing
his 1,600th peal on June 21st. We understand
that the occasion was a family peal.

Because of the giving of precedence to Coro-
nation peals we have in our files ten pre-Coro-
nation peals which we will endeavour to pub-
lish next week.

The veteran Manchester Cathedral ringer is
Mr. Arthur Ridyard and not Mr. Anthony Rid-
yard, as appeared on page 396. Please accept
our apology.

The many friends of Mr. Thomas W. Lewis,
of Worcester, will like to know that he is out
of hospital and progressing favourably after his
operation. It is hoped before long that he will
be back in harness, this time on the light end
temporarily.

What is believed to be the first quarter peal
to be rung by an all-ladies band was at Pen-
how, Mon, on June 13th, when 1,260 Grand-
sire Doubles was scored by Pat H. Jones 1,
Audrey Stephens 2, Jean Powell 3, Mrs. A. R.
Price 4, Jacqueline S. Evans (conductor) 5,
Dorothy Atewell 6. It was rung for the Coro-
nation.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

To celebrate Mr. Albert
Ward becoming an octo-
genarian a handbell peal was
rung at Chesterfield on June 24th. Other ringers
in the band with Mr. Ward were Mr. William
J. Thyng, Mr. Clement Glenn and Mr. Sidney
F. Palmer. All four ringers have been as-
sociated together for half a century and their
average age is 77½ years, which they claim is
the highest for a handbell peal.

The quarter peal of Plain Bob Major rung at
St. Peter-de-Merton's, Bedford, on June 4th,
is the first quarter of Major rung by an all-
ladies' band of members of the Bedfordshire
Association.

The first peal of Maximus on the recast ring
of the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas,
Liverpool, was rung on June 20th. It was a
peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus and was
the conductor's (Mr. Edward Jenkins) 400th
peal of Surprise.

Mr. Herbert Rye, of Colchester, celebrated
his 78th birthday in real style on June 23rd, by
taking part in a quarter peal of Cambridge
Surprise Minor at St. Peter's. It had been ar-
ranged to ring Double Norwich Court Bob
Major but owing to the unavoidable lateness of
one of the ringers Minor was rung instead. The
average age of 'the youngsters' on the first
three bells was 77 years!

St. Margaret's, Leicester, selected some good
towers for their outing in May with visits
to Warwick, Evesham, Worcester Cathedral
and Hereford Cathedral. 'Uncle Ernest' had
some anxiety as to how the youngsters would
perform but by picking out each team carefully
a good impression was created. A party of 47
sat down to tea at Hereford and a short stay
was enjoyed at Stratford-on-Avon on the way
home.

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PEAL AT WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

A peal attempt was permitted at Winchester Cathedral for the Coronation. It was rung on June 10th conducted by Mr. C. H. Kippin. The peal, one of Grandsire Cinques, enabled Mr. R. W. Rex to complete the Grandsire family from Doubles to Cinques.

CINQUES AT PAINSWICK

A representative band of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang for the Coronation a peal of Grandsire Cinques at Painswick on June 20th. The peal was conducted by Mr. Leslie Barry, of Gloucester.

GUILDFORD'S TRIBUTE

The only Coronation peal in Guildford was on the bells of St. Nicolas' on June 11th and was called by the Master of the Guildford Guild, Mr. Albert Harman. Miss Anne Cox, a Guildford County School girl, was one of five who were ringing their first peal of Royal.

ANOTHER BRISTOL EFFORT

Peals are rare on the ten at Christ Church-with-St. Ewen, Bristol. In fact, the Coronation peal, on June 13th, of Stedman Caters, was the first on the bells since a peal for the declaration of peace at the end of World War I. Miss Enid Lloyd Roberts, who rang the seventh, is the first lady to ring a peal on the bells.

BOLSOVER'S SECOND ATTEMPT

Bolsover ringers' attempt for a peal on Coronation Day came to grief in the last four courses after nearly three hours of excellent ringing. Shift work and other reasons prevented the band from meeting for a second attempt until June 12th and this time they were successful.

THE DEANERY CHURCH, BOCKING

Twice the Sunday service band at the Deanery Church of St. Mary, Bocking, tried to score their Coronation peal. On June 2nd Plain Bob was lost after 35 minutes, and on June 6th Double Norwich Court Bob Major after two hours. Success came on June 13th when 72-year-old Mr. Frank Claydon put up an outstanding performance. He had previously only rung one plain course of York Surprise Major, but he went through the peal without a fault. A compliment should also be paid to Miss Hilda M. Snowden, aged 14, the treble ringer.

WINDSOR'S GREETINGS

On the occasion of the state entry into Windsor by H.M. the Queen following her Coronation, a peal of Plain Bob Major was rung on the bells of the Church of St. John-the-Baptist. On the same day a peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung at Clewer.

TOTNES' FIFTH PEAL THIS CENTURY

Among the peals rung for the Coronation was one of Grandsire Triples on the fine ring of eight at Totnes Parish Church, Devon. Peals at Totnes are very few and far between owing to so many business houses being close to the church.

The Vicar kindly gave permission for the attempt on Saturday, June 6th, with a 5 o'clock start, and a well-struck peal was rung under the conductorship of Mr. E. Maurice Atkins. This is only the fifth peal which has been rung at Totnes during the present century as far as can be ascertained, and it is interesting to recall that the father of Mr. J. E. Lilley, the 2nd ringer, the late Mr. C. N. Lilley, called the first peal on Totnes bells in October, 1901.

APSLEY 'CROWD'S' FEAST OF PEALS

Some weeks before the Coronation the Apsley 'crowd' commenced fixing up so that, as far as possible, a peal attempt should be made at every tower in the district during that week. The various clergy were contacted, and permission readily obtained, in those we could fit in.

A handbell peal was rung at Leverstock Green, as there are only two bells.

As usual, Apsley would make an early start, at 5.45 a.m. Later it was realised that Hemel Hempstead would be unable to field a band of their own so 'the old man' suggested that the 'second eleven' and himself went along to assist. This was done, and a decent peal of Bob Major resulted. Sad to say, the Apsley effort failed after two hours, to the dismay of the others, but more to that later.

From 'now onwards the Western District 'Taxi' came in useful to pick up some of the band for the different places.

Wednesday—to King's Langley, where, with the help of two friends from Watford and Stanmore, a very good peal of Oxford Treble Bob was accomplished.

Thursday—Berkhamsted, where some excellent Loughborough Bob came adrift after an hour. What a disappointment!

Friday—Redbourn, for a peal of Minor, with two local ringers taking part. The first peal on the recast, rehung bells was the result.

Saturday.—A very busy day for two peals were on the books. In the morning four Minor methods at Great Gaddesden, which succeeded at the second attempt. Lunch for four at the Cock and Bottle, then on to Flamstead to meet two others for seven Surprise Minor. After the successful completion of this the Vicar met us and suitably rewarded us.

Sunday.—A rather hastily-arranged peal attempt for Grandsire Triples was not worthy of that fine peal, with the inevitable result. Meanwhile the wife of the conductor was very concerned that no peal had been rung at Apsley, and practically insisted that a further attempt should be made, so this was set in motion, but the same band as previously not being available, others kindly filled up and a very good peal of seven Surprise resulted. The band were delighted to offer a rope to the President of the Central Council and, as usual, he put his bell where it should be.

To finish off this spate of ringing, the writer was informed that June 17th was the anniversary of the president's first peal, so at once offered to fix up a handbell peal for him to celebrate it. A band accordingly met, with the president at the helm, but as the ringing was not up to standard it was not regretted when a shift occurred. All's well that ends well, so it is pleasing to record that the band met the next night and finished the job.

A DARLINGTON VETERAN

Mr. G. W. Park, now in his 81st year, rang in the quarter peal of London Surprise Minor at Holy Trinity, Darlington, on Coronation Day. Mr. Park has rung for every major 'Royal' occasion, including the four Coronations, since the bells were installed at Holy Trinity, Darlington, in 1891.

Mr. T. W. Bond, of Eynsham, Oxon. has rung for each Coronation since Edward VII.

EAST NORFOLK RINGERS' GARDEN PARTY

Presentation to Mr. J. G. W. Harwood

On Saturday, June 20th, by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, some 45 members of the East Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association, including a large number of friends from other branches, enjoyed a garden party at the White House, Caister-on-Sea. Officers of the Association who were present included the president (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard); the general secretary, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow; the Ringing Master, Mr. F. Nolan Golden; and the Branch chairman, Mr. Edwin R. Goate.

After a splendid tea on the lawn, for the afternoon was fine and sunny and not unduly marred by a stiff south-westerly breeze, the opportunity was taken to express in tangible form the appreciation and esteem which the Branch felt for their former secretary, Mr. J. G. William Harwood, who relinquished office in February after 21 years' service.

Making the presentation of a fireside chair to which many Association members and friends subscribed, the president said how grateful they all were for the good work Mr. Harwood had done and hoped he had many years ahead to enjoy the gift.

Mr. Harwood, who was also secretary of the former St. Nicholas Company of Ringers, Great Yarmouth, and whose bells were blitted eleven years ago, suitably responded; a bouquet was presented to Mrs. Harwood.

In lighter vein the members present disported themselves in divers fashion. Some rang handbells, many spectators being particularly amused and intrigued by the exhibition of 'lapping.' Others played bowls, younger members trying this for the first time declared it was not 'an old man's game,' and yet another blamed the breeze rather than his inability to master the intricacies of bias.

Certain notable ringers conspicuous by their sudden absence were discovered in George's workshop examining a 'secret weapon' which, advance propaganda has it, will revolutionise peal ringing! As, however, there is still a security blanket over Caister and patents are not applied for, the Exercise must be patient a little while longer.

Altogether a thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all and loud were the praises and thanks on all sides for the kindness of host and hostess and their bevy of charming helpers. Mrs. Fletcher was the recipient of a plated tea-strainer and stand in lieu of the customary and in this case inadequate vote of thanks.

CRAWFORD CUP CONTEST

Though a little off the beaten track, East Drayton, Notts, possesses a good ring of six bells. It was here on June 13th that the contest for the Crawford Silver Cup took place. Five teams competed, the test piece being 360 changes of any method.

The judges were Mr. C. Glenn, of Nottingham, and Mr. W. E. Critchley, of Doncaster. A real good tea in the schoolroom being disposed of by 40 ringers, the result of the contest was eagerly awaited. Mr. W. E. Critchley declared it as follows:—1 Gamston, 159½ faults; 2 East Retford, 111; 3 Shireoaks, 165½; 4 Ordsall, 69½; 5 Warsop 62. This is the fifth year in succession that the Warsop ringers have held the Cup.

The presentation of the Cup was made to the winning team by Mrs. R. G. Cornwell, wife of the Rev. R. G. Cornwell, Rector of Warsop. Mr. H. Rooke said in reply it had been a matter of drawing who should ring and who should be left out, also that two of their ringers were only 14 years of age.

Four new members and one non-resident life member were elected. Everton was selected for the next meeting on July 11th. The Bell Fund collection came to £1 3s.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AT BOURNEMOUTH

AFFILIATION FEES INCREASED — PEALS NOT TO BE CHARGED — RADIO BROADCASTING OF BELLS: A MATTER FOR GUILDS — NEXT COUNCIL AT NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE

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AFFILIATION FEE INCREASE

The Council next considered a motion that the annual affiliation fee to the Council be increased with effect as from January 1st, 1954.

Mr. F. J. Smallwood: I do not think it is necessary to say very much on this motion. We all know that increases have occurred in all direction making the affiliation fee look very ridiculous. It would appear that we spend five or six times more than we receive in affiliation fees. I therefore propose, on behalf of the Standing Committee, that the affiliation fee as from January 1st, 1954, shall be 10s. per member.

Mr. A. Walker seconded.

Mr. C. H. Kippin: In view of the fact that the amount is not stated in the motion we can only decide this year to put the affiliation fee up the following year.

The secretary disagreed and pointed out that the notice was given at Lincoln.

The motion was carried by a large majority.

COUNCIL AGAINST PEAL CHARGES

Mr. H. Miles then moved that on and from January 1st, 1954, a charge of 1s. should be made for every peal and quarter peal published in 'The Ringing World'.

Submitting the motion, Mr. Miles said the year 1952 had been one of intensive effort on behalf of 'The Ringing World'. Every possible economy had been continued and in spite of that, expenditure was greater than income. He thought the time had come when 'The Ringing World' should be placed on a sound financial basis and not have to appeal to the well-wishers of the paper.

Most ringers had to pay 3d. a rope and in some cases 6d. for the report of their peal to be published in the Guild's annual report. 'The Ringing World' gave far wider publicity and he suggested it should be paid for. He felt it was one way of getting sufficient revenue to meet the cost of publication. Last year donations came to £257 7s. 10d. He counted up the peals and quarter peals and if a flat charge of 1s. was made it would produce £227 14s.

Mr. W. Chaddock seconded and supplemented Mr. Miles' qualities to the help given by the voluntary contributors. Over a period of three weeks he found that the income from quarter peals was 1s. 1d. per quarter published and from peals 14d. It seemed that the quarter peal ringers were doing very well but as regards peals, some had slipped. He did not like the idea of 'The Ringing World' going cap in hand to make ends meet.

The Hon. Secretary: The Standing Committee considered this motion last night and recommended that it be referred to 'The Ringing World' Committee.

Mr. R. S. Anderson said he looked on the motion in a degree as a vote of censure on the committee and that was the last thing that was wanted. What was wanted was bigger circulation. There were 25,000 ringers in the country and only 5,600 subscribed to 'The Ringing World'. It was insufficient. Ringers as a class were not amenable to compulsion. He doubted if all would send in their peals if there was a charge.

Mr. A. H. Pulling was strongly opposed to the motion. When a thing was voluntary, he said, it was quite all right, but don't make it compulsory. He supported referring the matter to the committee. Quarter peals contained news of where ringers were.

Mr. C. H. Kippin: With special reference to the Society of Roving Ringers

Mr. P. Johnson said if they carried the motion they would find that the man who con-

ducted the peal would pay 'the bob.' As to the prospects of the paper, most of them would remember the fate of all the ringing newspapers. The whole problem was one of circulation. He wanted to suggest that peal ringing was the life blood of the Exercise. If they stopped peals they took all interest out of ringing. He agreed that much of the publicity of peals was personal advertisement. He implored them not to let other people read their copy of 'The Ringing World.' They could buy it.

Mr. Harold Poole thought it would be inadvisable to accept the motion.

A member said the voluntary contribution was one of the most cheering efforts he had seen in the Exercise. 'Don't let us destroy that very lovely voluntary effort,' he implored.

Mr. J. E. Lilley asked individual members to do their utmost to get new readers. He got seven the other day at a meeting.

Mr. N. Chaddock denied that he was 'getting at "The Ringing World" committee.' He would be quite satisfied if the motion went to that committee.

Mr. R. G. Blackman: Instead of referring it to the committee I would like to see it rejected. You never expect people who provide the news to pay for it.

The motion was defeated by a very large majority.

RELATIONS WITH B.B.C.

The third motion was: 'That an effort should be made by the Central Council to establish closer relations with, and recognition by the B.B.C.'

Proposing the motion, Mr. C. W. Pipe said it was not a criticism of the Press, Literature and Broadcasting Committee. His idea was that a small representative body from the Council should interview the B.B.C. The long and short of the matter was that the Suffolk Guild thought that ringers were not getting a square deal with the B.B.C. The B.B.C. knew very little about bells or ringers or what were good bells and good ringing. He thought it was time an approach should be made to them. There should be representatives up and down the country who would give advice. It was deplorable, as Mr. Edwards had said, that after all the hard work that was put into a broadcast only a few rounds should be heard. It had been said that day that there were 26,000 ringers; he thought the number was nearly 40,000. In addition, there were those who had given up and did not ring on account of age who listened to bells, apart from the ordinary public. He thought there must be a quarter of a million people listening to these broadcasts and it was a great disappointment to them when they only heard a few rounds.

There was, at two minutes to eight on Sunday mornings, an admirable recording of Evercreech bells. He would like to put it to the B.B.C. that these records be changed once a month. On the occasion of the death of Queen Mary they heard the tenor tolled from Raveningham. He thought ringers and the public would like to hear the great bells tolled from other parts of the country.

Mr. J. E. Lilley said that broadcasts varied in different parts of the country. Through certain efforts in the West Region they got one and a half to two minutes' ringing and they were told that if ringing was cut down to half a minute they should write to the authorities. It was only by bullying that they got results.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow said they ought to keep in their minds what was in the minds of the B.B.C. He took it that the B.B.C. looked on bells as the curtain-raising item. What they

had to do was to establish a friendly relationship with the incumbents of churches from where broadcasts took place. When a broadcast was to take place the first person approached was the incumbent. If the local ringers could get him to support two minutes' ringing then the B.B.C. would cut them down to one minute. They had to get at the incumbents and they would get at the B.B.C. He thought that any general approach would meet with better success if it went through regions. They wanted a sleuth in each region of the country to find out particulars.

Mr. H. G. Sanger said it was his privilege to belong to the Evercreech band and, rather contrary to some of the opinions expressed that day, they were approached by the B.B.C. to make bell records. They made a number of records. He had a letter, dated May 8th, which stated that they would be using Stedman Triples and Double Norwich for the following Sunday and Stedman Caters for Coronation Day on the Light Programme. As far as the Western Region was concerned they found a personal approach to the Religious Director had very good results and over the years it had borne good fruit. If any bells were to be used Mr. Dyke was approached as to the suitability of the bells and ringers. He thought the solution to the problem was for the various Diocesan Associations to approach the Region. Do underground work and find out who were the people responsible.

Mr. S. F. Palmer said a few weeks ago his Provost asked him to ring the Cathedral bells for ten minutes for a broadcast. The service was not broadcast in this country but for the Forces overseas. They were to ring from 7.30 to 7.40 and he heard from their friends that they were on the air just under two minutes. Although they gave them a good example of change ringing, they on their part, felt that just under two minutes was not long enough and they had had a raw deal.

Mr. C. K. Lewis mentioned recording at St. George's, Stockport, where the bells were heard before and after the service. The incumbent there just put his foot down and he got what he wanted from the B.B.C.

Mr. J. T. Dunwoody said after years of patience, in 1946 they established in Northern Ireland that there would be no broadcasts of bells without consulting the District secretary. That had been faithfully carried out. He hoped that nothing would be done to upset that arrangement by an approach to headquarters.

Mr. Harold Poole: I feel this is purely a territorial matter. I move that it be left to the respective Associations and Guilds to deal with.

This course of action met with the approval of the Council and was carried.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The hon. secretary said the Standing Committee considered the meeting place for the next Council meeting and left it to the meeting.

Mr. F. Perrins moved that the 1954 Council meeting be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne. For the last two or three years, he said, Newcastle had been in the picture and for some reason or another a meeting there was put off.

Mr. W. C. West advocated the next meeting being held in London.

Mr. R. S. Anderson seconded Newcastle.

The Rev. F. Li. Edwards thought it was a big mistake to break with old tradition. For the last 40 or so years it had always been the

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custom for the first meeting of the new Council to be held in the Metropolis.

Mr. F. Ainsley, speaking on behalf of the Durham and Newcastle Association, said they would welcome the Council at Newcastle. They were bitterly disappointed at the decision last year.

There was an overwhelming vote in favour of Newcastle.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

The hon. secretary reported that 22 Associations were fully represented, 24 partially and eight not at all. The total membership of the Council was 120, 105 representative members, 11 honorary members and four life members. There were present 73 representative members, eight honorary members and three life members.

THE METHODS COMMITTEE REPORT

The report of the Methods Committee and the discussion arising therefrom will be the subject of a special article.

VOTES OF THANKS

The president proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor and Corporation for the use of the room in the Town Hall and for entertaining the Council to tea. They also desired to thank the Rev. K. Felstead, Mr. G. Pullinger and Mr. A. V. Davis for the local arrangements; the Vicar of St. Peter's for his welcome, taking the service of Holy Communion and for the use of St. Peter's Hall for the Standing Committee meeting; Canon Carew Cox for his welcome on behalf of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild; Mr. A. Martin Stewart for the invitation to his nursery and his welcome and charming hospitality on Sunday afternoon; and to all incumbents for the use of bells.

The resolution was carried with acclamation.

Mr. R. S. Anderson thanked the president for the able way he had presided (applause).

Mr. G. W. Fletcher: I congratulate the secretary on the way he has faced up to that big ordeal, his first meeting (applause).

The Council was afterwards entertained to tea by the Bournemouth Corporation, the guests being received by the Deputy Mayor.

The appreciation of the Council was expressed by Mr. G. Pullinger (Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild) and Mr. W. C. West (secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild).

In the evening a social was held at the Devonshire Hotel with Mr. Harold Poole as M.C.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD**Penzance Branch**

The spring meeting was held at Wendron on May 23rd when 60 members attended, including Miss S. Symons (president), the Rev. W. H. R. Trewella (general secretary), Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram (vice-president), Mr. R. G. Clemens (Truro branch secretary) and Mr. Alan Carveth.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Wendron (the Rev. F. G. Smith) and the lesson was read by the Rev. A. S. Roberts (Branch secretary). Invitations to hold the autumn festival at Gulval and the spring festival at Mullion were accepted. Tea was afterwards served.

Ringings took place on the six at Wendron and eight at Helston during the afternoon and evening, and some who particularly wanted to ring at St. Hilary made their way there before going home, and enjoyed the visit, despite a rope having first to be spliced and a stay falling off without, apparently, being bumped.

LETTERS**SAFFRON WALDEN'S GREAT RINGING DAY CANCELLED**

Dear Sir,—I wish to express my regret to any ringers who may have journeyed to Saffron Walden for the Great Ringing Day Festival, which was to have been held last Saturday. The Festival had been cancelled owing to the death of the Mayor of the borough, who was also a churchwarden, and whose funeral service was held in the church that afternoon.

The Vicar had expressed the wish that the festival should be cancelled and only half-muffled ringing should take place for the funeral service.

We endeavoured to have a notice published in 'The Ringing World,' but found it was already in print.—Yours faithfully,

LEONARD E. PITSTOW.

23, Highfields, Saffron Walden.

GOOD RINGING IS WHAT MATTERS

Dear Sir,—The prolonged harangue over legitimate and illegitimate methods and names for methods prompts me to quote the enclosed couplet that is in the belfry at Canford, Dorset, with the thought that it does not matter what is rung so long as it is rung well. The couplet, which was placed in the belfry by the Vicar of 1739, is as follows:—

It is not good to hear men wrangle,

It is not good to hear bells jangle.

Yours sincerely,

L. BAILEY.

Godshill, Isle of Wight.

CHANGE RINGING AT GREAT BOWDEN

Dear Sir,—It is with the greatest pleasure that I read of the progress made by the band that has taken up change ringing at Great Bowden, Leicestershire, and I offer the ringers my heartiest congratulations on their achievement of recently ringing a full peal.

This is my native village, and where I first learned to pull a rope some 65 years ago.

I well remember with what pride the old ringers took in their striking of call changes and particularly the raising and falling, which used to take from 10 to 15 minutes, and often with not a blow out of place. I shall always feel indebted to them for the instillation of what I consider the groundwork and backbone of good ringing.

It was the custom at that time to practise for a few weeks before Christmas, when the bells were rung immediately the clock struck the hour of midnight, and again on New Year's Eve, when the bells were rung from a quarter to twelve to a quarter past without a break, as this was then considered the correct way of ringing out the old year and ringing in the new.

Unfortunately, owing to the age and occupations of the ringers, no regular ringing could be maintained, and it was only at the several church festivals that the bells were raised for service ringing, but in order that the bells should not be silent my father and I used to chime the full ring of five between us on Sunday mornings, and again with the help of one or more in the evening.

As regards the mystery of change ringing, this was quite foreign to us, and it was not until I emigrated to Sheffield 52 years ago that I took up the art in its proper form.

In conversation with the old ringers I learned that nothing but 'stone' had ever been rung in this tower, and the present band are to be highly commended on their step forward, and I sincerely hope to see in the pages of 'The Ringing World' more of their efforts in the future.

SIDNEY F. PALMER.

Sheffield Cathedral.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**Central Bucks Branch Has Same Chairman for 25 Years**

The Central Bucks Branch held its 25th annual meeting at Granborough on June 13th, 46 ringers attending representing 21 towers with visitors from Northampton and one from Canada.

After touches on the five bells the service was conducted by the Branch chairman. The Master of the Guild read the lesson, and the Vicar of Granborough (the Rev. R. B. Stockdale) gave the address. Mrs. Stockdale was at the organ.

A sumptuous tea was served in the Village Hall by the local ringers' wives and lady members of the Church Council. The Branch chairman presided at the business meeting. The Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. E. Wigg, said that at the inaugural meeting at Granborough and in that hall Canon G. Dixon was elected Branch chairman, a position he had held ever since, not missing one annual meeting and only missing six quarterly meetings in his 25 years as chairman. Mr. Wigg presented the chairman with an inscribed Parker pen and pencil in case, from the members of the Branch in appreciation of his services to the Branch.

The chairman was then re-elected and Mr. F. Gibbard, who was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, reported that the Branch had over 100 members: progress had been made in most towers.

The general secretary, Mr. W. Hibbert, gave the members a few words of advice. The hon. librarian, Miss M. Cross, also spoke.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

About 70 ringers and friends attended the annual meeting of the Guild which was held at the Church of St. Ellyw, Llanelly, on June 13th. The bells were available at 2 p.m. and members came from Pembroke, Tenby, Llanstephan, Burry Port, Llandilo, Carmarthen and the local tower.

The Vicar (Canon Dr. H. Islwyn Davies) officiated at the service assisted by the Rev. G. H. Jones and the Rev. H. G. Jenkins. A very nice tea was given to the members at the Parish Hall, which was provided by local ladies.

The Rev. W. R. Nicholas, Vicar of Lamphey, presided at the business meeting. Before the meeting was opened, the secretary (Mr. C. H. Hawkins) extended a hearty welcome to the members of the Guild to Llanelly. The members stood while the chairman said a prayer as a token of respect to the late Vicar of Llanstephan (the Rev. G. T. Morris), who was a vice-president of the Guild.

The usual touch on the handbells was given by Mr. R. Scudamore (Llandilo), Mr. A. Hoare (Swansea) and Mr. Chris Hawkins (Llanelly). An apology was given by the chairman for the absence of the president, the Lord Bishop of St. David's.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and a statement of accounts was given by the treasurer, Mr. W. P. E. Sage, of Burry Port. A report of the Central Council meeting was given by Mr. A. Hoare, and all the officers were re-elected for another 12 months. The Ringing Master is now Mr. Williams, of Carmarthen. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised the sum of £1 18s. 6d.

The competition for 1954 will take place at Llandilo on the second Saturday in May, instead of the first Saturday in May, and the quarterly meeting in September will take place at Llanbadarn Fawr.

The meeting was closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Llanelly, to the Rev. W. R. Nicholas for presiding, to the ladies for the excellent tea, to Mr. Albert Hall and the organist, Mr. V. Thomas. The Vicar of Llanelly, responding, gave a welcome to the Guild to come to Llanelly if ever they were in difficulty in finding a place for their meetings.

A MISCELLANY OF OUTINGS

TIVERTON RINGERS ON TOUR

St. Peter's Society of Change Ringers, Tiverton, set out by coach on June 20th on a wet and dreary morning for their annual outing.

Down the valley of the Exe and over the hills to the first tower, Okehampton, a good octave by Gillett and Johnston. After finding all entrances to the tower locked the verger was found. All had a pull even if it was somewhat hurried.

Next to Holsworthy, where an hour's good ringing was much enjoyed on another Gillett and Johnston ring. Then to Bridgerule, another octave, tenor 10 cwt., and a very old and interesting church, where the Rector, the Rev. F. H. Kingdon (94 years old), welcomed the party and showed all his well-kept church. Lunch was much enjoyed at Bude, then to Stratton and a ring on the finest octave in Cornwall, tenor 22 cwt., by Taylors. Here we were met by the Rector (the Rev. T. L. Gilbert).

The last call of the day was Bideford, another Taylor octave, where an hour's good ringing was much enjoyed.

BLAXHALL

The ringers of Blaxhall, accompanied by wives and ringers from nearby parishes, held their annual outing on June 13th. Essex was the county chosen. Ringing at Widford, High Ongar, North Weald, Harlow, Bishop's Stortford, Dunmow and Rayne made a very enjoyable day. The sincere thanks of the party are due to the various incumbents for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Gordon Keeble, who made all the arrangements.

IPSWICH COMBINED OUTING

On Whit Saturday some of the ringers from each of the towers of St. Laurence's, St. Clement's, St. Margaret's, St. Mary-le-Tower and Rushmere St. Andrew (Ipswich) combined, and with their wives and friends made up a party of 23.

Leaving the town at 8 a.m. by coach, the first stop was at Kelvedon (6), a fine heavy ring; next on to Witham (8), where they were met by the churchwarden, as the ringers were on their outing also. At the next stop the bus had to remain on the main road and the party walk the half-mile down a narrow lane to the church at Margaretting. It is seen daily by thousands travelling to London as it stands beside the main line from Norwich to London, but to reach it the level crossing must be used to enter the churchyard. Here the Rector and helpers were decorating the church, a very old one, and the display was the special interest of all. The four pre-Reformation bells were soon in use and it is hoped some day the empty pit will be filled.

Ingatstone (6) was next stop. Owing to difficulty in providing dinner here, this was taken in picnic style. After ringing, a move was made to Fryerning (6), a nice light ring. Then on to Brentwood, which was reached on time, and after some good ringing, including Cambridge Major and Double Norwich Major, the party met again for an excellent tea at the Nority Cafe, High Street.

On return a call was made for ringing at Shenfield (6), a nice light musical ring but awkward ringing chamber with two heavy steel girders supporting the tower across the belfry floor so that the ropes fall on top of these instead of the floor. The tower being of wood with a low spire, entry to belfry has to be by crawling between the side braces of wood-work. But here some good ringing of Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise took place. The last call was at Widford (8), where the long draught and springing ropes made it difficult to control, but fairly good ringing was obtained. Thanks are expressed to the organiser. A.C.I. Max Page, R.A.F.

WARSOP, NOTTS

On Whit Monday a very full coachload of ringers and friends from Warsop fully enjoyed a long excursion into Yorkshire. An early start was made to collect friends from Bolsover, Heath, Barlborough, Worksop and Bawtry, and some amusement was experienced watching the Rev. R. G. Tyndall, assistant priest of Warsop, endeavouring to partake of a late breakfast whilst the coach was travelling at speed on the Great North Road.

The first call was at Campsall, where the light but musical ring were set going at 9.30 a.m. and rung to a variety of methods until 11 a.m.. There was some doubt as to whether certain of the more weighty members of the party would be able to negotiate the rather narrow aperture at the top of the short ladder to the tower, but all went well.

A satisfactory lunch was enjoyed at a cafe in Selby, and the organiser (Mr. W. Rooke) assumed the role of slave driver to ensure that after-lunch naps did not take precedence over the ringing of the glorious ten at Selby Abbey. The weather was extremely hot, and the younger members found some difficulty in handling the bells, especially as they are normally accustomed to ringing Minor. The Abbey authorities benefited financially from the visit, as an ever-increasing number of visitors were attracted by the ringing to ascend the tower at sixpence each. The audience was somewhat disconcerting to many of the novices.

The Minor experts were much more at home on the light six at Hemingbrough. The highlights were well-struck touches of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise and a touch by an all-ladies' band with Joan Smith ringing the tenor (to the surprise of the local ringers). Three of the Hemingbrough ringers joined the party at a substantial tea at the Crown Hotel. After the meal Mr. Rooke thanked all who had helped to make up such a happy party, and Mr. Cooper expressed the appreciation of the visitors for the opportunity to accompany the Warsop band.

During tea a heavy thunderstorm, which had threatened all the afternoon, made conditions rather difficult and a power cut caused a hitch at the last tower, Howden. Mr. Ernest Preston saved the day and the bells were rung up in the light of six candles. The heat was oppressive and several of the heavy-enders were seen to lose an unusual amount of perspiration. The light was restored and the glorious octave was rung to a variety of methods until shortly after 8 p.m. The day was concluded very appropriately with Evensong, conducted by the Rev. R. G. Tyndall in the choir of the church at Howden. The unaccompanied singing of the Office Hymn for Whitsuntide and the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis revealed surprising talent amongst the ringers.

A tired but happy party eventually reached home at about 11.30 p.m.

ASHTREAD, SURREY

On May 31st the ringers of St. Giles', Ashstead, together with two or three friends, paid a visit to Sussex. The first stop was at Crawley, where the visitors were in time to ring for a local wedding. After an hour's ringing on this very handy octave a move was made to Billingshurst. The unusually long draught proved almost too much for some of the visitors, but the tone of the bells left nothing to be desired. After tea at Ye Olde Six Bells Inn (a little out of date with an eight-bell tower), a move was made to Warnham for the last ring of the day. This very handy octave was much enjoyed and the well-preserved peal book a source of great interest.

TOURING SITTINGBOURNE AREA

On Whit Monday a party of young ringers spent a very fine day touring the Sittingbourne area of Kent. The party used cars and motorcycles for transport and numbered about 26, with other ringers joining for a tower or two. Ringers were present from all parts of Kent and also from Berkshire, Northamptonshire and Hertfordshire.

The first tower was Bredgar, with five bells, followed by Borden and Tunstall, each with eight. At the latter, methods up to Cambridge Major were rung. Before ringing at Stockbury (5) a picnic lunch was enjoyed. Three six-bell towers followed—Hartlip, Bobbing and Milton Regis. Methods ranged from rounds and 'Churchyard Bob' to Ipswich Surprise Minor, with many Doubles methods which had better be nameless.

After tea ringing took place at Teynham (officially a six-bell tower, but having one out of action), on the genuine five at Lynsted, and then finished at Sittingbourne (8). Despite our exertions, ringing at Sittingbourne was the best of the day, one touch of Stedman being voted the day's best.

Congratulations are extended to Terry Barton, who did most of the organising, proving an able deputy to Geoffrey Waters, who had arranged previous tours.

Finally, we must say that even this strenuous day did not exhaust everyone. Right to the last touch (Double Norwich, which was brought round in spite of its conductor), there was plenty of energy left. The next day two of the better-known ringers were to be seen exercising their shoulders by rowing round the Serpentine. From their course we should imagine they were also practising some complicated method. They certainly made places on the bank very successfully. MILES.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON

Members and friends of the Holloway Society spent an enjoyable day in Kent on June 13th. The first church to be visited was Westerham St. Mary and this musical eight was soon set going to the well-known methods. At the war-damaged church of St. Lawrence, Hawkhurst, Messrs. Gorrington and Billings were waiting for the party. After lunch the ringers left for SS. Peter and Paul's, Headcorn, where Mr. G. W. Grant was waiting with everything ready.

Tea over, the party left for the last tower, St. Mary-the-Virgin, West Malling (a light eight which was much enjoyed).

Reaching home about 10 p.m., everyone voted it a most successful trip. R. N.

WALTON-ON-THAMES

A coachload of 32 ringers and friends and the Vicar (the Rev. J. Crichton Melville) took a trip on Whit Monday to Kent and visited Chatham, Faversham, Ashford, Maidstone and Westerham. At each tower they were met by the respective tower captains and given a warm welcome.

A lovely summer's day concluded with a grand finish at Westerham with some of the ringers doing the hornpipe on the village green where the annual fair was being held.

Gloucester and Bristol Association

The half-yearly meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Bishopstone on June 13th and the attendance was below the average. The arrangements were as usual—ringing, service, tea—and methods up to Cambridge Major were run.

At the business meeting the Branch secretary (Mr. W. B. Kynaston) gave a report on the Central Council meeting at Bournemouth and it was decided to hold evening meetings at Wroughton, Lydiard Millicent and Highworth during July and August with the quarterly meeting at South Marston in September. Visitors attended from Banbury and Chippenham. W. B. K.



Quarter Peals for Queen Elizabeth II

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On June 1st, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. W. Taylor 1, D. A. Carpenter (first of Surprise as cond.) 2, H. G. Summers 3, F. E. Pervin 4, F. W. Perrens 5, E. H. Sibley 6, J. L. Garner-Hayward 7, W. A. Stote 8.

ANCASTER, Lincs.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Towns 1, Joan Brandon 2, F. G. Vickers 3, J. Towns 4, E. Towns (cond.) 5.

ARDINGTON, BERKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Gardner 1, R. Davis 2, Miss E. East 3, H. White 4, C. Lay (cond.) 5, A. Stone 6.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Mills 1, F. Price (Bournemouth) 2, D. J. Laker 3, E. H. Knapp 4, A. C. V. Gasson 5, J. H. G. Gardner 6, A. E. Laker (cond.) 7, K. Trinick 8.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On June 7th, 1,290 Coronation Doubles: K. W. Graham 1, P. Chambers 2, R. G. W. Soars 3, F. K. Thompson 4, K. E. Lovett 5, P. Soars 6. Composed and conducted by F. K. Thompson. First quarter in method by all.

BEDFORD.—At St. Peter-de-Merton, on June 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. Marjorie Cowley 1, Miss Miriam Pettitt 2, Miss Daphne Hare 3, Miss Mary Stephens 4, Miss Evelyn Steel 5, Miss Sheila Duffin 6, Miss Susan Osborn 7, Miss Joan Ashton (first of Major as cond.) 8.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Mantle 1, A. Tomkins 2, J. Bedford 3, T. Clements (cond.) 4, G. Corbett 5, W. Turner 6. Ringer of 2nd has rung for four Coronations.

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's, on June 4th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: M. Sprackling 1, B. E. Ll. Roberts 2, H. J. Tesson 3, A. P. Cave 4, D. Marshall 5, I. H. Trueman (cond.) 6. Rung by members of the University of Bristol Society.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On Coronation Eve, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Lister 1, A. R. Bates 2, M. Hatchett 3, E. E. Gosling 4, W. Birmingham 5, C. A. Burgess 6, G. Gilbert (cond.) 7, G. W. Limmer 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—On June 2nd, at the Church of Great St. Andrew, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Ridgeman (Queens' cond.) 1, P. A. F. Chalk (Selwyn) 2, C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn) 3, E. C. Bates (Caius) 4, R. B. Morris (Clare) 5, R. D. Edge (Queens') 6, J. H. Fielden (St. Catharine's) 7, F. E. Roberts (Selwyn) 8.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.—On June 1st, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: B. Pattison (cond.) 1, Miss M. Stephens 2, J. B. Long 3, D. Brazier 4, C. D. Mann 5, B. F. Sims 6.

CHEPSTOW, MON.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Pat Jones 1, M. K. King 2, Miss Jacqueline Evans 3, J. E. Morgan 4, J. J. Sims 5, D. S. Voss 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, C. L. Bryant 8.

CHERTON, KENT.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, April Day, Plain Bob): Miss R. P. Longhurst 1, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 2, J. E. Chittenden 3, W. C. Chandler 4, M. J. Martin 5, J. Soles 6. Also on June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. P. Longhurst 1, Miss M. Vantom 2, W. C. Chandler 3, J. E. Chittenden 4, M. J. Martin (first of Triples 'inside') 5, J. R. Cooper 6, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 7, J. Soles 8. First of Triples for 1 and 8.

CHURCHDOWN, GLOS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Hodges 1, R. Dale 2, R. Daniels 3, C. Clark 4, I. Whiting (cond.) 5, J. Whiting 6.

CLAPHAM PARK, S.W.—At St. Stephen's, on May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Harrington 1, Miss D. Maidment 2, Miss E. Kiernan 3, J. Rea 4, J. Tonkin 5, G. Lucas 6, B. Braine 7, T. Tyers 8.

COULSDON, SURREY.—On June 13th, 1,440 Bob Doubles: H. W. Skinner 1, R. A. Davison 2, Miss Gill Stanton 3, D. J. Parr 4, J. Crawley (first as cond.) 5. First in method by all, and first quarter for 2, 3 and 4. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

CRAMLINGTON, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On June 9th, a quarter peal of Minor, being 720 combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob: J. Hedley 1, Miss M. A. Softley 2, C. McGuinness 3, R. W. Leighton 4, K. Arthur (cond.) 5, J. A. Ainsworth 6.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On June 2nd, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss P. Steere 1, Mrs. W. Oatway 2, G. H. Humphries 3, E. Razzell 4, W. Oatway 5, F. E. Mitchell 6, R. Davies (cond.) 7, H. G. Pratt 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Plain Bob Major.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Dorothy O. Cockshead 1, Janet E. Dicks 2, M. Angela Carter 3, C. G. Calcutt 4, Mrs. A. E. Lock 5, A. E. Lock (cond.) 6, M. S. Cloke 7, J. R. Gerring 8. First quarter in the method by 1 and 2.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On June 6th, at St. Saviour's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Downing 1, A. A. Price (first in method) 2, R. W. R. Percy 3, G. Beeny 4, W. Rogers 5, R. W. Pankhurst 6, F. H. Dallaway (cond.) 7, W. A. Kitchenside 8.

ELHAM, KENT.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary P. Longhurst 1, F. Verney 2, M. J. Martin 3, J. E. Chittenden 4, J. L. Morris 5, J. R. Cooper 6, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 7, J. H. Verney 8.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hill 1, R. Crago 2, A. J. Sanger 3, R. March 4, J. Nicholls 5, D. Lee 6, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 7, A. White 8.

FOXEARTH, ESSEX.—On June 2nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss H. M. Snowden 1, Miss H. G. Snowden 2, Miss R. Seabrook 3, S. Twitchett 4, F. Benseley 5, J. R. Leeming 6, A. R. Syder 7, T. Earle (first in method as cond.) 8.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.—On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Mitchell 1, H. Baker 2, G. E. Taylor 3, G. W. Grant 4, F. W. Tomlin (first as cond.) 5, Miss F. M. Tomlin 6.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.—On June 2nd, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Parnell 1, J. G. W. Harwood 2, P. G. W. Newstead 3, A. G. Wigmore (cond.) 4, A. Fulcher 5, A. W. Bird 6, R. C. Garwood 7, A. J. Crowe 8.

HEDDINGTON, WILTS.—On June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. White (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Hacker 2, Miss R. Maundrell 3, P. Walker 4, W. Hacker (cond.) 5.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKS.—On June 7th, 1,272 Minor (240 Oxford Treble Bob, 240 Kent Treble Bob, 144 Plain Bob, 720 St. Clement's): D. Hatfield 1, E. D. Tunc 2, G. W. Burt 3, H. S. Morley 4, F. Terry 5, T. W. Tunc (cond.) 6.

HESTON, MIDDLEX.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Eileen M. Ricketts 1, W. W. Webb 2, F. Blondell 3, B. A. Rose 4, W. A. Lewis 5, J. B. Sansom 6, J. E. Chilcott (cond.) 7, W. J. Winter 8.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On June 7th, on the back six, 720 Cambridge and 552 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: C. Hare 1, P. Croft 2, G. Cherry 3, W. Todd 4, E. Winters 5, F. Croft (cond.) 6.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on June 2nd, 1,372 Bob Minor: Mrs. F. Whitehead 1, M. J. Dyer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Wootton 1, E. E. Wimplett 2, J. L. Lightfoot 3, A. A. Upton 4, A. C. Morris (cond.) 5, A. Nix 6.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On June 7th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. Smart 1, A. H. Winch 2, G. Marriner 3, B. Hawkins 4, G. W. Massey 5, G. Peters 6, W. Newberry 7, A. H. Smith (cond.) 8.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.—On June 2nd, 1,288 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, V. Ambrose 2, T. Chinery 3, E. Ambrose 4, F. Boreham 5, S. Smith 6, F. A. Poulson 7, A. J. Haynes 8.

LUTTERTON, Lincs.—On June 6th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: F. Bishop 1, Miss R. Brown 2, A. Young 3, D. White 4, E. Fisher 5, H. E. Flatters 6, R. Brown 7, J. R. Young (cond.) 8. First in the method by 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Norgrave 1, B. Giddings 2, R. Squires 3, J. Hope 4, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 5, C. Goodwin 6. First quarter by the Lady Hawkins' Grammar School Society.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.—On June 6th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: D. Watkins 1, Miss M. Hart 2, E. Baughan 3, C. Smith 4, L. Fogg (cond.) 5, D. Drayton 6.

MARKET OVERTON, RUTLAND.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. E. Gibson 1, Joan Brandon 2, R. Scott (cond.) 3, F. G. Vickers 4, H. Wand 5.

MARSDEN, YORKS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): J. Cocking 1, Miss S. Brown 2, F. D. Livesey 3, D. E. Lodge 4, S. A. Jaine 5, W. Hansom 6, D. B. Carter 7, H. R. Clegg 8. A farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. E. H. Tucker), who is leaving for Newlands-with-Redbrook.

MEYSEY HAMPTON, GLOS.—On June 2nd, a date touch, 1,953 Grandsire Doubles: G. Pearce 1, E. Pearce 2, H. Falkner (longest touch) 3, W. Godwin (cond.) 4, H. Day 5, N. Pearce 6.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: M. Ridgwell 1, R. Coles 2, D. Simms 3, T. Otter 4, I. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6.

NORTHBOURNE, KENT.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): J. F. Penfold 1, T. A. Wickens 2, G. E. Ruck (cond.) 3, Miss J. R. Wells 4, F. W. Lawrence 5, E. A. Dixon 6.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Lewis (first quarter) 1, F. Hooper 2, F. A. Barley 3, A. Muddell 4, W. Midwinter 5, S. Barley 6.

POWICK, WORCS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Lewis (first quarter) 1, Mrs. S. E. Darmon 2, S. E. Darmon (cond.) 3, G. Morris 4, H. Cole 5, F. Hyde 6.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Hough, jun. 1, Miss M. Hall (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. S. Hough 3, I. Jenkins 4, R. Boardman 5, E. Houldsworth (cond.) 6.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Parkin 1, R. Taylor 2, D. Surman 3, Miss J. M. Bray 4, R. Dowdswell (cond.) 5, B. Lewis 6, F. Pendry 7, A. Elliot 8. First quarter for 4, 6 and 8.

RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): Miss J. Cook 1, H. C. Fordham 2, R. Francis 3, C. V. Orves 4, A. E. Cook 5, J. R. Bailey (cond.) 6.

RINGWOULD, KENT.—On June 5th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire, 60 Stedman): J. F. Penfold 1, F. W. Lawrence 2, Miss J. R. Wells 3, T. A. Wickens 4, G. E. Ruck (cond.) 5.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Gaine 1, B. Spiers 2, T. Bennett (first as cond.) 3, C. Haylings 4, K. Spiers 5, P. Bennett 6.

ST. MELLONS, CARDIFF.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. L. Hulbert (first quarter) 1, G. Chouls 2, W. Williams 3, G. Monk 4, L. Hulbert 5, R. Addis (cond.) 6.

SIDMOUTH, DEVON.—On June 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. Clarke 1, C. J. Turner 2, P. Davis 3, C. C. Turner 4, J. Arbary 5, J. L. S. Glanville 6, E. W. Rowe (cond.) 7, J. Briggs (first of Triples) 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. Butler 1, A. Rivers 2, W. Wolstencroft 3, W. Judd 4, W. Birmingham 5, E. Hudson 6, J. C. Birt (cond.) 7, J. M. Ellwood 8.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Clements 1, R. Brooker 2, Mrs. E. Wakeling 3, E. Wakeling 4, C. Goodger 5, W. Ransom (cond.) 6.

STANWELL, MIDDLEX.—On May 31st, 1,260 Spliced Plain Bob Doubles and Minor: A. Cooke 1, Doris Thompson 2, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 3-4, R. A. Smith 5, K. Frith 6.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Doubles (two 120's each of Chase, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and four and a half 120's of Grandsire): Mrs. D. J. Porter 1, Miss P. J. E. Lumbers (first in four methods) 2, Miss M. J. Lawrence 3, L. G. Toseland 4, B. P. Morris (cond.) 5.

WILLOUGHBY, WARWICKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. O. Hancock 1, C. H. Hancock (cond.) 2, F. W. Hancock 3, S. G. Ivens 4, P. J. Isom 5, J. E. Barnes (first quarter) 6.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—On June 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: N. J. Moores (first quarter) 1, J. Wheadon 2, Dorothy Kidd (cond.) 3, M. Jillian Brierley 4, A. Rhodes 5, S. Sage 6.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On June 2nd, 1,280 Doubles: Norwich: E. S. T. Farr 1, A. Pink (cond.) 2, F. Scott 3, J. Birt 4, W. Birmingham 5, A. J. Glass 6, W. Butler 7, B. Taylor 8. Also June 2nd, at the Curfew Tower, Windsor Castle, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. S. T. Farr (cond.) 1, K. Buckingham 2, W. Birmingham 3, A. J. Glass 4, A. Pink 5, B. Taylor 6, W. Butler 7, J. Painter 8.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: P. Whalley 1, W. Fitchard 2, G. Whalley (first in method) 3, D. Whalley 4, W. Massey 5, E. Kettle 6, E. Edge 7, G. W. Bidulph (cond.) 8.

WROCKWADINE, SALOP.—On June 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Williams (first quarter away from tenor) 1, J. Dias 2, C. Davies (first quarter 'inside') 3, R. Savas (first quarter as cond.) 4, W. Savage 5, B. Jones (first quarter) 6.

DEDICATION

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX

On June 1st the Lord Bishop of Lewes rededicated the ring of five at St. Nicolas', Itchingfield.

The bells were rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston on ball bearings as part of the Coronation effort of the parish and on this fine June evening the 12th century church was filled to capacity.

During the hymn 'Ye holy angels bright' the clergy and Bishop processed to the tower preceded by the churchwardens, where the Rector (the Rev. J. Martin) petitioned the Bishop to bless the bells. This he did, using the following words: 'In the faith of Jesus Christ we do now bless the work of the restoration of the bells of this parish church, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.'

As the procession returned to the chancel the bells were rung in rounds by: W. L. Weller 1, Miss S. A. Richardson 2, F. L. Weller 3, E. Fossberry 4, D. H. J. Body 5.

After the service the Bishop talked with the ringers, who included the Master of the Sussex County Association (Mr. S. E. Armstrong, from Brighton) and visitors from Horsham, Thakeham and Slinfold.

The ensuing ringing ranged to Itchingfield Slow Course by the local band, Stedman, St. Simon's and other Doubles methods.

The ringers of St. Nicolas', Itchingfield, would like to take this opportunity of extending to all ringers a hearty welcome to the tower—Friday being the practice night.

OBITUARY

MR. P. W. SMITH

His many friends in the Canterbury area will be sorry to learn of the passing, after a long and painful illness, of Mr. Percy W. Smith. He will be remembered by many as a popular District secretary, holding office from 1927 until increasing business ties compelled him to resign in 1936.

Born in the village of Littlebourne, he remained there until a few years ago, when he took over a business in Chatham. At Littlebourne he was Clerk to the Parish Council for several years, was a churchwarden, a member of the choir and did much to keep the ringing going at the church.

He had been in poor health since March, 1951, and entered hospital for an operation early in June. The operation was carried out, but he failed to respond to treatment and passed away on June 17th.

The funeral service was held at Charing, this being followed by cremation. Much sympathy will be felt for his widow and young daughter.

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ODD CHANGES

Some new recruits have come into the ranks of the ringers at Vancouver, British Columbia, and a new start has been made with change-ringing. At the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary on June 8th, two touches of Grandsire Triples were rung for service by F. Jones 1, A. C. Limpus 2, G. W. Foster (conductor) 3, G. Pearce 4, F. Taylor 5, A. Thomson 6, H. Doddington 7, S. A. Pope 8.

A peal of Stedman Caters was rung on handbells at Guildford on Saturday, in which Miss Elsie Bennett took part. Miss Bennett cycled from London—a distance of 30 miles—before the peal. Not a bad performance for a lady.

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PARFREY.—To Betty (née Hannam) and Harold, of 28, Lower Farm Cottage, Corston, near Bath, a daughter, Elizabeth Jane, on June 22nd, 1953, at the Royal United Hospital, Bath. 2814

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

THRELFALL—EDGAR.—The wedding between Brian D. Threlfall and Frances A. Edgar will take place at St. Mary Abbots' Church, Kensington, on Saturday, July 11th, at 2 p.m. All friends will be welcome at the church.

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SILSOE, BEDS.—There will be no weekly practices during July and August. 2841

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bromley Parish Church, Kent, July 4th. 3 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 2763

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Meeting at Ashwick, Saturday, July 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. J. Chivers. 2778

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Saturday, July 4th, Claverdon (6). All welcome. Arrangements for tea being made.—R. J. E. 2811

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Bakewell (8), Saturday, July 4th. 2.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements at 5 p.m. Business 6.15 p.m. Committee 4.30 p.m. All welcome. 2768

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Clent, Saturday, July 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 2764

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Finchfield, July 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. F. Roper, Crest Lodge, Finchfield. 2753

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South West Division.—Quarterly meeting, July 4th, South Weald (6). Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. to be followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to F. J. Wood, 149, Woodman Road, Warley, Brentwood. 2749

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Cromhall (6), July 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 2789

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, July 4th, Elstree (6), 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names to R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. Tel. Watford 7936. 2780

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Edenbridge (8), July 4th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to Mr. E. C. Leigh, Holmesdale, Station Road, Edenbridge, Kent, by July 2nd. 2797

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, July 4th, St. Chad's (8) and St. Michael's (8), Headingley, Leeds. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service, St. Chad's, 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 2747

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch and South Oxon Branch.—Combined meeting at Haddenham, Bucks, on Saturday, July 4th, at 2.45 p.m. Service at 4.—H. Badger, Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 2788

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Westbury (8), Saturday, July 4th. Usual arrangements.—F. Slatford, Hon. Sec. 2805

SOUTHWELL GUILD (Nottingham District) and LEICESTER GUILD (Melton District).—Joint meeting, Colston Bassett (8), July 4th. Bells 2.30. Cups of tea 5. Please take own food.—C. Glenn and J. H. Cook, Dis. Secs. 2766

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice, Monday, July 6th, 7.15 p.m., St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Everyone welcome. 2800

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Special meeting at Meltham, July 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify Mr. E. Earnshaw, 107, Huddersfield Road, Meltham, near Huddersfield, not later than July 9th. All are welcome.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 2837

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Deanery.—Meeting, St. Benedict's, Glastonbury, Saturday, July 11th. Service 4. Tea and meeting. Notify for tea by Tuesday, July 7th.—William Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 2785

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bathampton on Saturday, July 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Gooding, 2, Rose Cottages, Bathampton. 2773

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Silsoe on Saturday, July 11th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Look up Kelso Surprise.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 2808

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting at Hutton Cranswick, July 11th. Bells available from 2 p.m.—9 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 8th, to the Rev. G. Storer, The Vicarage, Hutton Cranswick, Driffield. 2816

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Meeting at Bidston, Saturday, July 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea provided for those notifying by July 8th at latest.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 2839

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at the Watch Tower, Morpeth, on Saturday, July 11th, at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Pegg, 19, Mitford Road, Morpeth, by July 9th. Deposits (of 13s. 6d.) for the annual outing are payable at this meeting. 2834

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Combined practice at Witely, Saturday, July 11th. Bells (8) available 6.30 p.m.—R. Kenward, Hon. Sec. 2796

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans and Northern Districts.—Joint meeting. July 11th. Welwyn. 3-4.30 only. Tea 5 p.m. Tewin from 6.30.—W. Southam, E. Buck. Dis. Secs. 2838

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Flamstead (6), Saturday, July 11th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea by July 8th to Mr. E. Smith, 14, Trowley Hill Road, Flamstead, near St. Albans, Herts.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 2821

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Leeds (10), Saturday, July 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Everybody welcome. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 2824

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Chorley St. Mary's, Saturday, July 11th. No tea arrangements. Cafes nearby.—L. Walmsley. 2804

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Barnabas', Shore, July 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 8th, to Mrs. Willamett, St. Barnabas' Vicarage, Shore, Littleborough.—F. Pritchard. 2765

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness & Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Hawkshead (6) on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Shuttleworth, Field Head, Hawkshead, near Ambleside.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 2843

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Market Bosworth, July 11th. Bells (8) 3. Tea at cafe 5 o'clock. Please notify by July 7th Mr. R. Proudman, Market Place, Market Bosworth, Nuneaton. 2840

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Markfield (6), Saturday, July 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 8th, to J. Wardle, Main Street, Markfield.—J. Smith. 2819

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Prestwold (8), July 11th. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Cups of tea, bring own food. Bus leaves Loughborough Rushes 2.45.—C. W. Hall. 2813

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Saturday, July 11th, meeting at Billesdon. Names for tea to Mr. Geary, 1, Leicester Road, Billesdon, by the 8th, please.—B. Stedman Payne. 2810

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Broughton, Saturday, July 11th. Names for tea to Mr. V. H. Lowe, 12, The Highfield, Croxton, near Eccleshall, Stafford.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 2806

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 11th, Bradfield (6) and Englefield (6). Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Butler, Melba, Bradfield, by Tuesday, July 7th.—N. E. Swann. 2835

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Rothwell, July 11th. Bells (8, 21 cwt., recently rehung) at 2.30.—B. S. Cope, 181, Station Road, Burton Latimer. 2817

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Warmington, July 11th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please, to Mrs. P. E. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle, Hon. Sec. 2697

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Evershot, July 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, July 6th. Rampisham tower after 6.30 p.m.—J. Barrett, 22, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 2792

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Shifnal, July 11th. Rehung eight. Tea, you must advise W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury, by July 9th. 2795

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, King's Norton (10), July 11th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by July 6th.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 2798

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Everton (6), Saturday, July 11th. Buses from Bawtry and Retford. Be sure of tea. Send card to Mrs. D. Bunney, Sun Inn, Everton, near Doncaster, by 7th.—H. Denman. 2830

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 11th, at St. Giles', Ashted. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Notify Mr. J. T. Symonds, Sherborne, West Farm Avenue, Ashted, for tea by July 9th.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2809

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Milland (afternoon) and S. Harting (evening) on July 11th. Tea only for those who notify by the 7th W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham, Sussex. 2828

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Diocesan Festival at Stratton, Saturday, July 11th, beginning 2 p.m. Service, Stratton Church, 4.30. Tea 1s. 6d. Towers: Stratton (8), Marhamchurch (6), Week St. Mary (6), Poundstock (6), Jacobstowe (6), Launcells (6), Bridgerule (8), Whitstone (6), Poughill (6), Kilkhampton (8), Morwenstone (6), Welcombe (6). Replies by Monday, July 6th.—H. Trehwella, Penhevela, Crantock, Newquay. 2777

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover and Winchester Districts.—Combined meeting, Longparish and Barton Stacey, July 11th. Bells available, Longparish 2, Barton Stacey 6.30. Service at Longparish 4.30. Tea in Village Hall 5. Names by previous Tuesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 2786

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Crewkerne, Saturday, July 11th. Usual arrangements. Notify J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton, Langport, for tea. 2827

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Danbury (6), Saturday, July 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Sandon (6) will be available 7-9 p.m. 2836

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting and prize contest, Heptonstall, July 18th. Entrance fee 10s. per company to: A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Roughtown, Mossley, Manchester, Lancashire. For teas please notify, by July 4th, F. Greenwood, Springfield Terrace, Heptonstall, Hebden Bridge.—A. Farrand, Sec.. 2735

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting, Minster, Sheppey, Saturday, July 18th. Tea by invitation of local ringers. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 14th, to Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham. 2842

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Quarterly meeting, Newton Nottage, Porthcawl, Glam. July 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea by July 14th to Mrs. T. M. Roderick, 26, Hookland Road, Porthcawl, Glam.—Jacqueline Evans, Dis. Sec. 2822

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting at Market Harborough on Saturday, July 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Co-operative Hall. Names to Mr. F. Wallington, 118, St. Mary's Road, Market Harborough, by July 15th, please.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 2826

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Oxford, Saturday, July 18th. Service 11 a.m. (preacher, the Lord Bishop of Dorchester). Meeting, Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon, Dining Hall, 1.30. Application for tickets (5s. 6d.), accompanied by remittance, to the General Secretary not later than July 13th. Mr. F. Sharpe is arranging the choir as usual, and ringing will be given at lunch time. Important business. Make effort to attend.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants. 2807

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Middleton Cheney, on Saturday, July 18th. Names for tea by Saturday previous.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 2818

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Easton Maudit, Saturday, July 18th. Names by Tuesday previous.—A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 2815

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, East Knoyle, July 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5. Also Hindon (6) open 2.15-3.30 and in evening. Names for tea, please, by July 14th to Miss Eloie, 81, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 2820

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Whatton (6), July 18th. 3 p.m. No tea arrangements; take own.—P. N. White. 2829

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern and North-Western Districts) and **GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Leatherhead District).—Combined meeting at Betchworth, July 18th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Buckland (6) also available after tea. Notifications, by July 14th, to C. Champion, 1, Rectory Lane, Betchworth.—C. Champion, R. Lathbury, A. Smith, Dis. Secs. 2833

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