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UP OVER

IF you go to Chagford and ask how to get to Gidleigh, that is probably what they'll tell you—'Tis up over'—and an arm pointed in the direction of the high Dartmoor skyline in the west and north. But then, I very much doubt if you ever will go to Gidleigh: it isn't on the way to anywhere, unless you happen to be interested in archæology and want to see the Scorhill circle, or want to see the view from the top of Cosdon Beacon. But if you do, and your car isn't too big, you'll find it worth the journey. Quite a journey it is, too; there can be few places where three miles can involve quite so many such steep hills, so many corners so sharp and sudden as to take on the nature of a series of ambushes for unwary drivers, so many places where to meet another vehicle means a long reverse in search of a gateway. One moment you are going across high moor with the country all open below and before you; Gidleigh tower peeps out from among the trees just across the valley. The next instant the road takes a dive in what seems the most inconsequential direction, and you're winding your way through wet, mossy woods beside a stream, as lost as a Hottentot in the Underground, though probably happier. But you get there in the end, and there, enclosed by huge, mossy walls of apparently immovable boulders, is the church and, most unexpected, a fine 13th century castle keep, all of massive hewn granite, and all apparently as old as the granite tors on the moor nearby.

Nothing much happens in Gidleigh except the most important things in life, birth and death and marriage and work and worship. The church has had its exquisite painted and gilded screen for over 400 years, and three of its bells for longer than that. The treble, 4th and tenor of the five are all from the mediæval Exeter foundry, and are as clean and sharp now as the day they were hung. The 3rd came from Exeter too, from the firm of Pennington in 1674, and immortalises the name (and a very fine,

resounding name it is, and worthy of immortality) of Churchwarden Alexander Vagwell. The second was added in 1925, and must have presented Taylors with a very pretty problem, for the existing bells were tuned to F, D, C sharp and B, and to judge from the tuning marks on her the treble was flat, at that. The new bell was cast to sound E natural, and the result is a ring of five quite unrelated to any known scale but tunable enough, if their sound is surprising and a little mournful. After nearly 30 years the bearings are still easy-going enough, and the bells are no trouble to ring.

The three old bells are typical of the excellent work of the Exeter founders, and two of them bear their stock inscriptions.

The treble: (P)lebs ois plaudit ut me tam sepius audit.
(The people all rejoice the more they hear my voice.)

The tenor: Est michi collatum IHC istud nomen amatum.
(To me is given the beloved name of JESUS.)

The 4th is dedicated to St. Thomas, and bears the legend: Ste Toma ora pro nobis. (Blessed Thomas, pray for us.)

All bear the foundry's initial cross, and the treble also has their trade-mark, a bell in a rope circle with the initials I. T., and all except the tenor have their cannons still intact.

Outside the church, listening to the refreshingly unusual cadences of the bells and leaning over the wall of the parish pound, where stray animals were locked up until claimed and a fine paid, I think you'll be glad you came. If the weather is kind, you can see the hills beyond Honiton, over 30 miles off, and perhaps Exmoor will show its skyline to the north if you go further up the hill, for you're nearly a thousand feet up at Gidleigh. But most of all you'll feel that this is a place where people have found life, and work, and happiness, and sorrow, close to the things God made, and they have been doing it for a very long time. And that sort of place is a good place to be.

J. G. M. S.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 3 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 41 cwt. in B.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT Treble	GORDON BENFIELD 7
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 8
C. KENNETH LEWIS 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK 9
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	JOHN WORTH 10
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 5	WILFRID F. MORETON 11
PETER LAFIN 6	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

First peal of Surprise Maximus on the bells. The 40th tower in which the conductor has rung a twelve-bell peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., April 23, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6½ cwt.

E. ALAN JACQUES Treble	G. RONALD EDWARDS 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	*NORMAN MALLETT 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE 3	JOHN A. ACRES 8
WINIFRED M. BURTON 4	MICHAEL E. BROWN 9
J. FREDERICK MILNER 5	S. ANTHONY JESSON Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Royal.

Rung to commemorate St. George's Day.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., May 4, 1954, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5017 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

MURIEL REAY Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON 6
ALBERT WALKER 2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS 7
SHIRLEY V. RYMER 3	FRANK E. HAYNES 8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 4	GEORGE E. FEARN 9
NORMAN J. GOODMAN 5	CLIFFORD A. BARRON Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Walker (78) and to Mr. S. O'C. Holloway (38), both members of St. Martin's Sunday service band.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

THOMAS W. LEWIS Treble	CYRIL TANSELL 6
REGINALD WOODYATT 2	*ROBIN J. FIELD 7
R. GEORGE MORRIS 3	ALLEN MORGAN 8
HENRY J. SANGER 4	ROGER O. FRY 9
GEORGE PRESCOTT 5	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT Tenor

Composed by M. J. MORRIS.

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

* First peal.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY Treble	CYRIL S. JARRETT 6
ARTHUR G. MASON 2	†PETER F. BORER 7
*TREVOR A. CROSS 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 8
†REGINALD L. SILLS 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 9
HARRY SPRINGATE 5	GEORGE KENWARD Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters. First peal of Caters as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 10, 1954, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL OF UNITY

(Pocahontas Memorial.)

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

PETER F. BORER Treble	FREDERICK A. MITCHELL 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM 2	TREVOR A. CROSS 6
HARRY SPRINGATE 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 7
*THOMAS E. TAYLOR 4	KENNETH H. J. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* 25th peal. In memoriam Victor A. Jarrett.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CYNTHIA BIBBY Treble	FRED JACKSON 5
ELIZABETH M. BIBBY 2	OSWALD CLAYBROOK 6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3	CYRIL VALENTINE 7
HAROLD MATTHIAS 4	FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to the Vicar of Frodsham, Rev. Dr. M. W. Myres, also in appreciation of his 42 years as Vicar of Frodsham.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wed., April 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

S. ANTHONY JESSON Treble	JOHN R. SMITH 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	*A. HUBERT EPLETT 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE 3	JOHN A. ACRES 7
J. FREDERICK MILNER 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Surprise Major away from the treble.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

DANIEL T. MATKIN Treble	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 5
*EVELYN M. FLETCHER 2	†J. M. N. LAKIN 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3	MAURICE J. BUTLER 7
NELIA LEAHY 4	REGINALD A. REED Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of London 'inside.' † First peal in the method.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ERNEST W. RAWSON Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	PETER J. STANFORTH 7
A. HUBERT EPLETT 4	E. CHARLES TURNER Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of a friend and rigner, Flying Officer John F. Wilkinson, of Derby, who was killed in a flying accident in Norfolk on April 25th.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., April 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR E. ROWLEY Treble	*JOHN A. ACRES 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE 2	HAROLD J. POOLE 6
ROLAND BENISTON 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
MICHAEL E. BROWN 4	S. ANTHONY JESSON Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPPER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* 100th tower bell peal. First peal in the method by all except the ringers of 3rd and 6th.

A compliment to S. Anthony Jesson on his birthday.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 1, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

STANLEY IRELAND Treble	FRED JACKSON 5
ANN SLINGER 2	WILLIAM ALLMAN 6
ALAN DUGDALE 3	JOHN E. BIBBY 7
*HAROLD HAYES 4	WALTER ALLMAN Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

* First peal.

NORTON, MALTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 1, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-part.	Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.
*MARGARET A. LANGTON Treble	†THOMAS H. HUDDLESTON 5
HAROLD PARKER 2	JAMES A. PARKER 6
*ANNE M. HUDDLESTON .. 3	BERT SUTTON 7
HAROLD SPENCER 4	GEORGE BEACH Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD PARKER.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. Beach, of Scarborough; also a 21st birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 4, 1954, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes;

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor: 24½ in E flat.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. Treble	H. GEORGE HART 5
ELSIE K. FULTON 2	ALBERT C. WENBAN 6
SYDNEY A. WARWICK .. 3	W. NORMAN GENNA 7
WILLIAM WENBAN 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

Rung on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester to present the Charter to the Borough of Harrow. The ringers were drawn from the bands at the three daughter churches of Harrow Weald, Pinner and Stanmore, and all reside in the borough. Believed to be the first peal on the bells for 174 years.

PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5056 LYME SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	JOHN A. ACRES 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE 2	ERNEST W. RAWSON 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 7
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 4	S. ANTHONY JESSON Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Rung as a compliment to Evelyn Iris Rowley and John Albert Lewis on their engagement. Miss Rowley is a member of the Ibstock band and daughter of the Leicester Guild treasurer.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Thurs., May 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5184 WYTHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

MURIEL REAY Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 5
SHIRLEY V. RYMER 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON 6
GEORGE E. FEARN 3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 7
JOHN PINFOLD 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

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

CLARE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

REGINALD RIPPINGALE .. Treble	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. 5
ROSEMARY SEABROOK .. 2	LESLIE D. MILLS 6
SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT .. 3	*GEORGE W. PIPE 7
ALAN R. ANDREWS 4	*CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT.

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

* 100th peal together.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 15½ cwt.
*DOREEN MURFIN .. Treble	*SYDNEY J. MERRY .. 5
FRANCIS R. LOWE 2	MARK J. BARKER 6
HAROLD TAYLOR 3	HERBERT E. TAYLOR .. 7
GORDON GRAHAM 4	ALAN TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Doreen Murfin; also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. E. Thompson, of Chellaston, Derby.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 18 cwt., 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN .. Treble	WILLIAM G. GIGG 5
ARTHUR H. REED 2	*H. FREDERICK MYERS .. 6
MRS. GEORGE RETTER .. 3	THOMAS G. MYERS 7
JOHN SALWAY 4	ARTHUR TAPLEY Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* First peal of Stedman.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Rosemary Ashdown, daughter of the treble ringer.

HOOK NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

C. ARTHUR MANNING .. Treble	HAROLD HUXLEY 5
IVOR GOULTER 2	FRED C. LYNE 6
CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. 3	CLARENCE R. STEED 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	EDWIN T. NEWBURY .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by G. WM. CRITCHLEY.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

JOHN W. BANKS .. Treble	WILLIAM STANNARD .. 5
FREDERICK H. COOPER .. 2	*LESLIE NICE 6
*RICHARD ROSE 3	ARTHUR F. BALLAAM .. 7
JAMES STANNARD 4	*KENNETH G. BROWN .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

* First peal of Major.



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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Consisting of 3,072 Plain Bob and 2,112 Little Bob, 95 changes of method. Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb.

*DAVID GODFREY Treble	*DAVID SMITH 5
†DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK .. 2	HENRY PARKER 6
*VICTOR NEAL 3	HAROLD WORRALL 7
ERIC HORNBY 4	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* First peal of Spliced Plain and Little Bob. † First peal of Spliced Plain and Little Bob away from treble.

Rung to celebrate the ninth anniversary of V.E. Day.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Carter's Twelve-part. Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

OGDEN MOORES Treble	*HAROLD ARMSTEAD .. 5
JOAN CARTER 2	JOHN T. WALMSLEY .. 6
FRED PRITCHARD 3	JAMES CARTER 7
JOAN CORDWELL 4	*ROY SINKINSON Tenor

Conducted by FRED PRITCHARD.

* First peal in the method

Rung to commemorate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kay, parents of Mr. Ivan Kay, local tower captain.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE TRENDALL Treble	JACK BRETT 5
ALBERT CATTERWELL .. 2	ERNEST W. PYE 6
OLAVE E. BROYD 3	TERRY EARLE 7
THOMAS BIRD 4	ARTHUR RUFFLE Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN R. MAYNE Treble	RALPH BIRD 5
ROBERT G. LAY 2	RICHARD E. PRICE 6
*ANNE B. SPEED 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
JOHN D. ROCK 4	TONY PRICE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* 100th peal.

Rung on the 9th anniversary of V.E. Day.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

HILDA M. SNOWDEN Treble	FRANK V. GANT 5
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN 6
CLAUDE SNOWDEN 3	*TERRY EARLE 7
JOHN WARNER 4	HARRY J. MILLAT Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

* First peal in the method and first peal of Surprise Major as conductor.

Rung in honour of the visit of the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury to Chelmsford Cathedral for the occasion of the service of thanksgiving and dedication for the work of St. Cedd, who landed in Essex 1,300 years ago.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

GOODNESTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 1, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

HARRY STRINGER Treble	EDWARD J. WALKER .. 4
*GODFREY F. GRAY 2	*JOHN E. CHITTENDEN .. 5
THOMAS ELLENDER 3	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung on the Feast of SS. Philip and James.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 1, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 1,440 Kent Treble Bob, 1,800 St. Clement's College Bob and 1,800 Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.

*AUDREY BUTLER Treble	*ROBERT G. LAY 4
*MONICA HOWARD 2	WILLIAM BUTLER 5
*ROGER WOODCOCK 3	*FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

* First peal in three Minor methods.

Rung on the Feast of SS. Philip and James.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 10 methods, viz.: (i) York and Durham, (ii) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (iii) Beverley and Surfleet, (iv) Netherseale, (v) Bourne, (vi) Ipswich, (vii) Cambridge. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. Treble	PETER J. EVES 4
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 2	JOE E. G. ROAST 5
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 3	DENIS A. S. SYMONDS .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

First peal in ten Surprise methods by all the band.

HUTTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 15 extents of All Saints, 12 of Grandsire and 15 of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

*BARBARA M. FORSTER .. Treble	CHARLES E. HILL 3
†GWENDA A. DAVIES .. 2	†WILLIAM T. HILL 4

BRYAN E. SHEDEL Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN E. SHEDEL.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods.

Rung to commemorate the 13th centenary of the coming of St. Cedd to Essex.

MERSTHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, one 720 of Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

LEONARD STILWELL .. Treble	ROLAND W. MORANT .. 4
GEORGE OLLIVER 2	RALPH BIRD 5
*JOHN AVENALL 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal.

Rung as the quarterly peal for the Southern District of the above Association.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores of St. Simon's, 13 of St. Martin's, eight of Plain Bob and nine of Grandsire; 15 changes of method.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*DENNIS H. JEANES .. Treble	†DAVID G. YEO 4
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 2	LEONARD DERRICK 5
CLIFFORD KORTRIGHT .. 3	HERBERT HARDWIDGE .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD DERRICK.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., May 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in G.

*E. GEORGE CATTON Treble	ROBERT E. LESTER 4
*PATRICIA M. CLARKE 2	RONALD W. STEWARD 5
JAMES BENNETT 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. First peal in method as conductor.

LEIGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*NICHOLAS BUTCHER .. Treble	BERNARD W. PANKHURST .. 4
BERNARD V. COLLISON .. 2	WILLIAM R. MANSER .. 5
LUTHER J. HONESS 3	ERNEST J. LADD Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal (age 13). First peal of Minor as conductor.

Rung in honour of the silver weddings of Lord Hollenden, Vicar's warden, and Mr. D. J. Pankhurst, a member of the local band.

ALDINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Hereward, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

HARRY BAKER Treble	JOHN R. COOPER 4
GEOFFREY PEARSON 2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 5
WILFRED W. RING 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Single Oxford and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

DONALD H. METTAM .. Treble	RONALD RUSSELL 4
RONALD J. HILL 2	† ROBIN J. WORSALL 5
*PERCY D. BALDOCK 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* 50th peal of Minor. † First peal 'inside.'

BISHAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 960 changes of St. Simon's, 960 of St. Martin's, 480 of April Day, 480 of Reverse St. Bartholomew, 960 of Plain Bob, and 1,200 of Grandsire.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*LEONARD W. CONDUCT .. Treble	J. WILLIAM HOVEY 4
LESLIE L. WILLIS 2	WILLIAM C. RHODES 5
*WILLIAM J. V. CONDUCT .. 3	*WILLIAM T. SHELTON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RHODES.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal in six methods by all.

LOIS WEEDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*RICHARD HINTON Treble	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS 4
WILLIAM J. CHESTER 2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND 5
†BARRY SAUNDERS 3	WILLIAM A. YATES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob.



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NUTFIELD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 (Pitman) and 40 six-scores, with ten callings.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*PAMELA M. STEERE Treble	WILLIAM F. OATWAY 4
HILDA E. OATWAY 2	ROYDON DAVIES 5
ERNEST W. RAZZELL 3	WILLIAM PARROTT Tenor

Conducted by ROYDON DAVIES.

*First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

Rung to commemorate the first anniversary of the rededication of the bells after rehanging. Also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

OWSLEBURY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 lb. in A.

BETTY DAYSH Treble	ADRIAN TUMBER 3
BERYL R. PITTAWAY 2	PETER NASH 4
J. M. N. LAKIN Tenor	

Conducted by J. M. N. LAKIN.

First peal of Bob Doubles for all and for the Guild.

TILNEY, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FRED WIGMORE Treble	TREVOR BEVIS 4
SIDNEY HAW 2	*WALTER STOREY 5
ROLAND REED 3	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

*First peal in four methods.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Diana Gough 1, Pamela Law 2, S. W. Brown 3, Valerie Mephram 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. D. Brown 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Brown, the oldest regular worshipper at this church, aged 96 years on this day.

ASH, SURREY.—On April 28th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob, 300 Stedman): C. W. Denyer (cond.) 1, Sylvia Sherwood 2, P. Sherwood 3, S. Russell 4, E. Sherwood 5, E. Pepler 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Michael Whelan (aged 14), a local ringer, who was interred at Ash the same day.

ASHBRITTE, SOMERSET.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Florrie Norman 1, Audrey Yarde 2, Margaret Alderman (first quarter as cond.) 3, Phyllis Norman 4, H. Bristow 5, J. Smith 6. In honour of the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Merson, of Appley, Ashbrittle.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On May 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Cox 1, Miss J. Elliott 2, Miss D. M. Ward 3, Miss M. Andrews 4, Miss B. A. Thompson 5, P. P. Brown (cond.) 6. Also on May 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: 1, H. Oran (first quarter) 1, J. L. Morris 2, Miss M. Ward (first of Major) 3, Miss B. A. Thompson 4, I. M. Parry 5, Miss M. Andrews 6, A. Hall 7, P. P. Brown (cond.) 8.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On May 8th, at the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. A. Russell 1, J. O. Weller 2, T. E. Sone (cond.) 3, Mrs. N. Bridges 4, H. Luck 5, Miss E. W. Keys 6, N. J. Smith 7, B. Baker 8, T. H. Holmes 9, P. N. Bond 10. First quarter on ten for 6 and 7.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Suckling (first quarter) 1, T. Senior 2, H. Moore 3, Mrs. Moore 4, J. Brown 5, R. Suckling (cond.) 6, W. Wintrop tenor (covering). Rung by entirely local band for John Brown's 14th birthday.

BURNHAM, BEDF.—At St. Peter's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Gilbert 1, W. Welling 2, R. Biggs (cond.) 3, B. Castle 4, E. Gosling 5, E. D. Poole 6, G. Lister 7, W. Lee 8. Rung in memoriam George Martin and W. Saunders after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Kathleen S. Brown (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. A. P. Bertie 2, F. Sheraton 3, J. W. Robson 4, W. Nicholson 5, S. C. Walker 6, D. A. Bayles (cond.) 7, C. Mordue 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Elizabeth Jackson, wife of Canon F. H. Jackson D.Sc., former Rector and Rural Dean of Chester-le-Street, whose funeral took place at Eastbourne this day.

WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Eardisland St. Mary's Society.)

On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 callings).

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ROSEMARY BRAY (14) .. Treble	LESLIE EVANS 4
PHILIP POWLES 2	FREDERICK R. HARRIS 5
LAURENCE T. MAINWARING 3	SIDNEY DANIELS Tenor

Conducted by LAURENCE T. MAINWARING.

*First peal.

FOOTS CRAY, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sun., May 9, 1954, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 10 callings.

Tenor 3 cwt. 1 qr. in E flat.

PETER N. BOND Treble	*MARY R. ANDREWS 3
JOHN L. MORRIS 2	E. WINIFRED KEYS 4
NORMAN J. SMITH Tenor	

Conducted by NORMAN J. SMITH.

*First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging in 1951.

HANDBELL PEAL

HAMPTON WICK, MIDDLESEX.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 12, 1954, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT 3, STATION ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in D.

ANNE B. SPEED 1—2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED 5—6
BRIAN D. THRELFALL 3—4	*FRANCES A. THRELFALL 7—8

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

*First peal in the method on handbells.

QUARTER PEALS

CODICOTE, HERTS.—On May 2nd, 1,440 Bourne Surprise Minor: D. Jones (cond.) 1, Mrs. G. Dodds (first of Surprise Minor) 2, Miss A. Willes (first of Bourne) 3, G. Dodds 4, M. Orme 5, P. Mebew (first in method) 6.

COLNE ENGAIN, ESSEX.—On May 4th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Bob Minor: Cynthia Rayner 1, C. Snowden 2, Sheila Brewer 3, Hilda M. Snowden 4, T. Earle 5, Hilda G. Snowden (cond.) 6. first quarter peal 1 and 3.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On May 2nd, at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, 1,444 Stedman Cinquses: S. H. Dearden 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, Mrs. W. F. Oatway 3, R. Davies 4, Miss P. M. Steere (first of Stedman Cinquses) 5, E. W. Razzell 6, R. G. Abbott 7, E. G. Talbot (first of Stedman Cinquses) 8, W. F. Oatway 9, G. H. Humphries 10, F. E. Collins (cond.) 11, F. E. Mitchell 12.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On May 5th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Howells 1, D. J. Oakshott 2, W. Robinson 3, Cherie Payne (first quarter on 'inside' bell) 4, D. G. Astridge 5, G. A. Howells 6, F. Oakshott (cond.) 7, D. J. Evans 8. First quarter peal for 1, 6 and 8. Rung for special mission service.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund, on May 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: P. Rigby (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Fellows 2, M. G. Morton 3, P. J. Morton 4, J. McDonald (cond.) 5, A. Ager 6. Rung on the anniversary of the death of the Rev. Fr. Haigh, founder of this church.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLEX.—On May 9th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. Warren 1, A. Richardson (first quarter 'inside') 2, A. Goodall (first quarter) 3, F. Barker 4, F. Goodall 5, P. Blake 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, L. Tubb 8. The ringer of the second has been totally blind since birth.

FITTLEWORTH, SUSSEX.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Clark (first quarter of Doubles) 1, E. J. Munday 2, Miss P. Saxton 3, N. J. Smith 4, J. A. H. Betts (first quarter as cond.) 5, J. T. Finney 6. Rung for the first homecoming of David Hillary Betts, nephew of the conductor.

FULHAM, S.W.—On May 9th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. Page 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, W. Langdon 3, W. Rawlings 4, H. Belcher 5, B. Lunn 6, J. Waters 7, James Phillips 8, John Phillips 9, J. Stephenson 10.

GIDLEIGH, DEVON.—At the Church of All Saints, on May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. M. Atkins (cond.) 1, F. Wills 2, E. W. Biffin 3, F. Wreford 4, Rev. J. G. M. Scott 5. Rung on the occasion of the institution of the Rev. J. M. Scott, father of the ringer of the fifth, as Rector.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLEX.—On May 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. R. Mayne 1, D. J. Taylor 2, Miss F. Clayton 3, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 4, S. A. Warwick 5, H. E. Clayton (first quarter) 6, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 7, H. D. Butler 8. Rung for the presentation of the Charter to the Borough of Harrow.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: W. J. Chester 1, E. Saunders 2, B. Saunders 3, M. Saunders 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5, C. Hinton 6. First of Stedman for 2, 3 and 4. Rung as a 72nd birthday compliment to Mr. H. Batchelor (local ringer).

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS.—On April 25th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, G. Perkins 2, F. L. Nicholls 3, W. Ransome 4, A. Clements (first of Surprise as cond.) 5, H. S. Peacock 6. Also on May 2nd, 720 Cambridge Surprise and 540 Bob Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, G. Perkins 2, F. L. Nicholls 3, W. Ransome 4, H. S. Peacock 5, W. Mallet (cond.) 6.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On May 9th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: O. Norman 1, M. J. Dyer 2, E. J. Parish 3, W. Ransome 4, N. Mallet 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pullen 1, D. Mitchell (first quarter) 2, Miss A. M. Trott 3, E. F. Fosberry 4, S. A. Paice 5, R. Overy (cond.) 6, L. Stilwell 7, C. Denyer 8.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on May 2nd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, M. J. Dyer (first quarter of Surprise 'inside') 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, N. Mallet 4, H. S. Jeacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. Also on May 10th, 720 each of Cambridge Surprise and Bob Minor: H. B. Bull 1, M. J. Dyer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, W. Mallet 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung as a welcome to the Judge of Assizes.

INGATESTONE, ESSEX.—On April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Wilsher 1, G. Rogers 2, C. Wilson 3, F. Abrey 4, H. Wright 5, H. Egglestone (cond.) 6. Rung as birthday compliments to 4 and 6.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On May 4th, 1,260 Bob Minor: W. Pleasance (first quarter) 1, L. Pierce (first quarter 'inside') 2, K. G. Brown (cond.) 3, E. Bishop 4, H. King 5, L. Sharpe 6.

QUARTER PEALS

KESWICK, CUMBERLAND.—On May 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Tembey (first of Stedman) 1, S. Richardson 2, T. Wilson 3, Mrs. E. S. Powell 4, T. Hogarth 5, J. W. Brownrigg 6, H. S. Grisdale (cond.) 7, F. Barnes 8. Rung as a compliment to the conductor and Mrs. Grisdale, who were married on Easter Monday.

KINGSTONE, SOMERSET.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Welch 1, J. W. Drew (cond.) 2, F. Welch 3, R. Dean (first quarter 'inside') 4, T. J. Hill 5, J. Stenner 6. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of the parents of the ringer of the third, also the birth of a grand-daughter to the ringer of the fifth.

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTS.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Jones 1, E. C. Marlow 2, Miss R. Avery 3, R. F. Jones 4, Miss Q. Cooper 5, E. F. Marlow 6, W. A. Avery (cond.) 7, H. Trollope 8. Specially rung for the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. S. Waters, also as a 79th birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

MORTIMER, BERKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Parsons 1, E. Chandler 2, D. Neville 3, A. Ham 4, J. Taylor (cond.) 5, P. Lampert 7 (cover). Rung for the dedication of the newly-installed electric lighting.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe, on April 30th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. F. Holloway 1, W. H. B. Wilkins 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, M. Angela Carter 4, P. Walker 5, D. Niblett 6, A. E. Lock 7, M. S. Cloke (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble. Also on May 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. C. P. Pugh 1, Miss P. J. Ashley (first quarter) 2, M. H. R. Glover 3, G. Harper 4, W. H. Jackson 5, G. F. Jenkins 6, J. H. Smart 7, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 8.

PIRTON, HERTS.—On May 11th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: P. W. Croft 1, R. Head (first of Doubles) 2, K. C. Timbury 3, G. Cherry 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5. Believed to be the longest touch ever rung on the bells. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Roy Head.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDS.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Mrs. D. Beavan 1, H. Powell 2, Miss J. Green 3, Miss M. Tilbury 4, C. Jones 5, E. J. C. Davis 6, J. J. Webb (cond.) 7, W. T. Beavan 8. First in the method by all except the conductor. Rung for Evensong.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's Church, on May 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Catcrs: Mrs. F. J. Matthews 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, Mrs. T. H. Francis 3, T. H. Francis (cond.) 4, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 5, F. J. Matthews 6, A. R. Ling 7, A. J. House 8, J. R. Leeming 9, E. F. Willcox 10.

SPALDING, Lincs.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Bennett 1, F. Taylor 2, J. G. Ames 3, A. D. Mills 4, R. Noon (cond.) 5, M. Bennett 6, A. Bennett 7, D. K. Nichols 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. M. Bennett.

STREATHAM, S.W.—At the Church of St. Leonard, on May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Sanders 1, R. Charge 2, T. W. Welbourne 3, J. W. Chapman 3, S. Howard (first in method as cond.) 5, R. L. Story 6, R. Sanders 7, E. Wright 8. Rung for Evensong.

SULGRAVE, NORTHANTS.—On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Shellard, sen., 1, J. Salisbury 2, W. J. Chester (cond.) 3, B. Saunders 4, L. Wootton 5, G. Shellard, jun., 6. A wedding compliment to Miss M. Pollentine and Mr. G. Jarvis, who were married the same day at this church.

THORNER, YORKS.—On May 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. E. Barker 1, Miss M. S. Rhodes 2, G. R. Hawkes 3, R. L. Butterfield 4, I. Slack (first as cond.) 5, A. E. Hartley 6. First of Minor 1, 2 and 4. A birthday compliment to Joyce, younger sister of the ringer of the tenor.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on May 9th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): Miss N. Hales (first of Doubles) 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, R. K. C. Wilkings 3, M. Sinden 4, D. Neal (cond.) 5, J. Hales (first of Doubles) 6.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Bagg 1, G. Marchant 2, D. Miller 3, M. Stone 4, K. Prime (first as cond.) 5, C. Marchant 6. The average age of the ringers is 16½.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss T. Duck 1, A. V. Coates 2, J. R. Waller 3, D. Elwick 4, G. W. White 5, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 6, J. Hodgson (first quarter 'inside') 7, H. Waters 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Horne on the birth of a daughter.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Phyllis Gray 1, C. H. Harding 2, Ruth Carey (cond., first quarter) 3, S. J. Woodcock 4, C. E. Jeffries 5, D. Wooding 6. Rung for St. George's Day.

OUTING

CHILVERS COTON

On Easter Monday a party of 34 members of the Chilvers Coton band with their relatives and ringing friends from Coventry and Bulkington set off by coach for Wrexham, in North Wales. Upon arrival we met Mr. John Worth and company, from Macclesfield, just leaving the tower. The hour's ringing arranged was curtailed for a short time whilst a wedding service was held. On to Chester for a good luncheon at the Bear and Billet and then, leaving the non-ringers in Chester, we boarded the coach and set off for Eccleston. Those of us who had rung there before renewed our pleasure and those who had not agreed that the lovely octave had been worth the journey.

Back to Chester, to St. Mary's-on-the-Hill, where we were met by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Kingdon. The ascent to the ringing room did not deter the ladies of the party and some good ringing was done. A sight of Chester and the surrounding countryside was much enjoyed from the roof of the church.

A tea of Dee salmon was appreciated before leaving Chester for Brewood, in Staffordshire. An hour's ringing on these lovely bells, assisted by three Birmingham ringers who had been listening to the peal at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, completed the ringing for the day. After an hour at the Lion Hotel we set off on our journey back home, which we reached at 11.30 p.m., after a grand trip favoured with ideal weather.

BOSTON, Lincs.—On May 9th, 1,260 Bob Royal: D. Brown 1, F. Dewey 2, Lorna Briggs 3, Miss Armstrong 4, S. Jessop 5, A. Freeston 6, R. Brown (cond.) 7, T. Freeston 8, N. Fovargue 9, W. E. Clarke 10. Arranged for ringer of 4th, who hails from Tibshelf.

PENYFAL, BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Hiddins 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, E. W. Coles 3, D. W. Evans 4, W. T. Petty (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mrs. E. M. Eley, of Penyfai.

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Mr. Kenneth L. Brown, of Wembley House,
Ludham, Great Yarmouth, invites, through
'The Ringing World,' Mr. Kenneth G. Brown,
of Suffolk, to participate in a peal attempt dur-
ing the Whitsun holiday.

After reading the report of
the Herts County Association
meeting, questions have been
asked as to the validity of peals of Bob Triples.
A correspondent informs us that it is up to the
Council to decide what action, if any, to take.
The 1927 edition of Rules and Decisions states
that Bob Triples is ruled out!

After the peal at Nutfield on May 8th the
band were kindly entertained to tea by Mrs.
Kempsall and her daughter Nancy, who is a
local ringer.

An electrically-recorded tenor counter
operates at Ebbw Vale Church, having been
provided by Mr. Brian Price. When the
Clerical Guild visited this church it had re-
corded 778,609 blows!

Anne B. Speed will receive many congratula-
tions on ringing her 100th peal. Her list in-
cludes peals of Surprise in 29 different methods
and Spliced Surprise up to ten methods.

Mr. Nolan Golden has produced a leaflet
giving details of all towers with bells but no
ringers in the Norwich Diocese. This is how
visiting bands can render useful service. Per-
haps other Associations will undertake a similar
survey.

Edward Baker, aged 13, of King's Langley,
recently asked to ring the treble to Plain Bob
at the Herts annual general meeting. He rang
an excellent touch, and experienced ringers
were amazed to learn that this was his first
attempt.

When the North Eastern Association of the
Ladies' Guild visited Morpeth on May 1st to
ring at the Watch Tower they were received by
the Mayor (Cclr. Mrs. D. Moore) and the Rec-
tor (Canon F. Baker). Mrs. McGuiness (vice-
president) thanked them for the privilege of
ringing on these bells, which were dedicated in
1951.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

To the ranks of blind ringers
must be added the name
of Mr. A. Richardson, who
rang his first quarter on an inside bell at Finch-
ley on May 9th. Mr. Richardson has been
sightless since birth.

After the peal at Bassingham, Lincs, on May
8th, the ringers were most hospitably enter-
tained by Mr. and Mrs. Worsdall. The peal
was the first 'inside' for Mr. Robin J. Wors-
dall.

Mr. F. G. Oliver, of Colchester, has been
appointed 'The Ringing World' representative
for North-East Essex, and Mr. B. M. Barker, of
King's Langley, for West Herts.

Congratulations to Mr. H. Bullough, a most
regular service ringer at St. Giles', Newcastle-
under-Lyme, whose first ring on the rehung bells
at this tower celebrated his entering the ranks
of the grandfathers. The ringers were pleased
to know that the new arrival was 'progressing
quite satisfactorily.'

A welcome was extended to Mr. Geoffrey
Beech, whose return to St. Giles', Newcastle-
under-Lyme after National Service coincided
with the opening of the bells. His help in train-
ing the present young band will be valuable.

Mr. F. Sheraton, of Chester-le-Street, had
the pleasure of ringing with his granddaughter,
Miss Kathleen S. Brown, her first quarter.
Kathleen rang with a confidence and ability that
belied a difference of nearly 60 years in their
respective ages. Her ambition is to score a full
peal.

Mr. Denis A. Bayles, of 12, Crichton Avenue,
Chester-le-Street, who is arranging the tours in
connection with the Central Council's visit to
Newcastle, informs us that one bus tour will
take place on Whit Sunday and another on
Whit Monday. There are still some vacant
seats and it will probably be possible to ac-
commodate one or two more at the last moment.

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THE BELLS AND RINGING IN MALTA

DURING a recent broadcast commentary by Mr. R. Dimpleby on Malta's welcome to H.M. the Queen, listeners heard the bells of Malta.

To generations of English visitors and Service men these charming islands have been known as 'The Land of Bells, Yells and Smells.' Although the two latter objectives are not so prevalent to-day, the bells are still there.

Nowhere else in the world are there so many bells in so small an area or of such variety in size, shape and antiquity to delight the heart of the historian or student. Every village and parish has its church which dominates the landscape. They are built reminiscent of St. Paul's, with a centre lantern and small dome, with two towers at the west end in which the bells are housed. The majority or the churches are situated in the 'Seven Cities', which encompass the two main harbours—the Grand Harbour and Sliema Harbour.

To ringers, the 'ringing' of these bells will be of some interest, no doubt, and there may be some who have heard the bells of Malta in 'all their glory.' At the outbreak of the late war's still resident in Malta and I lived very close to the Cathedral in Sliema, and from my windows and roof I had a close-up view of the 'ringers' in action.

BELLS HUNG 'DEAD'

The bells are suspended 'dead' from beams set in large apertures in the walls of the tower. There are no louvres and, therefore, the bells are in full view from outside. A long rope is attached to the clapper of each bell and, at frequent intervals of the day, the 'ringers', who are young Maltese lads, appear and seize the ropes and set the clappers swinging to strike the bell at each swing, continuing this for a number of minutes. More often than not, other churches join in with their bells. The result is a terrific din and noise, and magnified by the numbers of bells and churches taking part at that particular time.

On special occasions, mostly Church festivals, saints' days and 'fiestas,' of which there are many in Malta, this ringing is much more frequent. There appears to be no co-ordination or time table and to the listener it is just a continuous noise.

Although several years have passed since I heard the bells of Malta it seems there has been no change of custom, and the Queen's visit to the island has been an occasion when the Maltese ringers have really 'gone to town.'

HYMN TUNES

Amidst the noise and clamour of the Maltese bells there are some sweet voices. They are the bells of the Anglican Cathedral of St. Paul, also heard during the broadcast. They have been used for many years as a carillon.

Thirty years ago I first heard these bells while I was crossing Sliema Harbour in a 'dghaisa' (a native boat), ringing out the hymn, 'We love the place, O God.' The tune came beautifully across the water from that lofty spire. It was after this, during a later period of service at Malta in the Royal Navy, and also as a member of the Cathedral choir, I learned that the repertoire of the carillon was increased by the efforts of a certain corporal of the R.A.F., who had transcribed two or three hymn tunes into numbers on a card.

I had been asked just previously by Mr. J. Bennett, then a colour-sergeant of the Royal Marines, when we were in Chatham, if I knew of any English bells in Malta. In view of this, on hearing the bells again I became curious. The Chaplain of the Cathedral was complaining that the repertoire was so small, and I thought something could be done about it. So one Sunday morning, prior to the service, I ascended the tower into the belfry, where I saw the verger's son engaged with six wooden levers, similar to those used to pump the

bellows of an organ, playing one of the hymns from a card, and followed that by a burst of 'rounds.' Whilst he regained his breath I was invited to view the bells.

Entering the bell chamber I saw a ring of six bells with a tenor (at a random guess after 25 years) of about eight or nine cwt., bearing the name (I am almost certain) of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, hung for ringing in a wooden frame in two rows of three bells each. The wheels, stays and sliders were complete but there were no ropes. The chiming apparatus was a system of wires and weights with outside hammers on the frame to 'clock' the bells, connected to the levers in the belfry below. I judged this to be a local job, the work of previous members of the Cathedral congregation employed in the Royal dockyard.

Having to take my place in the choir I was not able to stay for a closer inspection but I was much impressed. I had my dreams, too, but as the ringers known to be in the Services at that time could be counted on the fingers of one hand, and the possibility of them serving in Malta at the same time was extremely remote, my hope, alas! died almost as soon as it was born. The possibility of recruiting and training a band of ringers from a 'floating' population from the English colony was also too remote to be considered seriously.

GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

After a little thought, I had 'scrounged' a strip of white cardboard and scribed upon it a complete plain course of Grandsire Doubles and on the other side of the card a variety of changes including Queens and Tittums.

Eight years later I returned to Malta for a final period of service in the Mediterranean Fleet and it was to my great joy when once again across the waters of the harbour I heard Grandsire Doubles being chimed on the bells in that lofty spire.

Although listeners here heard the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral, Valetta, being broadcast, H.M. the Queen could not hear them through the noise and clamour from the Maltese bells, but, after all, it was Malta's day, and the Queen, on her return, was greeted by the music of English bells ringing changes in orderly rhythm. A. G.

DIAMOND WEDDING BELLS AT CHERTSEY

Greetings From the Queen Mother

The diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Stevens, of Chertsey, was marked by joyous celebrations on May 12th. While Mr. Stevens is not now able to ring, his interest is in no way dimmed and he is a regular reader of 'The Ringing World.' For a great many years he rang at Chertsey and his faithful service won the affection of parishioners and ringers.

The happy couple remember with pride that in recent years three generations of the family took part in the ringing at Chertsey, viz: Mr. Stevens, Miss N. Stevens (daughter) Mrs. Crocker (daughter), Mr. E. J. Crocker (son-in-law) and Miss Joan Crocker (grand-daughter).

In the evening a mixed team of ringers rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman on the bells of the Parish Church and the following took part: Miss M. Collins, Messrs. W. A. Peck, R. I. Shepherd and L. Knowles (Egham), W. E. Butler (Staines), Mr. and Mrs. Hancock and Miss Hancock (Ottershaw), W. A. Goldstone and W. Shepherd (Addlestone), Mr. and Mrs. Crocker and J. B. Hessey (Chertsey).

After the ringing most of the ringers were received by Mr. and Mrs. Stevens and members of the family at their home, and during the proceedings Mr. W. Shepherd, on behalf of the assembly, proposed the appropriate toast for the occasion, wishing them continued health and happiness. A letter from the Queen Mother, acting on behalf of the Queen, was read, and the visitors admired the gifts of flowers received in honour of the event.

Mr. Stevens entertained with anecdotes about ringers who visited Chertsey in bygone years, tales that caused hearty laughter from all.

W. S.

While ringers in this country rang last Saturday to welcome home the Queen, those at Durban, South Africa, were ringing St. Paul's bells in honour of the centenary of this town, said to be the most British in South Africa. There was also ringing on the Sunday afternoon following for a special service.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Big Gathering at Leicester

This year's country meeting at Leicester proved to be an unqualified success. Fine weather favoured the proceedings and a large number of College Youths from the Midlands gathered to meet the London members. It so happened that the date of the meeting coincided with the local Universities' annual hospital rag day, and the London party on arrival found themselves besieged by a very determined group of pretty young ladies, dressed in the most fantastic 'get-ups.' These girls would not release us until we had disgorged various sums of money for ransom—but we were guaranteed immunity for the rest of the day. One elderly member of the party perceived that this guarantee was not received too enthusiastically by some of the younger members—who seemed to enjoy being held up by such charming Amazons—for they seemed to bear out the old assertion that the Leicester, Worcester and Nottingham girls are the prettiest in the country.

Ringing commenced at St. John-the-Divine on a very fine ring of ten. This was the church where William Willson rang, and the two trebles were given by him. After lunch at the White Hart we proceeded to the Cathedral, where various touches were rung. These bells proved to be a very pleasant ring, and, after

the heavy weight of metal in London, were enjoyed very much by all. Then on to St. Margaret's, a rather heavier ring which was much admired by the visitors. One disappointment here was that we did not see Ernest Morris—he was taking part in St. Margaret's outing.

A short business meeting was presided over by the Master (Mr. John E. Chilcott), and apologies were read from Mr. E. A. Young (now bordering on his 90th year) and Mr. I. Emery (a College Youth for 63 years).

The Master welcomed Mr. E. G. Fenn, who has recently recovered from a serious illness, and Mr. Fenn, in acknowledging, said how happy he was to be back among College Youths.

Tea was provided at St. John's Schoolroom by Mrs. Ward and the St. John's ladies. Votes of thanks to all who had helped to make the day so successful were proposed by Mr. A. A. Hughes, and responded to by Mr. Harold Poole, who said they were pleased and honoured to have had such a meeting in Leicester.

The arrangements were made by Mr. A. B. Peck and Mr. F. E. Collins in conjunction with Mr. Poole, and a social hour at the Globe rounded off what had proved to be a most successful and enjoyable meeting. Mr. Paul Taylor generously provided transport for the less active members of the party and this was much appreciated by them. J. F. S.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Towers With No Ringers in the Diocese Listed

THIS took place not, as heretofore, on Easter Monday, but on a Saturday, May 8th. The hope that this would increase the attendance was abundantly justified, and the attendance was considerably greater than in recent years.

The five towers in Norwich whose bells are ringable were open for ringing in the afternoon and evening, Mancroft, St. Giles', St. Miles', St. George's Colegate and St. John-de-Sepulchre's. The annual service was held at Mancroft at 4 p.m.; this was taken part in by the Vicar (Canon Waddington) and the general secretary (Rev. Gilbert Thurlow). The president (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard) read the lesson, and the Rev. J. L. Turney (Rector of Sculthorpe) preached the sermon. Mancroft organist (Mr. C. J. R. Coleman) played the organ.

Tea was at 4.45 in the Chantry Hall, and was followed by the business meeting. At this the president (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard) was in the chair and over 80 members and others were present from King's Lynn, Gaywood, Snettisham, Dickleburgh, Winfarthing, Diss, Shelfanger, Blofield, Bunwell, Loddon, Caston, Bramerton, Ludham, Wymondham, Heston (Middlesex), Redenhall, Fornett, Sculthorpe, Great Yarmouth, Beccles, Emswell, Leiston, Hethersett, Mulbarton, Acle, Buxton, Norton Subcourse, Mendham, Pulham, Cambridge and Norwich.

Officers were elected or re-elected as follows: president, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard; general secretary and treasurer, the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow; vice-presidents re-elected with the addition of Mr. J. G. W. Harwood (for 21 years secretary of the East Norfolk Branch) and

the Bishop of Thetford; Ringing Master, Mr. Nolan Golden; hon. auditor, Mr. George Fletcher; Central Council representatives, Mr. Norman Harding, Mr. H. W. Barrett, Mr. Nolan Golden and the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow. The accounts were adopted with gratitude to the hon. auditor, who presented them.

The general secretary read a letter from the Central Council about the position of 'The Ringing World.' The following undertook to act as local representatives, unless and until the Branches should appoint: Mr. Cecil Ebberson (Snettisham), Mr. A. G. Harrison (Diss), Mr. C. Banham (Caston) and Mr. Kenneth Brown (Ludham).

It having been suggested that a cheaper tea would be more popular, it was agreed to consider this for next year. Mr. Nolan Golden produced a valuable leaflet giving details of all towers with bells but no ringers in the Diocese. It was noted with warmest approval that some bands are visiting towers with no, or very few, ringers, to encourage ringing there.

The Rev. J. L. Turney spoke about the memorial to be erected at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, to the late Mr. W. Eldred, donations towards which are to be given to Mr. Norman Harding, Wynnecroft, Roydon, King's Lynn.

Mr. Nolan Golden, replying to a question, said that he would be ready to proceed with making Association badges, if only a sufficient number of people would definitely say they wanted one. Members were very sorry to hear that George Bailey, of Wroxham, is ill.

Votes of thanks were passed to Canon Waddington for permitting the service, to him and the other Norwich clergy for the use of their bells, to the Rev. J. L. Turney for preaching, and to Mr. Coleman for playing the organ. The bells were later made good use of for the rest of the evening. G. T.

SOUTH NORFOLK AND NEW BANDS

The South Norfolk Branch held their spring meeting at Banham (famous for its Norfolk cider) on May 1st and attracted 40 ringers. The six bells of the Parish Church were rung to a variety of methods, and during the evening the eight bells at the adjoining parish of Quidenham were also rung. The service was conducted by the Rector (Canon R. W. Longley), who also preached, after which the members adjourned to the Church Hall for tea.

The Rev. F. E. Vokes presided at the business meeting, supported by the president (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard), Canon Longley, Mr. Ernest Whiting (Branch Ringing Master), Mr. A. G. Harrison (Branch secretary), Messrs. H. Moss, E. G. Bennett, C. E. G. Banham, F. C. Roper, W. G. Saunders and C. W. F. Philippo (committee). Miss Ann Creasey (East Harling) was elected a full member, and Mr. G. Filby (Wingfield) a non-resident life member.

A full discussion on 'The Ringing World' followed, after the reading of a letter from the secretary of the Central Council, by the Branch secretary. It was urged that South Norfolk must get more postal subscribers without delay; several members promised to help in this direction.

Mr. W. Saunders opened a discussion on encouraging ringing in parishes where one or more ringers were trying to form a band. After the close of the meeting the committee stayed on and finally suggested a monthly meeting at one parish, commencing on Friday evening, May 14th, with Shelfanger.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector and organist, and to Mr. W. G. Saunders for making the local arrangements. It was decided to visit Thetford for the next meeting on June 19th.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

Opinion on 'The Ringing World'

People visiting Penshurst, Kent, on May 8th, were treated to a real English country scene. It was a lovely day and there were many visitors to Penshurst Place, which is one of the stately homes of England. In the park on one side of the house the village team were engaged in a cricket match, while on the other side, in the pinnacled tower of the Parish Church, members of the East Grinstead and District Guild were holding their monthly meeting. The ringing chamber is on the ground floor, open to the church, so there was a constant stream of onlookers, probably seeing for the first time the art of change ringing being practised. At one time they saw an all-ladies' band performing.

At the business meeting the main item was the financial state of 'The Ringing World,' and while no decision was reached, the meeting was unanimous on several points, viz:—

(1) That the journal must be made more interesting for younger members, and all were urged to send in to the Editor any items of interest that came their way and not to be backward in replying to any matters arising from 'Letters to the Editor.'

(2) It was agreed by both town and country members that 'The Ringing World' was delivered earlier by the newsagent than by the postman, a good argument for making the price the same for both classes of delivery.

(3) It was agreed that letters could be published under a nom-de-plume, providing the Editor knows the identity of the writer.

After tea many ringers turned up and there was ringing for all, including a good course of Superlative and one of Southwell Surprise. Single Norwich would not go as one ringer insisted on making fourths and back after passing the treble in 2-3. C. A. B.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Solving the Problem of Reports

THE selection of Staindrop as the venue of the half-yearly meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association on May 8th proved to be a happy choice.

The village, with its old church, lies hard by Raby Castle, the seat of Lord Barnard, and many, on their way home, would see his deer grazing in the Castle grounds. Lying near the southern boundary of the Diocese of Durham, with only an infrequent bus service, it cannot be described as easy of access but, thanks to a few cars and a special bus from Newcastle, a company of 44 sat down to tea in the Black Swan Hotel.

Ringing took place on the delightful Taylor eight of St. Mary's while the committee met in the vestry. Then all joined in the service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. Z. Edwards), with Mrs. Edwards acting as organist. A collection for the restoration fund of the church amounted to £2 11s. 3d.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the president (Mr. Richard A. Gofton), who expressed his pleasure at the large attendance and commented on the rare delight for the Association of finding an incumbent who could participate in the ringing with them.

The business included a discussion on the motion to amend Rule 10 to allow flexibility in the date of the annual meeting when necessary. This was carried in spite of an amendment seeking to establish an alternative fixed date, and the secretary thereupon announced that the annual meeting for 1954 would be held at Newcastle Cathedral on Saturday, October 16th.

The views of the previous meeting at Sunderland condemning the use of recorded bells

had recently been conveyed to the Bishops of the two dioceses. Members were very pleased to hear the reply from the Bishop of Durham, expressing his agreement with the Association's views and promising to convey them to his Advisory Committee. A reply had been promised from the Bishop of Newcastle on his return.

The question of providing a comprehensive annual report without living beyond their means had engaged the attention of the committee for some time. For the past two years an abbreviated report had been published, omitting about half the subject matter that used to figure in the report. The printers had been consulted about the possibilities of producing a handbook which would contain most of the subject matter at present omitted, e.g., the list of belfries and members, rules, first performances, etc., but would need to be published only about once in five years. The estimates showed that five short reports would cost about £80 and the handbook about £20, making a total of £100 over five years, or an average of £20 per annum. This compared very favourably with the old style report at over £30 per annum and the principle had, therefore, been adopted. It was hoped that a thorough revision of all the subject matter could be completed and the handbook issued before the end of 1954.

The secretary read out the circular letter appealing for support for 'The Ringing World.' He stressed the greater contribution made by the postal subscribers and the need for more of them. The president also urged members to give their full support to the appeal.

Further ringing took place after the business meeting from rounds to Bristol Surprise and brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close.

D. A. B.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ANONYMOUS LETTERS

Dear Sir,—Having re-read the report of the annual meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, I am unable to find anything in my reported remarks which should have prompted Mr. A. B. Peck's letter in 'The Ringing World' of May 7th. I feel that it must have been obvious to the majority of readers that I was not speaking for or on behalf of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

However, if that impression was given, I hasten to assure Mr. Peck and any other readers who may have been misled that it was entirely unintentional.

The views expressed were my own—views which, however, I know are shared by many other ringers.—Yours faithfully,

F. A. MUNDAY.

Guildford.

Dear Sir,—I, too, along with other correspondents and a number of ringers with whom I have discussed the above topic, see no objection to letters appearing over a nom-de-plume in 'The Ringing World.' The Editor can withhold unsuitable letters, and in any case the fact that the writer's name appears does not add virtue to a distasteful letter. Personally, I find the page of letters the most interesting page of 'The Ringing World,' and letters over a nom-de-plume can definitely add interest and stimulate discussion.

I have not, so far, written an anonymous letter to 'The Ringing World,' nor, at the moment, have I any intention of doing so. However, many, who are shy of publicity might make useful contributions if they could do so under a nom-de-plume.—Yours, etc.,

N. CHADDOCK.

Rotherham, Yorks.

DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS

Dear Sir,—In the leading article of 'The Ringing World' of May 7th, 'E. C. S.' favourably compares Double Norwich Caters with Grandsire and Stedman.

Can he explain why it is so very seldom rung?—Yours sincerely,

W. A. FARMER.

Shrewsbury.

THE BEGINNER AND 'THE RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—Whilst I heartily endorse everything that Mr. Claude Rush says in his letter on page 235, I have myself pointed out to what I might call the 'Advanced Beginner,' viz., the one who is up to ringing, reasonably well, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, etc., the help he could obtain from the regular purchase and perusal of 'The Ringing World.'

The reply I got was, 'What is the good of me taking "The Ringing World"? It's all too advanced for me!' I then pointed out that there was always something for the learner, but I fear that the practice of one copy being thrown around the ringing chamber is not likely to inspire the beginner, as he or she only has a chance of a casual glance through its pages, seeing everything and noting nothing, and I agree that is not likely to induce the beginner to become a subscriber. Even when they have the opportunity to take part in a quarter peal at their own church, and are even elected to membership of their own county or diocesan association or guild, they are eager to see their names in print, but even that does not inspire them to become subscribers.

I think it would be only fair to 'The Ringing World' and its supporters if, when a ringer was sufficiently keen to wish to ring a quarter peal or a peal, he or she should be allowed to take part only on one condition, that he was prepared to take 'The Ringing World' in the same way that he must be elected a member of an association.

H. J. HAZELL.

Enfield, Middlesex.

ARE MEETING REPORTS DULL?

Dear Sir,—With reference to increasing the sales of 'The Ringing World,' I think that T. W. Sheppard in the last paragraph of his letter (April 30th) has, to quote a modern expression, 'got something.'

How many of those lengthy reports of this, that and the other Association are really read by the average subscriber? Those who attend the meetings are fully informed, and those outside the Association aren't interested, and yet we have a whole page devoted to them.

In fact they are on a par with the company reports sent out to shareholders—either too complicated to understand, or far too dull with facts and figures to read. More often than not they finish up in the wastepaper basket unread.

I must quote yet another letter ('The Ringing World,' April 9th). Claude Rush states 'It should be taken by every enthusiastic ringer, and especially the beginner—I think the beginner's interest would soar.'

Well, at the moment there is little of interest to the beginner unless it be the odd occasion when something catches his eye, something or other about Plain Bob, perhaps.

But in less time than it takes to shout 'Single' he is whisked off into the realms of Surprise Major! And far above his head, which brings me to the main point. Couldn't we have some articles for the beginner to get his or her teeth into—the necessity for accurate striking and how to obtain it—wrinkles sent in by the old hand—hints and tips, etc.?

Some might say that all these aspects are covered in 'Ropesight,' etc. That is so, but I think you will agree that in most weeklies, such as motor-cycling papers, wireless, carpentry, etc., there is always a host of tidbits for the novice as well as the more advanced reader, and these appear week after week, year in year out. It is just such articles as these that really sell the papers, especially those in a series, progressing from the purely elementary upwards, for then our reader has got to place his order to secure the entire works, whetting his appetite with another the moment one is finished!

I hasten to add that I am not criticising, but making the suggestion that all tastes be catered for, particularly the new recruit with a new-found hobby (and there's a lot of 'em) and it's his fourpence you're after!

If space does not permit these articles at the moment, perhaps these lengthy screeds, mentioned earlier, could be condensed a trifle. Yes, as T. W. Sheppard so aptly puts it, let's have some items on real ringing matters.—Yours faithfully,

J. K. MORLEY.

Burghfield, Reading.

Note.—'The Ringing World' is the official journal of the Central Council and also its affiliated Guilds and Associations. Each is entitled to a summary of its proceedings being reported. Interest of the individual reader depends on how much he contributes to the great family of change ringers.—Ed.

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SYNTHETIC BELLS

Dear Sir.—I am pleased to see in the columns of 'The Ringing World' that there are many people, who, like myself, regard synthetic bells as a menace. A church about two miles from where I live has one of these mechanisms. When I heard it for the first time I was impressed, and thought it sounded well, but when the record I was listening to finished, the operator put on another one, evidently of a different ring of bells, as the pitch was different, and my feeling of pleasure was rudely shattered. Whether the apparatus is now disused or whether it is a question of the wind having to blow in the right direction. I don't know, but fortunately I haven't heard that apparatus for a long time now.

One of your correspondents, who describes himself as a ringer, writes that we, as ringers, should be more tolerant, but I am tempted to ask what ringing he has done? I find it almost impossible to believe that anyone who has got as far as, for instance, ringing the treble to Plain Bob or Grandsire, should write suggesting that we put up with such a hollow sham.

One writer suggests that it is mere prejudice that causes ringers to protest about potted bells, and refers to gramophone records of symphonies by old masters, but buyers of such records probably recognise them as poor substitutes for the original, and in any case would not be likely to switch them off halfway through, as I imagine happens often in the case of recorded bells. I feel sure that the majority of ringers feel that their art deserves better treatment and do not want their efforts recorded in order to be dished up elsewhere, secondhand. A painter does not want his pictures copied in order that they can be sold wholesale to the public at ten per cent. of original price, and it is stupid to call such an attitude prejudice. After all, the ringers are the original producers.

A few years ago I made an experiment with the idea of trying to improve the striking at my own tower, St. Mary's, Greyville. I have a Webster recorder and I took recordings of some of the practices, playing them back afterwards. The experiment was a complete failure, as the recordings did not make the ringers listen to the ringing with a more critical ear. My experience makes me think that it is a fallacy to imagine that recorded ringing can be of use in promoting a love of bells with the general public, but is liable to have the reverse effect.—Yours sincerely,

CYRIL CHAMBERS,

Durban, South Africa.

The Herts County Association

Despite the counter attraction of the F.A. Cup final on television 15 towers were represented at the Northern District meeting on the light eight at Aspenden on May 1st. Lincolnshire Surprise was the special method for the meeting.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. D. Brittain) with Mrs. G. Dodds as organist. The tea was sumptuous; the youngsters failed to clear the tables.

Mr. A. Coles presided at the business meeting, at which Master Peter Stacey (Baldock) was elected a member.

The next meeting will be at Pirton, and, with kind permission of the Biggleswade District, Bedfordshire Association, Shillington bells will be available after tea. The special method is Winchendon Place Bob. A cordial invitation was extended to the Ladies' Guild meeting at Norton on May 29th. A collection for the general funds amounted to 16s.

The ladies were thanked for catering on the proposition of Mr. C. C. Stubbington, seconded by Mr. F. Aldridge. Westmill bells were also available for the evening ringing.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Reduction in Peal Ringing

THE annual general meeting of the Derbyshire Association was held in Derby on April 24th. During the morning the bells of St. Andrew's (10) were available but, for various reasons, only a few members and two visitors found it possible to take advantage of the opportunity to visit this tower and ringing was very limited. Mr. George Freebrey was in charge of the arrangements.

Ringling in the afternoon took place at the Cathedral (10) and St. Peter's (8), and approximately 50 ringers and friends attended the annual service in the Cathedral at 4.30 p.m. This was conducted by the Succutor (the Rev. Mr. Colley), and in a short address he likened ringers to the trumpeters mentioned in the book of Numbers. They were called upon, when required, to sound an alarm and to call people to worship. Mr. Heath Gracie, the Cathedral organist, kindly accompanied the hymns, and after the service several members had an opportunity to inspect the console of the wonderful electrically-controlled organ.

A NEW PRESIDENT

A very substantial tea was provided by the wives of several of the Derby ringers in the Diocesan House, adjacent to the Cathedral, where members were pleased to welcome the president-elect, the Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes, Provost of Derby.

The business meeting was also held in the Diocesan House, and, after he had been formally elected, on a proposition by Mr. W. Lancaster and Mr. H. Taylor, the president occupied the chair. In thanking the members for the honour they had accorded him by the invitation to become president of the Association, the president said that as he had not been brought up at places where bells were rung his knowledge of the art was extremely limited. He was, however, very keen and willing to learn and would give the Association all the help he possibly could.

The following officers were unanimously elected and tributes were paid for the valuable services rendered to the Association by Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Carlisle, who had found it necessary to resign from the positions of treasurer and Central Council representative respectively:—Vice-president, Mr. W. Lancaster; treasurer, Mr. J. B. Stennitt; trustee, Mr. H. Taylor; Central Council representatives, Mr. A. Mould and Mr. W. Robinson.

APPEAL FOR HONORARY MEMBERS

The financial statement, presented by Mr. Fletcher, was approved as satisfactory, but it was clearly pointed out that it would be necessary to maintain the income at the level achieved in 1953. Members were urged to invite suitable persons to become honorary members of the Association.

The annual reports of the general secretary (Mr. A. B. Cooper) and peal secretary (Mr. D. R. Carlisle) were read and approved. It was stated that there had been a reduction in the number of peals scored (35) for the Association, particularly handbell peals, but a marked advance in the variety of methods attempted. Three peals were rung to commemorate the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. The peals were conducted by 19 members, of whom 13 were residents. Rodney Harrison, David Walklate and Stanley Slaney conducted their first peals. A healthy sign was that 11 members rang their first peals.

Reference was made to the second annual dinner held in Derby on February 27th. This was a very happy social function and thanks were accorded to the small committee responsible for the arrangements.

The secretary read to the meeting a circular from the Central Council regarding the financial

position of 'The Ringing World,' and members agreed to discuss urgently the possibility of obtaining more postal subscribers. In connection with the Ringers' Roll of Honour it was unanimously agreed to forward a donation of 10s. towards the cost of the Roll to be installed in St. Paul's Cathedral.

Mr. Adams, the Chesterfield District chairman, proposed a vote of thanks to all who had contributed in any way to the success of the meeting, and particularly mentioned Mr. H. Taylor, who had been responsible for the ringing arrangements and tea. The ladies would not emerge from the 'back room' to receive a public word of thanks from the president, who felt that many of the people who were accorded thanks at such meetings were never in a position to hear the good things said about them.

Ringling continued at the Cathedral and St. Peter's until approximately 8.30 p.m.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

A company of over 80 attended the annual meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch at Cookham on April 24th.

Branch officers elected were:—Chairman, the Rev. E. S. C. Lowman; Ringing Master, Mr. R. Briggs; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. W. Welling; secretary, Mr. W. Butler; treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker; representatives on general committee, Messrs. A. D. Barker, R. Biggs, W. Birmingham, W. Butler, E. D. Poole and W. Welling.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL MEETING

3,000th Peal Recorded

IN accordance with the custom since the Guild's formation, the 54th annual meeting was held at Lincoln in April. There was the usual warm welcome from the Cathedral authorities and the Lincoln ringers.

Everyone was pleased to meet the Guild Master (Mr. J. A. Freeman); after his long period in hospital, although not yet able to make the long climb to the ringing chamber, the members felt satisfied that he would soon be 'among the ropes.' At the Cathedral evening song the Sub-Dean, Canon Cook, welcomed the Guild with well-chosen words. Over 150 members and friends had tea in the Eastgate Court Cafe.

The business meeting was held in the Chapter House, the Guild president (the Dean of Lincoln) presiding. The Guild report and balance sheet were formally approved.

THE MASTER'S REPORT

The Master, in his report, stated that 1953 was a year of steady progress and saw the ringing of the 3,000th peal for the Guild. The total of 116 peals was two less than in 1952 but included several noteworthy performances. The outstanding one was 35 Surprise Minor methods rung by Mr. J. R. Young and his band in the Eastern Branch. This was a record and they congratulated the band.

He regretted there was little activity in the Gainsborough District of the Northern Branch and that part of the Lincoln District centred about Sleaford, but they could look with satisfaction on the headway that was being made in the Elloe Deaneries and Eastern Branch. Higher methods were being rung and he hoped the striking was in keeping with the methods. He made this point because during the year a peal in an advanced method was recorded in another branch. He understood that the striking was poor and, due to bad method ringing, at times the bells 'fired.' Such performances were no credit to the band concerned or to the Guild.

TWELVE TOWERS IN AND AROUND STAFFORDSHIRE

Twelve towers in and around Staffordshire were visited on May 1st by nine ringers travelling in two cars from Stafford, Rugeley, Coventry and Little Aston.

A start was made at St. Peter's, Kinver (tenor 12½ cwt.), then followed the Warner six at Wollaston, and the eight at St. Chad's, Pittingham. Most interesting was St. Mary's Church, Patshull, situated in the grounds of the Earl of Dartmouth. This good ring of six is by Mears and Stainbank.

St. Michael's Church, Tettenhall, razed to the ground a few years ago by a disastrous fire, is being rebuilt at an estimated cost of £70,000. The bells are an excellent eight by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

St. Peter's, Broughton, bells were enjoyed but those at Betley, on the Cheshire border, need the attention of a bellhanger. The eight at Audley were, however, a compensation.

A warm welcome was accorded the visitors at St. Margaret's, Wolstanton, by Mr. D. R. Walley. These bells are of good tone and 'go,' considering they were cast by Rudhall in 1714. An excellent tea was arranged by Mr. Walley.

A new experience to most of the company was the ten at Hanley. St. John's, Burslem, was also visited and ringing concluded on the mixed bells at St. Edward-the-Confessor's, Leek, where the 'go' is good.

Thanks are accorded not only the incumbents, but Michael Fairey and Mrs. Joyner, who drove the two cars.

Bell augmentations had been carried out at Donnington and Barrow-on-Humber, where rings of six had been increased to eight. A new church had been built at Waddington to replace the old one destroyed by enemy action and the five old bells had been rehung.

All the retiring officers were re-elected, viz:—President, the Right Rev. the Dean of Lincoln; Master, Mr. J. A. Freeman; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. Bray; peal secretary, Mr. G. E. Feirn; representative on Diocesan Committee for Faculties, Mr. John Freeman; librarian, Mr. R. F. Smith; auditors, Mr. C. Brown and Mr. W. Tomlinson; representatives on the Central Council, Mr. J. Bray, Mr. G. E. Feirn, Mr. J. A. Freeman and Mr. John Freeman.

PEAL RINGERS AND MEMBERSHIP

The hon. secretary, on behalf of the committee, asked conductors and those organising peals to make sure that all taking part were actually Guild members. There had been cases in past years where non-resident ringers had not had their membership confirmed or had not paid their subscriptions. Resident ringers also were sometimes included although they had not paid their annual subscription for some years. The committee appealed for more care by those responsible so that future records would be more accurate.

There was a discussion on the financial position of 'The Ringing World,' with an appeal for more postal subscribers. Some members felt that the price should be increased to 6d., others did not agree and no resolution was moved.

The Guild Master proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and the incumbents of the other city churches for so readily allowing the use of the bells, the Sub-Dean for his address of welcome and to all who had helped with the arrangements for the meeting.

Ringers later took their choice of ringing at the Cathedral (12), St. Giles' (8), St. Peter-at-Gowts' (6) or St. Botolph's (6), completing another enjoyable 'April Fair' meeting.

DEDICATIONS IN SUFFOLK AND STAFFORDSHIRE

TANNINGTON, SUFFOLK

The small, ancient Church of St. Ethelbert, at Tannington, about four miles from Framlingham, Suffolk, is indeed an example of a parish church and cannot fail to inspire; from end to end and to the top of the tower, both inside and out, there is not a handful of rubbish to be found.

The crowning glory to the labours of restoration came on May 4th, when the Rt. Rev. Henry Wilson, until recently Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, dedicated a new treble bell and rededicated the old five. All fittings, including a steel frame, also a chiming apparatus, are new, and the whole of this work has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. It looks a really fine job.

The tower has been most effectively restored by builders of an adjoining parish. It is of the dumpy type, the height being about twice the width of the base; so ringers have no stairs to climb.

The church is said to be 14th century and it is recorded that there were three bells there in 1553. The five restored bells were all by John Darbie, and all of the same year—1662. The names of Thomas Dade and William Dade appear on two of them, the Dades having an estate in the parish in the 17th century. Half the sanctuary floor is made up of the tombstones of the family, and these monuments remain shining and polished to this day.

I met the parish clerk at the church door. He is Mr. H. Burgess, an old ringer, and he has been clerk since January, 1911. That is 43 years ago. 'That is a record,' I said. 'No,' he replied, and directed my attention to a gravestone near the door, which records that Edgar Allen was clerk for 56 years. Mr. Burgess followed him, so the two periods of service total 99 years, and Mr. Burgess is still going strong.

Mr. Burgess told me that the old wooden bell frame had long been decayed. Wheels had all gone and the only sound of the bells was from three, to the clappers of which he had tied ropes and so he chimed for service. It is over 20 years since a bell was raised in this tower, and the last peal is said to have been rung on July 27th, 1908. Now a very tuneful ring of six sounds over the rich farmland all round. The houses are scattered and the population of the parish is only about 150.

The cost of restoration is not all paid for but, even so, it is a remarkable achievement on the part of all those who took part in it.

Tannington will have to set about forming a band of ringers now. Apart from Mr. Burgess, it is doubtful if there is a ringer left in the parish, so long is it since there was any ringing there. However, there are plenty round about and I expect we shall soon see the first peal recorded in this paper.

The church was filled for the dedication service, which included six good, full-bodied hymns, and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. N. Li. Cribb). Visiting ringers kept the bells going until past some people's bedtime.

THE BELLS

Treble.—Diameter, 2ft. 1½in.; weight, 1 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.; note F. 'Made by John Taylor. Deo favente Elizabetham II. Coronation acclamation MCMLIII. R. R. Harvey, H. J. Bond, C'wardens.'

Second.—2ft. 3in.; 3 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.; E flat. 'John Darbie made me 1662.'

Third.—2ft. 5½in.; 4 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.; D flat. 'John Darbie made me 1662.'

Fourth.—2ft. 8in.; 5 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.; C. 'John Darbie made me 1662. John Jeffrey W.K., C.W. William Dade Esquire.'

Fifth.—3ft.; 7 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.; B flat. 'John Darbie made me 1662.'

Tenor.—3ft. 3in.; 10 cwt. 4 lb.; A flat. 'John Darbie made me 1662. Thomas Dade Esquire.'

CLAUDE RUSH.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME

AFTER being silent since the day of Her Majesty the Queen's Coronation in June last, the bells of St. Giles', Newcastle-under-Lyme, are once more pealing from their tower in the centre of this ancient borough.

On May 9th, during Matins conducted by the Rector (Preb. C. J. Watkins), the bells were rededicated by the Bishop of Lichfield (Dr. A. S. Reeve) in the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress of Newcastle and a large congregation. At the service the lessons were read by Mr. G. A. Moore (the tower Master), and Mr. R. S. Anderson (chairman of the North Staffordshire Association), and the choir sang, unaccompanied, the anthem 'Come, ye servants of the Lord.'

Following the rededicatory prayers the bells were rung in rounds whilst the Bishop and clergy returned to the chancel.

In his address the Bishop spoke not only of the message of the Church carried by the bells to all people, but of their place in the national life of the country. He expressed the hope that, along with other bells throughout the land, those of St. Giles' would ring out a welcome to Her Majesty on her return to these

ARCHBISHOP VISITS RINGERS

The Archbishop of Canterbury, upon the occasion of his visit to Boxley, Kent, visited the ringers after the service. 'We were ringing when he came up,' writes Mr. Wally Gosling, the local captain, 'so "stand" was called. One member failed to set his bell and, pointing to him, Dr. Fisher said that failing to control a bell was about his standard of ringing.'

The Archbishop had a cheery word for each member, and said that he liked to be amongst ringers, but for obvious reasons he preferred the ringing chamber to be on the ground floor.

Before leaving His Grace signed the visitors' book, and he congratulated Mr. Gosling on nearly a half century of ringing (actually since March 5th, 1905)

shores on Saturday, May 15th. The Bishop continued by reminding ringers of their place in the Church and that in all their ringing they should have before them their duty to God.

Following the service the bells were rung to rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Caters by the local ringers assisted by visitors.

The ten bells have been completely rehung in a steel frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Limited, of Croydon, whose representative, Mr. Stevenson, attended the service. The bells have been lowered some 12 feet in the tower and the sound outside is now greatly improved.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are to be congratulated on an excellent job, and the 'go' of the bells leaves nothing to be desired. The new frame incorporates provision for two trebles, but before embarking on this further project, efforts are continuing to raise a balance still required to clear the cost of the work already completed.

The civic authorities of the borough gave permission for a flag day on Saturday, May 8th, when a band of handbell ringers rang at various points in the town to stimulate selling. A sum of £140 was collected leaving some £160 still to be raised.

As work is still proceeding on the fabric of the tower, the first meeting to be held at the tower will not be until Saturday, October 2nd, but visitors will be very welcome at the weekly practice on Friday evenings at 7.30, or on Sundays at 10.15 a.m. and 5.45 p.m.

TWO ASSOCIATIONS AT EDENBRIDGE

On Saturday, May 1st, the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association held a joint meeting with the Southern District of the Surrey Association at Edenbridge.

Ringling commenced at 3 p.m. and once we got accustomed to the flashlight of the local Press photographer, proceeded smoothly until service. Incidentally, the rough proofs of his efforts were produced at tea time, and now that some of us have seen what we look like when we are ringing, we are amazed that those with whom we ring can survive a peal.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Graham), and the address was given by the curate (the Rev. J. Shephard-Walwyn), who had been ringing with us during the afternoon. Possibly this fact meant that we listened to his talk the more attentively, but mainly, we feel, it was because he had already earned our admiration and respect before the service. Clergy ringers are, of course, well known in the Exercise, but we think the number of blind clergy ringers must be very limited indeed, and as we watched Mr. Shephard-Walwyn taking part in touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob, on an inside bell, we had been amazed at his ability to put his bell in the right place.

Tea was supplied by the local band, no less than 70 ringers and friends being present, and was such a wonderful spread that we felt it was probably mainly responsible for the enthusiasm with which further joint meetings were suggested.

A very short business meeting was held, mainly in order to elect as members of the Kent Association two adult and four juvenile members of the local band. The secretary of the Tonbridge District welcomed the visitors from Surrey and extended a hearty invitation to them to attend any future meetings of the District. Mr. A. P. Cannon, Ringing Master of the Southern District of the Surrey Association, thanked the members of the Tonbridge District for their welcome and also said how pleased he was to meet the Rev. J. Shephard-Walwyn, whose name, he felt sure, he had seen in 'The Ringing World.' After a certain amount of pressure, Mr. Shephard-Walwyn admitted that he had rung several peals, but said that he had not done much ringing during the last few years.

Ringling then continued until about 9 p.m., many methods being attempted, not all with conspicuous success.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World'
May 22nd, 1914

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, May 16th, 1914, in 3 hours and 50 minutes

At the Cathedral

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES

5,037 CHANGES

Tenor 34½ cwt.

Alfred Whight	Treble
George F. Margetson	2
Robert H. Hayward	3
Frederick W. Edwards	4
Arthur Edwards	5
William Lincoln	6
Harry Allen	7
Alfred E. Achfield	8
Frederick G. Gill	9
Harry Richell	10
Henry F. Cooper	11
John Wood	Tenor

Composed by John Rogers. Conducted by Henry F. Cooper
First peal on the bells. First peal by the Association and in the county of Essex on twelve bells. First peal on twelve by all except the ringer of the 3rd, and rung at the third attempt.

OBITUARY

MR. G. E. RISBEY

The news of the death of Mr. George Edward Risbey, at the age of 60, cast a gloom over the Woodchester (Glos.) tower. 'Ted,' as he was better known, had been ringing there all his life as had his father and grandfather before him. Although not a peal ringer, he had several to his credit and was altogether far more interested in ringing for service.

On May 2nd he was ringing as usual—and apparently in the best of health—but the next day, just prior to leaving home for work, collapsed and died.

The funeral at Woodchester Church on May 6th was attended by many people and ringers were well represented. Handbells were rung over the open grave by four of the six young lads he had helped to teach during the past three months. They were Anthony Burford, Andrew Moore, Terence Randall and Nigel Birch. After service there was half-muffled ringing and again during the evening, and on the following Sunday ringers attended the tower to pay their last respects to one of the most popular bellringers ever to be connected with Woodchester tower.

Ted's death was all the more tragic in view of the fact he was soon to leave his home at Lightpill, near Stroud, to take up residence in the village again. Ringing had been in abeyance for over a year at the church, but since Christmas Ted and other ringers took over instruction of the six young lads, who can rightly be described as excellent prospects.

We at Woodchester will miss him more than words can tell and are grateful for all he has done for us. W. B.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

Crantock's Great Welcome to Truro Branch

The spring meeting was held at Crantock on May Day. Great preparations had been made by the Crantock ringers in greasing the bells and adjusting the ropes, also bringing forms, tables, crockery, etc., to the Vestry Room, a small room behind the church, and fitting up the churchyard tool shed as a temporary kitchen so that the tea could be held near the church instead of in the Church Hall, three-quarters of a mile away.

At 2.30 five of the Crantock ringers were in the belfry, soon to be joined by Mr. Reed, of Redruth, chairman of the Branch. The bells were raised and a touch of Grandsire Doubles, called by Mr. Docking, of Crantock, was rung. Then ringers began to arrive from Truro Cathedral, Kenwyn, Kea, Perranzabuloe, Redruth, Stithians, St. Austell and St. Ewe, and Doubles, Minor methods, rounds and call changes were heard. A service took place at 4.30, a number of ringers occupying the stalls of the ancient Collegiate choir led the singing, Mrs Blewett, the Crantock organist, playing the organ.

After service all moved to the Vestry Room for a magnificent tea. At a short meeting Mr. Southard, the Diocesan Ringing Master, thanked the Crantock people for their hospitality, and an offer by Mr. Jose, the captain of Kea tower, to hold the autumn meeting at Kea on September 18th, was accepted. Then further ringing took place and concluded with a magnificent touch of Kent Treble Bob, in which the Crantock bells have never sounded so beautiful before, and then the day concluded with a perfect fall. It was pleasing that method ringing was heard most of the time and it was the same at a much better-attended festival at Mullion a week before.

Although we can never expect more than rounds and call changes to be heard from the more remote towers of the Diocese, the day does not seem very far off when half-pulls will be practised in all the larger places.

W. H. R. T.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. ALBERT CRAWLEY wishes to thank all his ringing friends for their letters and inquiries during his recent long illness. His address is now 2, Beech Street, Barrow-in-Furness. 4414
A. P. HOLLIWELL has left Essex and now resides at 479, Gillott Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham. 4452

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

BOURNEMOUTH. — Mr. and Mrs. Fred Price have a few vacancies for early June (one room only on the 19th). Terms: 6 gns. per week, inclusive of full board. Fitted basins in all double rooms. Ideal situation, near sea and shops. Meal times: Breakfast, 8.30-9; dinner 1; high tea 5.30; hot drink and sandwich at 10 p.m. Packed lunches provided. Beach hut available.—St. Michael's, 9, Fisherman's Avenue, Southbourne. Telephone: Southbourne 46005. 4442

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MISCELLANEOUS

THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE.—A demonstration will be arranged on Saturday, June 5th, at the Science Museum, from 2.30 to 4 p.m.—A. A. Hughes, Albert Walker, Trustees.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Monthly practices will be resumed at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, W.C.2, on Monday, May 31st, 7 p.m. The next following will be on July 5th and then on the first Monday in each month, except August.—T. J. Lock. 4443

AVAILABLE to any young ringer for cost of postage, copies of 'The Ringing World' from 1950.—Mrs. W. Jackson, White Cottage, Beech Drive, Kingswood, Surrey. 4412

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting, Coleorton, May 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Rectory 5. Names to Mr. C. W. Lord, Pit Lane House, Coleorton, Leicester.—C. W. Hall, J. W. Cotton, Hon. Secs. 4362

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Great Kimble, May 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea, Monks Risborough, 5 p.m. Ringing afterwards.—Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough. 4383

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District. — Meeting at Elston (6) on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells at 2.30 p.m.. Service at 4.30 p.m. 4402

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Tichborne, May 22nd. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at The School Room. Names to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 3269

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tuesday, May 25th. 7.15. practice, Christ Church, Ealing Broadway. Monday, June 14th. 7.15. practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Everyone welcome. 4449

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Westbury-sub-Mendip, Saturday, May 29th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 4437

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Easton-in-Gordano, May 29th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 4439

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch. — Joint meeting with SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION, Market Drayton, May 29th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by May 27th, to F. Price, The Grove, Bentley's Road, Market Drayton.—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec. 4447

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch. — Meeting at Frodsham, May 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to J. E. Bibby, London Road, Frodsham, via Warrington. 4430

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch. — Meeting, Thurston (5), May 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please notify for tea (ham salad, 2s. 6d.) by 26th.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 4455

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting, Campsall (8), Saturday, May 29th, at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential, by 26th, to Miss D. E. Smythe, 19, Kirkby Avenue, Bentley Road, Doncaster. 4432

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Monthly meeting at Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Saturday, May 29th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Note change of venue.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 4428

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Hockwold-cum-Wilton, Saturday, May 29th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4434

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western. — Crusader meeting, Fobbing, May 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Ockenden, High Road, Fobbing. 4399

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Bristol Rural Branch. — Monthly meeting, Marshfield, Saturday, May 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, May 25th, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, near Bristol. 4431

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District. — Practice meeting at St. Mary's, Walton-on-Thames, Saturday, May 29th, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Everybody welcome.—J. F. Dodson. 4417

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District. — Meeting at Crondall (6) on Saturday, May 29th, from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15. Names for tea, please, by the previous Wednesday, to R. H. Mills, 35, Fowler Road, West Farnborough, Hants.—J. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec., 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 4413

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — Meeting at Norton, Letchworth, on May 29th. Bells from 3 o'clock, followed by service, tea and business. Baldock bells also available 2.30-3.30 p.m. 4393

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Meeting at Ibstock (6) on Saturday, May 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, May 26th, to Mr. A. E. Rowley, Hyom, Penistone Road, Ibstock, Leics. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. M. Simpson, Hon. Sec. 4422

LADIES GUILD (Yorkshire Division) and LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — A joint meeting will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, May 29th. Bells available 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Names, by Thursday, May 27th, to Mr. A. C. Walsh, Dunster, Oxford Avenue, Guiseley. Business meetings after tea.—Mrs. D. Kelly, I. Slack, Hon. Secs. 4425

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — Meeting at Walkden on Saturday, May 29th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 (free). Business 6. Names to Mrs. W. McDermott, 373, Manchester Road, Walkden, Lancs.—J. Thornley. 4429

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Accrington Branch. — Meeting at Accrington, May 29th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 4419

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District. — The next meeting will be at Lea on Saturday, May 29th. Tea for those who

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Branch. — Meeting at Reedham (5), May 29th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Bells available after meeting. Practise those five-bell methods, please. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, May 26th, to Mrs. F. O. Petherick, The Hills, Reedham, Norwich.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 4403

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Castleacre, May 29th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Method for this meeting is Single Oxford.—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 4446

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch. — Quarterly meeting. Greet-ham (6), Saturday, May 29th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by May 25th.—E. E. Gibson, Estean, Thistleton Road, Market Overton, Rutland. 4382

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Alderton, May 29th. Names for tea, by May 24th, to W. A. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham. 4389

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Meeting, Broad Hinton (6), May 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea, essential, to Canon White, Vicarage, Broad Hinton, Swindon, Wilts. 4444

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION and CHESTER GUILD (Crewe Branch). — Joint meeting, Market Drayton, May 29th. Names for tea to Mr. F. Price, Bentley's Road, Market Drayton. Ringing Festival at Shrewsbury July 10th. Details later. 4405

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Eastern Division) and HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Joint meeting, Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, May 29th. Please note amended date. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Names for tea essential by Wednesday, May 26th, to R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 4400

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division. — Practice meeting May 29th, Wivelsfield. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea only for those who notify by May 26th.—C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 4420

MARKSBURY, NEAR BATH, SOMERSET. — Corporate Communion, Sunday, May 30th, 8 a.m. Bells 7.15 a.m. Names for breakfast not later than Wednesday, 26th.—W. A. Prescott, Timsbury, near Bath. 4441

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District. — Chart Sutton (6), Whit Saturday, June 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 4438

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — By-meeting, Shipbourne, Saturday, June 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (1s. 9d.). Names, with cash, please, to Miss J. French, Woodbine Cottage, Shipbourne, Tonbridge. 4445

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch. — Meeting at Algarkirk, Saturday, June 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in Schoolroom at 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Monday, May 31st, to Mr. H. Barsley, Wood Lane, Algarkirk, near Boston. 4433

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch. — The annual meeting, the 50th anniversary of formation of the Branch, will be held at Newton Longville on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (8) at 2 p.m. Business meeting 3.30. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Address by the Bishop of Buckingham. Names for tea essential by May 29th. Other towers available after service will be announced.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 4440

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Fressingfield District. — A meeting will be held at Laxfield on June 5th. Bells (6) at 3 o'clock, but no tea. Service in church at about 4.—J. Barber, Hillside, Wingfield, Diss. 4451

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Chelmsford, Whit Monday, June 7th. Service in the Cathedral 11 a.m., conducted by the Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral. Address by Canon W. N. Welch, M.A., Archdeacon of Southend. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. Lunch at the Cathedral Hall at 1.30 p.m.; members 4s., non-resident and non-members 5s. To celebrate the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the Association, Evensong will be conducted by the Rev. J. O. Nicholas in Writtle Parish Church at 6 p.m. Tea will be served as a running buffet in the Church Room, Writtle, from 4.30 p.m. until 5.45 p.m. at 1s. 6d. per head. Bells available: Cathedral (13) 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.; the following towers are available from 3 p.m.—Great Baddow (8), Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Galleywood (8), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6), Sandon (6). Applications for lunch and tea tickets, with remittance and stamped addressed envelope for return of tickets, not later than May 31st, to H. Turner, Church Cottage, Hall Lane, Shenfield.—F. V. G. 4421

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Annual Festival, Plymouth, Whit Monday, June 7th. Service St. Andrew's 12 noon. Luncheon, Invicta Hotel, Osborne Place, 1 p.m. Meeting to follow at 2 p.m. Ringing: St. Andrew's (10) 9.30-11.45; Emmanuel (8) 10-11.30; Plympton St. Maurice (8) 10-11.15; all three towers also open after the meeting. For luncheon tickets (5s. prepaid, closing date June 1st) and particulars of seven other towers available in the Plymouth area, apply to E. J. Taylor, Gen. Sec., Westhayes, Post Hill, Tiverton. 4394

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual meeting and Festival at Hereford on Whit Monday, June 7th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15. General meeting 5 p.m. Bells available from 11 a.m. Please notify for tea.—Rev. E. G. Benson, Presteigne Rectory, Radnorshire. 4406

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held (D.V.) on Whit Monday, June 7th, at Northampton. Service in All Saints' Church at 3.30 p.m. Tea in St. Sepulchre's Church Rooms. Names for tea should be sent, not later than May 29th, to Mr. G. F. Roome, 31, Clare Street, Northampton. Towers open for ringing: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Moulton (8), Kingsthorpe (6), Duston (6), Brafield (6), Boughton (5), Weston Favell (5). (Dallington not available); 1 to 3 p.m.—Northampton—St. Giles' (10), St. Edmund's (8), St. Peter's (8); 1 to 3.30 p.m.—All Saints' (8); all available from 6 p.m. except Brafield and Weston Favell.—G. W. Jeffs, Gen. Sec. 4375

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual Festival at St. Michael's, Macclesfield, Saturday, June 12th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at Beehive Cafe 5 p.m. Tickets (4s. 6d.) (Continued on next page)

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from Branch secretaries, who are asked to forward numbers, not later than June 8th, to Mr. John Woth, 261, Peter Street, Macclesfield. Towers available from 2 p.m.: St. Michael's (12), Christ Church (10), St. Peter's (8), Sutton (6).—J. Kingdon. 4424

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Est. 1623).—The 331st anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m.—L. E. Pitstow, 27, Highfields, Saffron Walden. 4453

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—Annual festival and meeting, Oxford, Saturday, July 24th. Service 11 a.m. Meeting 12 noon. Lunch 1.30. Choristers' usual arrangements with M. F. Sharpe.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 4415

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Following the recent amendment of Rule 10, the annual general meeting will now take place on Saturday, October 16th, at Newcastle Cathedral. 4418

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