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THE NEW PRESIDENT

MR. FREDERICK SHARPE, who succeeds Mr. E. H. Lewis as president of the Central Council, started ringing at the age of 14 at Launton, Oxfordshire, the village in which he was born in 1905 and has made his home. His association with St. Mary's Church, Launton, has been continuous since boyhood days as chorister, server and ringer (captain since 1927). He has been churchwarden since 1932 and in 1955 became a licensed lay reader in the Diocese of Oxford.

Taught to handle a bell by Mr. Richard Castle, then and still vergor of St. Mary's, Launton, Mr. Sharpe rang his first peal in 1922 (Bob Minor) at Bicester, conducted by Edwin Hims. A 30 years friendship with Richard White, bellhanger, of Appleton, Berks, started in 1925. It was from Mr. White that he acquired a vast amount of practical knowledge of bells and bellhanging, and at Appleton he learned to ring Stedman and Grandsire Caters. He has rung about 26 peals—one in Ireland and the rest in England. They range from Grandsire Doubles to Stedman Caters. He conducted his first peal at Lower Heyford, Oxfordshire, in 1925. While he has rung two tower bells to many quarters, he has never aspired to a full pull double-handed. He also rings a pair of tower bells to 'rise' and 'fall.'

Mr. Sharpe's membership of the Oxford Diocesan Guild dates back to 1920. Two years later he became a member of the Guild Committee; later in 1928 he was hon. secretary of the Bicester Deanery Branch, a position he held for 20 years. In 1951 he succeeded Capt. Poyntz as deputy Master of the Guild, an office he still discharges.

Although his record with the Oxford Diocesan Guild was conspicuous, it was not as a representative of the Guild that the new president joined the Central Council. He was elected an honorary member in 1939 because of his wide knowledge of bells and belfries and the practical problems in bell hanging. In 1946 he was elected a member of the Towers and Belfries Committee, and since 1952 has been convener of that committee. For the Central Council he has visited hundreds of towers. Today, Mr. Sharpe is recognised as one of the leading authorities on bells. As a lecturer on all branches of the art of campanology Mr. Sharpe's services have been in great demand since 1939. Mention should also be made of the important office for the Central Council he has held as hon. librarian; he succeeded the late Mr. K. W. H. Hooton in 1954.

Ringing at Caversfield, a 3-bell tower, where hangs the oldest datable inscribed bell in England, at the age of 16, started a study of the history of bells and the art of bell-founding. In 1923, when only 18, he became acquainted with the late Mr. H. B. Walters, the well-known author of many books on bells. H. B. W. was then well advanced in years and not able to scale turrets or reach bells not readily attainable in towers. Being full of enthusiasm, Fred Sharpe inspected many bells for Mr. Walters, who in return took delight in coaching a very willing pupil. This friendship took a more practical turn in 1923 when Mr. Sharpe began his now famous collection of data on bells, their founders and details of their hanging. In that year he surveyed 24 towers, but in the peak year of his activities (1950) no less than 104 towers were surveyed.

His first publication was 'The Church Bells in the Deanery of Bicester' (1931). Other works from his pen are 'The Churches of the Rural Deanery of Bicester' (1936), 'The Church Bells of Berkshire,' Vol. I (1939), 'Church Bells of Radnorshire' (1947), 'Church Bells of Oxfordshire' (1952). His services were recognised in 1953 when he was elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries.

In 1925 Mr. Sharpe began collecting handbells, and has now a unique set of 159 bells in all (some are only museum pieces). These bells he has tuned and where necessary clappers and fittings have been made, his object being to get as many examples of different bellfounders' work as possible into a set. The earliest bells date from the last few years of the 17th century. He is the leader of the handbell ringers of St. Mary's, Launton. In 1951 these ringers gave their first sound broadcast, and since then have given three more broadcasts. This band of handbell ringers made a first appearance on television in 1954.

Mr. Sharpe is the proprietor of Messrs. Lewis Penn and Co., an old established firm of building contractors, to which he succeeded on the retirement of his uncle, the late Mr. Lewis Penn. The firm has a general building practice and specialises in the period-type restoration of ancient buildings.

The president married in 1935 Miss E. J. M. Evans, of Trenwydd, Cardigan, at the Parish Church, Llandygywdd, Cardiganshire, in 1935. On that occasion the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, the present Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, was the best man. They have one daughter, Elizabeth, who celebrates her 21st birthday this year.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 3, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt.

*MARY H. HALL Treble	FRANK E. HANSFORD 6
†ELISABETH A. G. GRIME .. 2	PATRICIA M. BOURN 7
FRANK D. MACK 3	REGINALD G. HOOPER 8
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD 4	ALBERT M. TYLER 9
DAVID HEIGHTON 5	TUDOR P. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

* First peal. † First peal of Caters and first of Stedman.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. Treble	DONALD H. NIBLETT 6
FRANK A. BARRATT 2	STEPHEN J. IVIN 7
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. 3	J. RICHARD CHAUNDY 8
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 4	FRANCIS A. WHITE 9
WALTER F. JUDGE 5	EDWIN DREWITT Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1957, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. Treble	†TERENCE T. JONES 6
PATRICIA M. BOURN 2	‡ALAN F. LEE 7
RICHARD J. BOWDEN 3	REGINALD G. HOOPER 8
ELISABETH A. G. GRIME .. 4	ROGER O. FRY 9
*WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 5	FRANK D. MACK Tenor

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER. Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

* 100th peal. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ First of Caters.
Arranged and rung in honour of the wedding at Chepstow on this day of Jacqueline S. Evans and David J. King.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 10, 1957, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

*KEITH WAKEFIELD .. Treble	JOHN W. V. SINFIELD 6
BRYAN PATTISON 2	ROBERT L. PIRON 7
*ANNE E. AMOR 3	ROGER A. LENNARD 8
*JENNIFER M. DAVIES 4	JOHN B. LONG 9
PHILIP WALKER 5	KENNETH G. SPAVINS Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM J. MORRIS. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 18 cwt. in F.
TERENCE BARTON .. Treble	CYRIL S. JARRETT 5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 2	RALPH BIRD 6
GEORGE J. BUTCHER 3	*ERNEST J. ROWE 7
ROBERT COLLINS 4	BRIAN BLADON Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Tues., May 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*STEPHEN J. IVIN .. Treble	*D. ROY STODDARD 5
DAPHNE R. CASTELL .. 2	*ROBIN N. PITTMAN 6
*DERMOT J. ROAF 3	DONALD H. NIBLETT 7
PETER R. SANDERS 4	ROBIN A. HODGSON Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN A. HODGSON.

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

Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the dedication of these bells.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 29, 1957, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PASTON BOB TRIPLES

A variation of Annable's Six-part.

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 6
GEORGE SAYER 3	BERT GOGLE 7
JOHN S. BARNES 4	ALLAN C. HAINES Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

The first peal in the method, No. 15, 'R.W.', August 17th, 1956, page 524.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

A variation of J. A. Trollope's Six-part (C.C. No. 9, p. 148) with 2nd at home at 4th and 8th courses of each part. Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb. in G.

*HAROLD BLAKE .. Treble	A. SPENSER BROTHERS .. 5
ARTHUR G. BASON 2	GEORGE SAYER 6
CHARLES H. MOORE 3	NOLAN GOLDEN 7
RAYMOND G. LOFTY 4	CLIFFORD BIRD Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Major.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Leeds and District Society.)

On Sat., June 1, 1957, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, UPPER ARMLEY,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON .. Treble	THOMAS W. STRANGWAY .. 5
JACK F. HODSON 2	WILLIAM DIXON 6
FRED BENNETT 3	IRVIN SLACK 7
FRANK RAYMENT 4	LEONARD DRAKE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS W. STRANGWAY.

Specially arranged and rung in honour of the election of Ald. Joseph Hiley as Lord Mayor of the City of Leeds.

STOKE-BY-NAYLAND, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., June 1, 1957, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

CHARLES E. FISHER .. Treble	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP .. 5
URBAN W. WILDNEY 2	KENNETH G. BROWN 6
ROBERT E. LESTER 3	RONALD W. STEWARD 7
HARRY D. LISTER 4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major on the bells.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 3, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. Treble	CYRIL A. WRATTEN 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	ERNEST J. JELLEY 6
JOSEPH W. COTTON 3	ALAN CARVETH 7
JOHN A. ACRES 4	ROLAND BENISTON Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 3, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Treble	ERNEST E. GOSLING 5
ALAN J. FROST 2	GEORGE COUSSINS 6
GEORGE E. RUCK 3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 7
JANET L. ADAMSON 4	ALAN E. HARTLEY Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by ALAN E. HARTLEY.

First peal as conductor.

Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of the conductor.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

RONALD CHAFER Treble	ARTHUR CROWDER 5
JACK BRAY 2	MICHAEL CROWDER 6
HARRY HALL 3	SEPTIMUS NEAVE 7
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS .. 4	GEORGE W. MOODY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

In memoriam A. H. Eastor, for many years a ringer and churchwarden of this parish.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF 5024 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

ROY D. TOMLIN Treble	IAN H. ORAM 5
THOMAS J. LOCK 2	JOHN L. MORRIS 6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 3	BRIAN BLADON 7
RALPH BIRD 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

The first peal in the method for the Association, on the bells, and by all the band except the ringer of the second.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 4, 1957, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter, Mancroft,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 55 lb. in F.

On the 'Gabriel' 8.	
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
GEORGE SAYER 2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN 6
F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 3	*ALAN CARVETH 7
ARTHUR G. BASON 4	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method.

LODDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

At the Church of The Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

GEORGE SAYER Treble	CYRIL A. WRATTEN 5
ARTHUR G. BASON 2	JOHN S. BARNES 6
STANLEY W. COPLING .. 3	BERT GOGLE 7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 4	ALAN CARVETH Tenor

Composed by D. W. BEARD.

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

Composition now rung for the first time.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

At the Watch Tower.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

Holt's Original.	
NICHOLAS I. WRIGHT .. Treble	GEORGE S. DEAS 5
*DENIS A. BAYLES 2	EDMUND P. CROWDY 6
PETER M. GILES 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 7
*ERIC N. HARRISON 4	KENNETH ARTHUR Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* 50th peal together.

In memoriam Canon H. S. Stephenson, M.A., president of this Association, 1950-1953.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 6, 1957, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in D.

*JOHN HALLIWELL Treble	ROGER LEIGH 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 2	JAMES BLACKBURN 6
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 3	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. 7
PHILIP DUNDERDALE .. 4	SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob. First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major to be rung in the tower.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5152 RUISLIP SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

ERNEST H. KILBY Treble	STANLEY E. DARMON .. 5
THOMAS J. LOCK 2	DENNIS KNOX 6
ALICK CUTLER 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
JEAN A. DARMON 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

The first peal in the method (Corrigan: No. 270).

Rung to celebrate the diamond jubilee of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Vincent,

A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E.

LESLIE SQUIRES Treble	WILLIAM R. PARKER .. 5
GEORGE W. CREASEY .. 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 6
JOHN WALDEN 3	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 7
LOUIS WILLIERS 4	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

ERITH, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Fri., June 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 5
ARTHUR G. MASON 2	*ERIC NAYLOR 6
IAN H. ORAM 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7
JOHN L. MORRIS 4	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Composed by J. L. MORRIS.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

* First peal in the method. The conductor's 50th peal of Bristol.

CHESHUNT, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1957, in 3 Hours.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

BRUCE E. V. MCKIE .. Treble	*WILLIAM D. FOOTE .. 5
*WALTER J. NEWNHAM .. 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE 6
ARTHUR J. BULL 3	*ERNEST J. NEWNHAM .. 7
ARTHUR RADLEY 4	LIONEL S. WOODS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by LIONEL S. WOODS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal.

Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the second on his 80th birthday.



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DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1957, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt.

PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. Treble	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 5
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 6
PETER J. CAME .. 3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 7
JOE E. G. ROAST .. 4	ALAN CARVETH .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

Believed to be the 300th peal on the bells.

Rung for the wedding at Chepstow this same day of David J. King and Jacqueline S. Evans.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb. in G sharp.

B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. Treble	J. GEOFFREY GEARY .. 5
JEAN A. KIRKMAN .. 2	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 6
ERNEST F. PAYNE .. 3	ROGER A. BREWIN .. 7
ERNEST MORRIS .. 4	ROYSTON WILMORE .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

B. Stedman Payne has now 'circled the tower.'

CAMBRIDGE. THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 10, 1957, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 32 cwt. in D.

HUGH NEILL .. Treble	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 5
RUTH M. JACKSON .. 2	JOHN G. GIPSON .. 6
J. DESMOND PAINTER .. 3	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. 7
A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 4	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by J. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

The first peal in the method on the bells.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, June 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM GERRARD .. Treble	ROLAND F. ECCLES .. 5
HERBERT RAINFORD .. 2	LAWRENCE D. CLEMENT .. 6
DOROTHY ECCLES .. 3	JAMES E. BURLS .. 7
WILFRED BOLTON .. 4	ALAN CAPSTICK .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLS.

This composition by Ernest Morris appeared in 'The Ringing World' of May 17th, 1957.

A wedding compliment to Mr. Frederick Schofield, a ringer at this tower, who was married on the previous Saturday to Miss Edith Taylor.

SIX BELL PEALS

SWEPSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 22 extents of Plain Bob, 12 extents of Grandsire and eight extents of Reverse Canterbury. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE HOWLETT .. Treble	JOHN HAWTIN .. 4
*C. WILFRED LORD .. 2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 5
*JAMES A. LORD .. 3	REGINALD UPTON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. UNDERWOOD.

* First peal in three methods.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Childwall, St. Clement's, Thel-wall, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEOFFREY F. GARNETT .. Treble	NORMAN SMITH .. 4
JOHN B. PICKUP .. 2	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. 5
PHILIP DUNDERDALE .. 3	ROGER LEIGH .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

First peal in seven plain methods by all the band.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*MERITA V. BRADDOCK .. Treble	†FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 4
ROBERT B. SMITH .. 2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 5
†WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 3	ALAN MCFALL .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN MCFALL.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Plain Bob Minor. First peal in the method as conductor.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Court and Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

HENRY P. COLLIN .. Treble	PERCY D. BALDOCK .. 4
RONALD RUSSELL .. 2	D. HENRY METTAM .. 5
WALTER WESTON .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Daphne M. Weston.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (five callings).

Tenor 10 cwt.

MARY J. SMITH .. Treble	*NORMAN SMITH .. 4
DAVID GILBERT .. 2	KENNETH LAWSON .. 5
GEORGE ATKINSON .. 3	PAMELA BLAKELEY .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

Rung during the annual procession of witness, and to mark the fourth anniversary of the coronation of the Queen.

BECKLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOAN GARNETT .. Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 2	CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 5
WILLIAM BUTTON .. 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

COLEORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents Reverse Canterbury, eight extents April Day, six extents Grandsire and 20 extents Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*JOHN COLLEDGE .. Treble	†C. WILFRED LORD .. 4
†JAMES A. LORD .. 2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 5
†REGINALD UPTON .. 3	GEORGE HOWLETT .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. UNDERWOOD.

* First peal. † First peal in four methods.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., June 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Court, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in G.

C. JACK GIBSON .. Treble	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. 4
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 2	PETER S. BEDFORD .. 5
RAYMOND PECK .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

**BELCHAMP ST. PAUL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Fri., June 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR*

Being extents of (1) Childwall and Thelwall, (2) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) Norwich Surprise, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Double Court, (7) Plain. Tenor 10½ cwt.

PETER MAYLE Treble	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT .. 4
MARIAN H. MILLS 2	THOMAS BIRD 5
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK .. 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

First peal in ten methods by all except the conductor. First peal in ten methods as conductor. Thomas Bird has now 'circled the tower.'

**COITY, NEAR BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**
*On Sat., June 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES*

Being 1,440 Plain Bob, 3,600 Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

ELLIS C. TURNER Treble	THOMAS E. HIDDINS 4
JOHN HALE 2	WILLIAM T. PETTY 5
D. WALFORD DAVIES 3	HAROLD PREECE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PETTY.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Jacqueline S. Evans and Mr. David J. King, of Chepstow.

**MEDBOURNE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., June 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR*

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford and Bob Minor. Tenor 9 cwt.

RONALD RUSSELL Treble	G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 4
PERCY D. BALDOCK 2	LOUIS WILLIERS 5
AMOS INGALL 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

A birthday compliment to Mr. Ronald Russell, A 42nd wedding anniversary peal for Mr. and Mrs. A. Ingall, of Branston, Lincs. A wedding peal for Geoffrey H. Russell (son of the treble ringer) and Miss Janet Anderson.

**UPCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES*

Being 42 120's (ten callings). Tenor 12½ cwt. in G sharp.

EMILY B. P. WALKER .. Treble	TERENCE BARTON 4
FRANCES J. CHEAL 2	*CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. 5
WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 3	†DEREK A. BALDOCK Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. † First peal.

Rung on the 22nd anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

**WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR*

Being extents of (1) Kent and Oxford T.B., (2) Oxford Bob, (3) Double Oxford, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Double Court, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

HEATHER G. STEWART .. Treble	A. EDWARD LEGGETT .. 4
*MARIAN H. MILLS 2	LESLIE D. MILLS 5
DONALD L. MILLS 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* 25th peal. First in eight methods by all except 5 and 6.

**BROUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)**

*On Mon., June 10, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR*

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS BARKER Treble	JAMES BLACKBURN 4
*JAMES HODGSON 2	JOHN JOLLEYS 5
*NEIL KITCHEN 3	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

* First peal 'inside.'

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

*AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR*

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 gr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

JEAN A. KIRKMAN Treble	†ERNEST MORRIS 4
ERNEST F. PAYNE 2	*GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 5
*MARY C. PAYNE 3	†B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Kent Minor. † 50th peal together. First peal of Kent on the bells. The second ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

A 71st wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Felstead, of Rothley.

STUTTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., June 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR*

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALAN R. ANDREWS Treble	FELIX H. ERITH 4
*PHILIP G. ERITH 2	FREDK. R. DAY 5
ROY DUESBURY 3	GEORGE W. ORMAN Tenor

Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.

* First peal 'inside.'

HANDBELL PEALS

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sun., May 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

*AT THE CLARENDON LABORATORY,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS*

Tenor size 15 in C.

*†ROBIN A. HODGSON .. 1-2	*WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 5-6
JOHN E. SPICE 3-4	*DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 7-8
*†STEPHEN J. IVIN 9-10	

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

* First peal on ten handbells. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Caters as conductor.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

*AT 37, GRETTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR*

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

*BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 1-2	*WILLIAM A. SMITH 5-6
WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 3-4	*ALEX RICHARDSON 7-8

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WILFRED L. ROBINSON.

* First peal on handbells.

LONDON.

ST. LUKE'S, CHELSEA, SOCIETY.

On Wed., June 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

*AT 63, WOODLAWN ROAD, S.W.,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR*

Tenor size 15 in C.

*VERONICA E. DUPRE .. 1-2	† J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 5-6
*FREDERICK HOWSON .. 3-4	† CECIL H. WOOD 7-8

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by CECIL H. WOOD.

Witness: JOHN H. LOTT.

* First peal on handbells. First peal as conductor.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Wed., June 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

*AT 128, LEICESTER ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES*

Washbrook's. Tenor size 15 in C.

*JOHN VERNON 1-2	† ALFRED BALLARD 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3-4	† MICHAEL VERNON 7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman 'in hand.' † First peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand.'

QUARTER PEALS

BARKING, ESSEX.—On May 19th, 1,264 Bob Major: D. G. Mitchell 1, A. W. Beard 2, Miss C. M. Ford 3, S. T. Ford 4, I. Goulter 5, D. W. Beard (cond.) 6, S. J. Holgate 7, E. G. Cottis 8. For Evensong.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. E. Lester (cond.) 1, Miss A. Lester (18) 2, P. R. J. Lester (13) 3, W. Girling (15) 4, L. N. Melton (15) 5, T. N. J. Bailey (15) 6. For Evensong.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, L. Prior (first quarter) 2, Mrs. S. Bullock 3, L. Bullock 4, J. Bullock (cond.) 5, S. Nelson (first quarter) 6. Rung prior to the wedding as a compliment to John Barance and Barbara Joy Osborne.

BELPER, DERBYS.—On May 28th, 1,440 Bob Minor: C. Walklate 1, J. G. Dark (first quarter) 2, E. H. Johnson 3, K. Ballington 4, D. P. Jones 5, W. A. Morley (first as cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Minor (720 Double Oxford, 540 Plain Bob): Miss M. Ward 1, Miss J. Cox 2, Miss M. Andrews 3, Miss D. M. Ward 4, J. L. Morris (cond.) 5, D. Beresford 6.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.—On June 10th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: K. Wakefield 1, Anne Amor 2, Phyllis Gray 3, P. Newing 4, B. Grainger 5, B. Pattison (cond.) 6. Rung for the birthday of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

BROMYARD, HEREFORDS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Bob): G. Wall 1, R. Price 2, A. F. Wall 3, D. R. Hinksman 4, C. J. Wall 5, T. Cooper (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Thomas Bridgewater, a ringer at this church.

BUGBROOKE, NORTHANTS.—On Ascension Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Clayton 1, E. Garrett 2, K. Pearson 3, C. Lovell 4, K. Rogers (cond.) 5. First quarter 1 and 3. For Evensong.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On June 9th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. Bower 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, Miss S. Hughes 3, Miss J. Spurgin 4, D. L. Mills (cond.) 5, A. W. Cansdale 6, L. D. Mills 7, E. C. Hynard 8. For Whit Sunday.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On June 2nd, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. P. Rollison 1, L. J. Baldock 2, F. Lee 3, J. W. Rollison 4, K. G. F. Reynolds 5, W. J. Hayes 6, R. W. Pankhurst (cond.) 7, E. T. Baldock 8. Rung before Evensong by the Sunday service band as a welcome to the Rev. W. W. S. March, inducted Vicar of Eastbourne on the previous Thursday.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Doubles (420 each of All Saints, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire): H. Wooding 1, Miss C. Coleman 2, R. Line (cond.) 3, E. Smart 4, N. Line 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss J. Penn.

EBBW VALE, MON.—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Evans 1, Miss A. Evans 2, R. Stephens 3, J. Alsop (cond.) 4, Mrs. D. Bruton 5, T. Stephens 6, D. Bruton 7, J. Jeynes (79) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Glyn Williams.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Clarke (first quarter) 1, K. Small 2, F. Hurrell 3, J. Sims 4, C. Philpott 5, B. Aldridge (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, R. Clarke 8. For Ascension Day.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Waterman 1, W. Parrott 2, F. Oakshott (cond.) 3, W. Robinson 4, N. D. J. Webb 5, Cherie Payne 6, G. A. Howells 7, G. A. Cockman 8. For Evensong.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLEX.—On June 2nd, 1,264 Bob Major: A. Richardson 1, Miss B. Marsh (first quarter) 2, A. Warren 3, J. Goodall 4, A. Goodall 5, M. Carter 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, L. Tubbs 8. For Evensong.

FORNHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.—On May 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Ivings 1, A. Fever 2, H. Mitson (first on five) 3, L. N. Melton (cond.) 4, D. H. Rooke 5. Rung after meeting short for a peal of Minor.

GUILSBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On June 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. M. Thresher 1, J. Duckett 2, N. Craddock 3, S. Brown 4, R. Seaton 5, E. G. Orland (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2 and 3. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Leslie G. Townsend and Miss Ann Austin.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Zandra Pyne (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Hunnisset 2, A. Goldsmith 3, A. N. Robinson 4, E. E. Breed (cond.) 5, C. Booth 6.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On May 26th, 1,264 Bob Major: V. Tipton 1, F. Whitby 2, J. Collins (first quarter Major) 3, E. Larter 4, W. Wheeler 5, J. Ale 6, E. Rochester 7, S. Clark (cond.) 8. Rung on the occasion of the baptism of Julia Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Collins.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—At All Saints' Church, on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: K. E. Hirst 1, Mrs. G. Levett 2, Mrs. I. Roberts 3, S. F. Buckland 4, P. H. Avey 5, R. G. Roberts 6, C. A. Levett (cond.) 7, W. Levett 8. First in the method for all except 7 and 8. For Evensong.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: A. T. Howes 1, Miss D. Robinson 2, C. J. Young 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HIGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On June 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Matthews (first quarter) 1, F. Erith 2, Miss W. Wheeler (first 'inside') 3, G. W. Barnes 4, W. D. Bailey 5, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 6.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dr. I. C. Mitchell (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Drury 2, Miss D. Gibbons 3, E. Warner 4, G. Oliver (cond.) 5, W. Saunders 6.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on June 2nd, 1,250 Bob Minor: A. T. Howes 1, Miss B. Spicer 2, C. J. Young 3, Miss D. Robinson 4, J. R. G. Spicer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Bob Minor (with 7, 8 covering): B. Stapleton 1, Angela Grainger 2, R. R. Churchill 3, I. N. Pett 4, B. Grainger (first as cond.) 5, P. Newing 6, Ann Fisher (first quarter) 7, D. C. Hall 8. For the Feast of the Ascension.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On May 26th, 1,320 Bob Minor: D. Rookin 1, H. Ivings (first 'inside') 2, L. Pierce 3, H. King 4, L. Sharpe 5, K. G. Brown (cond.) 6.

LEIGHTON BROMSWOLD, HUNTS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Doubles (360 St. Simon's, 480 Bob and 420 Grandsire): W. J. Colson (first quarter away from tenor) 1, B. S. Cope (cond.) 2, R. Chapman 3, H. Richardson 4, W. J. Whitmore 5.

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral, on Whit Sunday, 1,321 Stedman Cinques: R. F. Smith 1, J. Walden 2, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 3, M. Parkinson 4, H. L. Pask 5, S. A. Chambers 6, W. Tomlinson 7, G. H. Randles 8, C. E. Brown 9, G. R. Parker 10, J. Freeman 11, G. Paul 12. For morning service.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on May 26th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss F. Brown 1, W. Wilson 2, Miss E. Woodbridge (first of Major 'inside') 3, Miss S. Sherwood 4, A. Lewry 5, F. C. Shorter 6, G. A. Parsons 7, J. W. Euston (cond.) 8. For the annual civic service.

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): A. Maddock (first quarter) 1, Miss C. Jones 2, Mrs. R. Jones 3, J. A. White 4, W. A. Avery (cond.) 5, B. Fear 6, T. Naish (first quarter) 7, H. Trollope 8. A christening compliment to Esther Maddock and a 27th wedding anniversary compliment to the conductor.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On May 29th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: E. Roberts (first in method) 1, H. White (first in method) 2, W. H. Tyler 3, R. Hazeldine 4, T. Price 5, B. Madely 6, R. Elkington 7, F. Price (first in method as cond.) 8. Rung by the Sunday service band for Ascensiontide.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—On Whit Sunday, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. W. Forder 1, M. J. Stokes (first of Minor) 2, G. G. Walpole 3, S. W. Copling 4, T. N. J. Bailey 5, E. A. Long (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

OTTERSLOW, SURREY.—On June 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: Hazel Pugh (first quarter) 1, R. Monk 2, N. Carter 3, B. Stirling 4, D. Wright (cond.) 5, Hazel Haggcock 6. For the festival of Whitsun.

SCOTHERN, Lincs.—On June 8th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Hutchinson 1, H. A. Burton 2, G. A. Dixon (cond.) 3, C. H. Jeffrey 4, A. A. Clarke 5, H. Bartlett 6. A compliment to Colin V. Cade (a local ringer) and Elizabeth Margaret Toynce, who were married earlier in the day at St. James' Church, Spilsby.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—On May 22nd, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on the back six): R. F. Davies 5, R. Bywater (first quarter) 6, J. Colley 7, B. Nicholls 8, A. E. G. Owen (cond.) 9, M. Jones (first quarter) 10. A birthday compliment to the conductor and four ringing friends.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): A. Kemp (first quarter) 1, Ann Aldridge 2, Pam Miller 3, C. Aldridge (cond.) 4, M. Stanyon (first 'inside') 5, R. Motton 6, S. G. Peck 7, J. Wallman 8. Also on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Piper 1, Ann Aldridge 2, Pam Miller (first of Triples) 3, J. Wallman (cond.) 4, M. Stanyon (first of Triples 'inside') 5, S. G. Peck 6, C. Aldridge 7, J. Perrett 8.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Swain 1, D. Gullick (cond.) 2, H. Wittering 3, A. Harris (first in method) 4, W. Houghton 5, W. Lawrence 6, W. Brown 7, R. Luxon 8. For Evensong.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7, 8 covering): J. Shipley 1, Katharine Burchall 2, B. Haugh 3, Grace Burchall (cond.) 4, M. Gartside 5, R. Mumford 6, Lavina Hulford (first quarter) 7, J. Wilson 8. For the Whitsun festival.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Peck 1, W. Bowers 2, Miss D. M. Reeves 3, N. Watson 4, H. Fuller 5, J. Paul (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome the new Mayor (Mr. Harry Johnson).

THORLEY, HERTS.—On June 8th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Foreman 1, Mrs. H. W. Moore 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, H. W. Moore 4, C. Warboys 5, T. Camp 6.

TOTTERNOE, BEDS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,440 Minor (720 Double Oxford, 720 St. Clement's Bob): Mrs. J. Newman 1, J. G. Newman 2, D. J. Brody 3, R. J. Scott 4, F. Cook 5, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 6. For evening service.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. R. Young 1, T. P. Edwards 2, J. R. Hobbs 3, R. O. Fry (cond.) 4, L. R. G. Taylor 5, A. F. Lee 6, S. S. Woodburn 7, R. S. N. Brown 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Prebendary Walter N. Higgins, buried at Wells Cathedral on this day, and who had assisted his son, the Rev. John Higgins, Vicar of Twerton, with the duties in the parish since his retirement.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary, on June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Chapman (cond.) 1, F. Sykes (first 'inside') 2, H. Rumens 3, B. Downes 4, R. Lumsden 5, F. C. Maynard 6, A. J. N. Boyack 7, F. C. Taylor 8. For Evensong.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—At Holy Trinity Church, on June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Brown 1, W. Wilson 2, J. Rea 3, J. Cook 4, M. Williamson 5, G. Parsons 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, E. Talbot 8. For morning service.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Andrews 1, Monica Barrett 2, A. Fortin (first quarter) 3, W. Lee 4, D. Wheeler (cond.) 5, N. Raisy 6. For Holy Communion. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Fortin 1, H. C. Jones 2, Monica Barrett 3, W. Faithful (first quarter) 4, W. Lee (cond.) 5, D. Harding 6. For Evensong.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On May 19th, 1,260 Double Court: E. S. Ruck 1, Miss R. E. Gower 2, C. T. Hillis 3, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 4, L. C. Smith 5, O. Staples 6. Also on May 26th, 1,260 Bob Minor: E. S. Ruck 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, Miss R. E. Gower 3, M. S. Lancefield 4, C. T. Hillis (cond.) 5, D. Staples 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Jacobs 1, Anne Garnett 2, A. Bishop 3, Susan Jacobs 4, A. Bagworth 5, J. Tomsett 6, N. Bagworth (cond.) 7, J. Brickell 8.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Whit Sunday, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. L. Mills (cond.) 1, Miss S. Hughes 2, Mrs. L. Mills 3, A. W. Cansdale 4, A. E. Leggett 5, L. D. Mills 6.

KEMPSTON VISIT SUFFOLK

Kempston, Beds, ringers spent May 11th in Suffolk, ringing at six churches. The first stop was at the American Cemetery near Cambridge, where the beautiful chapel was much admired.

St. Mary's, Newmarket, has a pleasant six, and here several methods, including London Surprise, were rung. The glorious ten at Mil-denhall were found easy to handle, and some good ringing was enjoyed.

After lunch at Bury St. Edmunds, the heavy eight at St. Mary's was rung to Cambridge Major, and the angel roof of the church much admired. Justice was not done to the bells of Long Melford, and a stay was broken in the opening rounds. The view from the tall church tower over the Suffolk countryside more than compensated for the climb up the dark staircase.

Tea at Sudbury preceded ringing at St. Gregory's Church, and Stedman Triples was brought round in fine style, the 'go' of the bells leaving nothing to be desired. At Clare the long pull and springy ropes frightened the learners, but when they got used to the bells a good course of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung. Mr. Hutchings ably arranged the outing and it is hoped it will not be too long before Ernie's bus sallies forth again.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Cotgrave was the venue for the meeting of the Nottingham District, held on June 1st; and members of the Melton District of the Leicester Guild were welcomed when they called as part of their outing. Many Minor methods were rung, and some touches really did justice to this lovely-toned ring of six.

The Vicar welcomed the visitors and joined them at tea, provided by the local ringers.

THE LADIES' GUILD**West Midland District**

Carnival day and brilliant sunshine welcomed the ladies of the West Midlands and their visitors to the summer meeting at Solihull.

We were very pleased to welcome Mrs. Lock to the District and to discover her talent as a pianist, when she came to the rescue during the service, which was conducted by the curate (Rev. John S. Wilkins), who afterwards showed us the many hidden points of interest in the church.

The fine ten were put to good use throughout the meeting, ringing ranging from rounds and the usual methods to Cambridge Royal—half a course by the ladies and a course by the gentlemen, whose helpful presence contributed, as always, towards the success of the meeting.

A BARKINGSIDE WEDDING

Master of St. George's, Barkingside, Mr. John Barrance, was married to Miss Barbara Joy Osborne, at St. George's Church on June 8th, the Vicar (Canon A. C. Comer-Stone) officiating.

The bride wore a white brocaded gown and carried a bouquet of red roses and lilies-of-the-valley. She was attended by her sister, wearing a turquoise dress.

Previous to the service a quarter peal was rung, in which two local members scored their first quarter; and as the newly-married couple left the church the bells were rung by friends from Romford and Dagenham and members of the local band. Following the reception, Mr. and Mrs. John Barrance left for their honeymoon in Paris.

HILLINGDON'S OUTING

St. John's, Hillingdon, Guild was joined by friends from Uxbridge, Slough, Old Windsor, Heston and Rickmansworth for their annual outing on May 25th.

Upon arrival at St. Neots, the party were met by the Vicar, who, after greeting them, said: 'I have been told I am going to hear some good ringing today.' The first touch was a well-struck course of Cambridge Major, followed by touches of Treble Bob, Stedman and Double Norwich, and rounds for learners.

After lunch came the good ring of eight at Godmanchester and the sixes at Hemingford Abbeys and Hemingford Grey. Local ringers and wives provided tea at Hemingford Grey and boxes of chocolates were handed round to helpers in appreciation of a very nice meal. Finally, at Luton, good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung, with the assistance of some local ringers.

Thanks are due to Mr. F. W. Goodfellow (captain of the Guild) for arranging the outing; local ringers are thanked for their kind welcome and clergy for allowing the Guild to ring.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The joint meeting of the St. Albans and Northern Districts, held at Welwyn on May 18th, was poorly attended, and except for a touch of Major, only the back six were rung. A move was made to Knebworth, where the attendance was also poor and the ringing not up to the standard to be expected for a joint meeting. Local ladies had provided tea for 50 but only half that number sat down. A short service was conducted by the new Rector (Rev. D. Howells) and ringing followed until 8.30.

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Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby are leaving Melton Mowbray shortly on Mr. Corby's promotion to the headquarters of his firm in London. They are hoping to make their home at Sevenoaks. As former peal secretary of the Kent County Association, Mr. Corby is well known in Kent towers.

The name of the ringer in the peal at Tilney All Saints', Norfolk, on May 17th (see 'R.W.', June 7th) should be R. E. Price and not R. E. Paice.

Ringling has been suspended at Wonersh, Surrey, until further notice, as the third bell is cracked through the sound-bow. It is awaiting the founders' attention.

The summer festival of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild will be held at Green's Norton on September 7th, when the new Bishop of the Diocese (Rt. Rev. R. W. Stopford) will be present.

London University Society held their Whit tour this year in Hampshire. At West Meon they were informed that the inscription on one of the bells was 'A Waker of Ears.' The donor was an eccentric gentleman named Earwaker.

Peals have been rung in South Yorkshire for the wedding at Handsworth of Miss Elizabeth Bate, late secretary of the Yorkshire District, Ladies' Guild, and Mr. Dennis A. Chapman, a past secretary of the Doncaster District Society. Mr. Ronald J. Sanderson was best man. Their future home will be in Canterbury.

While it was not possible to have a full Odd Fellows band for the A.M.C. at Margate, there was a bit of good ringing, writes W. Frank Stenson, thanks to the assistance of Mr. Dadds and Mr. Ted Walker, from Dover. A good hour's ringing was enjoyed at the practice night on Tuesday.

BELFRY GOSSIP

From Essex.—A certain ringer with nearly 50 years' very regular service ringing behind him and no idea of his number of peals or quarters, was listening to a chat about the Central Council being in the area. In all seriousness he asked: 'Are they ringers?'

Mr. E. M. Atkins is the new general secretary of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers in succession to the late Mr. E. J. Taylor.

Mr. W. J. Paice, of Wokingham, rang his 100th peal on June 1st at Shiplake. Of these he conducted 45. His peals have been rung in 39 towers and for eight Associations. Seventy have been for the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

A familiar figure at Oxford Diocesan Guild meetings, the Rev. R. St. George Edwards, who was for 17 years rector of Checkendon, has died, aged 84. The funeral at Finchampstead Church on Saturday was attended by Mr. E. H. Langley and Mr. W. J. Paice, representing the Guild. He maintained his interest in ringing until the last.

Ald. Joseph Hiley, the new Lord Mayor of Leeds, is a regular worshipper at Christ Church, Upper Armley, and to honour the occasion the Leeds and District Society rang a peal of Kent T.B. on the bells of this church on June 1st. Afterwards the band were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lofthouse. Unfortunately, Harry was not well enough to take a rope.

We regret that presidential congratulations were not extended publicly at Chelmsford on Whit Tuesday to Miss Jacqueline S. Evans. Her wedding to Mr. David J. King took place the previous Saturday. The bride has represented the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association since 1954. Has any other C.C. member spent her honeymoon at a Central Council meeting?

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AT CHELMSFORD

BISHOP AND ESSEX IN RINGING HISTORY — A CENSURE — NEW PRESIDENT ASKS RINGERS TO PUT CHURCH FIRST — PRESENTATIONS TO MR. AND MRS. E. H. LEWIS — NEW HONORARY MEMBERS — LIBRARY SOLD 1,258 PUBLICATIONS — CARTER'S RINGING MACHINE AND LORD MAYOR'S SHOW — CLEMENT GLENN BEQUEST — 'THE RINGING WORLD' PROFIT

A LONG and distinguished chapter in the history of the Central Council came to an end at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, on Whit Tuesday, when Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, who had been president of the Council since 1930, opened the proceedings of the 23rd session and 60th annual Council meeting.

The affection and esteem of the Council to the retiring president were expressed in the presentation to him and Mrs. Lewis of a radio set and to the retiring president of a rainfall gauge. Mr. Fredk. Sharpe, the new president, took the chair immediately after his appointment.

The proceedings were enlivened by interesting debates on the standard of broadcast ringing and on the introduction of academic titles for ringers. The motion condemning the College of Campanology and the wasting of space in 'The Ringing World' by publishing the Manual of the College was keenly debated and ended with the Council accepting a motion to 'pass on to the next business.' The word 'plain' is to be reintroduced into titles of peals of Bob Maximus, Royal, Major and Minor. Dublin was selected for the next Council meeting.

THE WELCOME

The Council proceedings opened with a welcome from the civic authorities, the Bishop and the Essex County Association. The Mayor presided at the outset, and with him were the Bishop and Provost of Chelmsford and the Master and secretary of the Essex County Association.

The Mayor (Ald. F. Woods), in a welcome to the Council on behalf of Chelmsford, hoped that the deliberations would be successful and agreeable, and that throughout the year they would ring on a very happy note.

The Bishop of Chelmsford said as president of the Essex Association of Change Ringers and Bishop of the Diocese, which was co-terminous with the county of Essex, it gave him great pleasure to welcome the Council. He understood there were 49 diocesan guilds, county associations and other affiliated bodies. They in Essex were very proud of their long history in the ringing world and they looked back with pride to Miles Graye, of Colchester, who had been described as 'the prince of founders,' and they rejoiced in having many fine rings of bells. In Essex they had three 12's—Chelmsford, Saffron Walden and Waltham Abbey, and three 10's—Prittlewell, Walthamstow and West Ham.

WALTHAM ABBEY AND TENNYSON

It was the bells of Waltham Abbey that inspired Tennyson in his 'In Memoriam,' 'Ring out, wild bells.' In the name of the Church he thanked them for the devoted service they rendered. It was a service that at times was unrecognised. In the olden days they had their beer as their reward, as the churchwardens' accounts showed. The Bishop referred to the 44-gallon ringers' jug at one Essex tower, and the legacy of Thomas Turner for the Great Ringers' Day at Saffron Walden.

What was their reward today? Was it not true that there was a great satisfaction in their ringing, the same that an artist had for painting a picture or a musician for a beautiful piece of music? There was also the joy of knowing that they were giving their service to God and His Church. As head of the family of His Church in this area, he thanked the ringers for their devoted service rendered to His Church Sunday by Sunday.

Mr. R. C. Heazel (Master of the Essex Association), on behalf of the ringers of Essex, also extended a hearty welcome to the Council. One of the rules of the Essex Association was to abide by the rules and decisions of the Council, and what happened at their meetings affected their ringers. He sincerely hoped that their deliberations and decisions that day would prove to be acceptable to all the ringers of the land and that they should have lots of good fellowship.

The president thanked the Essex Association for all they had done to make their day a pleasant one. It was also very nice to go from



MR. FREDERICK SHARPE

place to place to be received by the civic and ecclesiastical authorities. They liked to see that combination of Church and State, both of which they served.

The Provost then opened the proceedings with prayer.

A CENSURE

The president said he had an unpleasant duty to perform. He understood that the previous night a member of the Council rang at Maldon without permission. He thought that ringing in a tower without permission deserved a severe reprimand; he hoped the culprit would consider himself severely reprimanded, and he asked the secretary to write to the Essex Association expressing regret, as their Association might otherwise get the blame for such unmannerly behaviour.

Later in the proceedings the new president said a member of the Council, Mr. Peter Bond, visited Maldon and rang there. He saw the Vicar first, and he was with the ringers while they rang, and after the ringing the Vicar showed them round the church. As far as the band of ringers was concerned, the Vicar was quite agreeable to their ringing.

THE ATTENDANCE

Life Members.—E. H. Lewis, E. A. Barnett, F. Sharpe, G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.

Honorary Members.—Mrs. E. A. Barnett, F. I. Hairs, A. A. Hughes, D. Hughes, C. K. Lewis, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, W. A. Osborn, C. W. Roberts, E. C. Shepherd, P. L. Taylor, A. Walker.

Ancient Society of College Youths.—S./Ldr. J. S. Mason, A. B. Peck, J. F. Smallwood, W. Williams.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—S. G. Coles, H. J. Sanger, Miss N. G. Williams.

Bedfordshire Association.—S. Foskett, B. F. Sims.

Cambridge University Guild.—B. D. Threlfall. Chester Diocesan Guild.—W. Allman, A. J. Martin.

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish

Derbyshire Association.—Mr. W. L. Robinson. Devon Guild.—Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

Dudley and District Guild.—H. J. Shuck. Ely Diocesan Association.—J. G. Gipson, F. W. Lack, H. S. Peacock.

Essex Association.—J. H. Crampion, F. B. Lufkin, Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—A. L. Barry, T. Boreham, W. B. Kynaston, F. Skidmore.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—A. C. Hazelden, G. S. Joyce, H. N. Pitstow, W. H. Viggers.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—G. J. Lewis, W. F. Moreton.

Hertford County Association.—W. Ayre, R. G. Bell, G. W. Critchley, E. Edmondson.

Irish Association.—F. E. Dukes, J. T. Dunwoody, Miss J. Stewart.

Kent County Association.—J. R. Cooper, T. Cullingworth, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, T. E. Sonc.

Ladies' Guild.—Miss D. E. Colgate, Mrs. A. Richardson, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Lancashire Association.—J. Ridyard, Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—S. Burton, P. A. Corby, A. E. Rowley, P. J. Staniforth.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—J. Bray, G. E. Feirn, J. Freeman, J. A. Freeman.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Mrs. D. J. King, T. M. Roderick.

London County Association.—H. W. Rogers, Mrs. H. W. Rogers, T. H. Taffender, W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association.—F. T. Blagrove, F. W. Goodfellow, T. J. Lock, J. R. Mayne.

Midland Counties Guild.—J. W. Cotton. National Police Guild.—E. C. Birkett.

New South Wales Association.—P. M. J. Gray.

North Staffordshire Association.—R. S. Anderson.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—H. W. Barrett, N. V. Harding, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—A. D. Barker, Mrs. A. D. Barker, W. Butler, A. E. Lock.

Oxford Society.—F. A. H. Wilkins. Oxford University Society.—Dr. D. H. Niblett.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—P. I. Chapman, G. W. Jeffs, E. Nobles, E. G. Orland.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—G. E. Fearn, F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—J. I. P. Davis, G. H. Harding, G. S. Morris, W. C. West.

CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

Sheffield and District Society.—N. Chaddock.
 Shropshire Association.—F. H. Bennett.
 Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—P. N. Bond, J. L. Morris, F. E. Hawthorne.
 Southwell Diocesan Guild.—B. M. Buswell.
 J. D. Clarke, J. Segar.
 Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—B. G. Key, G. Hughes.
 Suffolk Guild.—L. G. Brett, K. G. Brown, C. W. Pipe.
 Surrey Association.—A. P. Cannon, F. E. Collins, W. F. Oatway.
 Sussex County Association.—R. G. Blackman, F. H. Dallaway, R. Overy, H. Stalham.
 Truro Diocesan Guild.—D. Burnett, W. C. Boucher, Rev. A. S. Roberts, H. Miles.
 Universities Association.—Miss M. R. Cross.
 University of London Society.—D. N. Layton.
 Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, C. H. Kippin, G. Pullinger.
 Worcestershire and Districts Association.—B. C. Ashford, D. Beacham, W. B. Cartwright.
 Yorkshire Association.—W. E. Critchley, L. W. G. Morris.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Messrs. F. Ansley, C. A. Bassett, P. A. F. Chalk, J. W. Clarke, P. Crook, G. H. Cross, F. Dunkerley, J. T. Dyke, J. P. Fidler, N. Golden, J. E. Hobbs, C. H. Hawkins, P. J. Johnson, G. I. Lewis, J. E. Lilley, D. Millward, R. Meadows, T. G. Myers, G. E. Oliver, W. N. Park, J. W. Perrens, A. J. Pitman, F. W. Rogers, Miss M. G. Snowdon, Mrs. P. J. Steeples, Messrs. A. Walker, J. J. Webb and R. St. C. Wilson.

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were received by the president: Messrs. J. S. Mason and Wilfrid Williams (Ancient Society of College Youths), D. Niblett (Oxford University Society), J. G. Gipson (Ely Diocesan Association), John L. Morris (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), David Beacham (Worcestershire and Districts Association), J. P. Davis and G. S. Morris (Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Walter Allman and Alexander J. Martin (Chester Diocesan Guild), Ernest Orland (Peterborough Diocesan Guild), L. G. Brett and K. G. Brown (Suffolk Guild), J. R. Mayne and F. T. Blagrove (Middlesex Association), Wm. Butler (Oxford Diocesan Guild), Rev. A. S. Roberts and W. Boucher (Truro Diocesan Guild), F. H. Bennett (Shropshire Association), G. W. Critchley (Hertford County Association), E. C. Birkett (National Police Guild), G. W. Hughes (Archdeaconry of Stafford), R. Overy (Sussex County Association) and A. P. Cannon (Surrey Association).

STRENGTH OF COUNCIL

The secretary reported that there were 56 Associations now affiliated to the Council, with 154 members. There were also 24 honorary members and six life members, making a total of 184. There were two vacancies among representative members and seven among honorary members. All subscriptions had been paid except from the North Wales Association.

THE NEW PRESIDENT

The president announced that there was only one nomination for the office of president—Mr. Fredk. Sharpe—and he had much pleasure in putting his name to the meeting. [Applause.]

Mr. Sharpe then took the presidential chair and said: 'Thank you very much for the honour you have done me in electing me as your president. I feel I am quite unworthy of such a position, and I know how difficult it is going to be to follow in the steps of one who has with such dignity and statesmanship governed the affairs of this Council as Mr. Lewis has. I speak very humbly because I know that in the room there are many more better than I am. My connection with the art has been on very different lines than most of you. I am a churchwarden of a small country parish in remote rural Oxfordshire, and about 11 miles away we have a second church that contains the oldest datable bell in the country. It was this old bell at Caversfield that led me to study the art. When I was 15 or 16 I formed an association and friendship with that author of a great many books, the late Mr. H. B. Walters. At that time he was getting advanced in years and unable to climb towers. I was young and ready to risk life and limb, and did investigations for him. I am keenly interested in bells, bell hanging and bell tuning.

'In regard to the future, I don't want to have any revolutionary ideas. I would like the art of ringers to be as closely connected with the Church as possible (I speak as a churchwarden), to put the Church first.

'My first duty as president is a very pleasant one. As you know, we have subscribed to make a presentation to our late president, and I am going to call on one of the senior members to make the presentation.'

THE PRESENTATION

Mr. A. A. Hughes said: 'This is one of the most pleasant experiences that I have ever undertaken. I have known Mr. and Mrs. Lewis for a great number of years, and I have certainly known Mr. Lewis for over 50 years. I want to say how deeply we appreciate all he has done for ringing and its advancement. We know of his great work in connection with bell hanging—in working out those extremely difficult problems of forces exerted, and we know of the great work he has done as president of the Council.

'I am now to ask Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, on your behalf, to accept this radio set as a combined gift. There is another gift—a personal gift to Mr. Lewis. He is very keen on measuring rainfall—and his home is in the west of Scotland where he will be able to put this to extraordinarily good use. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, with our heartfelt thanks for all you have done for us over so many years, will you kindly accept these gifts (a radio set and a rainfall gauge) with our best wishes for a long life.'

Mrs. Jean Bartlett then presented Mrs. Lewis with a bouquet.

Thanking the Council, Mr. Lewis said: 'If during the past years I have been able to serve you in any way, that is my reward, and I feel very happy about it. At the same time, I cannot help thanking you most deeply for the love which is behind these gifts. Almost the greatest pleasure in ringing is the real friendship one is able to receive and the hope to give. I have always looked on Whitsun each year as one of the shining times of the year. On behalf of my wife, who enjoys coming to Council meetings, I thank you most sincerely.'

VICE-PRESIDENT ELECTION ULTRA VIRE

The president said that at the Standing Committee meeting the previous night it was felt that the election of vice-president was out of order. He asked Mr. Cartwright to explain the position.

Mr. W. B. Cartwright explained that at the meeting last year the Council accepted a recommendation from the Standing Committee that they should have a vice-president. The rules giving notice of business had not been complied with. In his opinion, the nomination of a vice-president was *ultra vires*. They must alter their rules first and then give notice to elect a vice-president.

This ruling was accepted by the Council.

HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER

Mr. E. A. Lewis proposed the election of Mr. E. A. Barnett as hon. secretary and treasurer. 'I have had experience of working with him for five years,' he said, 'and I am confident that you cannot do better than re-elect him.'

Mr. A. A. Hughes seconded, and the resolution was carried.

HON. LIBRARIAN

Mr. E. H. Lewis said there was no nomination. The position was not easy to fill. What was required was somebody who had a considerable amount of room to house the library and a good deal of time to devote to the work. Quite a considerable collection of material had been left to the Council which wanted looking through and examining, particularly on the side of composition. They owed a great debt of gratitude to Mrs. Steeples, who had been looking after publications. The proposition was that the president be asked for the coming 12 months to act as hon. librarian. The person he would like to see elected to the position. Mr. Frank Perrens, was in South Africa.

The president: 'I will do my best to hold the office in plurality. I hope a librarian will be found by next year.'

HONORARY MEMBERS

The secretary said the Standing Committee recommended that the retiring honorary members be re-elected, with the exception of Mr. H. M. Howard; that Messrs. R. F. B. Speed, J. Willis and L. Stilwell be added to the list as they were all doing jobs for the Council.

Mr. R. S. Anderson proposed the re-election. Nominations were invited, and the following were proposed and seconded: Messrs. A. H. Pulling, A. York-Bramble, T. W. White, R. M. Clouston. There was a majority vote against Mr. York-Bramble and Mr. Clouston, and the following were elected honorary members: The Earl of Shaftesbury, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, J. P. Fidler, A. A. Hughes, D. Hughes, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. C. W. Roberts, E. C. Shepherd, P. L. Taylor, A. Walker, R. F. B. Speed, J. Willis, L. Stilwell, A. H. Pulling and T. W. White.

HON. AUDITORS

Messrs. A. A. Hughes and F. W. Perrens were re-elected.

LOSSES BY DEATH

The Council stood while the names of the following, who had been members of the Council and had died since the Leicester meeting, were remembered:—

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Tributes were paid to the memory of Mr. E. C. S. Turner by Mr. W. G. Wilson and Mr. F. W. Goodfellow; to Mr. E. Alex. Young by Mr. A. D. Barker; to the Rev. F. L. Edwards by Mr. E. A. Barnett.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes, as published in 'The Ringing World' of April 19th, 1957, were adopted on the proposition of the hon. secretary, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson.

REPORT OF THE HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER

I feel that I should first place on record my gratitude to Mr. Lewis for the advice and encouragement which he has given me at all times during my five years in office, and my regret, which will be shared by all members, that he has deemed it necessary to retire from the presidency of the Council.

During the year some correspondence was exchanged with Miss M. E. Snowden concerning the Snowdon Series, arising from a statement in 'The Ringing World' which suggested that the future of these books was in jeopardy. Happily, this is not so, but Miss Snowden was assured of the Council's sympathetic interest in the matter.

The Council has for the first time paid income tax, arising from the profits from the sale of publications and 'The Ringing World,' during 1955, to non-members of the Council or affiliated societies, on the basis described in my report for 1954. The amount was £4 5s.

Members will recall that, by arrangement with the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England, a request for information as to the number of ringers is being included in a form which the Board has sent to incumbents in the provinces of Canterbury and York. The results are not yet available.

At the time of writing, information shows that the following have this year ceased to be members of the Council, and our thanks are due to them for their past services: E. W. Biffin (Devon Guild), 1948/56; F. D. Boreham (Oxford Guild), 1948/56; G. W. Cecil (College Youths), 1948/56; R. G. Corby (Chester Guild), 1954/56; E. G. Fenn (College Youths), 1939/56; T. H. Francis (Cumberlands), 1948/49; 1951/56; A. Harman (Guildford Guild), 1935/56; G. L. Hewitt (Shropshire Association), 1945/56; S. T. Holt (Worcestershire), 1936/55; S. F. Palmer (Yorkshire Association), 1930/56; H. N. Pitstow (Surrey Association), 1954/56; F. Precey (Salisbury Guild), 1948/56; A. H. Pulling (Winchester, 1914/27; Guildford Guild, 1928/56); J. W. Raithby (Southwell Guild), 1951/56; W. Rose (Peterborough Guild), 1945/56; C. J. Sedgley (Suffolk Guild), 1927/56; R. F. B. Speed (Middlesex County Association), 1954/56; L. Stilwell (Sussex Association), 1951/56; G. E. Symonds (Suffolk Guild), 1948/56; A. Tomlinson (Lancashire Association), 1930/35, 45/50, 54/56; C. Wallater (Stafford Arch. Society), 1945/56; J. Willis (Kent County Association), 1951/56; C. W. Woolley (Hertford County), 1936/56; J. R. Worrall (Guildford Guild), 1954/56; Mrs. P. C. Wright (Oxford University Society), 1954/56.

Thanks are once again due to Mr. W. G. Wilson and Miss C. L. Groves for typing and duplicating these papers, despite many other calls on their time, and to those who kindly send me copies of reports and other publications.

E. A. BARNETT.

This report was adopted on the proposition of the hon. secretary, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

REPORT OF THE HON. LIBRARIAN

During 1956 no new publications were issued by the Council, and in consequence sales have not been quite so high as in the previous year. 'Village Bells' regained its position as 'best seller,' with 'Hints' second and the new Doubles book third. I am glad to report a profit of £9 0s. 6d.

Of a total of 1,258 publications sold, we were unfortunate to lose five in the post. This caused some inconvenience to subscribers which we regret. Claims for loss have been made on the G.P.O. If on some occasions a little delay has been experienced in receiving publications, I apologise to subscribers for this, and would explain that Mrs. Steeples, like myself, is very frequently away from home.

I continue to receive numerous enquiries for (1) a new edition of 'Minor Methods,' (2) a new edition of 'Triples Methods' and (3) an illustrated book on how to ring a bell and acquire an elementary knowledge of the rudiments of change-ringing. I make mention of these here to emphasise how urgent is the need for these publications.

The borrowing of works of reference has again increased, and on many occasions I have had to request the return of books to meet the requirements of other borrowers. It would help me greatly if borrowers of library books who have had these for more than a year would write confirming that they still require the books.

During the year the library received the undermentioned gifts: From Mr. J. W. Clarke, further parts of 'The Church Bells of Cheshire'; from Mr. A. C. Hazelden, a copy of the Guildford Diocesan Guild's Library Catalogue; and from Mr. F. E. Dukes, copies of 'The Irish Bell News.'

Once again I must pay tribute to all the good work done by Mrs. J. G. Steeples (née Patricia J. Ayris) in connection with the sales section of the Library. Our thanks are also again tendered to the Rev. E. S. Tarrant, for housing the Library in Launton Rectory.

FREDERICK SHARPE,
Hon. Librarian.

SALES

Method Sheets: Cambridge 18, Double Norwich 18, Bristol 12, Stedman and Grandsire 35; 'Hints for Beginners,' 179; 'Preservation of Bells,' 106; Four-way Minor Table, 70; Handbells, 112; Major Compositions, 27; Collection of Peals, Section III, 12; Report of Conference, S.P.A.B., 2; Doubles Methods, 167; Model Rules, 34; Village Bells, 263; Card of Instruction, 34; Plain Major Methods, 42; Methods Committee Report, 8; 'On Conducting,' 119. Total: 1,258.

Moving the adoption of the report, the president said he had received a copy of Mr. Dove's excellent second edition of 'The Church Bells of Britain,' and the previous day Mr. Lewis made the gift of three books: one printed in Italian (1802), on the bells of Rome; the second was the Danish 'Pre-Reformation Bells,' and the other a book on the great bell of Moscow. He moved the adoption of the report. Mr. A. B. Peck seconded, and the report was adopted.

THE GENERAL FUND. CENTRAL COUNCIL

The Income and Expenditure Account showed an excess of income over expenditure of £42 17s. 1d.

Income.—Affiliation fees, £76; Donation, life member, £1 1s.; Interest on deposit account, £18 7s. 5d.; Balance, Publications Account, £8 19s. 10. Total: £104 8s. 3d.

Expenses were: Biographies Committee, £3 2s.; Hon. secretary, £7 16s.; Stationery and printing, £20 9s. 3d.; Postage, £7 7s. 2d.; Telephone/telegram, 12s. 9d.; Typewriter written-off, £3; Bookcase written-off, £3; Cheque book, 8s. 4d.; Insurances, £1 16s.; Wreath, £2 2s. 6d.;

Typing, £1 3s. 5d.; Bow Bells Appeal, £10 10s.; Photograph for Handbook, 3s. 9d. Total: £61 11s. 2d.

BALANCE SHEET

Good will and blocks, 'The Ringing World,' £200; Library, £10; Bookcases, £9 15s.; Type-writer, £12; Stock of Publications, £278 7s. 5d.; Debtors, £754 18s. 9d.; Investments, £1,600; Cash at bank and in hand, £3,506 13s. 11d. Total: £6,371 15s. 11d.

Creditors, £545 10s. 1d.; payments in advance, £867 11s. 2d.; Clement Glenn Bequest, £805 15s. 5d.; Capital Accounts—'The Ringing World,' £3,607 9s. 6d.; General Fund, £545 8s. 11d.; total, £4,152 18s. 5d. Total: £6,371 15s. 1d.

The hon. secretary and treasurer presented the accounts, and said that a letter of appreciation had been received from the Rector of Bow for the donation of 10 gns. to Bow Bells Fund. The balance sheet showed a very satisfactory state. The accounts had been audited by Mr. Hughes. He moved, and Mr. Hughes seconded, the adoption of the accounts, and these were agreed.

JOHN CARTER RINGING MACHINE

Mr. A. A. Hughes said two open demonstrations have been given this year, and another had been arranged for Whit Saturday for members of the Middlesex County Association on the occasion of their 60th anniversary celebrations.

At previous demonstrations, no limit has been set to the number attending, consequently the room at the Science Museum has been subject to overcrowding. Now, however, parties are limited to 24, and arrangements made with the Museum authorities for chairs for that number, resulting in more comfortable conditions for all.

Methods rung on the machine during the past year include Cambridge Maximus, Stedman Cinques and London Surprise Major, and it continues to run very well.

One unusual event took place last autumn, when the then Lord Mayor of London, Sir Cuthbert Ackroyd, who as churchwarden launched the appeal for the restoration of the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow, asked that the bells should be cast and sounded before he went out of office.

As the tower was still not safe to carry the bells, they were stood mouth-upwards at the foundry and struck by electrically-operated hammers, and John Carter's machine was called upon to chime two courses of Stedman Cinques. This was recorded, and played back from the tower during the Lord Mayor's traditional procession through the city.

One recording company offered contributions to the Fund for the right of sale of this record to the public, but the Rector, the Rev. Hugh Evan Hopkins, refused this on the grounds that the bells were not being rung in the traditional way by a band of ringers; and we feel the Council will applaud his action.

We would like to take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of the co-operation and help at all times given by Dr. D. H. Follett, of the Science Museum, South Kensington, who has had the machine under his care for many years. He has recently relinquished this duty on promotion to higher office, and the trustees have, on behalf of the Council, written a letter of thanks to him.

Mr. Hughes, in moving the adoption of the report, said some very good photographs had been taken of the machine, and it was suggested that Mr. Douglas Hughes should write a description of the machine which should be published with illustrations.

Mr. H. W. Rogers seconded, and thanked Mr. Douglas Hughes for his work.

Mr. F. J. Lock said the previous Saturday's demonstration to the Middlesex Association was very worth while.

CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

The report was adopted, and on the proposition of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs, it was decided to take advantage of Mr. Hughes' offer to write an account of the machine.

The hon. secretary said he had received an invitation from two members of Cornell University, U.S.A., to a cocktail party in celebration of Mark II, the first automatic change-ringing machine. He had replied that he was unable to accept.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE

The hon. secretary said the Standing Committee appointed a sub-committee to consider the question of compiling a history of change-ringing. The committee accepted the offer of Mrs. Winifred Turner of the papers of Mr. J. A. Trollope's revision of Stedman. He proposed to write to Miss M. E. Snowdon to make certain they had her consent.

Mr. W. G. Wilson said he had received a letter from Miss Snowdon stating that the copyright belonged to Mrs. Turner.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE HANDBOOK SUB-COMMITTEE

With the publication of the Handbook, the purpose for which the sub-committee was formed has been accomplished, and we suggest that it need not therefore formally be kept in existence. Amendments to the Handbook will, of course, be necessary from time to time, but if the committee are agreeable, both of us are prepared to collaborate as necessary in keeping it up to date.

C. KENNETH LEWIS,
E. BARNETT.

The hon. secretary proposed, and Mr. C. K. Lewis seconded, the adoption of the report.

Mr. P. A. Corby congratulated the committee and said in his opinion it was an excellent book. The president said the sales had been extremely good.

The secretary said they must not forget that some of the spadework was done by the previous sub-committee, mainly Dr. Hatcher. The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON CLEMENT GLENN BEQUEST

The sum received as the residue of the estate of the late Clement Glenn was £805 15s. 5d., of which £39 1s. has now been paid to Mr. Glenn's executor, as agreed last year, towards the provision of a memorial stone. The amount available for disposal is, therefore, £766 14s. 5d.

Although a very useful sum, this is not sufficient for any spectacular purpose, and accordingly we recommend that it should be used as follows:—

- £250 to 'The Ringing World' for investment. Mr. Glenn was a keen supporter of the paper and regularly sent donations to its funds.
- Provided the Church authorities are agreeable, £100 on trust, the income to be used for the provision and maintenance of bellropes at the tower at which he last rang. At present this would allow an average of one new rope a year.
- £250 to be left on deposit against any exceptional expense which the Council may incur.
- The remainder, £166, to the General Fund, up to one half to be used for the purchase of storage equipment for the Library, a large part of which is at present kept in boxes, and office equipment for the Secretary's use; the rest to be regarded as available for the financing of publications, in particular so that 'Hints to Instructors and Beginners,' when published, can be sold at the lowest possible price.

EDWIN H. LEWIS,
FREDERICK SHARPE,
E. BARNETT.

The hon. secretary said the Standing Committee considered the report and decided to recommend that instead of the money being divided, to invest the whole of it, and that the interest from the bequest be spent and that the capital shall be applied to such use as may be decided.

Mr. T. J. Lock asked who would take the responsibility of deciding where the interest would go. Would it be the Standing Committee or the Council?

The secretary: I presume that the Council as a whole would decide.

Mr. F. E. Haynes asked why the sub-committee's recommendation was not adopted.

Mr. Cartwright said he raised a legal objection to item (b). In his opinion it was dangerous to put the money on trust.

The Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith said there would be no practical difficulties to a trust.

The amended recommendation of the Standing Committee was adopted.

'THE RINGING WORLD' ACCOUNT

The Profit and Loss Account of 'The Ringing World' for 1956 showed a profit of £857 17s. 11d.

Expenses were: Woodbridge Press, printing and blocks, £3,640 8s. 3d. (£3,301); Editorial Office Expenses, £514 8s. (£430); Postal Subscribers—despatch of copies £188 14s. 6d., postage and wrappers £802 19s. 10d., total: £991 14s. 4d. (£862); Accounts Department, £194 14s. 2d. (£166); Sundry Expenses, £15 16s. 8d. (£10); Income Tax, £27 4s. (£12); Audit Fee, £21 (£21).

Income.—Rolls Publishing Co., £2,227 15s. 4d. (£2,313); Postal Subscribers, £2,759 6s. 5d. (£2,419); Donations, £287 2s. 6d. (£217); Advertisements, £427 2s. 6d. (£442); Notices, £473 10s. 6d. (£416); Sundry Receipts, £28 0s. 3d. (£25); Interest receivable on investments, £60 5s. 10d. (£28). Total receipts: £6,263 3s. 4d.

The balance sheet of 'The Ringing World' showed: Goodwill, blocks, etc., £200; debtors, £738 13s. 9d.; Investments at cost, £1,600; Amounts due, General Fund, £42 12s. 11d.; Interest accrued, £13 10s. Total: £56 2s. 11d. Cash at bankers, £2,421 6s. 1d.; in hand, £2 13s. 6d. Total: £2,423 19s. 7d. (£1,409).

Sundry Creditors, £544 5s. 7d.; Amounts received in advance—Postal Subscribers, £848 4s. 5d.; Notices, £18 16s. 9d. Total: £867 1s. 2d. Capital Account, £3,607 9s. 6d. (The figures in parentheses are those of the previous year.)

The secretary, in dealing with the accounts, said that on the expenditure side there had been an increase in every item. The Woodbridge Press account had increased by £340, the Editor's office by £70 or £80, expenses of postal subscribers by £130 and the accounts department by £25. These were partly due to printing wage increases and partly due to decisions to grant increases of pay to members of the staff of the 'R.W.' and to postage increases. Nevertheless, they were able to make a profit of about £850. The income reflected an increase of £340 from postal subscribers, an addition of £70 from donations, and notices had increased by over £50.

Turning to the balance sheet, he said that since the end of the year the investment had been increased by £500 4½ per cent. Defence Bonds, and it was proposed to make a further investment of £500 that would give them their maximum holding. He moved the adoption of the accounts.

Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded.

In reply to Mr. H. Pitstow, the secretary said the decrease in revenue from advertisements was due to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. They paid £27 a quarter.

'THE RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE

Although your Committee is able to report that no disaster has overtaken the finances of 'The Ringing World' it has always in mind at its debates the possibility of increases in the costs of production. It has not been possible to transfer as much this year to the reserve as in 1955, and this is accounted for by the substantial rise in costs which took place twelve months ago. To meet this increase in part it was necessary to raise slightly the charges for advertisements, but the yield from this source has been disappointing. The loss of one half-page advertisement has partly offset any advantages gained from the increase in charges for small advertisements.

Your Committee is reluctant to consider, at this stage a further increase in the price of the paper, and would not do so until every other palliative has been tried. It knows that there is one simple solution, which is that more copies must be sold. It was stated last year in the debate on the report that the circulation was 5,400. Later in the Council's proceedings a resolution was adopted pledging further efforts to obtain more readers. We have to report that the circulation is now 5,400!

The paper could be made more interesting and to have a wider appeal if a resolute effort was made by subscribers to supply more suitable readable matter. Copy has varying news values, and your Editor can assess these. Your Committee has resisted the suggestion of making a charge for publication of peals on the grounds that journals do not usually charge for printing ordinary news. On the other hand, there is a savour of advertisement, and probably you may consider whether the matter should again be gone into. The Committee is grateful to those altruistic readers who recognise in a substantial way their moral obligations in this matter. Would that others would voluntarily follow their lead.

Facilities are now available for the publication in 'The Ringing World' of the annual reports of Associations—either fully or abridged—and in these days of high printing costs it is hoped that this service will help in reducing Association expenses and also stimulate interest in the journal.

Once again your Committee places on record its deep appreciation of the work of the staff: Mr. T. W. White, the Editor, and his assistant; Mr. J. E. Jeater, for his capable handling of the accounts; and its sincere thanks to Mr. Roper for compiling the index; to the many literary contributors; to all District representatives; to all readers; and lastly to those who have by their generous donations helped to maintain solvency.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD,
Convener.

Moving the adoption of the report, Mr. J. F. Smallwood said there was no room for complacency. It was true that during the past year they had made a profit of £850, including kind donations. The accounts for last year only reflected 5/12ths of the total increase which they would have to face in the current year. He therefore begged them not to be too sanguine. 'We shall require to make a satisfactory effort to increase circulation.'

Mr. R. S. Anderson seconded.

The secretary said the Standing Committee recommended the adoption of the report and the reappointment of the committee with Mr. J. F. Smallwood as convener.

The report was adopted.

(To be continued)

OBITUARY

MR. REG LATHBURY

For many years, Walton-on-Thames has been associated with happy memories of good meetings, excellent teas and Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Lathbury. These thoughts of the past added sadness to the loss all ringers in Surrey have sustained in the passing of a very good friend in Mr. Lathbury. He learned to ring at Dunstable at the age of 17, and altogether rang about 80 peals in methods from Grandsire to London Surprise. His main interest was in learners, to whom he devoted much time both before and after his retirement as a motor engineer. The strength and enthusiasm of the local band and their regularity of Sunday service ringing are a tribute to his efforts.

Mr. Lathbury was never idle, and after his retirement he took on the work of verger at St. Mary's. He carried out this duty in his usual cheerful and efficient manner. He had a special affection for the Surrey Association, and for seven years from 1947 was hon. secretary of the Northern District. His collection of ringing books has been left to the Surrey Association library.

Many ringers were present at the funeral at St. Mary's on June 5th. They included Mr. F. E. Collins (Master of the Surrey Association), representing also the College Youths, Mr. W. F. Oatway (general secretary of the Surrey Association) and Mr. W. Parrott (District secretary). Also present were Mr. H. V. Young and Mr. H. Colcombe, representing the Guildford Guild, and Mr. F. E. Hawthorne. As the cortege left the church for Woking Crematorium the bells were rung to a touch of 336 Grandsire Triples by the following: F. E. Hawthorne 1, W. F. Oatway 2, W. Parrott 3, H. Colcombe 4, F. Oakshott 5, S. R. Curtis 6, F. E. Collins (conductor) 7, H. V. Young 8. Among the many floral tributes was a wreath from the Northern District of the Surrey Association. W. P.

MR. HARRY BINGHAM

The death occurred on May 10th of one of nature's grand old gentlemen, in the person of Harry Bingham, of Willingham, Lincs. He was 83 years of age, and had rung at Willingham since the bells were augmented from three, first to five and then to six, in 1905. A member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild for 50 years, the Master referred to this in this year's report. A farmer by occupation, he drove his own car almost to the end, and was a familiar figure at meetings in and out of the District.

His talent wasn't in what he could ring—Kent on six and Plain Bob on eight were his limit, and he only rang two peals. No, it was in his absolute genuineness and determination to give of his best in whatsoever he undertook.

On the evening of the funeral, May 13th, a quarter peal of Grandsire (720) and Plain Bob (540) was rung half-muffled on the bells of St. Helen's Church by W. Spencer 1, Mrs. E. Grey 2, G. L. A. Lunn (conductor) 3, C. H. Baker 4, N. B. Thurlby 5, A. Horton 6. A. G.

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Personal.—A. P. Knights 3s., E. Bradfield £1, John G. Nash 5s.

Peals.—St. Luke's, Chelsea, 5s., Upchurch 3s., Medbourne 3s., Morecambe 4s., Dalton-in-Furness 5s.

Quarter Peals.—Eastbourne 2s., Hailsham 2s., Bexhill 3s., Wandsworth 2s., Epsom 3s., Twer-ton-on-Avon 4s., Hastings 2s., Walthamstow 4s., Wimbledon 2s. 6d., Longbridge Deverill 2s. 6d., Sotherton 3s., Charlwood 3s., Burstow 1s.

Correction: Bushey Heath 4s., not Bushey.

MR. SIDNEY WADE AN APPRECIATION

With very deep regret, I heard of the passing of Sidney Wade. He was a Cumberland Youth for 60 years, a foundation member of the Middlesex Association and a member of the Kent County Association for 58 years.

Sid started ringing as a boy at Hornsey, but there was no opportunity there; all he was allowed to do was pull a bell up occasionally. So he went to Southgate, where he was known as the 'Hornsey Boy.' He made rapid progress, and became a very fine ringer and conductor, and for 60 years was a faithful member of the Christ Church, Southgate, band.

His peal book records 151 peals, of which he conducted 90. Eighty peals were rung at Southgate and 131 for the Middlesex County Association. He was 16 years of age when he rang his first peal, which was conducted by James Parker. Sid was always keen on difficult compositions and methods. He called Holt's Original many times; in fact, he called the One-part five times at the age of 17 years. His first of Stedman Triples at the helm was Thurstan's One-part. A good performance by the local band was 8,064 Bob Major on November 23rd, 1901. Sid was 19 at the time, and he rang the 25 cwt. tenor and called his own composition.

On November 28th, 1907, he called the first peal of Superlative in the Rochester variation. About 45 years later this was rung as a new method for the first time, but S. W. pointed out it had been rung long ago. It was eventually named Southgate S.M. Sid rang several peals with the famous brothers Pye, including his first of London. One peal with this band was memorable in its way—Stedman Triples at St. George-in-the-East, on March 30th, 1905. It was the first peal by the ringer of the tenor, who was destined to become one of the celebrities of the Exercise, and was eventually to ring over 1,000 more peals—the late Charles T. Coles. Many are the stories I have heard of the escapades, on ringing ventures, by the Southgate 'boys' in those happy days long flown. I cannot adequately express my own sense of personal loss—so many happy memories are recalled. Farewell, Sid; may you rest in peace. J. G. N.

Gongs at St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. R. J. Bowden's letter re gongs in church towers ('R.W.', May 24th, 1957), there is a set of gongs for the octave at St. Cuthbert's Church in Edinburgh. They are, I think, in working order, though seldom used. Each gong has recently been taken down and carefully polished, in keeping with everything else in St. Cuthbert's immaculate belfry. I understand that the main objection to their use, apart from poor tone, is bad synchronisation. The gongs do not strike regularly at the precise moment their respective tower bells would, making 'good striking' virtually impossible.

I believe I am right in saying, too, that there is a set of gongs for the ten at St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, in good working order and being used regularly.

Should Mr. Bowden require further details, I feel sure that Mr. R. S. Wilson, the Scottish Association secretary, would be only too pleased to furnish them.—Yours sincerely,

RONALD K. RUSS.

Sonning Common, Oxon.

Mr. Frederick Howson, after a lapse of 35 years, has entered the peal columns again by ringing 3-4 to a peal of Bob Major 'in hand.'

MASONIC RINGERS' MEETING AT LEICESTER

Saturday, June 1st, was a red-letter day for the 30 or more members of the Craft, who gathered at Leicester for the first Masonic Ringers' meeting to be held for many years. Arrangements were in the extremely capable hands of Bro. Peter Staniforth, and under his expert guidance the party made their way to the fine parish church at Loughborough, where the grand ring of ten (tenor 30½ cwt.) was rung to various methods. Then followed the great pleasure of a tour of Taylor's Bell Foundry, with Colin Harrison as our conductor. The ringing on the very light ten in the campanile was of varying quality, and it was generally admitted that these bells are tricky to ring and strike well!

An excellent lunch was served at the King's Head Hotel, and attempts on the part of one of the party to arrange a little tower snatching having fallen through, the party returned to Leicester. The ringing on the heavy 12 at St. Margaret's (where we had the pleasure of the company of Mr. Ernest Morris) coincided with the exit of a wedding party, who were rung on their way with rounds and attempted firing (locally known as shots!). Ringing included Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cambridge Major on the light eight (rather to the displeasure of the heavy-bell brigade!).

The day's ringing concluded at the tower of St. John-the-Divine, where we were welcomed by Sidney Harrison. These fine ten (tenor 21 cwt.) were rung to various Major and Cater methods. The party then adjourned to the Assembly Rooms for an excellent dinner and social evening with W. Bro. Rev. H. B. Holderness as the guest of honour. During the dinner the suggestion was put forward—and received with general acclamation—that, in view of the success of this meeting, a similar gathering should be held annually. A very hearty vote of thanks to Peter Staniforth, who had made all arrangements for the meeting, and to the respective incumbents and tower captains, who had given permission for ringing and met us, was passed with acclamation. During the social evening, handbells were rung to various methods and in various weird ways, and the company entertained with songs by Bro. Jack Brown, of Liverpool.

On the following morning, those who stayed overnight were made very welcome, as all visitors are, at the Cathedral belfry for ringing before the civic service on Lord Mayor's Sunday.

Many Provinces were represented at this highly successful meeting, members of the Craft attending from such widely-separated areas as Kent, Berkshire, Bristol and Lancashire, among others. In order to ensure that as many members as possible are circularised as to arrangements for any future meeting, all ringing members of the Craft are asked to forward their names and addresses, together with Masonic ranks, etc., to Peter J. Staniforth, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester. P. N. B.

The Lightest Six

Dear Sir,—I am indebted to Mr. Ewart Edge for his interesting letter on the bells of Wormhill, Derbyshire, and also to Mr. Alan McFall, for pointing out that Saxthorpe, Norfolk, tenor is a ponderous bell in comparison.

Wormhill tenor appears to have shrunk over the years from 9 cwt., and therefore holds, I believe, yet another record. The greatest shrinkage I have heard of is from the proverbial 'ton' to a little over eight hundredweights.—Yours sincerely,

NOLAN GOLDEN.

Norwich.

RINGING IN ENGLAND 80 YEARS AGO

Extracts from 'Church Bells,' 1879-80

(Continued from page 384)

CLAPPERS

'Sir,—Seeing a paragraph in a late issue calling attention to bell clappers, allow me to mention a few of the mishaps likely to be occasioned by neglect.

All . . . are liable to wear loose and strike too slow . . . chief danger is wooden strap bawdrick-clappers . . . These consist of a wooden strap clasp the crown-staple, with a block inserted below, and the clapper itself fitted between the flats of the strap, and secured by a couple of bolts. These straps are mostly made of ash, and through the top a rivet is inserted to prevent them from splitting. In many cases where I have rehung bells, I have found that the wood has been allowed to wear completely away, and the rivet working on the centre of the crown-staple has in some cases nearly cut it in two. Another of the same kind, where an iron strap lined with leather is used, is most objectionable inasmuch as, unless the leather be frequently renewed, the iron soon comes into contact with the crown-staple; and I have seen some crown-staples worn down to about half-an-inch or less on the top and bottom sides through neglect. . . . I believe that, after all, the *clap-to* sort of clapper is the best, where a couple of blocks of hard wood are made to clasp the crown-staple in two halves, and where the bolts used are so inserted as for it to be impossible for it to come in contact with it with any ordinary wear.

In cases of bells which have been quartered, it is better to insert a block of hard wood in the crown of the bell, and make the clapper to work in this with a fork end and bolt through the whole, except in cases of large bells, where this would bring the centre on which the clapper swings too high, and consequently cause the bell to rise FALSE. In these cases a false staple must be resorted to.

J. R. JERRAM.

Bell-hanger, Sutton Bridge, Lincolnshire.'

There is an answer to above by G. Eaton, bell-hanger, Titchmarsh, Thrapston, Northants. He fully endorses Mr. Jerram's remarks regarding the 'mischievous character' of the 'iron strap lined with leather.' As regards the bawdrick-clapper, he thinks the danger is the cracking of the bell rather than the wearing through of the crown-staple; but the clapper taking to rolling inside the bell, the bell escapes cracking. He deprecates false staples, 'they are false in every sense of the word,' they get loose, and cause the bell to rise false and strike false, he says. He had known more than one bell to be cracked by the false staple getting out of place.

Mr. Jerram replied, saying that he could see no object in a false crown-staple unless a bell had been quartered, and even then it is 'necessary only under certain circumstances known only, as a rule, to bell-hangers.'

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF RINGERS

Here there is a report of a District meeting at Kenninghall, apparently a much-rung ring about this period. Clergy were in evidence—'At two o'clock the members adjourned to the White Horse, where they sat down to dinner under the presidency of Rev. A. Sutton, who was supported by Rev. J. F. James (Vicar), W. W. Hutt, W. T. M. Young, N. Bolingbroke, and G. H. Harris (secretary), Capt. More, R. and L. Sutton, Esqs., etc.'

'NEW CHIMING APPARATUS'

'A Chimer' would like to know the difference between the new chiming apparatus lately set up at Keynsham, near Bristol, and that in

daily use at St. Paul's and Worcester Cathedrals, at Kensington, etc., etc., commonly known as Ellacombe's hammers.'

[A chiming apparatus of any sort is very tempting for tune-playing, but tunes are not allowed at any of the above churches, nor should they be allowed anywhere, not being in accordance with Church order.—Ed.]

F. Goodman refers to the Editor's remarks and asks: May I, therefore, ask on what grounds tune-playing on church bells is not in accordance with Church order, and in what work do we read of its being prohibited? If the playing of sacred tunes on church bells is not a right thing to do, surely it is much more of a wrong to allow the setting up of carillons in connection with church clocks, which play all manner of peculiar tunes throughout the week, and then revert to sacred tunes on Sundays.

Then 'A Lover of both Bell and Organ Music' said that he did not know whether tune-playing on church bells was contrary to Church order, but he thought it was contrary to common sense. . . . If it were in the tower of a town hall it would be a different thing. But even then for a fine set of bells to be worked on by a barrel with their powers reduced for the purpose seems to me as incongruous as it would be to find a cathedral organist grinding a hurdy-gurdy. If ringers want tunes, they had better retire to the proper instrument—the organ.'

ARCHITECTS' BELFRY ARRANGEMENTS

The quarterly meeting of the South Lincolnshire Change-ringers' Association was held at Sleaford on Saturday, February 7th, 1880, and after dinner they went to Boston and 'attempted one or two touches on the bells of the parish church, but, owing to the awkward belfry arrangements, nothing could be done. The ringers have been placed in a chamber, about seven feet high, close to the bells, so that the tuftings of the heavier bells are actually through the sheave-boxes when the bells are set at hand-stroke, and the whole of the middle of the chamber is occupied by the dome of the ceiling below: the ringers on one side can only just see the face of the man on the opposite side, and with a tenor of 26 cwt. it is almost impossible to ring the bell in rounds decently. This is the architect's arrangement. The above deserves to be called attention to: as also the irreverent habit of some of the ringers in coming into the belfry with hats on and smoking whilst there . . .'

[Such characters as are mentioned above never ought to be allowed to enter a belfry. They are persons who have done great injury to the cause of ringing, and lower all ringers in public opinion.—Ed.]

CHURCH BELLS AND BELL THUMPING

'Church Bells' reproduced a letter which appeared in 'Church Times.' It was written by a correspondent signing himself 'Stay and Slider.' It included: 'I would ask why a bell should be periodically tinkled or thumped for the conventional half-hour before a service commences, when ten minutes or even five would be ample. Nearly everybody in large cities and towns in this country can find out the right time to a minute if they wish. . . . There is a church situated in the centre of a square . . . from the tower of which . . . a fearful sound issues to call the congregation to worship. . . . I could easily imitate the sound if I stood upon the roof of my house and thumped a large frying-pan with the handle of a kitchen poker as fast as I could do so . . . as so much has been done for our altars of late years, a little attention might be given to our belfries. . . .'

(To be continued)

NOTICES

New Scale of Charges

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—Will all concerned please note the following alterations and additions to the tower rota: Monthly meetings—Hazelbech, August 10th; West Haddon, September 14th. Evening meetings—Ravensthorpe, October 26th; Sibbertoft, September 28th.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec. 442

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Wick St. Lawrence, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (5) 5 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 431

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting, Belper, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—café nearby. Trent bus No. 2. All welcome.—V. M. Horton, Dis. Sec. 406

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Evening meeting at Haddenham (6) on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available 6 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 377

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting at Chiddingfold (8) on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells from 2.30 to 4 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Toby Jug 4.45 p.m.—M. E. Collins and A. M. Cox, joint Secs. 389

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Corfe Mullen on Saturday, June 22nd. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 405

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting. Hemingbrough, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide your own food—cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 428

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Combined meeting. Saturday, June 22nd. St. Mary's, Twickenham (8), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; All Hallows, Twickenham (10), 3 to 4 p.m. Tea, Church Hall, South Street, Isleworth, 4.30 to 5.30. Service, Isleworth Parish Church, 6 p.m. Ringing: Isleworth (10) 6.45 to 8.45 p.m.; St. Lawrence, Brentford (6), 7 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. Tel. HOU 3921.—Bond and Rogers, Hon. Secs. 363

SOUTHEAST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Rettendon (6), Saturday, June 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Please bring own food.—B. C. Sadler. 420

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. Practice meeting. Saturday, June 22nd, Battle. Special method, Oxford Bob Triples. Probably some names for tea will be received by H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 393

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North District.—Practice meeting. St. Mary-atte-Bow, East (8), Wednesday, June 26th, 6.30 to 8 p.m. A good attendance, please. Everyone welcome.—Bullock, Sec. 424

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, June 29th, St. Gabriel's, Warwick Square, S.W.1, 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. Ship, Talbot Court, 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck, secretary. 441

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Next meeting at Todmorden, Christ Church, on Saturday, June 29th. Bells 3 p.m. and after tea and business. Names for tea by 27th to Mr. T. Halstead, 166, Oak Avenue, Todmorden, Lancs. 425

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Conisborough, Saturday, June 29th. Bells available from 3.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 27th to Mr. Milton Fowler, 70, Highfield Road, Conisborough. Next meeting, Saturday, July 27th, at Campscell.—George Watson, Dis. Sec. 437

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District meeting at Fransham (6) on Saturday, June 29th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss R. A. Heath, Little Hauntries, Frensham.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 435

THE HOMEWOOD SCHOOL RINGING SOCIETY.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Rolvenden, Kent, on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, June 27th, to David Williams, c/o Homewood School, Tenterden. All ringers welcome. Help needed for keen youngsters. 427

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting. Sturry, on Saturday, June 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 2s. per head. Numbers for tea not later than Wednesday, June 26th, enclosing cash, please, to Mr. H. R. French, Lamorbey, Sturry Hill, Sturry, Canterbury. Petham, Saturday, July 27th.—B. J. Luck. 396

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 29th, All Saints', Newport. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by June 25th, please, to Mrs. D. James, 29, Walford Street, Newport, Mon. Gentlemen cordially invited.—J. S. Evans. 391

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Woodford, Essex, on Saturday, June 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, business meeting and further ringing in the evening. Nearest station, George Lane, South Woodford (Central line). Buses to Gates Corner. 412

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Blackrod on Saturday, June 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea (moderate charge) 5 p.m.—Thornley, Hon. Sec. 426

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at East Ardsley, Saturday, June 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Business meeting 7.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Please bring own food.—J. P. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 444

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Welton (6), Saturday, June 29th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 408

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Windsor, Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by 25th.—Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 436

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Walgrave on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Monday previous, to Mr. G. F. Roome, 116, Dyrby Road, Northampton. 398

SAFFRON WALDEN.—The 334th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (12) available from 11 a.m. Service 4. Lunch (3s. 6d.) 1. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Ninety already coming. Twelve-bell ringing guaranteed. Lunch and tea for those notifying me by June 27th.—L. E. Pitstow, 27, Highfields, Saffron Walden. Phone: 2074. 397

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Yateley on Saturday, June 29th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday.—J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 433

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Moreton, near Ongar (6), on Saturday, July 6th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 432

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting. High Easter (6), Saturday, July 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, to A. H. Everett, Cornerway, Boreham. Cars will meet the bus service at Pleshey White Horse and take members on to High Easter. 429

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting at Tenterden on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss V. Relf, No. 3 Bungalow, Shrubcote, Tenterden.—C. T. H. 438

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, July 6th, at Newcastle upon Tyne. Bells available—10 a.m. to 12 noon: All Saints', Gosforth (10); SS. James and Basil, Fenham (8); St. Stephen's, Scotswood Road (8); 2 to 3 p.m.: St. John's, Grainger Street (8); 2 to 3.30 p.m.: Newcastle Cathedral (12); evening: Cathedral (12); St. Mary's, Gateshead (8). Service 3.30 p.m. in the Cathedral. Tea 4.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 2nd, to Mrs. Lea, 9, St. Vincent Street, South Shields. 376

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—By-meeting, Norton Subcourse, Saturday, July 6th. (Note change of venue.) Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Raveningham bells (5) will also be available. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 3rd, certain, please, to Mr. G. G. Walpole, Norton Subcourse, Norwich.—P. G. W. Newstead, Branch Sec. 443

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Special meeting at Bozeat on Saturday, July 6th, for dedication of peal boards by the Rev. G. P. H. Rowson (Northampton). Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 2nd, to Miss C. Coleman, 55, High Street, Bozeat, Northants. 390

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting. Shirley (8), Saturday, July 6th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by July 3rd.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham. Phone: SPR 1025. 430

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Nottingham District) and **LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD** (Loughborough District).—Joint meeting at Ruddington, Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington, Notts.—C. W. Towers and C. W. Hall. 430

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bournemouth on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available: Christchurch Priory (12) 10.30 to 11.30 a.m., Bournemouth, St. Peter's (8), 2.30 to 3.30 and 7 to 9 p.m., Bournemouth, St. John's, Surrey Road (8), 7 to 9 p.m. Service in St. Peter's Church 3.30. Tea in St. Peter's Hall, near St. Peter's Church, 4.15, followed by business meeting at 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. A. V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth.—J. A. C. King, Gen. Sec. 445

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting at York on Saturday, July 6th. Service in Minster at 4 o'clock with procession to the bellfounders' window. Bells: Minster (12) 5 to 6.30 p.m., Acomb (6) 2 to 3.30, and York Institute of Architectural Study (6) 2.30 to 3.30 p.m., and after meeting in Institute. Own arrangements for tea—numerous cafés in York. Subscriptions now due and reports available.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 446

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting. Wool, Saturday, July 13th. Usual arrangements. Names by July 10th, please, to Mr. L. Williams, 47, Spring Street, Wool.—Hayne, Sec. 434

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 20th. Service in the Cathedral 11 a.m. Business meeting in the Chapter House 12 noon. Luncheon in the dining hall of Christ Church 1.30 p.m. Tickets for the lunch (price 6s. each) must be obtained before Tuesday, July 16th, from Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks. List of towers to be published later. 439

LATE NEWS

We regret to announce the death of Mr. John Crawford, of Epsom Common, a vice-president of the Surrey Association, aged 86. The funeral was at Epsom last Friday.

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