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HEREFORDSHIRE INTERLUDE

IN the afterglow of Easter, a beneficent fate and an equally kind invitation from a very old friend took us in haste to a far corner of Herefordshire. Here, where the long fertile furrows of Dore and Dulas pour their streams to the Monnow, the village of Ewyas Harold nestles neat and compact beneath the great whaleback of its Common, with the long grey curves of the Black Mountains running as a vast wall to the south-west. Behind these forbidding, melancholy undulations is found the exquisite beauty of the valleys of the Grwyne Fechan and Grwyne Fawr, and the Honddu Valley sheltering Llanthony and leading over the Gospel Pass to the magnificent view beyond Hay and the Wye.

The little church of Ewyas Harold, standing in its trim churchyard bordered by the Dulas Brook running cleanly in its gully, is a pleasant sight, and the sturdy little grey tower, capped with a cheerful spirelet of red tiles, seems to invite the visitor and to hold promise of welcome and good fellowship. And so it proved, indeed, to us as soon as we came to meet Mr. Herbert Kennard and his friendly band at the Thursday evening practice. The bells make a melodious ring of six, and it was our introduction to them to take part in one of the longest 'raisings' we have ever known. Change-ringing, handicapped greatly by the situation of the village and by causes not uncommon in rural areas, has not advanced very far, but we were able to compass some plain courses of Grandsire Doubles, in the mastery of which the band is progressing slowly but with great determination.

To us, who are surrounded with manifold opportunities for ringing practice and with what may be regarded as ample means to extend our change-ringing experience, there must be compassion for these rather lonely holders of the outposts of the Exercise. For them there is no easy transition from village to town belfry, no ready forgoing with companies of more able ringers and, of course, no standards by which to judge their own style and execution. It is verily a matter for marvel that in such difficult and often discouraging circumstances work goes on with determination and incredible patience in the effort to master this elusive art of change-ringing and so minister the

better to the service of the church they love so well. And the hearty welcome extended to the visitor is a sobering experience, bringing a tinge of sorrow that we have so much while they have so little.

And yet, have they so little?

It fell out that on the day following we stood among the quiet beauties of the Cathedral of Hereford, and there we fell in with Mr. Gittins who, having expounded for us some unusual features of the famous Mappa Mundi and shown to us some novel brass rubbings, offered us the freedom of the tower, and this at a time when no ordinary visitors were allowed to ascend. And so from the north transept we climbed the stair, traversed the roof vaulting to the triforium, and so aloft to the upper air.

The city lay below us free from smoke, and the spires of All Saints' and St. Nicholas' rose above the roofs. The river wound so peacefully about the fringe of the town that it seemed on this day to be asleep. Far to the east the Malvern Hills were a dim shadow, and the northern distances were lost in haze. But to the south were the great hills of the Wye: the hump of wooded Dinodir, the tricorn of Orcop dotted with the knobs of trees, and the vast symmetrical sweep of Garway crowned with a lonely ruin. This chain of magnificent upland led the eye away and away into the valley of Monnow, to the truncated crest of the Sugar Loaf and that seemingly impenetrable grey bastion of the Black Mountains. Down there, in the quiet loveliness of the Dulas Valley, was our little village, one of many such, living its quiet life out and away from the noise and bustle of industry, and ringing its bells to the best of its ability for the glory of God. They have, indeed, much that we cannot have.

What can we do to help them? Little, perhaps, directly. Our visit may provide encouragement to renewed effort, and there are, of course, books and pamphlets we may introduce them to. But the way is hard and the task formidable. Nevertheless, courage is high, and each hard-won success is greeted with joy. So, on the last night of our stay, as the sound of Ewyas bells comes sweetly to us round the angle of the Common and buffets back to us from the surrounding hills, we seem to hear in the familiar thirty changes a note of defiance, a manifestation, as it were, of indomitable will, a determination to win this struggle and to become change-ringers. May these efforts not go unrewarded.

E. C. S.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

READING, BERKSHIRE
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Laurence,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

*MARGARET A. FLOYER .. Treble	JOHN HILL 7
DENIS N. LAYTON 2	PETER P. BROWN 8
ALAN F. THIRST 3	JOHN ARMSTRONG 9
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON .. 4	NOEL J. DISERENS 10
*ROGER KEELEY 5	RICHARD E. PRICE 11
*PHILIP MEHEW 6	JOHN H. GILBERT Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.

* First peal of Cinques. First peal on 12 bells for the Society.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 12, 1958, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

ALBERT M. TYLER .. Treble	P. LESLIE PEARCE 6
FREDERICK G. LEAKER .. 2	FRANK E. HANSFORD 7
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 3	TUDOR P. EDWARDS 8
MARY HALL 4	EMLYN F. HANCOCK 9
HARRY BENNETT 5	ALAN A. HILLIAR Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of William H. Parker, a member of the St. Stephen's Guild, interred this day.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

ALBERT M. TYLER .. Treble	*HUGH FALKNER 6
ELIZABETH BOWDEN 2	*ERNEST H. JEFFERIES .. 7
RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 3	*WILLIAM A. GODWIN .. 8
HILDA E. OATWAY 4	WILLIAM F. OATWAY 9
ROYDON DAVIES 5	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

* First peal on ten bells. † 50th peal.

WELLS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 4 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 56½ cwt.

*†ANTHONY J. SANGER .. Treble	†GWILYM SALMON 6
GEORGE FRANCIS 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
COLIN J. B. TAYLOR .. 3	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON .. 8
BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS 9
ERIC NAYLOR 5	DAVID HOARE Tenor

Composed by JOHN A. BURFORD.

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

* First peal of Royal. † 25th peal. ‡ First peal of Cambridge Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 7, 1958, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5344 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

At the Church of St. James,

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

AVRIL THACKRAY .. Treble	ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 5
RONALD J. SHARP 2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 6
STEPHEN IVIN 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. 7
EDMUND J. HOBBS 4	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

A wedding peal for Ruth and Peter Border.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 22, 1958, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

At the Church of St. George-the-Martyr,

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

C.C.C. No. 7.	Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.
*DOROTHY M. STAFFORD .. Treble	†WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 5
SHIRLEY HARRIS 2	BERNARD GROVES 6
†CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR .. 3	ROBERT B. SMITH 7
BASIL JONES 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Major. † First of Major 'inside.' ‡ First in the

method. First of Kent Treble Bob Major as conductor.

Rung on the eve of St. George's Day.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,440 Superlative, 1,280 Bristol, 1,216 Cambridge and 1,088 London, with 107 changes of method.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F.

FRANK CLAYDON .. Treble	HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. 5
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE 2	*JOHN A. WARNER 6
TERRY EARLE 3	HARRY J. MILLATT 7
RODERICK W. PIPE 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of 'Spliced.'

A 21st birthday compliment to Alan R. Syder.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

LEONARD B. SCOOT .. Treble	†FREDERICK J. PLUMMER .. 5
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 6
JACK S. DEAR 3	†EDWIN G. BUCK 7
*COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* 25th peal. † First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

PATRICIA M. CLARKE .. Treble	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT .. 5
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK .. 2	JOHN W. BLYTHE 6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 7
WALTER RUFFLES 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 38). Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

OLVESTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. Treble	PATRICK J. BIRD 5
MRS. R. J. BOWDEN 2	*TERENCE T. JONES 6
TUDOR P. EDWARDS 3	†ALAN F. LEE 7
DAVID HEIGHTON 4	ROGER O. FRY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Surprise Major 'inside.'

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On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

FRED HODGSON Treble	MALCOLM P. HAMMOND .. 5
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. 2	THOMAS COOKE 6
*MARIE I. GOODSHIP .. 3	W. NORMAN PARK 7
THOMAS M. COX 4	ROLAND PARK Tenor

Composed by J. HOWLETT. Conducted by DORIS M. KILLINGLEY.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Cox.

SHIPLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

*JOHN A. COBB Treble	DONALD E. COBB 5
BERNARD C. CASTLE .. 2	WALTER HUNT 6
MRS. B. C. CASTLE .. 3	WILLIAM J. PAICE 7
†SYLVIA CASTLE 4	HAROLD SMITH Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE (C.C.C. No. 23).

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

* First peal on eight bells. † First in the method on an 'inside' bell.

Rung for St. George's-tide.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE GARDNER Treble	L. MICHAEL CALLOW .. 5
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON .. 2	*DAVID A. CARPENTER .. 6
RUTH M. BORDER 3	*J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD .. 7
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR .. 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by PAUL K. WILLIAMSON.

* First peal in the method.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the Rev. F. W. Moyle, Rector from 1943 to 1957; died April 24th, 1958.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., April 30, 1958, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WALTER W. MILLER Treble	RUSSELL G. PARKER .. 5
PATRICIA M. CLARKE .. 2	CHARLES W. BEECROFT .. 6
MURIEL R. PAGE 3	LESLIE G. BRETT 7
FRANK RUFFLES 4	WALTER RUFFLES Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WIGHTMAN. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to George A. Wightman, of Great Baddow.

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

On Wed., April 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. Treble	JOHN S. SEAGER 5
*MARION ARCHER 2	*CYRIL RUSBY 6
IAN M. HOLLAND 3	GORDON K. CHADDOCK .. 7
MARGARET JOHNSON .. 4	JOHN E. TURLEY Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by JOHN E. TURLEY.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to celebrate the birth of twin daughters to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. L. Gilbert.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 50 lb. in E.

F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON 5
STANLEY W. COPLING .. 2	JOHN S. BARNES 6
GEORGE SAYER 3	BERT GOGLE 7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 4	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. Homer Young and Miss Margaret Todd, only daughter of Mr. Alfred R. Todd, of Pulham Market Hall, a friend of ringers and responsible for the recent re-hanging of the bells.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Thurs., May 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. Treble	RUTH S. HODGSON 5
FRANK A. BARRETT 2	JAMES H. PAILING 6
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 3	*FRANCIS A. WHITE 7
CHARLES COLES 4	DONALD H. NIBLETT .. Tenor

Composed by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES. Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

* First peal of Surprise.

Rung to commemorate the 225th anniversary of the Oxford Society.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In seven methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, 608 Dorchester and 576 Pudsey, with 125 changes of method. All the bells do all the work of each method.

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

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	RALPH BIRD 5
BRIAN BLADON 2	JOHN HILL 6
ALICK CUTLER 3	THOMAS J. LOCK 7
ALFRED J. HOUSE 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

ASHOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 ZETLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANCIS R. LOWE Treble	DEREK P. JONES 5
PATRICIA A. FORSTER .. 2	HAROLD TAYLOR 6
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 3	GORDON A. HALLS 7
ROGER BALDWIN 4	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. Tenor

Composed by DENIS R. CARLISLE and GORDON A. HALLS.

Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

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

A birthday compliment to Mrs. A. E. Thompson.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*HAROLD W. DUNSDEN .. Treble	JAMES P. BLOND 5
ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH .. 2	ROBERT B. BLOND 6
HENRY L. BISHOP 3	CLAUDE CORDEROY 7
ERNEST J. GRACE 4	Cecil CORDEROY Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

* First peal. Claude Corderoy has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Berthold A. Browning, priest, and Alec F. Pepall, churchwarden.

COLSTON BASSETT, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in D.

NORAH M. BIBBY Treble	GEORGE H. RANDLES .. 5
*MARY C. PAYNE 2	GEOFFREY PAUL 6
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 7
GILES C. GALLEY 4	JOHN WALDEN Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF 5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

PETER BERESFORD Treble	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	ANTHONY AGER 6
*SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 3	PAUL J. RIGBY 7
*CYRIL A. WRATTEN 4	EDMUND MALIN Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by JOAN BERESFORD.

* First peal in the method.

An 82nd birthday compliment to Mr. Albert Walker.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE & NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSN.

On Sat., April 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

A PEAL OF 5280 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Four callings.	Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.
SAMPSON WALKLATE .. Treble	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 4
EDWIN WALKLATE 2	*MICHAEL BLORE 5
JOHN F. MURFIN 3	EDWARD H. WILLOWS .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung as a birthday compliment to Michael Blore.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., April 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being three 240's and 36 120's.	Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.
DAVID BRUNNING Treble	GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM .. 4
WILLIAM J. LEACH 2	BRIAN DAWSON 5
BARNABAS G. KEY 3	E. MARION KEY Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Alan G. Foster, of St. Paul's Society, and Miss Valerie W. Smith, of the Winhill ringers, which took place at St. Mark's, Winhill, this day. Also a 22nd wedding anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Leach.

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Werburgh.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in G sharp.
*MARK ROWLAND Treble	EDWIN WALKLATE 4
†MICHAEL KNIGHT 2	W. ARNOLD MORLEY 5
P. G. BELLAMY-KNIGHT .. 3	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

* First peal away from a cover bell. † First of Bob Minor 'inside.'

A birthday compliment to F. Neville Pailing.

BOTTISHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

*MICHAEL J. TESTER .. Treble	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN .. 3
CHARLES F. SARGEANT .. 2	W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITHE .. 4
ROGER J. PALMER Tenor	

Conducted by ROGER J. PALMER.

* First peal. First as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wed., April 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's.	Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.
*DAVID BRUNNING Treble	†TIMOTHY D. BELBEN .. 4
*VERONA C. NAYLOR 2	ERIC EDGINTON 5
GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

ERISWELL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., April 25, 1958, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings).	Tenor 3 cwt. 16 lb.
JOHN W. BANKS Treble	*GEORGE JENNINGS 3
WILLIAM GOODSHIP 2	DOUGLAS ROWLAND 4
WILLIAM STANNARD Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM STANNARD.

* First peal. First on the bells since augmented.

BRISTOL.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael-on-the-Mount Without,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
*ROY BLACKLER Treble	†MICHAEL T. ROTHWELL .. 4
†PAULINE F. SPRACKLING .. 2	ALAN J. SMITH 5
BRIAN J. WYLDE 3	MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN J. SMITH.

* First peal. † First in the method. ‡ First 'inside.'

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

AND THE ST. MATTHIAS, RICHMOND, GUILD.

On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Dunstan.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.
MARGARET A. WESTCOTT Treble	GILLIAN NEAL SMITH .. 4
*JILL BARRON 2	JOHN D. ROCK 5
CHRISTOPHER M. BLOOMER .. 3	DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH.

* First peal.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being three extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one extent of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*R. BRINT WHERRY Treble	JOHN R. KENNETT 4
*CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR .. 2	WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 5
†CAROL FERNLEY 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal in three methods. † First 'inside' and in three methods.

FITTLEWORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being four 240's Morris's and 34 extents (ten callings).	Tenor 7½ cwt.
*ANITA MIDDLETON Treble	JEAN HORTON 4
*GEORGIE SMITH 2	BEN FARHALL 5
†JACK NEWELL 3	*JIMMY MAPLE Tenor

Conducted by BEN FARHALL.

* First peal. † First peal for the Association.

Rung to mark the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Roger Plumpton Wilson as Bishop of Chichester the previous day.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 8 cwt.

COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. Treble	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 4
LEONARD B. SCOOT 2	JACK S. DEAR 5
DEREK P. JONES 3	RICHARD J. CASTLEDINE .. Tenor

Conducted by COLIN A. S. HARWOOD.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

RAMPTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents of Grandsire and 32 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 4½ cwt. in C sharp.

*DAVID COUPERTHWAITHE Treble	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN .. 3
†CHARLES F. SARGEANT .. 2	†W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITHE .. 4
ROGER J. PALMER Tenor	

Conducted by RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.

* First peal. † First in two methods.

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents (three callings).

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*KENNETH RUTLAND Treble	ROGER BALDWIN 4
*GEORGE A. HURD 2	GEORGE CHALLANS 5
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

* First peal of Surprise.

Rung as a 79th birthday compliment to Roland T. Flint.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

ANN M. COX Treble	†PETER G. SMART 4
*JOAN K. BEAZLEY 2	A. PATRICK CANNON 5
†PETER A. BIRD 3	†DOUGLAS A. R. MAY .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal. † First of Minor in more than one method.

Rung on the front six.

MAVESYN RIDWARE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wed., April 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 960 each of Plain Bob, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, 720

Reverse St. Bartholomew and 1,440 Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

DAVID BRUNNING Treble	ERIC EDGINGTON 4
ALAN G. FOSTER 2	BARNABAS G. KEY 5
*TIMOTHY D. BELBEN .. 3	BRIAN DAWSON Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Doubles.

SOMERLEYTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of St. Clement's Bob, Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and one extent of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

KENNETH L. BROWN Treble	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 4
MICHAEL J. STOKES 2	A. WILLIAM BIRD 5
G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND 3	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.

First peal in four Minor methods as conductor.

Rung in honour of the marriage at St. Mark's, North Audley Street, London, on this day, of Captain the Hon. Richard Nicholas Crossley, 9th Queen's Royal Lancers, younger son of Lord and Lady Somerleyton, to Miss Alexandra Anne Maitland Welch, of Graffham, Sussex.

ADDINGHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS W. STRANGWAY Treble	DOUGLAS THORP 4
*WILLIAM DIXON 2	HARRY WARD 5
PERCY WHITAKER 3	IRVIN SLACK Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS W. STRANGWAY.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells after retuning and rehanging in a new frame by Taylors.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb.

*HESCIL HONEYBALL .. Treble	STANLEY G. HONEYBALL .. 4
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK .. 2	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT .. 5
PETER MAYLE 3	WALTER PERRY Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT.

* First peal.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 39 methods: (1) Dover, Balmoral, Skipton, Chepstow and Fotheringay Delight; (2) Ely, Wilmslow, Rostherne, Knutsford and Bogedone Delight; (3) St. Werburg, Combermere, Crowland, Vale Royal, Abbeyville and Canterbury Delight; (4) Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (5) Norbury, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, Morning Star Treble Bob and Disley Delight; (6) Wragby, St. Albans, Neasden, Charlwood, Braintree and Humber Delight; (7) Willesden, College Bob IV, Old Oxford, Newdigate, Marple and Taxal Delight; 125 changes of method.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*JOHN R. KENNETT .. Treble	BERNARD GROVES 4
†WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 2	ROBERT B. SMITH 5
*FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal in 39 methods. † First in 39 methods 'inside.' The most methods yet rung to a peal for the Association. Average age 16½ years.

Rung on the occasion of the retirement of Mr. E. A. Needham from the offices of vicar's warden and P.C.C. treasurer after 15 years' service, and as a welcome to the new churchwardens, Mr. J. S. Wherrett and Mr. W. E. Colston.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. Treble	*ELEANOR ROSE 4
*LAVINIA HULFORD 2	HAROLD DENMAN 5
GRACE BURCHNALL 3	RICHARD HOBBS Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.

* First peal at first attempt.

HANDBELL PEALS

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 22, 1958, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 120 each of St. Osmund's and St. Remigius', 360 each of Fundenhall, Haddiscoe, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Simon's and St. Nicholas', 600 each of St. Martin's and Winchendon Place, and 720 each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. R. RENDER 1—2	A. SHEPPARD 3—4
JOHN POTTS 5—6	

Conducted by JOHN POTTS.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT 4, RUSHTON DRIVE,

A PEAL OF 5280 DOUBLES

In 22 methods, being 240 each of Reverse Shipway's Place Bob, Reverse Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Shipway's Place Bob, Blackburn Place Bob, Westminster II Bob, St. Hilary Bob, Coxwell Place Bob, St. Botolph Bob, Stedman Slow Course, St. Bartholomew's Bob, Reverse All Saints' Bob, St. Sebastian Bob, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Winchendon Place Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, St. Remigius' Bob, St. Simon's Bob, St. Osmund's Bob, St. Martin's Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor size 16½ in B flat.

FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 1—2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 3—4
WILLIAM H. DOWSE 5—6	

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

First peal of Doubles and first handbell peal in 22 methods by all, and for the Guild.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 29, 1958, in 1 Hour and 39 Minutes,

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 360 each of Fundenhall, Haddiscoe Bob, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, St. Remigius', St. Simon's, St. Martin's and St. Osmund's, and 720 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. R. RENDER 1—2	ALAN SHEPPARD 3—4
*JOHN POTTS 5—6	

Conducted by JOHN POTTS.

* 25th peal.

QUARTER PEALS

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On April 27th. 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. M. Border 1, L. M. Parker (first quarter) 2, C. S. Aylett 3, J. W. T. Taylor (cond.) 4, D. A. Carpenter 5, G. Gardner 6, P. Stone 7, P. Border 8.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On April 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with back two bells covering): G. Lonsdale (first away from tenor) 1, I. Attwater 2, L. Prior 3, S. Nelson (first 'inside') 4, L. Bullock (cond.) 5, J. Barrance 6, D. Rurchman 7. For the parsonal festival and for the birth of a daughter (Madeline Anne) to Barbara and John Barrance.

BLACKBURN, LANCs.—At the Cathedral, on April 20th. 1,280 Plain Bob Major: G. Atkinson 1, G. Wignall 2, A. Tomlinson 3, H. Anderton 4, T. Wilkinson 5, F. Haye 6, M. J. Halliwell 7, J. R. Jordan (cond.) 8. A compliment to the conductor on his return to Bedfordshire.

BOW, E.—On Mar. 9th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. G. Andrews 1, C. M. Meyer 2, J. A. Hales 3, C. A. Hughes 4, M. Hawkes 5, C. W. Outley 6, E. D. Smith (cond.) 7, J. McPhail 8.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—On April 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Edwards (first quarter) 1, R. Purnell (first quarter) 2, J. Lucas 3, G. Parsons 4, F. Box (cond.) 5, P. Gaisford 6. For special afternoon service.

BRAY, BERKS.—On May 3rd. 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. Bird 1, D. A. S. Hawkins 2, G. K. Dodd 3, W. S. Deason 4, B. J. Luff 5, T. A. Cross 6, R. G. Leale (cond.) 7, A. P. Cannon 8. First quarter of Surprise Major on the bells.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Ambrose, on May 4th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Shackleton (first quarter) 1, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 2, F. J. Samson 3, A. C. Baker 4, F. Skidmore 5, J. F. Pedler 6, R. G. Hooper 7, F. R. Hussey 8. For Holy Communion service.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—At St. Paul's Church, on April 27th. 1,277 Grandsire Caters: D. Brunning 1, G. L. Robottom 2, W. J. Leach 3, Miss J. M. Key 4, A. G. Foster 5, Mrs. B. G. Key 6, B. G. Key (cond.) 7, T. D. Belben 8, G. Harrison 9, B. Dawson 10. First of Caters for 1, 4, 8 and 10. For Evensong.

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.—On April 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: O. Lamb 1, C. Gardiner 2, L. Hewitt 3, J. Riley 4, W. J. Smith 5, R. H. Stickley (cond.) 6, R. Laws 7, J. Ernsten 8. First quarter in South Africa for No. 7. Rung for Evensong and as a tribute to the voluntary work of the late John Wood, both in the tower and in the other organisations connected with the parish to St. Mary's Woodstock.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, on May 3rd. 1,312 Bob Major: Miss G. Evans (first quarter) 1, G. Marchant 2, T. Yeomans 3, J. Daniels 4, L. Hulbert 5, T. Petty (first quarter) 6, W. Dare 7, T. Lewis (first cond.) 8. For the Festival of Wales.

CROPWELL BISHOP, NOTTS.—On April 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Goodwin 1, Pamela Clarke 2, T. O. Greasley 3, B. M. Buswell (cond.) 4, J. D. Clarke 5. For Evensong.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On May 4th. at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist. 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss H. Talbot (first of Royal) 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, Mrs. W. F. Oatway 3, R. Davies 4, E. W. Razzell 5, N. G. Steere (first of Royal) 6, G. H. Humphries 7, R. J. Abbott 8, W. F. Oatway 9, F. E. Collins (cond.) 10.

DAMERHAM, HANTS.—On May 3rd. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. Bush 1, J. Baverstock 2, Miss E. Brown 3, P. Waterman 4, R. T. Jones 5, P. G. Morgan (cond.) 6. Longest length of Minor for 1 and 2. Rung for gift day.

DEAN PRIOR, DEVON.—On May 1st. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Radcliff (first quarter) 1, Heather Hood 2, A. L. Bennett 3, E. A. Atkins 4, D. P. Roberts (cond.) 5, D. McCollough (first quarter) 6. A compliment to Mr. Richard Churchward, former ringer and sexton, on his 90th birthday.

DITCHHEAT, SOMERSET.—On May 1st. 1,344 Spliced Surprise Major (Cambridge, Yorkshire and Superlative): E. Wadman 1, M. Rose 2, A. J. Sanger 3, R. J. Craze 4, D. Hoare (cond.) 5, V. Roberts 6, D. E. Lee 7, G. Salmon 8. First quarter of Spliced Surprise Major by all.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM.—On April 25th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Chaddock 1, Miss E. A. Wardill 2, F. Fisher 3, J. N. D. Chaddock 4, G. S. Lee 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6. Rung on St. Mark's Day.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.—On April 27th. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Gentleman 1, A. Bensstead 2, A. R. Mann (cond.) 3, J. Gentleman (first-quarter) 4, S. Brown 5. For Evensong.

FARNINGHAM, KENT.—On April 27th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. H. Hardy 1, A. Bates (cond.) 2, R. Beard 3, F. G. Wheller 4, P. G. Braund 5, B. W. Aldridge 6. Rung to celebrate the 73rd birthday of Mr. A. Bates, tower captain.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On April 29th. 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. Chapman 1, B. Foster (first quarter) 2, E. E. Whitmore 3, D. Pearson (first quarter) 4, W. J. Whitmore (cond.) 5, C. Richardson 6, A. Gibbs 7, H. Richardson 8. Rung for the institution and induction of Canon John Clifford Gill to the benefice of Finedon.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On April 16th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Jordan 1, G. W. Bishop 2, A. Sayers 3, A. H. Webb (cond.) 4, D. Bosley 5, C. Corderoy 6, W. Corderoy 7, A. E. Gee 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Selwyn Caudwell, churchwarden and ringer at Harwell for many years, interred this day at Harwell.

HAWLEY, HANTS.—On April 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. B. Gilder (first quarter) 1, R. Cist 2, Mrs. D. Brookman (first quarter) 3, F. Farr 4, J. W. Smith (first cond.) 5, L. Bovles 6. For Evensong.

HEMYOCK, DEVON.—On May 2nd. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Morrell 1, L. Mutter (first quarter) 2, D. Salter 3, D. Hart 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, L. Hart (first quarter) 6. An all-Hemyock band except the conductor.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On April 27th. 1,440 Minor (Single Court and Plain Bob): D. Armstrong (cond.) 1, R. Larkin 2, B. Mills 3, J. Meredith 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley 6. For evening service.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On April 16th. 1,376 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. Crozier 1, Miss S. Collins 2, A. Frost 3, D. James 4, F. Roe 5, A. Gibbs 6, B. Austin 7, G. Watson (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Anderson Y. Tyler, aged 88, of Irtlingborough, who passed away the previous day.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFS.—On Mar. 15th. 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): B. Dawson 1, Miss V. C. Naylor 2, E. Edginton 3, Mrs. B. G. Key 4, B. G. Key (cond.) 5, W. Leach 6.

KIRKHEATON, YORKS.—On May 4th. 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Miss M. Smith (15) 1, D. Ingleby 2, Miss C. Dearnley (15) 3, W. Sykes 4, R. Mitchell 5, R. Senior (cond.) 6. First of Oxford by local band. For Confirmation service.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Easter Day. 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. H. Conquest 1, L. G. Lee 2, J. R. Jordan 3, D. Manger 4, H. B. Whitney 5, Miss V. Willard 6, E. J. Conquest 7, J. M. Stephens (cond.) 8. For J. H. Conquest's 46th wedding anniversary. Also on April 17th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Conquest 1, H. B. Whitney 2, R. Butler 3, Miss V. Willard 4, E. J. Conquest 5, J. M. Stephens (cond.) 6, R. Woodruff 7, W. Inley 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Eleanor Brownworth, 35 years a member of the local band.

LONDON, S.E.—At St. John's Church, Waterloo Road, on Mar. 16th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. J. Mead 1, R. J. Chance 2, H. G. Andrews 3, A. E. Hoare 4, F. P. Mead 5, C. M. Meyer 6, W. D. Grainger (cond.) 7, F. A. Ranson 8.

LYDNEY, GLOS.—On Easter Day. 1,260 Doubles (being 60 Original, and 120 each of Reverse Grandsire, Plain Bob, April Day, Norfolk Pleasure, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure and Clifford Pleasure): J. A. Long 1, J. J. Wilcox 2, B. D. Sims 3, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 4, R. I. Thomas 5, G. R. Elliott 6. For Evensong. Also on May 1st. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Chas. Goulding 1, J. I. Wilcox 2, B. D. Sims 3, D. A. Hoult 4, R. I. Thomas 5, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 6. For the Feast of SS. Philip and James.

MILNROW, LANCs.—On May 3rd. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Foster 1, J. Alwyn Taylor 2, Mrs. P. J. H. Hudson 3, A. Smith (jun.) 4, M. Fishwick 5, D. Butterworth (cond.) 6. A compliment to Barbara Foster and Allan Smith on the occasion of their engagement.

MOSSLEY, LANCs.—On April 28th. 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob: J. Smith (cond.) 1, G. Perrin 2, F. White 3, H. B. Schofield 4, A. Farrand 5, A. G. Bennett 6. In memoriam Ralph Walker, a ringer of Mossley Parish Church. Rung by Friesland ringers.

OXFORD.—On April 24th. at St. Thomas' Church. 1,320 Undershaft Doubles: C. R. C. Coussmaker 1, F. A. Barnett 2, Daphne Cloke 3, R. A. Jackson 4, D. J. Roaf 5, R. B. James (first quarter) 6. First in the method by all. Rung with best wishes for an early recovery to J. G. Pusey.

PENDLEBURY, LANCs.—On April 29th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Jacks 1, B. Rothwell 2, J. Froome 3, R. Bagnall 4, A. Lomas 5, J. Thornley 6, N. Tompkins (cond.) 7, C. Cooper 8. A welcome to Glyn, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Cooper.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—On April 8th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Berry 1, P. Hart 2, F. W. Elliott 3, H. A. Bradbury 4, M. Hatchett 5, D. C. Bartholomew (cond.) 6. Correction to quarter, May 2nd issue.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On April 23rd. 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Rosemary G. Hicks 1, A. J. Hicks 2, Noreen Winter 3, Maisie Vantom 4, J. Small (first of Triples 'inside') 5, E. P. Bryant 6, R. Swift (cond.) 7, L. Terry 8. First of Triples for 1 and 3. Rung for St. George's Day.

SEND, SURREY.—On April 26th. 1,440 Doubles (being 120 each of Plain Bob, Old, April Day, Kennington, St. Simon's, Cassington, St. Alban's, Eynsham, St. Martin's, St. Peter's, St. Paul's, St. Leonard's): Anne Lepper 1, Jill Lane 2, P. Bird 3, D. May (cond.) 4, P. Smart 5, L. Bond 6. Also 1,260 Doubles, being 60 of Stedman (cond., Anne Lepper 1) and 120 each of St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury (cond. P. Bird 2), Reverse St. Bartholomew, Dedworth, April Day (cond. Jill Lane 3), St. Miles', Winchendon Place, St. John's (cond., P. Smart 4), Plain Bob and Grandsire (cond., D. May 5) (with L. Bond 6).

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On May 4th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Nixon 1, N. Buckland 2, Mrs. J. Gray 3, R. Brocklehurst 4, W. Naylor (first cond.) 5, J. Laver 6. For evening service.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On May 4th, at Immanuel Church. 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Miss D. Crowe 1, M. Williamson 2, G. Parsons 3, J. Cook 4, R. Hinde 5, E. Talbot 6, W. Wilson 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8. First of Double Norwich by 1 and 2.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On April 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Violet 1, E. Relf 1, W. P. Tickner 2, Kathleen M. Yeo (cond.) 3, W. Prior 4, P. Relf 5, P. Barnes 6, M. P. Orpin (first quarter) 7, A. E. Gorham 8. For Evensong.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 1st. 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Scott 1, C. Wade 2, W. Whitmore 3, L. Witten 4, G. Jeffs 5, A. Richardson 6, G. Bush 7, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 8.

TRETON, YORKS.—On April 19th. 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: B. Wardell 1, J. Seagar 2, J. Chaddock 3, J. Holland 4, C. Rusby 5, D. Holland (cond.) 6.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On April 27th. 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. Digby 1, S. Penfold 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, M. C. Austin 4, F. V. Gant 5, A. J. Salisbury 6, D. M. Salisbury 7, L. S. Woods (cond.) 8, T. East 9, T. Pearson (first on 10) 10. For morning service.

WANLIP, LEICS.—On May 1st. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Yates 1, G. C. J. Wakefield 2, Shirley Scott 3, G. Northwood 4, D. M. Sawyer 5, O. T. Northwood (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Charles E. Hurd, who died on April 26th.

WOODFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 30th. 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Coulson (first quarter, 13) 1, J. Groom (first 'inside', 13) 2, Miss D. Gibson (16) 3, V. Headland 4, B. Coulson (cond., 18) 5, C. M. Bosworth (12) 6. Rung by local band for Evensong.

WORLE, SOMERSET.—On April 17th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Ballam 1, G. Prescott (cond.) 2, R. J. Brennen 3, Miss S. Llewellyn 4, D. Hawkins 5, W. Lovell 6. First quarter in method by all except conductor.

130 MILES IN LANCASHIRE

Nine ringers had an enjoyable trip in two cars, covering a distance of 130 miles on April 19th. The starting point was Heywood, and one young enthusiast was so eager for the fray that he arrived at one house before the driver of one of the cars had left his bed!

The first tower was the R.C. Church of St. Mary (8), Chorley, and then the main A6 road was followed to Brindle—a completely concealed village and a church containing two bells cast about A.D. 1300 in its ring of six. At Kirkham there are two churches—the Parish Church of St. Michael and the R.C. Church of St. John.

From Kirkham the route led to the heart of the Fylde District; and the delightful eight of St. Anne's, which were only cast about two years ago, were well worth a visit. A short stay at Blackpool allowed sufficient time to ring at Holy Trinity, South Shore, and St. John's, North Shore. At St. Chad's, Poulton-le-Fylde, the ringing from the ground floor drew the attention of a mixed audience.

The six at Singleton and also St. Leonard's, Walton-le-Dale (8), were visited, and at the latter tower a spot of excitement was provided by the rope of the seventh breaking. The best ringing of the day came at All Saints', Higher Walton. Unfortunately, the tourists arrived late at St. Laurence's, Chorley; had they been on time they would have managed the 12 towers.

Ringing included Plain Bob, Little Bob, Duffield, Kent and Oxford Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and various Minor methods including Cambridge. Thanks are accorded to the organiser, drivers and people who gave permission to ring.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION**Northern District**

In spite of the College Youths' spring meeting at Cambridge there was a good attendance at the Northern District meeting at Hinxworth on May 3rd. After the ringing, the Rev. V. Roos conducted the service and Mrs. Roos played the harmonium.

They stopped for tea, but not the business meeting, at which Mr. L. Blackburn (Pirton) and Miss J. Harris (St. Ippolyts) were elected ringing members. The election of Mr. I. Oram (Lec, London) was confirmed. Next month's meeting will be at Knebworth. Because of the poor attendance last time, only those who send their names to Mr. Marks will be able to have tea. It is hoped that many will come.

More ringers arrived later, and methods of all kinds were enjoyed, including the special method, Ipswich Surprise Minor. J. S.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

The fine weather brought many visitors from distances to the spring meeting of the Andover District, held at Longparish on April 19th. The Rector (the Rev. Mr. Agg-Sage) conducted the service and presided at the business meeting which followed tea. Eight new honorary members were elected on the proposition of Mr. Wimpey, of Abbot's Ann, bringing his total to 20; surely a record for a small village. Future events are: Meeting at Abbot's Ann on July 19th and practice meeting on May 31st at four towers—St. Marybourne, Whitechurch (tea), Longparish and Hurstbourne Priors. Evening ringing included that on the heavy six at Hurstbourne Priors.

THE VETERAN OF KERESLEY, WARWICKS

Starting to ring in 1899 when 14 years of age, Mr. Walter Ensor rang call-changes until 1937 when the leadership of St. Thomas' Church, Keresley, was given to the late Charles Webb. By no little effort on Mr. Webb's part, the band was taught to ring Grandsire, and Walter became a good treble ringer. His only peal was Grandsire Doubles in 1939, with his brother-in-law, Sid Oughton, and his nephew, Jack Oughton, calling from the tenor.

Because of indifferent health at the end of the war, Walter gave up ringing until six years ago. With his health better he has been a punctual and regular attender twice on Sundays ever since. He despaired of getting beyond the observation bell in Grandsire, but the writing out of whole six-scores and the encouragement of more experienced ringers enabled him to master the method. Unfortunately, an injury to a shoulder prevents his hands rising at back-stroke as of yore.

As his 73rd birthday approached he expressed a wish to ring to mark the occasion. On April 29th a quarter of 1,260 Grandsire Doubles was rung by Miss T. I. Bowcutt 1, W. A. Stote (conductor) 2, W. Ensor 3, H. Folwell 4, R. D. Hart 5. There were only two clips to mar the performance. Well done, Walter! May he be spared for many years to come to carry out the task he loves, of ringing the bells of Keresley on Sundays. W. A. S.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On April 27th. at the Parish Church. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia Baillie (first quarter) 1, S. Ann Thoday 2, H. M. Williamson 3, Helen M. Thoday 4, M. F. Oakshett 5, D. J. R. Martin 6, B. D. Threlfall (cond.) 7, P. J. Spice 8. For the Scout service.

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Mr. C. W. Denyer, of Farnham, is the new Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, succeeding Mr. A. Harman who has held the office for 15 years. The unsuccessful nominee at the Guildford Diocesan Guild annual meeting on Saturday was Mr. Harold Pitstow. In recognition of his services, Mr. Harman was elected a vice-president of the Guild.

The peal of 5,058 Stedman Caters (see page 299) starts at backstroke.

The quarter peal of Undershaft rung at Oxford may well be the first in the method. The calling is confined to 'Go' and 'That's all,' and this is felt to be too small a job to designate anyone as conductor. The initial impetus was given by Mr. J. G. Pusey.

The Ladies' Guild scored another peal last Friday at Ash, Surrey—of Plain Bob Minor, called by Miss Ann N. Cox. It is believed to be the first peal for the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild.

The band who rang 39 Spliced Treble Bob Minor at Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire, on May 3rd, would like to claim that they are the youngest band to ring a peal of 'Spliced.' The average age was 16½ years, and the band included three 14-year-olds and a 15-year old!

Secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild since 1938, Mr. G. L. Grover retired on Saturday. The new hon. secretary and treasurer is Mr. S. Russell, of Orchard Cottage, Ash Hill Road, Ash. Miss R. Hide replaces Miss W. Oliver as assistant hon. secretary.

In honour of the Festival of Wales a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted at St. John's Church, Cardiff, on May 3rd, but after the end of the third part someone entered the belfry and attention was diverted, with the resulting loss of concentration and the peal.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

Mr. D. Hoare, of 13, Coombend, Radstock, Bath, is the new diocesan secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. Mr. Roger O. Fry, who had held the office for five years, received honorary life membership as a tribute to his work at the Association's annual meeting at Minchhead.

From the latest copy of 'Ringing Towers' to reach our office, Melbourne ringers, after a visit to Ballarat Town Hall, are confident that a peal could be scored on these bells.

Mr. Brian J. Woodruffe, of 66, Rockfield Road, Fairfield, Buxton, hopes to arrange a young ringers' tour in Oxfordshire this year (with peals). Teenage ringers interested are asked to communicate with him.

We welcome back to our peal columns Mr. C. F. Sargeant, of Burwell, Cambs. He has made a remarkable recovery from his serious road accident last September. His ringing friends wish him many more happy peals.

Mr. Claude Corderoy, who 'completed the circle' when ringing the seventh in the peal at Blewbury, Berks, on May 3rd, is the first Blewbury ringer to do so. The only other ringer ever to 'complete the circle' was the late R. G. (Dick) Rice, who did so in June, 1924, nearly 34 years ago.

Leigh Sinton handbell team by their latest tune ringing performance at the Botanical Gardens, Edgbaston, completed their 150th engagement. The team have been ringing together continuously for nine years. The fine-toned two-octave ring of bells was made by Mr. Frank Barnett, the leader. By the efforts of the team some years ago over £70 was raised towards the rehanging of the bells of Leigh Church, of which they are ringers, and also are members of the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

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THE annual general meeting was held at Barrow-in-Furness on April 26th. The day's proceedings commenced with ringing at St. Mary's (10), Dalton-in-Furness, St. Mary's (6), Ulverston, and St. James' (8), Barrow-in-Furness.

The annual service was held in St. James's School and was conducted by the Rev. C. P. Stannard, assisted by his curate. The president (Rev. R. D. St. John Smith) read the lesson.

Tea was enjoyed in St. James's Parish Hall, after which the annual meeting was held. Apologies were received from C. W. Blakey, Peter Crook, the Rev. P. T. Robbins and P. H. Derbyshire.

A comprehensive report on the Woodhouse ringing machine was given by Mr. Cyril Cross-thwaite, and was accepted.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

Mr. P. H. Derbyshire was the successful candidate for vice-president, for a term of two years. There was only one nomination for general secretary—Mr. F. Dunkerley, and the president duly declared him elected. Mr. Dunkerley assured the meeting that he would work for the best interests of the Association, and thanked the members for their renewed confidence.

The report of the committee, which was accepted, stated the matter of the broadcast of Priory Church bells, Lancaster, was left in the hands of the president, the committee voicing their disapproval of bells being rung electrically.

The Association's membership was made up as follows: Hon. life members 66, new 3; non-resident members 572, new 26; ringing members 1,118, new 106.

The ringing secretary's report for 1957 stated that a total of 117 peals had been rung, a slight increase on last year. One peal of Plain Bob Major published was not claimed in the total, reducing the number to 116. Twenty-eight members rang their first peal, 133 their first in some particular method or on higher numbers or 'in hand'; 258 members took part in the total and 39 shared in conducting.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations were offered to Messrs. F. Dunkerley on ringing his 200th peal for the Association, E. C. Birkett his 175th, C. Cross-thwaite and T. Barker their 125th, C. Clegg his 100th, B. A. Tomlinson, N. Smith, A. Capstick, G. E. Braithwaite, A. V. Williams and Miss M. Walshaw their 50th.

First in the method for the Association were Huncoat Alliance Bob Major and Hereward Bob Major, St. James's, Accrington; Langley S.M., St. Nicholas', Liverpool; Belgrave S.M. ('in hand'), Yorkshire S.M. ('in hand'), Manchester; Ashbourne College Bob Major, St. James's, Birch-in-Rusholme. The report was accepted. The balance sheet and auditors' report was accepted.

It was resolved that 'Any member with 50 years' unbroken membership in the Association will automatically become a life member.'

The following ringing members were transferred to life membership: Mr. George Staff, Milnrow, Mr. Thomas Johnson, Padiham, and Mr. Herbert Davenport, Walsden.

Mr. Ivan Kay, on behalf of the Rochdale Branch, invited the Association to hold their next annual general meeting at Todmorden on the last Saturday in April, 1959, which was accepted.

A vote of thanks was proposed to all those who had in any way contributed to the success of the meeting.

IRISH ASSOCIATION'S PRESIDENT'S GREETINGS



Mr. William Pratt, of Holywood, Co. Down, the president of the Irish Association of Change Ringers, sends the following message of greeting to Mr. Frederick Sharpe (president) and the members of the Central Council:—

Dear Mr. Sharpe,—As president of the Irish Association of Change Ringers I wish, on behalf of the Executive Council and the members, to extend to you and the Central Council a most hearty welcome to Ireland for your annual meeting. As this is the first of the Central Council, we hope that it will be well attended and that you have a pleasant meeting.

I can assure you that the Irish ringers are looking forward to your visit, and also that they will do all in their power to make this a memorable occasion. You can be sure of an Irish welcome wherever you go.

We hope this visit will give your ringers an opportunity of meeting the ringers of this country and that it may induce more parties to visit us during the summer. The general and District secretaries will be very glad to make arrangements for any bands who decide to have a ringing tour in Ireland.

Except in the cities, the towers for ringing are fairly scattered about, but as some compensation there is very pretty country to see.

Change ringing is not widely practised here, though most towers are interested; the main difficulty is lack of suitable instructors in remote areas: this visit should give greatly increased interest in change ringing.—Yours sincerely,

WM. PRATT.

Funeral Of The Rev. G. C. Seymour Metford

The funeral service for the Rev. G. C. Seymour Metford, Vicar of Shrivensham for 26 years, whose death at the age of 64 was briefly recorded in our last issue, took place on May 3rd. The Lord Bishop of Reading officiated and the congregation of 300 people which filled the church included many ringing friends. Miss M. Cross (general secretary) represented the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The bells were rung muffled as the procession walked to Shrivensham Cemetery for the interment.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

Final Arrangements For The Dublin Meeting

HEADQUARTERS.—Central Hotel, Exchequer Street, Dublin. All ringers and friends will be welcome at headquarters during the week-end and after the Council meeting.

WHITSUN TUESDAY.—Holy Communion in St. Patrick's Cathedral at 7.30 a.m. Council meeting in the Synod Hall at 10 a.m. Members are asked to sign the roll and be in their places by 9.45 a.m.

Tea, by kind invitation of Bord Failte Eireann, at 5 p.m.

Two rooms have been reserved at Headquarters for a social gathering at 8 p.m.

Members should have received a detailed list of all ringing and other arrangements which has kindly been prepared by the Irish Association. Any member who has not had a copy please contact Mr. F. E. Dukes.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

IRISH ASSOCIATION

THE final contest in the striking competition for the Murphy Cup took place at Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, on May 3rd, and was won by St. Peter's, Drogheda, with 39 faults, followed by Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick (the holders), 50 faults, and St. Mark's, Dundela, Belfast, 53 faults. The judges were Messrs. W. Pratt, F. Bogan and H. Johnson, and the Ringing Masters were Miss Jean Stewart and Mr. Cyril Galbraith. The cup was presented by Mrs. F. E. Dukes.

The executive council also met at Christ Church and adopted the annual report and statement of accounts. A reference to the Central Council's visit stated that a Dublin committee consisting of one representative from each Dublin tower was dealing with local arrangements. A good response had been received from various towers by way of promises of financial help and general co-operation. 'The Council's visit coincides with the 60th anniversary of the foundation of the Irish Association, which has never been so strong, and we trust that the Council's visit will result in a resurgence of change-ringing in Ireland and a knitting of friendships which will last for time immemorial.'

The membership of the Association on December 31st was life 31, honorary 4, ringing 351, non-resident 120; total 490.

The report of the 'Irish Bell News' stated that although the Irish circulation dropped the 'foreign' circulation was up. A balance of 4s. 7½d. was carried forward.

The following were elected to the various offices: President, William Pratt, Holywood; vice-presidents, David Benson, Harold Johnson and the Rev. E. G. Parke; Master and librarian, Robert S. F. Murphy, P.C.; general secretary, Fred E. Dukes, Meadow Cottage, Julianstown, Co. Meath; badge secretary, J. T. Dunwoody; auditors, R. W. Smyth and W. E. Bovenizer; editorial committee, 'Irish Bell News', F. E. Dukes (editor), Miss J. Stewart, G. Bingham and Mrs. F. E. Dukes.

Both From Same School

The election of Mr. H. Neill to the Mastership of the Cambridge University Guild, announced last week, would seem to herald a period of unprecedented calm between the two University Societies, since he and the Master of the Oxford University Society (Mr. R. N. Pittman) are both Old Brentwoods and ringing members of the S.W. District of the Essex Association. They hope to organise a 'school' peal this summer, and ask any O.B. ringer, of whom they do not know, to contact either of them.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Annual Tour, April 5th to 11th

THIS year's tour was based on Bath, and we arrived cold and miserable, especially after Cassandra had disclosed that a peal of 10-spliced Surprise Major rung at the end of the previous term had been proved false. After a visit to the Baths, the evening was taken up by the bridge fiends, who played most nights until after midnight. All praise, however, to the two bridge players who on Easter Sunday attended the 7 a.m. service at Bath Abbey. The Abbey is now having a wash and brush up and looks very fine.

After breakfast we rang at Bathwick, where the lateness of the sixth was impressed on its ringer, and the Abbey, where an ex-Master was seen hanging on the tenor rope unable to pull the bell off. Another group went to Weston and found that Cambridge and London were both after the bells in August, and a further group visited St. Saviour's Church. During the rest of the day long walks over the surrounding hills and visits to the Roman Baths were taken and paid. In the evening most members visited Twerton, where we were welcomed by Roger Fry. He was a great help to the Society and he joined us for other days.

IN PAIRS

On Monday we set off a little late towards Wiltshire. We rang first on the Holy Trinity bells at Bradford-on-Avon. The raise was delayed by a suspected fault in the clock mechanism, and we explored a beautiful Saxon church. It was on leaving Bradford that we realised our organiser could not count, and we arranged ourselves in pairs so that one would prevent the coach leaving the other behind. But even this was not enough. On Wednesday Roger Fry found a lost bus wandering down the London road which had left Colin behind. When Colin was found and the coach came to pick the main party up, it left without our engaged couple. No one noticed until they turned up at the first tower and were asked: 'Why did you stay in the churchyard so long? We wanted you for Spliced.'

To return to Monday: we rang next at Melksham before and after a service. The unexpected service was welcomed by coffee drinkers, but it shortened the available time on the bells, which at 18 cwt. were a weight we were used to (the average weight was 27 cwt.). Later at Trowbridge the 12 Cambridge Maximus ringers looked at one another and insisted on ringing Little Bob. We tried to get lunch in Trowbridge but a Bank Holiday had closed all the cafes. Most of us had sandwiches in a pub with draught cider at 9d. a pint.

In the afternoon we rang at Westbury. The sight of the belfry alone is worth a visit as it is beautifully kept and decorated. The sound of the bells is excellent, too, but they need a good band to ring Cambridge. One member was offered dinner by Roger Fry because he said that he could ring Cambridge better at Twerton. We finished by ringing at Mells and Wellow—another well-kept belfry with a 21 cwt. tenor which goes like 12, except when turning round, as was demonstrated in a course of London.

A WEDDING PEAL

The next day we marked Wilf and Peter's marriages with a peal of Stedman Caters at Evercreech. Bill Jackson, after a mysterious

false start, and an attempt to make us ring 5,017 changes, called an excellent 5,019. The band was mainly of old members, but Colin and Dermot scored their first peals on ten bells.

Meanwhile, the coach visited Ditcheat and Shepton Mallet before returning to pick the peal band up. The band was found just starting lunch (and a good lunch, too), so we were rather late at Yeovil. But we scored a course of Cambridge Royal and our usual Stedman Caters. (One girl rang by her own choice nothing in two days but Stedman and a single course of London.) We then moved on to Queen Camel bells, which were greatly enjoyed. Bill Jackson turned the tenor in and we ended with a beautiful lower, except that the ringer of the fourth made ineffectual efforts to chime his bell, saying: 'It's too heavy.'

A DISGRACEFUL EXHIBITION

In the evening we visited Bath Abbey, and another ex-Master was seen vainly hanging on the tenor rope. This tower saw the one disgraceful exhibition of the tour, for when a band for Stedman Caters was assembled they pulled off in the order 12345617238954x61, etc., and even when order was restored and we started changes it was not long before the conductor had to call off the unequal struggle. Even when the peal band took hold the improvement was only slight, and we had the mortification of seeing the local ringers having no difficulty. Fortunately a course of Bristol and a bob course of Grandsire saved our reputation. Later David Hoare entertained us with tape-recordings of the Abbey and other musical rings.

Next day, after a good ring at Twerton, we rang at Chewton Mendip. Here, after two breakdowns in Ealing, we replaced the ringers on 7-8 and went through a course well struck except for the fourth and fifth leads, where the seventh rang Lindum. These bells were excellent but we had to move on. The Wykehamists insisted on culture by seeing a Cheddar cave, taking with them a stooge who is always being asked if he is a Wykehamist (manners maketh man?). The rest of the party went on for lunch in Wells where they found crowded cafes. The result was that the deviationists arrived (after eating bread and Cheddar cheese on the bus) at St. Cuthbert's before the believers in promptitude. We rang next for service in the Cathedral and greatly enjoyed a half-course of Cambridge Royal. We returned via Radstock where the bells were a pleasant reminder of the previous O.U.S. tour of Somerset.

On Thursday, leaving Shirley Rymer behind with a poisoned finger, we rang at Chew Magna and Wrington before going to Yatton, where we admired the tone of the seventh (dated 1451) and the view from the truncated spire. In the afternoon a jaded band attempted a peal of Cambridge at Backwell. They failed. Re-united, we had supper in Bristol and then rang at Corston. Here Ruth How rang the tenor to Oxford Bob Triples, and we were able to re-acclimatise ourselves to light bells.

Even the bridge fiends were too tired to play that night, but your correspondent, in an effort to obtain more spicy copy, swapped gossip until 1 a.m. Unfortunately, he cannot recall any of it. So ended a memorable tour. We would thank Colin Taylor, Roger Fry and all our hosts in Somerset for a wonderful week.

OXON.

RESTORATION

Orsett, Essex

On April 19th a service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the bells of St. Giles and All Saints', Orsett, was conducted by the Archdeacon of Southend (Ven. W. N. Welch). The large congregation included the Lord Lieutenant of Essex (Sir Francis Whitmore), accompanied by Lady Whitmore, Mr. John Crampion (Master of the S.W. Division of the Essex Association) and Mr. Frank Gant (hon. secretary, Essex Association). The bells were rung both before and after the service, and there were many favourable comments on their handiness.

The work was by Mr. Harry Parkes, of Mears and Stainbank, who has worked miracles with the old, rough-going six.

The sermon was preached by the Archdeacon, who quoted from the last three paragraphs of Mr. Heazel's letter in the Essex Association report, urging ringers to set a living example within the Church. The organist (Mr. L. Shaw) tape-recorded some of the ringing, which was played back to the ringers before they left the church.

About ten young people are at present receiving instruction on a tied bell, and it is hoped soon to be able to ring the bells for Sunday service.

J. E. H.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT

One of the most popular fixtures of the year of the Sheffield and District Society was that held at St. Leonard's, Thrybergh, on May 3rd, when several towers competed for the Society's silver cup. The teams assembled in bright sunshine outside the pleasant church, and ringing commenced at 3.30 p.m. A high standard of ringing was maintained by all the bands.

The very refreshing tea provided by the local lady ringers was followed by the business meeting, during which the judges (Mr. J. Thorley and Mr. S. Scattergood) announced the results of the afternoon's contest. The order of the first three was as follows: Handsworth, Rotherham and Sheffield Cathedral. The Vicar (Rev. J. K. Dixon, M.A.) presented the cup to Mr. J. E. Turley, owing to the absence of the Ringing Master (Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert) who had to leave early.

After the meeting the ringing was continued in a variety of methods, and Mr. F. Brunt was congratulated on the ability of his latest recruits who rang rounds and call-changes, the youngest of them being nine years old.

The next meeting will be held at Penistone on June 7th.

S. C.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

POWER OF CO-OPTION

Dear Sir,—Mr. Wilfrid Wilson is mistaken in thinking that 'The Ringing World' Committee has not the power to co-opt members. The minutes of the 1951 meeting held at Chester recorded that 'It was also agreed to appoint a new committee, consisting of J. F. Smallwood, F. I. Hairs, J. T. Dyke and H. J. Poole, with power to co-opt.' Mr. R. S. Anderson was co-opted under this authority in 1954.

The specific mention of this power in Rule 11 (2) relating to the Standing Committee arises from the fact that this rule reproduces part of a standing committee's report made in 1933. It was added to the Council's rules in 1956 as the result of a recommendation of the Handbook Sub-committee in 1955.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT,
Secretary to the Council.

IRISH ASSOCIATION — N.R.L. MEMBERS

Dear Sir,—At the meeting of the Executive Council of the Irish Association of Change Ringers, held in Dublin on May 3rd, it was decided that the names of any non-resident life members whose whereabouts are unknown should be removed from the books at the end of the present year.

Will any person knowing the present whereabouts of the following communicate with me, and at the same time give present address: P. Davis (Lichfield), R. Judd (Gloucester), W. and R. Simpson (Framlingham), G. A. Smith (Tunstall), W. G. Thompson (Tunstall), W. Wakeley (Dawlish) and J. W. Washbrook, jun. (Manchester).—Yours, etc.,

FRED E. DUKES.

Meadow Cottage,
Julianstown, Co. Meath.

CARTER'S ODD-BOB PEAL

Dear Sir,—With regard to the composition of 5,040 Stedman Triples by J. Carter, published in 'The Ringing World' No. 2,455 (April 18th, 1958, page 255), as part of Mr. E. Jenkins' letter on this subject, prompts me to ask if this is, after all, the real or original odd-bob peal. I do not believe it is, because of its opening course, which contains a run of four calls.

On page 68 of the Davies 'Stedman,' published in the Snowdon series (my copy dated 1903), is an odd-bob peal accompanied by two descriptive paragraphs, the first of which begins: 'Some considerable time after this chapter was written, Mr. Carter sent the following peal . . . The second begins: 'In this interesting, original and exceedingly able peal there are never more than three calls in succession.'

This composition is repeated in Trollope's 'Stedman' on page 58, and contains 420 calls, the number of calls in the recently-published peal is 421. In the Davies/Trollope peal, there is a course-calling designated 'E,' i.e., bobs at 1, 3, 5, 7, 11, which is not included in the latter peal (the misprint in this having been noted).

So we have by the same composer two distinct and intricate peals, each claiming the title of 'Carter's Odd-Bob.' Which has the soundest claim?—Yours truly,

FRANK E. DARBY.

Croydon.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Easter Day, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: F. W. Croft (cond.) 1. Jean Croft 2. G. Cherry 3. L. Runnacles 4. S. H. Ashton 5. P. W. Croft 6. Also on April 20th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Jean Croft 1. L. Runnacles 2. S. H. Ashton 3. G. Cherry 4. K. Timbury 5. F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

YOUTH MUST BE TRAINED

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. Cooke, may well ask 'What of the night?' What, indeed! Is it not obvious that any band which for years will tolerate nothing but the best, is undermining the chances of its own existence? I do not advocate the tolerance of inferior ringing, but surely any band that is to survive these periods of darkness, described in Mr. Cooke's letter, must be forever fortifying its ranks with new blood and, as a result, must be prepared to accept a lower standard of performance.

There are, alas, a number of bands of ringers, renowned for their abilities, in whose towers the clappers are never tied. They have no need to teach the rudiments of ringing, drawing their recruits, as they do, from the less accomplished bands in their locality. But for the majority it must always be a question of teaching an endless stream of learners in order to maintain a strong and proficient band. It is, I feel, also very important that several age groups should be represented so that when internal strife besets a band, as it has at Branston, the chances are that only certain sections will be affected.

Therefore, Mr. Cooke, I challenge you, and your few remaining colleagues, to forget the standards of the past, which, in the circumstances, can stand for very little, and train a new band, drawing your recruits from the youth which abounds in all our parishes. Then, and only then, can the darkness be overcome.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN VERNON.

Stoney Stanton.

FIRST LADIES' PEAL IN SUFFOLK

Dear Sir,—May I correct the statement made in the report of the Suffolk Guild's annual general meeting concerning the first ladies' peal to be rung in Suffolk—this was rung 20 years ago on July 17th, 1938, at Higham St. Mary in Suffolk and was conducted by Hilda Snowden and myself.

It is correct to say that the peal at Polstead (the one referred to in the report) was the first all-ladies' peal for the Suffolk Guild, ours having been rung for the Ladies' Guild to mark the inauguration of a new Eastern District.—Yours faithfully,

SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

Grundisburgh.

HILLINGDON PEAL

Dear Sir,—I am much obliged to Miss Overend for her explanation of the curious way in which the date was written on the Hillingdon peal tablet. My friend, Frank Blagrove, had offered a somewhat similar solution. I can assure Miss Overend that the date on the tablet was 1737/8. The original writing has now been cleaned off, the tablet restored and it awaits the signwriter.—Yours sincerely,

FRED W. GOODFELLOW.

Iver Heath.

BELFRY PRAYERS

Dear Sir,—I have had so many requests for copies of the above that I have had to duplicate extra copies. These contain an additional six prayers, making 15 in all.

I will gladly send copies to anyone who forwards a stamped addressed envelope.—Yours sincerely,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

17, Herringthorpe Grove,
Broom, Rotherham.

GLOUCESTER GUILD OF RINGERS' OUTING

The annual outing of the Gloucester Guild of Ringers took place on Easter Monday in the form of a tour of Warwickshire and Oxfordshire.

At the first tower, St. Lawrence's Church, Bidford-on-Avon (8, tenor 14 cwt, 24 lb.), the bells were raised in peal and touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were brought round successfully.

Unfortunately the day's worst ringing took place at St. Nicholas' Church, Warwick (8), and we must apologise to the Warwick community for any discomfort which they suffered when our learners were ringing. We hope that the following touch of Major appeased them. Lunch was had at Warwick and then we made our way to Southam (8), where much better ringing took place and Triples and Major were rung quite well.

On then to Banbury, where, after tea, the day's best ringing took place on the ten at St. Mary's Church. Caters, Major and Triples were rung well here, which was quite surprising, as many had not rung on ten before. A very fine lower in peal followed and concluded the day's ringing. Finally, at a very nice country hostelry many members refreshed themselves and joined in a glorious sing-song with one or two of the 'locals.'

Our grateful thanks are due to our secretary (Miss Peggy Clark) and the chairman (Mr. Michael Ling), who made a wonderful job in organising the outing.

P. T. H.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Chew Deanery Activities

A well-attended quarterly meeting was held at Kingston Seymour (6) on April 19th, with a service conducted by the Rector (Rev. P. W. R. Rowlands).

Following the usual 'high standard' tea (which we always get in this corner of the Branch), the Rector presided at the business meeting, and his ample store of humorous anecdotes enlivened the proceedings. One new member from Yatton and three from Wrington were elected. Subject to permission, the next quarterly meeting will be at Portishead in July, with practices for May and June at Weston-in-Gordano and Chew Magna respectively. Mr. L. Derrick suggested that a collection should be taken at quarterly meetings to be given to the church visited, and this was agreed.

The Branch Corporate Communion was held at Wrington on April 27th, and the ringing was of a high standard. The large company of ringers joined the parishioners for Communion, when the celebrant was the Rector (Rev. B. Lee). We were joined at an excellent breakfast in the parish room by one of the churchwardens, and a special word of welcome was also accorded to our newly-appointed general secretary. Ringing was afterwards resumed for the 11.15 a.m. service. M. J. H.

SUMMER COURSE WANTED

Dear Sir,—To help those, as myself, who can only ring one method, would it not be possible to run an annual summer course on change ringing? If the course lasted a week and was held in the mornings at the centre of some popular holiday area people would then be able to couple it with their holidays. Of course, it would have to be divided into advanced and elementary methods, at least, but I should think that such a course would prove very popular.—Yours sincerely,

K. G. E. WANNELL.

R.A.F., Jever.

THE CENTENARY OF BIG BEN II.

By RANALD CLOUSTON

(Continued from page 305)

Sir Charles Barry, the architect of the new Palace, fixed the weight of Big Ben I, but he did not appear to have realised that a bell of about 14 tons would have a diameter of 9 ft. or so and would thus require a shaft in the tower of at least 9 ft. by 9 ft. The shaft he designed and which had then been built was 11 ft. 4 in. by 8 ft. 2 in., and so Big Ben could not be raised in a normal mouth-downwards position, and worse—the bell had to be specially designed so that the overall height was less than 8 ft. This allowed Big Ben to be put on his side in a timber cradle and with the timber protective lining of the shaft fit into the 8 ft. 2 in. dimension of the latter. This cradle was then hoisted up with a specially made 1,600 ft. chain and a winch at the top of the tower. Each link of the chain was individually tested and the winch was operated by eight men. The hoisting started on October 12th, and in 32 hours the bell had been raised the 190 feet to the clock chamber; there the bell was removed from the cradle and put mouth downwards and then hoisted the further 40 feet to the frame.

The four quarter bells had been tuned by Warners to suit the new Big Ben and had already been mounted in the frame. The third quarter bell, an octave above Big Ben, still shows evidence of being turned in a lathe in the sound-bow.

A light clapper was fitted to Big Ben and Denison experimented with the bell. The first trouble encountered was that Barry's bell frame was quite inadequate, and it took five months for it to be altered so that it did not shake every time the bells were struck.

NOVEL FEATURES

Here it may be convenient to discuss one of the novel features of these five bells. They all had central holes through the crowns, which could be used for independent staples, and on each the top of the crown terminated in a horizontal flange with a neck between it and the crown. There was thus no loops of the old type forming the argent and canons and no cast-in crown staples.

These bells were secured to the frame by a central bolt. In addition, other bolts arranged in a circle had heads which gripped the underside of the flange on the crown of the bell. Turning bells so hung is comparatively easy as slackening all the bolts allows the whole bell to be twisted round, so enabling the clapper or clock hammer to strike on unworn zones.

A design similar to that which Denison adopted at Westminster had been originated by W. L. Baker, C.E. This had won a prize medal in Paris in 1855 after being patented by Baker a year earlier. The difference was that in Baker's design the entire weight of the bell was taken by the central bolt. A modification of this latter design was used by the amateur bell-founders Moore, Holmes and Mackenzie, of Weybread, Suffolk, in the period around 1880.

Denison also designed a layout of canons which enabled quarter turning to be more easily accomplished. The difficulty with the old layout

with six canons was that before quarter turning there were four canons let into the headstock, and after it only two. Denison's design had only four canons, arranged one on each side of a central stump or modified argent, and it was variously called either after him or after Doncaster where it was first used.

A LIBEL ACTION

Returning now to the story of Big Ben II, the clock was installed in 1859, and on September 29th that year the bell was noted to be cracked on the outside of the soundbow. Denison wrote a letter (one of many) to 'The Times,' which was printed on October 7th. This had some most unfavourable comments on

approval. Anyway, any new Big Ben would still have to fit in the 8 ft. 2 in. wide shaft.

DENISON'S OTHER BELLS

One feature of Denison's designs for bells is the very considerable metal thickness and corresponding weight for the notes obtained. Consider the first quarter bell at Westminster of 21 cwt. in G sharp: a modern bell for this note would weigh about 10½ cwt. The fourth quarter bell of 78 cwt. in B would have a modern counterpart of about 50 cwt. The effect of this excessive thickness seems to be to give an extremely doleful sound, especially in the case of lighter bells. This is certainly true of the bell 'Edmund' in St. Albans Cathedral given by Denison, or Lord Grimthorpe as he then was, and cast in 1888.

It must, however, be remembered that many bells cast before his day were too thin by modern standards; so though he was correct in pinpointing one cause of the poor sound of bells, his remedy was too drastic and went too far the other way.

Of Denison's other bells which he designed, most appear to have been recast. He designed rings for Doncaster Parish Church, Ossett, Gainford, Coddington, and the old tenor to the ring of eight in St. Nicholas', Aberdeen. This latter was destroyed by fire in 1874. The hour bell at Balmoral Castle, Aberdeenshire, cast by Warners, was scaled from his Westminster bells and still exists.

The writer has in his possession an original sketch by Denison of his design for the bell frame at Doncaster Parish Church, which is understood to be still in use though his bells have been recast. The roping arrangement of the bells as shown is one of the worst possible for causing swaying of the tower. Denison had much to say on the design

of the new church after the fire of 1853, and he may have seen to it that the tower was stout enough.

Denison was a millionaire, an eminent Queen's Counsel, an expert on clocks, watches, bells, locks, an amateur architect, a leading churchman, and in his age a well-known writer of letters to 'The Times.' He was regularly getting on the wrong side of those with whom he had dealings, and his life by Peter Ferriday, recently published, is full of interest and well worthy of study. Denison is also recorded as having been a ringer, but the writer has not heard of him having rung a peal.

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BIG BEN II., SHOWING THE CLOCK HAMMER

Big Ben II and the Mears foundry. As a result Mears brought a libel action against Denison and obtained an apology and costs from him. This was partly counterbalanced a month later by the Office of Works having a piece of the bell by one of the cracks cut out and analysed by Dr. Percy. The latter found that the metal was unhomogeneous.

For some while the bell was not used, but later it was turned slightly and struck by a lighter hammer. The present hammer weighs some 4½ cwt., 1½ cwt. lighter than the original one for the present bell. The writer on his visit noted two vertical cracks in the outside of the soundbow and alongside one a hole where the sample was removed. The cracks extend inwards to about a quarter of the thickness of the bell in this area.

Some would say, as Denison did in 1880, that the bell should be recast again. There are, however, considerable difficulties, one of which is that the very large clock in the room below the bells covers the shaft through which the new bell would have to be hoisted. Another is that the sound of Big Ben and the quarter bells are so well known all over the world that the casting of a new bell tonally different from the present one would probably not have popular

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Membership Over 1,600

THE 68th annual general meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held this year at Minehead, on Easter Monday. The service was held at 12 noon in the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels, and was attended by a large congregation and was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. C. Mortimer). The sermon was preached by the Association Master (Rev. Henry F. Warren).

Following luncheon in the Dorrien Restaurant, the members and visitors present, numbering some 130 people, attended the annual business meeting. This was opened in prayer by the Master, and the members who had passed away since the last meeting were remembered in silence. Apologies for absence were received from the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, from the Bishop of Taunton and from Mr. Ronald Short (secretary of the Bridgwater Branch).

The Master in his report gave details of his visits to a large number of the Branches in the diocese. He had been most impressed by the vigour and enthusiasm shown, and by the way the young people and older members were united in one common purpose. He noted that on two occasions peals had been rung on the same day as Branch meetings, and he hoped that this would not be the practice in future as the Branches looked to the peal ringers for support on meeting days.

The general secretary (Mr. Roger O. Fry) opened his report with details of progress throughout the diocese as a whole. Once again he was able to report that the membership figures, which had been an all-time record the previous year, had again increased this year and, while he was yet in the process of making the final detailed check, he found that the total membership was now 1,600.

He had offered his resignation last year, but this had not been accepted, and having regard to the fact that the Association was temporarily without a Master, and also that the rules were being revised, he had been prepared to carry on for a further period. However, circumstances beyond his control now made it imperative that he should give up the office, as he would be leaving the diocese at the end of April. Among the items which he had proposed to deal with were the purchase of new badges, the design of a new Association membership certificate, and a survey of the unaffiliated towers in the diocese, coupled with a massive recruiting campaign. The printed report for 1957 would be in the possession of the Branch secretaries by the end of the month.

VISITORS TO MEETINGS

Mr. Fry continued: 'Since this will be my last opportunity of addressing a gathering of ringers, I feel that there are one or two things that I would like to say, and one or two thoughts that I would like to leave with you. The first concerns visitors to our meetings. As I observed at Taunton two years ago, the meetings are primarily for the benefit and use of the members, and the bells are available for their enjoyment. However, we are quite prepared, and indeed pleased, to welcome visitors, but we have a right to expect that they will observe the normal courtesies of visitors, and will remember that they are here on sufferance. At one meeting I had to remind certain visitors of these courtesies as I found them taking more than a fair share of the ringing, although many of our own members were waiting patiently for a ring.

'Last year I was approached by other visitors who, having no interest in our service, our lunch or meeting, asked if they might ring at some of the open towers while we were having our meeting. Another group of people actually

took matters into their own hands, and rang at one of these towers while the meeting was in progress. It was some time later that I discovered this, or I would have raised the matter with the Master of the Association of which these people are members, and would have seen to it that they were taken to task for their most discourteous, dangerous and unseemly conduct.'

Another matter of concern was the fact that there was not a handbook available, dealing in clearly-worded and well-written terms with the instructing of ringers who were training others to ring. It had been reported last year that the Central Council had this matter in hand, but another year had gone by, and this urgently-needed book was not yet available. With the ready backing of the committee, Mr. Sanger would go ahead and produce such a manual for the use of the members.

THE IDEAL TOWER

The secretary stated that his idea of the ideal type of tower was that where all the members of the band were communicant or intending-communicant members of the Church of England, where they were churchmen first and ringers second, and where they endeavoured to ring for the Sunday services every Sunday, and for the great feasts of the Church as they occurred. Such a tower had no difficulty in attracting and holding members, and the best possible relationship existed between the clergy and the ringers. This happy state of affairs existed in many churches, but not, unfortunately, in all, and it was to be hoped that as time went on, more and more of those ringers who did not at present extend their activities outside the tower would increasingly realise that their ringing should be a means to an end, and not an end in itself, and also that it did not preclude them from joining fully in the other activities of the Church.

He concluded his report by thanking the members of the committee and the members of the Association generally for their kindness and support during his five years in office.

The treasurer (Mr. Gwilym Salmon) reported a satisfactory year, in which the balance in the current account had been maintained and the actual balance in hand at the end of the year was above that at the beginning of the year. It was to be hoped also that more towers would pay the affiliation fee suggested by the Association. This could help greatly, and could also be a very useful addition for the Bell Repair Fund. This point was taken up by several members who supported Mr. Salmon in his plea for affiliation fees.

HIGHER STANDARD OF PEALS

The peal secretary (Mr. Henry J. Sanger) reported a full year, with a raised standard of peal ringing. There had been very many instances of people ringing a 'first in the method' during the year, and two methods—Gainsborough Little Bob Major, at Twerton-on-Avon, and Braunstone Surprise Major, at South Petherton—had been rung for the Association for the first time. Some of the younger members had shown great promise in their peal ringing, and notable was a peal in 42 Doubles methods by the Radstock band on handbells. He concluded by hoping that more and more young ringers would take care to learn to conduct their peals, and learn to correct mistakes and correct bad striking.

The diocesan adviser on the care of church bells (Mr. W. A. Osborn) also reported a busy year, in which he had inspected and reported on the rings of bells at Sampford Arundel, Yeovilton, Milborne Port, Baltonsborough, Marnhull, Maiden Bradley, Buckland Dinham, Thurlbear and Publow. Surveying the past 15 years, in which he had held this office, he had visited

altogether over 100 towers. In 21 towers bells had been rehung, in 30 there had been a complete overhaul, in 24 there had been adjustments, in others single bells had received attention or been recast. In only 11 towers had nothing been done. Mr. Osborn now felt that he must give up some of the more active work, and he commended to the Association the work of Mr. Ronald Gardiner, who had been his assistant, and who he hoped would now take on the work.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

All the reports were adopted with acclamation, and the meeting passed on to the election of officers. All the officers were re-elected, with the exception of the general secretary and the diocesan adviser on the care of church bells.

Mr. Roger Fry (retiring general secretary), on behalf of the committee, put forward the name of Mr. David Hoare to be his successor, and this was seconded by Mr. E. J. Chivers and carried unanimously, there being no further nomination. The Master paid tribute to the work of the retiring secretary, and on behalf of the Association expressed his good wishes for Mr. Fry's future vocation. Mr. P. Young of Twerton-on-Avon, paid tribute on behalf of his church council and the band of ringers at Twerton to Mr. Fry's efforts in raising a Sunday service band, which now rang for three services every Sunday. On the proposition of Mr. S. G. Coles, honorary life membership of the Association was conferred on Mr. Fry. Mr. Hoare, in thanking the Association for electing him, promised to carry out the duties to the best of his ability.

Mr. Ronald Gardiner was elected diocesan adviser on the care of church bells, and Mr. Osborn, under general pressure from the whole meeting, agreed to act as deputy adviser, many members joining in the expression of gratitude for his past work and delightfully-worded annual reports.

Mr. Percy Yeo, of Long Ashton, who had been Branch secretary of the Chew Deanery Branch for 35 years, and Mr. S. Woodburn, of Bath, were also elected honorary life members of the Association.

Mr. Fry was asked by the meeting to send the good wishes of the Association to Mr. J. T. Dyke, former secretary of the Association for 28 years, hoping for his speedy recovery from illness, and return to ringing.

After votes of thanks had been accorded to Mr. Mortimer for permitting and conducting the service, to Mr. Tudball, the Dunster Branch secretary, for his work in arranging the meeting, and to the organist, the meeting was closed in prayer, and the members adjourned to the many towers which were open for ringing.

LAST OF DERITEND BELLS

The brothers Fearn, who learnt to ring on the eight bells at St. John's Church, Deritend, Birmingham, which was demolished about ten years ago, witnessed the breaking up of two of these bells at the Loughborough Bell Foundry on April 30th and saw the metal run to make the new seventh and tenor of the new ring of eight for the Bishop Latimer Memorial Church, Birmingham. With them was Mr. Ralph Edwards.

Deritend bells were a complete ring of eight, cast in 1776 by Robert Wells, of Aldbourne, Wiltshire. Their inscriptions are unusual: for instance, the fourth has: 'May the town of Birm^m be ever held in esteem for its manufacture'; the sixth: 'Wisdom to the council of the state and success to the British fleet'; the seventh: 'May Great Britain ever stand unrivalled in her commerce.' Complete rings of eight from this foundry must be very rare—even the complimentary inscription on the fourth failed to bring Robert Wells any further business in Birmingham!

THE RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

THE annual meeting of the Guild of Railwaymen Church Bell Ringers was held at York on May 3rd, under the chairmanship of the Master (Mr. Harold Walker), who is also president of the Minster Society of Ringers.

Supporting the Master (North Eastern Region) were the regional representatives and Ringing Masters—Mr. W. Bertram Kynaston (Western Region), Mr. Sydney Foskett (London Midland Region), Mr. Charles A. Bassett (Southern Region), Mr. M. G. Burrows, C.M. and E. Cpgineer (designate) (North Eastern Region), formerly assistant works manager, Crewe; Mr. O. J. F. Whitaker, secretary, joint committee, British Railways Staff Association; the Rev. A. John McMullen (chaplain, York Minster), the Guild hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Frank Stenson (Crewe), and some 40 members.

The magnificent Minster ring of 12 bells (tenor 59 cwt.) was at the disposal of the railwaymen during the day, and was much appreciated and greatly enjoyed, the Minster ringers joining in. At 4 p.m. the ringers attended Evensong in the choir where, after the anthem, they joined the clergy and choir in procession to the bell-founder's window in the north aisle of the nave. Here the Dean (Very Rev. E. Milner White) said the usual ringers' prayers, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells.

Further bells available after tea were at the Institute of Architectural Study (formerly St. John-the-Evangelist's, Micklegate) and St. Stephen's, Acomb.

Tea was served in the Railway Institute, after which the Master welcomed all present. To assist Mr. Whitaker, of the Staff Association, the Master deviated from the agenda to discuss the constitution and rules, as suggested by the Staff Association, which, apart from the name of the Guild, differed little from the original constitution but was more generous and advantageous to the Guild.

The new draft constitution and rules were unanimously accepted: copies will be circulated in due course.

The financial statement and auditors' report showed an adverse balance, two contributory causes being non-recurring printing expenditure and outstanding subscriptions. These were accepted, with a proviso that subscriptions should be paid before December 31st, in conformity with the constitution.

All the officers were re-elected and also seven new members. The next annual meeting will be held at London in the middle Saturday between Easter and Whitsun, and the autumn meeting at Newport, Mon.

An omnibus vote of thanks included the Dean and Minster ringers and the hon. secretary of the Guild for the tremendous amount of work he had put in during the past year.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The Unseen Tenor Man

The quarterly meeting of the S.W. Branch of the Guild was held at Kelly on April 26th, and although not largely attended, due to the lack of transport to this lovely old village, was most successful and of a very cordial nature. There was good ringing on the very light six—Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Minor and rounds. The first touch of rounds was by six young ladies—two from Lifton, two Plympton and two Emmanuel.

Mr. T. G. Myers said it was hoped the meeting would create interest, as unfortunately owing to the passing of older ringers and departure from the District of several younger ringers, ringing at Kelly was now rare. He thought this a great pity as there was change-ringing here before the Guild was formed.

A short service and an encouraging address was given by the Rector, who expressed pleasure that the Branch had come to Kelly for this meeting. He said he felt very gratified when one ringer told him the text of his address at our visit in 1947, a few months after he came to the parish, and another was able to tell him the text he took at the last visit in 1952.

An excellent tea was provided by the ladies of the church.

Before the commencement of the meeting the chairman remarked on the very severe loss the Guild, and in particular the Mid-Devon Branch, had sustained by the death of their chairman, Mr. J. Lilley, and the gathering stood in sympathy. The secretary reported a wreath had been sent from the Branch and he had written to the widow and received a letter of thanks.

A number of certificates were presented and this pleasant duty was performed by the Rector. The recipients were from Lifton and Plympton St. Maurice, amongst them being Mr. and Mrs. Manning and their daughter and son.

Pleasure was expressed at the progress towards recovery being made by Mr. Bill Harvey.

At the close of the meeting there was more ringing at Kelly, then a number went on to Bradstone, another church where it is regretted there is little or no ringing. The birds have taken over the bell chamber and the ropes are not improving—the tenor rope was broken on arrival and an old rope was put up, but after a couple of touches this went. Not daunted, another rope was brought into use, but this stood only about six pulls in the 'raising' again. It was then Mr. Jim Rich had the idea he could ring the bell from the chamber above, as the rope had broken just below this. Ringing takes place from ground level and the next chamber, about 25 ft. up, is about 8 ft. high; above this are the bells. All Mr. Rich could see were the five other ropes, but he rang an excellent tenor to a touch of Grandsire and Stedman, unseen by anyone! H. H. T.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The first warm day for weeks, coupled with the usual warm welcome, made the Canterbury District's meeting at All Saints', Birchington, a memorable afternoon and evening. For many of the 89 members present it was their first visit to the tower since the new bells were installed, and their lightness and easy going proved perhaps a little difficult for some. However, some good ringing was enjoyed previous to the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. L. V. Donaldson), who gave a short address. An old friend of the ringers, Mr. H. S. Nixey, was at the organ.

Tea was served in All Saints' Church House, members being entertained by the Vicar, churchwardens (all of whom were present) and Parochial Church Council, the meal being pre-

pared and served by the wives, mothers and friends of the local ringers.

Three new practising members from Teynham were elected and, going further afield, one honorary member from Gosport, Hants. Margate was nominated as the place of the next quarterly meeting, with Wickhambreaux for the by-meeting previous (May 17th). The collection taken in church was given to the fabric fund. Congratulations were extended to the Ringing Master (Mr. W. S. Palin) and his wife, formerly Eileen Wyles, on their marriage at Faversham recently.

Warm thanks were given to the donors of the tea and to all the helpers. Further ringing during the evening, with methods up to Cambridge, was practised, the striking of the higher methods being of a very good order. B. J. L.

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FORTHCOMING WEDDING

CHILCOTT—WELLER.—The marriage of Michael Chilcott and Kathleen Weller will take place on May 17th at 12 o'clock at St. Mary's Church, Beddington. All friends welcome at the church. 2355

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

We, the bellringers of the Chesterfield Parish Church, wish you, our Ringing Master, Mr. Sam Scattergood, sincere wishes for a very happy birthday on May 19th. 2354

DEATHS

CROOK.—On May 7th, 1958, at 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancs, Eliza Ellen, the dearly beloved wife of Peter Crook, scn., and mother of Peter and Annie, latter now in Canada. Resting. 2345

MACDOUGAL, I. G., of Hornchurch, Essex.—On May 7th, 1958, at Oldchurch Hospital, Romford, after a short illness. 2351

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

As from Monday, May 12th, the address of Mr. P. M. Bond, 30, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Kent, will be 33, The Drive, Hedge Barton, Fordecombe, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. No phone, but all messages will be taken by Auntie at Tunbridge Wells 1602. 2327

The address of Mr. and Mrs. T. Cooke, St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, is now 116, Eastbourne Road, Darlington. 2339

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The new Branch secretary of the Axbridge Branch is David H. White, 1, Elmsleigh Road, Weston-super-Mare. Any inquiries to this address, please. 2338

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

BOURNEMOUTH.—Mrs. R. Vacher, Rew. Hampreston, Wimborne, Dorset. Bed and breakfast, 9s. a night. On bus route. Own parking space. Ringers welcome. 2342

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MISCELLANEOUS

TOURISTS WANTED.—Three or four enthusiasts required to complete party for Dorset tour, July 19th to 26th. Sixty towers, 30 quarter peal, two peal attempts; transport by private cars. Top-class 6- and 8-bell band in attendance, mainly from London area. Approximate all-in cost £14 15s. Write giving details of age, sex and any other desirable qualifications to Box No. 2348, 'The Ringing World' Office, Onslow Street, Guildford. 2348

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Bakewell and Youlgrave on Saturday, May 17th. Bakewell, 3 to 5 p.m.; Youlgrave, 6 to 8.45 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Bus departs Bakewell to Youlgrave 5.15 p.m., departs Youlgrave 7.45 p.m., 8.40 p.m. to Brightwell and Rowsley.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 2321

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DEVON GUILD.—Annual meeting, Holsworthy, Whit Monday, May 26th. Service 12.15 p.m. Lunch at Corner Café. Tickets (5/6) from Mr. W. Simmonds, 100, Hartop Road, St. Marychurch, Torquay. Stamped addressed envelope, please. Bells 11 a.m. and after meeting. 2326

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HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival meeting at Hereford on Whit Monday, May 26th. Service, Cathedral, 3.30 p.m. Tea, College Hall, at 4.15 (3s.). Meeting 5 p.m. Towers available: Cathedral (10) 11-12, 2-3.15 and from 5.30; All Saints' (8) 12-2 and after 5.30; Holmer (6) after 4 p.m.; Marden (6), Burghill (8), Withington (6), Lugwardine (8), Bodenham (6) from 11 a.m. 2189

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Donhead St. Mary, Saturday, May 31st. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Please bring your own food, but notify for cups of tea by 20th.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 2362

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LADIES' GUILD.—Annual meeting, Canterbury, Saturday, July 5th. A coach will leave Guildford at 8 a.m., via Merrow, Dorking, Reigate, Redhill: fare 12s. Those desiring seats contact Monica E. Collins, 3, Hawthorne Way, Burpham, Guildford. 2349

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