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## ANOTHER RECORD

THE tale of progress in human achievement seems continuous, and we as ringers can take a just pride in the performance of Mr. Frank B. Lufkin's band in giving to the Exercise a new long-length record peal by ringing 22,400 Plain Bob Major at Kirby-le-Soken on April 2nd. It will be talked about for a season wherever ringers meet. It has taken nine-and-a-half years to surpass the record of 21,600 changes of Bristol Surprise Major rung at Over by Mr. John Worth's band, and the first letter of congratulation we received on the performance was from Mr. Worth. Such is the friendliness and chivalry of the Exercise.

Apart from bell ringers, Mr. Lufkin has received the congratulations of the people of his own county. The 'East Essex Gazette' devotes its first leader to the performance and appropriately heads it 'Well done—long may they ring!' Their congratulations are happily phrased as follows:

'The sound of church bells ringing has been one of the pleasantest sounds associated with the English scene for many years. In town and country, city and hamlet alike, their melodious message is heard—but never before so continuously as at Kirby-le-Soken last week-end.

'On Saturday last bell ringers at Kirby played 22,400 changes of Plain Bob Major—a record. Congratulations to them. Not merely upon their record, though that is a fine achievement, but also because they are exponents of an art which is being threatened, as so many traditional arts are, by way of "progress."

'Soon after the Kirby triumph, one of television's most popular programmes, "To-night," was talking about the decline of "live" campanology. The ringers are being superseded by electronic bells. What a horrid substitution—and how pleasant to know that at Kirby at least there are still men who take pride in this ancient and honourable art.

'Long may they ring.'

Straight away we refute the suggested decline of 'live campanology.' Had any of these electronic people examined the issues of this journal dealing with the congratulatory ringing for the birth of H.R.H. Prince Andrew they would have taken a different view. True, they have a wonderful field for exploiting their mechanical contrivances in the tiny turrets of many of our new churches, but the ringers' meetings of today, with eager and enthusiastic boys and girls joining our art, speak volumes as to the continuity of the Exercise. And after all, change-ringing

is not an art where proficiency is gained in six lessons. It is a long and arduous process.

Is the hold that change-ringing has today associated with the fact that ringers are the servants of the Church? We know that there are black spots over Sunday service ringing and much spade work has to be done before all the ringable bells of this country sound out on Sundays their call to worship. On the other hand we are encouraged by the large number of proficient Sunday service bands as the Survey indicated. Not all bell ringers are peal ringers: there are some people who take an uncharitable view about peal ringing and do not hesitate to condemn peal ringers. If they had their way, the performance at Kirby-le-Soken would be relegated to a paragraph in small type, and the part peal ringing has played in the advancement of the art completely ignored.

These people, who profess to be so keen about the ringing of bells on Sundays, are not behind the Sunday Service Survey. This survey, one of the biggest things the Central Council has undertaken, was initiated by ardent peal ringers. A member of the small committee who undertook this work was Mr. Frank B. Lufkin, the conductor of the Kirby-le-Soken peal. In fact, if the personnel of this committee is examined, there is not a man who is not an ardent peal ringer and an enthusiast in the art of instruction.

We are living in a period when a number of eyes and hearts are fixed on the possibility of achieving the extent of Major. One effort has reached 28,500 changes, which is a longer ring than the latest record, but it was not a true peal. There are certain lessons to be learnt from Mr. Lufkin's performance. The first was the discipline while ringing, when for hours the only voice heard was that of the conductor. There are some people today who do not approve of this strict discipline; we have heard of peals being rung where there was quite a conversation between ringers. The writer might be old-fashioned but he was brought up in the traditional school that in all ringing, whether for Sunday service, peal or practice, the conductor was the only person allowed to speak, and if any correction was necessary it would be done by him.

The next thing was in the selection of the men who participated. The average age was 42 years. In the recent attempts at Loughborough the average age of the bands has been very much lower. The youngest ringer at Kirby-le-Soken was 23 and the next 30, while the senior member was 58, and he, incidentally, had already a long length of 18,000 to his credit. While in no sense disparaging the young ringers of today—and this age has as fine a coterie



of young ringers as in any period—we are of opinion that the age range between 30 and 45 is the best period of life for entering upon such an exploit. Maturity and discipline are very big factors as an aid to concentration.

Many peal ringers would question the selection of the method. 'The monotony of ringing Plain Bob Major hour after hour would cause me to break down,' remarked a well-known peal ringer. 'Why did they not attempt Bristol like John Worth's band?' Is the idea of selecting Plain Bob to turn the ringer into an automaton that would eliminate mental fatigue? We do not know; but this we do know, it was a jolly fine performance, and congratulations to all the band. In the present mood of the Exercise we feel certain that the laurels of Kirby-le-Soken will soon be wrested from them—perhaps even by a young band to refute the arguments mentioned above!

## TWELVE BELL PEALS

READING, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

### A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Comprising 1,920 Pudsey, 1,920 Yorkshire and 1,440 Cambridge, with 100 changes of method. Tenor 23 cwt.

RUTH M. BORDER .. .. Treble	WILLIAM T. COOK .. .. 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS .. .. 2	STEWART F. KIMBER .. .. 8
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 9
JOHN D. ROCK .. .. 4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 10
RONALD F. DISERENS .. 5	BRYAN PATTISON .. .. 11
ALAN F. THIRST .. .. 6	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Arranged by GEORGE E. FEIRN. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.  
First peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus by all the band, and by the Guild. First of Maximus in these three methods.

NORWICH.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Easter Monday, April 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT.

### A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 37 cwt.

CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. Treble	TERRY EARLE .. .. 7
MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 2	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. 8
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 3	STEWART F. KIMBER .. 9
RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE .. .. 10
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. 11
DEREK P. JONES .. .. 6	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

## TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., March 31, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

### A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY .. .. Treble	MICHAEL ELSON .. .. 6
RUTH M. BORDER .. .. 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 7
RODERICK J. LEES .. .. 3	JOHN McDONALD .. .. 8
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 4	JOHN ANDERSON .. .. 9
GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 5	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., April 7, 1960, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

### A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version. Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ANTHONY AGER .. .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 6
*ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 7
RUTH M. BORDER .. .. 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 8
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 4	JOHN ANDERSON .. .. 9
MICHAEL ELSON .. .. 5	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

\* First peal of London Royal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

### A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

SIDNEY HARRISON .. .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 6
DEREK P. JONES .. .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 8
*JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. .. 9
FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 5	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal. First of Surprise Royal for the Guild.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

### A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

ERNEST MORRIS .. .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 6
ALAN E. HARTLEY .. .. 2	GORDON A. HALLS .. .. 7
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 8
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. .. 9
MRS. PAT A. M. HALLS .. 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (Circuit A-X).

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

NEWARK-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

### A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATER

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

DENNIS SIMPSON .. .. Treble	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 6
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2	HAROLD STEVENSON .. 7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 3	JOHN WALDEN .. .. 8
FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. 4	WILLIAM L. EXTON .. .. 9
JAMES W. RAITHEY .. .. 5	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

Rung for the Easter Festival.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CAMPANILE OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

### A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATER

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D flat.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT .. Treble	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN .. 6
EDWIN R. GOATE .. .. 2	PETER G. W. NEWSTEAD .. 7
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. 3	REV. GILES GALLEY .. 8
*CHRISTOPHER ROGERS .. 4	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. 9
FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 5	SYDNEY J. MERRY .. .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR GUISE.

Conducted by EDWIN R. GOATE.

\* First peal of Grandsire.

A birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble, second and seventh.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

### A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATER

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

HELEN NEVIN .. .. Treble	KEITH WAKEFIELD .. .. 6
BRYAN PATTISON .. .. 2	FRANK E. DARBY .. .. 7
ANGELA GRAINGER .. .. 3	JOHN B. LONG .. .. 8
JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. 4	JAMES R. TAYLOR .. .. 9
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 5	JAMES H. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER.

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

### A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 40 cwt.

RONALD H. BULLEN .. Treble	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 2	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 7
IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. 3	BARRY HOLLAND .. .. 8
H. DAVID HOLLAND .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 9
*JOHN S. SEAGER .. .. 5	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. Tenor

Composed by WM. PYE.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal.

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PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(Preston Branch.)

On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB CATERS**

Tenor 24½ cwt. in D.

THOMAS BARKER .. .. Treble	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. 6
*MRS. M. CROSSTHWAITE .. 2	G. ALEC DIMMOCK .. 7
*MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE .. 3	FRANK STEAD .. 8
*BETTY FAUNCH .. 4	†STANLEY WALMESLEY .. 9
†LAWRENCE WALMESLEY .. 5	‡ALAN GARDNER .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

\* First peal on ten bells. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal. First in the method for all the band.  
Rung for the Easter Festival.

STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb.

CYNTHIA BIBBY .. .. Treble	DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 2	*GEOFFREY DAVIES .. 7
*CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 8
BARNABAS G. KEY .. 4	DAVID W. FRIEND .. 9
ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 5	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal. The conductor's 100th peal for the Society.

Rung for the birth of a daughter (Susan) to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hone, both ringers at this church.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.  
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 19, 1960, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb.

A. H. WINCH .. .. Treble	B. HAWKINS .. 6
R. DAVIES .. 2	A. CHEESMAN .. 7
MRS. H. OATWAY .. 3	*REV. C. MARSHALL .. 8
*CATHERINE POWELL .. 4	W. OATWAY .. 9
*REV. E. WOOD .. 5	A. H. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by A. H. SMITH.

\* First peal of Royal. First of Royal as conductor. 60th peal on the bells for A. H. Winch.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. C. and Mrs. Marshall, who are leaving Leatherhead for Crewkerne, Som. in May.

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 19, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5020 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

D. KAY ADKINS .. .. Treble	† DENNIS LAUD .. 6
*ROSEMARY S. HAWKES .. 2	HAROLD V. FROST .. 7
RICHARD G. BELL .. 3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 8
RAYMOND G. SMITH .. 4	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. 9
WALTER G. PAUL .. 5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First on ten bells.

Rung on the day of the marriage in this church of Jane Downward, daughter of the Rev. J. G. Downward (Vicar of Watford), to Duncan Stafford, as a compliment from the ringers.

WIMBORNE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERTA,  
**A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. Treble	JAMES E. DANIELS .. 6
DOROTHY T. GARDINER .. 2	FRANK L. HARRIS .. 7
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS .. 3	MICHAEL J. BEST .. 8
COLIN CONWAY .. 4	RONALD N. MARLOW .. 9
PHILIP N. TUBBS .. 5	LEWIS F. COBB .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., March 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,  
**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

Johnson's variation.	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 5
*LINDA M. HUGHES .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 6
*AIMA M. GRAVES .. 2	GERALD C. HEMMING .. 7
RUTH M. BORDER .. 3	PETER BORDER .. Tenor
MURIEL REAY .. 4	

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

\* First peal of Surprise Major.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., March 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

ERNEST MORRIS .. .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 5
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 2	ALAN E. HARTLEY .. 6
A. JAMES POYNOR .. 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., April 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,  
**A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F.

JOHN ANDERSON .. .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 5
ANN R. BARR .. .. 2	MICHAEL ELSON .. 6
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. 3	RODERICK J. LEES .. 7
ANDREW N. STUBBS .. 4	JOHN McDONALD .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.

BOLLINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,  
**A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

MRS. A. RICHARDSON .. Treble	*JOHN ROBINSON .. 5
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 2	BRIAN SCHOFIELD .. 6
CAROL FERNLEY .. 3	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 7
EILEEN FEARN .. 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP.

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

\* First peal of Major.

Rung to mark the coming-of-age of Miss Wendy Sage, of Wilmslow.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F.

*MARGARET A. TURNER .. Treble	HENRY H. FEARN .. 5
GEORGE E. FEARN .. 2	MICHAEL ELSON .. 6
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. 3	JOHN McDONALD .. 7
RODERICK J. LEES .. 4	JOHN ANDERSON .. Tenor

Composer unknown.

Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.

\* First peal of Major.

HAYFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

PETER J. SKINNER .. .. Treble	*JOHN MURFIN .. 5
MRS. PAT A. M. HALLS .. 2	WM. ARNOLD MORLEY .. 6
JOHN R. KENNETT .. 3	GORDON A. HALLS .. 7
ALEX. RICHARDSON .. 4	ROY STEPHENSON .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

\* First peal of Surprise.

Rung to mark the engagement of Mr. J. Holland to Miss M. Archer.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,  
**A PEAL OF 5152 DERBY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*ERNEST MORRIS .. .. Treble	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 5
A. JAMES POYNOR .. 2	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 6
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 3	*JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 7
JOHN M. JELLEY .. 4	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

\* 200th peal together. First in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Guild.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,  
**A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In 11 methods, being 1,280 London, 960 Rutland and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. Treble	BASIL JONES .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. 6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3	PETER LAFLIN .. 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.



**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thurs., April 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.*

*At the Bell Foundry Campanile,*

**A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Treble	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 7
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 7).

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

**FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sun., April 17, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.*

*At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,*

**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Heywood's.	Tenor 12½ cwt. 8 lb. in G.
NORMAN TOMPKINS .. Treble	JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 5
GORDON ROTHWELL .. .. 2	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 6
JOSEPH THORNLEY .. .. 3	BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 7
GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL .. 4	HAROLD HAMER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN A. TOMLINSON.

First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob as conductor.  
Rung to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Easter.

**BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.**

**THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.*

*At the Church of St. Bertoline,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Bruerton's Twelve-part.	Tenor 13½ cwt.
J. GEORGE MEAD .. Treble	ERIC B. ALLMAN .. .. 5
JACK TIMIS .. .. 2	ALBERT LAWTON .. .. 6
G. ARNOLD MOORE .. .. 3	BRIAN RYLES .. .. 7
ERIC YOUNG .. .. 4	GEORGE ASTBURY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.

Rung for the wedding of John Beardmore and Lillian Rofe.

**BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.*

*At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Taylor's Six-part.	Tenor 19½ cwt.
*PETER CORDEROY .. Treble	ALEX. R. WOODLEY .. .. 5
†HAROLD W. DUNSDEN .. 2	ROBERT B. BLOND .. .. 6
HENRY L. BISHOP .. .. 3	CLAUDE CORDEROY .. .. 7
FRANK E. GODDEN .. .. 4	ALEC F. F. SAMLER .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First of Grandsire 'inside.'

**BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.**

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.*

*At the Church of St. James,*

**A PEAL OF 5056 LEATHERHEAD SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt.

MRS. T. J. LOCK .. Treble	GEORGE A. SPENCER .. 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 3	JACK S. DEAR .. .. 7
COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 4	*THOMAS J. LOCK .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

\* 50th peal for the Association. First in the method by all except the ringer of the tenor.

**HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.*

*At the Church of St. Matthew.*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Taylor's Six-part.	Tenor 16½ cwt.
WILLIAM L. GILKS .. Treble	†DOUGLAS R. BOSLEY .. 5
*JOHN H. NAPPER .. .. 2	ALFRED H. WEBB .. .. 6
GEORGE W. BISHOP .. .. 3	WILLIAM CORDEROY .. 7
MICHAEL BISHOP .. .. 4	*LEONARD F. COX .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. WEBB.

\* First peal. † First of Triples 'inside.'

**NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.**

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.*

*At the Church of St. Nicholas,*

**A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb. in A flat.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Treble	*JACK S. DEAR .. .. 5
JEAN SANDERSON .. .. 2	*COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 6
JUNE I. DEAR .. .. 3	ROBERT E. DAY .. .. 7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 4	EDWIN G. BUCK .. Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

\* 50th peal together.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. G. G. S. Kenyon and Mrs. Kenyon.

**TANFIELD, CO. DURHAM.**

**THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.*

*At the Church of St. Margaret,*

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt.

KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN Treble	CHARLES N. LEA .. .. 5
JOHN E. ANDERSON .. .. 2	ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. 6
GEORGE S. DEAS .. .. 3	KENNETH ARTHUR .. .. 7
ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 10).

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

**SIX BELL PEALS**

**CHURCH BROUGHTON, DERBYSHIRE.**

**THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE & NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSN.**

*On Sat., April 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.*

*At the Church of St. Michael.*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*DAVID PARKINS .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER HUGHES .. 4
†DOROTHY ATRILL .. .. 2	REGINALD J. STRETTON .. 5
†EDWARD H. WILLOWS .. 3	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

\* First peal. † First of Minor 'inside.'

**WORTH, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tues., April 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.*

*At the Church of St. Nicholas,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in A.

*SUSAN J. BERESFORD Treble	RAYMOND A. BROWN .. 4
BRYAN C. BURROUGH .. 2	ROBIN J. ELLIOTT .. .. 5
GEOFFREY R. CRISP .. .. 3	FRANK H. HICKS .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

\* First peal at first attempt.

**KIRBY HILL, YORKSHIRE.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.*

*At the Church of All Hallows,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In 12 methods, being (1) Double Court, (2) Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse Bob, (3) College and Wavertree College, (4) St. Clement's and Childwall, (5) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (6) Double Bob and Fulbeck Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*MARGARET E. WILKINSON Treble	*PETER SCHOLFIELD .. .. 4
*COLIN REEVES .. .. 2	*JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD .. 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 3	RICHARD E. PRICE .. Tenor

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

\* First peal in 12 methods.

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## BEIGHTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE &amp; NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSN.

On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

EDWARD H. WILLOWS .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER HUGHES .. 4
DOROTHY ATRILL .. .. 2	REGINALD J. STRETTON .. 5
*DAVID PARKINS .. .. 3	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

\* First peal 'inside.'

## THORINGTON, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods: (1) London, (2) Wells, (3) York, (4) Beverley, (5) Surfleet, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb.

JAMES TOWLER .. .. Treble	RICHARD J. HARRISON .. 4
MARY ROAST .. .. 2	JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. 5
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 3	PATRICK W. SALTmarsh .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

## AMERSHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 16, 1960, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

MRS. E. G. SWIFT .. Treble	MICHAEL G. SWIFT .. 4
*ROSALIND HICKS .. .. 2	JOHN E. CAMP .. .. 5
ANTHONY K. FORTIN .. 3	EDGAR G. SWIFT .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. CAMP.

\* First attempt. The conductor's first peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells for 25 years.

## CAWTHORNE, BARNSLEY.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Barnsley and District Society.)

On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 720 each of Snowdrop, Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 9 cwt.

DOUGLAS N. STABLES .. Treble	TREVOR TARBATT .. 4
*RODNEY PAGDEN .. .. 2	HERMAN RUSBY .. .. 5
ERIC STAINROD .. .. 3	NOEL F. MOXON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NOEL F. MOXON.

\* First peal. 25th peal on the bells for the Yorkshire Association. Rung for the Easter Festival.

## MANSFIELD WOODHOUSE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Edmund.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ARTHUR BROWN .. Treble	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. 4
L. WILLIAM JACQUES .. 2	BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS .. 5
GEORGE CHALLANS .. 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. L. Shorland-Ball, who is taking the living of East Retford. Also in honour of the birth of a son, David James, to the conductor.

## NEWTON HALL, NORTHUMBERLAND.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

At the Church of St. James.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS SEWELL .. Treble	KENNETH W. CHIFFESMAN .. 4
GEORGE S. DEAS .. .. 2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 5
CHARLES N. LEA .. .. 3	ERIC N. HARRISON .. Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

## OAKLEY, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt.

PAULINE ADCOCK .. Treble	CECIL A. THOMPSON .. 4
LEONARD J. MINNS .. 2	ERNEST WHITING .. 5
ANTHONY H. ROBERTS .. 3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

## SHARDLOW, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE &amp; NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSN.

On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

At the Church of St. James.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent Kent T.B. and six Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*EDWARD H. WILLOWS .. Treble	*CHRISTOPHER HUGHES .. 4
*DOROTHY ATRILL .. .. 2	REGINALD J. STRETTON .. 5
*DAVID PARKINS .. .. 3	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

\* First peal of Minor in two methods. The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung for the Festival of Easter.

## WHITNASH, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

PERCY A. ORAM .. Treble	JEAN M. ADDICOTT .. 4
*STELLA T. TRINDALL .. 2	WILLIAM H. MALE .. 5
*CHRISTINE SANDERS .. 3	*IAN C. MAYCOCK .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. MALE.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung in honour of the 25th anniversary of the Rev. C. H. Gleave as Rector of this parish.

## ABBOTTS LEIGH, SOMERSET.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

At the Church of The Holy Trinity.

## A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

*MICHAEL J. HOBBS .. Treble	†GEOFFREY H. PULLIN .. 4
†DONALD E. COBB .. .. 2	†BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 5
†GILLIAN M. HUSSEY .. 3	§D. JOHN HUNT .. Tenor

Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

\* First peal. † First of Kent. ‡ First of Minor and Kent. § First of Kent Minor.

## LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Paul.

## A PEAL OF 5040 FLAMSTEAD SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. Treble	RAYMOND G. SMITH .. 4
JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
DENNIS LAUD .. .. 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method.

## WANLIP, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

At the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas.

## A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (eight callings).

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS .. 4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 2	DEREK M. SAWYER .. 5
J. C. SHIRLEY SCOTT .. 3	J. RICHARD PERKINS .. Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

\* First peal on tower bells. First of Canterbury Doubles on the bells, and by all the band except the conductor.

A wedding compliment to Mr. Peter R. Johnson and Miss Patricia A. James, both of whom are connected with this church.

## FLAMSTEAD SURPRISE MINOR

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## HANDBELL PEAL

## DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., April 17, 1960, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes.

At 38, Castle Hills Road, Scaithorpe.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents

*T. DAVID SPENCER .. 1—2	†HOWARD SCOTT .. 3—4
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

\* First peal of Minor.



## HALF PEAL

**QUENIBOROUGH, LEICS.**—On April 16th, 2.520 Grandsire Doubles: E. F. Payne 1, J. R. Perkins 2, G. Stonehouse 3, B. S. Payne (cond.) 4. R. Wilmore 5.

**AMERSHAM, BUCKS.**—On Easter Day, 1.280 Little Bob Minor: R. F. Peers 1, Rosalind Hicks 2, D. C. Lawson 3, G. Orchard 4, A. K. Fortin 5, J. E. Camp (cond.) 6. First in method for all. Rung for Evensong.

**AUGHTON, LANCS.**—On April 20th, at Christ Church, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Lunt 1, J. Marsh 2, A. L. Pearson 3, D. Lawson (first of Triples) 4, K. Rothwell 5, J. Lunham (cond.) 6, K. Durow (first of Triples) 7, H. Moorcroft 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the Vicar's mother who was interred this day.

**BANSTEAD, SURREY.**—On Easter Day, 1.260 Stedman Triples: Elizabeth Farrow (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth Layton 2, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 3, G. R. Smerdon 4, D. J. Pitstow 5, N. Hobden 6, M. F. Layton 7, A. E. Cheesman 8. For Evensong.

**BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.**—On Easter Day, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: M. D. Barsby 1, B. S. Payne 2, G. B. Lowe 3, J. R. Perkins 4, G. J. Lowe (cond.) 5, M. Godwin 6. For Evensong.

**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.**—On April 10th, 1.259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. K. Chilcott 1, Miss B. Holm 2, Miss J. Lavender 3, Miss J. Winchester 4, Miss E. Cooper 5, E. G. Talbot 6, L. Bance 7, L. A. Reece 8, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 9, F. D. Jennings 10. For Evensong.

**BEDFORD.**—At St. Paul's Church, on Easter Day, 1.260 Stedman Triples: Helen Nevin (first of Stedman) 1, P. J. Shipton 2, Jennifer M. Davies 3, J. H. Edwards 4, R. L. Piron 5, J. R. Taylor 6, B. Pattison (cond.) 7, D. Thompson 8. For Holy Eucharist. Also 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Thompson 1, Jennifer M. Davies 2, Helen Nevin 3, B. Pattison (cond.) 4, R. L. Piron 5, J. R. Taylor 6. On the front six for Evensong.

**BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.**—On Easter Day, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 4, 8 covering): Miss J. Kenwood 1, Miss A. Eldridge 2, C. Johnstone 3, D. George 4, Miss D. J. Pankhurst 5, C. E. Verdon (cond.) 6, J. M. Swift 7, C. Pilbeam 8. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of the Rev. H. B. W. Denison, M.A., a former Rector.

**BLEWBURY, BERKS.**—On Easter Day, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: P. Corderoy 1, R. H. Mills 2, Mary Wells 3, H. W. Dunsden 4, E. J. Grace 5, J. P. Blond (cond.) 6, R. B. Blond 7, C. Corderoy 8. For Matins.

**BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.**—On Easter Day, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Brown 1, Miss L. Doone (first 'inside') 2, V. J. C. Dale 3, W. R. Chandler 4, Miss B. Fisher (first as cond.) 5. For morning service.

**BROMHAM, BEDS.**—On April 13th, 1.280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Philippa M. Stratton (first on eight) 1, Jennifer M. Davies 2, Kathleen A. Rivett (first in method) 3, F. W. Rivett (first in method) 4, J. H. Edwards 5, R. L. Piron 6, J. R. Taylor 7, B. Pattison (cond.) 8.

**CLECKHEATON, YORKS.**—On April 18th, 1.260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Stamp 1, Beryl Abbott 2, Gael Brown (first quarter) 3, N. Dyson 4, B. Dove (cond.) 5, G. Armitage 6.

**CRANFORD, MIDD.**—On Easter Day, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Goodfellow 1, Josephine Pole 2, June Richardson (first as cond.) 3, D. Fowles 4, P. Woodgyer 5, J. Goodfellow 6.

**DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.**—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Easter Day, 1.280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Miss J. Warwick 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, Miss B. Cooke 3, Mrs. T. Cooke 4, E. Pannell (first in the method) 5, T. Cooke (cond.) 6, W. E. Mashiter 7, F. Hodgson 8. For Evensong.

**DRIFHLINGTON, YORKS.**—On April 18th, 1.260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Stamp 1, Beryl Abbott 2, Gael Brown 3, N. Dyson 4, B. Dove (cond.) 5, G. Armitage 6.

**EALING, MIDD.**—On Easter Day, at Christ-the-Saviour, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Scrutton 1, W. G. Wilson 2, D. Morgan (first 'inside') 3, H. Eldred 4, G. Harvey 5, A. Fulwell 6, S. Croft (cond.) 7, D. Theodm 8. For Easter.

## QUARTER PEALS

**EDGWARE, MIDD.**—On Mar. 23rd, 1.260 Stedman Doubles: Christine E. Culley 1, Gillian Howells (first 'inside') 2, A. M. Warris 3, D. J. L. Ward 4, H. E. Clayton (cond.) 5, P. Robinson 6. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Ann Mason and Mr. Tony Warris and as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Christine Culley.

**FENHAM, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.**—On Easter Sunday, 1.260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Prophet 1, Mrs. R. W. Smith 2, E. N. Harrison 3, J. A. Ainsworth 4, N. H. Hewett 5, P. Wishart 6, K. Arthur (cond.) 7, P. Reave 8. For children's service.

**GREAT HALE, Lincs.**—On Easter Day, 1.320 Plain Bob Doubles: G. T. Brown (first on treble) 1, Daphne P. Brown 2, A. Bird 3, R. Brown 4, E. A. Cole (first in method as cond.) 5, Sylvia A. E. Brown (first quarter) 6. Rung for Evensong.

**HARBURY, WARWICKS.**—On April 16th, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: S. T. Hauley 1, R. J. Edden 2, Miss J. M. Addicott 3, G. H. Reeves 4, G. L. P. Aldhouse 5, H. M. Windsor (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 4. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. M. E. Mackley.

**HARMONDSWORTH, MIDD.**—On April 3rd, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Perrett 1, Miss J. Hitchcock 2, D. Morgan 3, D. Shaw 4, G. Harvey (cond.) 5, J. Mudd 6. For Evensong, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss J. Hitchcock.

**HARSTON, CAMBS.**—On Easter Day, 1.260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Turner 1, C. W. Cook 2, I. G. Stracey 3, G. Turner 4, M. Stracey (cond.) 5, W. Hedger 6. For Choral Eucharist. Also 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Turner 1, C. W. Cook 2, G. Thoday 3, G. A. Lucas 4, D. F. Murfet 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**HOOLE, CHESTER.**—On Easter Day, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Maund (first of Minor) 1, Mrs. R. G. Corby 2, E. C. Crewe 3, T. Holmes 4, S. W. R. Crewe 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong and also as farewell compliment to Brian Maund, a local ringer, who was to emigrate to Edmonton, Canada, on April 21st.

**KENT, CONNECTICUT, U.S.A.**—On Easter Day, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Hamilton 1, H. Hardcastle 2, D. Stuart 3, R. Crosbie 4, J. Headden (cond.) 5, J. Phyfe 6. First quarter for all the band.

**KIMPTON, HERTS.**—On April 17th, 1.260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. W. Cull 1, Miss I. M. Lander 2, D. L. Cull 3, A. F. Cull 4, J. G. Cull (cond.) 5, L. F. Cull 6. Rung prior to the baptism of Nigel Greenwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cull.

**LIGHTCLIFFE, YORKS.**—On April 18th, 1.260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Stamp (first quarter) 1, H. Renshaw 2, J. Pearson 3, N. Dyson 4, B. Dove (first quarter as cond.) 5, G. Armitage (first quarter) 6.

**LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.**—On Easter Day, 1.260 Doubles in seven methods (St. Martin's, St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Simon's, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Grandsire): M. J. Hill 1, J. B. Dinneen 2, D. W. Barr 3, E. W. Colley 4, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 5, R. Paxton 6.

**LONDON.**—At St. Clement Danes, on Easter Sunday, 1.260 Stedman Triples: D. M. Salisbury 1, Mrs. P. K. Salisbury 2, F. G. Richardson 3, J. Fowler 4, A. J. Salisbury 5, F. V. Gant 6, T. East (cond.) 7, A. Ammerlann 8. For Matins.

**MANSFIELD WOODHOUSE, NOTTS.**—On April 10th, 1.320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Brown 1, L. W. Jacques 2, G. Challans 3, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 4, B. A. Richards 5, H. T. Rooke 6. For Evensong.

**NORTHAM, SUSSEX.**—On Easter Day, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy Hughes (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. Reece 2, R. Seeley 3, R. Barnes 4, W. Button (cond.) 5, F. Tedham 6. For morning service, also for the engagement of Miss Janet Button and Mr. P. Sharples, of St. Albans.

**OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.**—On April 17th, 1.260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Bates 1, E. Armstrong 2, J. Coombs 3, D. W. Stone 4, R. Wawman 5, C. Watson 6, W. Butler (cond.) 7. To honour the 75th birthday of W. Welling.

**ORSETT, ESSEX.**—On Easter Day, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Mason 1, Mrs. F. W. Blatch 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 4, R. Hills 5, F. W. Blatch 6.

**PAUL, CORNWALL.**—On Easter Sunday, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Christine Worth (first quarter) 1, Ethel M. Jones (first quarter) 2, Marlene Ladner 3, B. Rodda 4, W. R. Curtis (cond.) 5, J. Ladner 6. For morning prayer.

**PLYMOUTH, DEVON.**—On Easter Day, at St. Andrew's Church, 1.260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Collings (first of Stedman) 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, F. E. Day 3, H. W. Milford 4, H. F. Myers 5, D. F. Wheeler 6, T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, W. H. Marks 8. For Evensong.

**REDRUTH, CORNWALL.**—On Easter Day, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Williams (first quarter) 1, K. Ruscoe 2, A. Ince 3, P. R. C. Williams 4, E. V. Williams (cond.) 5, R. Curnow 6. Rung after Evensong.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.**—On Easter Monday, 1.344 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. Woodward 1, Mrs. N. Chaddock 2, I. Tilling 3, Miss S. Chaddock 4, P. Cote 5, D. French 6, J. N. D. Chaddock 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. A compliment to the Rt. Rev. G. V. Gerard (Vicar of Rotherham) on his appointment as full-time Assistant Bishop of Sheffield. Rung by members of the Sunday service band.

**SALEHURST, SUSSEX.**—On Easter Sunday, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: E. T. Avery 1, A. H. Allcorn 2, H. Edwardes 3, A. Hoad 4, A. Smith 5, J. Harris 6, W. H. Hoad (cond.) 7, A. H. Hoad 8. For morning service. Also 1.260 Plain Bob Triples: H. Edwardes 1, A. H. Allcorn 2, E. T. Avery 3, A. Hoad 4, A. Smith 5, J. Harris 6, W. H. Hoad (cond.) 7, A. H. Hoad 8. For evening service.

**SAXILBY, Lincs.**—On Easter Day, 1.320 Minor (720 Single Oxford, 600 Kent): Pamela Cox 1, M. Keyworth 2, M. L. Mann 3, H. W. Cox 4, J. B. Nicholson (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**SEALE, SURREY.**—On Easter Sunday, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Mills (first quarter) 1, M. Merritt 2, J. W. Carter 3, C. Poyntz 4, E. Gardner (cond.) 5, Mrs. C. Poyntz (first quarter) 6.

**SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.**—On April 16th, 1.344 Plain Bob Major: K. Welch 1, G. Monckton 2, F. Welch 3, J. Drew 4, R. Welch 5, G. Gaylard 6, T. Locke 7, H. Gaylard (cond.) 8. For the wedding of Mr. John Hawkins and Miss Norma Harris. Also on Easter Day, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Welch 1, R. C. Beale 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, F. Welch 4, R. Welch 5, J. Stenner 6. For Evensong.

**SHILTON, WARWICKS.**—On Easter Day, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Ginn 1, G. Robbins 2, H. M. Windsor (cond.) 3, R. Hart 4, N. Knight 5, V. Newman 6. First quarter 1, 5 and 6.

**SHIPLAKE, OXON.**—On Easter Day, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: D. J. Bayliss (first quarter) 1, E. H. Smith 2, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 3, Diana Cobb (first of Triples 'inside') 4, Lesley Roberts 5, F. G. Henbest 6, J. A. Cobb 7, F. B. R. Bonsey 8. Rung by the local band after Evensong.

**STEVENAGE, HERTS.**—On Easter Day, 1.260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): J. Swain 3, D. Tapling 4, D. Gullick (cond.) 5, W. Lawrence 6, W. Brown 7, W. Munson 8. Rung for the Easter Festival and as a mark of respect to Mr. R. W. Smith, retiring after 33 years' service as churchwarden.

**TEWIN, HERTS.**—On April 9th, 1.272 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Audrey M. Bailey 1, Monica E. Horseman 2, P. Wooster (first of Cambridge) 3, D. S. Harris 4, R. D. Short 5, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 6. Rung as a 76th birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Shire.

**WALKINGTON, E. YORKS.**—On April 18th, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Ducker 1, K. Goldthorpe 2, Mrs. R. Ducker 3, J. Perrett 4, R. Gibson (first of Minor) 5, J. Rank (cond.) 6. First quarter peal on the bells.

**WOOLTON, LIVERPOOL.**—On April 10th, 1.260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): N. Ashworth 1, Miss W. Kenyon 2, M. Rogers 3, D. Jepner 4, D. Lyon 5, J. Wilton 6, E. L. Humphriss (cond.) 7, R. Glover 8. First quarter for all except 5 and 7.



## ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

By T. J. LOCK

'E'

**ERIN.**—This arrangement is regarded a Principle, similar to Stedman, as distinct from a Method. The reason is that all the 'moving' bells do the same work whereas in methods the treble does not do the same work as the remaining bells. Erin was composed by the late Gabriel Lindoff just over fifty years ago, but has so far not been popular. A few peals in this arrangement have been rung although touches of it are rarely called for at ringing meetings. I wonder why? The work is straightforward, there is enough movement with no long dodging on the front, it is not unmusical as the plain course of Doubles contains the changes 153246, 135426 and Triples 13572648, and there is the tenor behind to keep a beat. It may be said to be repetitive, but probably conductors in general have not sufficiently studied the arrangement from the construction and calling points of view. Erin is divided into 'sixes,' or six changes per round block, and herein is comprised the whole of the work. A plain course of Doubles contains 30 (5 x 6) changes; a plain course of Triples contains 42 (7 x 6) changes. The first six changes of Erin Doubles are—

12345

21435

12453

14235

41253

42135

24153

—continue this and see if you can get rounds at the end of the fifth 'six.' Also write or prick out the first six changes of Erin Triples and see if you get 2416375—if so, continue for seven 'sixes' when rounds should be the last change.

**EROSION.**—This word, meaning the state of being eaten away, is used in place of corrosion and also to even out the alphabet.

The actual belfry, being not very frequently visited by anyone, is too often a place where destroying agents such as worm, beetle and rust are left to do their work undisturbed. Bells swing in frames and fittings made of timber and ferrous metal and these require a certain amount of attention from time to time, a minimum say of twice in a year or before and after the winter period. Timber can be adequately treated with a preservative such as paint or creosote, whilst the iron and steel can, after scraping, wire brushing and cleaning free from rust deposits, be coated with an anti-rust paint or a bituminous solution. A word of warning must be given here, that before you enter the belfry for your own personal safety see that all bells are hanging down, and never attempt to go near a bell that is set up.

**EXERCISE Method.**—This Treble Bob method has an internal place made at all cross-sections but two, three or four in each half lead. In the 1907 Collection of Methods, those with an internal place at all cross-sections but two were called Exercise Methods, those with an internal place made at all cross-sections but three were Pasallatria Methods, and those with an internal place made at all cross-sections but four were Pasallatessera Methods. The present classification was adopted in 1956.

**EXTENDING LEAD.**—The many regular methods available, some of which have been rung and thousands more which have not yet been rung, have a limited variation in lead ends. Those methods which have 142635 in Minor; 14263857 in Major; 1426385079 in Royal and 1426385079E in Maximus as the first lead end may be in the class of an extending lead method. The proof is that if a

bob is called at the first lead end, such lead end would be 142356; 14235678; 1423567890 and 1423567890ET respectively. So, in other words, an extending lead method is one which brings all bells, except the bell making the bob and those below it, back to the same position they were at the previous lead end. As you will see from the above figures three bobs at successive leads will bring the bells back into rounds, and this would be known as a three lead bobbed course. Kent Treble Bob would, probably, be the best method to check up on this.

There are some methods with 142635, etc., as the first lead end, but which are not extending lead methods. London Surprise is one and if you study the line diagram you will see why. Or, to be soft hearted, I will explain. At the critical moment the bells are hunting the wrong way—up instead of down—which prevents them dodging back to their previous lead end position. If the back bells did get to their previous lead end positions it could only be by jumping two places, and you know this is not permissible within the rules of change ringing.

**EXTENT.**—This term literally means the embodiment of all the possible changes, but it is sometimes applied loosely.

Extent of changes on 2 is	1x2 .. . . .	2
3	1x2x3 .. . .	6
4	1x2x3x4 .. .	24
5	1x2x3x4x5 ..	120
6	1x2x3x4x5x6 ..	720
7	1x2x3x4x5x6x7 ..	5040

I have stopped at seven, because a peal on seven bells (Triples) shall consist of 5,040 changes, whilst a peal on eight or more bells shall comprise not fewer than 5,000 changes. Peals of Doubles and Minor shall consist of 5,040 or more changes, and there is no provision for peals on four or less bells. The loose application of the term Extent is when used instead of the word peal.

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The Bath and Wells  
Diocesan Association has  
decided as from January 1st  
next to issue a further minimum charge of 6d.  
per rope for every peal rung for the Associa-  
tion, the money to be forwarded to 'The  
Ringing World' to help the paper in its  
financial difficulty. Thank you, very much,  
Bath and Wells.

Congratulations to Kent School, Connecticut,  
U.S.A., on their first quarter peal for 26  
years.

Mr. Charles J. Sedgley rang his first peal of  
Surprise Maximus on the treble on Easter  
Monday. He has, however, rung 62 peals of  
Surprise Maximus inside!

Five years ago Northiam, Sussex, had a  
call change band. On Easter Day Wendy  
Hughes was the 13th member of the tower  
to ring her first quarter. Six members have  
also rung their first peal.

'The clergy are not placed in charge of  
cures to run parishes to recruit ringers:  
their job is primarily to take care of the souls  
of the ringers and parishioners.'—Irish Bell  
News.

The peal of Stedman Caters at Newark-on-  
Trent on Easter Monday was the first peal  
at Newark since 1897 when Grandsire Caters,  
conducted by Gabriel Lindoff, was rung. Only  
five peals have been rung at Newark, the other  
three being Grandsire Triples—last in 1913.

'Artful Dodger,' of Huddersfield, writes for  
confirmation of the rumour he has heard  
during the past week that the six-bell contest  
to be held at Felkirk, Barnsley, on June 11th,  
is to decide who are the champions of  
England. He asks if 'Bill Sykes' or himself or  
anyone else interested could compete in this  
championship contest for a small fee.

Mrs. P. E. Marriott and not Mrs. P. J.  
Staniforth was the youngest lady to ring a  
peal of Maximus. As Miss Phyllis Tillet she  
took part in a peal of Oxford Treble 12 at  
Ipswich on November 18th, 1933, at the age  
of 14 years 10 months, and her first of  
Cambridge 12 at the same tower just under  
a year later.

## BELFRY

## GOSSIP

The Guild of Clerical  
Ringers are now concluding  
their ringing week in  
Lancashire with headquarters at Fairhaven  
Hotel, Lytham St. Anne's. The party consists  
of: the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, E. G. Benson  
(Prestegigne), N. F. D. Coleridge (Tatworth),  
Canon C. C. Cox, Preb. E. V. Cox  
(Axminster), K. C. Davis (Nateley Scures),  
S. E. Evans (Ramsgate), K. W. H. Felstead  
(Southampton), J. B. T. Homfray (Chelten-  
ham), M. C. C. Melville (London), I. J.  
Richards (Llanarth), G. Ruming (Penzance),  
F. A. Sanders (Overton), Canon B. F.  
Sheppard (North Petherton), R. D. St. J.  
Smith (Astley Bridge), A. Webb (Kilder-  
minster) and E. B. Wood (Leatherhead). Mrs.  
Felstead, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Sanders, Mrs.  
Wood, and Miss Homfray accompany the  
the party.

By missing the peal at Blewbury, Berks, on  
Easter Monday, owing to being on holiday,  
Mr. A. R. T. Greenough broke a run of 28  
consecutive peals on these bells with Mr.  
R. B. Blond.

Mrs. Mary Wells, who took part in the  
quarter peal at Blewbury, Berks, on Easter  
Sunday, was one of the post-war band of girls  
taught by Mr. George Gilbert at Burnham,  
and it can be confirmed that, although her  
opportunities for ringing these days are in-  
frequent, her ringing is still of a high  
standard.

A band of Newcastle on Tyne ringers made  
an attempt for three peals in a day on Easter  
Monday. Two were successful but the third  
at Newburn on Tyne failed at the beginning  
of the fifth 720 after 1½ hours owing to a  
movement of the clock hammer throwing the  
treble rope off the wheel.

At the tenth or twelfth attempt Woolton,  
Liverpool, ringers have rung a quarter from  
Holt's Original, which is the first quarter by  
the local band since 1930. All the other attempts  
were called off with a single and the bells  
brought round except one which came round  
at the end with a bit of straightening up. It  
was decided not to claim this. For six of  
the band it was their first quarter.

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# CONDUCTOR'S INSIDE STORY OF RECORD PEAL OF 22,400 CHANGES

*The fine performance of establishing a new record length of 22,400 Plain Bob Major at Kirby-le-Soken, Essex, on April 9th, was briefly referred to in our last issue. Today we give the inside story of this great achievement, written by the conductor, Mr. F. B. Lufkin. This peal is the longest yet recorded by the same band of ringers.*

## THE CONDUCTOR'S IMPRESSIONS

I ARRIVED outside the church, on a nice sunny morning, at 7.40, to find five of the band already waiting. The other two members arrived before 7.45, the appointed time, which I considered a good omen. Everybody was fit and well, so without delay we entered the belfry for a punctual start.

There was little to do as the tower captain (Mr. Urban Wildney) and I, the previous day, had prepared everything as far as possible. Whilst Urban gave a spot more oil to the plain bearings, a photographer appeared and took two pictures. I was rather short with him and said I would be more pleased to see him after the peal.

A few rounds were rung, and after a few adjustments, and some instructions to the band and the photographer, Urban went down and locked us in. We pulled off into changes at 8.10 a.m.

At once the bells settled down to a nice beat and not too fast, my thoughts being, 'Take it steady, there is a long way to go.' The clock striking gear told me that it was 9 o'clock, and then 10 o'clock was on us, very quickly it seemed. The speed of ringing quickened and between 12 o'clock and 1 o'clock it really was going apace until I thought, but did not say, a trip and all would be up.

## REFRESHMENTS

Most of us had something to eat on small tables placed around the belfry, and I at one o'clock thought fit to partake of a little refreshment, which brought smiles from the remainder of the band. I was worried in case everyone thought of having some refreshment, which may have been disastrous. However, this was not so. Peter Eves, Dennis Symonds and Howard Egglestone seemed experts in taking refreshments and they in turn took some.

About 2.30 p.m. Ron Steward took something to eat and his rope jumped around, which made me feel required to say something. 'Tenor go down after the 4th,' who I thought was a little out of place. These were the first words spoken other than calls. Even these words may have not been necessary.

Everybody had had enough refreshment and they settled down, and the ringing went on and on very well indeed with no incidents, except once, when I called a bob slightly late, and I said Sorry!, but the band seemed to take no notice, in fact I think one or two of them had the composition in mind. I noted Norman Harding had one of his sweets. All he had were two or three sweets during the whole time.

## SCATTERED ON THE FLOOR

The next incident was provided by our tenor ringer, Walter Arnold. He had some eats on his table, but all he had done was several times to have a look at them. About 6 p.m. he made a grab for a piece of chocolate, which he was unsuccessful in getting, but scattered the food on the floor. No comment from the rest of us. Ten minutes or so later he successfully got a piece and put it in his mouth, and from somebody, I think Peter Eves, we heard, 'Cheers.'

Everybody had the eye on the finish and the ringing progressed very smartly, and I thought fit near the end to say 'Steady lads, don't chase it,' but perhaps I was nervous, getting near the end.

The peal came round at 7.55 p.m., all the ringing in my opinion been excellent, not one bad trip throughout, and I should think there were only about six missed dodges, and the very few bad blows were caused by members getting refreshments. We congratulated each



The band who rang the record length at Kirby-le-Soken (left to right): Norman V. Harding, Howard W. Egglestone, Frank B. Lufkin (conductor), Peter J. Eves, Walter Arnold, Ronald W. Steward, Alan R. Andrews and Dennis A. S. Symonds. (Photo by W. P. Mullen, 99, Vista Road, Clacton-on-Sea.)

other, the younger ones saying they could have gone on further, and I ought to have extended so we could have at least run round the clock, but I explained we must keep to the published figures.

## TAPE RECORDING

After a little while the vicar (the Rev J. W. Thomas) came into the belfry, followed by many ringers who had been listening for some time. One of them had taken a tape recording of the last hour of ringing and soon we were hearing some of it.

Now for a pint, and for tales to be told in the local. Discussion took place about whether it is a fiddle to put a course of Oxford T.B. with the London Scholars group, or to include methods of Alliance and little methods in multi-method peals of Minor. Someone said it was more worthy to have a course of a real method such as Oxford T.B. than two methods which individually would not produce a 720.

How nice to see all the young folk from the Chelmsford and Danbury area to welcome us down and their enthusiasm speaks well for future ringing in their area. Then the band from St. Leonard's, Colchester, a 6 bell tower, came in, after successfully ringing an 8 bell peal at the next tower at Great Holland. What a happy day it was, and such an enjoyable time we all had, and although sometimes we think these long peal attempts silly, the enthusiasm it makes and calls for I feel is well worth while in the interest of ringing generally and in helping to maintain Sunday Service ringing.

The Vicar asked us to give him the details as he wishes to place the performance on record in the church, so the enthusiasm has spread to him as well.

When all tales had been told and I made my way home, I thought just another peal for the book and wondered what next we must do and there is much, and I thank God for all his goodness.

## THE BAND

Treble rung by Ronald W. Steward. Aged 39 years. Learnt to ring at All Saints', Sproughton, Suffolk, during 1936, under the guidance of the late Charles Mee, and his first peal was of Minor in 3 methods, August, 1937. He has rung 264 peals ranging from Doubles to Royal and his longest previous length was of 10,080 of Minor. Being a blast furnace-man on night work, his ringing is limited, but he is a Sunday service ringer of St. Mary's, Grundisburgh, and also a member of St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich.

A pleasing feature of Ron Steward's ringing is that he is ever willing to do that bit extra to make ringing comfortable; overalls, the oil can, spanner and rope splicing seem part and parcel of his work to the general benefit.

Second rung by Alan R. Andrews, aged 43 years. He is a native of Thorington, Essex, where he learnt to ring under his father, at a very early age, and rang his first peal in 1929, and his first as conductor in 1933. He has since rung some 200 odd peals, in methods ranging from Doubles to Surprise Maximus. His previous longest length was one of 6,000 of Grandsire Doubles, 50 different 120s.

Alan is a farm worker. Like his father before him, he has maintained an excellent Sunday service band at Thorington. A visit to his practice on a Wednesday provides a surprise as to what methods are rung by this local company.

Third rung by Peter J. Eves, aged 30 years. Commenced ringing in 1945 at Galleywood, Essex, after interest was aroused with lunch-time handbell ringing with a schoolboy band at the Mid-Essex Technical College, under the late A. L. Simmonds, Engineering Master. Now belongs to the Chelmsford Cathedral band.

He has been a trustee of the Essex Association for six years and in 1959 was elected as a Central Council representative. Has rung 129 peals from Doubles to Cinques, including Spliced Surprise Major and up to 60 multi-method Minor, and has conducted 16 peals. His previous longest length was that on the second in Bob Royal, 12,740 changes, at Prittlewell, 1950.

He is employed at Marconi Works, at Chelmsford, as a test engineer in the Radar department.

Fourth rung by Norman V. Harding, aged 51 years. Began his ringing at the age of 12, at the then 6 bell tower at West Clandon, Surrey, under the stern guidance of Fred Bennett, and later learning eight bell ringing at Holy Trinity, Guildford, under Alfred H. Pulling. Rang his first peal in 1927 and has now rung 260 peals, of which 57 he has conducted. He rang in the 11,568 Double Norwich at Debenham in 1950.

Norman has been in four attempts to ring the 40,320 at Loughborough, having failed at 20,000, 21,800, 28,500 and 5,000, so he has had wide experience recently in long peal ringing.

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**RECORD PEAL—Cont.**

He has represented the Norwich Diocesan Association on the Central Council for six years, and was captain of St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, from February, 1952 to February, 1960. He is a local government official employed by the Freebridge Lynn Rural District Council.

**Fifth rung** by Dennis A. S. Symonds, aged 44 years. Started ringing at Lavenham in 1925, and rang his first peal on handbells in 1932 and on tower bells in 1933. He has now rung 191 peals. He is a member of the famous ringing family of Symonds and his father still leads the ringers at Lavenham, Suffolk.

He works at the Marconi Works, Chelmsford, and he is one of the leading peal ringers of Essex, and is a member of the young Essex multi-method Minor band.

**Sixth rung** by Howard W. Egglestone, aged 23 years. He has been ringing 11 years and was taught by Sam Everitt at Boreham, Essex. At present he is captain of a young band of ringers at Purlleigh, Essex. Has rung approximately 150 peals and called about 30 of them. Very keen on the multi-method Minor, and most of his peals have been on 6 bells, but he has rung peals on all numbers. His previous longest length was 18,000 Minor rung at Stisted in 1957.

Howard was the main enthusiast for this long peal attempt, and it is anticipated that much more will be heard of this young man in Essex ringing.

**Seventh rung** by Frank B. Lufkin, aged 49 years. He was taught ringing by William Judd, at Prittlewell, in 1928, and has since rung 470 peals, of which he has conducted 307, from Doubles to Maximus. His previous long lengths have been 9,000 and 12,740 of Bob Royal at Prittlewell. 11,568 Double at Debenham in 1950 and 18,000 Minor in 25 methods in 1957. He was Ringing Master at Prittlewell for 25 years until leaving there in 1955.

He has represented the Essex Association on the Central Council since 1945 and serves on the Sunday Service Committee. He has served on the Essex Association committee for many years and is at present its peal secretary. His employment is that of an officer in the Essex County Fire Brigade, which, because of shift work restricts his opportunities for much ringing. His chief delight in ringing is that of Grandsire Caters on a moderately heavy ring of bells.

**Tenor rung** by Walter Arnold, aged 58 years. He has rung between 300 and 400 peals and has been ringing at Earls Colne since 1914 where he is vergier. His previous longest length was that of 18,000 Minor at Stisted, in 1957. He has rung many peals with the late William Keeble and with Lewis Wiffen and he is a most reliable method ringer.

**NO TALKING**

Mr. Norman Harding informs us that he wishes it to be placed on record that in his opinion the success of the long peal was entirely due to the capable way in which the conducting was carried out, coupled with sheer determination by each member of the band, and the fact that during the whole of the peal the only words that were uttered were those of the conductor, and when he called the Bobs, and Singles. He thinks this last little bit is very important.

Mr. Lufkin comments: 'My impressions give exactly what things were said, which was very little indeed, but it appears to Norman Harding that the absence of any talking and incident was a feature of the peal, and I agree with him.'

**SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE - No. 18****MR. JOHN E. CHILCOTT**

Secretary, Ancient Society of College Youths

There was a time when mention of the College Youths conjured up in certain minds visions of ancient, greybearded gentlemen, fierce and formidable, who did not approve of the 'goings on' of the younger generation. This idea is an entirely erroneous one, and hardly does justice to the present day Society.

Mr. John E. Chilcott, who typifies the younger men now in control of the Society's affairs, is one of the most popular young men in the Exercise. He entered into ringing when it was easily possible to capture the fine traditions of the Ancient Society and he is making a first class job of not only maintaining—but even enhancing them.

Born in 1931, he was educated at Isleworth Grammar School, learned to ring at St. Leonard's, Heston, in 1944, and rang his first peal (Bob Minor) in 1946 at St. Dunstan's, Cranford, conducted by W. J. Paice.

Being a youth who showed great promise, he was quickly noticed by that great spotter of talent, Mr. Horace Belcher, who introduced him to London ringing circles in 1945. Under Mr. Belcher's able guidance John was very soon ringing Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral, and proved himself to be an excellent exponent on 12 bells. Then service in the Forces interrupted his ringing somewhat, but not completely—as he was at the War Office from 1950 to 1952. He was able to continue (when his duties permitted) with his ringing activities.

In 1948 he rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's, which was conducted by Mr. H. Langdon. In 1949 he composed and took part in a peal of 5,000 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham, and in the same year he conducted a peal of Stedman Caters at Beddington when the average age of the band was 18½ years. Also, he conducted his own composition of 5,021 Stedman Cinques as an in memoriam peal for Canon Coleridge, at Southwark Cathedral.

In 1953 he conducted the Coronation peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's, and in 1956 a Past Masters peal of Stedman Caters at Stepney, followed in 1958 by a peal of Stedman Cinques by Past Masters at Croydon. He was elected Master in 1953, being one of the youngest Masters the Society has ever had, carrying out his duties very efficiently and with the dignity customary in the Ancient Society.

He was elected secretary in 1957, in succession to Mr. A. B. Peck, and in 1958 he was elected conductor of the St. Paul's Cathedral Guild in succession to Mr. H. Langdon. His total peals to date are approximately 177, conducted 52.

In 1958 he married Eileen Mary Ricketts, whose father John E. Ricketts was at that time tower captain at Heston. She is also a ringer. JAFUS.

**OBITUARY****MRS. E. T. P. FIELD**

It was a great shock to us at Kenwyn, to hear of the sudden passing of Mrs. 'Flo' Field, wife of E. T. Paul Field, of Langport, Somerset.

Although herself not a ringer, Mrs. Field was an ardent supporter of her husband's art, and often accompanied him on his numerous marathon outings. She had an appreciative ear for good striking and was always ready to give a word of praise as we came out of some lonely country church after, quite often, disturbing the rooks in a long silent belfry.

All who knew her will, I am sure, remember her ready hospitality of a cup of tea and a bite to eat at a moment's notice.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Paul at his sudden sad loss and assure him of a warm welcome in Cornwall when next he visits us.

R. A. S.

**Tips For Beginners—18**

*If you can ring Cambridge and want to learn Yorkshire, you may find it helpful to realise that the work in both methods is identical above the treble.*

**SUNDAY SERVICE NEWS****THORPE MALSOR**

The six bells of All Saints', Thorpe Malsor, Northamptonshire, were rung by a resident band of ringers for the Sung Eucharist on Easter Sunday. This is the first time that all the bells have been rung for a service since before the 2nd World War, although for the past two months some of the bells have been rung for both services on every Sunday. The newly formed band hope to report further progress in the field of change ringing in the not too distant future.

**Suffolk Guild**

It was disappointing that the attendance was low at a meeting of the North-East District held at Bungay on April 2nd, but the bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening. The Rev. Mr. Tarvis, Vicar, held a service for the few and had also obtained an organist.

At the business meeting after tea it was proposed to hold a District full day's outing on Saturday, July 9th, if sufficient names were received. Next meeting, July 23rd, at Southwold, and a practice meeting at Theberton and Yoxford, on June 25th.

Writing in appreciation of the Easter Message that appeared in 'The Ringing World', a reader orders three copies to be sent to friends who have lost dear ones lately—in preference to Easter cards.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY SOCIETY'S INJURED PRIDE

Dear Sir.—In response to Mr. Johnson's glowing account of the Manchester University Guild's progress and ringing standard, a full apology is surely all that can sooth their injured pride in being compared with societies such as London and Bristol, which cannot boast of 12-Spliced on practice nights.

However, I would submit, with all respect to Manchester's secretary, that he has strayed from the point of my so inept description. As Master of the University of London Society, I received a complimentary ticket to the annual dinner of each of the other three societies embraced by the hapless description which has offended Mr. Johnson. The same courtesy is accorded to the other three Masters and this practice has been regular for about ten years. Thus perhaps I may be granted the right to say that some form of 'closed shop' exists? I wonder.

The benefit of these dinners comes from discussion with members of whichever society is host at the dinner, in which interesting and instructive differences in the running of the various societies are often discovered. This year I discovered several.

Therefore, tentative plans were put forward to include on the list of guests members of University Societies which had been formed recently or were small and unnoticed by the larger ones. Of course, Mr. Johnson, though you are welcome to London at any time, this category of 'infant societies' is not applicable to Manchester and no umbrage need be taken on behalf of other societies. I do not agree with you that my theory can be scotched by other University Societies in a position similar to your own, if indeed there are any.

My impression is that the Societies of Southampton, Birmingham, Leeds, Durham and Leicester, to quote a few, are small and could benefit from discussion with contemporaries of larger size and thus more advanced organisation. Naturally any of the above five societies who feel that I am being unjust to them are also offered my apology.

If Manchester University Guild wishes to ignore the opportunity of even offering help to these societies, I think it has little to be proud of. In fact, I believe the Universities Association—in its other role than as a marriage bureau—has approached Manchester and sought to make this a centre for a dinner, at which some of the other Northerners could convene. Certainly the University of London Society will include at least two of the smaller University Societies at its dinner next year, unless of course, there are no small ones by then, and I feel sure that no harm and a lot of good can come from this custom, which is also being adopted by Oxford, Cambridge and Bristol.—Yours sincerely,

J. M. LAKIN.

Brixton, S.W.9.

### YARMOUTH BELLS

Dear Sir,—Yarmouth bells, recorded on Easter Day, will be heard at the beginning of the Epilogue following the 11 p.m. News on Anglia I.T.V., May 2-8 inclusive: rounds only. I fear, as time permitted is short on these occasions.

I wonder if Todmorden ringers realised what a thrill they gave Yarmouth, when they joined with the locals in early morning ringing on Easter Day—the first here on Easter Day since 1940.—Yours sincerely,

GILBERT THURLOW.

Great Yarmouth.

Vicar.

### JUDGING RINGING CONTESTS

Dear Sir.—Since Mr. Harold Chant, as a contest judge, may be assumed to be impervious to defamatory remarks (to quote his words in his article in the 'R.W.' for April 8th, page 246), perhaps he will not mind this expression of opinion on one paragraph in his article. This paragraph reveals how it is possible for a team which all but 'fires out' to win a contest, judged under Mr. Chant's system.

Most contest rules state that the test piece (normally 360 changes at least) must be rung true. Yet Mr. Chant is prepared to pass a piece in which there is a succession of 'jumbled changes', 'loud bangs' and 'martial music,' and what is more, never to give more than two faults for such changes—even if shots are included. I fail to see how such a piece can be true, or how a row, where all the bells come down nearly together, can have more than one bell in its correct place. Yet Harold has no intention of ever giving more than 2 faults for such changes. His argument for doing this is that he concludes that at least four people know what they are doing in these jumbles—or the conductor would stop the ringing, i.e. four must be right, so will only give two faults. It is just as sensible to argue that the ringer who makes a bad blow KNOWS where the bell SHOULD be, but the fault is counted just the same.

Granted, these contests are 'striking' contests. Striking requires much concentration and uses mental energy, but so does ringing the method.

If a ringer concentrates on one of these requirements, to the exclusion of the other, for instance, on striking, until he forgets what he is doing in the method, the faulty changes resulting should be given, if necessary, 3, 4, or 5 faults per change. It is up to the judge to assess the exact number.—Yours etc.,

Rotherham.

N. CHADDOCK.

### PEALS OF MAJOR AT WOOLTON

Dear Sir.—Your correspondent (page 162) is quite right. In reply to him and numerous others who have contacted me, there have been many peals of Major in this tower during the last 30 years. The mistake was made on the Saturday the young Liverpool University ringers rang a peal there.

Speaking to some of the residents near the church on the evening of the peal, I was seriously 'taken to task' for not providing tea for the visitors. I was told very definitely, 'If in future you won't, let us know, and we will.'

The church at Woolton would be horrified if they knew that some of our towers actually charge for a rope. (Correspondence page 74). I can only think that where a peal rope charge is made the striking must be bad.

May I also thank those writers whose exchange of derogatory personalities has helped to amuse us during the last three months.—Yours faithfully,

Woolton, Liverpool. E. L. HUMPHRISS.

### BELFRY PRAYERS

Dear Sir.—Reference 'Suggestions for Belfry Prayers.' ('The Ringing World' page 269). I still have copies of these prayers and a few others on foolscap paper, suitable for mounting on a card. I shall be pleased to send a copy to anyone on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope.—Yours etc.,

N. CHADDOCK.

17, Herringthorpe Grove, Rotherham.

## IRISH ASSOCIATION

### Southern and Eastern Districts

THE annual meetings of the Southern and Eastern Districts were held jointly in Kilkenny, on St. Patrick's Day (March 17th). In the unavoidable absence of the president (Mr. W. Pratt), through illness, who had been invited to preside over the joint meeting, the chair was taken by Mr. Cyril W. Galbraith (chairman, Southern District), supported by Mr. James McManus (chairman, Eastern District).

The following towers were represented amongst the 110 members present: Bandon, Bray, Cork, Doneraile, Drogheda, Dublin (SS, Augustine and John's and St. George's), Kilkenny, Limerick (Mount St. Alphonsus and St. Mary's Cathedral), and Waterford.

The bells of St. Canice's Cathedral (8) were put to good use prior to the meeting and afterwards the contests for the R.R. Cherry and Gabriel Lindoff Cups were held.

After lunch in the Clubhouse Hotel, Kilkenny, the Dean of Ossory (the Very Rev. John G. Gash) welcomed the visiting ringers, to which Mr. James McManus suitably replied. The business meeting then proceeded during which much was agreed to in quick time. This did not mean that everybody agreed with everything. There were some controversial issues which were amicably settled.

Both District Committees had done good work, such as electing new members, nominating persons for various offices. They also had the minutes, reports and accounts printed. These were all taken as read and adopted.

Greetings were brought from the Northern District by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, and a telegram of good wishes was sent from the meeting to Miss Jean Stewart, who was married on that day.

### NEW OFFICERS

The chairman of the Southern District then dealt with the election of the officers for the Eastern District, which resulted as follows: Chairman, Mr. James McManus; Ringing Master, Mr. Paddy Mills; secretary, Mrs. F. E. Dukes; assistant secretary, R. Huber; treasurer, W. D. Graham; vice-president for Eastern District on Executive Council, Mr. H. J. Johnson; two other members to act with secretary, Messrs. J. McManus and G. McGregor.

The chairman of the Eastern District presided over the election of the officers for the Southern District, which resulted as follows: Chairman, Mr. C. W. Galbraith; Ringing Master, Mr. Richard Walsh; secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. Bingham; assistant secretary, Mr. P. Hanley; vice-president of Executive Council, Mr. F. Bogan; two other members to act with secretary, Messrs. C. W. Galbraith and G. H. Ellis.

The judges for the cup contests were Messrs. J. T. Dunwoody, R. McCormack and J. McManus. Eight teams competed and the results were announced as follows:

R.R. Cherry Cup (Southern District); Bandon (holders) and Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick, tied with 11 faults each; St. Mary's, Limerick, were second with 19 faults.

G. Lindoff Cup (Eastern District); Drogheda (holders), for sixth year in succession, 42 faults; St. George's, Dublin, second, with 94 faults.

The test was a real one, as three bells gave trouble due to ropes slipping wheel, also the tower is very noisy.

The three winning teams will compete with the winners of the Northern District for the Murphy Cup on May 14th in Dublin.

After tea in the Clubhouse Hotel, the two cups were presented to the winners by Miss Daphne Sunderland, local tower secretary. She also presented the Attendance Shield to Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick, and Bandon, both of whom scored 100 per cent along with St. Mark's, Dundela, Belfast.

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## CENTRAL COUNCIL MINUTES

The first session of the 24th Council (63rd annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, June 7th, 1960, in the Town Hall, Folkestone, at 10 o'clock.

Will members please sign the roll and be in their seats by 9.45 a.m.

The morning session will be adjourned at 12.30 p.m. and the afternoon session will commence at 2 p.m., or as may be decided.

### AGENDA

Report of the Hon. Secretary as to representation of Societies and as to subscriptions.

Application by the University of Bristol Society to affiliate to the Council.

Apologies for absence.

Presentation of new members to the President.

1. Election of President for 1960-1963. Mr. F. Sharpe, proposed by Mr. E. H. Lewis, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.
2. Election of Vice-President for 1960-1963. Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, proposed by Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.
3. Election of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer for 1960-1963. Mr. E. A. Barnett, proposed by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.
4. Election of Hon. Librarian for 1960-1963. Mr. F. W. Perrins, proposed by Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. J. F. Smallwood.
5. Election of Honorary Members.

The following retire and are eligible for re-election:—The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Shaftesbury, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, J. P. Fidler, A. A. Hughes, D. Hughes, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. C. W. Roberts, E. C. Shepherd, R. F. B. Speed, L. Stilwell, P. L. Taylor, A. Walker, T. W. White and J. Willis. There are three vacancies.

6. Election of Hon. Auditors, Messrs. A. A. Hughes and H. N. Pitstow retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council.
7. Loss of members through death.
8. Minutes of the last meeting.
9. Report of the Hon. Secretary.
10. Report of the Hon. Librarian.
11. Balance sheet and accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1959.
12. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.
13. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following committees:—  
To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.  
To reappoint the committees or alter the constitution as may be considered desirable.

#### (a) Standing Committee.

The following retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council:—

Messrs R. S. Anderson, W. B. Cartwright, P. A. Corby, F. E. Dukes, J. T. Dyke, J. Freeman, F. I. Hairs, C. K. Lewis, T. J. Lock and A. Walker.

There are two vacancies.

The ex-officio members are the President, Vice-President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Librarian, Hon. Auditors, Conveners of Committees and past holders of the office of President, Hon. Secretary or Hon. Librarian of the Council.

#### (b) Other Committees.

In all cases the members retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council.

##### (i) 'The Ringing World' Committee.

Messrs J. F. Smallwood, F. I. Hairs, R. S. Anderson and W. N. Park.

##### (ii) Literature and Press Committee.

Messrs. E. C. Shepherd and F. E. Dukes.

##### (iii) Biographies Committee.

Messrs. A. C. Hazelden, W. Viggers, L. Stilwell and J. Willis.

##### (iv) Peal Boards Committee.

Messrs. J. W. Clarke, W. Ayre and J. P. Fidler.

##### (v) Broadcasting and Television Committee.

Messrs. H. J. Sanger, N. Chaddock, G. E. Fearn, J. T. Dunwoody, A. A. Hughes and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

##### (vi) Records Committee.

Mrs. G. W. Fletcher and Mrs. C. C. Marshall.

##### (vii) Peals Analysis Committee.

Mr. W. Ayre, Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Messrs. H. Miles and H. L. Roper.

##### (viii) Peal Collection Committee.

Messrs. W. E. Critchley, G. E. Feirn, C. W. Roberts and A. J. Pitman.

##### (ix) Sunday Service Survey Committee.

Messrs. N. Chaddock, P. M. J. Gray, Dr. D. N. Layton, Messrs. F. B. Lufkin, W. F. Moreton, the Rev. J. G. M. Scott and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

##### (x) Towers and Belfries Committee.

Messrs. F. Sharpe, J. W. Clarke, F. E. Collins, J. Freeman, E. H. Lewis, W. Osborn and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

##### (xi) Methods Committee.

Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Messrs. F. N. Golden, C. H. Kippin and C. K. Lewis.

### ALTERATION TO RULES

14. To amend the Rules as follows:—  
1. To add the following new Rule 2, and re-number the existing Rules 2 to 18 as 3 to 19 respectively:—  
2. The Council shall:—

(i) Use its best endeavours to guard the rights and generally promote the welfare of the Exercise both in its scientific aspect and as a branch of church work.

(ii) Encourage and assist the development of the Art in its scientific, mathematical and historical branches.

(iii) Arbitrate so far as may be deemed advisable in such matters of dispute or perplexity as shall be submitted to its judgment.

2. To amend Rule 14 (Procedure at Meetings) by inserting the words 'representing Territorial Societies' between the words 'Twenty members' and 'shall.'

The Rule to read:—At the meetings of the Council and President or Vice-President shall take the chair, and in the

event of their absence the members present shall elect a Chairman for that meeting. The Chairman shall have a casting vote. Twenty members representing Territorial Societies shall form a quorum. Every new member, whether Representative, or Honorary or Life, shall, before taking his seat, be introduced by a member to the President or Vice-President, or, in the absence of the President or Vice-President, to the Chairman of the meeting.

Proposed on behalf of the North Staffordshire Association by Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. E. H. Edge.

### MOTION

15. This Council reaffirms the principle that a peal may not be credited to more than one affiliated Society. It accordingly instructs the Editor of 'The Ringing World' and affiliated Societies to keep their records in line with the Council's Peals Analysis, adopting the procedure laid down in the Council's handbook of 1956.

Proposed by Mr. D. A. Bayles, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

16. To fix the place of the next meeting.

17. Any other business.

E. A. BARNETT,

Hon. Secretary.

26 Iron Mill Lane,  
Crayford, Kent.

### Ringers In Timken Factories

'Timken,' the illustrated monthly of The Timken Roller Bearing Company with factories at Duston and Daventry, has a well-written article on Campanology in its March issue.

It is surprising the number of ringers employed by this company. Perhaps the best known is Mr. P. I. Chapman, Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, of Daventry. In his tower are also Messrs. F. Hutt, S. E. Smith, D. Jones and C. Ashworth. At Duston Parish Church there are Messrs. S. Mundy (31 years a ringer), H. C. Downie (40 years), and G. J. Smith (17 years).

Other Timken employees who are ringers at other Northamptonshire churches are Messrs. S. Sibley (35 years), E. Jones (32 years), E. Watson (25 years), G. Roome (16 years), A. Hammons (5 years) and W. Waldon (5 years).

In an appeal to would-be recruits, the article assures the reader that in the company of church bell ringers he (or she) will find a warm welcome and a great feeling of comradeship. Moreover, while participating in a most enjoyable pastime, he will be helping to preserve a well-loved part of our English heritage.





## K.C.A. PROMISE WARM WELCOME TO CENTRAL COUNCIL

THE year 1960 is a great year for the Kent County Association and the large attendance of members at the Association's annual meeting at Bromley, on Easter Monday, heard from Mr. John Willis, who presided, of the warm welcome the Central Council would receive when they met at Folkestone at Whitsun.

'I feel it will be a very warm welcome,' said Mr. Willis. 'and I hope many of you will come along and see the Central Council at work. I think the Mayor and Corporation are being very liberal to the Council. They have granted them free privileges to many things under the control of the municipality, and their generosity has lightened the load on the funds of the Association.'

The service was held at Bromley Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (Canon W. H. Murray Walton) and attended by the Deputy Mayor of Bromley (Councillor G. W. Brown) and the Deputy Mayoress. Mr. John Willis read the lesson and Mr. J. R. Cooper was the organist. The Canon preached from the text, 'Let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord.' 'If we remember that text,' said the Canon, 'we would get very few complaints about church bells. It is very natural in our Christian faith that we should have church bells, for after all Christianity is a religion of joy. It was the poet Hood who said that "bells are music's laughter."'

The Association's luncheon followed at the Royal Bell Hotel. The chairman, Mr. John Willis, welcomed the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress. Canon Murray Walton, the Rev. J. B. Short (West Wickham), Mr. Ivan Page, of St. Patrick's R.C. Cathedral, Melbourne, ringers from Colchester, Essex, and the Editor of 'The Ringing World.'

In reply the Deputy Mayor recalled the last visit of the Association to Bromley in 1954 and how on that occasion handbells were rung. Short speeches were also made by Canon Murray Walton and Mr. T. W. White.

### LOSSES BY DEATH

Mr. J. Willis presided at the business meeting, and following the minutes the honorary secretary read the list of those members who had died since the last report, the company standing in silence. They were: the Ven. W. M. Brown (Tunbridge Wells), a vice-president; C. Farnsworth (Ospringe), M. J. Holness (Herne), W. J. Jarman (Aylesford), R. A. Constant (Gravesend), G. Billness (Hawkhurst) and H. Markwell (Tunbridge Wells). Non-resident life members included: G. F. Carter (London), C. V. Ebberson (King's Lynn), G. King (Salehurst), C. J. Matthews (Southfields), G. N. Price (Watford) and A. H. Pulling (Guildford).

The report gave the names of 26 members who had completed 50 years' membership. Hopes were entertained of ringing a peal by 50-year members during 1960.

Regarding the report of the Central Council Committee on Sunday Service Ringing, a request was made that all members of individual towers consider how best the recommendations may be implemented. 'If the spirit is right,' said Dr. Hatcher 'all else will follow, which is not to deny that good instruction, leadership, enthusiasm, hard work, perseverance, tradition, discipline, opportunities, all the myriad components of human activity, all have their part to play. Rather, if there is a feeling that "it does really matter that some bells are not rung on Sunday" then everyone, ringers, clergy and congregation, will do all in their power to see that they are all rung. In such an atmosphere all the many facilities available through the Association can be tapped most effectively and technical progress made.'

### INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

'That there are many and varied hindrances to the effective engendering of this "right spirit" is only too evident, and my plea now to each individual member of the Association is to examine his own heart-motives and to rededicate himself to the office of ringer, that the bells may each Sunday more adequately ring forth their message.'

By the end of the year subscriptions had been received from 1,034 practising members, 11 fewer than last year. New members totalled 142—Ashford District 7 adults, 5 juniors, Canterbury 20 and 15, Lewisham 14 and 1, Maidstone 15 and 19, Rochester 21 and 18, Tonbridge 6 and 1.

The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. B. Collinson, seconded by Mr. G. H. Spice.

Mr. B. W. May (hon. treasurer) presented the accounts, which were adopted. These showed the following balances: general account £151 4s. 2d., Belfry Repair Fund £266 19s. 3d., Benevolent Fund £179 15s. 6d. The total assets of the Association were £1,163 9s. 5d.

### LOW PEAL TOTAL

The peal secretary (Mr. Ian H. Oram) reported 106 peals rung for the Association during 1959, the lowest total since 1945. There were no handbell peals, and all but one of the tower bell peals were rung in the county, the exception being a peal at Addington, Surrey. Eighteen members rang their first peal. There were 31 conductors, six less than last year, three of whom were conducting their first. Philip A. Corby headed the list of conductors with 17, followed by Ralph Bird (a non-resident member) with 15, Ian H. Oram 13 and George J. Butcher 10.

The peal at Biggin Hill was the first on the bells, at Great Chart the first since restoration, and at Frinested the first since 1927. Of special interest was Holt's Original at Eltham by the local band in which the lady conductor (Brenda U. Slack) was calling her first peal, and the longest peal yet rung of Cambridge Surprise Major, 13,280 changes at Quex Park.

The President (the Archbishop of Canterbury) and the vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc. On the proposition of the chairman, Mr. A. G. Hill, who had retired from the honorary secretaryship of the Lewisham District after 35 years, and Mr. B. J. Luck, who retired after 23 years as honorary secretary of the Canterbury District, were elected vice-presidents, in appreciation of the long service.

### CHANGES IN CENTRAL COUNCIL

With the best thanks of the meeting Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher was re-elected honorary secretary, Mr. B. W. May honorary treasurer, and Messrs. F. S. Macey, G. H. Spice and J. Willis trustees. Messrs. E. Barnett, G. J. Butcher, P. A. Corby, E. J. Ladd, A. E. Richards (hon. auditor) and A. J. Russell were elected to the committee. There were seven nominations for the Central Council and the following were elected: Messrs J. R. Cooper 90 votes, I. H. Oram 84, P. A. Corby 79 and T. Cullingworth 79. Unsuccessful candidates included two former members—Dr. Hatcher and Mr. T. E. Sone.

Mr. C. T. Hillis announced that Mr. E. Ruck, the only surviving foundation member of the Association, desired to present his copy of 'Clavis' to the Association's library. The offer was accepted with gratitude.

Mr. M. Downes reminded the meeting that the 200th anniversary of ringing the extent of Major at Leeds Parish Church would take place on April 7th, 1961. He hoped the Association would mark the occasion by a commemoration peal.

The chairman thought it would be a fine thing if a number of commemoration peals were rung. The Association maintained the grave and headstone of the conductor James Barham. If he had still been alive, he felt certain that Philip Corby would make the greatest use of his services.

A vote of thanks, moved by Mr. G. H. Spice, to all who had assisted in the meeting included Mr. Percy Spice and Miss H. Andrews for local arrangements, the incumbents of the 11 towers open, Canon Murray Walton for conducting the service and Mr. John R. Cooper, the organist.

## ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, was enjoyed by a numerous assembly of ringers in the pleasant old town of Solihull on April 2nd.

Full use was made of the fine ring or 10 bells, ringing ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise Major, and for the first time at a meeting of the Guild a course of London Surprise Royal was rung.

The Guild's Form of Service was conducted by the Curate, the congregation being seated in the beautiful chancel.

The following were elected full members: V. Roy Tallis and Victor H. Nash, of Packwood, Roderick W. Pipe, Bournbrook, Tony J. Critchley, Linda M. Hughes, Susan Funnell, and Veronica M. Miles, all of Kings Norton, Margaret Bragg, Shirley, and David J. Purnell, of Birmingham Cathedral.

Mr. A. J. Pitman, of Leamington, who was a welcome visitor, was elected a life member, and the tower elections, also as life members, of Philip G. K. Davies, Nuneaton, R. George Morris, Malvern, and Miss Eileen Fearn, of Hazel Grove, were duly ratified.

The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Shirley on July 2nd.

'The Youth Hosteller,' official publication of the Youth Hostels Association, has an article by Hugh Makins, of Nazeing, Essex, describing a 'learners' ringing tour during which 27 churches were visited. Three photographs illustrate the article—a ringer demonstrating handstroke, a picture of the party in the massive ringing chamber at Milton Abbey, and of a raised bell at Whitechapel Foundry. We feel certain that such propaganda is helpful to the Exercise.

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## ENGAGEMENT

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## PERSONAL

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual Reports for 1959 now available, price 2s. 6d., from General Secretary, F. V. Gant, 3 Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex. 5802

CHANGE OF SECRETARY.—The Hon. General Secretary of the Hertford County Association is now Mr. A. R. Agg, 76, Wymondley Road, Hitchin. Tel.: 3612. 5822

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.—As from Tuesday, May 3rd, practice night, will be on Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. 5817

C.C. MEETING.—Keen young ringer wanted in E. Hampshire area for pillion passenger to Folkestone. Away two nights. Return Monday. Write to Box No. 5851, 'Ringing World', Guildford. 5851

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Conductors are reminded that all peal fees and compositions should be sent to the new peal secretary John A. Acres, 52, Luther Street, Leicester, within one month of the peal being rung. 5820

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD has for sale complete unbound copies of 'The Ringing World' for the years 1946-1959 inclusive. Offers over £10 to Mr. S. Burton, 78, Edwards Avenue, Braunstone, Leicester. 5821

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Will members please note that there will be no district meeting on April 30th? Please support the joint meeting with the Southern District on May 7th, at Staines. 5839

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## MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Derby, Saturday, April 30th. Lunch (8s.) will be arranged at St. James' Hotel, St. James' Street, 1 p.m., for those notifying by April 25th. Mr. J. F. Smallwood, Heatherbrae, South Park Avenue, Darley Dale, Matlock. Towers available: St. Alkmund's (8) 10.45-11.45 a.m., Cathedral (10) 11.45 a.m.-12.45 p.m., St. Peter's (8) 2.30-3.15, St. Luke's (8) 4-5.30, St. Andrew's (10) 5.30-7.30 p.m. Business meeting 3.15 p.m. at St. Peter's Parochial Hall. Train departs St. Pancras 7.55 a.m. due Derby 10.21 a.m.—John Chilcott, Hon. Sec., Kirklake, 67, Farley Road, Selsdon, Surrey. 5680

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wanstraw (6), Saturday, April 30th. Usual arrangements.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton, Bath. 5678

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting New Mills, April 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—C. K. Lewis, Sec. 5701

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting Hemingford Grey, Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Hemingford Abbots available after tea.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 5688

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Littlebury (6) on Saturday, April 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. New incumbent, please support.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 5704

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Bentley (6) on Saturday, April 30th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 5694

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, April 30th, at Daventry. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Kathleen A. Rivett. 5660

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Reminder. Annual general meeting at Morecambe, April 30th. All towers have been circulated. 5645

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Mary's, Leyton (Church Road), Saturday, April 30th, 3-4.30 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. Meeting, Vestry, 5.30 p.m. Further ringing till 8 p.m. Everyone welcome. A good attendance, please. Note the date, April 30th.—L. W. Bullock. 5833

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at St. Catherine's, Feltham, on Saturday, April 30th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Hall Business in Church Hut. Ringing arrangements: Bedfont and Stanwell, 2.30 to 4 p.m. Feltham 3 p.m. onwards.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 5667

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Norwich on Saturday, April 30th. Service, St. Peter Mancroft Church, 4.15 p.m., conducted by the Rev. Michael Pavey, address by the Rev. Gratton Guinness, of Starston. Tea, Chantry Hall, 5.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow immediately after tea. Ringing arrangements: St. George Colegate (6), St. Giles' (8), St. Miles' (8), 2-4 and 7-8 p.m. if required, St. Peter Mancroft (12), 3.30-4.10 and 7-9 p.m.—W. Love, Gen. Sec. 5705

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stanford-in-the-Vale, Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please to R. I. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 5683

## Quarterly Subscriptions Are Overdue

Remit to-day to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro. Rates: 3 months 9/6, 6 months 18/—, 12 months £1 15s.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, April 30th, at Lambourn. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. East Garston bells available from 6.30 p.m. 5699

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Brentwood, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. 5684

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD OF RINGERS.—Meeting at St. Augustine's, Thorpe Bay, Saturday, April 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. 5827

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Hartest (5) on Saturday, April 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. 5686

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. John's, Croydon, on April 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in new hall adjoining.—R. I. F. Parsons, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5693

WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting St. Stephen's (6), St. Albans, on April 30th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss G. Graney, Hyde Lane, Kings Langley, Herts.—A. Hickson, Sec. 5803

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (1 min. from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, May 2nd, 7 p.m. 5815

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Evening practice meeting on Tuesday, May 3rd, at Corby (6), 7.30 to 9 p.m. All welcome. 5806

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, May 4th, 6.30 p.m. Visitors welcome. 5819

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Evening practice, Whetton, on Thursday, May 5th. Bells 7.30 p.m. Methods: Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge. London and London Scholars Pleasure.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 60, Albert Street, Newark, Notts. 5810

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Meeting at Sowerby, Saturday, May 7th. Names for tea to Mr. G. Briggs, Faircroft, Sowerby New Road, Sowerby Bridge, Look Cambridge Major and Double Norwich up, please.—D. Smith. 5855

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, West Pennard, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Please notify for tea before Tuesday, 3rd.—William Marsh, Dovecot, Street. 5816

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Spaxton, May 7th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 5860

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting Purleigh, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 5866

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Ashted, Saturday, May 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday, please, to J. Symonds, Sherborne, West Farm Avenue, Ashted. 5866

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Turvey, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, to Mr. J. Hilson, High Street, Turvey, Bedford, All welcome.—R. L. P. 5838



**BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Monthly meeting. Rise, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by May 5th, to Mr. C. W. G. Nicholson. Hind's House, Park Farm, Rise, Hull. 5804

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—The joint meeting with the North Wales Association at Pulford, arranged for May 7th, has been postponed to Saturday, May 28th. Further details later.—R. C. H. Sibley, Hon. Sec. 5853

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ely District.—Meeting at Burwell, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 5846

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton Branch.—Monthly meeting. Slimbridge, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea by May 5th, to B. T. Cooper, 14, Coombe Road, Wotton. 5842

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, May 7th. Branch Corporate Communion. St. Stephen's, 8 a.m. Members please support this. All ringers and friends welcome.—A. Bennett. 5824

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting. Chaceley (6), Saturday, May 7th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea by May 5th, to W. H. Lane, Chaceley Hall, near Gloucester.—Nadine Price, Branch Sec. 5842

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Practice meeting at Anstey on May 7th, at 5.30 p.m.—E. G. Buck, Dis. Sec. 5707

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Watford District.—Meeting Bushey Heath (8), May 7th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by May 4th, to F. Morris, 7, Vega Road, Bushey Heath.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 5830

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting Saturday, May 7th. Sundridge (6) 3-5 p.m. Brasted (6) 6-8 p.m. Please bring own tea. 5832

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District combined with Rochester District.—By-meeting May 7th at Frinsted (5), from 3-5 p.m. and Tunstall (8), after tea. Please bring your own tea.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 5845

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central and Southern Districts.—Joint meeting, May 7th. St. Peter's, Staines, 3 p.m. Service and tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, May 5th, to Mr. Ron Shepherd, 17, Wheatheaf Lane, Staines, Middlesex. St. Mary's, Staines, available 6.45-8.15 p.m. Everyone welcome. 5671

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD** (Loughborough District) and **SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD** (Nottingham District).—Joint meeting Saturday, May 7th. Ringing 2.30 to 4 p.m. Prestwold (8), Wymeswold (6), 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. and after tea. Service Wymeswold 4.30 p.m. Tea in Village Hall, Wymeswold, 5 p.m. Names by Wednesday, May 4th, to Mr. W. H. Mackley, Wymeswold, Leics.—C. W. Hall, S. Adams. 5679

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 7th. Rippingale, Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, May 2nd, to Mr. W. Marsh, Rippingale, near Bourne, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 5689

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Draycott-le-Moors, Saturday May 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 4th, to Mr. F. Shelly, Cresswell Farm, Blythe Bridge. 5692

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bicester and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Souldern (6) on Saturday, May 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by May 2nd, to C. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 5685

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Northmoor (6), May 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Also Standlake (6) 2.15 and Aston (6) 6.30 p.m. Tea reservations by May 4th.—David Smith, Merryfield, Witney. 5849

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Pangbourne, Saturday, May 7th. Note change of date. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Whitchurch (6) after tea. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to Mr. J. Carter, Hartslock House, Horseshoe Road, Pangbourne, Reading. 5837

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—Meeting, Long Buckby, Saturday, May 7th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to E. Thresher, 22, Watson Road, Long Buckby, near Rugby. 5859

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Cup Contest meeting and election of President at Beighton, on Saturday, May 7th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea available. Bring own food.—J. Seager, Sec. 5686

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—South Eastern District.—Meeting Offton (6), May 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., only by notification to G. Goodship, Pipers Ley, Burstall Hill, Ipswich. 5831

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Cuckfield (8), Saturday, May 7th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 4th, to Mr. G. Apps, 24, Chatfield Road, Cuckfield.—Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Hon. Sec. 5829

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.**—Annual general meeting, St. Olave's Parish Hall, Mark Lane, E.C.3, Saturday, May 7th, at 5.45 p.m. Ringing at St. James', Clerkenwell, 2 p.m., St. Olave's 3.30 p.m. 5700

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—A practice meeting will be held at Bournemouth on Saturday, May 7th. Ringing at St. John's Church from 3 p.m., and at St. Peter's Church from 6 to 7.15 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—W. T. Godfrey. 5684

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, East Meon, May 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Numbers for tea by May 4th.—C. E. Bassett, Sunnybrook, Brook Lane, Warsash, Southampton. 5825

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Branch.—Ringers' service. Ashbrittle (6), Sunday May 8th. Bells 1.30 p.m. Service 3.15 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, May 5th, to Mr. Bristowe, Kyrle, Ashbrittle, near Wellington.—A. Reed, Hon. Sec. 5823

**ASH.**—The May Surprise Minor practice is on Monday, May 9th. Methods: Beverley, Bourne, Ipswich, London, Norwich, Surfleet, York and Wells. 5857

**DO NOT FORGET.**—City of Bristol Festival of Ringing, Saturday, May 14th. Luncheon tickets (8s. 6d.) and programmes essential, before May 9th.—A. Bennett, 151, Kingsway, Bristol 5. 5697

**DEVON GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cornworthy, Saturday, May 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 11th, to D. Roberts, 84, Westhill Road, Torquay. 5843

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual festival, Eccleston, near Chester, Saturday, May 14th. Service 4 p.m., in the Parish Church, preacher The Lord Bishop. Tea 5.15 p.m., in the Village Hall, followed by business meeting. Tickets for tea 3s. 6d. each if purchased before May 7th. 4s. afterwards, obtainable from Branch Secretaries or Mr. R. C. H. Sibley, 35, Appleyard Lane, Hand-2.30-3.15 p.m.—Henry O. Baker, Hon. Sec. 5670

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 14th. Dunmow. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to H. W. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Dunmow. 5848

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.W.—Crusader meeting, High Ongar, May 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. Willmington, 79, Wallwood Road, Leytonstone, E.11. 5836

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting at Sarratt, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (5) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 10th, to Miss J. Chilton, Virginia Cottage Sarratt Green. No names no tea.—J. Good. 5841

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, May 14th, at Heptonstall. Bells 3 p.m. Business, if necessary, at 6 p.m. Cups of tea.—Hudson. 5826

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Coningsby, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, May 9th, to Mr. E. Flintham, Harrowdence, Thorpe Road, Tattershall, Lincoln. 5840

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Winterton (6) May 14th, usual arrangements. Names for tea by May 11th, to Mr. Brumpton, 23B, West Street, Winterton, Scunthorpe. 5805

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, May 14th, at Skenfrith and Grosmont. Skenfrith (6) at 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business at Bell Hotel, Skenfrith. Names essential please by May 10th. Both towers available after meeting.—J. S. King. 5814

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Cromer, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by May 11th, please, to W. H. Holdom, 17, Shipden Avenue, Cromer.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 5854

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Byfield, Saturday, May 14th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to Mr. F. W. Hutt, Knowle Cottage, Byfield, Rugby.—F. W. Hancock. 5834

**THE RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.**—Annual general meeting, Birmingham, Saturday, May 14th. Bells available: 11 a.m.-12 noon Edgbaston (8), 12.15-1.15 p.m. Lunch in City, 1.30-2.15 St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral (8), 2.30-3.15 Cathedral (12), 3.30-4.30 p.m. Aston (12). Tea at the Co-operative Restaurant in High Street, 5 p.m. Ringing at St. Martin's (12) after meeting. Will those who are attending, please advise Hon. Gen. Sec. giving B.R.S. Association No.—J. Arthur Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 5674

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The Festival and A.G.M. will be held at Wimborne, May 14th, 1960. Meeting in Assembly Hall of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School at 2.15 p.m., the Chairman of U.D.C. will welcome the Guild, 4 p.m. Service in the Minster, conducted by the Vicar. Meat tea in Grammar School at 5 p.m. Bells available: Wimborne Minster (10) 11.30 a.m. to 2 p.m., 6-9 p.m.; Poole (10) 11.30-12.30, 6-8; Wimborne St. Giles' (8) 11.30-1.30, 6.30-8.30; Cranborne (8) 11.30-1.30, 6.30-8.30; Wool (6) 11.30-1.30, 6.30-8.30; Wareham (8) 6.30-8.30; Hampton (6) 11.30-1.30, 6.30-8.30; Canford (6) 11.30-1.30, 6.30-8.30; Sturminster Marshall—tenor bell out of commission but is expected to be available in time for the Festival, if so ringing from 11.30-1.30, 6.30-8.30 p.m. Tea tickets 4s. 6d. from F. Slatford, 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook, near Trowbridge, before May 9th, please.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec. 5813

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting, Whitchurch (8), Saturday, May 14th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Further ringing from 6.15 p.m. onwards. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 11th, to Mr. B. Malam, 13, Yardington, Whitchurch, Salop.—F. Cattell, Hon. Sec. 5856

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting at St. Nicholas' Church, Codsall, near Wolverhampton, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by Wednesday, May 11th, to Mr. A. Richards, Tralee, 6, Lane Green Road, Codsall, nr. Wolverhampton. 5835

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—North West District.—Meeting, Euston (5), Saturday, May 14th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting following tea. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 11th, to Mrs. H. Ivings, Post Office, Euston, near Thetford. 5835

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A.G.M. Saturday, May 14th, The Good Shepherd, Brighton. Ringing, afternoon till 4.15 p.m. The Good Shepherd and St. Peter's; evening St. Nicholas' and St. Peter's 7.30-8.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m., 3s. per head, members under 16, 1s. 6d. Individual names for tea, stating those entitled to allowances, to reach me by May 11th.—R. Percy, 47, Oldfield Road, Willingdon, Eastbourne. 5808

At the Kent annual meeting at Bromley a briar pipe was left in the committee room and a pair of lady's gloves in the church. Apply P. J. Spice, 6, Glebe Road, Bromley.



## QUARTER PEALS

**STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.**—On April 2nd, 1,260 Double Court Minor: N. Buckland 1, Joan Gray 2, R. Brocklehurst (first in the method) 3, J. Laver 4, M. Hill 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and to mark the retirement, after 21 years, of the ringer of the third from the position of vicar's warden.

**STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.**—At St. Thomas' Church on Good Friday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Smith 1, M. J. Fellows (aged 12, first 'inside' of Grandsire Triples) 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, Jill Tombs 4, M. D. Fellows (aged 14, cond.) 5, F. B. Cookson 6, D. H. Watson 7, P. W. Webb 8. Rung fully muffled with tenor open at back stroke for the Stourbridge Council of Churches' united service at this church.

**TARLETON, LANCS.**—On April 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Lunham 1, S. Walmsley 2, Miss J. Moir 3, J. Marsh (cond.) 4, E. Ashcroft 5, D. Lawson 6, K. Durov 7, K. Rothwell 8. First in method for 3, 6 and 7.

**TONG, YORKS.**—On April 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Stamp 1, Beryl Abbott 2, N. Dyson 3, Gael Brown 4, B. Dove (cond.) 5, G. Armitage 6.

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