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INTRODUCING THE NEW MEMBER — PART II.

By the Rev. JOHN SCOTT

THE Devonshire Association of Church Bell Ringers is by general consent the senior body of a very loose federation of smaller bodies. To understand how this works it is necessary to realise one very great difference between the call-change societies and any others. The call-change ringers have put their faith almost exclusively in the competition as their means of encouraging good ringing. It's a hotly-debated belief, this; it is pointed out that competition-ringing tends to keep bands small, it tends to set so high a standard that a crack team will not tolerate lowering it to get learners in the band, and it tends to perpetuate the one-man-one-bell custom which has crippled many a good team which still had more ringers than ropes. Be that as it may, the Association has some 80 towers affiliated to it, and the smaller bodies cover a host more, so that the call-change ringers can point to some success behind their practice. However, it does mean that an Association exists almost exclusively to run competitions, with the result that if the ringers in one area found they wanted a local competition for their deanery or district, they set up a society to run it rather than a branch of the parent body.

Most of these local associations, in fact, preceded the Devon Association, which when it came into existence did not in any way supersede them, but did in the course of time attain an unchallenged leadership. It was presumably the coming of the motor-coach which, making it possible for ringers to move farther afield to competitions, brought the need for a contest for all Devon, and the Association provides this in the form of an 8-bell competition for the whole county, and three 6-bell competitions—one for North Devon, one for South, and one final in which the five leading teams from each take part. This last was on June 10th at Shirwell this year; West Down lead the North from their festival at Hartland, and West Alvington 'A' lead the South from theirs at Broadhempston. North Devon have held the Ross Shield for some years now, but after reading that W. Alvington got away with 17½ faults last week, they are not quite so cocksure as they sometimes are.

Members of the Central Council already know Beric Bartlett, who is one of the Association's four representatives on it. The others are the Chairman, the redoubtable Tom Darch, Albert Tapper and George Daw. The Secretary is E. J. Cole, of High Bickington, and the President is Mr. T. Oatway, of Morchard Bishop. But beside the officers the judges hold a very high position indeed in this part of the Exercise, and they deserve it. Imagine being shut away with two others in a cottage bedroom, a school, or even a car on a warm May or June afternoon, incommunicado and out of sight of the tower. Imagine then having to listen intently to perhaps five hours' ringing, maybe 10,000 rounds nearly, rise, changes and lower, and check not just the course-ends or even lead-ends, like the umpire in a record attempt, but every single blow—a dot for a quarter-fault for a blow mis-struck, a line for a half-fault for a clip, a cross for a whole fault for a bell out of place. Not till the last lower is done and all the marks checked, compared and averaged, can the judges emerge from their voluntary prison and announce the results, still not knowing which team has won until the captain of the second or fifth in order of ringing comes forward. These men are highly skilled and vastly experienced, and they do this work for the good of ringing over and over again, willingly, whether it be the Devon 6-bell or a little deanery affair with a large novice class to give them more work and less pleasure.

Will we ever see an amalgamation between the Guild and the Association? There was a time when it was much in the air, at least on the Guild's side, but more and more of us are wondering whether it would be such a good thing after all. Call-change ringing is such a very specialised and different art that it is probably better served by the organisation which it has itself called into being. Moreover, its demands from the Association are entirely different from the demands of change-ringing from the Guild, and no organisation based on an attempted compromise between them would serve either as well as they are served at present. Moreover, the federation of which the Association is the head is justly proud of a unique achievement—of taking a neglected, stagnant and unhealthy backwater of the Exercise and, without changing its essential nature and with very little official backing, infusing it with a new spirit, a new purpose, and the highest possible ideals. Such a body deserves better than amalgamation; and the Guild, so far from dreaming of a take-over bid, now seems proud to stand side by side with the Association for the cause of ringing in the diocese, and prouder still to be able to bring to the Central Council such an example of sturdy independence.

A WEST COUNTRY TOUR

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 2,496 London, 1,216 Bristol, 768 Cambridge and 576 Superlative; with 118 changes of method.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp

ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. Treble	JOE E. G. ROAST 5
JOHN R. MAYNE 2	PETER J. EVES 6
ALAN R. SYDER 3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 7
*PATRICK W. SALTmarsh .. 4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of 4-Spliced Surprise Major.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5056 CUDWEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

JOE E. G. ROAST .. Treble	PETER J. EVES 5
*IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. 2	*ALAN R. SYDER 6
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS.. +3	JOHN R. MAYNE 7
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 4	†HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE Tenor

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal in the method. † 200th peal.

BROADCLYST, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Thurs., June 1, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, being 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 480 Bristol, and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 120 changes of method. Tenor 21 cwt. 25 lb. in E flat.

IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. Treble	ALAN R. SYDER 5
JOE E. G. ROAST 2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.. 6
PATRICK W. SALTmarsh .. 3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 7
PETER J. EVES 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal of 8-Spliced Surprise Major by all the band except the conductor.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 BLACKDOWN DELIGHT MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
JOE E. G. ROAST 2	PETER J. EVES 6
IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE 7
ALAN R. SYDER 4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER.

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

First peal in the method. First of Delight Major by all the band.

BLACKDOWN DELIGHT MAJOR

—38—4—58—16—34—1—14—5

2nds place lead-end. 4ths place bob.

Composition as for the first peal of Oxfordshire Surprise Major, 'R.W.' March 6th, 1953, page 157.

EXFORD.

The peal at Exford, in 35 Spliced Surprise Minor methods rung during the tour, appeared in our last issue.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

NEIL BENNETT .. Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 7
CAROL FEARNLEY 2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 8
F. JOHN NELSON 3	DEREK OGDEN 9
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 11
JOHN WORTH 6	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

Rung on the occasion of the royal wedding.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., June 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ANN BARR .. Treble	DAVID J. PURNELL 7
MURIEL REAY 2	BARRIE HENDRY 8
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 3	RODERICK W. PIPE 9
JOHN A. ANDERSON 4	GEORGE F. FEARN 10
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 5	JOHN McDONALD 11
JOHN PINFOLD 6	PETER BORDER Tenor

Arranged and conducted by PETER BORDER.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thurs., June 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

*KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. Treble	JOHN WALDEN 7
*GRACE BURCHNALL 2	RAYMOND F. SMITH 8
JACK L. MILLHOUSE 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 9
NORAH M. RANGLES .. 4	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 10
GEOFFREY PAUL 5	JOHN FREEMAN 11
PETER A. SHARP 6	JAMES W. RAITHEY Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First twelve bell peal. A royal wedding peal.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT.

A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Treble	DAVID CUBITT 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	*JOHN COX 8
*DIANA M. PIPE 3	CLIFFORD BIRD 9
STANLEY W. GAUL 4	WILLIAM LOVE 10
ARTHUR G. BASON 5	BERT GOGLE 11
GEORGE SAYER 6	GEORGE W. PIPE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal on 12 bells.

Rung in honour of the marriage of the Duke of Kent and Miss Katharine Worsley, and also as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. Frederick Jarvis, on the anniversary of his induction.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 10, 1961, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5280 LYDDINGTON SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

JOHN D. ROCK .. Treble	DAVID J. PURNELL 7
RONALD F. DISERENS .. 2	ROBERT C. KIPPIN 8
BARRIE HENDRY 3	PHILIP MEHEW 9
BRIAN DOWNES 4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 10
NOEL J. DISERENS 5	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 11
PETER BORDER 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

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

Rung in honour of the 40th birthday of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEDFORD.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Mon., May 15, 1961, in 3 hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

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

E. JANE LANGTON .. Treble	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD 2	DEREK E. SIBSON 7
AVRIL IVIN 3	FRANK J. MATTHEWS .. 8
ARTHUR G. MASON 4	PETER BERESFORD 9
RONALD J. SHARP 5	DENNIS BERESFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

Rung to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the peal of Bob Major rung at this tower by the Society on May 11th, 1761.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., May 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

GEORGE E. FEARN .. Treble	PETER BORDER 6
R. GEORGE MORRIS 2	DAVID J. PURNELL 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 8
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 9
EDWARD W. COLLEY .. 5	JOHN McDONALD .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son and heir, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Colley.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

R. GEORGE MORRIS .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
KATHLEEN E. CHILCOTT .. 2	ANTHONY AGER 7
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 4	JOHN McDONALD 9
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 5	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., May 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

WILFRED WILLIAMS Treble	BARRIE HENDRY 6
GEORGE E. FEARN 2	JOHN McDONALD 7
J. HENRY FIELDEN 3	NORMAN V. HARDING 8
JOHN PINFOLD 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON 9
DAVID J. PURNELL 5	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

ERNEST J. MUNDAY Treble	GEORGE E. EVENDEN 6
R. GEORGE MORRIS 2	*JOHN MANLEY 7
JENNIFER M. DAVIES 3	FRANK W. LEWIS 8
*PATRICIA HEATHER 4	RONALD F. DISERENS 9
RIGINALD W. REX 5	NOEL J. DISERENS Tenor

Composed by W. PYE.

Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

* First peal of Royal.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ANN BARR Treble	BARRIE HENDRY 6
MURIEL REAY 2	ALAN E. BAGWORTH 7
GEORGE E. FEARN 3	JOHN McDONALD 8
NORMAN J. GOODMAN 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON 9
DAVID J. PURNELL 5	PETER BORDER Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

Rung to welcome Helen Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Border, who was born on June 2nd.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At THE CITY PARISH CHURCH OF ST STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

MARY HALL Treble	PATRICK J. BIRD 6
EDITH BROCKLEHURST 2	REGINALD G. HOOPER 7
*ANTONY R. KENCH 3	ALBERT M. TYLER 8
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON 4	D. JOHN HUNT 9
DON. C. EXELL 5	†FRANCIS C. MOGFORD Tenor

Composed by J. WHITEHEAD.

Conducted by MARY HALL.

* First peal of Caters and in the method. † 200th peal. First as conductor.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 32 cwt. 21 lb. in C sharp.

*WILLIAM T. GRICE Treble	FREDERICK C. HOGAN 6
LEONARD MANNERING 2	*MARTIN L. HOWE 7
BERNARD F. L. GROVES 3	TREVOR A. CROSS 8
THOMAS E. SONE 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH 9
*MONTY W. GILBERT 5	*HERBERT J. SMITH Tenor

Composed by LOUIE HEAD.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.
Rung for the wedding of the Duke of Kent and Miss Katharine Worsley.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 10, 1961, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5000 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

JOHN SCHOFIELD Treble	ROBERT W. HINDE 6
*JEAN L. LAVENDER 2	ALAN ROGERS 7
FRANK E. DARBY 3	PETER BERESFORD 8
STEWART F. KIMBER 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 9
JOAN BERESFORD 5	MICHAEL P. MORETON Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

* First peal of Surprise Royal away from the treble.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., May 13, 1961, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

AVRIL IVIN Treble	ALAN E. BAGWORTH 5
MURIEL REAY 2	JOHN McDONALD 6
NORMAN J. GOODMAN 3	PETER BORDER 7
GEORGE E. FEARN 4	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON.

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

*JAMES W. PRIEST Treble	*DENNIS G. BLOWS 5
*JOHN KING 2	ROY COLLINS 6
*CHRISTOPHER D. J. WEBB 3	E. JOHN WELLS 7
*JOHN F. M. MAYBREY 4	MARTYN W. HARBOTT Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal in the method.

Tenor 20 cwt. 14 lb. in E.

WEYBRIDGE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.
DENNIS G. BLOWS Treble	ROY COLLINS 5
*CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT 2	†EDWARD E. TYNDALE-BISCOE 6
CHRISTOPHER D. J. WEBB 3	E. JOHN WELLS 7
†JOHN MARTIN 4	JOHN F. M. MAYBREY Tenor

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* 25th peal. † First on eight 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

Rung on the day of the consecration of Guildford Cathedral.

BRAY, CO. WICKLOW.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Hubbard's Ten-Part.	Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.
*C. THOMAS MASON Treble	*CHARLES LANE 5
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD (13) 2	JACK N. BROWN 6
FREDERICK E. DUKES 3	DEREK P. JONES 7
DAVID VOKES 4	DAVID EAMES (16) Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal.

Rung in memoriam of two past presidents, the Irish Association, Canon E. H. F. Campbell, Rector of Bray, and the Very Rev. E. H. Lewis Crosby, B.D., Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, interred this day.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 27, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's.	Tenor 18½ cwt.
*ALAN A. J. BUSWELL Treble	RONALD N. MARLOW 5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 2	ERIC J. HITCHINS 6
*RAYMOND HAINES 3	ROBERT C. KIPPIN 7
MICHAEL J. THOMAS 4	LEWIS F. COBB Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS F. COBB.

* First peal of Surprise Major. First of Major as conductor. Mr. R. N. Marlow has now 'circled the tower' to peals.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Bryan H. Parker and Jennifer Treglown. Also to welcome the Rev. Robert Jones as Vicar of Ringwood. 50th peal on the bells.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5088 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

CECIL WADE Treble	J. MARTIN THORLEY 5
JOHN E. ALLEN 2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT 3	RONALD C. NOON 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

First peal in the method by all.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Holmes, of Edenham, on the birth of a son (Andrew Michael).

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STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Fri., June 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.,

At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

*JENNIFER M. COOK Treble	RONALD A. WRIGHT 5
†ANNE O'FLAHERTY 2	A. TERENCE COLLINS 6
‡GORDON W. LAND 3	ERIC SUTTON 7
ANTHONY R. PEAKE 4	THOMAS R. COLLINS .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by ERIC SUTTON.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. ‡ First of Triples. First of Triples in the method on the bells, as conductor and by all the band, except the conductor.

Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. R. G. Bryant, who was inducted on May 29th. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

*JAMES B. MORLEY Treble	ANDREW T. BECKWITH 5
BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD 2	JOHN A. WARNER 6
*ROGER L. K. WHITTELL 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 7
PETER L. WOOD 4	HARRY J. MILLATT Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.

* First peal of London Surprise Major.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. F. N. Brown, for more than 22 years Vicar of Coggeshall. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in E.

GAWSWORTH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

E. MICHAEL QUINN Treble	JOHN RYDER 5
*GILES B. THOMPSON 2	GORDON RUMNEY 6
PETER DALE 3	HAROLD WORRALL 7
T. MICHAEL FREEMAN 4	JOHN ROBINSON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

* First peal on eight bells. First of Major as conductor.

IDLE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

J. NEVILLE PARKIN Treble	GEOFFREY F. BRYANT 5
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 6
*RITA M. JOWETT 3	GORDON BENFIELD 7
JOHN F. BRYANT 4	J. HENRY FIELDEN Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in the method.

LEYTON, ESSEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHARLES A. HUGHES Treble	LEWIS J. BATLEY 5
MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING 2	FREDERICK P. MEAD 6
*FREDA P. GREAVES 3	BEVAN W. WILLGESS 7
JANE K. A. COOK 4	WILFRID G. WILSON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.

* First peal in the method.

A compliment to Mr. John Hales, married this day at Omaha, Texas, to Miss Mary Jane Cherry; also to the ringers of 3 and 7 on their engagement.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*BRIAN J. WYLDE Treble	*F. HECTOR BENNETT 5
*K. PETER JONES 2	*GEOFFREY DAVIES 6
*ROBERT J. WARRILOW 3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW 7
*CHARLES A. S. WEBB 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal in the method. First in the county, and by the Association.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*PETER PEARCE Treble	BERTRAM J. COGGINS 5
CHARLES COLES 2	PETER BEEDIE 6
FREDERICK W. SODEN 3	D. KAY ADKINS 7
MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT 4	THOMAS W. TIMMS Tenor

Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.

* First peal of Major.

Rung for the dedication of St. Luke's Hall-Church; also a farewell to the Rev. R. E. L. Walker, Curate.

YATTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

*DAVID H. WHITE Treble	†MICHAEL V. WHITE 5
ARTHUR H. REED 2	HENRY G. KEELEY 6
MRS. C. W. POWELL 3	WILLIAM A. YATES 7
DEREK C. JACKSON 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

* First peal of Major. † First in the method.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 16 methods, comprising 640 London, 320 each of Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative, Bristol, Rutland, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Wembley, Eastcote, Cray, New Gloucester, Lindum and Wordsworth, and 160 each of Watford and Uxbridge, with 139 changes of method.

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. Treble	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 5
NEIL BENNETT 2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 6
FREDERICK W. GROCOT .. 3	DEREK OGDEN 7
*F. JOHN NELSON 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

* 50th peal for the Association.

First peal in 16 Surprise Major methods for the Association.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Mon., June 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. HELEN AND MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

DERMOT ROAF (Trinity) Treble	*HUGH BISHOP (Selwyn) .. 5
CLARE WEBSTER (Girton) 2	ALAN GRIFFIN (Trinity) .. 6
*RICHARD HOUGH (Jesus) .. 3	HUGH NEILL (St. Cath.'s) 7
HILARY MUIRHEAD (Newn.) 4	JAMES TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s) Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by HUGH NEILL.

* First peal of Surprise.

LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5056 TRURO SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt 2 lb.

FRANK TAYLOR Treble	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 5
JOHN E. ALLEN 2	J. MARTIN THORLEY 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT 3	RONALD C. NOON 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

First peal in the method by all.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

ANNE P. SMITH Treble	PETER DALE 5
CAROL FERNLEY 2	JOHN ROBINSON 6
EILEEN M. FEARN 3	SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 7
JOHN R. GILDEN 4	BASIL JONES Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

BERRY POMEROY, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., June 10, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

H. FREDERICK MYERS .. Treble	*HORACE HEARD 5
FREDERICK E. DAY 2	HARRY STACEY 6
D. ROY BOULD 3	WILLIAM J. HARVEY .. 7
CHARLES E. TAYLOR 4	THOMAS G. MYERS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* First peal of Major. First in the method on the bells.

Rung to the immortal memory of Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild for 28 years, who died May 30th, 1961.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 10, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Pritchard's Four-Part .. Treble	JENNIFER SCENEY 5
JENNIFER SCENEY 2	GEORGE COUSSINS 6
PAMELA M. JERVIS 3	MARY R. JAYCOCK 7
GORDON W. LIMMER 4	*NEIL BELSON Tenor
*GEOFFREY RIGLAR 4	HOWARD OGLESBY Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD OGLESBY.

* First peal of Major.

**HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Tues., June 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

ROSEMARY FLEMING... .. Treble	H. GEORGE HART 5
ELSIE K. HART 2	THOMAS J. LOCK 6
*CATHERINE WHITE 3	JOHN R. MAYNE 7
WILLIAM S. DEASON 4	*DAVID J. TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of London. The ringer of the sixth has now 'circled the tower.' The conductor's 50th peal on the bells.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

*JOHN AVIS Treble	JOHN A. WARNER 5
BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD 2	ANDREW T. BECKWITH 6
HARRY J. MILLATT 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 7
†WILLIAM J. BRUNT 4	ALAN R. SYDER Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.
* First peal on eight bells. † First in method.

Rung in honour of the wedding this day of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent and Miss Katharine Worsley.

**HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Thurs., June 8, 1961, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOE HOBBS Treble	WILLIAM J. RANDALL 5
KENNETH J. DARVILL 2	WILLIAM C. HUGHES 6
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 3	*EDWIN J. UPTON 7
WALTER AYRE 4	†KENNETH R. DUNSTAN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. † First peal of Kent T.B. Major.
Conductor's 450th peal for the Association.

Rung in honour of the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent and Miss Katharine L. M. Worsley.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WALSOKEN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

M. ROWLAND REED Treble	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON 4
ERNEST H. MASTIN 2	NORMAN V. HARDING 5
IVAN SAUNDERS 3	GRAHAM J. MANN Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

HIGH HAM, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Stedman, five each of Grandsire and Plain Bob, 10 of Reverse St. Bartholomew and 20 of Reverse Canterbury.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

GLORIA M. NEWTON .. Treble	CEDRIC J. A. BROWN .. 3
*DAVID J. BARNETT .. 2	*†TERENCE J. MILSOM .. 4

*ALAN F. LEE Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

* 25th peal together. † First in 5 methods. First peal on the bells.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Robin Stubbs and June Crees, married June 2nd at Bathwick, and a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. J. Barnett.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 20 cwt.

VICTOR G. ROBERTS... .. Treble	RONALD G. BECK 4
MRS. KATE WRIGHT 2	GEORGE W. HAWKINS 5
ERIC C. WADMAN 3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS.. .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, London Bob, Norwich Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Treble	FRANK CHAMBERS 4
*VALERIE LACEY 2	*JOHN MANNERS 5
C. WILLIAM HALL 3	TOM HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by TOM HARRIS.

* First peal in seven methods.

KEELE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Northumberland, Sandiacre, Newcastle, Alnwick, Munden, Chester and Carlisle.

Tenor 6 cwt.

JACK RILEY Treble	REGINALD A. CHALLINOR.. 4
NORMAN SHERRATT 2	PHILIP A. MASON 5
WALTER SHERRATT 3	ROY WORRALL Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN SHERRATT.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

DENTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Anne, Haughton.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 15 cwt.

BASIL JONES Treble	NEIL BENNETT 4
JOHN ROBINSON 2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 5
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 3	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

First peal of London Minor by all the band who, with the exception of the second ringer, have now rung peals of London from Minor to Maximus.

HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter and Paul.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent T.B. and five of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

VALERIE LACEY Treble	TOM HARRIS 4
DAVID SWIFT 2	RON CARTER 5
CELIA COWLEY 3	ARTHUR ROWLEY Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR ROWLEY.

Rung in honour of the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent and Miss Katharine Worsley.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

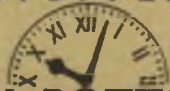
Being seven 720s in 16 methods, as follows: (1) London Scholars, Kingston and Oxford T.B., (2) London and Wells Surprise, (3) Norwich Surprise, (4) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, (5) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (6) Plain, Double and Oxford Bob, (7) Double Court.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN AVIS Treble	GEORGE N. ORMAN 4
ALAN R. ANDREWS 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
ROY DUESBURY 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

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**EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Mon., June 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being three extents of St. Clement's, one of Single Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob.

LESLIE MAYNARD Treble	MONTY W. GILBERT 4
TREVOR A. CROSS 2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
*DAVID K. PUTNAM 3	MARTIN L. HOWE Tenor

Conducted by MARTIN L. HOWE.

* First peal in three methods 'inside.'

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

GERALD PENNEY Treble	*RAYMOND G. SMITH .. 4
*ROSEMARY FLEMING 2	JOHN R. MAYNE 5
*CATHERINE WHITE 3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

ASTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 13 methods, as follows: (1) 216 Cambridge, 144 Ipswich, 144 Norfolk, 72 Bourne, 72 Hull and 72 Primrose, with 26 changes of methods; (2) 432 London and 288 Wells, with 12 changes of method: (3) York; (4) Durham; (5) Beverley; (6) Surfleet; (7) Norwich.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in G

ROSEMARY FLEMING Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	JOHN R. MAYNE 5
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 3	JACK S. DEAR Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in 13 methods by all the band except the conductor.

**RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., June 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being 720's of York, Durham, London, Wells, Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich.

JAMES H. MUSSON Treble	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD .. 4
*WILLIAM A. HOLMES .. 2	ALBERT E. SCOTT 5
CECIL WADE 3	JAMES W. HAW Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung in honour of the wedding, prior to the peal, of Emrys Wand and Janet Marsh, daughter of Mr. W. R. Marsh, tower captain of Rippingale.

ST. MARTINS, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, comprising 720's of Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*RICHARD E. MORRIS .. Treble	*REGINALD H. NEWTON .. 4
*BERYL W. ABBOTT 2	HARRY POYNER 5
MARY C. POYNER 3	F. HECTOR BENNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

* First peal in seven Minor methods.

Rung as a wedding compliment to the Duke and Duchess of Kent, and as a compliment to the Duke of Edinburgh on his 40th birthday.

HANDBELL PEAL

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Wed., June 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT 135, DONCASTER LANE, WOODLANDS.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR

In six methods, being 1,008 each of Plain, Double and Reverse Bob, 756 each of Gainsborough Little Bob and Wellington Little Court, and 5,040 Little Bob, with 377 changes of method.

HOWARD SCOTT 1-2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 5-6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 3-4	*STANLEY BIRDSALL .. 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in six methods.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

HALF PEAL

BURTON-UPON-TRENT, STAFFS.—At All Saints' Church, on June 10th, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: H. H. Brittan 1, G. Hair 2, Mrs. Gloria Tucker 3, G. Roobottom 4, J. H. Brittan (cond.) 5, L. Manning 6. A 21st birthday compliment to twine, the Misses Patricia and Stella Harwood, both ringers at this tower.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—On June 11th, at St. Nicolas' Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne M. Rowson (first of Minor) 1, Angela M. Ayres (first 'inside') 2, Barbara M. Butler (first of Minor 'inside') 3, Gillian Wiggins (first of Minor) 4, J. M. Elaine Dixon 5, Marie R. Cross (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong by members (except the conductor) of SS. Helen and Katharine, Abingdon, School.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On June 7th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: W. P. Blake 1, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 2, Sally Oates (first of Major) 3, P. Dye 4, J. H. Gilbert 5, S. M. J. Young 6, L. Derrick 7, J. Brain 8.

BANWELL, SOMERSET.—On June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (by H. W. Wilde): W. Rice 1, J. J. Jefferies 2, D. J. Barnett 3, T. J. Milson 4, C. J. Richards 5, A. F. Lee (cond.) 6, C. J. A. Brown 7, W. E. Day 8.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. George 1, Audrey Eldridge 2, J. Carr 3, J. M. Swift 4, C. E. Verdon (cond.) 5, C. F. Pilbeam 6. Rung for the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent to Miss Katharine Worsley.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Veronica Tumber 1, Ann M. Cox 2, Vivien Rowe 3, Caroline Vibert 4, D. E. House 5, E. T. P. Field 6, T. Chapman 7, W. J. Durrant 8. First of Triples for 1 and 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Valerie Chapman.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.—On June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Sharon Northeast 1, D. Wroe 2, W. Dunn 3, K. Game 4, F. W. Bird 5, A. T. Shelton 6, G. Olliver (cond.) 7, J. Burgess 8. First in the method by all except conductor. For Evensong.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of the Good Shepherd, on June 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. J. Lewis (first of Bob Major) 1, G. North 2, Angela Gardner 3, S. G. Ridge 4, A. W. Bond 5, C. W. Riddellstone 6, H. Stalham 7, S. E. Armstrong (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rt. Rev. J. C. How, formerly Vicar of Brighton and Bishop of Glasgow, a resident of this parish, who died on Whit Monday.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. Luck 1, T. C. Phillimore 2, J. W. Unwin 3, S. G. White 4, T. H. Holmes 5, F. Jenkins 6, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 7, S. Walker 8. Rung on the front eight to mark the 8th anniversary of the Queen's coronation.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Seymour (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. G. Swift 2, C. J. Shepherd 3, P. G. Badcock 4, E. G. Swift 5, E. J. Briden 6. Conducted by 3, 4 and 5. Rung for the 100th birthday of Miss M. Sheriff.

CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Stephens 1, D. Docking 2, J. Roberts 3, C. Stephens 4, H. Eplett (cond.) 5, L. Moss 6. To welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. F. N. Brown.

DUNHOLME, Lincs.—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Valerie Ranyard (first quarter) 1, Janet Smith (first 'inside') 2, Brenda Fox 3, P. Burton 4, J. M. Burton (cond.) 5, T. Smith 6. Rung for morning service on Whit Sunday.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Lutton 1, G. Ellett 2, W. Harding 3, G. West 4, C. Savage (cond.) 5, F. Snow 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Preb E. V. Cox, interred at Axminster this day.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On May 30th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Rolfe 1, J. Wright 2, M. Rose 3, H. Fuller 4, N. Watson 5, R. Rose (cond.) 6, J. Ivings 7, J. Paul 8. First in method for 2, 3 and 5.

EXMINSTER, DEVON.—On Whit Sunday, 1,344 London Surprise Major: G. R. Eyles 1, Elizabeth Bowden 2, Lesley Bladon 3, A. Bagworth 4, D. J. Hunt 5, B. Bladon 6, D. C. Exell 7, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8. Rung by the S.F.E., for Evensong.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss R. Earle 1, W. E. Stepany 2, E. E. Breed (cond.) 3, A. N. Matthews 4, B. Sepney 5, Miss L. Grove 6, A. C. Robinson 7, H. C. Goldsmith 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Blackman, grandparents of Miss Earle, on their golden wedding anniversary.

QUARTER PEALS

HEIGHINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: R. Vasey 1, R. Bowser 2, E. Jackson 3, J. Robinson 4, J. Schofield 5, E. Thompson (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. A. J. Meek.

LEICESTER.—At the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret, on June 4th, 1,440 Minor (Plain Bob and Kent T.B.): T. G. Still 1, W. G. Hurst (first 'inside') 2, G. W. Mason 3, G. H. Bray 4, E. Morris (cond.) 5, R. K. Mason 6. For Evensong, rung on the back six of the light octave, tenor 16 cwt.

LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.—On June 10th, 1,260 Doubles (Old, Clifford's Northrepps, St. Dunstan's, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Deddington, April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grand-sire): M. Wall 1, A. Stenning 2, E. Jarrett 3, A. Terry 4, E. Nixon (cond.) 5, W. Luff 6. To welcome the Rev. A. Robinson to the parish.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Mrs. E. W. Colley 1, E. W. Colley 2, E. P. Ellis (first in two methods) 3, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 4, A. J. Strathdee 5. For Whit Sunday. Also on May 28th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's and Plain Bob): J. Paxton 1, R. Paxton (first in two methods) 2, E. W. Colley 3, A. J. Strathdee (cond.) 4, M. W. Fairey 5. For Trinity Sunday.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Kathleen Tei (first quarter) 1, Dinah Page 2, H. Baldwin 3, R. E. March 4, B. Collins (cond.) 5, S. J. Orchard 6. For evening service.

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.—On June 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Stone 1, Mrs. R. D. Short 2, C. T. Clarke 3, P. Cox 4, R. D. Short 5, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 6. First of Minor on the bells. Rung with the band's best wishes for the future happiness of Keith and Freda Prime, who were married at Wembdon on the previous Saturday.

MATLOCK, DERBYS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. F. Smallwood 1, M. Paulson 2, G. Paulson 3, P. Taylor 4, H. E. Taylor 5, R. Bullen 6, B. P. Morris (cond.) 7, E. Paulson 8. For the royal wedding.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Huggett 1, R. Cannon 2, H. Turner 3, S. Turner 4, A. Best (first as cond.) 5, A. Robinson 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 4. Rung for the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent and Miss Katharine Worsley.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman): P. L. Bill 1, Yvonne Edwards 2, J. E. Lawley 3, M. D. Fellows (cond., Grandsire and Plain Bob) 4, M. G. Fellows 5, P. J. Brown 6. Stedman non-conducted. Also on June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7 covering): A. Roden 1, M. Swadling 2, P. L. Bill (cond.) 3, R. Cooper 4, C. R. Tandy 5, J. Roden 6, B. Wootton 7. For Matins on Civic Sunday, and as a welcome to the Rev. G. A. Buckler, new curate.

OXFORD.—At New College, on June 4th, 1,265 Stedman Caters: A. N. Stubbs 1, N. J. Martin 2, R. Crowford 3, D. A. H. Bennett 4, A. J. Thomson 5, B. Wakefield 6, J. G. Pusey 7, R. N. Pittman 8, R. J. Elliott (cond.) 9, J. H. R. Freeborn 10. Rung for service.

PANGBOURNE, BERKS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Beth Horton (first quarter) 1, J. Froome 2, G. Clark 3, C. Ward 4, J. Harland (cond.) 5, A. Burt 6.

PENARTH, GLAM.—On June 11th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Clifford's Pleasure Bob): M. Chiplin 1, E. J. R. Hartley (cond.) 2, Ruth Havard 3, A. F. R. Hartley 4, R. G. Havard 5, M. K. Jones 6. For the Patronal Festival.

PLYMPTON, DEVON.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pauline Brooker (first quarter) 1, K. G. R. Farnham 2, D. F. Farnham 3, S. Hodge 4, W. G. Lavers (cond.) 5, R. Roberts (first quarter) 6. In memory of Preb. E. V. Cox.

PRITTEWELL, ESSEX.—On June 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Rowe 1, P. Sadler 2, R. Tomlin 3, B. Sadler 4, J. Belcham 5, D. Belcham 6, G. Sandwell 7, A. House (cond.) 8. Rung for the Chelmsford Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On April 13th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Catherine M. Chapman 1, J. Constam 2, Marie R. Cross (cond.) 3, M. Angela Carter 4, Daphne J. Pollard 5, M. Larkin 6. First by all the band. Rung after the failure of a peal attempt as a thankoffering for the life and friendship of Margaret Smith ('Smut'), a member of St. Nicholas', Abingdon, who was killed in a recent road accident.

RATCLIFFE-ON-THE-WREAKE, LEICS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew's, Grandsire and St. Swithin's): A. Holling 1, R. D. Flowers 2, M. Brown 3, B. Brant 4, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 5. Rung to celebrate the royal wedding.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On May 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Ann Williams (first of Major) 1, Freda Hankey 2, Betty Sagers 3, K. Game 4, D. Mundy 5, F. E. Roberts 6, G. West 7, A. Streeter (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also on May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. West 1, F. E. Roberts 2, D. Mundy 3, Freda Hankey 4, K. Game 5, A. Streeter (cond.) 6, G. West 7, H. Comber 8. For Confirmation service.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Wilce 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, L. H. Jones 3, Howard Meek 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, Harold Meek 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. G. Malsom, a sidesman at this church and Mr. G. Onions, a native of this parish.

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.—On June 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. M. Foster (first of Minor) 1, A. T. Hawkins 2, J. D. Chamberlain (first of Minor 'inside') 3, Mrs. M. King (first of Minor) 4, K. J. Darvill 5, R. E. Hardy (cond.) 6. For Confirmation.

SELLING, KENT.—On June 10th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: B. F. L. Groves 1, R. Bird 2, A. M. Macve 3, J. D. Faircloth 4, C. T. Hillis 5, I. H. Oram (cond.) 6, J. R. Cooper 7, T. Cullingworth 8. First in method for 3 and 4.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On June 6th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. E. Turner 1, K. E. Pinney 2, G. Salmon 3, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 4, V. G. Roberts 5, H. E. G. Jeanes (cond.) 6.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Cook 1, Miss A. O'Flaherty 2, Miss M. Webb 3, A. Peake (cond.) 5, S. J. Withey 5, A. Hatherall 6. For Whit Sunday children's service.

STOKE PRIOR, WORCS.—On May 20th, 1,260 Spliced Triples (Grandsire, Oxford Bob and St. Clement's College Bob): J. E. Pullon 1, P. Cattermole 2, C. Skidmore (cond.) 3, F. G. Handley 4, M. J. Fellows 5, M. D. Fellows 6, R. Schaefer 7, P. J. Brown 8. First of Spliced Triples by all except the conductor.

SUDBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Coales 1, J. Coulson 2, J. Groom 3, P. Fleckney 4, V. A. Headland (cond.) 5. A wedding compliment.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDD.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Attrill 1, Doreen Gibbons 2, P. Brand 3, D. Brock 4, E. Pizzev (first as cond.) 5, D. Boniface 6. First quarter 1 and 3. Rung for the royal wedding.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Corderoy (first quarter) 1, S. Franklin (first on treble) 2, G. Tinson (first 'inside') 3, R. Howes 4, C. Adams (first on tower bells) 5, P. G. McIlhone (cond.) 6, J. Howes 7, C. Corderoy 8. Rung to commemorate Wallingford Grammar School Founder's Day: all ringers were members of the school. First quarter for the school.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On June 4th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob, Grandsire): W. L. Ratcliffe 1, Christine Froggatt 2, J. Woolley 3, B. Mills (cond.) 4, J. B. Perkins 5, D. Howard (first quarter) 6. A compliment to Rosemary Whitehouse and Robert Mills, ringers at this church, on their engagement.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—At St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, on June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. A. Yeates (first quarter) 1, C. Simpson 2, R. F. Overington 3, I. Hughes 4, M. P. Moreton 5, C. D. Emery 6. Conducted by ringers of 2, 3, 4 and 5. Also, at 121, Lillingston Street, on June 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (four callings): 1. Hughes (first as cond.) 1-2, M. P. Moreton 3-4, C. D. Emery (first on handbells and 'inside') 5-6. First of Doubles by the St. Stephen's Society.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Marion Higgins (first quarter) 1, Susan Rawlings 2, Elizabeth Carson 3, M. H. Sinden 4, A. S. Bishop 5, S. C. Walters (first as cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong, and to mark the gaining of a scholarship to Manchester University by the treble ringer.

WITNEY, OXON.—On May 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Soden 1, E. J. Hill 2, B. J. Coggins 3, B. Hall 4, D. J. Smith 5, M. C. F. Collet 6, D. Kay. Adkins (cond.) 7, L. T. Oliffe 8. For Ascension Evensong.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.—On April 23rd, 1,400 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): A. E. Mason 1, A. R. Harvey 2, F. Boyce 3, D. Cubitt 4, H. Lubbock 5, G. Larter (cond.) 6.

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'It is a tragedy that in so-called Christian England it is not always possible to toll the bell every Sunday, to show that prayers are being said in the parish church.'—Bishop of Dunwich, at the annual meeting of the Order of Readers in the diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

The time taken for the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal at Grantham on June 3rd was 3 hours and 28 minutes and not as published.

We regret to learn of the death on June 9th of Mr. Fred Adams, a past leader at St. Werburgh's, Bristol. A memorial quarter was rung on June 14th.

The dedication of the Parish Church of Stanton Harcourt is 'St. Michael and All Angels,' and not as published in the issue of June 4th.

The peal of Siedman Caters at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on May 20th (see 'R.W.' page 358), was the 50th together of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Poyner.

St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, ringers, when visiting Scarborough (see page 393), rang at St. Mary's, the only church in the town with a ring of bells.

We are informed that the peal rung at Benson, reported in the issue of June 9th, was rung for the Oxford Diocesan Guild and not the Oxford University Society.

Messrs. John Nicoll, the church bell rope makers, write assuring us that their business is not closing down. New premises are to be acquired about the end of August, owing to expiry of lease.

The bells of Totnes, Devon, will be heard on the Home Service on July 2nd at 9.45 a.m., previous to the broadcast of the morning service. Mr. James Browne is captain of the ringers.

Tuesday, June 27th, is a national ringing day, to mark the enthronement of Dr. A. M. Ramsey as Archbishop of Canterbury. Ringers are asked to let the public know the reason why they are ringing their bells.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

Conducted by their Master, Mr. Dennis Beresford, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths celebrated the 200th anniversary of the peal of Bob Major rung at St. Paul's, Bedford, by a visit to the tower and ringing a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

Pilgrims to Glastonbury tomorrow should note that there will be ringing at Street from 1.45 p.m.

The Misses Grace and Katherine Burchnell, with a royal wedding peal at Lincoln Cathedral on June 8th, completed Siedman from Doubles to Cinques.

The first peal has been rung on High Ham bells, one of the heaviest ringable fives in Somerset (tenor 20 cwt.). Afterwards the Rector, the Rev. E. Downing, most hospitably entertained the band to an evening meal, which was much appreciated.

Mr. W. J. Randall, who rang a peal at Hemel Hempstead for the royal wedding on June 8th, had not rung a peal for 16 years.

Miss Jennie Armstrong writes that the peal at Morpeth on May 25th was no compliment to the 81-year-old Mayor. He would rather have heard 'the curfew.'

Andrew T. Beckwith, of Coggeshall, Essex, has at last scored a peal on his own bells, a peal of London, three days after his 21st birthday. The band were very sorry that Mr. Frank Claydon, of Earls Colne, was unable to stand in the peal, but wish to congratulate him on attaining a very hale and hearty 80 years on June 6th.

The band who rang the memorial peal at Bray, Co. Wicklow, wish to convey a sixteenth birthday compliment to the tenor ringer, David Eames, of Gresley, Derbyshire, who, with some other ringers, had travelled to Ireland for this peal. The party also visited Christ Church and St. George's, Dublin, St. Mary's and Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick, Doneraile and Kilkenny for ringing. In the three days they travelled 465 miles and also climbed Ireland's highest mountain, 3,414 feet.

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ELEVEN TEAMS IN DERBYSHIRE RINGING CONTEST

None of the organisers, Messrs. Halls, Marshall and Carlisle, expected such a response from the Derby District to their striking competition, because on May 13th no fewer than 11 teams turned up at their appointed time nervously to perform on the excellent six bells of Horsley Woodhouse Church.

Perhaps it was the sunshine or perhaps it was the large number of pretty girls in summer frocks that created the cheerful atmosphere. No one except the judges (Roger Baldwin and David Friend, of the Nottingham University Society) seemed to notice how poor the striking was!

It would have been a bookmaker's holiday. A fancied team from Sandiacre crashed through a 240 of what they claimed was Kent. Then St. Peter's, the favourites, slipped through what was recognisably Little Bob. St. Andrew's 'B' team were present. The Cathedral experts were so pleased with their London Surprise that they celebrated with shots after every three leads. The Sawley conductor craftily switched from Stedman to call changes and, by this underhand trick, managed to come second in the contest. St. Andrew's 'A' and Duffield obviously set out for peals and had to be stopped after ringing about 500 of their 240 changes. Belper, Ockbrook and Etwell acquitted themselves well.

The shock crept on us slowly. Some team or other was ringing call changes nicely. Ears cocked as the rhythm settled and speeded up. This was good—even very good. What band was ringing? The truth slowly emerged that Alvaston, heart of the South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association, had had the audacity not only to enter our contest but to win it! We couldn't even claim that the judges were bribed as they had so obviously won.

We were consoled by tea. Eighty people were well catered for by the industry and hospitality of the Horsley people, led by our friend, Gwen Harrison. The Vicar welcomed us and the churchwarden, Mr. Else, told us a funny story and promised to buy us a silver challenge cup.

Our grateful thanks to the Vicar, the Horsley ringers, and Miss Gwen Harrison in particular, and churchwarden, Mr. Else. Our admiration for the judges, Roger Baldwin and David Friend. D. R. C.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Fifty ringers, drawn from 12 towers, attended the Mansfield District cup contest at Selston on May 27th. Unfortunately there were only two entries and the judges (Messrs. W. L. Exton and J. H. Pailing) had no difficulty in declaring Warsop the winners as Mansfield, the other competitors, rang out after 11 minutes.

A short Evensong was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. G. N. Pearce. This was followed by an excellent tea, kindly provided by the local ladies.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the Rev. G. N. Pearce, who welcomed everyone to Selston. He expressed his regret that this was probably the last time that he would preside at a Mansfield District meeting as he was moving to Wilford in the autumn. He assured everyone that he would press for their bells to be augmented to six and encourage the local ringers to join the Guild.

It was confirmed that the next meeting—a joint one with several other local Associations—would be centred on Warsop on July 8th. Towers open would include Creswell and Cuckney in the afternoon and Mansfield and Mansfield Woodhouse in the evening.

The collection for the Bell Fund realised £1 7s. 10d.

After the customary votes of thanks, ringing was continued until shortly after 9 p.m. in a wide variety of methods, ranging from rounds to York Surprise.

D. H. R.

PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 25



MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY,
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

Those ringers who visit Bournemouth for their holidays—and they are many—usually find their way to St. Peter's belfry on a Sunday or practice night. On most of these occasions they will be greeted by the cheery smile of Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay (née Marcia White), who has the distinction of being one of the three lady ringers who have rung more than 600 peals.

Marcia was born in Bournemouth in September, 1909, educated locally, and was taught to handle a bell by Harry Bennett, the late captain of St. John's, Surrey Road, Bournemouth West, joining the local band there on Palm Sunday, 1929. Her first quarter peal was Stedman Triples on Sunday, December 1st, 1929, at St. Andrew's, Well Street, London, W.I. (now completely rebuilt at Kingsbury), and conducted by that well known Stedman expert, the late Chas. F. Winney. Her first peal was Bob Minor at Corfe Mullen, Dorset, on July 12th, 1930, conducted by Edward G. L. Coward. On September 28th, 1930, she made her debut as a conductor, calling a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, and her first peal as conductor was in August, 1931, when she called a peal of Kent T.B. Minor from the 2nd at Corfe Mullen. Thanks to the help and encouragement she received

from the late William A. Cave and Joseph T. Dyke, she was able to ring her first peals of Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative in 1932.

Marcia has always taken a great interest in handbell ringing, having been taught by the late Frederick W. Townend, of St. James', Poole. Of her 616 peals, of which she has conducted 75, no fewer than 402 (conducted 65) have been rung 'in hand.' These have included two record handbell peals, 13,139 Grandsire Caters in 6 hours and 34 minutes and 15,840 Bob Royal in 8 hours and 2 minutes, both rung in 1953 and both conducted by that handbell expert, Daniel T. Matkin. He also called several peals of Spliced Plain Major, in which Marcia took part. Many of her peals on handbells as conductor have been Grandsire Triples, in which she has usually rung 3-4, and she is very proud of 3 peals of Stedman Triples, rung 'in hand,' conducted by the late Alfred H. Pulling and the late Clement Glenn.

On tower bells, Marcia has rung a wide variety of methods, including peals of Spliced Surprise Major from 2-8 methods, and these have been accomplished by the combined efforts of William E. Cheater and Frank L. Harris, the result of regular once-a-month Surprise practices at Ringwood, at which tower Bill Cheater is captain. She has rung Stedman from Double to Cinques, and Plain Bob and Kent from Minor to Maximus. She was also the first lady to ring 100 peals in a year, a feat she accomplished in 1949. Marcia has been a representative of the Christchurch Branch on the Central Committee of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild for over 10 years.

In 1939 she married Mr. F. J. Marshallsay, who has an important position in the motor industry, and is not a practical ringer. In fact she is one of the few active married lady ringers whose husband is not also a ringer! She is employed in the tobacco and fancy goods wholesale business, and her car has always been at the disposal of any visiting ringers who want lifts for peals or meetings.

When the ban was placed on ringing during the war in 1940, she took up golf as a hobby, but this had to take second place once ringing was restored! Apart from the odd golf spoon, nothing more can be shown from this sport!

Marcia Marshallsay is an extremely neat bell handler, an excellent striker, and is possessed of a very jolly personality. Although married to a non-ringer, she has shown that it is possible to be as enthusiastic as the best and yet maintain a happy married life. Her many friends will wish Marcia and her husband long life and continued happiness. APACE.

FARNHAM DISTRICT STRIKING COMPETITION

It was a beautiful day and a beautiful setting for the Farnham District's 'Striking Competition' at Bentley Parish Church on June 3rd.

Eight teams of six ringers entered and the judges were Mr. W. Parker, of Sandhurst, who is Ringing Master of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and Mr. E. J. Bragg, of Aldershot, Ringing Master of the Farnham District. Each team was permitted two minutes' practice ringing and then had to ring for five minutes. The whole competition was recorded on tape by Mr. G. S. Joyce, of Farnborough.

Following tea, which was arranged by Mrs. A. Raggett, the judges reported on the faults of each team and announced the results, which were: 1 Farnborough (17 faults), 2 Bentley (19), 3 Farnham (22).

This was the first competition of its kind in the Guildford Diocese. The competition gave much enjoyment and was of great benefit to the teams taking part.

WITNEY HOLD A STRIKING COMPETITION

There was a chapter of accidents at the striking competition held by the Witney and Woodstock Branch at Combe on May 27th. Three of the ropes were found to be frayed and a stay cracked. The ropes were put right and a warning issued about the stay. This, however, was soon knocked off and ringing stopped while a carpenter provided a new one.

While waiting for the stay the service was conducted by the Vicar. Again more delays; the new stay was too long and was fouling the track. Eventually the competition started and was completed. After an excellent tea, provided by the ladies of Combe, Mr. Diserens, who, with his son, judged the ringing, gave the scores and his comments. Results: 1 Eynsham 65 faults, 2 Woodstock 134, 3 Northmoor 135; 4 Bampton 1564, 5 Clanfield 178, 6 Northleigh 272.

The shield and certificates will be presented at the autumn meeting at Woodstock on September 30th.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD **Increase in Guild Subscriptions**

The annual festival of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Calne on May 13th. The annual general meeting was held in the Town Hall, the Master of the Guild, Canon C. Carew Cox, presiding, supported by the honorary secretary, Mr. W. C. West, Mr. F. S. Slatford (assistant honorary secretary) and Mr. L. A. Wilson, vice-president.

The chairman introduced the Mayor of Calne, Councillor L. M. Angel, and the Vicar of Calne, Rev. W. D. O'Hanlon, complimenting the latter on his appointment as a Hon. Canon of Salisbury Cathedral.

The Mayor in his welcome said it was a joy to see such a large gathering and commented on there being so many young people, which showed that campanology was holding its own in the Guild area and augured well for the future.

Apologies were read from the following: The Archdeacon of Wilts, Canon A. Wilkinson Markby, Rev. Roger Keeley, Rev. W. Uphill, Rev. G. C. Moore, Rev. and Mrs. Brinkworth, Miss Eloie, Mr. R. H. Duke, Mr. Alan Macdonald and Mr. G. S. Morris.

1,052 RINGING MEMBERS

In his report the honorary secretary stated a slight increase of membership, ringing members being 1,052, honorary members 9, associates 13, and 25 life members were elected.

Restorations had been made at Stourton, Warminster and Askerwell. The broadcast of Lyme Regis bells was commented upon, the honorary secretary congratulating those who took part.

The sub-committees responsible for the re-introduction of Belfry Prayer cards and the revision of the Guild office (used for the first time at this festival service), were congratulated and thanked for the work.

The honorary secretary and treasurer gave a résumé of the statement of accounts, stating the balance in the current actually had been reduced to £50 16s. 3d., owing to the extra expenses involved during the year. He thanked the West Dorset, North Dorset and Calne Branches for extra donation.

LOSSES BY DEATH

The following names of members who had passed away since the last annual meeting were read, the meeting standing in silence: Messrs. G. Norton, Frank Taylor, Harry Proat, Edward Marlow, C. Dickson, Charles Doel, Lord Shaftesbury (president), Martin Stewart (Past Master), M. Bailey and Alfred Peck, L.R.M. The adoption of the report and accounts were proposed by Rev. J. S. Arthur, seconded by Mr. E. J. Hitchens.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Canon C. Carew Cox (carried with acclamation); Master of the Guild, Rev. Richard Longridge; the honorary secretary and treasurer, assistant honorary secretary, auditors, Guild Committee and librarian were all unanimously re-elected.

The Guild and committee having carefully considered subscriptions, it was put to the meeting, proposed by Mr. C. Powell, seconded by Mr. E. J. Hitchens and carried—that ringing members' subscriptions be increased to 3s. 6d., with younger members, up to the age of 17 years, 2s. 6d., to take effect from January, 1962.

Grants were made from the Edwards Memorial Fund as follows: Yatesbury £3 3s., Abbotbury £5 5s. and Pewsey £5 5s.

The chairman reminded those present that 1962 would be the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Guild and it was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Salisbury on May 12th, 1962. It was also agreed that special ringing and, if possible, services be held on the Sunday nearest September 14th.

The Guild office was held in the Parish

UNUSUAL TOWER VISITED BY K.C.A.



S. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH BROOKLAND

Ashford District

Some sixty ringers and friends attended the meeting of the Ashford District at St. Augustine's, Brookland, on May 27th. The church, with its leaning pillars, horse-box pews, twelfth century lead font, decorated with signs of the Zodiac and occupations of the months, and its ancient weights and measures in the Tithe Pen, is one of the most attractive and interesting in Romney Marsh.

The famous old belfry itself, with its conical roof of three separate portions, is rather like an extinguisher in shape, and stands quite apart from the church. It is built entirely of timber, said to have been collected from wreckage on the coast in the fifteenth century. One bell is of pre-Reformation date, and they have been a ring of five since 1685. The meeting was the first to be held here by the Association.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. R. Jacobs. Mr. V. Preller, organist at St. Paul's, Brixton, and Brixton Prison, was at the harmonium. Afterwards tea was enjoyed at the Church Hall.

There was no formal business meeting, but six new members joined the Association, and thanks were expressed to the Vicar and organist for their kindness, and to Mr. G. Velvick, captain of the Brookland ringers, for making all the arrangements.

Many of the visitors took the opportunity of making the short journey to ring on the three little bells at Fairfield in the small isolated church lying secluded in its marshy waste.
C. T. H.

QUENIBOROUGH RINGERS' OUTING

Queniborough ringers selected Warwickshire for their annual outing, which was held on May 23rd. Ringing started on the beautiful eight at Monks Kirby, which was followed by two sixes—Church Lawford and Newbold-on-Avon. After tea there was ringing at Southam (8) and at a newly augmented six bell tower on the Leicestershire border. Thanks are due to Mr. E. W. Parker, for making all the arrangements.

Church, conducted by the Vicar, there being five other robed clergy present. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by the Lyme Regis ringers and appreciated by the large congregation.

Tea was served in the Town Hall, 105 sitting down, including the Mayor and Mayoress, who had joined in all the Guild's activities during the afternoon.

Canon Cox expressed hearty thanks to all concerned in helping to make such a successful and enjoyable festival.

The members then returned their various ways to ring in the 10 towers made available for their use.

CHILVERS COTON RINGERS' SUNDAY

Sunday, May 14th, was Ringers' Sunday at All Saints' Church, Chilvers Coton, Warwickshire. All ten bells were rung prior to the Corporate Communion service at 8 a.m., when fifteen ringers attended.

Evenson was especially devoted to ringers when special prayers were read and special hymns sung. Tunes on twenty-four handbells were rung by two members of the local band, assisted by ringers from Allesley. The preacher was Mr. T. Belton, a licensed lay reader from the Leicester Diocese and a member of an illustrious family of ringers from Barwell. His sermon sketched a history of ringing through the centuries, with particular mention of Fabian Stedman and Benjamin Annable.

Mr. Belton reminded ringers not to allow the fascination of ringing to outweigh the purpose for which they rang—to call people to worship and to remind those who did not attend that a service was being held.

The lesson readers were two fourteen-year-old girls, Christine Mason and Margaret Corcoran, recently promoted from probationers to full ringing members of the band. William Day and Peter Tallis, also aged fourteen, gave out the books and four senior members took the collection. Ringing on the tower bells followed the service. Mr. Belton joining the visitors from Coventry and the local ringers.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

130 MINOR METHODS PEAL

Dear Sir.—May I offer my congratulations to the team who rang 130 Minor methods. It is a remarkable achievement by all the band, but that of the conductor, Mr. W. F. Moreton, must rank as one of the greatest feats of memory by any conductor on any number of bells.

One or two observations. The 'new' Little methods first appeared in 'Campanalogia' (1702), not in 'Clavis' as stated. The second paragraph should read, I think, 'unless methods with four places made at once are included,' i.e., methods with 'single' changes as an integral part of the method. If these, and irregular methods, were included the total would rise to between 140 and 150 in 7, 720s. I am in agreement with the 'objection on principle' by the band.

Both 720s, No. 2 and No. 7, can, by rearrangement, be made to contain 26 methods, although if either or both of these were included the overall number of methods in the peal would be reduced.—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Ryhill, Yorks.

HANDBELL RINGING IN RHODESIA

Dear Sir.—In a recent television programme (in Rhodesia), 'Watch the World,' I was delighted to see and hear a group of schoolboys from Sittingbourne ringing tunes on handbells. Can you tell me who was the teacher who appeared with them?

I have been considering approaching R.T.V. about a short (live) programme on change and tune ringing to enlighten Rhodesian viewers, and any practical hints would be most welcome.

Mr. V. Field, a ringer now in Rhodesia, gave a short talk last year on R.B.C.'s 'Young Rhodesia' programme, assisted by some Amandas (S.R.) school children, whom he had taught to ring on the handbells, belonging to Salisbury Cathedral.

As Amandas is 36 miles from Salisbury it became too costly on petrol to continue to borrow the bells each week, and the little group had to give up. But I hear rumours that a set of handbells is to be given to the school in the fairly near future, so I hope they will get going again soon.

I have a small group of girls and adults progressing slowly on my own set of eight bells, here at Umvukwes.—Yours sincerely,

V. GROSSMITH (Mrs.).

P.O. Box 3.

Umvukwes, Southern Rhodesia.

TO TOM LANE

Dear Sir.—The verses you published recently were not original. I thought I had read them somewhere before and sure enough a brief search brought to light a page from your issue of August 23rd, 1935. The page was headed:

RINGING'S WORST POET

The verses of Mr. JOHN BINQUES

(By Our Own Representative)

The verses were there, but each ended with 'The Bellringer!' and not 'Tom Lane.'

Binques claimed to be 'Ringing's Worst Poet' in your issue of August 16th, 1935, with his poem which started:

'A party of ringers, of real ding-dong dingers, who wanted a peal of Cinques. Travelled one day, with spirits quite gay, to the village of Surfleet in Linques.'

If it is necessary to dedicate verses to the memory of some respected ringer such verses should, at least, be original!—Yours sincerely,

HAROLD WALKER.

York.

GUILD AND ASSOCIATION FINANCES

Dear Sir.—Within the last month I have attended the annual meetings of two well known Associations. At each of these meetings considerable time was taken up in deciding on ways and means of increasing the annual income. Amongst suggestions were the hardy annuals of peal fees and levying a cost for the yearly report. The obvious solution to these financial problems is to increase the amount of the annual subscription. An increase of two shillings, making five shillings per annum, would place the two Associations, whose meetings I attended, not only in a position to meet the costs of their annual reports with ease, but leave them with sufficient surplus to make grants to restoration appeals when called upon.

It is high time that ringers in general realised that subscriptions of a half-crown may have been quite adequate twenty-five years ago, but this amount is completely insufficient to meet the cost of running an Association in 1961. In any case what is five shillings—little more than the cost of twenty cigarettes and no one will convince me that in these days of high wages there is any ringer who cannot afford to pay that sum for all he or she gets out of their ringing.—Yours very truly,

F. C. A. BENNETT.

Claverley, Wolverhampton.

ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES

Dear Sir.—Regarding Mr. Amos' query about St. Dunstan's Doubles, neither of the methods he submits is correct.

The correct method, as given in Stedman's Campanalogia of 1677, by Annable in 1730 and in Campanalogia Improved of 1753 is as follows:

Plain Lead is a Grandsire Bob.

Bob Lead is a Grandsire Extreme.

Single Lead is a Grandsire Single.

This method is very well known, and has been rung several times to peals, since it has 32 different callings, and with the ten callings of Grandsire, makes up a nice peal of 42 different extents.

Might I ask which is the correct St. George's Doubles? Some years ago one variation was published in 'The Ringing World,' it being All Saints' Doubles, rung with Grandsire Extremes. Now we have another variation, which is an extent of Spliced Winchenden, Wexham and Reverse St. Faith.

Doubles Variations cause enough trouble as it is, without using the same name for two different variations. Perhaps the ringers of the later variation will give it a more suitable name (might I suggest Spliced Winchenden, Wexham and Reverse St. Faith). Further, the later variation has 28 different callings. How many different extents were rung in the peal at Wootton on April 22nd?—Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

TO THE LADIES

Dear Sir.—May I be allowed to congratulate, publicly, the band of ladies who rang the peal of Cambridge Royal at St. John's, Leicester, last month? I was able to listen to the last five courses or so, and can say that the standard of the ringing was very high throughout that time.

Whilst I hesitate to single out any one member of the band, I think it's fair to say that no man could have made a better job of placing the tenor with such precision than did the lady concerned. Altogether it is a performance of which the Ladies' Guild may be justly proud.—Yours sincerely,

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.

Daventry.

SWANSEA & BRECON GUILD'S RINGING SHIELD RETURNS TO THE DIOCESE

Cefn Coed was the venue of the 1961 annual ringing competition, where six bands assembled outside St. John the Baptist Church on May 27th. A friendly and happy atmosphere prevailed, which may have been partly due to the weather being kind for once.

Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m., the Newton Nottage band being late arriving. The order of ringing was as follows: Cadoxton, Newton Nottage, St. David's, Llanfaes, Sketty, Talgarth and St. Mary's, Brecon.

Tea which followed was provided by the ladies of the parish, and thanks were expressed in a manner justifiable for the occasion.

The Vicar, the Rev. O. Morgan, who gave a warm welcome to Cefn Coed, remarked, with laughter, that the local band was not competing because they wanted the others to have a fair chance. But all jokes aside, he continued, in the near future he hoped the Cefn Coed band would be able to enter for the competition.

The adjudicator, Mr. A. J. Pitman, gave his summing up of the proceedings. The order was: Sketty 16 faults, Newton Nottage 38, St. Mary's, Brecon, 46. The Vicar then presented the shield to the captain of the Sketty band, Miss Hazel Way. Mr. Michael Lardner presented certificates to the Newton Nottage band, who came second, and to Mr. Michael Thomas, captain of St. Mary's, Brecon, band, who came third. J. A. H.

A NEW RING FOR ESSEX

On May 17th a new six was dedicated at Hatfield Heath, Essex. The tenor is approximately 4 cwt., and the bells are a delightful little toy ring and are a great acquisition to the Exercise.

There was previously a chime of 3 bells in the tower, the heaviest being about 8 cwt. The church authorities, showing great foresight, decided to scrap these and have a decent ring of bells. Their progressive attitude has been well justified and the general opinion has been more than favourable.

The work was carried out in fine style by Ernie Rowe for Mears and Stainbank, and he brought a band from Stamford Hill to try the bells out. The striking was immaculate and ranged from Stedman Doubles to London Minor. It is hoped that the local band will be able to emulate their ringing.

30 Years Ago

'R.W.' June 12th, 1931.—

'Ringers' Chapel dedicated at Loughborough. Memorial to the late Mr. Pryce Taylor.

Stedman Fund reaches £335.

Old peal book of the Society of Eastern Scholars recovered.

50 Years Ago

'R.W.' June 23rd, 1911.—

Many and strange are the places where birds build their nests. Recently a small hole in the window pane of the ringing room at the Oaks Church, near Whitwick, attracted the notice a peal of starlings. They built their nest just inside the window ledge, and notwithstanding the presence of the ringers several times each week, they have hatched out their young, and the fledglings have been fluttering about the ringing chamber.

The late Mr. William Collins, of Bagshot, Surrey, bequeathed £500 to St. John's Church, Herne Bay, for providing a ring of bells, conditional upon a tower being added to the church within five years.

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GREAT SALKELD RINGERS WERE DECEIVED

We are pleased to publish this week the following letters concerning the taking of photographs in the belfry of Great Salkeld, Penrith. From the correspondence it seems apparent that these ringers have been exploited by irresponsible journalism. The letter below has been sent to the convener of the Literature and Press Committee of the Central Council.

Dear Sir,—My attention has been drawn to criticism by you and others, of some photographs of Great Salkeld bellringers that appeared in a Sunday newspaper. Might I be allowed to correct some of the facts that have been grossly distorted.

We were approached by a London Press Agency, who asked if photographs could be taken of our 6 teenage girl ringers, the suggested theme was [these girls being instructed in ringing by our leader, Mr. Tom Lambert, now 80 years of age. Many photographs were taken of these girls being taught ringing in the proper manner, although at this time they were all competent ringers.

Towards the end of our practice, and during a discussion on ringing, the photographer asked if he could take a picture of a girl being lifted off her feet, as would be the case if a stay broke, and the ringer failed to leave loose of the rope. I pointed out that this was bad ringing practice and had never happened to my knowledge in our belfry; but he prevailed upon me to attempt to obtain a picture of what he described as an 'action shot'.

I, therefore, asked two of the girls to ring down their bells, and when nearly down, to retain hold of the 'sally,' in which case they would be lifted a little way off the ground. Unfortunately, one girl retained her hold much earlier than was ever intended, resulting in the picture that was shown in the paper.

While regretting very much having made possible this type of picture, it did not occur to me at the time that this would be published as actual bell ringing practice, when it was nothing more than a photographer's 'stunt.' After all, many other good photographs of correct bell ringing were obtained and these were the ones we had thought would be published, if any, and not the rubbish that appeared in this Sunday 'rag.'

I can assure you that the general conduct in our belfry is above reproach, and that we try to teach ringing to the best of our ability. It seems very unfair that after 50 years' ringing in the case of Mr. Lambert, and 20 years in my own case, our efforts to help bellringers should be portrayed in this ridiculous manner.

It is easy to be wise after the event, but we were given no indication that these silly pictures would be published as bellringing.

The unfavourable publicity has caused great distress to all our ringers, but I trust that these few facts have gone some little way to answer the criticisms levelled at us by you as an official of a responsible body of bellringers.

—Yours faithfully,
Great Salkeld, (Churchwarden).
J. L. CARRICK

MR. EDGAR SHEPHERD'S REPLY

Dear Mr. Carrick.—Your letter has reached me this morning, and I thank you for writing at such length. As convener of the Literature and Press Committee of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, I held it to be my duty to write a letter of protest to the editor of 'Sunday Pictorial,' and if that letter has been correctly represented to you it will have been clear that my reproof was directed to the journal and not to the band at Salkeld.

Your band has, I fear, suffered the fate that has befallen other bands in the past, in that it has been unwillingly exploited by irresponsible journalism. Unless I am greatly mistaken this was the general feeling among members of the Central Council, when the matter was mentioned at the meeting at Stoke-upon-Trent.

It may be that you would welcome the publication of your letter, and if that is so, I will send it together with a copy of this letter, for publication in 'The Ringing World.' Will you kindly let me know whether or not this meets with your approval?

Assuring you of my personal sympathy with you at this time of such undesirable publicity.

—Yours sincerely,
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.
Solihull, Warwickshire.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION AT PORTMADOC

For the annual meeting of the North Wales Association on June 3rd at Portmadoc, a coach load of members and friends left the Wrexham area early. Others made the 60 miles journey by car and the bells were ringing merrily by 2 p.m. The Rev. Neville Thomas, curate, conducted the service and this was followed by an excellent tea provided by local ringers for a company of 60.

The Rev. Neville Thomas presided at the business meeting and Mr. Dennis H. B. Millward deputised for the secretary, Mr. W. Cathall, who was away on holiday. Arising from the minutes, Mr. J. Evans (Rhyl) reported that Mr. J. Powell was recovering from his long illness. The report and balance sheet were adopted.

Officers elected were: President, Rev. J. Knighton Jones; vice-presidents, Rev. J. Humphrey Jones, Mr. J. E. Antiss, Mr. G. F. Hewitt, Rev. L. Hughes, Rev. D. R. Griffiths, Rev. Gilbert Wright; Ringing Master, Mr. F. R. Evans; honorary secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Cathall; District secretaries, Mrs. L. S. Griffiths (Bangor and Rhyl) and Mr. Dennis H. B. Millward (Wrexham); District instructors, Mr. L. S. Griffiths (Bangor and Rhyl) and Mr. F. R. Evans (Wrexham); C.C. representative, Mr. Dennis H. B. Millward.

Mr. Dennis H. B. Millward gave an account of the important items discussed at the Central Council meeting at Stoke-upon-Trent, and of the honour and welcome bestowed on the Council by the Lord Mayor and Corporation. He particularly stressed the need to increase the circulation of 'The Ringing World' and to support it in other ways.

In proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Mill-

ward for his lucid report, Mr. Albert J. Hughes, of Bangor, added his support to the plea for 'The Ringing World.' He said he had taken it since the first issue.

The next half yearly meeting will be held at Bodewyddan, on the first Saturday in September. For the annual meeting of 1962, a very cordial invitation was extended by the Llangollen ringers. It was unanimously agreed to accept the invitation and to hold the meeting on the second Saturday after Whitsun. Twenty-seven new members were proposed and accepted.

The acting secretary informed the meeting of the open day to be held at Hope, Flintshire, on Saturday, June 24th, and that the Hope ringers extended a cordial welcome to everyone.

The ladies of Portmadoc, who had so graciously waited at tea, were asked to come into the room and received a very hearty vote of thanks.

Towers represented: Llandudno, Bangor, Rhyl, Llangollen, Hope, Wrexham, Machynlleth, Buckley, Mold, Gresford, Chester, Dodleston, Portmadoc.

D. H. B. M.

HAGLEY, WORCS.—On May 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Roden 1, P. L. Bill 2, J. A. Tandy (first of Minor 'inside') 3, J. E. Lawley 4, M. D. Fellows 5, M. J. Fellows (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First of Minor by 1, 2 and 4. A compliment to the 3rd ringer's mother on her recovery from a serious illness.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—At 80, Park View, on June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. A. Price 1-2, E. F. P. Bryant (first 'in hand' as cond.) 3-4, A. Jackson 5-6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

For the annual meeting of the Lancashire Association held at Liverpool on April 29th, ringing commenced at 10.30 a.m., when the following towers were available: Liverpool Cathedral (12), Our Lady and St. Nicholas' (12), St. Francis Xavier (R.C.) (8), St. Mary's, Walton (8), Emmanuel, Everton (8). The annual service was held in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral at 3.45 p.m., the preacher being the Rev. Canon F. H. Perkins.

Tea was enjoyed in the Refectory and the A.G.M. followed immediately afterwards. The president, the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, presided, supported by Mr. S. L. Parry, who was called upon to act as secretary in the unavoidable absence of Mr. F. Dunkerley, who was abroad on business. The president remarked that it was a pleasure to see such a record attendance.

The Rev. R. D. St. John Smith was re-elected president for a further term of two years. Mr. S. L. Parry was again re-elected ringing secretary. The president expressed the good wishes of the meeting to Mr. Parry, who had been indisposed for the past six months, but was now happily recovering. Mr. John F. Wood was elected treasurer, and Mr. Peter Crook was thanked for his past services to the Association.

The reports of the committee and ringing secretary were taken as read and the balance sheet and auditor's report were approved.

The president told the meeting that the Association must, in the very near future, consider its finances, as the time had come when the annual subscriptions would not cover the cost of publishing the annual report. (The Association membership now stands at 1,058 members resident in the county, being a decrease of 56, whilst non-resident members total 97, an increase of 6.)

Mr. William Smalley, of Bolton, was transferred to life membership.

The president, on behalf of the Association, gave thanks to all who had in any way contributed to the success of the day.

THE ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report gave the strength of the Association as follows: Honorary life members 67, non-resident members 671, ringing members 1,058 (new 97). Peals rung during the year totalled 133, plus two peals for 1959, which arrived too late for inclusion in the last report. The year 1960 had been a record one for the Association in the diversity of methods rung.

Twenty-one new members rang their first peal, 170 their first in some particular method or on higher numbers, 256 members took part in peals. Conducting was shared by 44 members and there were five firsts as conductors. Leading conductors were Norman Smith 13, Cyril Crossthwaite 12. Leading peal ringers: Michael D. Fishwick 36, John P. Partington 33.

Congratulations were extended to: Arthur Tomlinson on ringing his 670th peal for the Association. Peter Cook senior his 450th. Laurence J. Williams his 325th. Roger Leigh his 275th, Edward Jenkins and Ronald Kenrick their 200th. Cyril Crossthwaite his 175th, Ivan Kay and John H. Gartside their 150th, Derek Ogden his 125th, George E. Braithwaite, Albert Greenhalgh, Nicholas M. Newby and Norman Smith their 100th.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

A meeting of the West Lindsey Branch, held at Corringham on May 13th, attracted some 30 ringers to this fine old Saxon tower with its ring of six bells. Evensong was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. J. M. F. Cordes), and was followed by tea in the Village Hall.

The vice-president (Mr. C. H. Baker) presided at the business meeting, when the secretary (Mr. G. L. A. Lunn) gave final details of the Branch outing to Derbyshire on June 24th.

The Ringing Master (Mr. G. E. Feirn) called attention to the plans for a memorial to the late Mr. J. A. Freeman and his work as Master of the Guild. Members were asked to contribute through their tower captains, who would be circulated by the secretary.

At the Vicar's invitation, a number of members visited the neighbouring tower of Springthorpe, where the fine ring of four bells was much enjoyed.

SOME OF THE OUTINGS

GRANTHAM, Lincs

Those assembling at Grantham Market Place at 7.30 a.m. on Whit Monday would have witnessed the usual scramble for back seats as the coach filled to take Grantham ringers and friends on their outing.

Some very good towers were selected, but the first, Dunchurch, a six with a 19 cwt. tenor, caused some difficulty. Lunch preceded the ringing at Holy Trinity, Stratford-on-Avon (10), where the ringing was much enjoyed as were those at the next tower, St. Nicholas', Warwick (8, 14 cwt.). Finally, at Coventry, St. Michael's, Stoke, bells (8, 13 cwt.), were rung to various methods.

On the way home a stop was made at Melton Mowbray for the usual liquid refreshment for some and fish and chips for others.

Methods rung ranged from Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Major, Erin and Stedman Caters, Double Norwich to Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles.

Lastly, we would like to thank the incumbents, tower captains and others who helped to make this tour a success.

P. A. S.

ST. MARY'S, ROUGHAM

Rougham and district ringers had a 16 hours' outing on May 27th, into North-East Bedfordshire. They assembled at the Rectory at 6.45 a.m. and reached home at 11.45 p.m. after a happy day. Despite this, they were at their posts on the Sunday morning.

After breakfasting at St. Neots, Goldington, Bromham and Turvey were visited before lunch at Bedford. In the afternoon came Milton Ernest and Felmersham, and then Sharnbrook Village Hall, where Miss Parsons and her teenage ringers had prepared an excellent tea. An hour's ringing followed and with visits to Odell and Harrold, where three veteran ringers were waiting to join in the ringing. A well deserved vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. H. Ivings to the organiser, Mr. L. Wright.

The company would also like to thank Mr. Piron, general secretary of the Bedfordshire Association, and also incumbents, Miss Parsons and all who helped to make the day so enjoyable.

L. W.

CHESTER BRANCH ANNUAL OUTING

'Be outside our house at a quarter-to-eight and no later, then we can get off to a good start.' These were the instructions given by 'Sergt.-Major' Percy Swindley to those of us who were joining the annual outing.

So it was! Thirteen of us with three cars were duly 'on parade' at the stated time and within a few moments, on the lovely morning of May 31st, we were heading south along the A41 to Hinstock, near Newport. Here the light six, by T. Mears, 1808, were soon ringing merrily. Unfortunately after 20 minutes' ringing a broken rope brought a premature ending.

Unlucky 13? well, we hoped this mishap wouldn't set the standard for the day, and so it proved to be, for the rest of the programme really went according to plan.

Soon we were at All Saints', Madeley, where this lovely ring was put to good use: after wards to St. Mary's, Bridgnorth. Lunch, then on to Holy Trinity, Much Wenlock, where we had been asked to be in time to ring for a special service, at which the Bishop was present: 45 minutes of lovely ringing ensued on this fine ring of bells. On to St. Nicholas', Montgomery, and after ringing, tea was taken at the 'Dragon' Hotel, where a 'Major' tea was provided at 'Minor' cost.

A long drive through lovely countryside brought us to Llanfyllin, where we found the six at St. Myllin's to be in poor order. This was compensated for by the cordial welcome given and appreciation of our efforts shown by the local ringers. Our last tower was Welshpool. Here local ringers joined us in Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

Our grateful thanks are due to the incumbents for giving us the use of their bells and to those, with their ringers, who met us.

D. H. B. M.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE

In order to avoid clashes with holidays, the annual outing of the Bolsover ringers and their wives and friends was brought forward this year to May 13th and this proved to be a very fortunate decision, as the weather was really kind.

A very early start was made to pick up friends from Chesterfield, Creswell and Warsop, and the party was completed by Miss Perkins in Nottingham and Ian Frazer at Leicester.

At the first tower, Higham Ferrers, Mr. Deighton was waiting to meet us and, despite the long draught of rope, the bells were rung quite well to various Major methods for approximately one hour. The ladies were very much impressed by the floral decorations in the very clean and spacious church. It was only a very short run to Rushden, and here the conditions were much more to the liking of the ringers. It was a very pleasant surprise to meet John Mayne, who was passing through Rushden to a ringing meeting.

The admirable arrangements for the outing had been undertaken by Mr. S. Foskett and he was waiting to meet the coach at Bedford, where a very substantial lunch was enjoyed at the Dujon Restaurant. One of the Bolsover ringers had travelled from Chessington to join the party for the afternoon and evening. The non-ringers took advantage of the glorious weather to spend the afternoon in Bedford and the river was a great attraction. The ringers visited Kempston and Bromham and were greatly impressed by the quality of the bells and the very hearty welcome at both towers.

Tea was also taken at the Dujon Restaurant and after the meal Mr. Cooper expressed the thanks of the party to Mr. Foskett for his assistance. Mr. Rooke, of Warsop, thanked Mr. Cooper for organising the outing and Mr. Foskett said how pleased he was to help any visitors to Bedford.

The evening ringing took place at St. Peter's and St. Paul's, Bedford, and afterwards Mr. Foskett very kindly arranged light refreshments at the Olney Arms. The coach finally left Bedford at about 9.15 p.m. and the journey home was completed without incident by about 1 a.m.

PENN, STAFFS

Some 35 ringers and friends from St. Bartholomew's Church, Penn, held their annual outing on June 3rd, through Worcestershire and South Wales. Before lunch, at Chepstow, the delightful eight at Upton-on-Severn were enjoyed. A drive through Abergavenny led to Usk, where the ringers were loath to leave this perfect eight for tea at Hereford. At the last tower, Bromyard, the not so well experienced had difficulty in striking this lumpy six. Methods rung included Kent T.B., Grandsire and Stedman.

In addition to incumbents, we thank Miss A. Frost ('Frosty'), our secretary, for the excellent arrangements for coffee, lunch, tea and coach.

C. F. W. E.

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UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY WHITSUN TOUR

THE annual Whit tour of the Society was this year centred on Guildford. A party of 14 stayed at a hotel nearby, and others came for odd days. The hotel was comfortable, and the food good.

The tour began on Friday evening with ringing at St. Mary's, Guildford, where rope-sight is obtained through the clock. Ringing here was unfortunately limited owing to the unexpected presence of the choir in full song.

The first tower of Saturday morning was Albury (6), where some of the party arrived a little late having mistakenly attempted to ring at a monastery on the way. From here we moved to Wonerish (8) and Cranleigh (8), which was generally considered to be the best ring of the tour.

Lunch was succeeded by a fairly strenuous afternoon programme, with ringing at Dunsfold (6), the light five at Hascombe, Godalming (8), Shalford (8) and S. Nicolas', Guildford (10).

Dinner had been arranged at a restaurant in Guildford, and from here the party returned to the hotel. A dance was in progress, which seemed unending when one tried to get some sleep.

On Sunday morning, some of the party rang at St. Mary's, Guildford, while the rest attempted a quarter peal of Stedman Triples. This was lost at about the half way point.

After lunch at East Clandon, eight hardy enthusiasts rang at Bramley (6), while the remainder of the party recovered from Saturday's exertions. A second quarter, this time of Bob Major, was lost at West Clandon in the evening, when a rope that had been shortened for the morning's attempt came untucked. The remainder of the party rang for evening service at Merrow, where during his sermon the Rector told of a bell at Cambridge, which bears the inscription, 'Glory to the Church, and damnation to all enthusiasts.' It was later suggested that this might be adopted as a Society motto!

After the service, an excellent meal was served in the Parish Hall, followed by a film of the summer tour last year, shown by Doug. May.

On Monday another full programme had been arranged, the first tower of the day being Puttenham (6), which was followed by Farnham (8) and Aldershot (8). After lunch, the traditional course of London Scholar's Pleasure was rung at Ash (6). The party then moved on to Worplesdon (8), where ringing was delayed by a wedding, so a leisurely cup of tea was enjoyed on the 'lawn' of a nearby hotel. The last two towers of the tour were Old Woking (8) and Send (6), after which the party split up and joined the Bank Holiday battle to reach home.

Sincere thanks are due to all the incumbents and tower captains and to Doug. May and his family for the preparation of the magnificent meal on Sunday night, and the packed lunches we had each day. To this we must add our thanks to Doug. himself for a very pleasant and efficiently organised weekend, and to Jill Lane, his fiancée, for carrying out all the paper work involved.

C. C. P.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

In spite of the typically miserable May weather and the fact that the meeting at Towin was held on Whit Saturday, there was a good attendance. During the afternoon standard methods, rounds and Cambridge were rung. The service was conducted by the Rev. B. Braemar-Brown.

Because of the absence of local eating establishments, the ringers picnicked in a nearby field. Some were rather disgruntled at not having their tea time lubrication, due to late opening times of local hostilities!

A short business meeting was conducted in the church, Mr. S. Huckle being the chairman. Sandridge was decided upon for the next meeting, with Single Oxford Minor as special method. Ringing continued until 8 p.m.

C. M. R.

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CANCELLATION

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Bredbury cancelled.—C. K. Lewis. 8429

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the 'Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, June 24th, 6 p.m. Forthcoming practices: June 27th, St. Paul's Cathedral, 6.30 p.m.; July 4th, St. Giles', Cripplegate, 6.30; July 11th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, 6.30; July 18th, Southwark Cathedral, 6.45 p.m.—John Chilcott. 8442

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL.—June 24th the bells will be rededicated at 3.30 p.m., followed by an interval for tea. Service in the Cathedral at 5.15 p.m. and bells available during evening. 8319

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting on Saturday, June 24th, at Belper. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements, cafes nearby.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 8389

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Thrybergh, Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Brunt, 'The Channings,' Doncaster Road, Thrybergh.—R. Stephenson, Hon. Sec. 8437

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Olveston (8), June 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol 5. 8436

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—The next meeting will be at Colerne (8) on June 24th. Bells from 3-4 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Bells after tea. Teas available. 8447

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice, Bagshot (8), Saturday, June 24th, 6-9 p.m. 8393

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Willesborough, Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. J. Carlton, 10, Hunter Road, Willesborough, Ashford.—C. T. H. 8396

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting, Saxlingham, Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) 6 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 8381

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Dallington (afternoon) and Brightling (evening) on June 24th. Tea 5 p.m. Names please to F. Beene (Sec.), Hillbrae, Carters Corner, Hailsham. 8401

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Evening meeting at Fulmer on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) ringing 6 to 8.30 p.m.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompsits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 8378

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.

—Meeting at Shelley, July 1st (Gala Day). Cups of tea provided. Please make own food arrangements. Look Surprise Minor methods up, please. All welcome.—D. Smith. 8427

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Staple-grove, Saturday, July 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea please.—A. H. Reed, 'Mimosa,' George Street, Taunton. 8404

CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Carlton-in-Cleveland on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Wishart, 8, Fairfield Avenue, Ormesby, Middlesbrough. 8434

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bi-annual rally, at Chilvers Coton, on Saturday, July 1st. Ringing arrangements: Chilvers Coton 1.30 to 3 and 6.30 to 8 p.m. Nuneaton 2.30 to 4 and 6.30 to 8. Bedworth, Bulkington and Atherstone 2 to 4. Service at Chilvers Coton 4.30. Tea in the Church Hill 5.15. Social at Bulls Head Hotel, Nuneaton, 8 to 10 p.m. Numbers for tea to J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 8432

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly general meeting, Bakewell (8), Saturday, July 1st. Committee 4 p.m. Business meeting 5.45 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Bells 3-5 p.m. and after meeting. 8417

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, South Weald, July 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please to Mr. F. Goddard, 24, Osborne Road, Brentwood. 8433

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Ockley and Capel, Saturday, July 1st. It is hoped to have Ockley bells 3-4.30 p.m. Tea, Memorial Hall, Capel, 5 sharp, followed by service and ringing at Capel. Numbers for tea by June 29th essential, to Mrs. Penfold, 6, Greenside Cottages, Capel, Dorking. 8398

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kentisbeare, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea to secretary, by Wednesday previous. 8423

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Barley, July 1st. Names to R. Howard, Flint Cottages, Barley, by June 28th. No names no tea. Barkway after tea. 8397

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Westerham on July 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by previous Wednesday, to Mr. W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 8403

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Bedford, Saturday, July 1st. Committee meeting 1.30 p.m., St. Peter's Hall, Committee Room. Service 4.30, St. Peter's Church. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 28th, to Miss K. Rivett, 117, Stagsden Road, Bromham, Bedford. Bells available: Kempston (8) 10.30-11.30 a.m., Bromham (8) 11 a.m.-12 noon, Biddenham (6) 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m., Goldington (6) 2.30-3.15, Bedford (St. Peter's) (8) 2.30-4.30, Bedford (St. Paul's) (10) 7-8.30, Elstow (6) 7.45-9 p.m. 8369

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Gisburn on July 1st. Bells (6, 9 cwt.) 2-7.30 p.m. Cups of tea 4 p.m., meeting to follow.—John Pilkington, Sec. 8428

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly meeting at Kirkby Lonsdale on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Proctor, 7, Greenside, Kirkby Lonsdale, Westmorland.—P. Handley, Sec. 8454

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Aughton, Saturday, July 1st. Names for tea please to Mr. J. Lemham, 30, Liverpool Road, Aughton. 8441

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, July 1st, Audley. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 28th, to J. G. Burton, 71, Bagnall Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent. No name no tea.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 8394

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford, on Saturday, July 1st, 9.45 a.m. Holy Communion in St. Aldate's; 11 a.m. Thanksgiving service at Christ Church; 12 noon, business meeting in the Chapter House; 1 p.m. lunch in the dining hall of Christ Church. Application for tickets for lunch (6s. 6d.) must be made to Mr. A. D. Barker, 'Cambridge,' Church Lane, Wexham, Slough, Bucks, by Tuesday, June 27th. All applications must be accompanied by remittance. Towers available for ringing as on agenda for business meeting.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8316

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—Meeting, Brington, Saturday, July 1st. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 8446

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Meeting at Ashley (5), Saturday, July 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Weston-by-Welland (5) available after tea. Names to Hon. Sec. by Tuesday previous. All welcome.—M. Coleman. 8415

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Tanworth-in-Arden, July 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify by June 28th.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPRingfield 1025. 8388

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting to be held at Wyke Regis on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Abbott, 36, Williams Avenue, Wyke Regis, Weymouth, Dorset.—R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec. 8385

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hampres-ton, July 1st. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those notifying I. Davis, 'Restormel,' 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone, Poole, by June 28th. 8443

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Saturday, July 1st, meeting at Sutton-on-Trent. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea (5 p.m.) by previous Wednesday please, to Miss Rose, 2, Old North Road, Carlton-on-Trent, Newark.—B. N. Reed. 8387

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Barton-in-Fabis, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Ringing for the Crawford Cup contest after tea. Names for tea by June 28th, to S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington, Notts. 8409

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West Central District.—Meeting, Badwell Ash (5), July 1st. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Great Ashfield (5) in evening. Names for tea must be in by June 28th, to H. Mitson, Buxhall, Stowmarket. 8395

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Coleman's Hatch (8), Saturday, July 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., to those who notify Mrs. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, by Tuesday, June 27th. Telephone number 438. 8451

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Newport, Isle of Wight, Saturday, July 1st. General meeting in Church Hall 2.30 p.m. Service in St. Thomas' Church, 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall, 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea must reach me by Saturday, June 24th. Accommodation for tea is limited so notification is essential. Bells available: Ryde 10-11 a.m., Arreton (6) 10.30-11.30 a.m., Brading (8) 11 a.m.-12 noon, Godshill (6) and Freshwater (6) 11 a.m.-12.30 p.m., Newport (8) 12.30-2 and 6.30-7.30, Carisbrook (8) 6.30-8 p.m.—R. Roger Savory, 32, Thornbury Avenue, Southampton. 8355

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Annual general meeting, July 1st. Change in ringing arrangements at Ryde: Bells now available 10 to 11 a.m., not 10.30 to 11.30 a.m.—R. Roger Savory, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8425

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting at Crowle, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Practice method: Stedman Triples. Upton Snodsbury (6) also available after the meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 27th, to F. Hyde, 6, Winchester Avenue, St. John's, Worcester. 8400

GNOSALL, STAFFORD, RINGERS' DAY.—Sunday, July 2nd. Times of ringing: 7.30-8 a.m., 10.15-10.55 a.m., 5.30-6.30 p.m. All welcome.—B. G. Key. 8383

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Practice meeting, Sculthorpe, Wednesday, July 5th. Bells (6) available 6 p.m. Please make every effort to attend.—C. Tovell, Hon. Sec. 8455

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Foxearth (8), on Saturday, July 8th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please to Mrs. M. E. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking, Braintree. 8430

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Charlton Kings (8), July 8th, 3 p.m. Practice method: Stedman Triples. Names for tea by July 4th.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 8438

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Apsley (6), July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead. Definitely no name no tea. 8444

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting, Hinckley District, Saturday, July 8th. Bells available: Broughton Asley (6) 1.30-2.30 p.m., Leire (6) 2-3. Claybrooke (8) 2.30-3.30, Sharnford (6) 3-4, Sapcote (6) 3.30-4.10 and 6.30-8. Stoney Stanton (8) 6.30-8. Choral Evensong, Sapcote, 4.15. Tea, (followed by meeting), Sapcote Village Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. M. E. Brown, Harecroft Farm, Sapcote, Leicester, by July 5th. General Committee meeting in St. John's Vestry, June 28th, at 7.45 p.m.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8426

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting, Brantson (6), July 8th. Service 4.45 p.m. Methods: Norwich Surprise, Double Oxford. Names for tea by the Wednesday previous, to S. A. Chambers, 64, Goldsmith Wakk, Lincoln. 8452

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Barton (8), July 8th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by July 5th, to Mr. A. W. Hoodless, 11, Holydyke, Barton-on-Humber. 8431

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Reepham on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Salle (6) in the evening. Service 4.15. Tea, with light refreshments, 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. H. Vardigans, Hill House, Reepham, by Thursday, 6th. please.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 8406

SHERWOOD YOUTHS' SOCIETY.—Joint meeting with SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Mansfield District). at Warsop, on July 8th. Names for tea (Sherwood Youths members) to Mrs. R. Lucas, Kirkley, Manor Road, Old Church, Warsop. 8435

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Joint meeting, July 8th, with Nottingham and North Notts Districts of Southwell Guild. Chesterfield District of Derbys Association. Sheffield and District Society. East Derbyshire and Notts Association, and Society of Sherwood Youths. Towers open: Creswell 2-4, Edwinstowe 2.45-4, Warsop 2-4.30 and 6.30-9, Mansfield and Mansfield Woodhouse 7-9. Service at Warsop 4.30, followed by tea at 5 p.m. Most important. names for tea to Mrs. R. Lucas, Kirkley, Manor Road, Old Church, Warsop, Mansfield, not later than Wednesday, July 5th. No guesswork possible as to numbers likely to come. 8380

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Rammore Common, July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. (2s. 9d.) for the first 30 to book. Business meeting to follow. Bells after. Names for tea to me at 19, Eastdean Avenue, Epsom, by Thursday previous.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 8424

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Birchington (Quex Park), Saturday, July 15th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. No service. Tea 5 p.m. at 2s. 3d. per head. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. J. A. Russell, 19, Rutlands Gardens, Birchington, together with cash please, by July 12th.—T. C. P. 8416

HULL, YORKS.—At Holy Trinity Church on Saturday, July 22nd, at 4 p.m., in the ringing chamber, a bell naming ceremony, conducted by the Vicar. Open invitation to all. Details later. 8458

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On June 5th, 1.40 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor: J. Bagshaw 1, Mrs. M. Finlow 2, F. Forster 3, H. Kirk (cond) 4, R. Dawson 5, J. Kennett 6. A golden wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Bonsall.

OBITUARY

MR. F. W. BURNETT

The death of Mr. Frederick W. Burnett is announced with deep regret. For many years tower captain at Portsmouth Cathedral, he had until about a year ago maintained his interest in all local ringing. Then, taken ill with chest trouble, he entered hospital for an operation, from which he partly recovered, so that he was able to take his place in the tower again; although he had resigned from the office of leader. A relapse ensued and he recently entered hospital again, where he died on June 16th. Ringing to his memory is being arranged.

MR. A. E. GREENHALL

The death occurred on June 6th of Mr. Albert Edward Greenhall, who was a regular ringer for 38 years at Halesowen Parish Church until 3 years ago, when his ringing was curtailed by illness. He was a member of the Worcestershire Association and Dudley Society.

The funeral took place at Halesowen Parish Church on June 10th, when tower bells were rung half-muffled, and handbells at the graveside, as a last tribute from his fellow ringers. The Worcestershire and Dudley organisations were represented.

MISS MARGARET SMITH

As the result of a tragic accident, Abingdon bellringers have lost a friendly and keen member in Margaret Smith. She was a girl of many and varied interests—a member of the Church Youth Club, a Sea Ranger, member of the church choir, interested in music, she could play the piano and viola and took music as one of her advanced level subjects. During her last year at school she was captain of her house, and played in the hockey eleven and tennis six. In the six months before her untimely death she worked at the Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Harwell. A keen bellringer, she was just beginning to cope with the more difficult changes. Her kindness and friendliness were well known to us all. We shall miss her very much.

M. S.

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DUDLEY, WORCS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. L. Bill (13) 1, J. A. Tandy (14) 2, J. E. Lawley (14) 3, M. J. Fellows (13, cond.) 4, M. D. Fellows (16) 5. Rung on the back five. First quarter by Stourbridge Grammar School Society of Change Ringers.

GREAT NESS, SHROPS.—On June 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Pugh (first quarter) 1, H. Poyner (cond.) 2, Bessie Carter 3, Mary C. Poyner 4, F. H. Bennett 5, J. Cook (first quarter) 6. For Confirmation service.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On June 4th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford T.B. and Single Oxford): S. Meridith 1, D. Bradley 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley 6. Conducted by D. and F. Bradley. Also on June 8th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford T.B. and Single Oxford): S. Meridith 1, R. Mills 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, D. Bradley 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. For the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Kent.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, Pauline A. Miller (first quarter) 1, H. W. Brown 2, S. W. Brown (cond.) 3, J. R. Norris 4, M. C. Wooldridge 5, W. Oxenham 6. Rung on the Patronal Festival, for the ordination to the priesthood of Rev. M. J. Keeling (curate), and to mark the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rector (Rev. T. R. Franklin).

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: M. Sprackling 1, Mrs. W. Oatway 2, Miss M. Gibbs 3, Miss O. M. Baulden (first on 10) 4, J. Tomsett 5, Miss M. Lewis 6, W. Oatway 7, M. Gathercole 8, A. Fulwell 9, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 10. For Matins.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On May 20th, 1,560 Doubles (being 13 extents—Old Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, Winchendon Place, Kennington, Southrepps Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Clifford's Pleasure): E. King 1, A. King 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, M. King 4, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 5, A. Beaumont 6. Rung in honour of the engagement of Mr. John Collins to Miss Audrey Beaumont.

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