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COMPOTE DES CLOCHES

Ingredients.

- 6 bells, tenor 8½ cwt. in G sharp.
- 36 ringers, Devon, top grade.
- 4 judges, ditto.
- 1 large Tea.
- Several Local Ladies.

Method.

(a) Place the Ringers in a Churchyard on a fine May afternoon. Surround the Churchyard with beech trees just coming into leaf, and garnish with daffodils, primroses, violets and celandines. Place the judges in the Vicarage sitting room, garnished with notebooks and pencils. Place the Tea in the Church Room and leave the Local Ladies to it.

Now place the Ringers in the tower in groups of six, and set to rise, ring 66 changes and lower. Now return them to the Churchyard to cool and mix well.

(b) When all have rung, transfer ringers and judges to Church Room.

(c) When all the Tea has been absorbed, repeat (a) with ringers in a different order.

(d) Now put all ringers and judges in the Church for a service, and ask judges to make comments to taste. Express thanks to Local Ladies, and go home rejoicing.

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This was the main dish on the menu at Clawton on May 4th, when North Devon met South Devon for the first competition ever held between regions. The bands were West Down, Down St. Mary, Swymbridge, Plymstock, Kenn and West Alvington, and the judges were Messrs. T. Darch, F. Vanstone, G. Daw and A. Tapper.

It was fitting that the team drawn to begin should have been Plymstock, for it was Mr. Jack Hines of that tower who had the idea of holding this competition. They set a very fair standard with 37½ faults, but Down St. Mary, following with 30½, set a somewhat higher one for the North. This pattern was adhered to pretty closely: West Alvington had 37½, Kenn 42½. For the North, West Down had 29 and Swymbridge 38½. When we reached half time and adjourned for tea, there was a margin of 20½ faults between the two regions—nothing that one bad peal could not upset.

Clawton bells sound, inside the tower, as if they are running a little quicker than in fact they are, and most of the ringing in the first round had been on the stiff side, about 33 rounds a minute. Kenn, the first to ring after tea, didn't do so well as they had before, earning 44½ faults; they were varying the pitch rather, and never seemed to get it quite right. But Swymbridge, who had been the heaviest-marked of the Northern contingent earlier, went in next, and after an excellent rise got the bells exactly where they like to be—just over 35 a minute—and they kept them there for the best ringing of the day, brisk, even and 'suant,' so that after a very pretty lower nobody could have wished them a fraction more than the 21½ faults the judges gave them. This had plainly lengthened the North's lead, and the process was continued; each of the Southern bands got a few more marks after tea than before, and each of the Northern bands did substantially better. By the time Down St. Mary had finished the last peal of the day, the North had only 71½ faults between them in their second half and the South had accumulated 135½. The margin of the North's win was a substantial one—169½ against 253½.

There is as yet no permanent trophy for this competition, but small mementos were provided for the three teams of the winning region, and these were presented after the service in church.

It was Mr. Hines' belief, when he started to plan this contest, that it would not only give a most attractive day's ringing but would also help to foster comradeship and good relations between call-change ringers. If the Clawton example is anything to go by, he has been triumphantly vindicated. The general spirit of the day was a delightful one; the firmly-established rivalries between individual towers were, for the day at least, entirely set aside. If Jack Hines goes down in the history of Devon call-change ringing for only one thing, it should be because, thanks to him, a Down St. Mary man was heard, loudly and distinctly, to say: 'Come on, West Down!'. J. G. M. S.

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LORD MAYOR BREAKS WITH RINGING TRADITION

The Lord Mayor of Leeds, Ald. E. J. Loy Wooler, asked that the bells of Leeds Parish Church should not be rung when he took office recently.

This break with a 200-year tradition (except during war years) is felt by Mr. R. H. Dove, the Ringing Master.

'It would be just as logical to do away with all the pomp and pageantry in the Civic Hall Council Chamber on Lord Mayor's Day,' he told 'The Yorkshire Evening Post.'

A letter written by the Lord Mayor's secretary, Mr. William Pilts, to Mr. Dove states:

'The Lord Mayor-elect has found that there is no general appreciation, nor indeed knowledge, of the custom, particularly as the sound of the bells is confined to a very limited area in a city of the size of Leeds.'

When interviewed, Ald. Wooler said: 'One has to move with the times. In my view bell ringing on this occasion is quite out of date.'

The new Lord Mayor has also the support of Canon W. Fenton Morley, Vicar of Leeds, who is reported to have said that he and the wardens of the church have approved Ald. Wooler's suggestion that the bell ringing practice should be discontinued.

In an Editorial 'The Yorkshire Evening Post' asks: 'Why?' and takes the Lord Mayor to task. 'One has to move with the times,' he says. 'On this occasion bell ringing is quite out of date.' It still is not easy to see just why Alderman Wooler mentions: 'completely changed conditions since the custom was instituted.'

The Editorial goes on: 'But surely nothing has changed about church bells and their impact on our social life? Ald. Wooler seems to think the size of the city now prevents the Parish Church bells being heard, except in a limited area. So "there is no general appreciation of the custom."

'We would ask whether a merry peal can ever come amiss in our too materialistic and often drab era. We think, with Housman's young lovers, that bells are "a happy noise to hear." Wedding bells are part of our way of life and the continuation thereof. Even a passing bell has its own eloquence. Is not Ald. Wooler's bit of change ringing passing strange?'

BARMOUTH BELLS

After many years of Sabbath stillness, the bells of Barmouth were rung again on Easter Sunday to the excited expectation of the church-people of St. John's. At the end of six months' silent training the bells were unlashd, and at precisely 10.30 a.m. the band heard the pealing for the first time.

Commendable rounds were rung by A. Westley-Jones (treble), the Viscountess Chetwynd 2, Christine Evans 3, Rev. Trefor Evans 4, Richard Williams 5, John Hayler 6, David Thomas 7 and W. Harris tenor. Judith Le-clare and Christopher Speaké later took part. Visiting ringers are welcome at 10.15 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sundays and at 7 p.m. at the Monday practice.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Lewisham District quarterly meeting at St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, on April 27th, was attended by about 50 members and friends. The Archdeacon of Bromley (the Ven. R. G. H. McCahearty) conducted the service, and ringing was under the leadership of Mr. J. D. Faircloth, the District Ringing Master.

Tea in the Village Hall was followed by a short business meeting, at which four new practising members were elected. Further ringing concluded another pleasant meeting.

M. R. A.

CLERICAL RINGING TOUR IN THE WEST MIDLANDS

THE Clerical Ringing Week, held at the customary time during the week after Low Sunday, had for its centre this year Church Stretton. The three pre-requisites for a ringing tour are good company, good bells and good country. Shropshire and Herefordshire provided the last two of these in first rate manner and the Clerical Tour was, if anything, happier even than it usually is. Although Easter was late and therefore the tour later in April than usual we missed the apple blossom in this belated season, but enjoyed some splendid displays of daffodils and narcissi. The weather was better than might be expected in England—particularly as we were very near to Wales! We had three fine days, one very bad one, one medium. It was a pity that the really bad day came when we went westwards into the hills of Herefordshire and Radnorshire. Had the weather been fine the scenery would have been splendid.

THE RINGING

When most of the party assembled at the first tower, Aymestry, on D-Day, the standard of ringing promised well. In the second tower, Leintwardine, there was a very well struck course of Bob Major, which included several of the less talented members of the company (hereinafter called the second team). At Bromfield, the third tower, the secretary's course of Cambridge Minor, which is by now a tradition of these weeks, was successfully accomplished before dinner and in the absence of some of the experts (hereinafter called the first team). This constituted an all time record for clerical tours. After dinner at Church Stretton the first course of Yorkshire was rung. So we looked forward with high hopes to even further achievements later in the week.

D+1 saw the full strength of the ringers in action. At Much Wenlock the first team sailed through a course of Bristol, while the second team had a taste of what was to become their major diet for the rest of the tour, Grandsire Triples. At Bridgnorth, the secretary was carefully piloted through Cambridge Major, while at Broseley a musical touch of Double Norwich was rung. During this day London and Superlative were added to the repertoire of Surprise Major methods and the more ambitious began to think in terms of Spliced Surprise. Then the rot set in. At Coalbrookdale, the first team had just begun to test the excellent tea when the rope of the fourth broke, enmeshing our imperturbable secretary, who was ringing it at the time, in its coils. All that was left to do was to ring Stedman Doubles on the bottom six—which really sounded rather good.

The next tower, Madeley, brought further disaster. One of the clerical wives blotted her copy book by breaking the stay on the treble. Two local ringers seemed not in the least surprised by this; in fact they had a replacement already to put in! But time pressed and so the first team took over, with Canon Felstead on the treble. The band was horrified to see him march across the tower with the rope still in his hand, apparently oblivious of the broken back stay. It can only be the weight of Canon Felstead's learning which enabled him to avoid following the example of Elijah and being taken up into heaven at high speed! So this day ended with a ring at Hope Bowdler after dinner, where the first team showed for all their expertise they could ring call changes for the benefit of the local ringers.

D+2 took us southwards and then westwards. We were not allowed to test the bells at Ludlow, but at Leominster we were right royally welcomed by the Vicar and his curate, suitably attired to meet the Clerical Guild in cassock and cloak. The splendour of their welcome was matched by that of the church, which must surely be one of the most impressive in this area. Cambridge Royal and a touch of Stedman Caters were successfully rung and then some of the second team had a go at Grandsire Caters. We headed towards Wales, where Presteigne brought back memories of the late Preb. Benson, and the first team rang more Yorkshire. At Knighton,

Ashted was attempted, but failed and some moderate ringing at Clun brought D+2 to a close.

On D+3 the first team, in the absence of a practised peal conductor, were to attempt a quarter of Yorkshire at Condover. Despite the fact that the energetic incumbent already had the bells up it failed towards the end. Meanwhile, the second time had made their way to Cound, where one of the natives was more than surprised that they wanted 'to play the bells.' She thought that being parsons they had come for a service, despite the unusual hour! The remainder of the day was spent in the Shrewsbury district and by now it was clear that the early promise of a higher standard of ringing this year would only be partially realised. Those not in regular practice were becoming tired and the ringing is best described—appropriately—as like the curate's egg, good in parts. At St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, Bob Royal was competently rung, but Stedman Cinques on the Taylor twelve at St. Chad's just did not go.

PERSONALITIES

The ringing power of the party was strengthened this year by the presence of our most accomplished clerical ringing wife, Mrs. P. Robbins (née Spice). Alban Wood, on his third tour, although still under three, successfully tried a ting tang bell, so recording his first blow. The latest recruit to the Guild, Peter Bond, made his presence felt not only by his immense height and ringing ability but also by the zeal with which he recorded our ringing at each delivery tower. Among older members of the Guild the death of one of our vice-presidents, Canon R. F. Wilkinson, was an inevitable shadow.

At the annual meeting, tribute was paid to his memory. Congratulations were expressed to K. W. H. Felstead, A. G. G. Thurlow and F. A. Osell, on their being made Honorary Canons. Canon C. C. Cox was re-elected president, despite his customary annual protest, while Canon B. F. Sheppard and the Rev. St. J. Smith were elected vice-presidents. The name of Preb. Andrews was proposed as secretary and seconded by the whole meeting, a fitting tribute to the esteem in which he is held. Canon Felstead and the Rev. O. I. J. Richards were elected to the committee. All being well, the next tour will be held with Exeter as its centre.

THE END

So passed yet another Clerical Ringing Week, a very pleasant break for the parsons who had worked hard at Easter and their wives, ringing or non-ringing, who joined the tour. Apart from the fine churches which we visited, many of them with fortress-like towers dating back to times when this area was subject to raids from the neighbouring Welsh, we remember the interesting area of the Severn Gorge at Iron Bridge and Coalbrookdale, where even the memorials in church and the redos are made of cast iron. We remember, too, the first evening, when our august president was taken by our dignified secretary in his car past a no entry sign and down a one-way street, the wrong way! Mercifully on this occasion the police were conspicuous by their absence.

F. A. S.

UNIVERSITY OF READING SOCIETY

At the A.G.M. of the Reading University Society on May 6th, the following were elected to the committee for 1963-1964:

Master, Jane Foster, St. Andrew's Hall, Redlands Road; secretary, John H. Croxton, St. Patrick's Hall, Northcourt Avenue; treasurer, Margaret Montgomery, St. Andrew's Hall; lay members, Jane Black and Ruth Howes.

The retiring Master, Mr. P. M. Wilkinson, reported that the highlights of the year had been the summer tour of Scotland and the dinner in November. A successful joint meeting had also been held with Bristol in February. Arrangements for this year's tour were well under way; and it was decided to try to hold the dinner on November 16th.

PUTNEY'S WEEK-END

ON Friday, April 26th, two cars and a mini-bus set out from Putney, conveying 21 Putney ringers and friends on their annual outing. By late evening all had arrived at the guest house in Stroud which was to be the base for the week-end.

Setting out on the Saturday morning, we crossed the Severn at Gloucester and thence to St. Mary's, Chepstow. The fine ring of ten went very well, and it was noted how well the two trebles fitted in with the original eight. The next call was at All Saints', Newport, whose slender tower contained a pleasant-sounding eight. The traffic in Newport delayed us slightly and resulted in a rather hurried visit to St. Augustine's, Rumney (6).

It was after lunch at Cardiff that we encountered some trouble when one of the cars refused to start. A band was commandeered to push the car, which eventually got going; we were, however, considerably late at the Cathedral at Llandaff. This was a great pity, as not only were the magnificent ten not done justice to but there was not time to inspect the interior of the Cathedral, which houses the controversial Epstein figure.

A very warm welcome was received at Usk.

The bells were most enjoyable, and the local ringers were in the process of making a wonderful restoration to the ringing chamber. We left Usk and wended our way to Monmouth, where tea was obtained before ringing at the Parish Church (8).

DEAN FORESTERS' CHURCH

The final part of Saturday's route lay through the beautiful country of the Forest of Dean to the picturesque church of Littledean. Here a very nice six were housed in the church, which was used by the Dean Foresters in years gone by. Leaving the pleasant surroundings regretfully, we returned to Stroud.

A bright Sunday morning and a quick run along the valley of the Frome led us to Cirencester, where a short ring was grabbed at Holy Trinity, Watermoor, before morning service. Proceeding on to the Parish Church of St. John, the only 12-bell tower of the week-end, we enjoyed the bells, although not attempting any 12-bell ringing. At Swindon the fine ten of Christ Church were very much appreciated, and put us in good humour for dinner. A short distance outside Swindon is St. Andrew's, Wanborough; here a well-hung six was rung with enthusiasm.

Aldbourne Church, set on the corner of a typically-English village green, has a mellow octave. Proceeding eastward, we came to Reading, where ringers refuelled with tea before ringing the very fine bells of St. Mary's, perhaps the best eight of all. A good hour's ringing was had here before bidding our farewells and making the last trek back to Putney.

Methods rung during the week-end ranged from Plain Bob to Bristol Surprise and rounds to Stedman Caters. The week-end was most enjoyable, and we should like to thank all incumbents and ringers who made the visits possible.

C. M. h

'FORTY YEARS ON'

In 1922 several Wallingford Grammar School boys met frequently in the attic of a painter's shop, owned by the Nash family. Many 'fire-ups,' followed by lengthy arguments, soon gave way to success, when many 720's were rung. Tower bells were then tackled with very limited results, as members of the band left to commence their careers.

Recent ringing activities by present pupils of the school urged the writer to contact the band and the result was two peals at Warborough on May 4th. We were not so fortunate in our early days as the present boys, who combine forces with a girls' school to ring peals!

F. H. B.

CATHEDRAL RINGER A QUEEN'S GUIDE



Miss Jennifer Smith, of the 15th Exeter (Bishop Blackall School) Company, has gained the Queen's Guide award.

Jennifer started ringing 2½ years ago with the Heavitree ringers, and is a very regular Sunday service ringer. She is now a member of the Exeter Cathedral band, being elected at the last annual meeting. She has the distinction of being the youngest ringer to be elected to the Cathedral band.

At the 6 a.m. service last Easter Day, Jennifer rang her first touch of Grandsire Cinques; she has now mastered Plain Bob. 'I am sure she is going to make a very useful ringer,' writes Mr. H. Skinner.

[Photo: Western Times Co. Ltd.]

THE LADIES' GUILD North-Eastern District

The tenth annual meeting of the North-Eastern District was held at the Church of St. Michael, Heighington, on April 27th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and after a shortened Evensong an excellent tea, prepared by the ladies of the parish, was enjoyed by all.

At the business meeting Miss D. M. Killingley was re-elected vice-president, and Miss I. Thomson honorary secretary. Mrs. C. N. Lea and Miss S. Scott were elected as members of the General Committee, and Mrs. T. Cooke, Miss G. Douglas, Miss E. Murcott and Mrs. E. Riley were elected as members of the District Committee.

The vice-president welcomed Mrs. Riley, who had come from the Lincoln District and is now living in the Stockton area.

Next meeting (if possible): St. Peter's, Jarrow, June 8th.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

At the annual general meeting of the Society held on May 3rd, the following officers were elected for the session 1963/64:—

Master, C. K. Cooper; secretary, R. J. Shea; treasurer, J. H. Fielden; committee member, Miss P. A. Freeman.

A 720 SURPRISE TOUR OF SURREY

An enjoyable day's tour of Surrey for ringers from Newbury, Liss and Kingston-upon-Thames was held recently, the object being to visit eight towers and ring 720's in seven different Surprise Minor methods.

A late start at Farnborough meant cancelling the first attempt, and at Ash Ipswich failed after 480 changes. Success came with Cambridge at Pirbright. After lunch in Dorking, Beverley was unsuccessful on the light six at Buckland.

The heavy six at Kingswood produced a well-struck extent of York, and at Charlwood, Ipswich was rung without trouble. The long draught at Newdigate proved tricky, but it was a late call that put paid to London here. Finally, came Merrow and while the tenor to Beverley nearly creased David Hughes the 720 was successful.

Sincere thanks are accorded to the organiser, Miss Cherry White. With four out of seven 'in the bag' the band feel well satisfied.

G. D.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Cary Branch

The spring meeting of the Cary Branch at Barton St. David on May 11th provided the first opportunity for many of the members to ring on the bells since the new treble was dedicated, last August.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. P. S. Thomas, assisted by the Branch Chairman (Rev. G. S. Robinson), and a collection taken for the local Tower Fund. The Vicar, in his address, said the tower of the church was the only completely octagonal one in Somerset.

At the business meeting, which followed tea, six new members from Barton St. David, two from Ditchat and one associate member from Horsington were elected.

The possibility of a Branch outing in August in the Weston-super-Mare district was discussed, the next meeting in July fixed for West Camel, with a Branch practice in June at Batcombe.

Votes of thanks were accorded to Rev. P. S. Thomas, Mr. W. Prescott (the local captain) and the ladies who prepared and served tea, especially one lady who had made and given all the cakes.

Ringings included Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Cambridge Minor, Beverley Surprise and Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

A record number of over 60 members and friends attended the annual meeting of the East Devon Branch at Seaton on May 11th. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. J. N. George, and the tea and meeting were held in a cafe near the sea front.

The chairman (Mr. Sage) presided. The secretary (Mr. Webb) gave his reports, which were received with satisfaction.

Certificates were presented by the Rev. J. F. Prowse, to Mr. James Arbury (aged 72), Gordon Crabb, David Thorne, David Head, Peter Smith, Robert Gardner. There was discussion as to the date of the next annual meeting. It was decided to have a fixed date in future—the second Saturday in May.

The next quarterly meeting is to be held at Luppitt on September 22nd. All officers were re-elected, except that Mr. Turner proposed Mr. Arbury should take his place as vice-chairman.

Methods rung included Stedman Triples, Kent Major, Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Doubles.

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Letters to the Editor

Dedicated Ringing

Dear Sir,—Thank you for your front page article on 'Belfry Praise' (May 10th, 1963). Mr. Edgar Shepherd's clear exposition of the aims and status of ringers must have been welcomed by the people for whom it was written and by the Exercise as a whole.

At the A.G.M. of the Salisbury Guild, on the day following publication, the Master quoted from the last paragraph: 'Ringers are now widely recognised as office bearers in the Church, and their work is more clearly seen as an offering of praise to God. Their hobby . . . is dedicated to the worship of the Creator. . . . He enjoined all ringers to live up to this status.'

I am sure that to the great majority of ringers, who unseen and unpublished ring the bells for Sunday service all over the country, this feeling of service to God and the Church is very real. But why do our more skilled brethren, the peal ringers, fail so often to use their great opportunity to spread this ideal of service and the status of church bellringers? Look at the peal records in our journal week by week and see for whom and what we offer the best that we can give—birthdays, anniversaries, outlandish names and any and every excuse under the sun, but very, very few to the glory of God and the great festivals of the Church.

It is right and proper that very important occasions should be marked by peals; indeed the peal boards in towers up and down the country record both national and local history over many years; but surely, if we are indeed 'office bearers' in the Church, ringing to the glory of God, our best efforts should be dedicated first to this end. There is no lack of opportunity: Christmas, Easter, Ascension, All Saints, to name just a few, should be given priority over all other peal dedications.

In the Branch of the Salisbury Guild to which I belong, 12 peals have been rung this year, and in only one has such a dedication been given. This was rung in a small village by a band of young people whose average age was 16; the footnote simply says: 'Rung for Easter.' Judging by the peal records over a period, this situation is typical of the whole country. Good luck to these youngsters, and may their example lead their elders to ring their peals more in the spirit of 'Belfry Praise'.—Yours sincerely,

A. J. KNIGHT.

North Bradley.

NOTE.—The phrase 'Glory to God' does not appear frequently in our columns partly because it is an assumption that all ringing for the great festivals and other occasions connected with the Church is for this purpose (including first peals on the bells). From the Editor's experience of his own Guild, the peal ringers are the most conscientious of Sunday service ringers.—Ed.

Renamed

Dear Sir,—In order to conform with the decision of the Methods Committee regarding the various published 'extensions' of Durham Surprise Minor to Major, Royal and Maximus, the band which rang a peal in the method hitherto known as Durham Surprise Major at Claybrooke on May 11th are renaming it Dunelm Surprise Major.

We trust that this name is acceptable to those who took part in the original peals in this method and its extensions.—Yours faithfully,

PETER BORDER.

Coventry.

New Standard Book on Ringing

Dear Sir,—As you well know, I have agreed to the request of a well-known publishing firm, arising out of demands by libraries for Troyte's 'Change Ringing,' which has been out of print for many years, to write a standard text book on the Art and Science of Change Ringing. I hope to deal with the subject from the beginner stage, include chapters on the standard methods, with touches and peals, and introduce the reader to such matters as conducting, composing, false course ends, etc., so that it may help readers to reach the stage when they can specialise on particular aspects of our art.

I feel that the chance of giving the Exercise a comprehensive book of this nature, which can be borrowed from the local library, if indeed it cannot find a place on our bookshelves, is one that should not be missed. But one cannot write a book of this nature without depending on the work and knowledge of others, and I shall be grateful if within the next month or so members of the Exercise who would agree with the above and wish to help will send me the figures of their favourite touches, quarter peals and peals in the normal methods in a ringer's repertoire, with the name of the composer (if any) and any other details they wish, especially when there is any special quality worthy of mention.

I cannot of course promise to include them in the book, and if they do appear I cannot necessarily mention the name of the sender: there may of course be duplicates, and many of the figures will obviously be old favourites. But I will do my best to acknowledge individually everything sent to me, and the sender will have the satisfaction of having tried to share in the production of a book which I hope will be useful, even if not a 'best seller.'

Please don't decide that someone else will send your touches in—they may not.—Yours, etc.,

WILFRID G. WILSON.

42, Willow Grove,
Ruislip, Middx.

To the Locks

Dear Sir,—I would like to add my congratulations to the many which will have been received by the two Locks on the occasion of their being 'Locked' in happiness for 25 years, as per your report on page 309. May they smoke the 'Pipe' (not Cecil) of peace for many years to come.

I was tickled 'Pink' (sorry, Alan R.) to also see that, according to page 314, quite a few 'Keys' have taken part in a peal.

What a 'Golden' (pardon me, Nolan) opportunity for a Lock and Key peal.—Yours faithfully,

F. HODGSON.

Darlington.

Avoid King's Lynn

Dear Sir,—I would like to warn all Council members and friends who will be travelling from the North and Midlands to Yarmouth on Saturday, June 1st, of the traffic chaos around King's Lynn, with queues of five to seven miles.

This can be avoided by taking the Downham Market bypass from Wisbech to Swaffham.

Those from the Midlands will find it well signposted before entering Wisbech. Those from the North should turn off the A.17 at Long Sutton to Wisbech, and so to Downham Market and Swaffham.—Yours sincerely,

E. H. MASTIN.

Downham Market,
Norfolk.

Ashton Surprise Major

Dear Sir,—Enclosed with this letter are details of a peal of Surprise Major rung at Ashton-under-Lyne on May 1st. The method rung was produced by Walter W. Wolstencroft about 1936, and was named Ashton after the town where he was then ringing and where in fact it was first practised. The method was published under that name in Corrigan's Major Collection (Method No. 12) in 1948.

Last December a peal was rung in the method at Willesden, and the name was changed to Clerkenwell 'to avoid confusion with Ashton-under-Lyne.' Although the right of a band to name a new method when they ring a peal in it is not disputed, to rename a method which has been in a standard ringing publication under its original name for 14 years is in itself likely to cause confusion, especially when the new name has no special significance, and we have therefore rung the recent peal under the original name of Ashton Surprise Major.

A request has been made to Mr. John Mayne, who conducted the earlier peal, to reinstate the name Ashton in the Central Council records.—Yours faithfully,

DEREK OGDEN.

Manchester.

On Leave in Australia

Dear Sir,—My wife (a non-ringer at present) and I have just returned from a holiday touring Australia, ringing wherever possible, and we would like, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to express our appreciation for the wonderful hospitality shown by the ringers there.

Our first call was Perth, where we were made to feel very much at home (even at 4.30 a.m. when we arrived) by the band of young ringers from St. George's Cathedral. Although this band was only formed about a year ago, the members are very keen and are making good progress, having recently scored their first peal.

Adelaide, with its more experienced ringers, was our next stop. A good number of ringers were present at the practice night at St. Peter's Cathedral, and a variety of Minor and Triples methods were rung on this heavy octave.

Unfortunately we didn't have a chance to visit Walkerville before leaving for Sydney. We arrived as the bells of St. Mary's Basilica were being rung muffled for the Anzac Day parade and for the special service.

On the Saturday afternoon I was pleased to be able to make up the band to ring for two weddings at All Saints', Parramatta. Although it was pouring with rain we managed to get to St. James', Turramurra, on Sunday morning, where I had a ring. Later in the day I was included in quarter peals at St. Mary's Basilica and Parramatta.

With regret we had to say 'cheerio' to our newly-made friends as we made our way to Melbourne. At the practice night at St. Paul's we had the pleasure of meeting not only the local ringers but also another English visitor, as well as someone we had previously met at Adelaide.

There are too many people whom we remember with gratitude to mention them all here, but we would like to say a special 'Thank you' to Mr. and Mrs. Lees and Jenny at Perth, Tom and Margaret Goodyer at Sydney and Bob and Margaret Ferris at Parramatta for all their kindness.—Yours sincerely,

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BATH AND WELLS: 'CHANGE RINGERS' IN TITLE

THE 73rd annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association took place at Crewkerne on Easter Monday. More than 150 ringers from all parts of the diocese gathered in St. Bartholomew's Church for the service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. Ashton), assisted by the Revs. H. F. Warren (Master) and C. Marshall. The Rev. N. F. Coleridge gave the address, and the lesson was read by Dr. L. E. Wear, captain of Crewkerne ringers. Another Crewkerne ringer, Mr. K. Pinney, was organist. A retiring collection amounting to £7 18s. 4d., has been sent to King's College, Budo, Uganda, earmarked for the bells of a new chapel that is being built there.

After lunch, taken at Crewkerne Secondary Modern School, the Master opened the meeting with prayer. He asked members to stand in memory of the following who had passed away: A. Cavill, E. Elkins, L. Fudge, A. Rapson, J. Scudamore, W. Thorne, C. Trenchard, Dr. C. Vaisey and C. Withers.

Apologies for absence were received from the president the Lord Bishop and from the Rt. Rev. D. J. Wilson, also from Miss N. G. Williams, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, P. Field, L. McCreadie and D. Yeo. Visitors were welcomed from Hampshire, Middlesex and Warwickshire.

In presenting his report the Master stated that he had been able to visit only two Branches during the year, a fact that underlined the disadvantage of having a Master who lived in a far corner of the diocese. He was impressed by the high standard of striking in these Branches and noted the enthusiasm and friendliness that was evident.

EVERCREECH RECORDINGS

Mr. Warren commented on the new recordings of Evercreech bells now being used by the B.B.C. He thought that some, though not all, of the remarks that appeared in 'The Ringing World' were a little ungracious. 'Ringing of the quality to be heard in these recordings is rare and can only be achieved by hard practice.' He congratulated the band concerned, all members of this Association.

The general secretary, Mr. G. Salmon, reported another active year and told the meeting that he had been able to visit every Branch. Occasionally he did find the tower that must be regarded as 'silent' and heard of the difficulties encountered in finding recruits. The enthusiasm of the young people at such towers as Twerton, Curry Rivel, Crewkerne, Taunton St. James and Evercreech belied that fact however, and he appealed to members to give youth every chance.

Although the number of performing members had again increased and now stood at 1,731 some members had been lost. These had been in the habit of paying their subscriptions at the end of the year and the severe weather of December and January had beaten them to it. He asked members to support their Branch secretaries in every way, and particularly by getting their subscriptions in early.

FINANCES SOUND

In presenting the balance sheet, the treasurer, Mr. E. Naylor, said that income had exceeded expenditure on the general fund by £5. An outlay that would not reoccur for several years was the £28 spent on a new peal book.

Also some donations had been made from the general fund to appeals from outside the Association. Expenditure in connection with the affiliated towers scheme was £38, and, in addition, grants totalling £72 had been made to the following towers: Hemington £40, Glastonbury St. Benedict's £25, Cannington £5 and Langport £2 2s. The balance of the general fund was £221 and that of the bell fund £183.

The diocesan adviser on the care of bells stated that he had carried out twelve inspections and attended three meetings of a bell restoration committee during the year. Mr. Sanger gave a comprehensive account of his work and told the meeting that he was encouraged by the fact that much of his work of previous years was producing results. A major restoration was in hand at Glastonbury St. Benedict's, and estimates for rehanging had been invited at Wells St. Cuthbert's. Ilminster bells were now in first class order, and work had been carried out at Berrow and Stogumber. Fire damage at Batheaston had been rectified.

PEAL QUALITY IMPROVED

Mr. P. C. Wright, peal secretary, told members that 52 peals had been rung at 35 towers, with 164 ringers taking part. First peals had been scored by 15 ringers and 133 had rung something new. The leading peal ringer and conductor was Mr. Alan Lee, who had conducted 12 of his 17 peals. The quality and variety of peals had improved and six new methods had been rung for the Association.

Mr. Wright stated that peals rung prior to 1901 had never been written into the peal book. He had now been able to do this and, consequently, the peal number in the report would now be the true number of that peal for the Association. The work of writing up the old peals had proved fascinating and had been able to trace an interesting history of the Association's early days.

On the proposition of Mr. G. Massey, seconded by Mr. M. Horseman, the reports were adopted en bloc.

All the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, with the exception of Mr. W. A. Osborn, the assistant adviser on the care of bells. Mr. Osborn expressed a wish to retire and was warmly thanked for the tremendous service and devotion he had given the Association. Messrs. J. Gilbert, A. H. Reed, H. J. Sanger and the general secretary were elected as representatives on the Central Council for the ensuing three years.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

The Master announced that the committee had elected as a vice-president the Rev. A. T. Stephens, of Shepton Beauchamp. In speaking of the election of two honorary life members, Miss N. G. Williams and Mr. W. A. Osborn, he stressed the fact that this was the highest honour that the Association could confer and, as such, was only to be used with the greatest care.

On behalf of the Frome Branch, Mr. G. W. Massey proposed that the Association revert to its old title of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers. Mr. Massey reminded the meeting that the old title of Change Ringers had been discarded in 1957.

BOSTON, MASS, BELLS RING

On Sunday, April 28th, the bells at the Church of the Advent in Boston, Mass., were rung for the first time in many years. The ringers were Mr. and Mrs. David Dickenson, of Amherst, Mass., and Chris Angell, Alan Dunfee and S. Parkman Shaw, of Harvard College. The top five of the eight were rung. Unfortunately, ringing had to stop after ten minutes, due to a broken support on the fifth.

Hopefully enough ringers can be found to start regular ringing for services next September.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickenson and Alan Dunfee learned to ring in Cambridge, England, and Chris Angell and S. Parkman Shaw at Groton School, Mass.

ALAN DUNFEE.

Harvard College.

He asked the meeting to consider the objects of the Association: (1) to recognise the true position of ringers as Church workers and to encourage ringing for divine service. He said that this was the fundamental rule since the foundation of the Association in 1890, and it would remain whether we were Church Bell Ringers or Change Ringers. (2) To promote the art of change ringing. This demanded that we should be Change Ringers. Finally, the Association could not afford the expense incurred by continuing in the name of Church Bell Ringers. A large stock of membership certificates in the name of Change Ringers still existed and, at the same meeting at which the title was amended, the Association had accepted, as a gift, a die for the making of badges in the name of Change Ringers.

The proposition was seconded by Mr. R. G. Beck, and, after considerable discussion during which it was pointed out that the certificates could be easily amended and the Central Council was styled Church Bell Ringers, was carried by an overwhelming majority.

A second proposition that Branches be known by their Deanery names, as they were prior to 1957, was defeated, the argument against being based on economic and geographical grounds.

Arising from discussion that arose at the meeting of the previous year concerning a possible change of day for the annual meeting, Mr. E. Fisher proposed that the meeting be held on Easter Monday, as had been the rule to date. This was seconded by Mr. G. Jeannes, and carried.

Under any other business, Mr. S. G. Coles proposed that the secretary be given an honorarium of £15. An amendment that the honorarium be of £25 had no seconder. Mr. E. Chivers proposed that the Central Council representatives be given £20 to help defray their expenses. Both propositions were carried.

Mr. S. G. Coles, in proposing a vote of thanks, thanked the Crewkerne Branch for making the Association so welcome and mentioned the able way in which the Master had conducted the meeting. He also thanked the incumbents and correspondents of the 16 towers that were open for ringing during the day.

There being no further business the Master closed the meeting with prayer.

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RINGING FOR THEIR WEDDING



In the belfry of St. George's Church, Beckington, Somerset, after their wedding, are Mr. David Thomas Robertson, a member of the St. John's, Frome, band, and Miss Teresa Ruth Jones, a ringer at this church, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Jones, of 15, Sandy Lane, Beckington. The Rector (the Rev. W. T. H. B. Davies) officiated.

The bride wore a full-length dress of white figured brocade, with a bouffant veil held in position by two white roses. Her flowers were orange roses and freesias. She had three attendants—her sister, Hilary, in lemon brocade, Mrs. Ann Escott, of Bournemouth, and Miss Brenda Davis, who wore apricot brocade dresses and carried posies of lemon carnations.

Mr. Peter Ives, of Frome (cousin of the bridegroom) was best man, and the ushers were Messrs. Richard Ives (cousin of the bridegroom) and Gordon Jones (brother of the bride).

A reception was held at Beckington Village Hall, attended by 80 guests, and the honeymoon was spent touring Cornwall.

BROMHAM, BEDS, RINGERS' OUTING

On April 20th the Bromham ringers had a very enjoyable outing in the Gloucester area.

Leaving Bedford at 6.45 a.m. the party reached Burford in time to enjoy a cup of coffee before visiting the most interesting Parish Church, where the bells were very much enjoyed by everyone, as were those of Northleach, which came next. It was as the party were about to depart from the latter place (almost!) that the peace of the Cotswolds was shattered by a tremendous banging. Fear gripped the hearts of all, and consternation showed on their faces, whilst dogs and cats scurried for shelter, and just as everyone was becoming resigned to the breaking out of a nuclear war, it transpired that one of the younger members of the party was anxious to proceed to Gloucester, where lunch was to be taken!

The light six at Blaisdon were a pleasure to ring, and the resonant octave at Ledbury gave great satisfaction, as did the generous tea that followed!

On the homeward journey, further ringing took place at Welland, Upton-on-Severn and Crophorne, and refreshment was taken at Banbury. So ended a most interesting and enjoyable day, and sincere thanks are accorded to the organiser, Mr. F. W. Rivett, to incumbents and to the local ringers who so warmly welcomed us.

A. E. R.

CANAL CAMPANOLOGY

THE idea of a ringing tour based on the inland waterways was conceived three years ago and developed into a reality as a result of the efforts of two ringers from Sussex. The Shropshire Union and Llangollen canals were chosen for their beauty, and on Saturday, April 20th, a party of 10 ringers travelled by train and taxi to Wheaton Aston lock on the Shropshire Union canal.

During the journey we rang at Penkridge, a fine church with a collegiate foundation dating from 1180 A.D. On arriving at Wheaton Aston we saw for the first time the three boats on which we lived during the tour. These were Christine and Dawdler, both 4-berth petrol engine cruisers, and Pennine Navigator, a six berth craft, with a diesel engine. We were impressed by the interior fittings of the boats, particularly those in Pennine Navigator and Christine.

Before starting our cruise we were given a short lesson in navigation and lock operation by the boat hirer, who stressed the dire consequences of not closing lock paddles properly. After tea on Pennine Navigator, where we had all our meals, as it was the largest boat and had the best cooking facilities, we set off. We soon reached our first bridge. Like most of the bridges we were to pass through, nearly 200 in all, it had only just enough width and headroom for a narrow boat. It took much practice before we could shoot one accurately.

HARD GROUND

The first stop was at Church Eaton, a pretty little village, with a tower containing six bells. Here we had to overcome the difficulties of mooring our boats. Christine ran hard aground and some hard work with boat hooks was needed to refloat her.

After travelling a further two and a half miles through lovely country we tied up for the night near Gnosall. Ringing followed at the Church of St. Lawrence, and we paid a visit to the Boat Inn, where we entertained the customers with handbells. By 7.30 a.m. on Sunday morning a party of seven were on their way to Holy Communion before breakfast.

It was a gusty, showery morning when we reached Norbury Junction, where we had to take on fresh drinking water. During the berthing of the boats Pennine Navigator was holed in the bows when Christine reversed into her. Fortunately the hole was well above the waterline. By evening we had reached Market Drayton, where ringing for Evensong included Cambridge and Superlative Major.

15 LOCKS

An early start the following morning saw us at the top of the chain of 15 locks at Audlem. On our way through we had to give way to two narrow boats, the only commercial traffic we encountered during the week. Ringing at Audlem followed lunch, and after purchasing Wellington boots and other sundries we moved on to Nantwich.

Here we were met by the Vicar, a churchwarden and the tower captain. The Vicar was interested in meeting the party, many of whom came from Sussex, since he was educated at Lancing. The churchwarden showed us the fine carved wood choir stalls, of which only two other similar examples exist in the country. We were also impressed by the beauty of the stained glass and intrigued by ringing in an octagonal tower. The eight bells were found to go well and we enjoyed ringing several of the standard methods on them.

Tuesday was a fine day and we enjoyed ringing at Bunbury, Tattenhall, Christleton and St. Mary-without-the-Walls, Chester. One of the highlights of the day was the unique Beeston Iron Lock, which is built on running sand.

ROYAL WEDDING RINGING!

Wednesday morning was spent in Chester. Ringing at St. Mary-on-the-Hill was followed by ringing at the Cathedral, where we were welcomed by the Vicar of Tattenhall, who was on duty as an Ordinary of the Cathedral. The bells were unfortunately not in good order

and we were confined to ringing on the front six, the eighth and the tenor. At lunch we were amused to hear from a waitress that the Cathedral bells had just been ringing for the royal wedding, an event we had almost forgotten!

The following morning, soon after passing through Hurleston locks, at the entrance to the Llangollen canal, Dawdler's propeller shaft became disconnected. The delay in effecting a repair made the party an hour late at Wrenbury, but lunch on the move helped us to make up some lost time on the way to Marbury, where we found we were at last moving out of the red sandstone country. Further trouble with Dawdler caused delays on the way to Whitchurch, and Christine went on ahead to negotiate the staircase locks at Grindley Brook.

HOOKS ON BELFRY WALLS

So much time had now been lost that a 5.30 a.m. start on Friday was necessary in order to reach Ellesmere on time. Here we were met by Mr. Whitehead, a very active old gentleman; he pointed out the hooks on the belfry wall, to which the ropes were fastened to hold the bells up in the days before stays. After ringing we set out intent on reaching Chirk on time. However, Dawdler, having decided that token strikes were only nuisance value, settled for a total stoppage and ejected propeller, shaft and all into the canal. Quick action to plug the shaft housing, up which water was pouring into the boat, and some hard work at the pilge pump, saved her from foundering with all hands, in three feet of water. The boat was now useless and towing being illegal, her crew transferred to Pennine Navigator.

From Chirk to Ruabon was the most spectacular part of the whole trip with a 487 yard tunnel and the Chirk and Pontcysyllte aqueducts. All these are remarkable pieces of engineering and from the aqueducts breathtaking views of the valleys are seen. From the Pontcysyllte aqueduct it was a sheer drop of 121 feet over the side of the boat to the fast-flowing River Dee beneath. Quite a hair-raising experience!

The tower captain at Ruabon gave us a cordial welcome and showed us a mediaeval mural in almost perfect condition, and some interesting gravestones in yet another very beautiful church. The bells went well and we rang call changes with the local band, and also demonstrated change ringing.

On Saturday morning we travelled the final five miles along the Vale of Llangollen before returning the boats. So ended a tour which we believe to be unique. All of us enjoyed ourselves tremendously, but will think twice about another canal ringing tour. The necessity of adhering to a programme made for hard work and prevented us from stopping to visit places of interest near the canal, and savouring the scenery.

The tour was organised by Miss Angela Grainger, of Brighton, and Mr. John Norris, of Hurstpierpoint, who both worked very hard to make it a success. We would like to thank them, and also all the incumbents, tower captains and others who waited so patiently when we were late.

D. P. T. J. R. N.

THE BELL WITH A GRUDGE

Recently placed on a lorry for the Whitechapel Foundry were the six bells from St. Benedict's Church, Glastonbury.

One of these is 'the bell with a grudge,' according to a local newspaper, as it bears the inscription: 'Our tone would have been deeper if contributions had been greater.' And that particular bell has been carrying that grudge since 1776.

Another has the familiar inscription: 'I to the church the living call, and to the grave do summon all.'

The bells are to be retuned and other work done to them at a cost of £1,100. Glastonbury expects the bells back in two months' time. So far, about half the money required has been raised.

QUARTER PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—On May 5th, at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine — (first quarter) 1, P. J. Malloch 2, C. J. Clegg 3, Margaret Wright 4, R. Edwards (cond.) 5, D. J. Marshall 6. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Eileen Cross (first quarter) 1, C. J. Clegg 2, R. Edwards 3, P. J. Malloch 4, J. F. Barlow 5, F. Shallcross (cond.) 6.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—At St. Mary's, on April 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Hampton 1, Mrs. S. R. Foot 2, Mrs. J. M. Hampton 3, Miss M. E. Powell 4, E. E. Dodds 5, C. M. Meyer 6, E. T. Beauchamp (cond.) 7, R. E. Foot 8. For the Confirmation of the goddaughter of the conductor by the Bishop of Kingston.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. R. Fuller 1, J. M. Swift (first of Triples 'inside') 2, J. Hobden 3, Christine Fuller 4, I. Smith 5, T. Barlow 6, A. Baldock (cond.) 7, G. FitzHugh 8. Rung for SS. Philip and James' Day.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Cooper 1, P. E. Wells 2, R. Chapman 3, E. A. Bailey 4, E. Whiting 5, R. F. Baker (cond.) 6. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Clive M. Smith and Lucy Allen. Also on April 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Cooper 1, R. F. Baker (cond.) 2, Maureen Allen 3, E. A. Bailey 4, E. J. Whiting 5, J. W. Allen 6. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Albert Samuel Andrews, organist at this church for 18 years and a friend of the ringers.

CAMBRIDGE.—On April 28th, at St. Andrew the Great, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: Miss H. Muirhead 1, I. M. Smith 2, A. S. Hudson (cond.) 3, J. W. McClenahan 4, C. H. Rogers 5, J. M. H. Hunter 6, S. C. Walters 7, J. R. Hough 8.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.—On May 3rd, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: P. Bridle 1, G. H. Pullin 2, E. Lee 3, G. Prescott 4, J. Brain 5, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 6. First of London Minor 2 and 4.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On April 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Oliver 1, J. Vickery 2, M. Armstrong 3, W. Tyson 4, R. B. Skelton 5, N. Errington (cond.) 6, R. Skelton cover bell. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. J. G. Wall. Also on April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Zvegintzov 1, Margery Pearson 2, J. G. Wall 3, R. B. Skelton 4, J. Vickery 5, W. Tyson (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—On April 28th, at St. Cuthbert's, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss J. Cooke 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, Miss J. Warwick 3, Mrs. T. Cooke 4, M. Bland 5, E. Pannell 6, F. Hodgson 7, T. Cooke (cond.) 8.

DUNSFOLD, SURREY.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: N. Smith (first away from tenor) 1, Elizabeth Stevinson 2, J. Payton (first in two methods and as cond.) 3, Pamela Hunter 4, A. C. A. Hunter 5, N. G. Stroud 6.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTINGHAM.—On April 7th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Maureen P. Green 1, A. Georgetta Harrison 2, N. D. Kirk 3, J. A. Harrison 4, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 5. Also on April 11th, 1,260 Doubles (21 slow course methods): Maureen P. Green 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, M. J. Kirk 3, E. A. Harrison 4, J. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled for Good Friday.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On April 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Hughes 1, D. Ellisdon 2, Miss P. Fox 3, Miss J. Cook 4, Miss V. Hester 5, J. Crampin (cond.) 6, C. Willmington 7, A. White 8. For Evensong.

LYMPSTONE, DEVON.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pat Peatfield (first quarter) 1, Valerie Mellish (first quarter) 2, R. T. Perry 3, P. Jupp 4, D. Wills (cond.) 5, J. C. Davies (first quarter) 6. Rung as a farewell to Mr. J. C. Davies.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On May 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob and April Day): Delwyn Young 1, R. Goodliffe 2, J. Brake 3, L. Derrick 4, C. Kortright (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

PORTBURY, SOMERSET.—On March 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: V. James 1, J. Brake 2, G. Skelly 3, B. Goodliffe 4, J. Rily (first of Minor as cond.) 5, M. Horseman 6. Also on March 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: V. James 1, M. Long (first 'inside') 2, R. Goodliffe 3, M. Horseman 4, G. Skelly (first as cond.) 5, A. Saye 6.

PRESTBURY, GLCS.—On May 5th, 1,272 Plain and Little Bob Minor: Miss M. Jackson 1, Miss A. Sadowska 2, R. Dowdeswell 3, S. M. Drew 4, V. Willard 5, G. R. Drew (cond.) 6. First in two methods 1 and 2.

RICHMOND, YORKS.—On April 15th, 1,312 Plain Bob Major: E. Metcalfe 1, Mrs. T. Cooke 2, Miss I. Lemare 3, Miss D. Killingley 4, T. Cooke (cond.) 5, T. Cox 6, F. Hodgson 7, P. Wishart 8.

SEDLISCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On April 18th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Josephine Hardy 1, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 2, Valerie Mephram 3, A. Jackson 4, I. V. J. Smith 5, N. J. Davies 6. Also on May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Judy Bowen 1, E. Fellows 2, Phillippa Duncan 3, I. Smith 4, A. Jackson 5, A. Baldock (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 3.

SHEBBEAR, DEVON.—On March 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. J. Moore (first quarter) 1, J. L. Queen 2, P. J. Daniel 3, P. C. Plant 4, R. J. Gay (cond.) 5, J. R. Bartlett (first quarter) 6. For Confirmation.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On March 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. B. Stevens 1, B. G. Warwick 2, A. R. Mildred 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, D. W. Stenson 5, K. H. Mildred (cond.) 6, M. G. Wood 7, N. W. Grassby 8. Also on April 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. R. Mildred (first in method) 1, B. M. Smith 2, M. G. Wood 3, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 7, Carol L. Norman 8.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sybil Tonkin 1, H. Hobden 2, Rosemary Earl (first of Triples) 3, P. Pope (first of Triples) 4, F. Beoney 5, G. Beoney 6, A. Baldock (cond.) 7, J. Frampton (first on eight bells) 8. For St. George's Day.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hill 1, Jill Lucas (first 'inside') 2, Rosemary Earl 3, Marion Baitup 4, P. D. Pope (cond.) 5, C. Pope 6. For Evensong. Also on May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. D. Pope 1, Monica Lucas (first quarter) 2, G. Beoney 3, T. Matthews 4, Rosemary Earl (cond.) 5, J. Hill 6. To mark the engagement of Monica Lucas to John Richardson.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On May 5th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: R. W. Young (first of Triples on a working bell) 1, G. W. Elmes 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, M. J. Young (first of Triples 'inside') 4, C. T. Brown 5, A. A. J. Buswell 6, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 7, J. R. H. Palmer (first of Triples) 8. Rung as a welcome home to Dr. C. T. Brown, after his safe return from the Antarctic.

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Mr. Albert W. Bond received unexpected notoriety through an error in our columns that the peal of Stedman Caters rung at St. Peter's, Brighton, on April 27th, was his 1,100th peal, whereas it was his 100th. Congratulations have been reaching A.W.B.: indeed at the Sussex A.G.M. Mrs. Frank Hairs was rather surprised that the peal secretary should omit such a major point in his report. Forty years is quite a long time by present day standards to arrive at one's 100th peal. The error arose through the imperfect writing of our correspondent.

Those who are watching ringing in our theological colleges will note that the Culham College Society of Change Ringers have rung their first quarter peal. Congratulations!

We are pleased to state that Mr. Albert Hughes is going on fairly well after the operation to his leg and is receiving treatment from a therapist. The stitches were removed on Tuesday.

Mr. Ronald A. Wright rang his first peal for 14 months at Harrow Weald on May 15th, owing to his service with H.M. Forces at Aden. He goes back at the beginning of June to complete his two years' overseas service.

Only one tower was represented at the quarterly meeting of the Radnor District held at Llanbadarn-Fawr. Following the service and tea, the secretary expressed concern at the lack of interest, and appealed for support from other parishes in the district.

Mr. Robert B. Smith, of Whingarth, 17, Ridge Road, Marple, Cheshire, would like the tape-recording of the last course of the 32,204 peal at Loughborough returned to him. It has been out of his possession for 15 months, and was last heard of in the Marsden area of Yorkshire.

Copies of the Central Council's publication, 'Preservation and Repair of Bells,' have been circulated by the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association to all towers affiliated to them. A practical suggestion other Associations might follow.

BELFRY GOSSIP

For end-of-term service of St. Helena's School, Chesterfield, on May 10th, the front bells of the ten at the Parish Church were rung by four of the pupils—the Misses Gill Atrill, Christine Sherwood, Kay Marsden and Jane Lowe, and the fifth by Mrs. E. M. Silcock. This was made possible as the ringing room renovations after the fire are now nearing completion.

The Lancashire Association hope to have their annual reports ready in about eight weeks' time.

Re ringers' names, a few years ago at a Salisbury Branch meeting we had two visitors—Mrs. Cockell and Mr. Mussell. (A long way from 'Dublin's fair city'!)

Mr. W. Prockson and Miss M. Prockson, both well known in London ringing circles, left Liverpool for Montreal to visit their sister who lives at Peterborough, Ontario.

The peal at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on May 1st, marks the first peal on the bells since the rehanging of the sixth, seventh and eighth by local ringers, under the direction of Mr. W. Tyson.

Mr. Ronald C. Noon disputes the claim of the band who rang the peal of Plain Bob Major at St. John's, Peterborough, of the first peal on the bells for 14 years. He rang a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major there on November 1st, 1952, conducted by G. E. Watson.

Writing from the Bell Jones Ward of the Anglesea Road Wing of Royal Suffolk Hospital, Ipswich, Mr. Alan R. Bridges tells us he will miss the Central Council as he will be in hospital. His trouble started with a minor operation for fluid on the knee, and now he will have a second in a few days on a cartilage. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Bedfordshire Association, at its annual meeting, reported last week, agreed to increase the 1964 subscription to 4s. for adult members, remaining at 1s. 6d. for junior members. In future it will be possible to pay a life subscription of £4 4s. Although no longer general secretary, Mr. S. J. Ivin is peal secretary and Mrs. Ivin librarian.

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TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 27 cwt. 5 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY Treble	J. KEITH WARD 7
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 2	ROBIN G. LEALE 8
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 3	ALAN E. BAGWORTH 9
FREDERICK R. SCOTT 4	ERIC J. HITCHINS 10
RODERICK W. PIPE 5	GEORGE E. FEARN 11
NORMAN J. GOODMAN 6	JOHN A. ANDERSON Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

First peal on the 12 bells since recasting.

CROYDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

AND
THE ANTIEN, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.

On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5017 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

BRO. ARTHUR G. MASON, M.M., Rectitude Lodge, No. 4727 .. Treble	
BRO. WILLIAM HIBBERT, M.M., Victoria Lodge, No. 2671 .. 2	
BRO. PETER J. STANFORTH, M.M., Highcross Lodge, No. 4835 .. 3	
BRO. PERCIVAL W. CAVE, M.M., Banstead Lodge, No. 5032 .. 4	
BRO. HERBERT C. SPENCER, M.M., Northcote Lodge, No. 2659 .. 5	
W. BRO. FRANK E. HAWTHORNE, W.M., Teddington Lodge, No. 4528 .. 6	
W. BRO. ERIC NAYLOR, W.M., Elizabethan Lodge, No. 7296 .. 7	
BRO. RICHARD C. INGRAM, S.W., Orion Lodge, No. 4993 .. 8	
BRO. ARTHUR GIBBS, M.M., Pemberton Lodge, No. 3039 .. 9	
W. BRO. ARTHUR D. BARKER, H.L.G.R., St. Clement Danes Lodge, No. 1351 .. 10	
BRO. FREDERICK E. COLLINS, M.M., Croydon Chantry Lodge, No. 5063 .. 11	
BRO. THOMAS SETTER, M.M., Progressive Science Lodge, No. 5007 Tenor	

Composed by BRO. FRANK W. PERREN.

Conducted by BRO. FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

Rung for the installation of W. Bro. F. E. Hawthorne in the chair of his Lodge.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 1, 1963, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

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

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*JANET D. PHILLIPS .. Treble	*KENNETH J. RIDER 6
*JUDITH M. WHITE 2	PATRICK J. BIRD 7
RICHARD J. BOWDEN 3	ANTONY R. KENCH 8
*M. MARIA E. KIRBY 4	D. JOHN HUNT 9
JUDITH M. ATKINSON 5	C. MARTIN FOSTER Tenor

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER. Conducted by ANTONY R. KENCH.

*First peal on ten bells. †First in the method. The conductor's 50th peal, and first on ten bells as conductor.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 5, 1963, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

In five methods, being 1,220 Rochester, 1,240 London (No. 3), 1,040 Cambridge, 840 Yorkshire and 720 York; with 46 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

*PETER A. KIRBY Treble	S. BARRY SCHOFIELD 6
JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. 2	*HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD 7
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 8
*MARY H. SCHOFIELD 4	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY 9
VERNON BOTTOMLEY 5	*ROY BETTLEY-COOKE Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

*First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal. First of Surprise Royal in more than four methods on this plan.

Rung by the Sunday service band.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

At the Cathedral of St. Philip.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT Treble	CHARLES A. S. WEBB 6
MURIEL REAY 2	EDWARD W. COLLEY 7
DAVID J. TAYLOR 3	ALAN E. BAGWORTH 8
ANTHONY G. TYERS 4	J. KEITH WARD 9
FREDERICK ROSS 5	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Conducted by J. KEITH WARD.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

FRANK C. PRICE Treble	JOHN HILL 6
2	DENNIS KNOX 7
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 3	ALBERT R. G. TWINN 8
THOMAS J. LOCK 4	TONY PRICE 9
JOHN R. MAYNE 5	FRANK T. BLAGROVE Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

This is the first time that Surprise Royal has been rung double-handed on tower bells.

Rung to celebrate the Uxbridge Festival of Arts.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. Treble	*ROGER CADAMY 6
WILLIAM J. CHESTER .. 2	*CHARLES E. TRUMAN 7
*RAYMOND A. VICKERS .. 3	*JAMES LINNELL 8
*HENRY B. WHITNEY 4	*WILLIAM A. YATES 9
VALERIE WILLARD 5	GEORGE E. GREEN Tenor

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY. Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. First of Caters as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to Rev. J. F. Scammell, installed canon in St. Albans Cathedral on April 27th; also as an engagement compliment to Miss M. Charleson and Mr. W. Rowe.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 13, 1963, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At Christ Church with St. Ewen,

A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt.

PATRICK J. BIRD Treble	BYRNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 6
ANTONY R. KENCH 2	GEOFFREY R. DREW 7
D. JOHN HUNT 3	DON C. EXELL 8
SHIRLEY M. DREW 4	REGINALD G. HOOPER 9
MICHAEL J. HOBBS 5	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

First peal in the method in Bristol, for the Association, and for all except the ringer of the tenor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Mon., March 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

*PETER S. BENNETT .. Treble	*IAN C. MAYCOCK 5
*PAMELA M. TURNER 2	MAURICE C. HUGHES 6
RODERICK W. PIPE 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 7
SUSAN FUNNELL 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 14).

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

*First peal in the method.

GREAT WALTHAM, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., March 30, 1963, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence.

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Tenor 26½ cwt.

JAMES L. TOWLER .. Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
*E. JANE SIBSON 2	PETER J. EVES 6
JOE E. G. ROAST 3	*FRANK J. MATTHEWS 7
†PATRICK W. SALTmarsh .. 4	DENNIS BERESFORD Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

*First peal of 7-Spliced Surprise Major. †150th peal.

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., April 27, 1963, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of St. George.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

DOREEN A. DEVERALL .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER 5
E. JANE SIBSON 2	DORIS E. COLGATE 6
JOAN BERESFORD 3	*JOHN S. BARNES 7
RONALD J. SHARP 4	DENNIS BERESFORD Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

*First peal of London Surprise Major

Rung prior to the induction of the Rev. V. G. Nickless, B.A., L.Th., as Rector of this parish by the Lord Bishop of Rochester.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 1, 1963, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 ASHTON SURPRISE MAJOR

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

DEREK ASHTON Treble	NEIL BENNETT 5
JOHN ROBINSON 2	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 6
BASIL JONES 3	DEREK OGDEN 7
EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

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

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

DAVID VINCENT Treble	PETER CROOK, SEN. 5
CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. 2	JOHN ASHCROFT 6
ALBERT GREENHALGH .. 3	*WILLIAM TYSON 7
GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL .. 4	H. DAVID HOLLAND Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

* First peal of Major.

To celebrate the baptism of Josephine Ann Riley, first great-grandchild of Peter Crook, sen.

STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*JENNIFER SCENEY Treble	JOHN YOUNG 5
MARY F. CARR 2	RICHARD E. DEAN 6
ARTHUR D. BARKER 3	WILFRID G. WILSON 7
PAUL R. DEAN 4	HOWARD OGLESBY Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

* First peal of Stedman, and 25th peal.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*JAMES C. CANN Treble	MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. 5
†JILL RICHARDSON 2	ROBERT HARRISON 6
STEPHEN BROMFIELD .. 3	JACK BRAY 7
†GEOFFREY BROMFIELD .. 4	PHILIP BARNES Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

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

BLOXHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF BLOXHAM,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans'.

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

FREDERICK VICKERS Treble	CHARLES E. TRUMAN 5
MAURICE J. THURMOTT .. 2	JAMES LINNELL 6
WILLIAM J. CHESTER 3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND 7
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 4	WILLIAM A. YATES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

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

*GEOFFREY RIGLAR Treble	GORDON W. LIMMER 5
*JENNIFER SCENEY 2	*RICHARD E. DEAN 6
*ARTHUR D. BARKER 3	*E. RUSSELL GOTHAM 7
*JOHN YOUNG 4	*HOWARD OGLESBY Tenor

Composition: TRADITIONAL.

Conducted by HOWARD OGLESBY.

* First peal in the method. The ringer of the treble has now 'circled the tower.'

CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LLANFAIR P.G. SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 28½ cwt. in D flat.

REGINALD G. HOOPER .. Treble	PETER BRIDLE 5
*GILLIAN M. HUSSEY .. 2	DON C. EXELL 6
MICHAEL J. HOBBS 3	*D. JOHN HUNT 7
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by NORMAN SMITH.

Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

* 25th peal together. First in the method on the bells, by all the band, and for the Association.

CUDHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.

*DAVID S. OSENTON Treble	*ANDREW M. MACVE 5
†JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH 2	†ROBERT W. HINDE 6
‡CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON .. 3	MARTIN L. HOWE 7
THOMAS E. SONE 4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Major in the method, and 50th peal. ‡ First in the method. § 150th peal.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.
*NIGEL SPENCER Treble	DONALD J. BEACH 5
MRS. MARY P. BEACH 2	*JAMES W. TYLER 6
MRS. S. PATRICIA M. NIX .. 3	PETER NIX 7
ALAN MINKLEY 4	*CHARLES W. HODGKINSON Tenor

Conducted by PETER NIX.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. C. A. W. Peglar, on his departure to Gresham Rectory, Norwich.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
ERIC EDMONDSON 2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 6
VERNON GREEN 3	JACK S. DEAR 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor

Composed by DENNIS KNOX.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 ZELAH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

ERIC EDMONDSON Treble	PETER J. COLES 5
RONALD J. SHARP 2	PHILIP MEHEW 6
MICHAEL D. STANFORTH .. 3	MICHAEL D. FROST 7
ALFRED E. RUSHTON 4	GERALD PENNEY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

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

PRESTWICH, NEAR MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE ANTIEN FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND

AND

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Thurstans'.	Tenor 16 cwt. 5 lb. in F.
BRO. THOMAS ROGERS, Master Mason, Evening Star Lodge 3644	Treble
W. BRO. DAVID VINCENT, Past Master, De Sala Lodge 5657	2
BRO. NORMAN TOMPKINS, Master Mason, Egerton Lodge 2216	3
W. BRO. JAMES W. HORNER, P.P.A.D.C., Past Master, Norley Lodge 7319	4
BRO. JOSEPH THORNLEY, Master Mason, Farnworth Lodge 5301	5
BRO. PETER CROOK, SEN., Master Mason, Antiquity Lodge 146	6
BRO. ARTHUR GIBBS, Master Mason, Pemberton Lodge 3039	7
BRO. RICHARD BENSON, Master Mason, Justice Lodge 4632	Tenor

Conducted by BRO. PETER CROOK, SEN.

Rung as a farewell tribute to W. Bro. the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, P.P.A.G.C., who leaves Bolton for Derbyshire in the near future.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In two methods, comprising 2,144 Cambridge and 2,912 Yorkshire.

Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

MICHAEL HATCHETT Treble	*GILES B. THOMPSON .. 5
JOHN ROBINSON 2	ALAN R. PINK 6
S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN .. 3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 7
ROGER BALDWIN 4	DAVID A. CORNWALL .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. First of Spliced on the bells.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

At the Church of St. Michael.

A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 43 lb. in F.

*ANTHONY LOCKE Treble	*ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON .. 5
MICHAEL J. THOMAS 2	RAYMOND HAINES 6
JOHN R. FAITHFULL 3	ROBERT C. KIPPIN 7
PETER J. JOYCE 4	DAVID E. HOUSE Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

* First peal of Surprise.

Rung with best wishes for the speedy recovery of Carolyn Vibert, of Bishopstoke.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary, Liscard.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	JOHN F. GROVE 5
TUDOR P. EDWARDS 2	V. DAVID JENNER 6
*HAZEL ARROWSMITH 3	KENNETH J. HESKETH 7
CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER .. 4	JOHN H. FIELDEN Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

WARBOROUGH, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Laurence.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

*ROGER M. HEYWORTH .. Treble	*ROBERT A. PARTRIDGE .. 5
F. HECTOR BENNETT 2	*GERALD G. TINSON 6
*STEPHEN J. FRANKLIN .. 3	*ROGER A. HOWES 7
*CHARLES J. ADAM 4	*P. GERALD MCILHONE .. Tenor

Composed by H. HOWLETT.

* First peal of Major.

Rung by past and present pupils of Wallingford Grammar School.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

At the Church of St. James.

A PEAL OF 5056 STAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

JOHN F. BARLOW Treble	ROGER LEIGH 5
DEREK A. ASHTON 2	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 6
RICHARD J. PARKER 3	ERIC J. F. WALL 7
JOHN P. PARTINGTON 4	NEIL BENNETT Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON.

Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.

First peal in the method.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Sun., May 5, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Laurence.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN H. GARTSIDE Treble	PHILIP J. CROSSTHWAITE .. 5
LAWRENCE WALMSLEY 2	BERNARD MOSS 6
ARTHUR RIGBY 3	MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE .. 7
*KEITH STANTON 4	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL.

* First peal.

Rung with bells half-muffled in memoriam Canon A. J. G. Anderson, M.A. Rector of Chorley, Canon of Blackburn and Rural Dean of Leyland.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., May 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 26 lb. in E.

MARION E. BRANCH Treble	PETER S. BEDFORD 5
JACK PILGRIM 2	ROBERT H. BROOKER 6
C. JACK GIBSON 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT 7
*PAUL MUTTITT 4	JOHN W. BLYTHE Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal on eight bells.

STAND SURPRISE MAJOR

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FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WINTHORPE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM L. EXTON Treble	SYDNEY ADAMS 4
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 2	MAURICE W. HARRISON .. 5
RUTH BLACKSHAW 3	GRAHAM J. FISHER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

In memoriam Canon R. F. Wilkinson, M.A., chairman of the Southwell Diocesan Guild.

WOOLHOPE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

At the Church of St. George.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt. in A.

*MARCUS C. W. SHERWOOD Treble	THOMAS WOOD 4
AUDREY G. GLADWELL .. 2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE 5
†JOHN F. I. TIERNEY 3	GEORGE T. COUSINS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE T. COUSINS.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

A wedding compliment to Mrs. R. Hemus (née Rosemary Jarrett), of All Saints', Hereford.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Werburgh.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ANDREW HOWARD Treble	MICHAEL J. HOBBS 4
†DAVID HUDDLESTON 2	DON C. EXELL 5
*ALAN TUBB 3	D. JOHN HUNT Tenor

Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

HATHEROP, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Consisting of 111 methods in the following seven Spliced extents: (1) Blaxhall, Mitcham, Stanhoe, Stratton, Stonehouse, Ringstead, Hayes, Iver, Ellacombe, Buxton, Sharnbrook, Wordsley, Lamberhurst, Harmondsworth and Bramfield Alliance, Little Bob and Crayford Little Court; (2) Mendlesham and Tonbridge Alliance, Belvedere Little Bob, St. Clement's, Childwall, College, Thelwall, London Bob, Lytham, Horsmonden, Killarney, Frodsham, Wavertree, Windermere, Cumberland, Ennerdale, Fulbeck, Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob, Pontefract, Wath, Carisbrooke and Donottar Delight; (3) Benington, Freiston, Langton, Frampton, Candlesby, Butterwick, Alford, Tattershall, Chelford, Poynton, Sutton and Denton, Special Alliance, Ellacombe and Finchley Alliance, Darrington, Thrybergh and Adwick New Alliance, Double Oxford, London Bob, College, Wavertree and Double Court, Cripplegate and Cornhill Special Little, Bastow Little Court; (4) Berkeley, Kentish, Pembroke, Edinburgh, Barham and Oswald Delight, Berwyn and Waterford Treble Bob, Pencombe, Eardisley, Bodenham, Morland, Felkirk, Crofton, Kirkthorpe and Kippax Special Alliance; (5) Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Newdigate, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Charlwood, Braintree, Humber, Marple, Taxal, Clarence and Elston Delight, Morning Star Treble Bob; (6) Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Oxford Treble Bob, Carisbrooke, Donottar, Hitcham, Alderbourne and Pontefract Delight; (7) Surfleet, Hexham, Beverley, Berwick, Durham and York Surprise; with 217 changes of method, and a plain lead of each method included.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*†PETER T. HURCOMBE .. Treble	CYRIL A. WRATTEN 4
†SHIRLEY M. DREW 2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE 5
GEOFFREY R. DREW 3	*BRIAN BLADON Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* 25th peal together. † 50th peal together. The greatest number of methods to a peal by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

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OLD MARSTON, OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being ten callings, and Pitman's and Morris' 240's. Tenor 6 cwt., app.

NOEL D. DEAM Treble	LEONARD PORTER 3
*LEONARD MAUND 2	ROY H. JONES 4
ALEC GAMMON Tenor	

Conducted by ROY H. JONES.

* First peal, first attempt.

Rung as an engagement compliment to John Walker and Janet Edmeads; also as a farewell to Miss J. S. Wiles and Miss D. Barton, who leave for Canada.

PURITON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

ERIC C. WADMAN Treble	*DAVID K. ADNETT 4
AUDREY M. SHORT 2	EDGAR T. SKIPSEY 5
RONALD D. SHORT 3	PETER C. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.

* First peal in the method. Audrey Short has now rung Kent from Minor to Maximus.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

*NINA B. THOMAS Treble	ANGELA M. RIMMER 4
*CHRISTINA R. FOLKES 2	KEITH J. WALPOLE 5
*JULIA A. FELLOWS 3	KENNETH J. DARVILL Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH J. DARVILL.

* First peal. First of Minor as conductor.

Rung by teenagers of the St. Albans District. Average age of band: 17 years, 4 months.

TIBSHELF, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720.

EILEEN J. OSBORNE Treble	GEOFFREY N. GOODALL 4
LEONARD GOODALL 2	IAN M. HOLLAND 5
RICHARD A. SHEKELTON 3	*MALCOLM P. PHIPPS Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD GOODALL.

* 50th peal. First in the method by all.

UPTON-BY-BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (15 callings).

*HAZEL ARROWSMITH .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER .. 3
V. DAVID JENNER 2	KENNETH J. HESKETH .. 4
TUDOR P. EDWARDS Tenor	

Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.

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

WALTON-LE-WOLDS, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Rev. Canterbury Pleasure.

MICHAEL G. GODWIN .. Treble	MALCOLM D. BARSBY 3
ROGER I. KENDRICK 2	J. RICHARD PERKINS 4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE Tenor	

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

Rung by the Sunday service band to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. J. C. S. Scott, of Birstall, on the birth of a daughter (Amanda Jane).

LONDON, E.C.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Mon., May 6, 1963, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VEDAST, FOSTER LANE.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Canterbury, Chester, Carlisle, Lincoln, Wells, York and Norwich.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

OLIVE D. TESTER Treble	DEREK E. SIBSON 4
E. JANE SIBSON 2	*NICHOLAS J. DAVIES 5
JOAN BERESFORD 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

* First peal of seven Surprise Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN M. JELLEY 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD 5-6
PETER J. STANFORTH 3-4	HARRY POYNER 7-8
JOHN A. ACRES 9-10	

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 25, 1963, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,

AT THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*RUPERT A. CLARKE 1-2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE 5-6
DAVID F. MOORE 3-4	BRIAN G. WARWICK 7-8

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

Rung on the Feast of St. Mark.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)

On Fri., April 26, 1963, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,

AT THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, differently called, every call a single.

Tenor size 11 in G.

DAN S. PONT 1-2	RUPERT A. CLARKE 3-4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE 5-6	

Conducted by RUPERT A. CLARKE.

BREARLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., April 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT BEARLEY GRANGE FARM.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

PETER S. BENNETT 1-2	IAN C. MAYCOCK 3-4
MAURICE C. HUGHES 5-6	

Conducted by MAURICE C. HUGHES.

First peal on handbells by all the band. First of Doubles as conductor.

A compliment to John K. Foot and Linda M. Hughes on their engagement.

SALE, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT 8, CARLYN AVENUE.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 1-2	ROBERT B. SMITH 5-6
NEIL BENNETT 3-4	DEREK OGDEN 7-8

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

* First handbell peal.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Lilian and Herrick Bowley, of Leicester.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT 3, SALTERS ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN ANDERSON 1-2	ROBIN G. TURNER 5-6
*JOHN E. ANDERSON 3-4	ALAN R. PATTERSON 7-8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALAN R. PATTERSON.

* First peal on an 'inside' pair. 100th for the Association. First on eight handbells as conductor.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 1, 1963, in 2 Hours,

AT 33, BRIDGE END ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 NETHERSEALE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor size 15 in C.
*GORDON W. LAND 1-2	BRIAN BLADON 3-4
†ANTHONY R. PEAKE 5-6	

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* First peal of Surprise Minor with an 'inside' bell. † 25th of Surprise Minor. First of Surprise on handbells, and in the method, by all the band, and for the Association.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 3, 1963, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT 170, HEADSTONE LANE.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*FRANK C. PRICE 1-2	JOHN R. MAYNE 5-6
MARGARET E. L. CHAPMAN .. 3-4	*TOM CHAPMAN 7-8

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of Yorkshire 'in hand.'

QUARTER PEALS

ADDERBURY, OXON.—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: P. R. Davis 1, Mrs. A. Bennett 2, Miss C. Bennett 3, M. W. Sayers 4, A. W. Ivings 5, E. E. Pearson 6, B. J. Davis (cond.) 7, J. G. Wyatt 8. First quarter for treble. A 21st birthday compliment to C. and D. Guntrip.

ALBURY, SURREY.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: G. Etherington 1, N. Stroud (first 'inside') 2, Nicolai Stroud 3, C. Bailey 4, H. Arthur (cond.) 5, P. J. Stroud 6. For Evensong.

APPLEFORD, BERKS.—On May 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: I. J. Henderson (first quarter) 1, W. J. Beddow (first quarter) 2, J. Gentleman 3, J. A. H. Betts 4, P. A. Sharp (cond.) 5, R. G. Oakley 6. Rung for Evening Prayer. The first quarter rung by the Culham College Society of Change Ringers.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On April 15th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain Bob): Josephine Hardy 1, Wendy Bird 2, P. Newing 3, A. Jackson 4, N. J. Davies (cond.) 5, E. F. P. Bryant 6. Rung on the back six.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On May 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss L. Doone 1, W. R. Chandler (cond.) 2, Miss B. Fisher 3, R. J. Brown 4, V. J. C. Dale 5. Rung half-muffled by friends at Bentley Common in memory of Frederick J. Wood, tower master of Ingrave.

BODIAM, SUSSEX.—On April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Angela Rudd (first of Plain Bob) 1, J. Hobden (first of Bob Doubles) 2, Philippa Duncan (first 'inside') 3, Susan Hatton (first of Plain Bob) 4, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 5, G. Prodder (first of Plain Bob) 6. For the wedding of Princess Alexandra and the Hon. Angus Ogilvie.

BOLTON, LANCs.—On April 21st, at Holy Trinity, touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major and Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. Holt, A. Greenhalgh, J. Ashcroft, J. Thornley, D. Vincent, N. Tompkins, P. Crook, sen. and Margaret Fort. For the christening of the great granddaughter of Peter Crook, sen.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On March 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sonia Taylor 1, Anne Willard 2, T. T. Jones (cond.) 3, E. W. Furbank 4, A. Pryke 5, E. Stith 6, B. Hines 7, H. Flanders 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lynda Roberts 1, A. E. Barker 2, Shelagh Guthrie 3, Susan Devey 4, Margaret Guthrie 5, P. J. Barker 6, G. Bradbury (cond.) 7, E. Borley 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Constance Linford, wife of Mr. F. Linford, J.P., the Vicar's warden, whose funeral took place earlier in the day.

CHERITON, FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. O'Grady (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Munt 2, W. C. Chandler (first as cond.) 3, Rev. N. Munt (first quarter) 4, A. Eastmead 5, D. Corner 6. To commemorate the wedding of the Rector, the Rev. Cyril Munt, on April 17th. Ringers of 2 and 4 sister and brother of the bridegroom. First quarter in the newly constructed ringing chamber. Also on April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles Miss E. O'Grady 1, Miss M. Munt 2, A. Eastmead 3, Rev. N. Munt 4, A. Berry 5, D. Corner 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Alan Martin, churchwarden for many years.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Hudson 1, C. Hill 2, J. W. Priest 3, H. Colcombe 4, D. G. Blows 5, R. G. Collins 6, J. King (cond.) 7, Ron Collins 8. Belated 21st birthday compliments to Sallie Buchanan (March 30th) and Anne Jupp (April 24th).

COVENTRY.—(At St. Michael's, Stoke, on May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Putnam (first quarter attempt of Triples) 1, Pamela Wright 2, R. D. Hayne 3, H. Folwell 4, D. Lloyd (first of Triples 'inside') 5, G. Pratt 6, A. R. Wright (cond.) 7, D. Allen 8. For Evensong, and to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Rev. and Mrs. T. Spence, senior curate.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On May 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Lynn Taylor (first quarter) 1, A. J. Butcher 2, Peggy M. Butcher 3, A. J. Carter 4, Derek Slater (cond.) 5, W. J. Sale 6. A 21st wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Allan J. Butcher.

DURLEIGH, SOMERSET.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Selley 1, G. Marchant (cond.) 2, C. Clarke 3, W. Selley 4, G. Burge 5, M. Stone 6. An engagement compliment to Anne Harvey and Clive Marchant.

EDMONTON, MIDDx.—On May 12th, 1,280 St. Clement's Bob Major: Teresa Langdon 1, Trudy Newcombe 2, Christine Bowen 3, J. Towers 4, M. G. Coleman 5, T. Hawkins 6, D. Langdon 7, D. Bowen (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

ENSTONE, OXON.—On March 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. G. Jones 1, L. A. Busby 2, C. C. Clarke 3, B. J. Davies 4, M. W. Coleman 5, E. R. Venn (cond.) 6.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: G. Reeve 1, J. Yorke-Parker 2, J. Ivings 3, D. Reeve 4, H. Ivings 5, A. Balham 6, J. Paul 7, H. Fuller (cond.) 8. For the Queen's birthday.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary Blyth 1, Adrienne Gibson 2, Sylvia Marsh 3, R. Fentiman 4, W. Parrott (first as cond.) 5, Sally Parrot 6, D. Herschell 7, J. Munton 8. For the inauguration of the Christ Church Guild of Belingers.

EWELL, SURREY.—On April 20th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Rutland, Bristol, Yorkshire, Superlative and Cambridge, 30 changes of method): J. Schofield 1, Olive Tester 2, R. Cook (first of Spliced Surprise) 3, F. Darby (cond.) 4, R. Lee 5, R. Finch 6, C. Tester 7, S. Kimber 8.

EXHALL-BY-COVENTRY.—On May 12th, 1,320 Norwich Surprise Minor: I. P. Unsworth 1, K. F. Gardner 2, G. P. Hammond 3, D. J. Allen 4, G. Pratt 5, W. A. Stote (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method by all. For morning service.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On April 18th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. Wilson 1, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 2, I. Ann Abrahams 3, A. A. Price (first quarter of Surprise) 4, L. A. Page 5, A. V. Davis 6, L. F. Cobb 7, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 8.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): D. Cheeseman 1, Miss E. Wharton 2, Miss G. F. Parkes 3, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 4, L. Crouch 5, G. Cuthbert 6, G. S. Evans 7, G. F. Partington 8. First quarter 3, 6, 7 and 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss E. Wharton.

GLASGOW.—At the Cathedral, on May 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Sargent 1, Miss S. Scott 2, A. E. Haynes 3, P. Ebsworth 4, M. J. Pink (first quarter) 5, M. H. Johnson 6, E. Boumphey 7, A. C. Bolton (cond.) 8. Rung for morning service, also as a compliment to Dr. Ann Gower on graduating M.B., Ch.B. Also to welcome the ringers of the second and tenor on holiday in the area.

GREAT HALE, LINCs.—On April 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Rooney (15 years) 1, June Bird (13 years) 2, Patricia Rooney (13 years) 3, Daphne P. Brown (cond.) 4, E. A. Cole 5, G. T. Brown 6. First attempt 1, 2 and 3. A birthday compliment to Mr. G. T. Brown and Mr. A. Bird. Also on April 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Rooney 1, June Bird 2, Patricia Rooney 3, Daphne P. Brown 4, A. Bird (first as cond.) 5, G. T. Brown 6. For the wedding in this church of Miss Margaret Needham and Mr. Christopher Sardeson, and a birthday compliment to Miss Daphne Brown.

HARWICH, ESSEX.—On April 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Gardner 1, Miss S. Harrison 2, Miss F. Smith 3, G. Waterman 4, F. Lufkin (cond.) 5, J. Felgate 6, W. Felgate (cover). A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Felgate.

HATFIELD HEATH, ESSEX.—On April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Erith (first quarter) 1, R. Panton 2, P. G. Brown 3, I. V. Foster 4, J. B. Crowe 5, M. J. Cowling (cond.) 6.

HEANOR, DERBYS.—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. W. Farnsworth 1, D. W. Camm (first as cond.) 2, D. J. Camm 3, R. J. Marchbank 4, G. Foulkes (first 'inside') 5, D. W. Bannister 6.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.—On April 25th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: Margaret Egglestone 1, R. E. Kersey 2, Alice Lester 3, A. R. Bridges 4, P. Bedford 5, N. Whittell 6, A. Beckwith 7, H. Egglestone (cond.) 8.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Clayfield 1, I. S. Merry 2, L. Woodburn 3, Rev. E. L. Fisher 4, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 5, J. L. Merry 6. For Evensong.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On May 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: A. Cowley 1, W. R. Papworth 2, D. G. Papworth 3, W. Ransome 4, L. Cowley 5, P. Watts (16. cond.) 6. For morning service.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Boyack 1, C. Hughes 2, D. Ellison 2, Miss J. Cook 4, D. Hewitt 5, J. Crampion (cond.) 6, C. Willmington 7, A. White 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on May 12th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Mrs. O. D. Tester 1, D. P. Smith (first of Stedman Caters) 2, Miss H. Oakshott 3, T. E. Sone 4, M. F. Oakshott 5, Miss M. A. Ladd 6, E. J. Ladd 7, R. C. Stevens (first of Stedman Caters) 8, J. W. Smith (cond.) 9, R. W. Hinde 10. For Evensong.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: A. H. Worboys 1, S. Penfold 2, F. G. Richardson 3, J. Carrott 4, Miss J. Peacock 5, J. Fowler 6, J. McPhail 7, A. Gargrave 8, T. East 9, F. V. Gant (cond.) 10. For Matins.

LONDON, S.E.—On April 24th, at the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, Southwark, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: J. Phillips 1, L. Smith 2, D. Bennett 3, D. Darby 4, A. Stubbs 5, M. Chilcott (cond.) 6, W. Rawlings 7, J. Chilcott 8, J. Waugh 9, Jas. Phillips 10, J. Crampion 11, R. Overington 12. Rung in remembrance of Alfred B. Peck.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Cook 1, R. Cousins 2, F. Tomlin 3, D. Hewitt 4, D. Riley 5, J. Crampion (cond.) 6, J. Waugh 7, C. Willmington 8. First of Stedman by 3 and 5.

MERTON, SURREY.—On April 25th, 1,260 Plain B. Doubles: R. Cooles (first quarter) 1, Judith Geiringer 2, Rosamund Rawlings 3, Margaret E. Fort 4, A. R. Millidge (cond.) 5. Rung for St. Mark's Day.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Batten 1, Susan Cantwell 2, N. Leslie 3, F. Trinder 4, D. Leslie (cond.) 5, P. Trinder 6. Also on May 3rd, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Susan Cantwell 1, V. Clifton 2, N. Leslie 3, D. Floyd 4, D. Leslie (cond.) 5, P. Trinder 6.

OXFORD.—On April 21st, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. R. Harris 1, C. Coles 2, E. R. Venn (cond.) 3, H. W. Badger 4, A. Gammon 5, P. J. Heritage 6, A. J. Adams 7, I. D. Zass-Ogilvie 8. For Evensong.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On May 12th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: A. W. Coles 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, W. A. Theobald 3, Mrs. D. R. Bould 4, D. F. Wheeler 5, H. F. Myers 6, F. E. Day (cond.) 7, D. R. Bould 8, T. G. Myers 9, T. N. J. Bailey 10. For 6.30 Evensong.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Wilce 1, Joy Smith (cond.) 2, L. Smith 3, K. Tyler 4, How. Meek 5, Har. Meek 6. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Beard, also for a special musical service.

ST. LAURENCE-IN-TANET, KENT.—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. M. Stockwell (first in method) 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, A. W. Bridges (first in method 'inside') 3, E. Milstead 4, S. J. Gee 5, A. Hinkley 6, Rev. S. M. Evans (cond.) 7, R. S. Weekes 8. A farewell to Rev. S. M. Evans, curate at St. Christopher's, in this parish, who is shortly leaving to become Vicar at Bredgar, near Sittingbourne.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On May 12th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: S. G. Scott 1, Miss R. Rich 2, J. R. Pagdin 3, W. J. H. Parker 4, G. C. J. Murrell 5, H. Smith (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Forder 1, Miss M. J. Lovell 2, K. Forder 3, J. Gudgeons 4, F. Tysoe 5, B. Makeham (cond.) 6.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On May 5th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: P. Watts (16, first of Treble Bob) 1, A. C. Clements 2, W. R. Papworth 3, E. J. Wakeling 4, D. G. Papworth 5, W. Ransome (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

SOUTHGATE, N.14.—At Christ Church, on May 12th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: S. G. Peck 1, Diana Belcham 2, Monica Moore 3, W. Wainwright 4, J. M. Jelley 5, D. Belcham (cond.) 6. For Parish Communion.

STRETTON GRANDISON, HEREFORDS.—On April 20th, 1,272 Minor (six methods): L. Walters 1, M. Powell 2, R. G. Powell 3, C. Lewis 4, J. Clements 5, P. G. Morgan (cond.) 6. Also on April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. P. Davies (first quarter) 1, J. Ward 2, G. Gwynne (first 'inside') 3, L. Walters 4, P. G. Morgan (cond.) 5, E. Andrews 6.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—On May 5th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: P. H. Hull 1, P. C. Wright 2, V. G. Roberts 3, G. Salmon 4, H. A. Usher (first of Royal) 5, P. Bridle 6, M. J. Horseman 7, J. Brain 8, E. T. Skipsey 9, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 10.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Binsted (first quarter away from cover) 1, Rosemary Earl 2, D. R. Fuller 3, P. Pope 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5, J. M. Swift 6.

WHETSTONE, LEICS.—On March 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Pickering 1, Mrs. B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, R. Spence (first 'inside') 3, B. Shilton (first 'inside') 4, Mrs. J. Belcher 5, I. Spence (first quarter) 6.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gloria Lias 1, Gwendolen Marshall 2, R. Bath (cond.) 3, M. Church 4, R. Clist 5, E. Hunt 6. For Confirmation, and also birthday honours to treble ringer.

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BIRTH

WILLIAMS.—On May 7th, 1963, at Upney Hospital, Barking, to Betty Irene and Edward Vivian, a son—Richard George. 2523

PERSONAL

'He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life: but the wrath of God abideth in him.' (John iii. 36.)

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

From May 25th, 1963, the address of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Townsend will be The Flat, The Cottage, Fradley, near Lichfield, Staffs., to whom all correspondence concerning Lichfield Cathedral bells should be sent. 2547

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

EXETER, DEVON.—Bed and Breakfast, 12s. 6d., £3 5s. per week. Central area, near bus routes. Car space. Evening meal by arrangement.—Mrs. B. Dilnutt, 18, South Avenue, Exeter. 2534

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MISCELLANEOUS

ST. MARY'S, LEWISHAM, LONDON, S.E.—Please note that the address of the Secretary, Mr. M. Ferrier, is now Gilmour House, Renfrew Road, Kennington, S.E.11, Reliance 4174 or 4168. Practice every Thursday at 7.30 p.m. Sunday ringing 10.15 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. All visiting ringers and others are very welcome. 3518

ST. MARGARET'S RINGERS, LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.—Mr. Andrew Crowe, of 49, Sussex Road, Lowestoft, has been appointed Ringing Master to the above company. 2543

STOP! said the P.C.C. So no more ringing at St. Mary's, Eling, Hants, until a £1,300 steel frame is fitted. Anyone who would like to assist the bell fund should send donations to the treasurer—Mr. H. Hawkins, 3, Bagher Road, Totton. 2533

PEAL CARDS AND QUARTER PEAL CARDS, minimum 12 in set, price 7s. 6d. post free. For quarter peal cards, second copy written out in style of a peal is essential.—'The Ringing World' Office, Guildford. 2520

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'ELEMENTARY CHANGE RINGING,' by F. F. Rigby; an exceptionally good introduction to the art of change-ringing; 3s. 6d.; postage 3d.—S.P.C.K., Holy Trinity Church, Marylebone Road, London, N.W.1. 5250

MEETINGS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Putterham (6) on May 25th from 6 to 9 p.m.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 2505

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Lugwardine, May 25th. Bells (8) from 3 to 8.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. G. Powell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 9, Green Lane, Kingstone Hereford.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting at Garboldisham, Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) 6.30 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—A.M., Hook Norton (8), Saturday, May 25th. Bells 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Names for tea to J. Keyte, Freeland, Oxford. 2460

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, May 25th, at Olney. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. M. Cook, 45, Newton Road, Olney.—R. W. Sear, Hon. Sec. 2501

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, May 25th, Langley. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 2479

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Durrington, May 25th, 6-9 p.m.—Y. L. Eloie, Branch Sec.

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Ingrave (5), 3-5 p.m., and Hutton (5), 6-8.30 p.m., Saturday, May 25th. Cups of tea. All welcome. 2517

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting at Rotherfield (8) on May 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to I. Smith (Sec.), 37, Wellington Gardens, Battle, Sussex. 2510

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at 'The Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, May 28th, at 8.15 p.m. Forthcoming practices, all commencing 6.30 p.m.: May 28th, St. Paul's Cathedral; June 4th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; June 11th, St. Lawrence, Jewry; June 18th, St. Giles', Cripplegate.—John Chilcott. 2527

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting Aylesbeare, Saturday, June 1st. Bells 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. No tea.—R. T. Perry, Hon. Sec. 2480

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—An evening meeting will be held at Bridgnorth St. Leonard's on Saturday, June 1st. Ringing 6.30-8.30 p.m.—V. Edge, Dis. Sec. 2540

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chiddington on Saturday, June 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Ormskirk on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. All visitors welcome.—F. Pearson, Sec. 2541

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, June 1st, Marchington. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 29th, to Mrs. E. Fenwick, 'Whitewalls,' Marchington, Uttoxeter. No name no tea.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 2528

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gulbrough Branch.—Meeting, Hazelbech, Saturday, June 1st. Names by Tuesday previous to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 2531

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, June 1st, Chirton (6), Marden and All Cannings (5) after tea. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 2521

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Eastington, June 1st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (mod. charge) 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mrs. E. Bradshaw, High Street, Eastington, Goole, on or before May 28th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 2526

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Cup contest meeting at Wentworth, Whit Saturday, June 1st. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. H. N. Ward, George and Dragon Inn, Wentworth, Rotherham. Tel.: Hoyland 3280.—J. Seager, Sec. 2507

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Stutton and Holbrook, Saturday, June 1st. Holbrook (6) 3-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Stutton (6) 6-8 p.m. Names for tea, please, by May 31st to C. G. Pearce, 36, St. Andrew's Place, Melton, near Woodbridge. 2520

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, West Grinstead, Saturday, June 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. (at Dial Post). Notifications for tea to Mrs. F. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, by May 29th. T.N. 438. 2524

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 1st. Ringing at Lymington 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.30 p.m. at the Creamery, Milford-on-Sea, followed by ringing. Names for tea essential by Thursday, May 30th, to L. F. Cobb, 182, Southampton Road, Ringwood. 2532

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday, June 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2439

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Whit Monday, June 3rd, 1963, at Chelmsford. Service in Cathedral at 11 a.m. Address by Bishop of Colchester. Meeting to follow service. Tea and coffee available from 10.15 to 10.45 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m. Cathedral Hall (tickets 3s. 6d.). Tea, as a running buffet, from 5-6.15 p.m. (tickets 2s. 6d.). Bells available: Cathedral, 9.30-10.45 a.m. and then service touch, and from 4 p.m. From 3-6 p.m. Great Baddow, Writtle, Widford, Sandon, Danbury; and from 6-9 p.m. Great Waltham, Galleywood, Broomfield, Little Waltham. Lunch and tea tickets from General Secretary, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. S.A.E., please.—F. V. Gant. 2474

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival, Much Wenlock, Whit Monday, June 3rd. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Towers available: Madeley (8), Coalbrookdale (10), Broseley (8), St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth (8), 11 a.m. till 1 p.m. only. Willey (5). Notifications for tea must reach me by first post Wednesday, May 29th.—H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 2477

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Open shield contest at Wortley, near Sheffield, Saturday June 8th. Names to James W. Buxton, Roydhouse, Shelley. Fee 10s. Tea, please notify Mr. A. Francis, Park Lodge, Wortley, Sheffield. Both names in by Saturday, June 1st. 2535

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Great Hallingbury (5) on Saturday, June 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 2530

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Downham, June 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea essential by Wednesday, June 5th, to M. J. Hallett, 180, Downhall Road, Rayleigh. 2537

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Stockbury (5) on June 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, not later than the previous Wednesday, to Mr. M. Lacey, 14, Northdown, Stockbury, Sittingbourne.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2536

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Witham-on-the-Hill, Saturday, June 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, June 3rd, to Rev. Canon N. W. Hagger, The Vicarage, Witham-on-the-Hill, Bourne, Lincs. Special methods: Norfolk Surprise and Single Oxford Bob.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 2538

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, June 8th at Pentre. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names to Mr. John Owen, 11, Llewellyn Street, Pentre. 2478

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Kessingland, June 8th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 5th, certain, to Mr. M. J. Parker, 6, Windsor Terrace, Field Lane, Kessingland, Suffolk.—N. P. J. Cossey, Hon. Sec., Low Road, Norton, NOR. 26 W. 2525

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Noghampton Branch.—Meeting at Brixworth, Saturday, June 8th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Avenue, Northants, by Tuesday previous. Brixworth bells till 7 p.m. only. Pitsford open from 6.30-8.30 p.m. 2519

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD Farnham District

About 40 ringers met at Worplesdon for a meeting of the Farnham District on May 11th. Ringing before the service ranged from rounds to Surprise Major. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. J. Hoskyns, and this was his first association with the Guild. He commented how pleasing it was to see such good fellowship among ringers.

Tea was taken in the Church Room, and excellent fare was provided by the local ladies. During the tea it was discovered that it was the Rector's birthday; he was heartily congratulated and thanked for having spent his birthday tea with us. As the charge of 2s. per head for tea amply covered the cost, the surplus was donated, together with the retiring collection from the service, as part of Worplesdon's donation to the Cathedral Bells Fund. This amounted to £2.

The Rector was elected to take the chair for the business meeting, and routine matters were speedily dealt with. Five new members were elected from Grayshott and Worplesdon.

Ringing was resumed after Evensong until about 9 p.m. A.D.E.

CHRIST CHURCH GUILD OF RINGERS, EPSOM COMMON

After the death of their captain, Mr. G. F. Oakshott, the ringers of Christ Church, Epsom, expressed the wish to have their own tower Guild and elect their own officers. A meeting was duly held on May 2nd at Christ Church Vicarage, with the Vicar in the chair.

It was decided to call the Guild the 'Christ Church Guild of Ringers, Epsom Common.' The Vicar was elected president. The following officers were then elected.

Mr. W. Parrott, captain; Mr. Denis Oakshott, vice-captain; Miss Adrienne Gibson, secretary; Mr. Richard Fentiman, treasurer; Mr. David Herschell, steeple-keeper.

Ringing times would continue as before, i.e. 10.30 to 11 a.m. and 6 to 6.30 p.m. on Sunday, 8 to 9.30 p.m. on Wednesday, practice night.

Would all ringers please forward any future correspondence in connection with the ringers of Christ Church, Epsom Common, to the Secretary, Miss A. Gibson, 4, Ridgeway, Epsom.

BALDERTON, NOTTS

Four pleasant easy-going rings of bells, similar to their own, were selected by Balderton, Notts. ringers for their half-day outing on April 20th.

The first stop was Heydour (8), where we unfortunately had a broken rope. This was soon put right, however. At Folkingham (6) we were warmly welcomed by Mr. Bradley, and here we ate our packed tea, of necessity in the coach, as the weather did not match the bells. Billingham's eight we found very much to our liking, and excelled ourselves with a good rise and fall. The last tower had another pleasant six, Silk Willoughby, scene of many peals.

Methods rung were simple, including Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples, with rounds for Paul, our latest recruit.

Our thanks go to our coach driver, and the clergy and ringers who met us. B.N.R.

50 YEARS AGO

*R.W. May 16th, 1913:—

As will be seen from the report of the Sussex Association's annual meeting in our last issue, a very admirable foundation has been laid by that organisation for a benevolent fund, and there is now provision to the extent of £25 to assist members who may be in distress. Sussex has the proud distinction of being the first ringing association actually to adopt a scheme for such a fund—although Kent was only a week or two behind. It should give the lead to other societies who are still without such a scheme.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

ARRANGEMENTS FOR WHITSUN

The Lombardy Room and Lounge at the Garibaldi, St. Nicholas Road, Great Yarmouth, has been reserved for members and friends from Saturday, June 1st, to Tuesday, June 4th, and all will be welcome there.

Holy Communion on Tuesday at 7.15 a.m. at St. Nicholas' Parish Church, at which the Bishop of Norwich will be present.

Tea and reception in Assembly Room at Town Hall at 4.30 p.m.

Ringing arrangements as under:—

SATURDAY, JUNE 1st

Great Yarmouth (12) 6.0 to 8.30 p.m.
King's Lynn (10) 6.0 to 8.0 p.m.
Thetford (8) 6.0 to 8.0 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2nd

Great Yarmouth 9.30–10.30 a.m.;
3.30–4.30 & 5.30–6.30.
Gorleston (8) 10.15–11.0 a.m.;
5.30–6.30.
Pakefield (Lowestoft) (8) 10.30–11.0 a.m.;
5.50–6.30.
Lowestoft (8) 10.45–11.10 a.m.;
5.30–6.25.
Beccles (10) 10.0–11.0 a.m.
Norwich St. Peter (12) 9.0–9.30 a.m. &
Mancroft 10.45–11.0 a.m.;
5.30–6.45.
Norwich St. Giles (8) 9.45–10.55 a.m.;
5.45–6.30.
" St. Miles (8) 10.0–10.45 a.m.;
5.45–6.30.
" St. George, Colegate (6) 10.0–11.0 a.m.
Wymondham Abbey (8) 10.15–11.0 a.m.
Saxlingham Nethergate (8) 10.15–11.0 a.m.
Pulham Market (8) 10.15–11.0 a.m.
Diss (8) 10.0–11.0 a.m.
Redenhall (8) 10.0–11.0 a.m.
Thetford (8) 10.0–11.0 a.m.;
5.30–6.30.
Hethersett (8) 10.0–11.0 a.m.;
5.30–6.30.
Fakenham (8) 10.0–11.0 a.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 3rd

Great Yarmouth Morning and afternoon,
also 7.30 p.m.
Wymondham 3.0 p.m. onwards.
Hethersett 3.0 p.m. onwards.
Gorleston Any time by arrangement.
Pakefield (Lowestoft) Ditto.
Lowestoft St. Margaret Ditto.
Norwich Towers Ditto.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Any ringer who may be in London on Whit Sunday will be very welcome at St. Clement Danes', where ringing for Evensong is from 2.15 to 3.25.

Her many friends will be pleased to read of the return to the quarter peal columns of Miss Y. C. Porter, of Plymouth, after a break of eight months, and trust the near future will see her back to peal ringing.

Corrections.—The peal by the Ancient Society of College Youths rung at Worcester on April 27th was Yorkshire Surprise Maximus and not Cambridge. The conductor of the peal at Eardisland (page 337) was Peter Border and not Wilfred Williams.

Mr. Rupert Capon, secretary of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, learned to handle a bell at the ill-fated church at Eastwood, Notts. He thinks that gremlins must be about there, as the church was destroyed by fire in 1852 and not rebuilt until 1858.

Miss Valerie Hollings, of East Grinstead, will remember her 21st birthday. On the day before, she not only rang her first quarter 'inside' but owing to indisposition of Miss Jane Smart, she was called upon at a moment's notice to ring her first peal. This she did extremely well.

A very helpful article on conducting by Bernard Groves appears in the April issue of 'The Belfry', the quarterly magazine of the Maidstone District, K.C.A. Editor Percy M. Town is in the happy position of catering for a District full of vitality.

QUARTER PEALS

BUCKINGHAM.—On April 2nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: P. Newing 1, R. A. Vickers (first of Surprise Major) 2, D. Burdidge 3, W. A. Yates 4, C. E. Truman 5, J. Linnell 6, R. H. Rogers 7, G. W. Holland 8.

CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.—On April 18th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: F. K. Prime 1, Monica Horseman 2, G. Salmon 3, Audrey M. Short 4, R. D. Short 5, V. G. Roberts 6, E. T. Skipsey 7, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8. First of Rutland for 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6.

COURTEENHALL, NORTHANTS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): T. Gray 1, R. W. Smith 2, G. C. Paul (cond.) 3, K. P. Wootton 4, B. R. Eaglesfield 5.

HUGHTON, LANCs.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: W. Illesley 1, J. Gartside 2, P. Cross-thwaite 3, M. Crossthwaite 4, F. Blackledge 5, L. Walmsley 6, C. Crossthwaite (cond.) 7, D. Harwood 8. To mark the retirement, after over 40 years' service, of Mrs. May Windle and Miss Jane Wadsworth, of the local band.

Gratefully Acknowledged

The Editorial Committee acknowledges with gratitude the following donations towards the cost of producing 'The Ringing World':—

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LATE NOTICES

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Monthly practice meeting, June 1st, Elstow. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please note: own arrangements for tea. —F. W. Rivett, Dis. Sec. 2545

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting on Saturday, June 1st, at Wilburton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 2546

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly meeting, Silverdale on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Bolton, 'Kirkmeade,' Cove Road, Silverdale, Carnforth, Lancs.—P. Handley, Branch Sec. 2542

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, St. David's Cathedral on Saturday, June 8th, at 3 o'clock. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Buckland, 9, The Pebbles, St. David's.—R. Warburton, Hon. Sec. 2544

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Ashford District please note. Preliminary notice. By-meeting, Eham, Saturday, June 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Further details next week.—T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 2549

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival, Brecon Cathedral, Saturday, June 15th. St. Mary's bells (8) available 2 to 3.30 p.m. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at Bishop Meadows Cafe. St. Mary's bells also available after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. D. Stokes, 1, King Street, Brecon, by June 8th.—J. A. Hoare, Hon. Sec. 2541

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