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IMPACT OF YARMOUTH

THE artificial atmosphere of Great Yarmouth on holiday, with its crowded streets, bingo and sea food establishments, did not invade the quietness and dignity of two buildings—the resurrected ancient Church of St. Nicholas and the quayside Town Hall. It was here that the Central Council functioned on Whit Tuesday for the first session of its 25th Council.

More than 100 members of the Council were in St. Nicholas' Church at 7.15 a.m. for Holy Communion, at which Dr. Lancelot Flemming was the celebrant; and specially remembered was Pope John XXIII, who died the previous day. Not only was this an indication of the universality of the Christian Church but also that the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers is not an exclusive unit of the Church of England. It rejoices in this country and overseas in Eire, Australia and Canada of members of the Roman Catholic Church and also Free Churchmen.

'The welcome of 'Church and State,' which preceded the actual business of the Council, combined cordiality with interest. Councillor Winter, the recently-installed Mayor, had indulged in research into local bells and bell ropes, subjects quite unexpected from civic heads, and the Archdeacon of Norwich's injunction about cobwebs in the belfry will not go unheeded. His vision of the bellringer being a light in a church window seems apposite, as such is occupying the thoughts of Leicester ringers in commemorating Ernest Morris' life and work.

There was no contest for the presidency of the Council. Mr. Frederick Sharpe, who for six years had held the office, made a sacrificial withdrawal after a discussion with the Standing Committee. To be No. 1 in English ringing would have enhanced his position enormously in America, where he is going shortly.

To Canon Gilbert Thurlow it was after his first Council meeting, 'a day I shall not forget.' The expression of thanks to Mr. Sharpe came from the new president, and he gave the Council a glimpse of the busy background constituting the I.P.M.'s life. His work for the Towers and Belfries Committee last year occupied 43 days, and his other activities for the Exercise included unspectacular things from judging a striking competition in Wales to lecturing learned bodies. And within a fortnight he is crossing the Atlantic to be guest of honour at the convention of the American Guild of Handbell Ringers.

With Gilbert Thurlow in the chair, meetings of the Council will never be dull, and playfully he foreshadowed some of Mr. Sharpe's experiences which include, apart from lecturing, the crowning of the king and queen of the

festival. There was a word of warning, too, about the two cover girls on the festival issue of 'Overtones,' but a concluding note about the precautionary steps taken by the festival organisers that in the application form the name of the chaperone was required!

In a sense Mr. Sharpe, before leaving office, gave a presidential address; and in parenthesis we would say that it could with advantage be introduced to the Council. The picture he presented was that the Exercise was in a healthy state—evidence was given later that during the past year 588 people had rung their first peal and that 1,681 copies of the Beginners' Handbook had been sold. Such factual information is significant. Another good point made by Mr. Sharpe was the introduction of courses in ringing, and an estimate was given that during the past year 500 ringers attended these courses. Although it was not mentioned, we would call attention to the growth in striking competitions where entries come from the Sunday service band. All this augurs well.

Mr. Sharpe repeated what he had said previously about the impact of the quinquennial survey of churches on bells generally, and he foretold a busy time not only for his committee but the bell foundries—not that they have been quiet for many years. Many of the towers to benefit by these measures will be those classified as 'silent,' *sans* ringers and *sans* instructors. Guilds must be on the alert for such occasions, and equally so incumbents and archdeacons should be on the watch ready to co-operate. Training arrangements should be put in hand some months in advance of dedication, and recently we have had the pleasure of recording two occasions when the bells were rung immediately after the dedicatory prayers by those who were to constitute the future Sunday service band.

The most important discussion arose over towers and belfries matters, and the first thought in this matter was one of congratulation to Mr. Edwin Lewis, on his jubilee in this class of work. His speech at the Newcastle upon Tyne Council in 1913 led to the formation of this important committee, and to the delight of the Council Mr. Lewis delved into past history and produced three outstanding 'cases.'

Architects were criticised at the meeting under two headings—in the matter of charges and in ignoring the advice of the experts in the know. Should the church have to pay an architect's commission on bell jobs done to the bellfounder's specification? Guidance was given to P.C.C.'s generally to arrange for special terms with the architect or to have a separate contract with the bellfounders with advice from the Towers and Belfries Committee. Alas,

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CANON GILBERT THURLOW TO LEAD CENTRAL COUNCIL

Installed as President in His Own Town

CANON A. G. G. THURLOW, Vicar of Great Yarmouth, is president of the 25th Council of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. His election was unopposed. At the meeting of the Standing Committee, held on Whit Monday, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, who had been president for the past six years, withdrew his nomination and at the Council meeting in the Town Hall on Whit Tuesday the Canon was elected president.

The new vice-president is Mr. John Freeman, of Lincoln, who, in a ballot, defeated Mr. W. B. Cartwright.

Proceedings on the Tuesday started with a celebration of Holy Communion in St. Nicholas' Church. The Bishop of Norwich (Dr. L. Flemming) was the celebrant, and assisting were the Archdeacon of Norwich, Canon Thurlow, Canon K. W. H. Felstead and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott. Afterwards the Bishop had breakfast with the officers of the Council and of the Norwich Diocesan Association at the Star Hotel. Another engagement prevented the Bishop from attending the meeting in the Town Hall.

At the opening of the proceedings Mr. F. Sharpe presided and called upon the Mayor of Yarmouth.

THE PORT OF YARMOUTH

The Mayor (Councillor J. P. Winter), in his welcome to the Council, said Great Yarmouth was an ancient borough, with a lively sense of history, and especially with reference to bells. In the old days, when water was the means of transporting heavy objects, many bells cast in Norwich, between 1350 and 1750, no doubt passed through their port on their way to other places and many bells cast in London passed the other way through their port on their way into Norfolk.

'As a great sailing port we had our rope making industry, and, probably before bell ropes became a specialised matter, we supplied them as a side-line. Indeed, a 14th century reference in Norwich Cathedral accounts, "to cables from Jermout," probably means bell ropes from here. As an important port supplying a large part of the Navy in the 14th century, we probably placed many orders.

'We are very proud of our Parish Church, the largest in England. As no doubt you know, from 1942 to 1957 it was a complete ruin. Many people doubted whether it could ever be rebuilt, and sometimes we were told that our once famous bells would never rise again. But during these last few hectic years, from 1957 onwards, we have seen the apparently impossible happen, and now our church stands again, beautifully restored, constantly filled for one purpose or another, and alive with worship and work.

NO IMITATION BELLS

'From 1940 to 1959 the sound of church bells was never heard in Yarmouth. Few towns of such importance and with such a history could have been in such a state. How easy it would have been for Yarmouth never to have had bells again! How easy it would have been for our church leaders had they been innocent and ignorant, to be deceived by the sales talk of the imitation "bell" manufacturers, and to be led to think that ringing is a dying art, bells too expensive to obtain and to have disfigured our church tower with a noise like that of the itinerant ice cream cars. So far as I know, no such rubbish has ever been tried on our church leaders here.

'Let me leave with you a wish, that you have a most profitable and enjoyable time together, and when you have finished wrestling with the deep problems on your agenda, go out and get a deep breath of Great Yarmouth's dustless, invigorating and, as yet, untaxed sea breezes!

Another message of greeting came from the Archdeacon of Norwich (the Ven. — Aitken), who, 'because his voice was not only a question of "treble gone," but tenor and bass gone,' asked Canon Thurlow to read it.



CANON THURLOW, PRESIDENT

The Archdeacon wrote that as a native of Norfolk he had grown up as a member of the great Church of St. Nicholas in that town.

'I bid you welcome as fellow workers in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of His Church. In the full and thrilling life of this Church, many people have their varied parts to play and you ringers, in the exercise of your skilled and ancient craft, are fulfilling a high calling of God in the service His Church. I hope that churchpeople as a whole do not take for granted the great and splendid service that you render.

'I always made it a practice as a parish priest to visit my belfry as often as I could on Sundays and on practice nights, as I am sure that a close personal relationship between priest and ringer is essential. Indeed, it is a privilege for the clergy to be able to share in the happy fellowship that is so often found amongst ringers.

RINGER IN STAINED GLASS

'If I were to design a stained-glass window, I think I should like to make room for a representative bellringer in one of the lights. There would be a churchwarden in the window, and, no doubt, an organist or choirman, but I should want to find room for a ringer too, so great are the services that you render to our Lord and His Church. He would have to be a handsome ringer and we might easily select a lady ringer, but looking round the assembly I can see many who would look well in stained glass—much as they would dislike it!

'I hope I am right in claiming that ringing is in a more healthy state than ever before. If this is so, and I believe it to be so myself, then this is a cause for profound thankfulness in the Church as a whole. I have been particularly struck by the number of young ringers learning this great craft, and I put in a plea for all of you experts that you will exercise the greatest possible patience, perseverance and kindness in teaching the younger generation of ringers.

'I make one further and last plea. We have done our best to give you a real East Coast welcome and have provided a fair old east wind to blow away your cobwebs. My query is "Are there any cobwebs in your belfries?" On the whole I would say not, as I have been impressed by the care and labour that is put into keeping our belfries in good order. I am sure we ought always to remember that our belfries are as much a part of God's house as the nave, the choir or the sanctuary, and should be kept in as fair condition as are these. I know that you, members of this Council, will use your influence to see this is always so in all towers.

Thanking the Archdeacon for his welcome the president said if all dioceses had the same

relationship between Archdeacon and ringers it would be better for their art as a whole. We were in a very healthy condition and there was more interest in the art today than ever before.

Mr. Nolan Golden (president of the Norwich Diocesan Association) also gave a welcome. 'We in the diocese are extremely pleased to have you with us.'

In a word of thanks to the Archdeacon, Mr. Golden said he was brought up at Yarmouth and his father, of blessed memory, was extremely kind to ringers. He (Mr. Golden) had many a supper in the vicarage after ringing the bells of Yarmouth. They had splendid leaders in the church of this diocese to help them in their work.

The president thanked Mr. Golden and Mr. Barrett for all the work they had done in preparing for the meeting.

A prayer for the success of the Council meeting was then offered by the Vicar of Yarmouth.

The honorary secretary reported that the Council had 59 Associations, with a total of 164 members, 24 honorary members, eight life members, making a total of 196. There were seven vacancies, one among representative members and six honorary. All subscriptions had been paid.

A NEW MEMBER

The honorary secretary reported that an application for membership had been received from the South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association as a non-territorial association. The Standing Committee considered the application the previous evening, and recommended that it be accepted.

Mr. G. A. Halls (Derbyshire Association) said the South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association was formed six or seven years ago by a group of angry young men, who were dissatisfied with the number of meetings in their area. At that time the district of the Derbyshire Association was a large one and they could only visit towers once in three years. The solution was to form another district of the Derbyshire Association.

'At the outset we did our best to resist this Association,' said Mr. Halls, 'on the grounds that the area was already served by five Associations, and an extra ringing Association was not necessary. At that time we had 20 members in South Derbyshire, now we have four and two of those are in arrears with their subscriptions. In a small Association a drop in membership like that is by no means insignificant.'

Mr. Halls emphasised that the Derbyshire Association represented the whole of the diocese, but as this Association had been formed and they recognised that it did a certain amount of good in the area they were prepared not to oppose the application.

Mr. J. F. Smallwood proposed and Mr. P. J. Stanforth (Leicester Diocesan Guild) seconded that the application be granted.

This was carried, but there were 18 votes against.

PRESENT

Life members: Messrs. F. Sharpe, E. A. Barnett, F. W. Perrins, E. H. Lewis, G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.

Honorary members: Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Messrs. F. I. Hairs, D. Hughes, C. K. Lewis, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. G. W. Pipe, H. L. Roper, R. F. B. Speed, Mrs. R. F. B. Speed, Messrs. L. Stilwell, P. L. Taylor, T. W. White.

Ancient Society of College Youths: Messrs. W. T. Cook, J. F. Smallwood, C. G. J. Watts and W. Williams.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Messrs. J. H. Gilbert, A. H. Reed and H. J. Sanger.

Bedfordshire Association: Messrs. J. H. Edwards and A. E. Rushton.

Cambridge University Guild: Dr. C. M. P. Johnson and Mr. B. D. Threlfall.

Chester Diocesan Guild: Miss A. D. Edwards and Mr. J. Scott.

CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

Coventry Diocesan Guild: Mrs. D. E. Beamish and Mr. H. Windsor.

Cumberland and North Westmorland Association: Mr. G. McKay.

Derby Diocesan Association: Messrs. G. A. Halls, A. Mould and M. Phipps.

Devon Guild: Miss B. M. Boyle and Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

Dudley and District Guild: Mr. H. J. Shuck.

Durham and Newcastle Association: Messrs. K. Arthur and D. A. Bayles.

East Grinstead and District Guild: Mr. E. J. Ladd.

Ely Diocesan Association: Messrs. T. A. Bevis, J. G. Gipson, E. H. Mastin and H. S. Peacock.

Essex Association: Messrs. P. J. Eves, F. B. Lufkin, J. E. G. Roast and Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: Messrs. W. B. Kynaston and C. A. Wratten.

Guildford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. A. C. Hazelden, D. A. R. May, S. G. Ponting and W. H. Viggers.

Hereford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. G. Cousins and A. Wingate.

Hertford County Association: Messrs. W. Ayre, G. W. Critchley and G. Dodds.

Irish Association: Mr. F. E. Dukes, Mrs. F. E. Dukes and Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.

Kent County Association: Messrs. J. R. Cooper, P. A. Corby, T. Cullingworth and I. H. Oram.

Ladies' Guild: Miss J. Beresford, Miss D. E. Colgate and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Lancashire Association: Messrs. J. E. Burles, C. Crossthwaite, R. Leigh and D. Ogden.

Leicester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. S. Burton, J. M. Jelley, P. J. Staniforth and B. G. Warwick.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Messrs. J. Bray, G. E. Feirn, J. Freeman and J. L. Millhouse.

Llandaff and Northmouth Diocesan Association: Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association: Messrs. C. W. Ottley, H. W. Rogers, Mrs. H. W. Rogers and Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association: Messrs. F. T. Blagrove, F. W. Goodfellow, T. J. Lock and J. R. Mayne.

Midland Counties Guild: Mr. J. W. Cotton.

North Staffordshire Association: Mr. R. S. Anderson.

Norwich Diocesan Association: Messrs. H. W. Barrett, F. N. Golden, N. V. Harding and Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild: Mr. A. D. Barker, Mrs. A. D. Barker.

Oxford Society: Mr. F. A. H. Wilkins.

Oxford University Society: Mr. D. F. Roaf.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Messrs. B. Austin, E. Billings and Miss S. R. Collins.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham: Messrs. G. E. Fearn and F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Messrs. J. T. Barrett and G. S. Morris.

Sheffield and District Society: Mr. N. Chaddock.

Shropshire Association: Messrs. R. B. Morris and R. Newton.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Messrs. D. Beresford, W. H. Dobbie, F. E. Hawthorne and Dr. D. E. Sibson.

Southwell Diocesan Guild: Messrs. B. M. Buswell and W. L. Exton.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society: Mr. B. G. Key.

Suffolk Guild: Messrs. J. W. Blythe, L. G. Brett, Miss A. E. J. Lester and Mr. C. W. Pipe.

Surrey Association: Messrs. N. S. Bagworth, F. E. Collins and W. Parrott.

Sussex County Association: Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Messrs. R. W. R. Percy and A. V. Sheppard.

Truro Diocesan Guild: Messrs. W. C. Boucher and D. Burnett.



JOHN FREEMAN, VICE-PRESIDENT

Universities Association: Miss M. R. Cross.
University of Bristol Society: Dr. T. P. Edwards.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: Mr. A. V. Davis, Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and Messrs. J. Hartless and F. W. Rogers.

Worcestershire and Districts Association: Messrs. B. C. Ashford, D. Beacham and W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association: Messrs. V. Bottomley, W. E. Critchley and W. F. Moreton.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Messrs. J. T. Dyke, J. P. Fidler, A. A. Hughes, W. A. Osborn, A. J. Pitman, E. C. Shepherd, J. Willis, P. M. J. Gray, G. Salmon, H. O. Baker, B. Bartlett, N. Mallett, T. G. Myers, A. L. Barry, G. J. Lewis, J. J. Webb, R. G. Bell, Mrs. D. J. King, Messrs. E. C. Birkett, E. H. Edge, D. J. Smith, P. I. Chapman, G. H. Harding, W. C. West, R. St. C. Wilson, J. D. Clarke, W. L. Weller, G. I. Lewis, A. J. Davidson, A. Locke, Dr. D. N. Layton, Messrs. D. H. B. Millward, J. W. Clarke and G. Benfield.

Upon the chairman's suggestion the honorary secretary was requested to send a letter to Mr. A. A. Hughes, wishing him a speedy recovery.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were presented: G. W. Pipe, Mrs. Speed (honorary members), W. T. Cook (Ancient Society of College Youths), J. H. Gilbert (Bath and Wells), J. H. Edwards (Bedfordshire), Miss A. D. Edwards, J. Scott (Chester), H. Windsor (Coventry), M. Phipps (Derby), T. A. Bevis (Ely), J. E. G. Roast (Essex), D. A. R. May, S. G. Ponting (Guildford), Miss J. Beresford (Ladies'), J. E. Burles, C. Crossthwaite, R. Leigh, D. Ogden (Lancashire), J. M. Jelley (Leicester), C. W. Ottley (London County), D. J. Roaf (Oxford Un.), Miss S. R. Collins (Peterborough), R. B. Morris (Shropshire), W. H. Dobbie, Dr. D. E. Sibson (Cumberland), W. L. Exton (Southwell), Miss A. E. J. Lester (Suffolk), N. S. Bagworth, W. Parrott (Surrey), Mrs. F. I. Hairs, A. V. Sheppard (Sussex), J. E. Collins (South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire).

PRESIDENT, 1963-66

Before vacating the chair, Mr. F. Sharpe said two names had been received for the presidency. "May I express my deep gratitude to Mr. A. Barker and Mr. W. G. Wilson in

nominating me to this office. I want to make it perfectly clear to the Council that neither Mr. Barker nor Mr. Wilson knew that I had nominated Canon Thurlow. That placed me in an invidious position, having nominated one candidate and being nominated myself. I discussed the matter with the Standing Committee last night and I have withdrawn my name from the nomination list. Therefore we have one nomination standing for the presidency for the ensuing year and that is the name of Canon Thurlow, proposed by myself and seconded by Mr. Nolan Golden, president of the Norwich Diocesan Association."

Continuing Mr. Sharpe said Canon Thurlow needed no introduction; he was well known and had a life-long interest in bells and ringing. He was a Canon of the Church and Vicar of one of the largest parish churches in the country. "I have every confidence that he will make an excellent president, and I have pleasure in declaring him as president and in asking him to take the chair."

Amid the applause of the Council, Canon Thurlow took the chair. "At this moment," declared the president, "I am full of gratitude and humility. Gratitude to Mr. Sharpe for his noble act in withdrawing and proposing me, and humility when I think of the predecessors in this office, Sir Arthur P. Heywood, Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Canon Coleridge, Edwin Lewis and Frederick Sharpe."

In a tribute to Mr. Sharpe, the new president said the ways he had served the Exercise and the amount of work he had done for bells and ringing was quite encyclopaedic. He supposed no one knew the extent of his achievement, the help he had given to diocesan authorities all over the country, the number of lectures he had given to learned Societies and Societies less learned, the tremendous help he had given all over the country in various technical courses, the help he had given in judging ringing competitions, the brilliant books he had written, such as 'The Church Bells of Oxfordshire,' which was so much finer than the old county histories. Quite the most spectacular thing in his career was to come later this month, when he would go to America to attend the Convention of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers. Not only was he to lecture and judge competitions, but he was to crown the king and queen of the festival.

The president expressed the hope that Mr. Sharpe would survive his trip to America and that he would be spared to guide and teach the Exercise for many years to come. (Applause.)

TWO OUTSTANDING THINGS

In reply Mr. Sharpe said he had enjoyed every moment of his position as president. When he took office, six years ago, he said he did not wish to introduce any revolutionary changes; as they had gone on so well under the guidance of Mr. Lewis he did not want to make any radical changes.

There had been certain changes and distinct features during his period of office. The first was the inauguration of residential courses for ringers, which had now become a recognised means of training. The first of these courses was very experimental and he had the pleasure and privilege of giving the inaugural lectures in most of the dioceses where these courses had been held. They had done a tremendous amount of good. He would also like to pay tribute to the wonderful work of the Sunday Service Ringing and Education Committees. The fellowship at these courses had been good.

The other thing of outstanding interest was the passing by the Government of the Quinquennial Inspection of Churches Measure. It meant that, for the first time, it was

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required by law for every church to be inspected and reported on by an architect. This had meant an overwhelming amount of work for the Towers and Belfries Committee. In this work that of dealing with the roof and building would come before the bells. Most of the churches had completed that work and some were giving attention to bells. He had been to many dedications and enjoyed going into all the dioceses. He had visited all the Associations except six during his term of office.

Mr. W. G. Wilson rose to assure the president that he would have his loyalty and support throughout his term of office. A reason for his nomination was that he wanted Mr. Sharpe to go to America as president of the Council. He wanted Mr. Sharpe to know that when he was in America he would have their support as a whole.

THE VICE-PRESIDENT

There were two nominations for the office of vice-president—Mr. W. B. Cartwright and Mr. J. Freeman. A ballot was taken and later in the proceedings the president announced the result:

Mr. John Freeman 86.

Mr. W. B. Cartwright 52.

The president added that both had served the Council splendidly in various ways. He congratulated Mr. Freeman.

Mr. Freeman then took his seat on the right of the president and thanked the Council. He said he felt that his election was a tribute to the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, which he had the pleasure of serving.

OTHER RE-ELECTIONS

The re-elections were announced of Mr. E. A. Barnett as hon. secretary and treasurer and Mr. F. W. Perrens as honorary librarian.

The honorary secretary stated that the Standing Committee recommended that Mr. Harold N. Pitstow, one of the Council's auditors, be elected an honorary member of the Council. It was proposed by Mr. R. A. Anderson, and seconded by Mr. J. Sanger, that Mr. Pitstow be elected and this was agreed to.

The honorary secretary also reported that under the Standing Orders he proposed that Mr. Albert A. Hughes be elected a life member. This was agreed to.

The following were re-elected honorary members: Messrs. J. P. Fidler, D. Hughes, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. E. C. Shepherd, R. F. B. Speed, L. Stilwell, P. L. Taylor, T. W. White and J. Willis.

HONORARY AUDITORS

Messrs. A. A. Hughes and H. N. Pitstow were re-elected honorary auditors, on the proposition of Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

LOSSES BY DEATH

Members of the Council stood while the following, who had died since the last meeting, were remembered: H. E. C. Goodenough, Miss M. E. Snowden, Ernest Stich and Daniel Smith.

Mr. B. G. Key, speaking of Mr. Stich, said he spent some years after he retired in the Archdeaconry of Stafford and did quite a lot of ringing. He was a most lovable character.

Mr. Norman Chaddock paid a tribute to Miss Margaret Snowden, whom he said he visited at Cartmel. She had a lovely character, and always sent a message to the annual dinner of the Yorkshire Association until last year. She was the last of the Snowden family, but the Snowden series of books was being continued by Mrs. Turner.

Mr. A. D. Barker, speaking of Mr. Horace Goodenough, said he was a very enthusiastic worker in the St. Albans District of the Hertford County Association, and was largely responsible for getting the Abbey bells increased to 12.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The honorary secretary stated that the minutes had been published in 'The Ringing World' and circulated to members. He moved that they be accepted.

Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded, and the president signed them.

REPORTS

HONORARY SECRETARY & TREASURER

Among the inquiries dealt with during the year were ones from St. David's Cathedral, Hobart, Tasmania, for advice and information on restarting a band there; from Hong Kong Cathedral as to the significance of abbreviations in 'The Ringers' Diary'; from the John Hilton Bureau of 'The News of the World' on numbers, organisation, training, etc.; and from 'Woman' in connection with a leaflet on hobbies, in which ringing was included.

At the time of writing, information shows that the following have now ceased to be members of the Council and we offer our thanks to them for their past services:

J. E. Chilcott, A.S.C.Y., 1960-62; Miss N. G. Williams, Bath and Wells, 1939-62; S. Foskett, Bedfordshire, 1954-62; A. R. Elkins, Chester Diocesan, 1960-62; J. Worth, Chester Diocesan, 1960-62; J. L. Garner-Hayward, Coventry Diocesan, 1960-62; D. E. R. Knights, Ely Diocesan, 1960; J. H. Champion, Essex, 1954-62; C. W. Denyer, Guildford Diocesan, 1960-62; H. N. Pitstow, Guildford Diocesan, 1957-62; Mrs. J. Jeffrey, Irish, 1953-62; Mrs. A. Richardson, Ladies', 1932-62; P. Crook, Lancashire, 1957-62; F. Dunkerley, Lancashire, 1951-62; J. Ridyard, Lancashire, 1951-62; Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith, Lancashire, 1954-62; T. H. Taffender, London County and A.S.C.Y., 1900-62; Dr. J. E. Spice, Oxford U.S., 1960-62; E. G. Orland, Peterborough Diocesan, 1957-60; H. Poyner, Shropshire, 1960-62; Rev. P. N. Bond, S.R.C.Y., 1950-62; F. J. Cullum, S.R.C.Y., 1959-62; Miss R. J. Seabrook, Suffolk, 1960-62; A. P. Cannon, Surrey, 1957-62; W. F. Oatway, Surrey, 1954-62; R. G. Blackman, Sussex, 1945-62; R. Overy, Sussex, 1957-62; H. Stalham, Sussex, 1954-62; Rev. A. S. Roberts, Truro Diocesan, 1957-62; H. Miles, Truro Diocesan, 1948-62; L. W. G. Morris, Yorkshire, 1939-62.

Special mention should perhaps be made of the four pre-war members who have retired. Mr. J. H. Taffender's 62 years' membership is, I think, the longest in the history of the Council, although his attendances were somewhat infrequent. Mrs. A. Richardson and Miss N. G. Williams missed only two meetings during 30 and 23 years' membership respectively, while Mr. L. W. G. Morris attended every meeting since his election in 1939.

A number of Associations have failed, despite several requests in 'The Ringing World,' to notify names and addresses of members as required by Rule 5(iv). Even if no change has taken place I do not necessarily know this unless so informed, and I do not appreciate the extra work entailed in trying to find out. I have therefore sent papers to the former members where the rule has not been complied with.

Once again I record my thanks to those who have sent copies of their annual reports and other publications, and to Mr. W. G. Wilson and Miss C. L. Groves for typing and duplicating these papers.

E. A. Barnett.

Mr. Barnett moved the adoption and Mr. Harold Rogers, in seconding, said he saw Mr. Taffender on Whit Sunday. He was in hospital at Epsom, and was likely to remain there for the rest of his life. He was more alert then than in the past year.

The report was adopted.

HONORARY LIBRARIAN

Mr. F. W. Perrens wrote: Again I am pleased to report a very good year for the sale of publications, resulting in a record profit. Early in the year the fourth edition of the 'Collection of Minor Methods' was on sale, followed by a reprint of the 'Beginner's Handbook' and a revised edition of 'A Handbook on the Installation, Preservation and Repair of Bells, Bell Frames and Fittings.' The 'Beginner's Handbook' and 'Doubles Methods' continue to sell well and there has been a fair demand for the new edition of 'Minor Methods.'

We are most grateful to Mr. Maurice Hodgson for defraying the cost of the typesetting for the 'False Course Heads' publication and to Mr. E. E. Shepherd for the gift of another 56 copies of 'Grandsire Caters.'

We tender our sincere thanks to the gentlemen concerned for the following additions to the library:

1962 Edition of Dove's Church Bells of Britain, per Mr. W. H. Viggers;

Proceedings of the Royal Philosophical Society of Glasgow—containing a paper on bells and their tones;

A short account of the Society of College Youths (A. J. Trollope), A book containing touches and peals in various methods given to Mr. Lewis by an Australian admirer, Tintinnalogia by Richard Duckworth, 1668, all per Mr. E. H. Lewis;

Negatives and photos of Clock Jacks (E. Morris), Chimes and Chime Tunes (E. Morris), Ringers' Jugs, Pitchers, Gatchers (E. Morris), Story of a Great Bellringer's Career—William H. Fussell, all per honorary secretary, Leicester Diocesan Guild;

Claverley's Phantom Bellringer, per Mr. T. W. White;

Copies of Irish Bell News, per Mr. F. E. Dukes.

The value of the stock of publications at the end of the year indicates how much the Exercise owes to Mr. and Mrs. R. F. B. Speed for housing it, to say nothing of the work and time necessary to despatch 3,600 copies of various publications. We are indeed grateful to them for a very valuable work so well done.

The total of sales amounted to £851 17s. 2d. Publication sales included: Beginner's Handbook 1,681, Preservation of Bells 317, Minor Methods 302, Doubles Methods 201, Handbell Ringing 154, On Conducting 144, Village Bells 92, Stedman Compositions 87, Ringing for Service 84, Handbook 78, Plain Major Methods 76.

The report was proposed by Mr. F. W. Perrens, and seconded by Mr. P. A. Corby, and adopted.

CARTER'S RINGING MACHINE

The report of the Trustees stated three demonstrations were given during the year to the St. Albans District of the Hertford County Association, the Great Grandsden ringers and to young ringers of the Edmonton County Grammar School. During these demonstrations touches of London, Stedman Cinques and Double Norwich were successfully rung. The machine continues to operate satisfactorily. (Signed) A. A. Hughes, F. E. Haynes, Douglas Hughes, Trustees.

Mr. Douglas Hughes moved the adoption and Mrs. Stanforth seconded, and the report was adopted.

The president expressed his gratitude to Mr. Hughes for the demonstrations given and care of the machine.

To be continued.

CUGGESHAL, ESSEX.—On May 25th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major C. H. Turner 1, J. Papworth 2, J. Nicholls 3, Miss W. Elliott 4, G. Everett (cond.) 5, H. Nicholls 6, C. W. Burton 7, B. D. Shepherd 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. J. Wade, local ringer for many years.

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Letters to the Editor

London University's St. Neots Peal

Dear Sir.—Re Mr. Leale's letter concerning the University of London Society peal at St. Neots, I would suggest that he read the relevant passage concerning the splicing of methods in the Central Council regulations. As the regulations stand there can be no possible valid objection to this peal being called 'spliced.'

I cannot imagine why Mr. Leale should take it upon himself to write such an unfortunate, scurrilous letter, but it can only be construed as a personal attack upon the band which rang the peal, and the last part throws doubt upon the band's abilities.

If Mr. Leale did not mean his letter in this way, the only decent way open to him is to write a letter of apology, to be published in the 'R.W.'—Yours faithfully,

Tooting, London. JOHN C. EISEL.

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to Robin Leale on his humorous letter. His point re place notation is quite apt; after all, how different is Ditchling from Bristol? The place notation 'looks' different.

Why doesn't someone go and ring a peal of about 35 spliced, incorporating three 'Pudseys,' six 'Cambridges,' eight 'Yorkshires,' eight 'Superlatives' and eight 'Lincolnshires'? If this can be done!

Why Robin Leale's outburst against Brian Woodruffe's activities? Can this possibly be due to the fact that the latter took part in the recent 11,552 Superlative, and thus prevented Robin Leale from ringing 11,360 or 11,456 and getting the record, which, one understands, he was intending doing in the near future?

To David Brookes' complaint about London ('unmusical rubbish') I would say go and listen to a peal of it sometime—you'd be surprised where the music comes. Unlike forward hunting methods, in which you can almost imagine what the next change row is going to sound like, London, etc., is different and is well worth ringing for its music, let alone interest in work.—Yours, etc.,

GILES B. THOMPSON.

Chalfont St. Giles.

Dear Sir.—I was astounded to read Mr. Leale's letter in your issue of May 31st, regarding the peal of Spliced Surprise Major at St. Neots.

It appears that those who do not understand place notation are not the only ones under a misapprehension. To imply that it was not 'spliced' is sheer nonsense. Each bell rang the work of each method, even though this was only changed nineteen times; the fact that these methods are similar to Lincolnshire is irrelevant.

If the tone of his letter reflects anything on his own standard of striking 'spliced,' I can only conclude that Mr. Leale's peals contain five-ups at places other than just the half-leads.—Yours faithfully,

ROBIN H. ROGERS.

Hull University.

Groton has Stay Problem

Dear Sir.—We too have had a stay problem. Ash and hickory are hard to come by these days. The school carpenter has made a few oak stays to replace the ones sent from the foundry. (I have 18 learners who have broken several stays.) The oak is obviously not ideal, so credit goes to our very clever carpenter, who has himself made some beautiful laminated stays, four thicknesses, edges towards the slider. I have the impression that they are perfect. They have give and are very hard indeed to break.

Shall we send a sample to the mother country?—Sincerely yours,

RUSSELL S. YOUNG.

Groton School,
Massachusetts, U.S.A.

Long Length Attempt

Dear Sir,—I give notice that, by kind permission of the Rev. A. J. Pearson, M.C., an attempt will be made to ring a peal of 11,328 Rutland Surprise Major at New Alresford, Hampshire, on Saturday, June 22nd, beginning at 1 p.m. The composition is appended.—Yours faithfully,

ROBIN G. LEALE.

Surbiton, Surrey.

11,328 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Roger Baldwin

Omits

23456	M	W	H
43526	—	—	—
32546	3	—	3
35426	—	2	2
52436	—	—	—
52364	—	—	—
26354	—	—	3
23564	—	2	2
25634	—	2	2
62534	3	—	—
62345	—	—	—
24365	—	—	3
23645	—	2	2
42635	—	2	3
34256	—	—	2
43652	—	—	2
63542	—	—	—
34562	—	—	3
35642	—	2	2
64352	—	2	—
24653	—	A	—
23456	—	—	—

N.B.—Each course is basically called M, B, W. The calls indicated above at M and W are OMITTS; the H's are actual calls.

IMPACT OF YARMOUTH

(Continued from front page)

through inexperienced architects, unqualified advisers and big-headed local ringers, mistakes—and costly ones, practically tantamount to pouring money down the drain—have been made. The answer is education, and there is a promise that the Towers and Belfries Committee will produce a pamphlet giving the technical gen. It is a subject that could well be publicised in the architectural press.

A final topic we would mention this week is the creation of a new committee to deal with overseas ringing. It was a spontaneous act after hearing a comprehensive review from Mr. G. W. Pipe, who is in the happy position of having circled the globe. With travel facilities easier and young people from overseas coming to this country for higher education and professional training, many more links are now being forged. This new committee can do nothing but good under two headings—in stimulating interest in the problems of overseas ringers and eventually providing useful ringer-emigrants, and secondly by placing the resources of the Council at the disposal of ringers and the Church authorities in distant lands. Last year the Towers and Belfries Committee dealt with two overseas cases. Bells are being shipped overseas in increasing numbers. No one, for instance, can foresee the influence on America of the new ring going into Washington if they are rung English fashion, or of the two tens going to Africa shortly. As the world contracts in the matter of time-distance in travel, so will an increased familiarity of those peculiarly English customs prevail among those who stem from British stock. The sound of bells ringing across the English countryside on a Sunday will not be an almost exclusive local perquisite but will gradually be repeated in new towns in the five continents where the British way of life is favoured.

'Decadent Caper'

Dear Sir,—I would like to know just what Mr. Robin Leale's objection is to the Spliced Surprise peal that he describes as a 'decadent caper.'

I do not understand Spliced Surprise myself, but if the peal concerned is a true one and conforms to the usual standards, I don't see why it should be criticised.

I have no doubt that the composer and conductor will be able to give a suitable reply to what, if anything, has caused this objection.—Yours sincerely,

S. J. ELLIOTT.

Northampton.

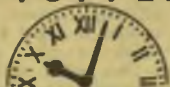
Duffield

Dear Sir.—Concerning the letter from David C. Brookes on page 364. I would like to draw attention to the fact that two meetings of the Southern Division of the Sussex County Association have recently been devoted to the practice of Duffield.

After several successful touches, the company agreed that there wasn't much future in the method, and we prefer to spend our time trying to learn to ring 'unmusical rubbish' such as London Surprise.—Yours faithfully,

BRIGHTON BELLE.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Year Of Steady Progress

THE annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held in Lincoln on April 27th. Holy Communion was celebrated by the Dean of Lincoln in the ringers' chapel at the Cathedral and the service was well attended.

During the day ringing took place at Welton, Dunholme and Scothern, as well as the Lincoln towers of St. Botolph's, St. Peter-at-Gowts, St. Giles' and the Cathedral.

After attending Evensong in the Cathedral some 120 members and friends sat down to tea in the Tithe Barn. Tea was followed by the business meeting, at which the president, the Dean of Lincoln, took the chair. Apologies for absence included one from the Bishop of Lincoln, who had intimated that he hoped to attend the annual meeting of the Guild in 1964.

In the annual report for 1962, which was presented to the meeting for approval, the Master (Mr. J. Bray) reported that the past year had been one of steady progress and a total of 135 peals had been rung. The Elloe Deaneries Branch had rung seven new Surprise Major methods for the first time and Lincolnshire Maximus had been rung for the first time by the Guild.

During the year the ring of eight bells at St. James', Grimsby, was augmented to ten and the five bells at Upton to six.

Mr. Bray said that one thing that caused some concern was when one heard of competent change ringers who did not ring at their own local tower and this was to be deplored. Loyalty to one's own band, to the Guild and, most important of all, to the Church and all it stood for should always be one's first consideration.

The honorary secretary and treasurer reported that the peal booking fee system, which had come into operation during the year, was working satisfactorily, and that this, with the increased subscriptions now operative, should restore the Guild's finances to a satisfactory position.

The principal officers of the Guild to be elected were the Rt. Rev. Colin Dunlop, Dean of Lincoln, as president, Mr. Jack Bray as Master and Mr. John Freeman as honorary secretary and treasurer. Messrs. J. Bray, G. E. Fein, J. Freeman and J. L. Millhouse were elected as representatives on the Central Council.

Mr. J. L. Millhouse asked the meeting to consider whether or not to hold a 65th annual dinner. It was agreed to do so and a small sub-committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

On May 18th the St. Albans District, together with the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association, held a meeting at South Mymms, where the bells had been unringed for about 40 years, until Mr. G. Dodds began to teach a new band early this year. This band rang their bells open for the first time in a service touch of rounds.

The Vicar, the Rev. E. P. Clare, conducted the service, and in welcoming us said what pleasure it gave him to hear his bells ringing out and thanked those who were teaching his band.

After tea, served by the local band, Mr. Tom Lock thanked the Vicar, organist, choir and tea makers. The St. Albans District held a business meeting, under the chairmanship of Mr. Bonnett (Association president), at which the following from South Mymms were elected probationary members: S. Chilton, A. Pugh, R. Owen, B. J. Fost, Mrs. B. T. Fost, H. Billis, G. Billis and M. Charlton. A. Wilby and Mr. Bew, from Harpenden, were also elected.

Evening ringing took place at South Mymms and Monken Hadley.

Next meeting: Welwyn and Tewin, June 15th. J. D. C.

OUTINGS

CATTISTOCK, DORSET

Cattistock ringers, under the leadership of Mr. George Gorringe, their captain, returned to Bristol for their annual outing on May 18th. En route, there was ringing and coffee at Somerton (tenor 20 cwt.), and on arrival at 60, Cotham Road, Bristol, an ample lunch was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Grant (George's brother-in-law and sister).

The afternoon's ringing was at Emmanuel, Clifton, and St. Stephen's, followed by tea in one of those post-war 'palaces' which rose from war-time bombing. A nostalgic three-quarter hour was spent by Tom Lippitt at Brislington, where he was baptised, 72 years ago, while the others rang. Finally at Keynsham (25 cwt.) ringing for the day concluded. The striking of the Grandsire Doubles showed a marked improvement in confidence in change ringing since last year.

The ringers wish to thank George, for his arrangements, and also the incumbents and tower captains who made ringing possible, and Mr. and Mrs. Grant for their hospitality.

C. E. C. B.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK

Making an early start from the Norman tower, Bury St. Edmunds, Rougham ringers and friends enjoyed the beautiful Suffolk countryside on May 24th and made a pre-breakfast stop for ringing at Copdock St. Peter's (6). After a satisfying meal at Capel St. Mary, the journey continued into Essex to ring at Ardleigh, where Mr. Felix Earth met the party.

A novelty was pointed out at Great Bromley by Mr. Arthur Cole, of a row of ringers' hats. Before lunch, at Colchester, a number of Minor methods were rung at Wivenhoe, and also at St. Leonard's, Colchester. Then came the very light six at Shrub End (tenor 4 cwt.), and the eight at St. Peter's, Colchester (21 cwt.). Tea was at Tweeds Restaurant.

On the homeward journey an hour was spent at Wormingford and on the anti-clockwise eight at Bures. Mr. Leslie Wright, the organiser, was thanked for his excellent programme, which included methods to suit all ringers.

G. R.

HOLBEACH, Lincs

The sturdy tower of North Elmham, where the eight bells have recently been rehung, was the first tower visited by the All Saints', Holbeach, band and ringing friends on their outing on April 20th. The ruins of the old cathedral were also visited, as North Elmham was the seat of the Bishops of the Diocese from 673-1075.

Ringling at Reepham was delayed by a funeral, and during the wait it was discovered that the churchyard once accommodated three churches—Reepham, Whitwell and Hackford. On the ten bells at Aylsham ringing included Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Royal. An excellent lunch at the Ship Hotel was tackled with zeal.

The journey was continued in the rain to Buxton St. Andrew's (a fine six), where one of our budding conductors called a Morris' 240. A tower grab at Lammas, at the instigation of a local ringer, preceded Wroxham (6), where the bells went well. After tea, at Hethersett, St. Remigius', Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung, though a touch of Double Norwich was not so obliging.

Our thanks go to various tower correspondents, incumbents and our organiser, Roger Bailey.

K. R. D.

CUDDESDON, OXFORD.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. R. Cross (cond.) 1, Miss E. Dixon 2, R. F. Acworth 3, M. R. Platt 4, M. L. Leslie 5, D. S. Dormer 6. Rung on the wedding anniversary of the Vicar and Mrs. Runcie, in thanksgiving for the birth of their daughter, Rebecca. Also on May 31st, 1,320 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. F. Acworth 1, M. R. Platt 2, J. P. Dart 3, M. L. Leslie 4, B. Grainger (cond.) 5, C. J. Gregorowski (first quarter) 6. Rung as a compliment to those members of Cuddesdon Theological College who are to be ordained at Trinity.

DEDICATION

SOPLEY, HANTS

Many ringers will know of St. Michael's Church, Sopley, as three or four years ago a coloured picture of the ringers in action appeared on the front cover of the Christmas number of 'The Field.' More recently the same picture became the subject of a popular Christmas card.

The original bells, a ring of five (tenor 7 cwt.), were placed in the tower in 1784; of these bells, the fourth is the only one remaining in its original casting and bears the inscription:

James Willis, Vicar of Sopley.
Stpn. Parry & Thos. Pope, Ch. Wardens, 1784.
Robert Patrick, of London.
Founders.

At the end of World War I the tower and the bells were found to be unsafe. After some years of effort to raise the necessary funds, the tower was restored in 1925, the old bells, Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 5, were recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and all the bells rehung in an iron frame. The opening ceremony in November, 1925, was broadcast from the old 6.B.M. Station, Bournemouth, and was the first time bells were heard on the air locally.

This new frame was made for six bells in the hope of an augmentation, but it was not until just over two years ago that a serious move was made to fill the vacant bell pit. Great credit is due to Mr. Harry Harrison, who has worked untiringly to bring the project to its successful conclusion. The new bell was installed in March and was rung for the first time on Easter morning.

The ceremony of dedication took place at Evensong on May 26th and was performed by the Rt. Rev. Nigel Cornwall, Assistant Bishop of Winchester. The large congregation present included Mr. W. T. Godfrey, representing the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, and Mr. Gerald Scragg, captain, Christchurch Priory band. The Bishop was conducted from the chancel to the tower by the Vicar and churchwardens, and after prayers of dedication chimed the bell. A short touch of Grandsire Doubles was then rung by the following: Roy Childs 1, W. T. Godfrey 2, F. W. Freeman 3, J. H. Stone 4, Gerald Scragg 5, Roy Edwards 6.

In his address, the Bishop briefly outlined the history of bells and their associations, and the difference in bellringing in this country and in foreign lands.

The new bell has the following inscription:

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Assisted by the Barron Bell Trust.
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C. D. Kirkham, M.A., Vicar.

Andrew Lane, Churchwardens.
F. A. L. Lawrence

After the service the ringers present were joined by others, who had been ringing for service in their own churches, and touches in a variety of methods up to Cambridge Minor were rung.

A. V. D.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS

Fortune favoured North Bradley ringers in their choice of May 25th for their annual outing, as it proved to be one of the finest days of late spring.

The soaring spire of St. Mary's, Tetbury, a familiar landmark on entering the Cotswold country, was the first call, and the ringing set an excellent standard for the day. It was a long run to Witney for lunch and St. Mary's Church, where the bells do justice to their lovely setting. The sight of winning certificates of striking competitions at St. Mary's, Bampton, caused a slight feeling of inferiority complex, which was soon dispelled.

Although they went well, the bells of St. Mary's, Buckland (8), sounded noisy after the previous towers. The party left for Faringdon, with the satisfaction of not having lost a touch all day. Alas, after tea, taken almost next door to the church, the first touch of Stedman came to grief, although the position was retrieved, and the last touch of Stedman was one of the best of the day.

A most enjoyable day, thanks to the organisation by Mr. P. Harding, the people who met us and the clergy who gave us permission to ring.

A. T. K.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Marlborough Branch members were delighted to have with them at their monthly meeting at Ramsbury, on May 25th, the Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. N. Longridge). The Rev. R. A. Bennett conducted the service, and Mr. Alan Keen, of Aldbourne, was the organist.

Following a bountiful tea, the chairman (Mr. George Newman) extended a cordial welcome to the visitors, and thanked the Vicar and all who had contributed to a successful meeting. Ringing included Grandsire, Siedman and Kent T.B. Minor and was under the direction of Mr. T. A. Palmer (honorary secretary and Ringing Master).

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The May meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at All Saints', Batley, on May 25th. During the afternoon ringing took place under the supervision of the Ringing Master, Miss Angela Skidmore, and, in spite of only a moderate attendance, a wide range of methods were rung. After an excellent tea, provided by the local company, the business meeting followed, with the president, Mr. Douglas Thorp, in the chair.

The secretary announced that the June meeting would be held at Drighlington, but there was some doubt about the date as the Yorkshire Association were holding a committee meeting on the last Saturday in the month, to which two representatives from each local Society had been invited. It was agreed that the president and secretary represent the Society at this meeting, and the meeting at Drighlington be held on the previous Saturday. A suggested list of meetings for the next two years was read out and accepted on the proposition of Miss Angela Skidmore, seconded by Mr. T. W. Strangeway.

The usual vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. M. Brown, and further ringing continued in the evening until 8.30.

I. N.

IN AMOUNDENESS

Amoundeness is one of the sub-division 'Hundreds' of Lancashire and has Morecambe Bay on one side of its boundaries. It is a gateway to the Lake District. I attended a joint meeting of the Preston and Lancaster Branches of the Lancashire Association at Scorton, a pretty and unspoilt village. St. Peter's Church has a very good ring of eight (tenor about 18 cwt.). It was an exceptionally good meeting, many methods, including Surprises, being rung, and a splendid tea provided. After tea the rebuilt Woodhouse ringing machine was operated by Mr. Gordon Thwaites and Mr. Cyril Crossthwaite.

Travelling onwards I found that at the church at Pilling, a third bell had recently been added, with a view to eventually having a 'ring' of bells. Then I went up the Lune Valley to Caton, and, in the older part of the village, found another beautiful hamlet, known as Brookhouse. The original church is 12th century; it has been rebuilt twice and only the original tower remains. In it are five bells, three of which are hung for method ringing, the other two were ships' bells: one 'Dreadnought,' the other 'Defende.'

The largest of the three (about 10 cwt., inscribed '1617, In Incanditanti soni soni sonabo tibi Deo') has arms of Elizabeth, unicorn with wings, probably an Oldfield bell (Roman letters).

The middle bell: '1724. Gloria in Excelsis Deo.' Luke Ashton, of Wigan.'

The smallest: 'In Dolcidine Vocis Cantabo Tuo.' 1605' (Gothic letters).

The Vicar, Rev. R. W. H. Entwistle, is very interested in these bells, and hopes they have a ring of bells sometime.

In the next village, Claughton, hung in a turret are two bells, one of which is reputed to be the oldest dated bell in the country.

I was fortunate in having as guide 80-years-young John Woods, a ringer at St. Peter's R.C. Cathedral, Lancaster, who has a wide knowledge of the district.

PETER CROOK, sen.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. G. Dodds has taught a band for South Mymms Church, where the bells have been silent for about 40 years. When a meeting was held there on May 18th, the local band rang their bells open for the first time in a service touch of rounds.

Many incomprehensible things are done by ringers. On May 21st three ringers assembled at Rickmansworth and rang a handbell peal of Minor to commemorate the Feast of Kassin of Uglich, 1504. Kassin does not get a mention in the Russian Encyclopædia or in three books of saints consulted. Even a brief history of Uglich ignores him.

The Derby Diocesan Association is holding a one-day theoretical course on bell ringing in St. Michael's Church Hall, Derby, on October 19th. Lectures will probably be in two streams—elementary and advanced, and for the latter composition, proof and conducting will be included. Mr. D. J. Marshall, of 52, Wyvern Avenue, Long Eaton, Nottingham, is the organiser.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**Chertsey District**

The Chertsey District meeting at Egham was blessed with bright sunshine and there was the feeling that summer is here at last. Ringing in various methods took place under the direction of the District Ringing Master, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Walton-on-Thames, the Rev. J. M. Evans, and an excellent tea, served in the Church Hall by local ringers, was followed by a short business meeting, with the Vicar of Walton in the chair. During this meeting two junior members from Egham were elected.

A large variety of methods were rung in the evening, including rounds, Grandsire, Siedman, Double Norwich, as well as some Surprise methods.

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At the social evening that followed the Central Council meeting on Whit Tuesday, held at the Garibaldi, Great Yarmouth, Canon Felstead and the Rev. John Scott were in great form in organising the entertainment. Mr. Schott composed a special song in honour of the Australian Adventure II, which he sang to the tune of the sea shanty 'Spanish Lady.' Mr. Fred Scott sang an old Gloucestershire folk song, 'The three drunken ringers.' The photograph of Howden Church that appeared in our issue of May 31st was one of the tower as it appeared on Dedication Day, 1932.

St. Collen's Church, Llangollen, has three pairs and one trio of brothers among its young ringers, and the vice-captain, Mr. Frank Jones, is father of one pair of brothers.

According to 'The Bridgwater Mercury's' 50 years ago column, the ringers of St. Mary's, Bridgwater, spent a delightful day on the Quantocks, travelling by brake. They rambled amongst the heather and played cricket.

Mrs. Collins, mother of Miss Shelagh R. Collins, a new member of the Central Council for the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, who accompanied her daughter to Great Yarmouth, had the misfortune to fracture her shoulder as the result of a fall at her hotel on Whit Sunday.

Although Kevnsham U.D.C. does not boast of a Mayor, the newly-elected chairman of the Council, Mr. Leonard Elles, is the secretary of the Keynsham ringers and has held that office for a number of years. This is his second term as chairman, the first being during 1961-62.

Six teams competed in the first striking competition for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, held on May 4th at St. Peter's, Little Aston. Placings were: 1 Little Aston, 2 Lichfield Cathedral, 3 Penn. Other competitors were Sunday service ringers from Aldridge, Cannock and Gnosall. Messrs. R. F. B. Speed, J. McDonald and Anthony Ager were the judges, and the arrangements were carried out by Mr. J. H. Allen.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Visitors to the recent spring tulip festival, held in Cannon Hill Park, Birmingham, were surprised to hear a carillon being played in the 'Dutch village.' This was a very small portable instrument of 35 bells, cast by Petit and Fritsen in 1962, with a bass bell of only about 6 cwt. in C sharp. During the three week festival the carillon was played on four evenings by Clifford E. Ball, of Bournville, on ten occasions by Clive M. Smith, of Lichfield, and on the Saturdays by a Dutch carillonneur, flown in from Holland.

Miss Temple is not Mayor of Lewes, but holds the office of Mayoress. The error is regretted.

At the Church of the Ascension, Burghclere, Hants, was rung on Ascension Day by the Sunday service band a quarter peal of Ascension Doubles.

St. Mary's, Swansea, won the ringing competition of the Swansea and Brecon Guild of Ringers, followed by St. Paul's, Sketty, and St. Mary's, Brecon.

In the eliminating contest for the Crawford Cup in the Mansfield District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, Warsop, who rang Norwich Surprise, were placed first and Kirkby-in-Ashfield third.

Missed from the Central Council meeting was Mr. L. W. G. Morris, honorary secretary of the Yorkshire Association. He has been a member for something like 20 years, but this year failed to secure election.

Mr. Frank Hicks, at the Central Council meeting, did big business selling pencils for the East Grinstead Bell Restoration and Augmentation Fund. The Vicar has given permission for the recasting, and the ringers are hoping for an augmentation to 10. The tower has a company of 24.

The best standard of striking since the competition started, was the view of Mr. C. H. Kippin, the judge at the Surrey Association's striking competition for Sunday service bands held at Ashted on May 25th. Placings were: 1 St. Mary's, Beddington, 2 St. John's, Croydon, 3 Christ Church, Epsom Common.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS**BRISTOL.****THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Sat., May 18, 1963, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr.

ALBERT M. TYLER Treble	WILLIAM KYNCOTT 7
WILLIAM HIBBERT 2	REGINALD G. HOOPER 8
RODNEY B. MEADOWS 3	D. JOHN HUNT 9
EMLYN F. HANCOCK 4	HARRY J. SANGER 10
DONALD G. CLIFT 5	BRYNLEY SHACKLETON 11
BERTRAM KYNASTON 6	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

In memoriam Alan A. Hilliar, a member of the Society and St. Mary Redcliffe Guild.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.**THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.***On Sat., May 25, 1963, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 26½ cwt.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. Treble	GEOFF. D. FEARNEHOUGH .. 7
NEIL BENNETT 2	*DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 8
JOHN ROBINSON 3	F. JOHN NELSON 9
JOHN E. CAMP 4	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 10
*EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. 5	JOHN H. FIELDEN 11
BARRIE HENDRY 6	DENNIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS**SOUTHAMPTON.****THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sat., May 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 CHRISTCHURCH SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 16 cwt. 43 lb. in F.

*MALCOLM M. POWELL .. Treble	THOMAS H. FRANCIS 6
JOHN R. FAITHFULL 2	MICHAEL J. THOMAS 7
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. 3	DAVID J. FORDER 8
ROBERT C. KIPPIN 4	DAVID E. HOUSE 9
TOM CHAPMAN 5	R. ROGER SAVORY Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

* First 10-bell peal. First of Royal in the method.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.**THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., June 1, 1963, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in D.

*PETER MORRIS Treble	†PHILIP J. EVANS 6
*FRANK BEECH, JUN. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 7
ALFRED S. BAYLEY 3	*RICHARD E. MORRIS 8
F. HECTOR BENNETT 4	REGINALD H. NEWTON 9
†MICHAEL R. WYCHERLEY .. 5	*IAN FRIEND Tenor

Composed by HERBERT J. TUCKER.

Conducted by IAN FRIEND.

* First peal of Royal. † First of Royal 'inside.' First on ten as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. S. Bayley, wife of the local tower captain.

EIGHT BELL PEALS**NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.****THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thurs., April 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5056 CHRISTCHURCH SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

DERRICK J. WHITE Treble	MICHAEL J. THOMAS 5
JOHN R. FAITHFULL 2	THOMAS H. FRANCIS 6
ROBERT C. KIPPIN 3	DAVID E. HOUSE 7
DAVID J. FORDER 4	R. ROGER SAVORY Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON.

Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

First peal in the method.

CHRISTCHURCH SURPRISE ROYALx 30 x 14 x 50 x 1236 x 1270 x 38 x 14 x 50 x 18 x 90
L.E. 157. 4th place Bob. c.p.**CHRISTCHURCH SURPRISE MAJOR**x 38 x 14 x 58 x 1236 x 12 x 38 x 16 x 7
L.E. 157. 4th place bob.F.C.H.: 24365 (2/3, 3/2, 5/6, 6/5); 43265 (1/1); 32465 (7/7);
46253 (1/3, 3/1); 32546 (5/7, 7/5).**BLAGDON, SOMERSET.****THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., May 18, 1963, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.****A PEAL OF 5184 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

KENNETH J. RIDER Treble	CECIL T. CLARKE 5
*MICHAEL J. HOBBS 2	*PETER BRIDLE 6
GILLIAN M. HUSSEY 3	ANTONY R. KENCH 7
HENRY TAYSON 4	DON C. EXELL Tenor

Composed by A. W. CLEAVER.

Conducted by DON C. EXELL.

* 25th peal together. First in the method by all the band.

FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., May 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.****A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

JOHN ROBINSON Treble	DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 5
*JOHN F. BARLOW 2	C. FREDERICK C. PEARSON .. 6
*DEREK ASHTON 3	*ERIC J. F. WALL 7
*MARYL R. CROSTHWAITE .. 4	NEIL BENNETT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by DEREK BUTTERWORTH.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. Maryl R. Crosthwaite has now rung Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

ERITH, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Fri., May 24, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.****A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Washbrook's variation. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. Treble	CYRIL S. JARRETT 5
ARTHUR G. MASON 2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 6
TREVOR H. CROSS 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7
*ANDREW M. MACVE 4	*JAMES T. STEVENS Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for Empire Day.

AYLESFORD, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., May 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.****A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

FREDERICK HOGAN Treble	*CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON .. 5
CYRIL S. JARRETT 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 6
TREVOR A. CROSS 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 7
*DAVID S. OSENTON 4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PIRSTOW.

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Marjorie Clarke and John Mannering, married at Sissinghurst this day.

BARNES, SURREY.**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., May 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.****A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

*BRIAN H. COATSWORTH .. Treble	JEAN L. LAVENDER 5
†CHRISTOPHER F. MEW 2	ROBIN J. LEE 6
*MICHAEL J. UPHILL 3	STEWART F. KIMBER 7
CHARLES W. OTTLEY 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER F. MEW.

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

Rung as farewell compliments to the Rev. A. C. Heath, Rector for the past seven years, and his daughter Mary, a member of the local band, who have moved to Epsom; also to the Ringing Master, J. Harrold, who is moving to Leicester.

BENSON, OXFORDSHIRE.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sat., May 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.****A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

P. GERALD MCILHONE .. Treble	*HELEN J. BUTLER 5
*BARBARA M. BUTLER 2	ROGER A. HOWES 6
JAMES E. GODMAN 3	*ANDREW J. HOWES 7
FRANK E. GODDEN 4	FRANK ABSOLOM Tenor

Composed by H. HOWLETT.

Conducted by P. GERALD MCILHONE.

* First peal of Major.

For the Patronal Festival

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., May 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.****A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

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

ROBERT W. HINDE Treble	JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH 5
*JANET H. BUSS 2	DORIS E. COLGATE 6
*ANN JENNER 3	PHILIP A. CORBY 7
ANDREW J. CORBY 4	*STANLEY JENNER Tenor

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES.

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

* First peal in the method.

EPWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 25, 1963, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

LESLIE M. WOODHEAD Treble	*JOHN F. UNDERWOOD .. 5
ALAN SHEPPARD 2	JOHN POTTS 6
JAMES THORLEY 3	KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 7
*MELVYN A. ROSE 4	J. MARTIN THORLEY Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* First peal of Major.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Martin Thorley.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT Treble	GEOFFREY N. GOODALL .. 5
IAN M. HOLLAND 2	CYRIL RUSBY 6
EILEEN J. OSBORNE 3	LEONARD GOODALL 7
MALCOLM P. PHIPPS 4	JOHN E. TURLEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

First peal in the method on the bells, and by all except ringers of treble and tenor.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 25, 1963, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 EASTBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr.

PETER J. COLES Treble	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 2	ROGER BALDWIN 6
S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN .. 3	JACK S. DEAR 7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. MAYNE. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method by all the band.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 19½ cwt.
RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	WALTER W. MILLER .. 5
FRANK RUFFLES 2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 6
ALAN R. ANDREWS 3	LESLIE G. BRETT 7
KEITH WHITTELL 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

Rung on the eve of the 40th anniversary of the first Suffolk Guild meeting to be held in this tower.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt. in G sharp.

DAVID C. BROOKES Treble	ALAN R. MILLIDGE 5
PETER N. FELTON 2	*PHILIP H. D. JONES .. 6
ALISON M. MANN 3	MICHAEL J. BANGHAM .. 7
MARGARET E. FORT 4	JOHN F. M. MAYBREY .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by MICHAEL J. BANGHAM.

* First peal in the method. First as conductor.

A first birthday compliment to David James Royle, nephew of the conductor.

HEYWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 25, 1963, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. in D.

ROGER LEIGH Treble	KEITH H. SCRIMSHAW .. 5
NORMAN SMITH 2	JOHN C. BALDWIN 6
*JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 3	IVAN KAY 7
RICHARD J. PARKER 4	DEREK OGDEN Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN P. PARTINGTON.

* 150th peal. First of Surprise as conductor.

Rung to celebrate the centenary of the opening of the bells.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 25, 1963, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 6 lb. in D.

PERCY STONE Treble	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR 5
HUBERT G. SUMMERS 2	L. MICHAEL CALLOW 6
*GEOFFREY PRATT 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
*DAVID J. ALLEN 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal in the method.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5184 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

HAROLD DOWLER Treble	MICHAEL WILSHAW 5
NORMAN SHERRATT 2	WALTER SHERRATT 6
BARRY CORBISHLEY 3	ROY WORRALL 7
DAVID J. DANBY 4	IVOR R. NICHOLS Tenor

Composed by J. PARKER.

Conducted by IVOR R. NICHOLS.

First peal in the method for all the band.

MERE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 25, 1963, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

KENNETH J. RIDER Treble	*PETER BRIDLE 5
*GILLIAN M. HUSSEY 2	*HENRY TAYSON 6
ANTONY R. KENCH 3	D. JOHN HUNT 7
MICHAEL J. HOBBS 4	DON C. EXELL Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by DON C. EXELL.

* First peal in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LOWER HEYFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 6120 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr.

ANDREW DUNCKLEY Treble	JULIA A. CHANDLER 3
ROY H. JONES 2	NOEL D. DEAM 4

ALEC GAMMON Tenor

Conducted by ALEC GAMMON.

The conductor's 100th peal. Longest length of Grandsire Doubles for the Guild; also believed to be longest in the country. Rung after meeting short for Plain Bob.

WEST DEEPIING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, viz.: (1) Beverley, (2) Surfleet, (3) Cambridge, (4) Beverley and Surfleet, (5) Beverley and Cambridge, (6) Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN H. BLUFF Treble	*RAY H. DAW 4
SHIRLEY HARRIS 2	*LEN BRIGHTON 5
*WENDY HOLLOWELL 3	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

* First peal in four methods.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. Brighton on their wedding anniversary; also to Ray Daw on his birthday.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (five callings). Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

*ROBERT CLAYFIELD Treble	BRIAN L. BURROWS 4
IVAN S. MERRY 2	K. PAUL GILLIVER 5
CHRISTOPHER P. RICE .. 3	GEORGE W. BRANDRICK .. Tenor

Conducted by K. PAUL GILLIVER.

* First peal. First as conductor. Rung as a thanksgiving for the life of Rev. Legh Fisher, former rector and father of the present Rector.

HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.

*ANNE SEEAR Treble	GEOFFREY RIGLAR 4
†MARTIN SCENEY 2	†GORDON W. LIMMER .. 5
JENNIFER SCENEY 3	HOWARD OGLESBY Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD OGLESBY.

* First peal. † First in seven methods. ‡ 100th peal. The ringer of the third has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung on the eve of the wedding between Miss Anne Seear, a Hitcham ringer, and Mr. 'Bill' Mercer, with the best wishes of the rest of the band.

ALGARKIRK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Wells, London, York, Surfleet, Beverley, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

BRIAN HUNT Treble	ALBERT E. FLATERS .. . 4
JACK GREEN 2	HAROLD BARSLEY .. . 5
*KEITH R. DAVEY .. . 3	*ALAN G. PAYNE .. . Tenor

Conducted by ALAN G. PAYNE.

* 25th peal together.

ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Norwich, London, Wells, York, Durham, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*HAROLD DOWLER .. Treble	WALTER SHERRATT .. . 4
NORMAN SHERRATT .. 2	*WILLIAM S. DAVENPORT .. 5
MICHAEL WILSHAW .. 3	ROY WORRALL .. . Tenor

Conducted by ROY WORRALL.

* First peal in seven Surprise Minor. First attempt of Minor as conductor. Fastest peal of Minor on the bells.

GREAT DODDINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5760 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Silvester, St. George, St. Jude, St. Lawrence, St. Mary, St. Crispin, St. Simon, St. Alban, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Leonard, St. Nicholas, St. Giles, St. Thomas, St. Andrew, St. Miles, St. Luke, St. John, St. Columba, St. Bartholomew and All Saints. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

*GRAHAM C. PAUL .. Treble	*ALAN A. PAUL .. . 3
PERCY AMOS 2	ROGER W. SMITH .. . 4

GEORGE F. ROOME .. . Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

* 25th peal together. First in 24 methods for the band.
Rung for the Festival of St. Dunstan.

OLD BRAMPTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 18, 1963, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 ROSSENDALE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one extent. Tenor 12 cwt.

DEREK PEERS Treble	RICHARD A. SHEKELTON .. 4
GEOFFREY N. GOODALL .. 2	IAN M. HOLLAND .. . 5
EILEEN A. OSBORNE .. . 3	LEONARD GOODALL .. . Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD GOODALL.

First peal in the method by all.

POTTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

ANTHONY H. SMITH .. Treble	AUDREY R. ALEXANDER .. 4
MARTIN MAJOR 2	ROY A. WARD .. . 5
*VERNA RIX 3	RAYMOND J. FULLER .. . Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY H. SMITH.

* First peal 'inside.' First as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Audrey Alexander.

PREES, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and six of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

E. MARION KEY Treble	*ERNEST MORRALL .. . 4
MICHAEL R. WYCHERLEY .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 5
RICHARD E. MORRIS .. . 3	BARNABAS G. KEY .. . Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal in two methods.

SEEND, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten different callings).

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in F.

*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. Treble	*HERBERT G. BLANCHARD .. 4
*DAVID L. NIBBS 2	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD .. 5
*NORMAN G. N. KNEE .. 3	†PHILIP ROYNON .. . Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK S. SLATFORD.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles on tower bells. † First peal. First of Stedman Doubles as conductor. Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd has now rung 600 peals, this peal completing the 'family' of Stedman for him, from Doubles to Cinques, on both tower bells and handbells.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

ROGER LEIGH Treble	WALTER E. WILKINSON .. 4
ANTHONY HELLIWELL .. 2	RICHARD J. PARKER .. . 5
FREDERICK H. PRICE .. 3	ERIC J. F. WALL .. . Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. Treble	EDWIN J. UPTON .. . 4
*MARGARET J. PUDDIFOOT .. 2	†GEOFFREY E. REES .. . 5
WALTER AYRE 3	†WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal attempt (aged 15). † First 'inside.' ‡ 100th peal.

HATTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being the following seven extents: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) St. Clement's, (4) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

KEITH F. GARDNER .. Treble	MAURICE C. HUGHES .. . 4
GEORGE P. HAMMOND .. 2	DAVID J. ALLEN .. . 5
PETER S. BENNETT .. . 3	IAN C. MAYCOCK .. . Tenor

Conducted by IAN C. MAYCOCK.

WOODHOUSE EAVES, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 WOODHOUSE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's, differently called, and one 720. Tenor 10 cwt. 18 lb.

*JOSEPH W. COTTON .. Treble	C. WILLIAM HALL .. . 4
VALERIE LACEY 2	RONALD CARTER .. . 5
FRANK CHAMBERS .. . 3	ROLAND BENISTON .. . Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* 900th peal. First in the method, which is 6th place Caithness Surprise.

SWITHLAND, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(System District.)

On Thurs., May 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN AND REVERSE CANTERBURY BOB MINOR

Being seven variations of calling. Tenor 12½ cwt.

RAYMOND R. BROWN .. Treble	RODNEY E. LLOYD .. . 4
MICHAEL J. COPSON .. . 2	*JOHN A. CLARK .. . 5
N. RODERICK ELLWAY .. 3	MICHAEL W. BROWN .. . Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL W. BROWN.

* First peal attempt. First on the bells since rehanging.

Rung for Ascension and Commonwealth Days; also as birthday compliments to Raymond R. Brown, Rodney E. Lloyd and Rod Ellway; and a wedding compliment to Roger Bates, married in Sweden.

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THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being two 240's and 38 six-scores.

Tenor 11 cwt.

TREVOR J. FROLEY	Treble	HAROLD PREECE	4
ARTHUR W. THOMAS	2	GARETH H. JONES	5
WILLIAM T. PETTY	3	LEWIS GROOM	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PETTY.

FLOOKBURGH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

GILBERT D. PARK	Treble	JAMES BLACKBURN	4
NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	2	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY, JUN. ..	5
ALEX EDGAR	3	THOMAS F. METCALFE	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS F. METCALFE.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., May 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Norwich, Ipswich, Cambridge Surprise, Kent, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

MARGARET EGGLESTONE	Treble	JAMES B. MORLEY	4
*ANTHEA M. GREAVES	2	ANDREW T. BECKWITH	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE ..	Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

* First peal in seven methods.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the second: also an engagement compliment to her and James Morley.

MISTERTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 7 cwt. 13 lb. in A flat.

*ROBERT CLAYFIELD	Treble	K. PAUL GILLIVER	4
†IVAN S. MERRY	2	JOHN WATKINS	5
DENNIS ALLSOPP	3	‡MICHAEL E. BROWN	Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor 'inside.' ‡ 25th of Plain Bob Minor.

COPPULL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 30, 1963, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

BARBARA YAPP	Treble	FRANK BENTHAM	4
MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE	2	WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND ..	5
PHILIP J. CROSSTHWAITE	3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

Rung to welcome the Vicar, the Rev. Ralph Pilling Thomas.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 12 methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; (2) Beverley, Berwick, Durham, York, Hexham and Surfleet; (3) Cambridge and Ipswich; (4) Bourne; (5) Beverley; (6) York; (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

JOSEPH W. COTTON	Treble	BRIAN L. BURROWS	4
LAWRENCE WATKINS	2	RICHARD J. CLIFTON	5
CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN	Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Bath Branch.)

On Fri., May 31, 1963, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods: Ten extents each of Rev. Canterbury and April Day, 11 extents Plain Bob, and nine extents and one (240) Morris' Grandsire.

Tenor 5 cwt. in C.

*STANLEY DAVIS	Treble	DAVID J. BARNETT	4
DAVID A. BURT	2	†TERENCE J. MILSOM	5
†ALAN F. LEE	3	ALBERT F. BUTT	Tenor

Conducted by DAVID A. BURT.

* First peal away from cover bell. † 50th peal together. ‡ 50th peal. First as conductor.

Rung for the induction of Rev. Richard Bennett as Rector of Camerton and Priest-in-charge of Dunkerton.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, SHRUB END.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 4½ cwt.

ADRIAN G. SEMKEN	Treble	FELIX H. ERITH	4
NEIL V. AVIS	2	DENNIS WHENT	5
JOY MUNSON	3	PHILIP G. ERITH	Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP G. ERITH.

First peal as conductor.

DUNHOLME, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: (1) Single Court, (2) Single Oxford, (3) Double Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Oxford T.B.

Tenor 9 cwt.

G. ANGUS DIXON	Treble	WALTER S. SMITH	4
PETER BURTON	2	TREVOR SMITH	5
CHARLES V. CADE	3	PAUL CODDINGTON	Tenor

Conducted by G. ANGUS DIXON.

Rung for Whitsuntide and in association with the County Youth March and Rally, Dunholme being a centre of activity and the Vicar of Dunholme (Rev. H. Waite) being the Diocesan Youth Chaplain.

HANDBELL PEALS

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT 39, TITIAN AVENUE.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

MARGARET D. WOOLLEY	1-2	*CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ..	5-6
ANTHONY R. MANN	3-4	†SARA K. D. WOOLLEY	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

* 750th peal. † First peal.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The Humphrey Perkins Campanological Society.)

On Fri., May 10, 1963, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 18 in G.

E. M. ATKINS	1-2	RUPERT A. CLARKE	5-6
DAN S. PONT	3-4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	7-8

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

First peal of Major by the Society.

A birthday compliment to Dan Pont and Malcolm D. Barsby.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sun., May 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT M.7. WHEWELL'S COURT, TRINITY COLLEGE.

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 19 in F.

HILARY MUIRHEAD	1-2	J. M. H. HUNTER (Trinity) ..	5-6
(Newnham)		V. NUTTON (Selwyn)	7-8
A. S. HUDSON (Clare)	3-4	S. C. WALTERS (Pembroke) ..	9-10

Composed and Conducted by HADLEY HUNTER.

First peal of Royal 'in hand' by the band. First of Royal as conductor.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 14, 1963, in 2 Hours exactly,

AT 5, MOAT CLOSE,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Cuneastre, Lightfoot, Netherseale, York, Bourne and Cambridge. Tenor size 13 in E.

S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN 1-2 | *JOHN R. MAYNE 3-4

ROGER BALDWIN 5-6

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* First peal of Surprise Minor on handbells. 100th as conductor.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT 12, RANDALL ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

ANTONY W. CLEAVER	1-2	DON C. EXELL	5-6
*ANTONY R. KENCH	3-4	*PETER BRIDLE	7-8

Composed by G. DODDS. Conducted by DON C. EXELL.

* First peal 'in hand.' First 'in hand' as conductor.

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PERSONAL

With our very best wishes for their future we send our congratulations to Bridget A. Sanger and Michael V. White, on their engagement, from the Edmonton County Grammar School Guild of Ringers. 2662

'But whoso committed adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul. A wound and dishonour shall he get: and his reproach shall not be wiped away.' (Proverbs vi, 32 and 33.)

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—All Saints', Pitsford, Bell Augmentation Fund Coffee Evening. Bring and Buy, Friday, June 21st, commence 7.30 p.m., Mrs. Jenner's, Holly Bank, Manor Road, Pitsford, Northampton. 2606

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Eight bell practice, Bridgwater, Saturday, June 15th, 7 p.m.—K. Prime. 2632

DEVON GUILD.—Annual festival, Exeter, June 15th. Service St. Mark's 4 p.m. Preacher Canon C. C. Cox. Tea and meeting St. Mark's Hall. Numbers for tea to Mr. C. Densham, 27, Monkswell Road, Exeter. Ringing: Cathedral, 1.30-3 and 6-8; Heavitree, 2-3.30; St. Mark's, 3-4; St. Petrock's, 6-7; St. Thomas', 7-8 p.m. 2558

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Holywell, Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 2616

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow-on-the-Wold Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bourton-on-the-Water on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Bells from 6-7.30 p.m. or later if required. Names for tea by June 14th to Mr. L. C. Dowdeswell, Park Street, Stow-on-the-Wold. Tel.: Stow 350. 2642

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Half yearly meeting, Welford-on-Avon, June 15th. Bells (6) 3.4-15 and 6-7 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Meeting following tea, Clifford Chambers (6) 7.30-8.30 p.m.—E. M. Bliss. 2639

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—June 15th. Tewin (6) Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (Burnham Green) 5.15 p.m. S.M.—Killamarsh T.B. Welwyn (8) 7-8 p.m. Names for tea to 3, Lea Road, Harpenden, Herts.—M. A. Coburn. 2642

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice on June 15th. Ringing at Stanwell 3-4 p.m. Staines St. Mary's 3.30-5 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Staines St. Peter's 6-8.30 p.m. Tower correspondents to collect reports at this meeting.—F. T. B. 2660

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 15th, at Mapledurham. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to the Rev. E. Wood, The Vicarage, Mapledurham, Reading. 2630

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Aldrington (6) (not Wivelsfield), Saturday, June 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: St. Clement's. Names for tea to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurst-pierpoint. 2613

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Bowdley, Saturday, June 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at Central Cafe 5 p.m. Meeting at Town Hall 5.45 p.m.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, Worcs. 2594

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Chard (8), Saturday, June 22nd. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notice for tea essential to J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton. 2661

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Burnham-on-Sea (8), Saturday, June 22nd. 5 p.m.—M. Legg, Hon. Sec. 2629

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 22nd. Stanbridge (5). 3.4-4.5 p.m. Tea at Tilsworth at 5. Short service 6. Ringing Tilsworth (6) until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than 20th to Mr. Derek Bunker, 'Derphine', Tilsworth, near Leighton Buzzard, Beds. 2669

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Great Budworth on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. John Scott, 54, High Street, Great Budworth, near Northwich. 2655

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Burton, June 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring your own tea (no cafes).—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 2675

EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Selston on June 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Look up Double Court and Norwich Surprise. Names for tea by Wednesday, 19th, please, to A. L. Rawson, 14, Lindley Street, Selston, Nottingham.—M. J. Kirk, Hon. Sec. 2656

FLY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Shouldham, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. followed by meeting and service.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2652

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Half yearly meeting, Fairford, June 22nd. 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Notify W. A. Godwin, 12 Fairford Road, Quenington, Cirencester, by June 20th. Further ringing after service. —R. Wenban, Sec. 2670

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenhams Branch.—Meeting, Marshfield, Saturday, June 22nd. Service and tea at Marshfield, ringing at Colerne after tea. Names for tea to J. Edwards, Woodham, Market Place, Marshfield, near Chippenhams. 2676

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Stroud, June 22nd. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after service. Names for tea by June 18th.—S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 2677

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The summer festival this year will be held on June 22nd. Service at Godalming 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Bells: Shere, 10.30-11.30 a.m.; Albury, 11 a.m.-12 noon; Ewhurst, 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.; Shalford, 1.45-3; Bramley, 2.30-3.30; Womersley, 3-4; Godalming, 3.30-4.30; Hascombe, 6.30-7.30; Dunsfold, 6.30-7.30; Witley, 7-8; Chiddingfold 7.30-8.30; Haslemere, 8-9 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Stevinson, Ashstead Close, Shackstead Lane, Godalming.—S. T. A. Russell, Gen. Hon. Sec. 2658

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting at Chepstow, June 22nd. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Gentlemen welcome. Names for tea by June 17th, please, to J. S. King, 1, Hughes Crescent, Chepstow, Mon. 2605

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Westhoughton, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (8) at 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea only. No business. All welcome. —Thornley, Sec. 2643

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—The 152nd ringing anniversary, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available 3 to 8.30 p.m. Tea shop near church. Everyone welcome, bar one.—F. S. Mortlock. 2640

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Drighlington, June 22nd. Bells (8) available, 2.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify by previous Friday Mr. Maurice Brown, 3, Drifholme Road, Whitehall Road, Drighlington. 2665

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting, Pulham Market, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (8) 6.30 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Branch Sec. 2674

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Dorney, Saturday, June 22nd. Ringing 6 to 8.30 p.m. Special methods: Double Bob, Fulbeck Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew.—Miss Hague. 2673

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kirtlington on Saturday, June 22nd. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to C. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 2644

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Meeting at Culworth on Saturday, June 22nd. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 2646

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lowick, June 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Sudborough. Ringing Sudborough bells (5) 6.15 to 7 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Peter M. Fleckney, 6, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, Kettering. 2650

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, June 22nd. Compton Chamberlayne. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Striking competition after tea. Names for tea, please, not later than Tuesday, 18th, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 2626

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Corscombe, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify by 18th.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster, Dorset. 2664

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.

—Annual meeting, Lichfield, Saturday, June 22nd. Service in Cathedral choir stalls, 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in W.I. Hall (Lombard Street), 5.30 p.m. Bells available: Yoxall (6), 10.15-11 a.m. King's Bromley (6), 11.15 a.m.-12 noon; Longdon (5), 12.15-1 p.m. also 7.30-8.30; Lichfield St. Mary's (8), 2.30-3.30 and 8-9; Lichfield St. Michael's (6), 3.15-4 and 6.15-7.30; Cathedral (10), 3.45 (not before)-4.25 and 6.45-8; St. Chad's (4) 7.30-8.30 p.m. Numbers requiring tea, please, before June 19th to C. M. Smith, 'Roisselle,' Walsall Road, Lichfield, Staffs. Tel.: Lichfield 2124. 2610

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.

—Practice meeting at Westham and Pevensey, June 22nd. Ringing: Westham (6), 3 till 4.30; Pevensey (6), 6 till 8 p.m. Service (Westham) 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to D. R. Fuller, 'Droslyn,' High Street, Westham, Pevensey.—I. Smith, Sec. 2622

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.

Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, June 22nd, Highclere. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Room. Further ringing after tea.—G. Dodd. 2666

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.

—Meeting, Hemingbrough, June 22nd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in schoolroom. Names, please, to Mr. G. F. Terry, Water Lane Farm, Hemingbrough, near Selby, Yorkshire, by Thursday, June 20th. This will be followed by business meeting, election of officers, etc. Annual reports available.—H. S. Morley, 40, New Lane, Selby. 2668

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—St. Andrew's.

Clevedon, Sunday, June 23rd. Bells available 7 a.m. Service 8 a.m., followed by breakfast. Names for breakfast, please, by Thursday, June 20th.—D. G. Yeo, 'Estune,' Brockway, Nailsea. 2624

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.

Corporate Communion, Midsomer Norton on Sunday, June 23rd, 8 a.m. Names for breakfast to Mr. T. Sward, 40, High Street, Midsomer Norton.—E. Chivers, Sec. 2668

PULHAM ST. MARY, NORFOLK.—Rededication of the bells (8).

Sunday, June 23rd, at 11 a.m. Preacher: Lord Bishop of Norwich. Ringing after the service. All ringers welcome. 2668

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.

Evening practice at Thames Ditton on Monday, June 24th, 7.30 to 9 p.m.—Rupert Caporn. 2667

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.

Quarterly meeting, North Curry (8) on Saturday, June 29th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 'Mimosa,' George Street, Taunton. 2601

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Next meeting at Cradley on June 29th.

Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea to follow. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous.—M. D. Fellows, Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 2596

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.

Quarterly meeting, Stoodleigh, Saturday, June 29th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., with tea and business meeting after. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Hollis, 'Roseneath,' Avenue, Tiverton. 2648

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.

Meeting at Cobham on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Miss M. A. Moore, 'Chippings,' Icklingham Road, Cobham, Surrey, by June 26th. Stoke D'Abernon bells also available. 2659

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.

Meeting at Monken Hadley, Saturday, June 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Barnet bells available in evening. All cordially welcome.—K. Lock, Dis. Sec. 2638

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.

Meeting at Deeping St. Nicholas, Saturday, June 29th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Taylor, near Station, Deeping St. Nicholas, Spalding, Lincs, by previous Wednesday.—K. R. Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2654

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.

—Summer quarterly meeting, Abbotsbury, Saturday, June 29th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. H. Hayne, 4, West Street, Abbotsbury, Weymouth, Dorset, by Wednesday, June 26th, please.—R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec. 2671

VETERANS' REUNION.—London.

June 29th. Service 5 p.m. at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. All welcome. Names, please, to John Euston, 28, Fairmile Avenue, Streatham, S.W.16. 2633

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Southampton on Saturday, June 29th.

Bells: Bitterne Park (8), 11 a.m.-12 noon; St. Mary's (10), 12 noon-1 p.m. and after tea; St. Michael's (10), 1.30-2.40 and after tea. General meeting 2.45 p.m. in St. Michael's Hall. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea must reach me by June 22nd. Other towers available in the evening will be announced at meeting.—R. Roger Savory, Gen. Sec., 32, Thornbury Avenue, Southampton. 2647

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held in Oxford on Saturday, July 6th.

Holy Communion (St. Aldate's) 9.45 a.m. Festival Service (Christ Church) 11 a.m. Business meeting (Chapter House) 12 noon. Lunch (Christ College) 1.30 p.m. Applications with remittance for luncheon ticket (7s. each) to Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, before Wednesday, June 26th.—M. R. Cross, Gen. Sec. 2620

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—Annual meeting will take place on Saturday, September 28th, at 3 p.m.

at the Birmingham police training and recreational centre, Tally Ho., Edgbaston (by kind permission of the Chief Constable). Dinner, followed by entertainment, at 6.30 p.m., also at Tally Ho. Ringing at St. Martin's (12), Cathedral (12), St. Chad's R.C. (12), Edgbaston (8) during the day. Tickets, £1 each, from Secretary, A. Pearce, 197, Wythenshawe Road, Manchester 23. Postal orders preferred, payable to A. Pearce. 2635

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual dinner will be held in the Town Hall, Macclesfield, on Saturday, October 5th, at 6.45 p.m.

Service 5 p.m. at St. Michael's Parish Church, conducted by the Ven. T. Clarke (Archdeacon of Macclesfield). Preacher: The Bishop of Stockport, the Rt. Rev. D. H. Saunders Davies, R.M.C. Tickets, £1 1s., obtainable from Mr. H. C. Lanyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. Details of ringing arrangements later.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 2657

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OBITUARY**MR. ROBERT E. COLES**

A former Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association and secretary of the Llandaff Branch from its formation until the last annual meeting, Mr. Robert E. Coles, of 41, Lavanock Road, Penarth, died in hospital on June 1st. For many years he lived at Cowbridge and was associated with the local company. Mr. Coles was one of the best known ringers in South Wales, and his enthusiasm did much to stimulate the art in that area. He had rung over 100 peals for the Llandaff and Monmouth Association.

MR. STANLEY HONOUR

With deep regret we report the death of Mr. Stanley Honour, aged 73 years, a retired architect, who worked for the railways. Although a newcomer to Rainham, Kent, he soon made many friends in the Rochester District of the Kent County Association, and joined St. Margaret's, Rainham, Kent, company of bellringers, about two years ago. His cheerful personality will be greatly missed by the Rainham ringers. As a tribute of respect the bells of St. Margaret's, Rainham, were rung half-muffled on May 5th. In his younger days, Mr. Honour had rung several peals. F. J. C.

COMPLICATIONS FOLLOW MINIMUS

The conductor of a peal on the easy-going four bells at Bishophorpe, York, writes to say that whilst ringing Minimus is both an arduous and tricky task it is nothing compared to sending in the peal report.

He first received from a members of the band a letter which stated that this member did not wish to be connected with the peal. This was followed, a few days later, by another letter from the same member (crossing with the conductor's irate reply to the previous letter) stating that he did wish to be connected with the peal; the previous letter was due to a misunderstanding.

When the 'pipe of peace' had been 'smoked,' and the matter sorted out, the conductor found himself entering a correspondence concerning the Association for which the peal ought to be rung. It was at this point that the conductor, who is attempting to revise for exams, decided to send in the peal as Non-Association, hoping that he would not offend anybody!

Moral: Think of the implications, before ringing peals of Minimus!

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COVENTRY GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Saturday, June 29th, ringing meeting, with special invitation to members of the Banbury District of OXFORD GUILD. Ringing as follows: Burton Dassett, 2-4 p.m.; Avon Dassett, 2-4; Farnborough 4-4.30. Service, Farnborough, 4.30. Tea 5. Evening ringing: Farnborough, 6-8; Cropredy, 6.30-8 p.m. Your support for the service, please. Teas are limited to 50 at the moment.—Apply: P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa. 2679

QUARTER PEALS

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Hayward 3, R. Huddleston (first 'inside') 2, D. Huddleston 3, G. Locke 4, B. Huddleston (cond.) 5, C. Abbott 6. For Confirmation.

LAPWORTH, WARWICKS.—On May 26th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. C. Hughes 1, Linda M. Hughes 2, J. K. Foot 3, I. C. Maycock (cond.) 4, R. G. Morris 5, R. E. Tallis, sen. 6.

LONDON.—On May 12th, at St. Clement Danes', 1,299 Stedman Caters: C. A. Hughes 1, Miss M. E. Lewis 2, Mrs. H. Oatway 3, A. Fulwell 4, A. M. Stacey 5, R. Cadamy 6, W. G. Wilson 7, J. Marks 8, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 9, J. Tomsett 10. Also at St. Clement Danes', on May 19th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. M. Bibby (first on ten) 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, A. Grainger 4, J. Fowler 5, F. G. Richardson 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, A. Gargrave 8, T. East 9, J. McPhail 10. For Matins. Also on May 19th, at the Church of St. Clement Danes, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss H. Martin 1, Miss R. Rich 2, Miss Y. Edwards 3, Miss M. S. Taylor 4, T. Pett 5, P. Bushell 6, A. G. Osborne 7, A. G. Spreadbury 8, N. J. Davies 9, A. J. Frost (cond.) 10. First on ten for 1, 2, 5 and 6. For Evensong.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On May 26th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. G. Morris 1, G. F. Randle 2, Linda M. Hughes 3, M. C. Hughes 4, I. C. Maycock (cond.) 5, J. K. Foot 6. For Evensong.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Lansley 1, Miss T. P. Johnson 2, R. Fry 3, F. E. Jones (first 'inside') 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, V. Griffin 6. For Matins.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On May 23rd, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods): Maureen White 1, R. A. Stone 2, Mary White 3, K. G. Wallen 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. For Ascension Day.

SYSTON, LEICS.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Chris. Smith 1, Audrey Mansfield 2, Viccy Keeling (first of Triples) 3, B. Brant 4, Mary Poyner 5, H. Humphreys 6, H. Poyner (cond.) 7, J. Newborn (first quarter) 8. For Evensong, and to welcome Miss Keeling to the parish.

WHITNEY-ON-WYE, HEREFORD.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Lloyd 1, W. J. Clayton (first 'inside') 2, R. L. Hughes 3, C. A. Lewis 4, J. W. Hope (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

WICK ST. LAWRENCE, SOMERSET.—On May 20th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. Prescott (cond.) 1, Miss M. Lerr 2, B. G. Williams (first in method) 3, R. J. Ballam (first in method) 4, S. G. Smith 5. First of Stedman on the bells.

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