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A.N.Z.A.B. COUNCIL MEETING IN ADELAIDE

THE second annual Council meeting of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Bellringers was held on June 8th, at St. Andrew's Parish Hall, Walkerville, South Australia, after a dinner, at which 42 ringers were present. Eleven Australian towers were represented from Sydney, Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo, Hobart and Adelaide. It was calculated that by the time the 30 visitors had returned home they would have covered 40,630 miles between them.

Mr. Tom Goodyer was elected president for the ensuing term and Mr. Graeme Heyes is the new secretary. Mr. Ken Minchinton retains his post as treasurer and Mr. Bill Pitcher is continuing with the editorship of 'Ringing Towers.' It was resolved that the meeting next year would be held in Hobart.

Among matters discussed were the financial position of 'Ringing Towers,' the possibility of a ringing trip to New Zealand, the design of a badge, official note-paper, the formation of a Restoration Committee and an A.B.C. Committee.

The Council meeting was the reason for so much travelling, but it was a wonderful excuse for three days of ringing in the two towers—St. Peter's Cathedral and St. Andrew's. Both were filled to capacity on all occasions (at St. Andrew's it was a matter of one band ringing and another waiting below to take their place). Ringing was very varied and ranged from rounds and plain hunting, through Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor and Major, to Cambridge Minor, Stedman Triples and Double Norwich.

A quarter peal of Stedman was attempted at the Cathedral on the Sunday night, but without success. However, Dame Fortune smiled on the Monday morning and a peal in four Minor methods came round nicely, if rather quickly, taking only 2 hours 38 minutes. This raised the total of peals rung in Australia so far this year to 12, only two behind the record number of 14 rung in 1954.

After the peal everyone adjourned to the National Park at Belair in the foothills about six miles from Adelaide, where a barbecue lunch was eaten to the evident enjoyment of all. This gathering of 40 was the real highlight of the meeting—the getting together and talking, making new friendships, strengthening old ones and generally exchanging experiences and ideas. What is it about ringing that makes these gatherings so stimulating? The postprandial scene at National Park presented an unusual spectacle. Amongst the trees and scrub and the grass, vivid after three weeks of rain, there were three sets of handbells going, each one in a different key and all within sight and sound of each other. Those not thus engaged were lying on rugs playing chess or 'black maria,' or still standing round the three-sided barbecue grilling that extra chop or coaxing the water to boil for another cuppa.

It was a week-end of handbell quarters in odd places. On Sunday, Bill Pitcher took Monica Collins and Tom Goodyer into his bookshop and there among the piles of newly unpacked books they rang a quarter of Bob Minor. Helen Henderson, Anne Cowling and Sidney Smith were seen on Monday morning standing behind one of the Cathedral's buttresses trying for one of Doubles in defiance of the bells and the traffic noise. Some-

thing went wrong with this, but as soon as they reached the park they disappeared into the privacy of the scrub and were this time successful. It was the first quarter 'in hand' for all of them. Later in competition with the other handbells and the general coming and going, Tom, Helen and Anne rang a quarter of Bob Minor.

From start to finish, it was a week-end to remember. Roll on next year and a similar gathering in Hobart.

W. B. P.

TO PETER N. BOND

MANY visitors to Great Yarmouth over Whitsun will have noticed in the porch of the Parish Church a prayer card for Peter Neville Bond, to be ordained priest on Trinity Sunday in Rochester Cathedral by David, Lord Bishop of Rochester.

A former Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, a former Central Council representative for that Society, at present Ringing Master of the Rochester District of the Kent Council Association, Peter Bond, who learned to ring at Brasted under the outstanding tutelage of Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, can certainly claim to be a prominent ringer, not merely because of his towering stature, but for his friendliness, enthusiasm, goodwill and enterprise in all causes related to the noble art of church bellringing.

Thus he went forward to his ordination as a priest of the Church, with a multitude of good wishes from ringing friends in all parts of the country. He was supported at the service in the Cathedral by several ringing friends, some of whom had taken part in a long touch of Grandsire Caters, there being not quite time for a quarter peal.

In the afternoon, members of the Kent County Association rang a peal of Fordcombe Surprise Major at Frindsbury. The method was appropriate as Peter lived at Fordcombe and assisted at the church there as a lay reader before commencing his special training for Holy Orders. The peal is also associated with Dennis A. Sweetman, of Chislehurst, ordained deacon to serve in the parish of Riverhead, near Sevenoaks. He is well known to Ian Oram, captain at the Annunciation, Chislehurst, and peal secretary of the Kent County Association, and Philip Corby, general secretary of the Kent County Association, is a parishioner at Riverhead. The Vicar of Frindsbury was delighted with the peal, as it reminded him happily of his ordination in 1933.

On Thursday, June 13th, the Feast of Corpus Christi, Peter Bond celebrated Holy Communion for the first time in St. Augustine's Church, Gillingham, where he now serves as curate. There was a large congregation, including several ringers, and even those at the back of the church were impressed with the dignity and clarity with which the liturgy was conducted and were no less impressed by the obvious affection in which Peter is held by the local congregation, which was very evident at the reception afterwards, when he was presented with an inscribed missal.

The Kent County Association is very proud of its distinguished clerical member.
P. A. C.

Yorkshire Takes Steps to Meet Membership Decline

THE 87th annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association took place at Howden Minster on May 4th, attended by a large gathering representing each of the four Districts. In addition to the superb ring of eight at the Minster, ringing was also enjoyed at Selby Abbey, Snaith, Carlton, Hemingbrough and Eastrington.

Following the service in the Minster, an excellent tea was served in the Green Room, when more than 100 sat down. At the business meeting the chair was taken by the president, Archdeacon C. O. Ellison, supported by the general secretary (Mr. L. W. G. Morris), the honorary treasurer (Mr. V. Bottomley) and the honorary peal secretary (Mr. W. E. Critchley).

After the minutes of the last meeting had been accepted as a correct record, an omnibus vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and churchwardens of Howden, and clergy of the numerous churches who had given permission for the use of their bells, also the respective local companies. This was proposed by Mr. E. Hudson, and seconded by Mr. D. Johnson, special reference being made to Mr. L. M. Woodhead for making tower arrangements.

The Vicar of Howden, the Rev. R. J. Graham, in a felicitous speech of welcome, reminded the assembly that whilst he did not know much about Yorkshire, he did about 'Howdenshire' and when he learnt that some time ago the Association had held a meeting at nearby Goole, he decided that one must be held at Howden. He was delighted that the Association had decided in favour of this, and was glad to welcome so large a gathering on this occasion. (Applause.)

In presenting the report of the committee, the president drew attention to the fact that although there was a slight increase in membership, there had been a decline of about 100 members over the last eight years, which must be a matter of concern to all. Plans were in hand for a meeting between the committee and representatives of all local ringing societies operating in the county, with a view to closer collaboration for mutual benefit.

LOSSES BY DEATH

During the year about a dozen members had died, including three who had rendered faithful service to the Association: Mr. Albert E. Sellers, vice-president of the Eastern District for the last ten years, joined the Association in 1907, and had served on the General Committee for 30 years; Mr. Dan Smith, vice-president of the Southern District for 15 years; Mr. J. R. Brearley, also of the Southern District, was a former member of the General Committee. Reference was made to the death of Miss Margaret Snowdon, who was the Association's last living link with the Snowdon family.

The peal secretary's report showed that 137 peals had been rung during the year, 117 on tower bells and 20 on handbells, and although in all 17 fewer than last year, still showed a healthy interest in this branch of the art. The list of peals rung by local bands had grown longer, chiefly by the efforts of the Bradford and Rotherham ringers. The former band rang four such peals in four different Surprise Royal methods, and the latter band also rang four peals. Halifax (Haley Hill) ringers contributed a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in seven methods. The peal list also included the longest length of Surprise Royal for the Association, this being 6,480 Yorkshire Surprise Royal rung at Whitby on October 20th, composed and conducted by the general secretary, Mr. L. W. G. Morris. Participating in this was Miss Patricia Lockwood, of Ossett, who is to be particularly congratulated as it was her first peal in a Surprise method.

The honorary treasurer's accounts revealed a moderately satisfactory position (investments and cash in hand £504), but the committee felt bound to point out that the Association faced a future liability in the printing of the rules and certificates of membership, which could not be much longer delayed. Following discussion, the report was unanimously

adopted on the motion of Mr. I. Slack, seconded by Mr. N. Chaddock.

The general secretary announced that the committee were unanimous in recommending the re-election of Archdeacon Ellison as their president, and he had great pleasure in moving this. Mr. W. Barton seconded and on being put to the vote by the secretary, Archdeacon Ellison was unanimously elected with acclamation. In acknowledgment, the president thanked the members for their renewed confidence, assuring them he would do his best at all times, and he valued very much their loyalty and support.

In accordance with the new rule, the hon. peal secretary is now elected triennially, coinciding with the presidential election, and on the motion of the general secretary, seconded by Mr. F. J. Jackson, Mr. W. E. Critchley was unanimously elected to serve in this capacity for the next three years.

It was unanimously decided to accept an invitation from Rotherham to hold the next meeting there on September 21st, on the motion of Mr. I. Slack, seconded by Mr. V. Barton.

The president reported that arrangements were in hand to hold the Snowdon Dinner in Leeds, and after explaining that his inquiries at the Griffin Hotel had resulted negatively, he had been able to obtain suitable accommodation at the Guildford Hotel for the dinner to be held on October 12th—a week earlier than the previously suggested date. It was unanimously agreed to accept this without a formal motion.

On the motion of Mr. D. Thorpe, seconded by Mr. I. Goldthorpe, the following new members were elected: Mrs. V. Skellearn, R. Pygott, W. Pygott, P. E. North, M. Walton, E. Beaumont, A. C. McBarney and Graham Smith.

100 PER CENT CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBER

Mr. W. Barton, vice-president of the Western District, who took the chair at the last general meeting, in the unavoidable absence of the president, said that he very much regretted he did not, on that occasion, refer to the yeoman services rendered to the Association by the general secretary, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, who had been one of the Association's representatives on the Central Council since 1939. This was purely due to an oversight, and he had very great pleasure in now moving that their best thanks be accorded to Mr. Morris, who, incidentally, had attended every meeting of the Council since that time. This was seconded by the president, who also paid tribute, and the motion was carried with applause. In acknowledgment, the secretary thanked the speakers for their most kind references, adding that it had been a pleasure to himself to have served the Association in that capacity. The Association now had a distinguished team, and he hoped they would be accorded the same faithful and loyal support as had been meted to himself over so many years. This was greeted with acclamation. Mr. N. Chaddock announced that a week-end course in bellringing had been arranged at Grantley Hall, near Ripon, on the week-end of October 27th, and advised those wishing to attend to make early application. This concluded the business, and further ringing was enjoyed at the various available towers.

ORDINANDS' LECTURE

A lecture was recently given by Mr. Wilfred Wilson to members of the Southwark ordination course during their summer school at Wycherft, Betchingley, Surrey. The talk was divided into two parts, the first being on the history of church bells in general, and secondly, on the art and science of change ringing.

At the conclusion of the session, Mr. Wilson, on behalf of the Central Council, presented to the principal, Canon Stanley Evans, a bound copy of the Council's handbook and other publications.

The meeting was arranged by one of the ordinands, Mr. J. Tomsett, a member of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Promising Outlook

THE 78th A.G.M. of the Sussex County Association was held in the Church Hall of the Good Shepherd, Brighton, on May 11th.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. F. G. Chisholm, who also gave an address on the part bellringing takes in the service of the church.

An excellent tea was arranged by Mrs. S. E. Armstrong, Mrs. Betty Percy and helpers from the Good Shepherd's and St. Peter's, Brighton. Over 100 sat down to tea.

The chairman welcomed the Vicar, and also the Rev. Peter Hunter from Danehill, and Mr. Harman and Mr. & Mrs. Oatway from Surrey and members of the East Grinstead and District Guild. He also thanked those who had prepared the tea.

The meeting stood in silence as a token of respect for the following members who had died during the year: John Gasson (Bolney), Bill Hart (St. Peter's, Brighton).

The treasurer (Mr. R. G. Blackman) reported a fairly good year, but expenses were still rising, printing the report, etc., and grants to some towers had been deferred to 1963.

Peals rung during the year were 65, the highest since 1956.

The general secretary (Mr. R. W. R. Percy) reported an increase in membership: this had now reached 943 (615 males, 328 females). We now had a very large number of young ringers and he hoped these would lay a firm foundation for future years.

The officers for 1963 were all elected, the only change being that of treasurer, Mr. R. G. Blackman, who had held this position for many years, also Central Council member, had to give up these offices owing to ill-health. Mr. T. A. Hunnisett, of Eastbourne, was elected as treasurer.

AMENDMENT TO RULE 3

The following proposition by Mr. F. Beeny and recommended by the General Committee was carried by the meeting:

Ringling Members.—'Each Tower in the County desiring to be affiliated to the Association shall pay an affiliation fee of £1 5s. per annum, and each Ringling Member shall subscribe in addition 5s. per annum, but if under the age of 18 years, 2s. 6d. per annum. Ringling members of unaffiliated towers shall each subscribe 5s. per annum or 2s. 6d. per annum if under the age of 18 years.'

On a proposition by Mrs. Knight, seconded by Mr. A. Baldock, it was decided as an experiment to hold the A.G.M. for the next four years in each Division in turn. It was the responsibility of the divisional secretary to make all the arrangements. The A.G.M. for 1964 would be in the Northern Division.

Mr. F. I. Hairs spoke of the long association Mr. Blackman had had with the Sussex Association and he proposed he be made an honorary life member. This was unanimously carried by the meeting.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

St. Mary's, Swansea, entered for the first time the Guild competition held at the pretty six bell Radnorshire church, Llanfihangel Rhydyerthion, and to their surprise were placed first of five competitors. The test was rising, method ringing and falling—a total of 240 points.

The adjudicator was Mr. Leslie Evans, of Eardisland, and his placings were: 1 St. Mary's, Swansea, 153 points, 87 faults; 2 St. Paul's, Sketty, 116, 124; 3 St. Mary's, Brecon, 111, 129; 4 Talgarth, 104, 136; 5 Newton Nottage, 80, 160.

The Rector of Llanbadarn Fawr was thanked for the use of the bells and the arrangements, which included afternoon refreshments and tea.

The Bishop will present the shield and certificates at the Guild festival on June 15th.

DEDICATIONS

FARNBOROUGH, WARWICK

The Bishop of Coventry, the Rt. Rev. Cuthbert Bardsley, dedicated a new treble bell and blessed the restored bells and belfry at St. Botolph's Parish Church, Farnborough, on May 12th, at morning service.

The new bell and restoration work was a gift to the church from Dr. C. H. Budge, in memory of his late wife, who is buried in the churchyard. She died in June, 1960.

A large congregation, including the donor and personal friends, were present, the service being conducted by the Vicar, Canon H. A. Hayden. The new treble was rung by the donor during the service of dedication. It was then raised and was rung in rounds by members of the local band of ringers, who also opened the ringing at the conclusion of the service.

The Bishop, in his address, said, 'The donor has obviously known a lot about love, because love and generosity go hand in hand. When he loves much he gives much. He knows only the best will do. He has given this lavish, loving and lasting gift to the church in memory of his wife, who is now parted from him for a time. His love was so great that he gave.'

Dr. Budge's gift has given the parish a very musical six in place of the old five, which were very badly in need of rehung, and also out of tune. Incidentally, this is the second five to be made into six in the Coventry Diocese, as on March 24th the rehung five at Stoneleigh were augmented to six by Taylors, of Loughborough. The rehung and new treble work at Farnborough was carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and in each case a very good splice has been made. J. L. G.-H.

BROADWELL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE

In the presence of a large congregation, the returned ring of five bells, which have been rehung in modern fittings at St. Paul's Church, Broadwell, Moreton-in-Marsh, were rededicated on June 16th. The Rector (the Rev. D. V. Kennedy), who conducted the service, spoke of the assistance of Mr. Jack Webb, of Ross-on-Wye, in getting a grant of £200 from a bell fund towards the restoration. The work was done by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

Mr. Webb is a member of an old Broadwell family, and it was on these bells that he learned to ring, 50 years ago. After the rededication by the Rev. Hugh Potts, of Gloucester (former Rector of Stow-on-the-Wold), Mr. Webb led the ringers to the tower to conduct a touch of Grandsire Doubles. Other ringers taking part were Messrs. L. Dowdeswell (Stow), L. Joynes (Loughborough), G. Harper and J. Hickox (Moreton-in-Marsh). Visiting ringers came from Cheltenham and Hillingdon and took part in touches of Grandsire and Bob Minimus.

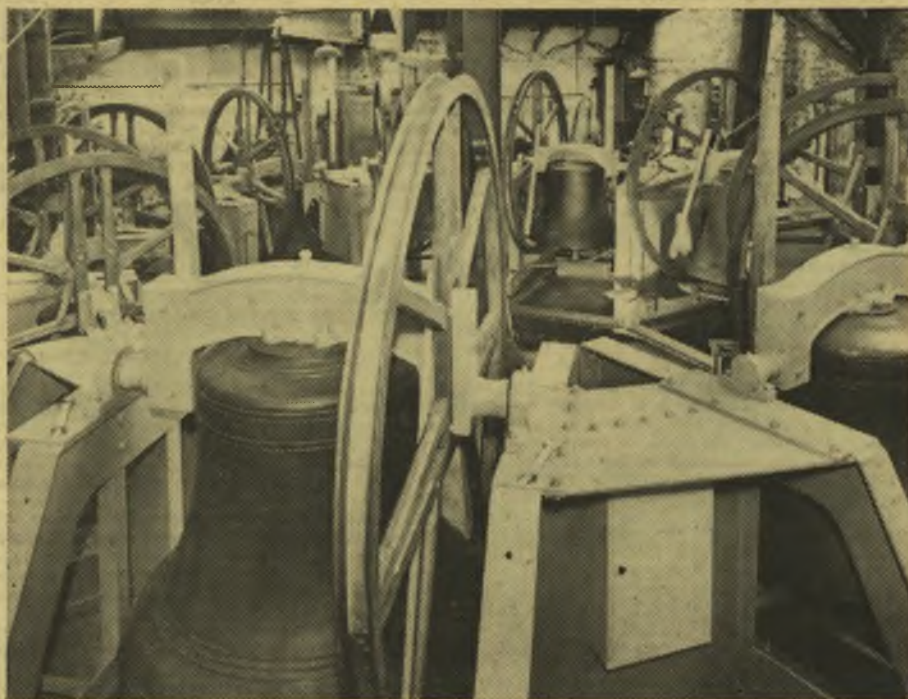
The treble bell unfortunately does not bear any date when cast. The second was cast in 1908 by Bond's, of Burford, and the third in 1884 by the same firm. The fourth was cast in 1734, and was recast by Bond's in 1908. The tenor bell, the weight of which is approximately 8 cwt., was cast in 1761.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

On June 8th, the Guild met in glorious sunshine at the picturesque church of Bradshaw to ring the five bells. A most enjoyable day was had, with a short service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. D. Lewis), and tea, provided by the wife of the Ringing Master (Mr. E. Lord). Many Doubles methods were rung, and we felt that some useful work had been done amongst the Sunday service band.

Next meeting: probably Longwood in July. D. S.

RINGS OF TEN FOR OVERSEAS



DURING the course of ten months, the Whitechapel Foundry will have sent three rings of bells overseas.

The first is a ring of 10 (tenor 18½ cwt. in F) to Groton School, Massachusetts, complete with new fittings and framework. These were installed last autumn and replace the old eight (tenor 22½ cwt.) sent out from Whitechapel in 1900.

The second is a ring of 10 (tenor 32 cwt. in D), which arrived in Baltimore on Monday, June 10th, for installation in the 'Gloria in Excelsis' tower in Washington Cathedral. These will be hung in a circular bell frame similar in design to that at Liverpool Cathedral, but fabricated in steel. The illustration shows the bells erected in their frame at the Foundry. The belfry, which is approximately 40 ft.

square, provides adequate space for hanging the bells in this ideal way.

The third ring is yet another 10 (tenor 29 cwt. in E flat), shortly being sent to St. George's Cathedral, Cape Town. They will replace the eight (tenor 16½ cwt.) which were sent out from Whitechapel in 1830. A new free standing tower of imposing design is being built to house them. It is decagonal (ten sided) in plan, but the bell frame is a conventional one, fabricated in steel. The bells and installation are almost identical to those sent out to Salisbury Cathedral, Rhodesia, in 1957. These raise to six the number of modern rings of 10 exported from this Foundry so it would seem that 10 is becoming a popular compass with our overseas friends.

RINGING CAREER STARTED ON CRICKET FIELD

The peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major rung at St. John's, Darlington, on June 4th, was an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Ernest Burnett, captain at St. John's and a ringer for more than 60 years.

Mr. Burnett's ringing career began on the cricket field. He was one of a team playing at Sharow, Ripon, one afternoon, when the Vicar came on to the field, announced that ringers were needed and asked the young men to volunteer. He was one who came forward and this began a lifetime's ringing, which has taken him into 300 towers. He rang at Sharow, and later at West Hartlepool and Kirkby Stephen in Westmorland. Since he retired from the railway he has lived in Darlington, and, at St. John's, has taught a good many youngsters.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD Mansfield District

Although coinciding with the other contest at Wembley, the Mansfield District meeting, which included the eliminating contest for the Crawford Cup, was well supported. Afternoon's ringing was at Greasley, and at 5 p.m. the majority of those present went to Hucknall for tea, where they were welcomed by the Rev. D. H. Williams (Vicar), a short business meeting, at which the Misses F. Hanlon and L. Wilkinson and Mr. F. Marscombe (Hucknall) were elected members, and the contest, judged by Messrs. J. D. Clarke and F. A. Setter. Their task was not made easier by opposition from the Salvation Army band.

The placings were: Warsop (Norwich Surprise) 38 faults, Kirkby-in-Ashfield (Plain Bob Doubles) 97, Greasley (Grandsire) 129.

Next meeting: Selston, July 27.

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Letters to the Editor

Cranford Surprise Minor

Dear Sir.—The method rung at Woodhouse Eaves, Leics. on May 22nd, under the name 'Woodhouse Surprise Minor' was first rung as Cranford Surprise Minor at Cranford, Middlesex, on May 21st, 1960, conducted by Mr. R. G. Leale. Details of this peal are to be found in 'The Ringing World' of July 22nd, 1960.

In fact all the possible single-change Surprise Minor methods with regular lead-heads, eleven in number, were rung to peals in the period 1959/1960.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE W. MASSEY.

Frome, Somerset.

Erin Triples at Wednesbury

Dear Sir.—The front page article of 'The Ringing World' (June 7th) by Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd recalls to mind the first peal of Erin Triples for the Society of Change Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. This was rung on February 3rd, 1912, at the Church of St. Paul, Wood Green, Wednesbury, and was the first peal in the method by all the band, which consisted of Edgar T. Smith, Edwin J. Tyler, Thomas Hill, George Peater, Bert Horton, Christopher Wallater, Alfred J. Wallater (conductor) and Howard W. Cattell. The composition was Parker's Five Part.

The conductor, who now resides at San Leandro, California, U.S.A., had previously only called one peal (Grandsire Triples).—Yours sincerely,

C. WALLATER.

Willenhall, Staffs.

Three in One

Dear Sir.—Your item in 'Belfry Gossip' about the entertainment at Great Yarmouth leaves us wondering just how many drunken ringers there were; are you sure it was only three? You mention the Rev. John Scott and Mr. Schott and Mr. Fred Scott; but what about the contributions of Mr. Fred Sharpe, the Rev. John Sharpe and Mr. Scarpe, who in all fairness should at least be mentioned? In addition there really was David Beacham.

We are, sir, unanimous in signing ourselves,—Yours sincerely,

REV. JOHN SCOTT.
MR. SCHOTT.

(P.S.—Actually Mr. Fred Sharpe's song was called 'The Midnight Peal'.—J.S.
Contritely we apologise.—Ed.)

Bromham Outing

Dear Sir.—As my report of the Bromham outing has inspired comment from 'Other Hungry Passengers' ('R.W.' June 7th) I would like to point out that I merely related what, to me, seemed a highly amusing incident, and certainly meant no disrespect to anyone.

Many people love and highly esteem the past president of the Bedfordshire Association, and one hopes that soon 'O.H.P.' will do the same, as one feels that, when that happy time comes, 'O.H.P.' will refrain from connecting her with controversy, which must be as distasteful to her as it is foreign to her innate dignity.

Finally, I do not remember that the Bromham outing was behind schedule at any stage, nor, incidentally, do I remember meeting anyone bearing the name of 'Other Hungry Passengers,' or answering to such a description! I, also, enjoyed the outing—here's to the next time!—Yours sincerely,

ALFRED E. RUSHTON.

Luton, Beds.

A Hoax

Dear Sir.—It has now been established beyond any reasonable doubt that the non-association peal of Stormy Weather Surprise Minor, rung at the Church of the Holy Rood, Ossington, Nottinghamshire, on Saturday, March 16th, 1963 ('Ringing World' April 5th, 1963, page 235), was in fact a hoax, and should be removed from all records.

I very much regret that a tower belonging to the Guild should have been chosen for such a hoax.—Yours faithfully,

W. L. EXTON,
Hon. General Secretary,
Southwell Diocesan Guild.

Culham and Cuddesdon both have Ringing Societies

Dear Sir.—May I, through your correspondence column, reply to the short paragraph which appeared as Belfry Gossip in the issue of June 7th, and was evidently inserted at the request of Cuddesdon College. The particular statement to which I refer concerns Culham College.

Culham College does have its Society of Change Ringers, which is part of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and the Society is responsible for providing the regular Sunday service ringing at Appleford Church, together with occasional service ringing at Milton Church.

We at Culham know of the existence of Cuddesdon and are sorry to have to correct the impression that they have given to your readers. We shall always be happy to see ringers from Cuddesdon at our open practice on Friday evenings at Appleford, during term time, which seems to attract visitors from a wide area.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN A. H. BETTS,
Master,
Culham College Society C.R.

Tewkesbury Abbey Bells

Dear Sir.—The Friends of Tewkesbury Abbey will be having their annual service at the Abbey on Sunday, June 30th. Ringing will commence at 5 p.m. and will continue after the service. The Friends of the Abbey sponsored the recasting of the ring of twelve bells at the Abbey.

I should like to take this opportunity of inviting ringers to ring at the Abbey on June 30th. To those who have not been to Tewkesbury before, they will find the visit well worth while, and those who have visited us previously will, I am sure, be pleased to come again. For those who wish to make a day trip of it we shall be ringing from 10-11 a.m. for the morning service and all ringers will be welcome.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST H. PENN.
Tewkesbury, Glos.

In Praise of London Surprise

Dear Sir.—It is always interesting to read in 'The Ringing World' the opinions of other ringers on the musical qualities of the great variety of methods now rung, but I was shocked to learn that Mr. David C. Brookes considers London Surprise 'unmusical rubbish.' Having been privileged to take part in many well-struck touches and peals of London, I must say that, to my mind, it stands, in relation to almost all other methods, as Beethoven's symphonies do to the pop parade!—Yours sincerely, ALFRED E. RUSHTON.
Luton, Beds.

Mr. Leale Stands Firm

Dear Sir.—Congratulations to your decadent correspondents on their reactions to my comments on the St. Neots peal. Although reeling under their wail of abuse, I withdraw none of my remarks, except to say that my suggested new title for the peal was not intended to be taken quite so seriously as it has been by Mr. Eisel.

I do not need to be told that the peal falls within the Central Council regulations. Activities which come just within the letter of the law, but which are nevertheless calculated to deceive are, regrettably, a sign of our times, but I have never seen a really blatant example of them in ringing matters before the publication of this peal. One expects such tactics from barrow-boys, door-to-door salesmen and confidence tricksters in general, but their introduction into peal ringing is something new and does no credit to those involved.

If the peal had been given a footnote such as 'All of the above methods are abortions of Lincenneshire,' its supporters would have had some excuse to fall back on. Even then, however, its ludicrous boast to the effect that all the bells did all the work of the eight methods, when the latter can only muster fifteen different leads between them, puts it straight back into the laughing-stock category.

Moreover, some of my best friends come from Amsterdam, Johannesburg, Vancouver and Zurich, and I have had a hard time placating their indignation at the insults accorded to their home towns by naming such rotten methods after them.—Yours faithfully,
Surbiton, Surrey. ROBIN C. LEALE.

OPPORTUNE TIME!

Next week is the start of a new quarter and the time for new postal subscribers to enrol. Rates:—

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Lavenham's Welcome to Visitors

Dear Sir.—We, the undersigned, wish to disassociate ourselves from the words used in the advertisement appearing in 'The Ringing World' dated June 14th, which relates to the 152nd Ringing Anniversary in this parish.

The advertisement was submitted for publication without our knowledge, and had we had prior knowledge we would never have agreed to the wording as set out.

We wish to make it clear that we have no desire for personal prejudice to enter into our own tower, and as far as we are concerned all ringers, whether they be learners or accomplished ringers, are more than welcome to attend the anniversary meetings, Saturday evening practices, or ringing for church services.

We emphasise that this applies to all—BAR NONE.—Yours faithfully,

W. JARVIS,	L. PRYKE,
S. H. SYMONDS,	R. A. KNIGHT,
F. TURNER,	S. SMITH,
M. T. SYMONDS,	F. BOREHAM,
C. POULSON,	L. C. OFFORD,
W. FAIERS,	

P.S.—Of the 12 ringing members at this church only one refused to sign this letter.
—R. A.

Other letters on pages 437 and 447.

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LETTERS—Continued

The Passing Bell

Dear Sir.—In answer to Mr. J. Jones' letter in your issue of May 31st, 1963, it was the custom for many years at Cranleigh, Surrey, to toll the 'passing bell,' and was continued right up to the beginning of the last war.

The way it was done in Cranleigh was like this: for a married man the tenor was chimed three times, then a pause, three more times, another pause, and a final three times, hence the 'Nine tellers,' or, as Dorothy Sayers called it, the 'nine tailors.' Then the bell was raised and set at handstroke, and for an hour was pulled off every three minutes and set at back and hand alternately, thus ringing 20 separate strokes, regardless of age; then for the funeral the bell was raised, and left for half an hour, then pulled off at three minute intervals until the corpse arrived at the lych gate, then the tenor was lowered, and the 6th bell tolled until the corpse arrived at the west door of the church. For a married woman the tenor bell was used, except that instead of three times three, for the chiming part of it, it was three, pause, three, making only six tellers instead of nine; then the people in the village knew that it was a woman who had died.

For single people over 21 years of age the seventh bell was used, and for people in their teens it was the fifth, for young children the fourth, and for babies the third, with the same difference in the number of tellers for male and female.

My father was vergar at Cranleigh for 40 years, and he taught me to toll the passing bell, so that was how it was I became a ringer, and also my brother, who still lives at Cranleigh.

By the way, the passing bell was never tolled after midday for anyone who passed away after 12 noon; the bell was tolled at 9 a.m. the next morning.

I suppose this was in order to avoid clashing with funerals, which always took place in the afternoon.—Yours faithfully,

ERNEST R. WARNER.

Woking, Surrey.

Credit to Brilliant Youngsters

Dear Sir,—May we know what Mr. R. G. Leale is getting at in his attack on the peal rung at St. Neots for the London University Society? I am not alone in this area in congratulating the members of this youthful band on ringing eight Spliced Surprise, including four entirely new methods. Credit is also due to the composer for arranging for every bell to do the work of all the methods (56 different leads if my arithmetic is correct).

As ringer of the standard methods for many years I shall probably never aspire to ring peals in complex new ones, much less eight at a time, but I am always happy to give credit where it is due, especially to these brilliant youngsters.—Yours sincerely,

E. JOBLING.

South Ealing.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL RINGERS MARRIED

Two members of Lichfield Cathedral band, Mr. Bernard J. Townsend and Miss Marlene E. Jones, were married at All Saints' Church, Bloxwich, on May 18th.

The Rev. R. Cheadle officiated, and also celebrated Holy Communion. The bride wore a full length dress of white nylon over pink

silk, with a bouffant veil, and carried a blue and white bouquet. She was attended by two bridesmaids in blue, carrying pink roses. Mr. Michael Elson was best man.

The couple managed to get away without mishap after losing the ringers, who were following their car.

Duffield—a Conductor's Problem

Dear Sir,—David Brookes' letter on the subject of the method 'Duffield' (May 31st), came only four days after we had been discussing the reason for the decline of this method.

The late Maurice Swinfield once said that it was a simple matter to find a band to ring it. The problem was finding someone able to conduct it, and, no doubt, this is the primary reason for its unpopularity.

As recently as 10 years ago, we rang several courses of Duffield for practice and service ringing at Barwell, mainly through the persuasion of my father, who had rung one or two peals of it, and partly because of its musical qualities.

Would it be true to say that the question of conductors is the reason why so comparatively few peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and upwards are rung today, compared with the number of Surprise methods? A brief perusal of three copies of recent issues reveals only 22 peals of Grandsire and Stedman out of a total of 118, and only two were firsts for the conductors.

When one considers the number of possible calls in a peal of the odd bell methods, compared with the comparatively few in Surprise

methods, one is tempted to ask whether we have seen the end of a decade which produced a Maurice Swinfield, the conductor of over 100 different compositions of Stedman Triples, and a Walter Whitehead, the conductor of Holt's Original before the age of 16—Yours faithfully,

THOMAS C. BELTON.

Birstall, Leics.

Ashton Surprise Major

Dear Sir,—I would like to support Mr. Derek Ogden, in his wish to see retained the name 'Ashton Surprise Major' (Corrigan No. 12, 1948) for the peal rung at St. Peter's, Ashton, on May 1st, 1963.

Although my father, the late W. W. Wolstencroft, who produced the method, accepted the principle that the band who first rang a method to a peal could name it, I feel it would be a tribute to his memory to retain the name he gave it.

St. Peter's, Ashton, was the tower where he first learned to handle a bell, where he rang his first peal on January 9th, 1897, and where he was captain of the tower for fifty years.—Yours truly,

Windsor.

IDA HAWKINS.

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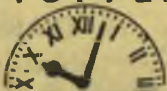
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MARPLE'S OLD CHURCH RAZED, BUT TOWER AND BELLS REMAIN

SHOULD the wheel of fortune ever bring you within a few miles of Stockport, where the Cheshire plain gives way to the foothills of the Pennines, looking eastwards you would be sure to see the tower of All Saints' Church, Marple. The tower looks solid enough to withstand the strongest 'sea breezes' that sweep in from the west coast of Lancashire and Cheshire; on close inspection, however, one observes that the church to which the tower is attached is in ruins. Some thirty yards away, in the same churchyard, there stands another church (without a tower) in which the services are held, and have been for the last thirty years.

The 'Old Church' was built by Samuel Oldknow, a wealthy mill owner, at the beginning of the 19th century. His mill, in Marple, was one of the first ever to house Arkwright's water frame, using the River Goyt to provide the power. Oldknow built his church on the site of an older church, built in Tudor style, which was blown down during a gale in the previous year! Each Sunday he used to march his apprentices up the hill to attend morning service at the church.

Until a very short time ago it was safe to enter the Old Church, where one could observe the family crests on the end of each pew, and the fireplace in the pew for the Oldknow family. It is reputed that Samuel Oldknow used to start raking the fire when he considered that the sermon had gone on for long enough! It was because of the shortage of free pews in Oldknow's church that the new church was built, and, sad to say, the Old Church was allowed to become a ruin.

STOCKPORT'S BELLS

The bells are still housed in the Old Church as they have been since 1816. Originally they were hung in Stockport Parish Church (St. Mary's), but were replaced by a ring of eight in 1810. The following is a copy of the letter which brought about the transfer of the bells to Marple, dated March 28th, 1816.

'To the inhabitants of Marple and its vicinity:

The Trustees appointed by Act of Parliament for the taking down and rebuilding of the Parish Church of Stockport, having made the Township of Marple an offer of the peal of bells belonging to the former edifice, it is earnestly hoped that a subscription may be raised equal to the purchase of them. The sum required is Four Hundred Pounds, being the price Mr. Rudhall, of Gloucester, a descendant of the original founder, has offered to take them from the Trustees. Little, it is hoped, need be urged to prevail upon the inhabitants of Marple not to suffer these bells to be conveyed away from them for ever. The real excellence of their tone must be well remembered by them, and scarcely an individual is there that has not listened to them with feeling such as few would wish to experience again.

The site of the chapel is a consideration that ought to have its weight. On an eminence that commands an extensive view of the bold swelling hills of Derbyshire, as of the more fertile plains of Cheshire, no situation could be better adapted to give full effect to their uncommonly fine tone. From this hill the sound of them will go forth far and wide, and it cannot be doubted but that the inhabitants of the other townships, when they hear them, will rejoice that their neighbours did not suffer them to be removed for ever out of the Parish, and will applaud both the spirit and the liberality of the township of Marple.'

THREE PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE

This appeal had such effect that Samuel Oldknow, Nathaniel Wright and the Rev. C. K. Prescott, curate of Marple, concluded the bargain and became personally responsible for the amount. On April 29th, Mr. Oldknow sent his dray for the treble and tenor and Mr. Wright sent two carts for the remaining four. June 30th, 1816, saw the opening of the ring. Miriam Isherwood, of Marple Hall, a descendant of Judge Bradshaw, who tried

Charles I. was christened and the day kept as a gala day. Prizes were given and competed for by the ringers of the district. Unfortunately, there is no record of what ringing took place nor details of the bands who competed.

In 1886 the bells were going badly and they were rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, on the then modern principle, and again the parishioners liberally responded. The reopening took place on Easter Monday, 1886, by the Hayfield ringers, at that time one of the best companies in the district.

FIRST PEAL IN 1925

After many failures, the first peal on them was rung on Saturday, October 10th, 1925, in 3 hours and 4 minutes, 5,040 Treble Bob Minor in seven methods:

James Fernley, sen.	Treble
John P. Fidler	2
William Fernley	3
John W. Hartley	4
W. W. Wolstencroft	5
Fred Holt	Tenor

Conducted by James Fernley, sen.

The bells were rehung on ball bearings in 1936, but still in the top of the tower in a wooden frame, despite recommendations by Taylors that they be lowered in the tower. In the following year, the first peal by an entirely local band was scored in 3 hours and 5 minutes, 5,040 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob):

*Mrs. F. Osbaldiston	Treble
*Samuel Graham	2
Eric Wigley	3
C. Kenneth Lewis	4
Arthur Whiting	5
Frank Osbaldiston	Tenor

Conducted by Arthur Whiting.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all the band and first peal as conductor.

In more recent times, at third attempt members of the present band rang the first peal of Minor on the bells with an entirely local band. This was rung in 2 hours and 57 minutes, being 5,040 Minor in three methods:

Frank Osbaldiston	Treble
Christine C. McNair	2
Bernard F. L. Groves	3
M. Jack Pryor	4
Alan McFall	5
Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Alan McFall.

A £5,000 SCHEME

Now the church is to be pulled down to within four feet of the ground because it was becoming dangerous to passers-by. Work has already begun, which means that the bells will be silent for some time, perhaps 12 months, while the tower is buttressed and the bells fitted into a new frame, lower in the tower: the work being undertaken by Taylors. The cost of this project will be £5,000 apart from £620 that the ringers would have to

raise for the addition of two new trebles. It is early to say whether these trebles will be forthcoming, but efforts are being made by the local band to raise sufficient money.

The bells, which, you will agree, have had an eventful life so far, bear the following inscriptions:

Treble.—Prosperity to the Town and Parish. A.R. 1731.

3rd.—Abr. Rudhall, of Gloucester, cast us all. 1731.

4th.—Harry Style, Rector. A.R. 1731.

5th.—Thomas Robinson, Robert Lingard, George Whittaker, James Sellars, Church Wardens. R. B. S.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION Eastern Branch

All those present at the Eastern Branch summer meeting at Kessingland, on June 8th, were members of the Branch, a point made by the chairman, (Miss D. Lidbetter, in thanking the members for attending.

In opening the meeting, the chairman thanked the Rector (Rev. T. F. Drury) for taking the service and for the use of the bells, the organist (Mr. L. Mills), and Mr. M. Parker, who, with lady helpers, had laid on an excellent tea. Silent tribute was paid to the memory of Mr. A. Barwick (Haddiscoe), who had died since the last meeting.

The following elections were made: Probationers, N. Pearce, A. Cook and B. Sturmen; ringing members, F. Bloomfield, P. Jones, A. Barker and the Misses M. and A. McBride (the last two as probationers). As the two Branch Standing Committee members were elected vice-presidents of the Association at its annual meeting Messrs. M. Parker and A. Crowe were nominated to the committee.

Next meeting, Blofield, September 21st.

N. P. J. C.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' June 20th, 1913.—

PROGRESS IN AMERICA

This week's mail from Boston, U.S.A., brings news from Dr. A. H. Nichols of a real start being made in the Art in the land of the Stars and Stripes. The band is now practically complete, and as no less than five of the number rank as conductors, it is obvious that the company is a very capable one. A society has been formally organised under the name of the Boston Association of Change Ringers, Dr. Nichols having been elected president and secretary, and Mr. P. J. Allfry Master.



OBITUARY

MR. ROBERT E. (TED) COLES

It is with great sorrow that I write of the death of a most dear friend and fellow ringer, Ted Coles, who passed peacefully onwards on the morning of June 1st, after five months of severe illness, cheerfully and courageously borne.

All who knew Ted loved him, both in ringing circles and in all the other spheres of his many activities. The Llandaff and Monmouth Association has lost a staunch and faithful member and he will be severely missed at his old tower of Cowbridge.

Ted died at the early age of 58, with his peal book quite up to date, his last peal carefully inserted, one at Abergavenny on November 24th last. He started to ring at Bonvilston in 1921, and called his own first peal of Grandsire Doubles at St. Athan in 1925. His peals totalled 129, of which 120 were for the Llandaff and Monmouth Association. After war service in the Royal Artillery, Ted returned to Cowbridge and served that church faithfully as chorister and bellringer, until his illness in December last. He had been Master of the Association and secretary of the Llandaff Branch for ten years and retired from this office in January.

The funeral took place at Thornhill Crematorium, Cardiff, with the Rev. Ivor J. Richards, Rura! Dean of Raglan, and Rev. D. G. Childs, curate of Cowbridge, officiating. The bearers were fellow ringers, Sid Lunn, Roger Havord, Don Clift and David King. Many were present who so recently rang with Ted—ringers from Cowbridge, Bonvilston, Sully, Porthkerry, Cardiff and Chepstow, also Arthur Hoare (representing the Swansea ringers). Representatives were present from the South Wales Rose Society, the Vale of Glamorgan Show Committee, Cowbridge W.I. and Cowbridge old age pensioners.

Many messages of sympathy have daily reached Mrs. Coles from bellringers and rose-growers all over the country, showing clearly with what affection and esteem Ted was regarded by all who came into contact with him. Ted's cheerful grin, quiet, good sense and the love of good striking will be long remembered by his many ringing friends. Peals were attempted on the day of the funeral at Bonvilston and Cowbridge and later at Llanblethian.

J. S. KING.

MR. W. T. CLARK

With deep regret we record the death of Mr. William Tyson Clark, of Broughton-in-Furness, the oldest member of the Furness and Lake District Branch of the Lancashire Association, who died on June 1st, after a short illness, aged 87 years.

A solicitor by profession, he practised as John Clark and Son, Broughton-in-Furness, which was started by his father. He was a regular ringer until about two years ago, when his doctor forbade him to climb the steps, but he was in the choir until the end. For 45½ years previous to 1936 he was secretary of the Branch, and rang about 20 peals. He held many public offices, and was a keen sportsman.

N. M. N.

MR. IVOR THOMAS WERRETT

Ivor Werrett was not well known outside his own tower of Norton, Herts. He rang few peals and only rarely attended ringing meetings, but he was a faithful Sunday service ringer, despite being hampered by poor health for many years. He was a miner, but left Argoed, Monmouthshire, about 27 years ago to come to Letchworth, where he worked for K. and L. Steelfounders. He helped his father and brother in the task of augmenting and rehanging Norton bells. After a long illness he died on June 9th in Lister Hospital, Hitchin, aged 50.

J. S.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch at Hazelbury Bryan on June 8th was a memorable one. The weather was perfect and enabled four ringers to cycle 20 miles to attend. It also enabled us to have tea in the Rectory garden at the invitation of the Rector, Bishop C. E. Storrs. Visiting ringers from Somerset and Manchester made up the company of 25 present.

Ringling in the noble 15th century tower (which includes two pre-Reformation bells) included touches of Plain Bob, Double Court, Stedman and Cambridge before the Guild office. It was a great privilege to worship in this lovely church, so well restored and maintained. In welcoming the ringers, Bishop Storrs spoke of the inscriptions on the bells, how that in earlier times they bore words of praise to God, while the more recent bells told only of their donors or founders.

At the business meeting it was arranged to have a Branch outing on September 7th to visit some Somerset towers.

Ringling up to Cambridge later continued at Hazelbury Bryan, and also at Hilton.

R. N. L.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT CUP

The cup contest this year was held at Wentworth on June 1st. Canon King was particularly pleased to welcome the competitors as it is the centenary year of the bells.

Three teams entered and the results were as follows: Warsop (Nonwich Surprise) 32 faults, Handsworth (Cambridge) 89 faults, Dore (Plain Bob) 116 faults.

After tea, as the sun was still shining, Canon King invited the company to hold their meeting on the Vicarage lawn. Thanks were given to 'Professor Dodge' for judging the contest, and the cup was once again presented to Warsop.

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The Rev. H. Oxley, of The Rectory, Lerwick, Shetland, writes that he is anxious to obtain recordings of Grandsire Triples available for purchase. Since leaving Clanfield, Oxon, last October, he misses very much the sound of pealing bells. All the bell music at Lerwick is the chiming of a single bell, and a small bell at that.

Although the quarter peal we record at Offton is the first to be rung by the Sunday service band on the bells since rehanging, the bells have been rung every Sunday since they were rehung in July, 1959.

Six ringers from Putney and Wimbledon had a cycling tour round the Surrey Hills on June 4th. Ringing took place at St. John's, Coudson, Buckland, Nutfield (a quarter peal), Oxted and Limsfield.

Brian Wyldie apologises to the rest of the band who should have attempted a peal of Rutland at Tiverton on June 15th. Due to a misunderstanding he was standing outside another tower muttering similar things to those being said about him at the time.

After we had gone to press last week we received the names of the victorious Beddington band, featured in a picture on page 429. Left to right, they are John Schofield, Mrs. Olive Tester, Robert Hinde, Raymond Finch, R. James Cook, Jean Lavender and Stewart Kimber.

Regarding the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Newton-le-Willows, Lancs, on May 18th, we are asked to state that this was Kenneth Hesketh's 25th peal for the Lancashire Association. His total includes 12 peals of Surprise, and incorporates 10 different Surprise methods.

The Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella, who for 30 years was general secretary to the Truro Diocesan Guild, on June 15th fulfilled an ambition of ringing in every tower in the diocese. With five ringers from St. Crantock, he set out to ring at Maker, Lansallos and Lanteglos-by-Fowey. Despite traffic jams and wrong turnings the objective was achieved and a wonderful tea at Fowey enjoyed.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Expressing his thanks for an enjoyable Central Council meeting, Mr. R. W. R. Percy suggests that for the Truro meeting arrangements be made for ringing to be available throughout the week as many of the representatives would make this period a holiday. A headquarters throughout this week would also be an advantage.

After six months, two special practices and three peal attempts, the Durham and Newcastle Association have succeeded in ringing their first peal of London Royal.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. W. Love, of Norwich, a former secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association, is not very well. We hope to hear better news in the near future.

Two members of St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, have rung their first peals of London, viz.: John F. Barlow (aged 16) on May 22nd and Derek Ashton (aged 14) on June 5th. In each case the peal was the first blow in the method. Congratulations!

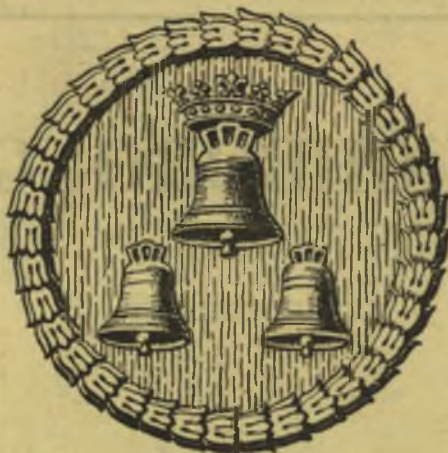
There are still vacancies for the week-end course at Knuston Hall, July 5th, 6th and 7th, which is being arranged by the Peterborough Guild in conjunction with the Northants Education Committee. Applications should be made at once to the Warden, Knuston Hall, Irchester, near Wellinborough, fee 43s.

Three members of the newly formed St. John's College Bellringers' Society, York, rang the first quarter peal for that Society on Sunday, June 9th. The ringers were the treasurer, Ringing Master and the secretary. It was accomplished after a week's intensive practising, and despite a number of near-halts it was eventually completed.

St. Andrew's University has now a Guild of Bell Ringers, with P. T. Dale as president and Ringing Master, Mr. J. Fairclough secretary, D. Cannon treasurer, and Miss A. Galloway ordinary member. The officials can be contacted through the Students' Union, Queen's College, Dundee. Practices during term time St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee, Tuesdays, 7.45 p.m. The standard at the moment is low, but there is no lack of enthusiasm.

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CARBIS BAY.

On Sat., June 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 9 cwt. 89 lb. in A flat.

ROBERT C. KIPPIN Treble	ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON .. 6
JOHN R. FAITHFULL 2	†MALCOLM M. POWELL .. 7
*MICHAEL J. HOBBS 3	†RAYMOND HAINES 8
GILLIAN M. HUSSEY 4	MICHAEL J. THOMAS 9
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 5	‡D. JOHN HUNT Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

* 75th peal. † First of Plain Bob Royal. ‡ 200th peal. First of Plain Bob Royal on the bells.

A birthday compliment to Frances M. Rickard.

ST. ANTHONY IN MENEAGE.

On Sun., June 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTHONY.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

MALCOLM M. POWELL .. Treble	MICHAEL J. HOBBS 5
ROBERT C. KIPPIN 2	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 6
RAYMOND HAINES 3	ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON .. 7
GILLIAN M. HUSSEY 4	D. JOHN HUNT Tenor

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN.

Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

TRURO.

On Mon., June 3, 1963, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 33 cwt. 94 lb. in D flat.

*ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON .. Treble	MICHAEL J. THOMAS 6
JOHN R. FAITHFULL 2	*ALAN CARVETH 7
MICHAEL J. HOBBS 3	RAYMOND HAINES 8
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 4	D. JOHN HUNT 9
*GILLIAN M. HUSSEY 5	ROBERT C. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY.

Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal in the county, and for the Guild.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

*B. CLARE WEBSTER .. Treble	†I. M. SMITH (Peterhouse) .. 7
(Girton)	*C. H. ROGERS (Emmanuel) .. 8
W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') .. 2	†J. R. HOUGH (Jesus) 9
F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.'s) .. 3	†S. C. WALTERS (Pembroke) .. 10
†J. M. H. HUNTER (Trinity) .. 4	B. D. THRELFALL (Trinity) .. 11
†‡L. R. H. SMITH (Queens') .. 5	A. J. GRIFFIN (Trinity) .. Tenor
A. S. HUDSON (Clare) 6	

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by ANDREW S. HUDSON.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First on 12 bells. ‡ 25th peal.

First on 12 as conductor.

READING, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 15, 1963, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF 5059 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt.

ALBERT M. TYLER Treble	*JOHN W. T. HIBBERT 7
WILLIAM HIBBERT 2	EDGAR J. SMITH 8
BRIAN R. WHITE 3	*EDWARD R. VENN 9
*CYRIL J. HIBBERT 4	*ERIC NAYLOR 10
HERBERT C. SPENCER .. 5	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS .. 11
†MALCOLM P. PHIPPS 6	FRANCIS A. WHITE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † First on 12 bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

BANBURY, OXON.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Sat., June 15, 1963, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

Comprising 2,520 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire; with 26 changes of method.

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

WALTER JUDGE Treble	JOHN F. NELSON 6
AVRIL IVIN 2	ANTONY R. KENCH 7
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 3	ERIC J. HITCHINS 8
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 4	D. JOHN HUNT 9
PETER A. SHARP 5	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 15, 1963, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.

ARTHUR G. MASON Treble	MARTIN L. HOWE 6
TREVOR A. CROSS 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7
CYRIL S. JARRETT 3	IAN H. ORAM 8
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 9
JOHN S. BARNES 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

First peal of Cambridge Royal as conductor. The ringer of the fourth has now 'circled the tower.'

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Sone on their 40th wedding anniversary.

SUNDERLAND, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 15, 1963, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, ROKER.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version.

Tenor 22 cwt. 82 lb. in E.

JOHN E. ANDERSON .. Treble	GEORGE S. DEAS 6
MICHAEL MAUGHAN 2	ALAN R. PATTERSON 7
ROBIN G. TURNER 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 8
MARTYN L. J. JORDAN .. 4	ERIC N. HARRISON 9
FREDERICK ROSS 5	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

First peal of London Royal for the Association, and by all the band except the ringers of 5 and 8.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EAST CROMPTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 99 lb. in G sharp.

FRANK OSBALDISTON .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
JOHN WORTH 2	ALAN J. BROWN 6
HAROLD C. LONYON 3	BASIL JONES 7
HAROLD BYROM 4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. Tenor

Composed by HARRY POYNER.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

JOHN ROBINSON .. Treble	DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 5
*JOHN F. BARLOW 2	BARRIE HENDRY 6
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 3	ROBERT B. SMITH 7
BASIL JONES 4	NEIL BENNETT Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

* First peal of London.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 30, 1963, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

TONY OWEN .. Treble	HENRY TOOKE 5
WILLIAM CLOVER 2	THOMAS SPIGHT 6
DAVID CUBITT 3	BERT GOGLE 7
PETER ADCOCK 4	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 31, 1963, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5184 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

JOHN COX .. Treble	TONY OWEN 5
ARTHUR G. BASON 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
ARTHUR G. MASON 3	GEORGE SAYER 7
DAVID CUBITT 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

OLD GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 1, 1963, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 13 lb. in F.

DEREK A. ASHTON .. Treble	JOHN ROBINSON 5
TUDOR P. EDWARDS 2	NEIL BENNETT 6
IVOR JENKINS 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 7
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 4	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.

REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Sunday, June 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELISABETH.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

NEIL BENNETT Treble	DEREK A. ASHTON 5
EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. 2	BASIL JONES 6
HAROLD C. LONYON 3	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 7
JOHN F. BARLOW 4	JOHN ROBINSON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

Rung during the annual parish procession.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

JOHN F. BARLOW Treble	JOHN ROBINSON 5
*DEREK A. ASHTON 2	NEIL BENNETT 6
BASIL JONES 3	ROBERT B. SMITH 7
DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 4	BARRIE HENDRY Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by BARRIE HENDRY.

* First peal of London 'inside.'

First of London as conductor.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

On Fri., June 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW THE GREAT.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 1,600 London, 1,600 Bristol, and 320 each of Bristol, Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Superlative, Yorkshire and Cambridge; with 134 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

C. H. ROGERS (Emmanuel) Treble	*J. M. H. HUNTER (Trinity) 5
B. CLARE WEBSTER (Girton) 2	*S. C. WALTERS (Pembroke) 6
A. S. HUDSON (Clare) .. 3	B. D. THRELFALL (Trinity) 7
I. M. SMITH (Peterhouse) 4	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by ANDREW S. HUDSON.

* First peal of Spiced Surprise Major. First of Spiced Surprise Major as conductor.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

JOHN E. WHITTALL Treble	JOHN C. SLATER 5
M. SUSAN JACKSON 2	LESLIE EVANS 6
DENNIS R. MORRIS 3	DAVID BEACHAM 7
R. GEORGE MORRIS 4	GEORGE E. EVENDEN .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEORGE E. EVENDEN.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in D.

JOHN ROBINSON Treble	KENNETH HESKETH 5
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 2	TUDOR P. EDWARDS 6
IVOR JENKINS 3	NEIL BENNETT 7
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 4	JOHN H. FIELDEN Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN.

Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.

LAMBETH, LONDON.

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

On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST WITH ALL SAINTS,

WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's variation of Thurstans. Tenor 19 cwt.

MOLLY E. POWELL Treble	LEONARD W. BULLOCK .. 5
ARTHUR D. BARKER 2	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER .. 6
JACK N. BROWN 3	WILFRID G. WILSON 7
CHARLES W. OTTLEY 4	SYDNEY FOSKETT Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.

Rung to commemorate the ordination as deacon in Lichfield Cathedral, on Trinity Sunday, of the Rev. David Rhys. B.A., younger son of the Vicar of this parish; also as a birthday compliment to Rev. V. C. Morton, M.A., Rector of St. Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 164 cwt. in F.

*RAMON A. STONE Treble	†BRIAN R. WALTON 5
*SUSAN E. SMITH 2	†KENNETH A. TIPPER 6
†ANTHONY R. COPE 3	CHARLES E. BASSETT .. 7
*KENNETH G. WALLER .. 4	§BRIAN C. KERCHER Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD.

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

* First peal of Triples. † First of Triples, and in the method. ‡ First in the method. § First peal attempt. First of Bob Triples by all, and on the bells.

A compliment to the treble ringer and his wife on their fifth wedding anniversary.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. Treble	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 5
ARTHUR G. MASON 2	CYRIL S. JARRETT 6
THOMAS E. SONE 3	TREVOR A. CROSS 7
*CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON 4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* First peal in the method.

SHEPshed, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

GARRY WM. MASON Treble	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 5
ROLAND H. COOK 2	ROBERT E. HARDY 6
ALAN E. HARTLEY 3	WILLIAM A. LACEY 7
JOHN M. JELLEY 4	R. KINGSLEY MASON Tenor

Composed by G. FREEBRY.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. LACEY.

First peal in the method by all except 3, 4 and 5.

WARWICK.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

HUBERT G. SUMMERS .. Treble	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 5
*EDWARD HOLDSWORTH .. 2	HUBERT E. ASHLEY 6
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR .. 3	*DAVID J. ALLEN 7
PERCY STONE 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal in the method.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Trinity Sunday, June 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5152 TRINITY SUNDAY EXERCISE MAJOR

29 course block reduced. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ERIC J. F. WALL Treble	JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 5
RICHARD J. PARKER 2	ROGER LEIGH 6
PHILIP J. CROSTHWAITE .. 3	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. 7
MARYL R. CROSTHWAITE .. 4	FREDERICK PEARSON Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

Believed to be the first peal in the method.

EAST CROMPTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 99 lb. in G sharp.

JOHN F. BARLOW Treble	JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 5
*DEREK A. ASHTON 2	*PETER WATSON 6
†PETER J. MALLOCH 3	*PHILIP J. H. HUDSON .. 7
NEIL BENNETT 4	ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Composed by GEORGE BAKER.

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

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

JESMOND, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 80 lb. in F.

*SHIRLEY SCOTT Treble	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN 5
†ANDREW C. BOLTON 2	MARTYN L. J. JORDAN .. 6
MICHAEL MAUGHAN 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 7
ROBIN G. TURNER 4	ALAN R. PATTERSON Tenor

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN.

Conducted by ANDREW C. BOLTON.

* First peal of Treble Boh. † First in the method. First of Surprise as conductor.

A farewell peal to Martyn L. J. Jordan, who is leaving the area.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

MARTIN L. HOWE Treble	*†BERNARD F. L. GROVES.. 5
ARTHUR G. MASON 2	*IAN H. ORAM 6
CYRIL S. JARRETT 3	†TREVOR A. CROSS 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN.

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* 50th peal together. † 150th peal together.

TRINITY SUNDAY EXERCISE.

34 x 34.18 x 12 x 18 x 34 x 38 x 34 x 3

2nds L.E. 4ths Bob.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DITCHINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 25, 1963, in 3 Hours.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT .. Treble	THOMAS J. BROCK .. 4
*ANDREW E. CROWE .. 2	†NORMAN P. J. COSSEY .. 5
*LEONARD M. RAPHAEL .. 3	MICHAEL J. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL J. PARKER.

* First peal in the method. † First of Kent Minor 'inside.'

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 31, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

BARBARA TURNER .. Treble	JOHN PILKINGTON .. 4
PETER NICHOLSON .. 2	ANTHONY HELLIWELL .. 5
MICHAEL BIRTWISTLE .. 3	ROGER LEIGH .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

100th peal on the bells subsequent to recasting in October, 1963.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam William Ashworth, a former ringer at this church.

CHETWYND, SALOP.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 31, 1963, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in A sharp.

RICHARD J. WARRILLOW .. Treble	*GEORGE E. MORRALL .. 4
CYNTHIA WARRILLOW .. 2	ROBERT J. WARRILLOW .. 5
*ROGER A. STANLEY .. 3	FRANK BEECH, JUN. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BEECH, JUN.

* First peal. First as conductor.

COLD HIGHAM, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each Single Court, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in B flat.

RICHARD A. WEBSTER .. Treble	*ROGER W. SMITH .. 4
RONALD RUSSELL .. 2	*ALAN A. PAUL .. 5
*GRAHAM C. PAUL .. 3	*GEORGE F. ROOME .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

* First peal in seven Minor methods.

Rung for the Whitsun Festival.

ROUGHTOWN, MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*MARGARET WRIGHT .. Treble	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 4
*JOHN F. BARLOW .. 2	*RONALD M. EDWARDS .. 5
*DEREK A. ASHTON .. 3	*JEFFREY BRANNAN .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor. First of Surprise on the bells.

BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 34 methods: (1) Carisbrooke, Donottar, Wath and Pontefract Delight; (2) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob; (3) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob; (4) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV and Willesden Delight; (5) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (6) London Bob, Lytham, Double Oxford, Thelwall, College, Wavertree, St. Clement's and Childwall; (7) Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Fulbeck, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob; 154 changes of method.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

STEVEN L. GREEN .. Treble	JOHN M. BLAIKIE .. 4
DELIA E. SMITH .. 2	GEORGE E. FEIRN .. 5
G. LESLIE A. LUNN .. 3	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

First peal in 34 methods by all except the conductor.

HAXEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in D.

DAVID SHEPPARD .. Treble	KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 4
MELVYN A. ROSE .. 2	JOHN F. UNDERWOOD .. 5
JOHN POTTS .. 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH B. SISSONS.

Rung to welcome John David Potts, second son of the ringer of the third.

KINGSDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr.

RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. Treble	ALBERT W. DYER .. 4
ARTHUR H. REED .. 2	GEORGE H. E. JEANES .. 5
SIDNEY W. WHITE .. 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. Gratton, of Somerton.

LITTLE HORKESLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods, being 1,680 Grandsire, 480 each of St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Winchendon, Reverse Canterbury, Stedman and Plain.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

DAVID E. CULHAM .. Treble	NEIL V. AVIS .. 3
JAMES L. TOWLER .. 2	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 4

FRANK B. LUFKIN .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

First peal on the bells in this tower.

LYMPNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 29 methods: (1) Northumberland, Carlisle and Sandiacre; (2) Rosendale, Wearmouth, Stamford, Lightfoot, Annable's London and Netherseale; (3) Chester, Newcastle, Alnwick and Munden; (4) Cuneastre, London and Wells; (5) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; (6) Norwich; (7) York, Durham, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham and Beverley.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

A. PATRICK CANNON .. Treble	ANDREW M. MACVE .. 4
IAN H. ORAM .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. 5
JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

MILDENHALL, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Ten different callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

*JOHN CUSS .. Treble	*TERENCE GILLIGAN .. 4
ARTHUR PALMER .. 2	GEORGE NEWMAN .. 5
FREDERICK READ .. 3	*WILLIAM TURPIE .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK READ.

* First peal.

Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. E. G. Courtman, Rector of Mildenhall.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. GOULD .. Treble	FREDERICK A. HARVEY .. 4
ALAN R. ANDREWS .. 2	EDWARD E. DAVEY .. 5
ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD .. 3	RONALD W. STEWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

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SHIPHAM, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Double Court, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Kent, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in G.

SHIRLEY M. DREW Treble	GEORGE PRESCOTT 4
MARJORIE LEGG 2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE 5
GEOFFREY R. DREW 3	GORDON W. LAND Tenor

Conducted by GORDON W. LAND.

First peal of seven Minor as conductor.

SHREWTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in G.

MALCOLM M. POWELL .. Treble	RAYMOND A. BROWN 4
ALAN S. HARRISON 2	ADRIAN J. TUMBER 5
EDWARD D. ELDERKIN .. 3	DON C. EXELL Tenor

Conducted by DON C. EXELL.

Rung for the ordination as deacon on Trinity Sunday of Peter Harold Whittaker, of this parish, at St. Mary's, West Derby, Liverpool.

First peal on the bells.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently: with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 10 cwt. 9 lb. in A flat.

E. SYBIL M. TONKIN .. Treble	GILLIAN SEWELL 4
ROSEMARY EARL 2	ALAN R. BALDOCK 5
*CHRISTINE M. FULLER .. 3	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS J. DAVIES.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

Rung to commemorate the consecration of Christ Church, Horam. The band wish to associate the peal with Philip Pope, the local captain, who was suddenly indisposed.

WALKERVILLE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 10, 1963, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Plain Bob, St. Clement's and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

ROBERT W. FERRIS .. Treble	*RONALD K. RUSS 4
MONICA E. COLLINS 2	LAURENCE R. A. CURRAN .. 5
WILLIAM D. WATSON 3	THOMAS W. GOODYER Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS W. GOODYER.

* First peal in Australia. First in four Minor methods for all except the ringer of the fourth.

STOKE-ON-TERN, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being two extents each of Oxford Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., and one of Plain Bob.

Tenor approx. 8 cwt.

E. MARION KEY .. Treble	*WILLIAM H. TALBOT .. 4
BARNABAS G. KEY 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 5
PETER MORRIS 3	RICHARD E. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal in four methods.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

CHARLES E. BROWN .. Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 4
JOYCE M. GURNHILL 2	JOHN WALDEN 5
AMOS INGALL 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

In memoriam Frederick W. Stokes. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in A.

PEAL OF MINIMUS

PEATLING MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS

Being 210 extents in four methods, being 83 extents of Plain Bob, 24 of Reverse Bob, 28 of Reverse Canterbury and 75 of Single Court.

Tenor 13 cwt.

RON CHAPMAN .. Treble	BRIAN C. LAW 3
RICHARD A. COBLEY 2	MAURICE R. A. KIRK Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE R. A. KIRK.

Umpire: MICHAEL J. BILLINGS.

First peal of Minimus by the band, and for the Guild, on tower bells. Rung for Whitsun Festival: also as a farewell compliment to Michael W. Brown, of Swithland, who has joined the Army; also birthday compliments to Michael J. Billings and Maurice R. A. Kirk.

HANDBELL PEALS

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 26, 1963, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,

AT SHERIFF MOUNT SOUTH, OLD DURHAM ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 17 methods in seven extents: (1) Kent and Oxford T.B., (2) Cromer and Walsingham Alliance, Crayford Little Court and Little Plain Bob, (3) London Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court and Hereward Bob, (4) St. Clement's and College, (5) Court and Oxford Bob, (6) Reverse Plain Bob and Double Plain Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor size 11 in G.

*ALAN R. PATTERSON .. 1-2	ROBIN G. TURNER 3-4
†MARTYN L. J. JORDAN .. 5-6	

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

* Greatest number of methods to a peal. † First handbell peal in 17 methods. First handbell peal in 17 methods for the Association.

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT 36, CHESTER ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

ROBERT E. MOULDS 1-2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 5-6
J. HENRY FIELDEN 3-4	GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. 7-8

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT WHINGARTH, RIDGE ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in F.

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

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.

* First handbell peal. First handbell peal as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)

On Fri., May 31, 1963, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods: (1 to 4) Plain Bob, (5 to 12) April Day, (13 to 18) Kennington, (19 to 24) Seighford, (25 to 28) Southrepps Pleasure, (29 to 34) Clifford's Pleasure, (35) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (36) St. Columb, (37 to 42) Plain Bob.

Tenor size 9 in C.

DAN S. PONT 1-2	RUPERT A. CLARKE 3-4
MICHAEL W. BROWN 5-6	

Conducted by MICHAEL W. BROWN.

First peal 'in hand' as conductor.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT 170, HEADSTONE LANE,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

MARGARET D. WOOLLEY .. 1-2	ANTHONY R. MANN 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	JOHN R. MAYNE 7-8

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 5, 1963, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,

AT 33, BRIDGE END ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Consisting of 18 methods, in the following seven extents: (1) Carisbrooke and Wath Delight, (2) Donottar and Pontefract Delight, (3) Old Oxford, College Bob IV and Willesden Delight, (4) Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight, (5) Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston and Oxford T.B., (6) Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury T.B., (7) Kent T.B.; with 24 changes of method.

Tenor size 15 in C.

GORDON W. LAND 1-2	BRIAN BLADON 3-4
ANTHONY R. PEAKE 5-6	

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

The most Treble Bob methods to a handbell peal by all the band, and for the Association.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT 17, QUEEN STREET,

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

*JOYCE DODDS 1-2	GEOFFREY DODDS 5-6
†JULIA A. FELLOWS 3-4	KENNETH J. DARVILL .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.

* 75th peal. † First of Major, and first 'in hand.'

Rung as a wedding compliment to Christopher E. Hayter and Jennifer Wallace (Hertford), and to Peter Clarkson and Connie Baker (Gloucester), married on June 8th.

ADLINGTON, LANCS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. J. Darbyshire 1, P. Jackson 2, Pauline Turner 3, K. Stainton 4, T. Turner 5, B. Moss (cond.) 6.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. M. Stimson 1, Mrs. C. M. Meyer 2, Mrs. I. Stimson 3, M. T. Stimson 4, C. M. Meyer 5, F. J. Stimson 6, R. H. Cook (cond.) 7, A. J. Stimson 8. For Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Meyer from London.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On June 10th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods), with 7, 6, 8 cover: 1, S. Holland 1, Susan Hutton 2, Judy Bowen 3, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 4, Valerie Mephams 5, Gillian Moppett 6, G. Prodder 7, J. Brown 8. First in three methods 1, 2, 6, 7, 8. A 90th birthday compliment to Dave Gander, sidesman at the church.

BURFORD, OXON.—On May 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. K. Hall (first of Major) 1, F. W. Soden 2, P. Bedie 3, Christine Houlton (first of Major 'inside') 4, W. J. Dixon 5, J. J. Westmacott (first of Major 'inside') 6, D. Kay Adkins (cond.) 7, T. W. Timms 8. For service of thanksgiving and dedication.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On May 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): M. Sceney 1, Brenda Stainthorpe 2, Jennifer Sceney 3s, G. Riglar 4, N. Belson 5, C. Blundell (cond.) 6, G. W. Limmer 8. For Confirmation service.

CAMBRIDGE.—At St. Andrew the Great, on June 2nd, 1,224 Spiced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Miss R. L. Taylor 1, Miss R. A. H. Ince 2, I. M. Smith 3, J. W. McClenahan 4, J. R. Hough 5, V. Nutton (cond.) 6.

CANFORD MAGNA, DURSET.—On June 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Barbara A. Furness 1, Sandra M. Pitman (10 years) 2, C. E. Bishop 3, W. J. Foot 4, H. I. Pitman (cond.) 5, Joanna J. Wigg 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6. Rung for the ordination as priest of George Gray at Salisbury Cathedral earlier in the day.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—On Trinity Sunday, for Patronal Festival morning service, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: R. Crampton 1, H. Harrison 2, R. Broadest 3, M. Stone 4, G. Scragg 5, A. A. Price 6 A. V. Davis (cond.) 7, R. Edwards 8.

CHURCH LAWFORD, WARWICKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Lloyd 1, R. D. Hart 2, Jill Pratt 3, B. Pratt 4, D. J. Allen 5, G. Pratt (cond.) 6. For Matins, and also a birthday compliment to R. D. Hart.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On May 6th, 1,232 Double Norwich: Miss J. Wright 1, H. D. Lister (cond.) 2, R. E. Lester 3, H. A. Mitson 4, R. Rose 5, L. Wright 6, M. Rose 7, E. A. Cracknell 8. First in method by 6 and 7.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Clark 1, Mrs. Wiggins 2, D. Pimm (first of Minor 'inside') 3, G. Grant 4, G. Timson 5, J. Seymour (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

EDMONTON, MIDD.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Janet Cave (first quarter, aged 14) 1, Christine Bowen 2, D. Langdon 3, H. Howson 4, D. Bowen 5, E. Beauchamp (cond.) 6, M. Coleman 7, T. Hawkins 8.

EWELL, SURREY.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Mrs. C. W. Munday 1, H. E. Good 2, Margaret Howard 3, J. E. Beams (cond.) 4, P. A. Ford 5, R. C. Spittle 6, C. W. Munday 7, F. Willes 8. For Whit Sunday, and to celebrate the birth on May 22nd of Ian Christopher, second grandchild of Mr. J. E. Beams, tower captain.

EWHRST, SUSSEX.—On May 30th, 1,260 New Bob Doubles: Judy Bowen 1, Valerie Mephams 2, T. M. Barlow 3, A. Jackson 4, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 5. First in the method for all. Also on June 6th, 1,272 Doubles (11 methods): Valerie Mephams 1, A. Jackson (25th of Doubles) 2, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 3, A. R. Baldock 4, T. M. Barlow 5. First in 11 methods for all. Half-muffled for the funeral of Pope John XXIII.

EXHALL, WARWICKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): H. D. Harrison 1, D. J. Allen (cond.) 2, D. Lloyd (first in seven methods) 3, K. F. Gardner 4, I. P. Unsworth 5, S. Woodward 6.

HOLME HALE, NORFOLK.—On June 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Jeffery 1, W. J. Bailey 2, W. G. Heyhoe 3, S. H. Waterfield 4, P. J. Woodcock (cond.) 5, R. R. Harmer 6. Rung on the conductor's sixth wedding anniversary.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On June 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and All Saints): N. Davies 1, P. Friend 2, C. E. Hill 3, W. T. Hill (cond.) 4, J. J. Walllett 5. Rung after a wedding as a birthday compliment to the conductor's wife.

KINGSTON, SURREY.—On June 16th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Margaret Fort 1, Alison Mann 2, Judith Geiringer 3, Margaret Lewis 4, Susan Rawlings 5, R. Harris 6, K. Newman 7, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 8.

QUARTER PEALS

LEEDS, YORKS.—At the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, Holbeck, on June 8th, 1,320 Doubles (four methods): Margaret E. Wilkinson 1, D. Pearson 2, C. J. Groome (first quarter) 3, M. Maskell 4, C. Reeves (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled on the minor five as a tribute to the late Pope John XXIII, for his work for Christian unity.

LECHLADE-UPON-THAMES, GLOS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. E. Gearing (first of Minor) 1, Miss M. Walsh (first of Minor 'inside') 2, A. J. King 3, Miss G. S. M. Walsh 4, V. Griffen 5, G. W. Land (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LISS, HANTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Patricia Smith 1, Lesley Read (first 'inside') 2, A. W. Betsworth 3, B. R. Walton 4, D. M. Hughes (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, Susan Ellenor 6. For Evensong.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on June 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. E. Bagworth 1, R. Stevens 2, R. Davies 3, N. Bagworth 4, P. Chapman 5, A. Bagworth 6, R. Abbot 8.

LUNGPARISH, HANTS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Mrs. B. Pickford 1, Mrs. B. Dobson 2, Miss P. Goddard 3, C. Smith 4, F. Tonge 5, B. Pickford 6. To celebrate the first wedding anniversary of the treble and tenor, ringers and the birthday of the tenor ringer. Also on May 8th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles, by the same band. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Jane Agg-Large, daughter of the Rector.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: A. Neilson 1, Miss E. Todd 2, Miss M. Cook 3, G. Neilson 4, R. P. Brotherton (cond.) 5, T. C. Uden 6. For Evensong.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—On June 4th, at St. Patrick's R.C. Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6 and 8 covering): Ann Cowing 1, Jennifer Murphy 2, R. Ferris 3, Barbara Beeson 4, K. Minchinton 5, I. Page 6, G. Heyes (cond.) 7, J. J. Roper 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to his late Holiness Pope John XXIII.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. E. C. Blake 1, F. Whitby 2, C. W. Sams 3, K. C. S. Wood 4, W. H. Aley 5, B. G. Burton (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Margaret Mansfield interred this day.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At St. George's, Jesmond, on June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. G. Craddock (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Douglas 2, Miss S. Scott 3, A. C. Bolton (cond.) 4, M. L. J. Jordan 5, A. R. Patterson 6. For evening service.

NORWICH.—At St. George's, Colegate, on June 14th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: D. Cubitt (cond.) 1, Miss B. M. Payne 2, Miss M. P. Stammers 3, Miss M. A. Hirdon 4, J. Cox 5, Miss H. Maltman (first quarter) 6. For the institution of the Rev. D. H. Mee to the united benefice of St. Clement's and St. George's, Colegate, and as priest-in-charge of St. Saviour with St. Paul the Hermit. Also on June 16th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss H. Maltman 1, Miss B. M. Payne 2, D. Cubitt (cond.) 3, Miss M. P. Stammers 4, J. Cox 5, D. P. Mortlock (first quarter) 6. For Solemn Eucharist.

NORTHWRAM, YORKS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Karen Walker 1, Jeannie Settle 2, Enid Town 3, Pamela Cox 4, Jennifer Jackson 5, Gael Brown 6, W. G. Turner (first in method as cond.) 7, F. Jagger 8. First in method 1, 2, 4 and 5. Rung before Festival Evensong, for the jubilee of the dedication of the Church of St. Matthew.

NORTON-LE-MOORS, STAFFS.—On June 3rd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: P. Phillips 1, J. A. J. Jack 2, Miss B. Johnson 3, J. W. Walker 4, J. L. Shenton 5, W. Pickett 6, O. Williams 7, C. S. Ryles (cond.) 8.

OFFTON, SUFFOLK.—On June 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Steward (first quarter) 1, Sandra L. Goodship 2, E. J. Lockwood 3, Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 4, W. Minns 5, G. R. Goodship 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lester, of Needham Market, on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary. First quarter by the Sunday service band on the bells since their rehanging.

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas the Martyr's, on May 30th, 1,260 Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. J. Phillips 1, Miss C. B. Clayton 2, J. W. Thorpe 3, G. R. Mordaunt 4, M. D. Atfield (cond.) 5, M. R. Ashmore 6. Also on June 5th, 1,440 Doubles (13 methods): G. Porter 1, Janet Woodman 2, R. H. Jones (cond.) 3, A. Gammon 4, N. D. Deam 5. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones on the birth of a daughter.

PRESTON, GLOS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): D. Dancy 1, R. T. Wakefield 2, G. W. Land (cond.) 3, M. J. Stanley 4, A. R. Peake 5.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Laurence's Church, on June 13th, 1,298 Grand-sire Cinques: A. Diserens 1, Mrs. N. J. Diserens 2, P. Wilkinson 3, R. Rex 4, Felicity Webber 5, Jane Foster 6, Patricia Buss 7, W. Sidwell 8, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 9, J. N. Diserens 10, F. Lewis 11, V. Cherrill 12. Rung as a wedding compliment to Capt. J. C. Day, Church Army.

RUSHTON, NORTHANTS.—On June 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Mary B'oxam 1, Joyce Clipstone 2, I. W. Hall 3, B. Yeomans 4, A. D. Sansom 5, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 6. A 15th birthday compliment to Joyce Clipstone.

SARRATT, HERTS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): C. G. Alban 1, Miss D. J. G. Wilson 2, Miss M. C. Petts 3, Miss J. N. E. Chilton 4, D. J. Goodman (cond.) 5. First in seven methods for all. For Family Communion, and as a welcome to Michael Richard, fourth child of the Rector and Mrs. Tomlinson.

SHAUGH, PRIOR, DEVON.—On June 10th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. J. Marks 1, Mrs. M. A. Bould 2, T. G. Myers 3, D. R. Bould 4, H. F. Myers 5, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 6. Rung for the birthday of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

SHEFFIELD.—At the Cathedral, on June 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Maximus: F. Ward 1, R. S. Long 2, R. Birch 3, J. Scager 4, D. Armstrong 5, Lynne Thomson 6, R. Wildgoose 7, L. Smith 8, M. Meadow 9, B. Holland 10, G. K. Chaddock 11, H. O. Chaddock (cond.) 12. Rung as a compliment to the Queen, and a birthday compliment to the Duke of Edinburgh.

SHEFFIELD.—At the Cathedral, on June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: G. A. Dawson 1, F. Ward 2, R. Birch 3, R. S. Long 4, D. Thomson 5, D. Holland 6, M. Meadows 7, D. Armstrong 8, H. Holland 9, H. O. Chaddock (cond.) 10. Rung at the request of the Provost, the Very Rev. J. Howard Crase, M.A., with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to Pope John XXIII.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincs.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. P. Collin 1, V. Humphrys 2, W. Weston 3, Mrs. Y. Brooks (first quarter) 4, C. Brooks 5, J. H. Musson (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On May 19th, at St. Leonard's, 1,264 Bob Major: R. Sanders 1, Mrs. E. Sanders 2, J. Chapman 3, J. Euston (cond.) 4, Miss M. Fort 5, W. Waite 6, M. Uphill 7, R. Wright 8. Rung prior to Evensong, to commemorate the 150th anniversary of founding of St. Leonard's School. Preacher: The Bishop of Southwark.

SUCKLEY, WORCS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. Lewis 1, J. Ranford 2, L. Walters 3, J. Ward (cond.) 4, C. Biggs 5, G. Gwyne 6.

TADCASTER, YORKS.—On June 14th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Banton (first as cond.) 1—2, W. Hicks 3—4, S. Burnett (first quarter attempt) 5—6. First 'in hand' and first of Doubles by all. Rung as a 14th birthday compliment to Simon Burnett.

TEMPLECOMBE, SOMERSET.—On June 13th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Mary Dorey 1, P. Jeans (first quarter) 2, F. J. Hazzard 3, F. Priddle 4, H. P. Sparks (cond.) 5, Iris Down 6. Rung for the 87th birthday and diamond wedding anniversary of Mr. Pound, a local ringier.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on May 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. F. Neal 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, C. A. Gray 4, J. M. Steele 5, D. W. Gray 6, R. K. C. Wilkings 7, D. Neal (cond.) 8.

WEDMORE, SOMERSET.—On June 12th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. T. Clarke 1, Audrey M. Short 2, K. A. Prime 3, G. Marchant 4, M. J. Stane (first of Cambridge Major) 5, R. D. Short 6, B. G. Wyde 7, J. Brain (first of Major as cond.) 8.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On June 9th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Reynolds 1, Miss R. Rawlings 2, Miss V. Rodrigues 3, Miss J. Geiringer 4, A. Bishop 5, Miss S. Rawlings 6, K. Newman 7, A. Bagworth (cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 2, 3 and 4.

WITLEY, SURREY.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Pamela Warren 1, F. Bowden (cond.) 2, Mrs. F. Bowden 3, Rachel Betton-Foster 4, J. H. Payton 5, B. G. D. Vince 6, A. C. A. Hunter 7, D. R. Mattingley (first quarter) 8. A birthday compliment to Mary King.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: D. R. Whalley 1, Miss A. E. Timmins (first quarter) 2, Miss B. Dale 3, G. W. Biddulph (cond.) 4, A. Thompson 5, P. S. Whaley 6, T. L. Whalley 7, G. Perry 8. Rung at Evensong, for Miss A. E. Timmins before she left the district.

YORK.—At Heworth Croft, on June 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Aldington 1—2, M. King (cond.) 3—4, I. Johnson (first quarter) 5—6. First quarter on handbells for all. First handbell quarter of the St. John's College Bellringers' Society, to mark an Op'n Day at Heworth Croft.

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MEETINGS

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Joint meeting with **DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION** at Chapel-en-le-Frith, June 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Tea, price 4s. 6d., available only to those who notify Mr. Arthur Hibbert, Ashdene, The Horderns, Chapel-en-le-Frith, via Stockport.—C. K. Lewis.

COVENTRY GUILD.—Meeting at Farnborough, Warwick, Saturday, June 29th. Alteration to programme: Avon Dassett, 2 p.m.; Burton Dassett, 2.30 p.m. Both towers close at 4 p.m. Farnborough 3-5 p.m. Tea 5.15. Service 6 p.m. at Farnborough. Evening ringing: Farnborough and Cropredy, 6.30-8 p.m. For teas, phone Oram, Leamington Spa 26089. 2745

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Joint meeting with the **CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** Saturday, June 29th. Chapel-en-le-Frith, 2.30-8.45 p.m. For teas, please advise Mr. A. Hibbert, 'Ashdene,' The Horderns, Chapel-en-le-Frith.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 2695

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 M. D. Fellows, Sec. 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 2596

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. 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

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Hailsham on Saturday, June 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss S. Beresford, 84, Park Road, Burgess Hill. 2645

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Estab. 1623).—The 340th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available from 11 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. Twelve-bell ringing guaranteed. Lunch 4s. 6d. and tea 1s. 6d. arranged only for those notifying L. E. Pitstow, 4, Highfields. Phone 2074. 2649

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Southampton on Saturday, June 29th. Bells: Bitterne Park (8), 41 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. Other towers available in the evening will be announced at meeting.—R. Roger Savory, Gen. Sec., 32, Thornbury Avenue, Southampton. 2647

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Meeting at St. Luke's, Brislington, on Monday, July 1st. Bells 7.30 p.m.—D. J. Hunt, Hon. Sec. 2742

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Field (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, July 1st, at 7 p.m. 2739

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Eight bell practice. Shepton Beauchamp, Wednesday, July 3rd, 7 p.m. All welcome.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 2741

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stogursey, Saturday, July 6th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—K. Prime, Branch Sec., High Street, Ashcott. 2749

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Quarterly meeting, Felmersham, Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by July 3rd to F. W. Rivett, Dis. Sec., 117, Stagden Road, Bromham, Bedford. 2732

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly general meeting, Glossop, Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Service, Old Glossop Church, 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. New Mills (8) and Hayfield (8) available 2.30 to 4 p.m. and after meeting. This is the first meeting to be held at Glossop and the ladies of the church are undertaking arrangements for tea. Please co-operate and let me have names by June 29th.—B. P. Morris, Sec., 14, Greenway, Ashbourne, Derby. 2697

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 6th. Cramlington, 2.30-6.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. 2760

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Saturday, July 6th. Magdalen (6), 10.30-11.30 a.m.; Waffington (6), 11 a.m.-12.30 p.m.; Shouldham (6), 12 noon-1.30 p.m.; Crimlesham (5), 1-3; Upwell (6), 1-30-3.30; Denver (6), 2.30-3.30; Hilgay (8), 2.30-4.30; Downham Market (8), 3-6. Service 6 p.m. at St. Edmund's Church, Downham Market, followed by tea for those who notify E. H. Mastin, 7, St. Edmund's Avenue, Downham Market, Norfolk, by Wednesday, July 3rd.—H. S. Peacock, Hon. Sec. 2709

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at Orsett, July 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, July 4th, to F. Blatch, Brick House, Malting Lane, Orsett. 2698

HALIFAX & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting and prize contest, Penistone, July 6th. Entrance fee 10s. (Names for tea to A. Champion, 28, Lees Street, Penistone, Sheffield. All teams welcome. 2751

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Knebworth, July 6th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to B. Marks, Wayside, Swangley Lane, Knebworth, by July 4th.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 2718

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Bushey Heath, Saturday, July 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Oxhey bells 7-8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. Morris, 7, Vega Road, Bushey Heath.—J. M. Bunyan, Dis. Sec. 2734

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Peter-in-Thane, Saturday, July 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Hall, followed by important business. Those requiring tea (2/-), please notify Mr. A. Bridges, 8, Swinbourne Avenue, Broadstairs, together with cash, by previous Wednesday. 2755

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Ipswich, Saturday, July 6th. Bells: Rushmere (6) and St. Matthew's (6), 10-11 a.m.; St. Lawrence's (5) 11-11.30; St. Mary-le-Tower (12), 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.; St. Clement's (6), 1.30-2.15; St. Mary-at-Quay (6), 2.15-3; St. Margaret's (8), 3-4.15; St. Clement's and St. Mary-at-Quay, 6.30. Also two evening tours: 1 Grundisburgh district, 2 Out of Ipswich, along A.45, beginning at 6.30 p.m. (own transport necessary, details on the day). Committee meeting 1.30, tea and business meeting 4.45, all in Garrett Memorial Hall. Service 4.15 p.m., St. Margaret's. Names for tea (3s.) to 40, Stowmarket Road, Needham Market, Ipswich, Suffolk, by Wednesday, July 3rd. Everybody welcome.—Alice E. J. Lester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Mell on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Gibson, 'Brentwood,' Mellington, Carnforth, Lancs.—P. Handley, Branch Sec. 2759

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Whalley on July 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., business to follow.—J. Pilkington, Sec. 2716

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, July 6th, at Christ Church, Aughton. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Jones, 226, Prescott Road, Aughton. There will be a demonstration of the ringing machine at this meeting. All visitors welcome.—C. F. C. P. 2754

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and the **MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Joint meeting, July 6th. Bells available: Packington 2.30 to 4 Cole Orton 3 and after tea 4.30 p.m. Service 7 p.m. 2731

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Croxton Kerrial on July 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea, Peacock Inn, at 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. M. Stimson, Somerby, Melton Mowbray. 2735

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Elsham, July 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to the Rev. D. G. Tucker, The School House, Elsham, Brigg.—C. A. H. 2704

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, July 6th, Eccleshall. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Whittall, Ivy Mount, High Street, Eccleshall, by Wednesday, July 3rd.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 2685

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—An Open Day will be held at Hope, Flintshire, on Saturday, July 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m., followed by service and tea. Names for tea essential to Dr. Woodcock, 'The Meadows,' Higher Kinnerton, Chester. All welcome. 2761

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 6th. Mulbarton (6) (not Cromer). Bells from 3.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Adcock, 64, Birchfield Road, Mulbarton, Norwich, NOR 42 X.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 2712

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

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Piddington (6), Saturday, July 6th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton. 2683

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gullesborough Branch.—Meeting, Oxendon, Saturday, July 6th. Names by Tuesday previous to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 2756

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 6th, Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 2522

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Tadcaster, July 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Please provide own food. Cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 2750

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—On Saturday, July 6th, evening meeting at Staunton-in-the-Vale. Bells (5) available from 6 p.m.—B. N. Reed. 2736

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 6th, Stapleford. Bells (6) at 5.30 p.m.—S. Adams. 2750

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, July 6th, Fairwarp (8). Bells 3.30 p.m. Picnic tea.—E. L. Hairs, Div. Sec. 2721

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Sherborne St. John on Saturday, July 6th. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Monk Sherborne bells from 2.45-3.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the Men's Club Room, Sherborne St. John. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 3rd, to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 2738

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 6th. Bells: Sparsholt (5), 2.30 p.m.; Hursley (8), 6. Service 4.30 (Hursley). Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. at King's Head, Hursley. Names for tea by July 1st to D. Brown, 3, Moss Road, Winnall, Winchester. 2720

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Striking competition, Monday, July 8th, at East Crompton. Bells (8) 6.45 p.m. Competition 7.45. Further ringing after competition (approx. 8.15) until 9 p.m. All welcome.—J. P. Partington, Branch Sec. 2717

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, July 13th at Leeds. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea supplied only for those who notify Mr. A. Fry, 3, Upper Street, Leeds. Special methods: Original Caters and Pudsey S. Royal.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 2744

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting in Hinckley District, July 13th. Bells available: Enderby (8), 1-2 p.m.; Desford (6), 1.30-2.30; Peckleton (6), 2-3; Thurlaston (6), 2.30-3.15; Stoney Stanton (8), 2.30-3.15; Barwell (8), 5.30-8; Stoke Golding (6), 6.30-8. Meeting, Church Institute, Barwell, 3.30. Please note time.) Service, St. Mary's, Barwell 4.30. Tea (adults 3s., juniors 2s.) 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr.

A. Hough, 6, Oxford Street, Barwell, Leicester, by Wednesday, July 10th. Strictly, no name no tea. Knock-out 'Tug-of-War' competition for ringers, Barwell Recreation Ground, 8 p.m. Any six ringers to form a team. Prizes for the winners. Entrance fee 3s. per team. Captains of teams entering please inform Mr. F. K. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage, Leicester (Tel.: Burbage 516), beforehand. General Committee meet St. Margaret's belfry, Monday, July 8th, at 7.45 p.m.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2727

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Ringing festival, July 13th. Times of ringing: Coningsby (6), 10-11 a.m.; Tattershall (6), 10.30 a.m.-12 noon; Ewerby (10), 12 noon-2 p.m.; Ruskington (6), 1.30 a.m.-1 p.m.; Rauceby (5), 2-3; Silk Willoughby (6), 3.30-5; Sleaford (8), 7.15-9; Heckington (8), 7.15-9; Great Hale (6), 7.15-9. Tea at Sleaford 5.30. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday previous to Mr. W. Weston, The Bungalow, East Road, Sleaford, Lincs.—S. A. Chambers, Hon. Sec. 2733

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at Harrow-on-the-Hill on Saturday, July 13th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea to follow. To be sure of tea send names to Miss L. E. Simpson, 7, Hawthorn Drive, North Harrow, Middlesex, by previous Wednesday. Other ringing: Pinner, 2.30-4; Harrow Weald, 3-4 p.m.—T. J. Lock and Miss M. E. Powell, Gen. Secs. 2740

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Annual meeting at Banbury, Saturday, July 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 9th, to C. Wightman, 14, Cope Road, Banbury, Oxon. 2737

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Harborne (8), July 13th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 2724

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 13th, SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley, 3-4.30 p.m. Tea, local cafes. Business meeting. Ringing to follow at St. Luke's, Bromley Common.—F. J. Matthews. 2747

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Ringing meeting at Ixworth (6), Saturday, July 13th. Bells 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Please, do help the tea caterers by sending names for tea by Wednesday, July 10th, to Mrs. D. Jarrold, New Road, Ixworth, Bury St. Edmunds. 2743

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Ewell on July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 10th to Mrs. Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey. 2748

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

North and East District

As a result of a number of weddings and summer activities at their own churches the attendance in the afternoon at the monthly meeting of the North and East District at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on June 8th, was poor. After tea, however, the numbers increased and over 40 members and friends took part in the ringing which ranged from 'rounds' to 'Surprise methods'.

A short service was conducted by Father Palmer, with Mr. Douglas Birkinshaw as organist, which was followed by tea in the adjoining schoolroom.

At the business meeting Miss Ruth Foreman, assistant secretary of the Association, took the chair, in the absence of Mr. H. G. Hart. It was reported that the bells of St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, were ringing again after an unavoidable silence whilst repairs were carried out. The good wishes of the company for a speedy recovery were extended to Arthur Warren, of the Finchley band, who is unfortunately in hospital. Congratulations were also extended to Bridget Sanger and Michael White, two members who regularly attend District meetings, whose engagement was announced in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World'.

The chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and all who had contributed to the success of the meeting, not forgetting Miss Jaquest, Mrs. Birkinshaw and the numerous lady helpers in arranging an excellent tea. E. H. K.

Durham and Newcastle's Change of Title

Dear Sir,—In October last our Association changed its title to 'The Durham & Newcastle Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers.' Mr. H. E. Taylor, who has been wondering and writing on this point, may be interested in our motives.

In our case the change of title was part of a complete revision of the rules, in which we sought to bring the rules into line with our own current practices and modern thought generally. If the title includes 'Change Ringers', then it seems to me that one must lay down some standard of proficiency for admission to membership. Such standards are by no means easy to apply in practice for they would really require a 'practical examination' for candidates. We used to lay down a standard and we had in our Preface the aim, 'To promote the study and practice of scientific change-ringing as distinguished from the dull, spiritless and ignoble performance known as "call changes"....' The corresponding part of our new Preface runs, 'The association aims to improve and extend ringing for divine service. While it is especially concerned to promote scientific change ringing, it does not despise the contribution of the call change ringer....' Our standards for admission is now the ability to ring rounds on tower bells.

Our title is now in line with that of the Central Council. This body recently welcomed the Devon Association—a call change association—into affiliation and I would claim that our change of title is, therefore, in line with modern thought. Incidentally, our original title was simply 'The Durham Association of Ringers.'

On another topic that aroused much interest at the Central Council meeting it is interesting to note that our revised Preface has in its final paragraph these two sentences, 'The association is also concerned to see that the towers and bells of the two dioceses are maintained in good order. Expert advice can be obtained where this is required from the specialists who comprise the Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.'—Yours sincerely,

DENIS A. BAYLES,
Honorary General Secretary.

QUARTER PEALS

BARKBY, LEICS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosemary Tailby 1, S. H. J. Edwards 2, Amy Warnes 3, R. A. Clarke 4, B. Brant 5, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 2. Rung as a thanksgiving for the seventh anniversary of the ministry of the Rev. E. W. K. Bailey at Barkby. Also on June 9th, 1,260 Spiced Doubles (16 methods): K. Robinson 1, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 2, Amy Warnes 3, B. Brant 4, B. C. Law 5, A. Holling 6. First of Spiced Doubles for 1, 3, 4 and 6. For Trinity Sunday Evensong.

BUTLEIGH, SOMERSET.—On June 1st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Jean Palmer 1, J. J. Jefferies (first as cond.) 2, T. J. Milsom 3, D. J. Barneat 4, A. F. Lee 5, D. F. Jefferies 6.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On Ascension Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer Payne 1, Jillian Outhwaite 2, Ann Blatcher 3, Hilary Martin 4, R. W. Hinde 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (in 11 methods): Jennifer Payne 1, Hilary Martin 2, D. L. Parker 3, R. W. Hinde 4, D. C. Manger (cond.) 5, C. Rowe 6. Most methods rung to a quarter peal by all the hand. For Evensong.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On June 9th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. W. Acecroft 1, Mrs. M. R. Page 2, Miss S. Collins 3, F. Ruffles 4, H. Leather 5, W. J. Button 6, W. W. Miller 7, L. G. Brett (cond.) 8. For morning service.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Gillian M. Boyd 1, A. R. Cope 2, F. Mitchell 3, Susan E. Smith 4, Renee Sturgess 5, J. A. G. Ball 6, R. Hawkins 7, W. F. J. Cope 8, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 9, S. A. Scott 10. For Evensong. Also on June 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Susan E. Smith 1, A. R. Cope 2, Renee Sturgess 3, Jennifer M. Tyack 4, R. Larkey 5, R. K. Hawkins 6, W. F. J. Cope 7, S. A. Scott 8, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 9, G. F. Miles 10. For Evensong.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On May 12th, 1,380 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: A. M. Humphrey 1, J. R. Norris 2, Frances W. Gilbert (first in the method) 3, H. W. Brown 4, S. W. Brown (cond.) 5, N. J. Wright 6. Rung to mark the birth of Christopher Michael, born on April 13th, a second son to Angela and Tony Humphrey.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.—On June 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Clover 1, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 2, Miss J. Beresford 3, T. E. Spight 4, N. Golden 5, C. Goodman 6, H. Tooke 7, B. Gogle 8.

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