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CLERICAL GUILD—RINGING "WEEK"

Complex Itinerary

"HOCK-TIDE" is defined in the dictionary as the second Monday and Tuesday after Easter, during which in olden times some rather odd customs were observed. For some it is now the beginning of the ringing "Week" of the Guild of Clerical Ringers, which goes on to the following Friday. This year Brighton was an excellent centre. Our secretary had found us a small hotel, comfortable and homely, well up to his usual standard. We had several newcomers as well as the usual tally of members who come year after year.

Normally our tours are planned to radiate in three different directions from a strategic centre. This year the track of our outings was as complex as the blue-line of a "way-out" Surprise method, weaving here and there without any apparent order but no doubt in obedience to deep, hidden purpose. By car or coach we went hither and thither along the coastal plain or over the downs to the flat country to the north of Brighton and always it seemed to be raining! Sometimes it drizzled; at others it poured. Accuracy must admit to one really fine morning but on the whole "sunny Sussex" seemed to be just a huge confidence trick. One other feature of this year's tour was traffic congestion. Our coach could never park near the church we were aiming for and we had to walk far more than usual. Memory recalls a long, long trek in very heavy rain at Upper Beeding on a road more like a canal than a highway.

Wealthy Churches

To the professional eye the churches and belfries reflected how wealthy this part of England is. Everything was in apple-pie order with money no object. At one church which shall be nameless, the collections of Low Sunday were £91 and this led to clerical research on the amount of the Easter Offering—£219. At once enquiries were made about the patronage of this particular living! On the rare occasions when the train stopped we could see the carefully kept villages set in the beauty which draw so many to these parts.

One interesting piece of belfrymanship was seen in new and unusually coloured sets of bellropes. Altogether we found 10 different varieties. The best specimen was a set of deep blue sallies with narrow yellow stripes—very smooth!

Many of the churches had a dumpy assured look often found in Sussex. Their towers were squat with steeples set firmly low down on them. They conveyed a sense of security and endurance. To the delight of those who hate stairs there were plenty of ground-floor rings.

The week's ringing got off to an excellent start at Arundel with a good rise and well-struck course of Cambridge Major. It looked as if this would be the tour of all tours. But for the rest of the week our ringing was like the curate's egg—good in parts. Our first evening ring, at the Good Shepherd, Brighton, was not without incident. No one knew Brighton well and a convoy of cars was soon lost. The leader stopped "to ask a policeman" and got a severe lecture for his pains on stopping on the main road. The law relented enough to direct him up a hill more like Somerset than Sussex to the church. There the electricity had failed. So Double Norwich was rung to candle-light. The clerical mind recognised the sources of light as the ends of altar candles—a good use in our opinion.

Lost Peal Attempts

We had three 10-bell towers on our list and at the first, St. Nicholas', Brighton, touches of Grandsire and Stedman were followed by a half-course of Cambridge Royal—high class stuff for the Clerical Guild. At Southover, too, there was a good effort with well-struck Grandsire Caters followed by Bob Royal. This latter was by way of practice for the peal attempt at St. Peter's, Brighton, the following day. Had this come off it would have been a "first" for the Guild. Unfortunately, though it seemed to be well within the grasp of the band it was lost after half-an-hour's first rate ringing. Better luck next year!

The other peal attempt was Bob Major at Burgess Hill. This was lost after two hours. Five of the defeated band wandered along the main street (in the rain) seeking liquid consolation. As they entered the only hostelry they could find they heard a loud female comment from behind the bar to the effect that "men are — useless." This seemed to be an apt comment on the lost peal. The lady in question was curious about the five strangers invading her pub at 12 m the morning. There were, of course, no dog-collars to be seen. Her guesses varied from income-tax inspectors(sic) to men who had come to see about the road. In order to enlighten her Roger Fry listed the various offices of her clients on the back of a visiting-card of Canon Felstead and handed this to her with due solemnity as the party left. An astonished "My Gawd" rang through the pub. It almost made up for losing the peal.

We rang on a number of good eights of which Arundel, Henfield, Petworth and Hurstpierpoint stand out in the memory. Good bells produced good ringing in the usual methods though Stedman seems to be giving way to Bob Major as the staple diet of the Guild. At Bolney a touch of four-spiced was brought round—a record for the Guild, we believe. By way of contrast a veil of silence must be drawn over our performance on the anti-clockwise eight at Ditchling. There were some very pleasant sixes too with Cowfold outstanding both in the setting of the village and the bells.

Annual Meeting

We took over the hotel lounge for our annual meeting, the ladies of the party being banished to the hotel office. Proceedings followed the usual lines. Preb. Andrews presented a financial statement which showed that our balance was down from £8 5s. 9d. to £7 1s. 5d. The officers were re-elected: President, the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith; vice-presidents, Canons B. F. Sheppard and K. W. H. Felstead; secretary and treasurer, Preb. J. H. B. Andrews. The committee comprises the above with the addition of the Rev. I. J. Richards and the Rev. J. B. T. Homfray. Next year's "week" will have Lincolnshire as first choice with Worcestershire as second. The president moved a resolution of gratitude to incumbents for allowing us the use of the bells and to those who met us at almost every tower. This was passed with enthusiasm because we felt that we were made really welcome.

So to Home

After the last evening's ring at Aldrington the Rev. M. C. C. Melville showed two good films, one of "Great Adventure II" and the other of the dedication of the Washington Ten.

Next morning we packed, paid and set off for our last three towers. Needless to say it was raining. Characteristically, too, we were involved in parking difficulty, this time with a coal lorry. Another pleasant ring and "good-bye" brought to an end a very good Clerical "week."

F. A. S.

"The Greatest All-Rounder in Change Ringing"

Sir Arthur Heywood Memorial Service

THERE was a large gathering at St. Alkmund's Church, Duffield, Derbyshire, on April 23rd to honour the memory of Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, Bart., on the 50th anniversary of his death. The Derby Diocesan Association had spared no pains to arrange a festival of ringing on the day, culminating with the service. Some 18 towers were open and two circuits were planned for those anxious to ring in new towers. The service was followed by a buffet tea in Derby and evening ringing at the Cathedral and St. Peter's.

The address at the commemorative service was given by the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, Rector of Darley Dale and president of the Clerical Guild and formerly president of the Lancashire Association. He was well fitted for the responsibility as he is a native of Derbyshire, apart from being one of our most experienced clerical ringers.

"This is an historic occasion and one which will undoubtedly remain in memory for a long time," he said, "for today, on the 50th anniversary of his death, we commemorate one who was probably the greatest 'all-rounder' in the history of change ringing, Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, Bart.

"It is as an 'all-rounder' that I think Sir Arthur deserves the title of the greatest figure in ringing history. There were, even in his day and age, men who rang many more peals. There have been many greater conductors. There have been equally skilled composers. There have been other wealthy men who have given generously of their substance to forward the cause of change ringing. Others were associated with him in the founding of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. I know of none who have been so prominent in so many directions.

"Arthur Percival Heywood was born on Christmas Day, 1849. His youngest daughter, Miss Effie Heywood, has written to me: 'He was always keen on bells as a boy; I think it was when, after his marriage, he went to live at Duffield, that his real love of that church and the bells began.' The Central Council Biography records that he himself began change ringing at Duffield in 1883 and that the following year he was responsible for the installation of the ring of eight bells, the back eight of the present ring of ten, I believe, which were opened on February 23rd, 1884.

FIRST PEAL—FIRST BY ALL THE BAND

"During a ringing career of some 30-odd years Sir Arthur rang 152 peals; a modest total compared with those of keen peal-ringers of the present generation. His first peal was at Duffield on July 26th, 1884, and it was indeed a notable performance. A humble peal of Plain Bob Triples, it was the first peal on the new bells, and also the first peal by all

the band—and it was conducted by Sir Arthur Heywood. Incidentally, he does not seem to have been particularly interested in calling peals, although he must have had considerable ability, for he called peals in a variety of methods, including London Surprise Major and Duffield Maximus.



SIR ARTHUR PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, BART.
as a young man.

"It is, I think, fairly obvious that service ringing meant more to him than peal ringing. His daughter writes: 'He was always among the ringers on Sundays.'; and she goes on to say that her earliest recollection of him as a ringer was sitting with him while he had an early supper before going to the weekly practice at Duffield Church.

"Sir Arthur was an engineer of no mean ability, and had his own workshops and an experimental light railway at Duffield. Obviously the scientific side of ringing appealed to his technical type of mind. His daughter says: 'I do not think that music meant a great deal to him; it was the science and problems of change ringing that attracted him.' In the technical field of composition he did indeed become outstanding; his compositions of Stedman, Double Norwich and

Bob Major have become, deservedly, among the best-known of all compositions. It is probable that his simple transposition of Thurstans' peal of Stedman Triples has been rung more frequently than any other composition in that method.

HIS VISION—THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

"Well known as was Sir Arthur as a ringer and benefactor at his own church, and also as a composer of peals, he is probably even better known now as the principal founder and first president of the Central Council. Indeed the Central Council owes its existence to the vision of Sir Arthur, to his conviction that ringing societies throughout the country required a central organisation, and to his strength of character and power of leadership, which brought the Council into being in the face of considerable opposition. When he set out to found such a central organisation, Sir Arthur was battling on a very difficult wicket; a wicket made difficult by the general apathy of provincial ringers, by the active opposition of the London societies, who were largely a 'law unto themselves,' and by the aftermath of an abortive attempt to form a 'National Society' a few years previously.

"Writing about the foundation of the Central Council at the time of its golden jubilee in 1941, that talented ringing historian, the late J. Armiger Trollope, stated categorically that there was only one ringer in England who could have founded it in the face of the prevailing opposition, namely, Sir Arthur Heywood; and he did it. Sir Arthur had become president of the Midland Counties Association of Change Ringers in 1886, and he represented that Association on the Central Council from its formation in 1891 until his death in 1916. He was the first president of the Central Council, and up to the time that he died he never missed a meeting.

"As a wealthy benefactor who took a keen interest in the ringing at his own church we may perhaps liken Sir Arthur to Charles A. W. Troyte, of Huntsham Court, Devonshire, but he reached far higher standards as a ringer than Troyte ever attained.

A COMPOSER IN HIGHEST RANK

"As a composer he was in the highest rank, and in this field his name will go down to posterity alongside those of Thurstans and Lates, Hubbard, Annable and Shipway, Johnson and Dains, Reeves and Knights, Craven, Pitstow and the rest of the great composers.

"As a writer on the technicalities of ringing his style was at least the equal of such well-known authors as the brothers Jasper and William Snowdon, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies and J. Armiger Trollope.

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"As an administrator and a leader of men Sir Arthur stands in a class by himself amongst ringers.

"So we remember him today: the great all-rounder in the service of ringing. In his service to ringing Sir Arthur was true to his character, for he was a generous benefactor to the Church in many other ways also, and he took an active part in much public and charitable work, notably in the affairs of the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary.

"And what of the man in his home? Here he was an example of the Victorian tradition at its best; a devoted husband and a devoted father to his nine children, yet one who could be strict when occasion required. I like the little personal touch contained at the end of a letter I have received from one of his nephews, who writes:

"I remember Sir Arthur as the genial head of a large and cheerful family where I used to stay from time to time. He used to show me the two gleaming and beautiful steam engines which supplied power for the house and estate, and he never forgot to press a 5s. piece into my hand when the time came to say goodbye."

"We meet together today to thank God for the life and work of Sir Arthur Pervall Heywood, the greatest 'all-rounder' among the servants of ringing. May his memory be an inspiration to ringers of all ages, an inspiration to press forward without faltering in our united service to the Church and to our Exercise."

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The annual general meeting of the London County Association was held on February 19th, with the service at St. Clement Danes' conducted by a member, the Rev. W. D. Grainger, and with Mr. H. G. Edwards, of St. John's, Waterloo Road, as organist. Tea and the meeting followed at the Edinburgh Tavern, opposite.

The Master, Mr. C. W. Ottley, who did not seek re-election, thanked the members for the honour bestowed upon him after 44 years as a member. He reported that eight peals had been rung during the year, a smaller number than usual; however, the main duty of members was in Sunday ringing and in this respect he thanked the "Sunday evening quarter peal company" for their efforts. Eight general meetings and two joint meetings had been held and 21 new members elected. A regular monthly week-day practice had been restarted, on the first Thursday in each month, at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, at 7.45 p.m.

The meeting stood in silence in memory of the following deceased members: Reuben Sanders (elected in 1914), Joseph T. Dyke, of Chilcompton (1921), and John W. Ward, of Melbourn, Cambs (1939) and also of a non-member, Thomas Thurley, of Chiswick, a great friend of the Association. New members elected were: Mr. and Mrs. Brian Rose (Ruislip), Miss Julie Spurgeon (Chelsea) and Kenneth Ryder (St. Olave's).

The officers for 1966 are: Master, C. M. Meyer; Deputy Master, H. W. Rogers; treasurer, W. G. Wilson; secretary, Miss V. E. Dupré; senior steward, A. F. Udall; junior steward, R. Mitchell; trustees, C. A. Hughes and J. H. Lott; assistant secretaries, Miss M. E. Powell and D. Hewitt; Central Council representatives, A. D. Barker, W. G. Wilson, H. W. Rogers and Mrs. O. L. Rogers

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Despite menacing skies the attendance topped the 60 mark at the meeting of the Biggleswade District at Old Warden on April 9th. Due to unfortunate circumstances it was reported that the District outing would have to be abandoned and an evening meeting at Henlow arranged instead on May 14th.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION A.G.M.

Kenneth R. Dunstan Elected New President

THE high standard of handbell ringing enjoyed by the Hertford County Association was in evidence during the service at St. Mary's, Watford, on April 16th, when a touch of Spliced Surprise Major was rung by Mrs. Kathleen Baldwin 1-2, Christopher Woolley 3-4, Roger Baldwin 5-6 and Gerald Penney 7-8. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Downward, and the lesson was read by Richard G. Bell. Ringing during the day took place at Abbots Langley, Bushey Heath, Elstree, Rickmansworth King's Langley, Bushey, Harrow Weald, Watford and Langleybury. Unfortunately the eight at Aldenham were not available as completion of the work of rehanging had been delayed. The prompt efforts of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, however, in repairing a broken gudgeon of the treble at Watford at short notice, enabled the ten to be rung.

A smaller gathering than usual, numbering 125, enjoyed an excellent tea prepared by Mrs. Bell and her helpers before the business meeting was opened by the president, Brian M. Barker. In welcoming members and visitors, the president made special reference to G. William Critchley, the immediate past president, and Mrs. Critchley, who are now living in Middlesex. Also present was Mr. Frank Perrens, the librarian of the Central Council.

The meeting stood in silence in respect to those members who had died during the year; these included Mrs. J. Banfield (associate), Messrs. J. Bray (Baldock), C. V. Hare (Hitchin), L. Seabrook (Abbots Langley) and D. C. Wellington (Hatfield).

The president then presented a life membership certificate to Cecil E. R. Evans, of Aldenham, in recognition of 50 years' continuous membership of the Association.

The more mundane business of the meeting was completed with exemplary despatch: the minutes were accepted without comment and the various reports were taken as read, having been published in the annual report. Even Howard Collings, who as treasurer had produced a profit of over £15, was not asked to comment on his stewardship. New ringing members elected were Jill Gordon, Jill Laud and Michael Eastman (Watford) and Miss H. M. Evans (North Mymms). The Rev. J. Downward was elected as an associate member.

VISITED EVERY RINGABLE TOWER

Kenneth R. Dunstan (Langleybury) was then elected president for the ensuing year and was duly installed with his badge of office. Mr. Dunstan thanked the meeting for their confidence and said that he hoped to visit as much of the county as possible during his term as president. Walter Ayre expressed members' appreciation of Brian Barker's efforts during the past year; these included the major task of ringing in every ringable tower in the Association, which he had successfully accomplished four days earlier.

With one exception all the officers were re-elected as follows: A. Rex Agg (general secretary), Howard Collings (treasurer), C. Anne Agg (peal secretary) and Joyce Dodds (librarian). Harold V. Frost did not seek re-election as assistant secretary, and Mrs. Mary Cohn was elected to office. Brian Barker paid tribute to Mr. Frost, who had served the Association with a quiet efficiency for many years in a number of positions including District secretary, librarian, general secretary, president (1962) and as assistant secretary for the past six years. Mr. Frost had also compiled a booklet entitled "Ringing in Hertfordshire," which traced the development of the Association from its inception in 1884 and provided a concise history of ringing throughout the county. Some copies of this booklet are still available from the general secretary. There were six candidates for the four representatives to the Central Council and a ballot was necessary. Those elected were Walter Ayre, Brian Barker, Richard Bell and Geoffrey Dodds.

BOUNDARY REORGANISATION

The acquiescent mood of the meeting continued even into the usually controversial resolutions for discussion. There were four motions on the agenda and each received a remarkably smooth passage. The first dealt with boundary reorganisation due to the implementation of the Greater London Act; South Mymms, which was previously an affiliated tower, was now within the county, while Barnet and Monken Hadley were now in the Greater London area. Accordingly it was agreed that these should be regarded as affiliated towers in order that they should retain their affinities with the Association.

The second motion sought to amend the complicated rule governing the tower election of non-resident life members, which stipulated that a major proportion of the band must be members of the Association. The proposition from the Northern District was that two resident members should be able to elect any number of non-resident members prior to a peal attempt, subject to their subsequent ratification. This was carried with hardly a murmur of opposition, thus presenting the Northern District with its first successful resolution for many years.

An administrative measure to elect the Association's representatives to the Central Council in the second year of each three-year term of office was agreed without dissent. Reginald Sheppard then lent weight to the Western District's motion that the Association should invite the Central Council to hold a meeting in the county, extolling the virtues of Hemel Hempstead as a possible venue. This item produced the liveliest discussion, but agreement was reached without difficulty. Walter Ayre, entering his 40th year as a Central Council representative for the Association, was asked to convey the invitation in person to the meeting at Bath.

Any other business included a series of speakers advocating a variety of functions, including the Diocesan Festival in June, a "May Day" event at Kimpton on May 7th, a Flower Festival at North Mymms on July 1st, 2nd and 3rd, and the handbell section of the St. Albans Music Festival in November. The Management Committee was empowered to use advertisements in the annual report provided that the income was found to be a significant contribution to the ever-increasing cost of publication. Mr. Woolley gave a brief reminder of the inadequacy of bell fund grants before the meeting closed with the customary votes of thanks to all who had worked hard to ensure the success of the meeting.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Southern Branch

A quarterly meeting of the Southern Branch was held on St. George's Day at Folkingham and was very well attended, approximately 100 being present from a wide area. The good-going ring of six was made good use of, and methods rung ranged from Plain Bob to London Surprise.

The service was conducted by the Rector, Canon F. R. Money, assisted by the Rev. R. Worsdall, himself a ringer, who gave the address. Tea was held in the Village Hall, kindly arranged by Mrs. Money and her willing band of lady helpers.

At the business meeting the newly-elected Branch president (the Rev. P. B. Hearn, Vicar of Billingsborough) presided. Canon F. R. Money was duly elected as an honorary member, followed by the election of seven ringing members in their teens from Folkingham and neighbouring towers.

Next meeting: Rippingale, on June 25th, when the annual striking competition will take place.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—On April 17th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: G. W. Coward 1, G. Gaylard 2, T. E. Marks 3, T. A. Cross 4, F. G. Sandy 5, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 6, T. J. Setter 7, R. J. Fox 8. For Evensong.

Letters to the Editor

CHANGE RINGING IN NEWCASTLE AREA

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Arthur's letter criticising my recent articles in "Change Ringing in Newcastle Area," I regret that there were errors and omissions. I did, in fact, suggest that a note at the top welcoming additions and corrections would be reasonable. My main aim in publishing these articles (originally not intended for "The Ringing World") was not to provide a standard work of reference but to present an item of some local interest.

Having said this, I think some more detailed defence is called for. There were three mistakes present due to my own carelessness. If I had been wise enough to get someone like Mr. Arthur to read the articles before publication these could have been avoided. A number of "errors" were in fact where Mr. Arthur himself is wrong (or my views are at least tenable). There are also a few cases of somewhat (a year or two) inaccurate dates and one case where I think I was misled by an apparently reliable source.

Mr. Arthur said that I "relied mainly on hearsay and even guesswork, in certain instances." This is a gross and unjustifiable exaggeration. There are in fact two cases, I think, where I was not quite conscientious enough with my sources and therefore went a bit wrong.

There are various facts which I should have included to make my potted histories more complete. However, in some cases I deliberately avoided giving a list of the prominent ringers associated with a tower. Mr. Arthur (perhaps rightly) considered this a mistake.

Mr. Arthur writes that "it is obvious that your contributor has not made his researches in sufficient depth." On the whole I consider this wrong. I did in fact consult most of the obvious sources and some unobvious ones (such as Somerset House). I spent weeks looking through Association reports; days through all the old "Bell News" copies and some "Ringing Worlds"; I spoke to many of the older ringers; where there were local Ringing Society record books I almost always consulted them. All this was interesting to me; I hope some other Newcastle ringers found the result interesting.

I have also been criticised on the ground that my articles gave too pessimistic an outlook on ringing in Newcastle. There are two sides to this question. On one side there has been (as shown by a graph) a fairly continuous decline in Association membership in this area since the last war; very few towers here ring all their bells to changes on a Sunday. On the other hand, there are quite a few learners about (particularly in the Jesmond band); also the Tyndeside peal band is in quite reasonable shape.—Yours faithfully,

R. A. YEATES.

Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne.

OLDEST TO RING FIRST PEAL OF SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—May I add my congratulations to Mr. Harold Wagstaff on ringing his first peal of Spliced Surprise Major at the age of 69. In reply to your inquiry, however, the late George Williams rang his first peal not long before the last war when he was, I think, 82. This was in the four standard methods. —Yours sincerely,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford.

YORKSHIRE EXPERIMENTS

Dear Sir,—While experimenting recently with compositions of Yorkshire Surprise Major, I discovered the following two peals. The first one was produced from one of six different sets of 14 combination courses; although it should be possible to obtain similar peals from the other sets, it seems that with none of them is it possible to connect 23 courses in a round block unless at least one course containing no roll-ups is included. Can anyone confirm that this is so whatever set of combination courses is used, and that in fact 100 roll-ups is the maximum obtainable in this length?

5,152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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Contains 100 roll-ups.

5,152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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Contains 81 roll-ups, 64 648's and 57 468's, with Queen's, Whittingtons and Tittums; no 82's or 83's.

Yours faithfully,

SIMON HUMPHREY.

Wollaton, Nottingham.

CANTERBURY SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—Having looked up Canterbury Surprise in the Central Council's "Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods" (1949 edition) and then turned to Snowden's "Diagrams of Standard Methods" (1957 reprint), I am astonished to find that the two do not agree!

Snowden gives Canterbury Surprise as a seconds place method, but the Central Council's book gives Alnwick Surprise as the seconds place variation and Canterbury Surprise as the sixths place variation of the same method. Clearly both cannot be correct! Could you please tell me which one is wrong—as it would be very awkward indeed if half a band turned up expecting to ring a peal of Canterbury only to find that the other half were ringing what they called Alnwick! —Yours sincerely,

VERNON BEDFORD.

Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

OUTING

ST. MARY'S, BATTLE

Leaving Battle at eight o'clock on Easter Monday, our first call was at Westerham, after a pleasant drive through Ashdown Forest. Here Grandsire, Stedman and Yorkshire were rung. St. Mary Cray was our next tower, remembered by some as a somewhat dingy ground-floor belfry. This has recently been transformed into a pleasant upstairs ringing room. Once we were accustomed to the deep set of the bells, Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and London were brought round.

A suitable hostelry was found for lunch before making our way north to the banks of the Thames to ring on the glorious eight at the Chapel of Unity, Gravesend. Our efforts here were not worthy of comment, and rounds for beginners was notably more successful than attempts for Stedman and London! Moving back south to Wrotham (another fine eight), some of our best ringing of the day took place in the form of a course of Plain Bob, a touch of Stedman and a half-course of Cambridge. Our last stop before tea was Snodland, where we were met by the Rector.

Tea was taken at the Flower Bowl Restaurant, Maidstone, following which we arrived at Yalding 15 minutes late. The heavy six (18 cwt.) proved a little too much for some of the youngsters but a good course of London was achieved. Our last call was at Brencley, where an odd-struck seventh and a tenor up wrong did not help the ringing.

Our thanks to our most obliging driver, Ted Baker, and most of all to 14-year-old David Winchester for courageously undertaking all the arrangements himself and making a thoroughly enjoyable day of it. I. V. J. S.

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AN OLD BELL DISCOVERED

Dear Sir,—Whilst inspecting a sadly disused Early English chapel at Holwell, Herts, I came across the trap door leading to the little turret tower. Inside the turret I found an ancient bell of somewhat unusual shape. As the turret measured only some four feet by four feet and was very dark, it was impossible to photograph the bell. The inscription reads: "ITI. SAPI. POTAN. DATI. NONE."

I would be very grateful if anybody could shed some light on the origin and date of the bell.—Yours sincerely,

GERALD M. FITZBURGH.

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BELL ROPES
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DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

20th Annual General Meeting

OVER 70 members and friends were present when the 20th annual general meeting of the Derby Diocesan Association was held in Derby on April 16th. During the afternoon ringing was enjoyed at Horsley (6), St. Alkmund's (8) and the Cathedral (10) prior to the annual service conducted by the Association's president, the Provost of Derby (the Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes). Wives and families of the local company prepared an excellent tea in the Cathedral rooms, which was free of charge due to an anonymous member of the company covering the cost in celebration of his 30th wedding anniversary—a kind gesture which was much appreciated.

In his opening remarks as chairman of the subsequent business meeting, the president congratulated the Association on the steady but quite considerable progress it had made over the last few years. Although he felt the Derby Diocese was sometimes rather slow at setting an example in clerical matters, when it came to ringing matters the opposite was much more the case. It was, however, all too easy to become complacent and he urged members to continue in making the Association go from strength to strength.

The general secretary, Mr. B. P. Morris, reported that the membership of 405—389 ringing and 16 honorary members—was only one less than last year's record. It was, however, with regret that he recorded the death of two founder members—Mrs. E. Foulk (Duffield), who rang in the first peal of Bob Major by a ladies' band, and Mr. E. C. Gobey (Ilkeston), who was responsible for the Ilkeston variation of Treble Bob.

P.C.C. SUPPORT BELL FUND

In his report on the financial position the general treasurer, Mr. J. C. Woolley, regretted a slight loss of £5 on the year's working. Although the balance of £77 compared unfavourably with that of four years ago (£100) he was confident this gradual decline in the reserves would be halted by the new subscription rates. As usual, the finances of the Bell Repair Fund, as presented by its treasurer, Mr. J. B. Stennitt, were in a much healthier position due to the continued financial support of over 80 P.C.C.'s. Although over £75 had been paid out in grants over the last four years the balance of £350 compared very favourably with that prior to the affiliation scheme (£30).

Reporting on the work of the bell consultants, the secretary, Mr. G. A. Halls, said 1965 had been one of their busiest years yet, with technical help and/or advice having been given to 11 towers, and a grant of £25 having been paid towards the repair of Chellaston bells. The success of the year was undoubtedly at Denby where, with the help of new bearings from Messrs. Taylors, the bells had been rehung, the entire operation of dismantling and rehanging having been successfully carried out by local labour.

OUTSTANDING PEALS

A rather lower peal total (52) than usual was reported by the peal secretary, Mr. D. R. Carlisle. Outstanding peals included non-con-

ducted Yorkshire Royal and the first of London Minor by a local band at Sandiacre. The leading conductor was Gordon Halls, who was also the leading peal ringer with a total of 18, followed by Malcolm Phipps with 14.

Following the education officer's (Mr. D. J. Marshall's) résumé of the instructional activities of 1965, the main event being the Association's first residential course held at Lea Green last November, the various reports and balance sheets were adopted with grateful thanks for all the work which had obviously gone into their preparation.

TRIBUTE TO MR. A. MOULD

On behalf of the company, the peal secretary (Mr. Carlisle) paid tribute to Mr. A. Mould who, after serving the Association most faithfully as Central Council representative for the last 12 years, was not seeking re-election. In recognition of his services he was unanimously elected a vice-president. A tribute was also paid to Mr. Carlisle himself, who after many years as peal secretary was also not seeking re-election this time.

With the addition of Mr. S. Walklate as trustee in place of Mr. Lowe, the other officers were all elected en bloc as follows: President, the Provost of Derby; vice-presidents, Messrs. F. Adams, J. Bailey and A. Mould; secretary, Mr. B. P. Morris, Gable End, 14, Greenway, Ashbourne; trustees, Messrs. H. Taylor and S. Walklate; peal secretary, Mr. D. Friend; treasurer, Mr. J. C. Woolley; Central Council representatives (after a ballot), Messrs. G. Halls, M. Phipps and D. R. Carlisle.

A comprehensive vote of thanks concluded the proceedings. M. P. P.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The spring quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Preston on St. George's Day, the Guild service being conducted by the Vicar, Canon W. J. Smith.

Tea was served in the School Hall to 37 ringers and friends, and the Branch chairman, the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth, presided at the business meeting. Members stood in memory of Mr. Tom Linpitt, formerly tower captain at Cattistock, who died the previous day.

Subject to consent, evening practices will be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester (May 21st); Frampton (June 4th); Wyke Regis (June 18th); Upwey (July 2nd); and Little Cheney (July 30th).

BELL THIEVES' HAUL

Nine bells, each weighing more than four cwt., were stolen from a London bell foundry store on May 4th by copper thieves. Four of the bells were awaiting shipment to St. Augustine's, Cashmere Hills, Christchurch, New Zealand. These were of 17th century origin and at one time hung at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Gonville, and Caius College, Cambridge. They were the gift of Mr. Michael Stewart-Smith, a New Zealander, who is managing director of a London perfumery manufacturing company.

ROCKING, ESSEX.—On March 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Triples: T. Sheahan (first quarter) 1, Mrs. H. Moore 2, H. Moore 3, R. Threadgold 4, C. Barker 5, R. Suckling (cond.) 7, B. Brinkley 8.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD A.G.M. Adopt New Rules for Competitions

THE 1966 annual general meeting of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Callington on March 26th and was very well attended. The president, Mr. Alan Carveth, opened the meeting by ringing the Guild miniature bell, the gift of Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram, a vice-president. The Rector of Callington, the Rev. J. J. Broadhurst, led prayers, and silent tribute was paid to the memory of Messrs. W. H. Southard (a vice-president and former Ringing Master), J. Jasper, R. H. Sandy and W. G. Willey, who had died since the last meeting.

The treasurer, Mr. S. J. Robinson, reported balances of £65 in the general fund and £28 in the badge account. The Ringing Master, Mr. D. Burnett, reported a satisfactory year with festivals held in all Branches and made mention of the method ringing practices of the Truro Branch as a possible example to other Branches. His remarks were endorsed by the Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. W. C. Boucher.

The general secretary, Mr. A. J. Davidson, read the peal secretary's (Mr. D. Docking) report, which stated that 24 peals were rung for the Guild in 1965. Several "firsts" were noted. On behalf of the Central Council representatives, Mr. A. Locke gave a detailed account of the meeting at Northampton, impressing on the meeting the need for increasing sales of "The Ringing World."

The alterations to the Guild Rules, as proposed by the Ringing Master, were passed. These consisted mainly of the abolition of the General Committee, the deletion (with the permission of the Bishop) of the rule forbidding ringing for prizes or certificates, the introduction of the office of Guild Librarian, the raising by 2s. 6d of tower subscriptions and the raising of peal fees and introduction of quarter peal fees for the annual report. Proposals to streamline the Guild officers, to combine the annual general meeting with the Summer Diocesan Festival and to introduce individual subscriptions found no seconders.

All the Guild officers were re-elected except Mr. Docking, who did not seek re-election, and Miss Marion Lidgey of Lelant was elected to succeed him as peal secretary. Mr. H. Lander of Stephen-in-Brannell was elected a vice-president in appreciation of his stalwart work for the Mid-Cornwall Branch. Mr. D. A. Trethwey of the Truro Cathedral band was elected librarian. It was agreed to hold the Summer Festival at Truro Cathedral on July 30th, when the Bishop of Truro will address the Guild. The ringers of St. Austell invited the Guild to hold the 1967 annual general meeting there and this was accepted, the date, fixed by the new rules, to be the first Saturday in March.

An excellent tea followed the meeting and the bells of Callington, Linkinhorne and Stoke Climsland were then put to good use.

A. J. D.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda M. Groves (14) 1, Helen E. Gilbert (16) 2, Rosemarie A. Frith (16, cond.) 3, P. J. Gibson (15) 4, K. Brown (14) 5, T. J. Sheahan (17) 6. Average age 15.

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OBITUARY

MR. JOHN PINFOLD

"If there be good in that I wrought,
Thy hand compelled it Master, Thine;
Where I have failed to meet Thy thought,
I know, through Thee, the fault was mine."

I feel a great sense of personal loss in hearing of the passing of John Pinfold. Those of us who rang a great number of peals with him know the quiet earnestness and concentration with which he approached any job and how very rarely he made a mistake. He always aimed at ringing a touch or peal without making a mistake and, indeed, it was unusual for him to make a trip. Often at the end of a peal he would say, with a quiet twinkle, "Another clean sheet." He was a very fine ringer. That stern critic, Alfred Paddon Smith, described Jack as a very accomplished performer, and Jafus, that shrewd judge of men and things, once said: "I like John Pinfold's style; he minds his own business and gets on with the job." These were no mean tributes.

As a Ringing Master he stood in the front rank. He had no use for the slacker, and was firm in his condemnation of the late-comer and the indolent. But with the earnest learner he had a great sympathy and infinite patience. His polite inquiry of the visitor: "And what would you like to ring?" concealed his genuine pride in the practices at St. Martin's Church. He delighted in the privilege of having around him a company that could offer to the beginner or the accomplished ringer anything he desired to practise. "Tell me what you have looked up," he would say to the rather diffident learner, "and you shall ring it." And he expected his experienced and highly competent colleagues to give of their best in helping the young man or young lady who had come to learn.

Those of us who knew John Pinfold intimately will remember with gratitude the example he set us of gentlemanly conduct, sturdy independence and unobtrusive application to his work. He represented all that was best in the older generation of ringers. He learned his change ringing the hard way, but he learned it thoroughly, and applied it with such devotion as to make his contribution to the worship of the Church and to the cause of change ringing an offering of high and lasting value.

E. C. S.

MR. W. R. HUGHES

St. Matthew's, Walsall, band has suffered a great loss in the death of Walter R. Hughes. He joined the Walsall band and the Staffs Archdeaconry Society in 1902 and was one of the oldest ringers in South Staffs. Owing to ill-health he retired from service ringing in 1964 but continued to pay periodical visits to the belfry and take part in short touches, his last visit being on Palm Sunday, when he said to the writer, "I've just come to see if you want me." He died on April 20th in hospital after being rushed there on April 18th.

Not a great peal ringer, Mr. Hughes rang 59 for the Staffs Archdeaconry Society, mostly rung in the 1930's, after Walsall got its 12 bells in 1929, with T. J. Elton (his brother-in-law) and later Howard Howell as conductors.

The funeral service at St. Matthew's was conducted by the Vicar of Walsall. Before and after the service there was half-muffled ringing by his Walsall friends. An attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples, half-muffled, on April 30th, was unfortunately lost after three hours' ringing.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mrs. Hughes and her family.

J. S. E.

HESSLE, EAST YORKS.—On April 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Moss 1, K. Gatman 2, R. Horton 3, V. Beaumont 4, R. Hawtree (cond.) 5, Rev. F. Ross 6. Rung half-muffled following the funeral of John C. Haselhurst, churchwarden for over 20 years.

MR. JOSEPH LOVETT

With deep regret his many friends in South Wales and elsewhere heard of the passing of Mr. Joseph Lovett, of Pentre, Rhondda, on Good Friday, after a short illness, at the age of 64.

He was the last remaining link with the famous band at St. Peter's, Pentre, whose performances from the early part of this century to the period just before the last war have never since been equalled by any local company in the area.

"Jos," as he was affectionately known, was one of the band who taught themselves to ring on the grand ring of bells at Pentre, and reached, in those days when Surprise ringing was not the commonplace thing it is today, the heights of ringing the first peals by a local band of Cambridge and Superlative in South Wales. They also recorded many other fine achievements. Considering the relative remoteness of Pentre and the fact that they had no experienced tutor, these were indeed remarkable achievements. How true must be the inscription in the peal book at Pentre, "Perseverance is crowned with success." In all Jos rang 49 peals and all except one were for the Llandaff and Monmouth Association.

He had not enjoyed the best of health for a number of years and had not been employed since 1941 due to the dreaded miner's disease of silicosis, but this terrible handicap never altered his cheerful nature. He was unable to climb the steps to the belfry in the last few years, but he still maintained his interest in ringing, and nothing gave him greater pleasure than welcoming visitors to Pentre and, after listening to their ringing, partaking of a pint of beer with them at the "Club." A faithful churchman, he maintained a deep interest in St. Peter's all his life.

He was buried at Treorchy on April 14th. His many friends, both in ringing and outside, will miss him deeply, and none more so than myself, who spent many happy hours in his company. Our deepest sympathy goes to his widow and family. May he rest in peace.

T. P. E.

MR. HARRY POUNDER

"A remarkable old chap," is how our correspondent recalls Mr. Harry Pounder, of West Hallam, Derbyshire, who died on March 30th, a few days after a stroke.

He learned to ring Grandsire Doubles on one bell more or less by rote and then after an absence of 15 years came back when a new band was formed about five years ago. Harry was then nearly 70 and learned to ring the method properly and also Plain Bob. Last year he managed a touch of Grandsire Triples. He rang in several quarters and was a faithful member of the Sunday service band until Christmas, when his wife became unwell.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION Frome Branch

About 40 members and friends made their way across foggy, snow-covered hills to the tiny village of Ashwick, in the heart of the Mendips, for the Branch spring meeting. The resident Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Ridler, conducted Evensong, which followed a well-structured service touch of Double Court.

Immediately after an excellent meal served by the ladies of the parish, the business meeting, under the chairmanship of the Rev. A. G. Durston, commenced. Six new members were elected and the date for the corporate Communion at Paulton was fixed for June 12th, and the next meeting, at Radstock, for July 9th.

After a general discussion ranging from the design of clapper muffs for learners to rules of the striking competition, Mr. Ron Beck congratulated the Branch chairman on ringing his first peal, a feat believed to be the first of its kind accomplished by the chairman in his own tower.

D. T. H. R.

JOINT COUNCIL OF YORKSHIRE RINGING SOCIETIES

One Day Course/Conference at Selby

A STEP towards fulfilling another of the aims of the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies took place on March 19th at Selby. A one-day course/conference was held for instructors, tower captains, ringing masters and anyone interested in the training of ringers. The event was the result of a wish expressed by the representatives of the ten societies in Yorkshire comprising the Council. A committee, consisting of Messrs. J. N. D. Chad-dock, T. H. Foster and W. F. Moreton, had been formed to organise the course, which was attended by over 70 ringers. They were welcomed in Selby Abbey by the chairman of the Joint Council, Mr. Ted Hudson. He introduced those present to the Vicar of Selby, who opened the proceedings with prayer. The first session was "Teaching Bell Control," and demonstrations of their methods were given by David Johnson, Norman Chad-dock and Fred Hodgson. A short but lively discussion followed, covering topics from "which hand to hold the rope end?" to "the use of a dummy tail end."

After coffee at the nearby Hawdon Institute, the course continued with an address by Vernon Bottomley on "The Organisation of One's Own Tower," which was published in "The Ringing World" on April 29th. A very lively discussion followed, finally revolving around the choice of methods to teach learners. It proved interesting to note that the list recommended by Mr. Bottomley was the same as that which Mr. Moreton outlined in his demonstration after lunch. Everyone enjoyed the meal at the Corunna Café.

Back to the belfry, where Wilfrid Moreton selected a band of six ringers to demonstrate "Bell Control to Easy Method Ringing." Showing some of the stages, the progress of the pupil through ringing a tied bell, ringing an open bell in rounds, call changes, to plain hunting, was followed. Particular emphasis on correct striking caused one or two red faces in the demonstrating band, much to the amusement of the others. It was suggested that it was worth "letting the pupil know the numbers" if good striking was the result. The experience necessary for acquiring ropesight must only be given when the pupil has good control and can strike well. Afterwards, in the Hawdon Institute, Norman Chaddock addressed the course on "Ringing Meetings, their Function and Organisation. The Ringing Master's Job." (See page 242.)

After the tea break the course split into small groups for the final session, on "Conducting Standard Methods." Mr. Harold Chant took Spliced Minor; Wilfred Moreton—Grandsire and Stedman Caters; John Gilbert—Plain Bob Minor; Fred Hodgson—Grandsire Doubles and Triples; Henry Fielden—Spliced Surprise Major; Eric Critchley—Stedman Triples; and Norman Chaddock—Plain Bob Major. The groups were scattered in various parts of the Abbey. Later all gathered in the belfry and each group had the opportunity to try something they had covered in their particular session.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS Mid-Devon Branch

There was a good attendance at the Mid-Devon Branch quarterly meeting at Teignmouth on April 23rd. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob Triples and Major were rung before the service conducted by the Rev. L. G. Folland (Vicar).

After tea in the Parish Hall Miss Mary Russell presided at the business meeting, when the Vicar was elected an honorary member and two new practising members from Torre were elected. The election of two non-resident members, elected prior to starting for a peal the previous week, was confirmed.

Next meeting: Ipplepen with Broadhempston on July 23rd (subject to permission). A. L. B.

QUARTER PEALS

BANBURY, OXON.—On April 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. M. Stretton 1, C. T. Wightman 2, Mrs. D. Bentley 3, J. E. F. Easley 4, Mrs. M. O. Gillett 5, R. P. Bentley 6, J. Bishop 7, H. H. Alexander (cond.) 8, H. Bishop 9, K. H. Bolton (first quarter) 10. A wedding compliment to Miss Sally Herbert, a member of the tower, and Mr. Jack Cranley.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On April 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, with 7, 6, 8 behind): Miss B. Shaw (first quarter) 1, D. Hewitt 2, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 3, D. Bedford 4, A. Faulkner 5, J. W. Litten (first quarter) 6, G. Lonsdale 7, D. Knewstub (first quarter) 8. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Mark's, Lincombe, on April 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Davis 1, D. Orledge 2, C. Quartley 3, J. Nibbs 4, D. Nibbs 5, R. Quartley (cond.) 6. For St. Mark's Festival.

BECKINGHAM, KENT.—On April 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. W. Cave (cond.) 1, D. G. Brown 2, A. G. Mason 3, D. E. Beach 4, Mrs. C. Shiels 5, S. A. Nicholls 6, A. R. Ling 7, Miss M. Gordon-Jackson 8. For Evensong.

BLEWURY, BERKS.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Corderoy 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, P. Corderoy 3, E. J. Grace 4, C. Corderoy 5, G. Jeffs 6. Conducting shared by 3 and 5. For Evensong, and to enable Dr. Graham Jeffs to ring his first quarter peal before leaving for Nottingham.

BOURTON, DORSET.—On April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. L. Dunster 1, C. F. Longridge 2, P. Young (first "inside") 3, J. N. Longridge 4, T. F. Collins (first as cond.) 5, N. Lewis 6.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Warne 1, A. Wiffen 2, C. Barker 3, A. Syder 4, Mrs. J. Syder 5, Miss J. Quilter 6, R. Lindsell 7, C. Gillingham (first quarter) 8.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. F. Baker (cond.) 1, J. Jefferies 2, E. J. Whiting 3, P. R. Godfrey (first "inside") 4, M. G. Freestone 5, J. F. W. Allen 6. For the marriage of David Hillard Eastmond and Susan Jane Howell. Also on April 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Lucy Smith 1, Susan B. Baker 2, R. F. Baker (cond.) 3, P. R. Godfrey 4, E. J. Whiting 5, J. F. W. Allen 6. With best wishes to ringer of second, on her visit to Australia.

BRANSCOMBE, DEVON.—On April 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Clarke (first on working bell) 1, Miss F. Clayton 2, Mrs. Y. Woodley (first of Minor) 3, K. T. Clarke 4, B. F. Coles 5, R. C. Woodley (cond.) 6.

BRAY, BERKS.—On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Juliet Hall (first of Triples) 1, D. Fowles 2, Wenda R. Harris 3, J. Brooks 4, T. D. Mitchell 5, Doreen Hague (cond.) 6, A. J. Glass 7, J. E. Norworthy 8. First "Inside" Triples 3 and 5. For Evensong, and christening of Phillip Edward, son of Rev. and Mrs. D. Strickland.

BROADHEMBURY, DEVON.—On April 15th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: B. Harvey 1, C. Summers 2, T. Travers 3, F. Stamp 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, J. Redfern 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Stamp, parents of ringer of 4th, on the celebration of their diamond wedding.

BROMHAM, BEDS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Dorothy A. Branson (first quarter at first attempt) 1, R. Chapman 2, Kathleen A. Rivett 3, D. A. Hammond 4, C. M. Payne 5, E. P. Inskip 6, M. J. Marriott (comp and cond.) 7, R. E. Fowler 8.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On April 15th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mary Coleman 1, M. J. Staley 2, Sheila Staley 3, K. J. Chapman 4, J. G. Mitchell 5, D. G. Pearson 6, R. J. Cowley 7, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 8.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—At the Norman Tower, on April 17th, 1,360 Kent Treble Bob Royal: C. Stannard (cond.) 1, A. W. Rolfe 2, A. Ballam 3, J. Stannard 4, P. Everett 5, H. Clarke 6, D. Rowlands 7, W. Goodship 8, R. Stannard 9, J. Banks 10. A birthday compliment to A. W. Rolfe.

CALNE, WILTS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Sankey 1, Joy Watkin (Wigston, Leicester) 2, W. Self 3, E. Dixon 4, S. G. Grant (cond.) 5, R. Saye 6, G. Pluckrose 7, A. R. Saye 8. For the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Knowles, and the 74th birthday of A. R. Saye, who left Calne for Clevedon six years ago.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On March 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Thexton 1, G. Hart (first "inside") 2, N. Thomson 3, R. Cooles 4, C. Barnes 5, A. Brown 6, C. Starbuck 7, M. Uphill (cond.) 8. A.M.D.G.

EYNESBURY, HUNTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Sutton 1, M. Presland 2, R. D. Bellamy (cond.) 3, W. A. R. Chamberlain 4, A. K. Peck 5, D. J. Prescott 6. For Evensong.

EALING, MIDDXX.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. G. Wilson 1, Mrs. M. Goodyer 2, A. M. Stacey (cond.) 3, Miss J. Murphy 4, J. Porter 5, F. Bishop 6, A. H. Fulwell 7, R. Mitchell 8. A very warm welcome to our ringing friends from Australia, Mrs. Margaret Goodyer and Miss Jennifer Murphy. Also on April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Sprackling 1, Miss S. Davis 2, A. M. Stacey 3, Miss J. Murphy 4, R. Mitchell (first "inside") 5, J. Porter (cond.) 6, A. H. Fulwell 7, W. G. Wilson 8. For morning service.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Richardson 1, P. Heywood (first quarter) 2, G. Fanshaw 3, T. Wylie 4, A. G. Kirk 5, A. Richardson (cond.) 6. Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the death of Sir A. P. Heywood. Also on April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Richardson 1, P. Heywood 2, R. Evans 3, B. J. Woodruffe 4, M. Bramwell (first quarter) 5, A. Richardson (cond.) 6.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Easter Day, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. G. Draper 1, F. E. Fagg 2, R. K. Hawkins 3, Renee Sturgess 4, Gillian M. Boyd 5, J. Gunstone 6, J. A. G. Ball 7, S. A. Scott 8, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 9, J. W. Stevenson 10. For Evensong.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On April 3rd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Fray 1, Rosemary Smith 2, K. Baker (first of Kent "inside") 3, A. Perry 4, R. Smith 5, M. Horseman (cond.) 6. For Matins.

FLOOKBURGH, LANCS.—On Easter Day, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Gregson 1, J. E. Dickinson 2, R. Moore 3, D. H. Garnett (first as cond.) 4, T. F. Metcalfe 5. Also on April 23rd, 1,260 Kent T.B. and Plain Bob Minor: Susan Gregson 1, N. M. Newby (cond.) 2, D. H. Garnett 3, J. E. Dickinson 4, A. Capstick 5, T. F. Metcalfe 6. First in two methods 1 and 3. For St. George's Day.

FRITENDEN, KENT.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Baker 1, Miss M. Jones 2, Carole Wood 3, F. Hucksstepp (cond.) 4, L. Sweatman 5, H. Deacon 6, B. Johnson 7, F. Goodearle 8. First in method 3 and 7. Rung on the Queen's birthday.

GUSSAGE, ST. MICHAEL, DORSET.—On April 16th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. J. Fuller 1, Kathleen S. Fuller 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, D. R. Fuller 4, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 5, W. R. Damer 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Pitman, on the birth of a son, Christopher Derek, on March 31st.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. F. Turner 1, Mrs. F. E. Crosier 2, J. Miles 3, S. B. Bell 4, D. Mills 5, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 6. For the institution and induction of Rev. F. O. Osborn to the benefice of Great and Little Addington.

HAMPTON, MIDDXX.—On April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: W. S. Deason 1, Hilary Essen 2, Lesley Essen 3, Barbara Walpole 4, Alison Wylie 5, Gillian Leale 6, R. G. Leale (cond.) 7, A. Meadows 8. First on eight for 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8. For Evensong.

HEMINGFORD GREY, HUNTS.—On April 14th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: D. Lyon (aged 13, first quarter) 1, A. Hurst (age 15, first quarter) 2, A. Dines (aged 13 first quarter) 3, M. Dines (age 18, first as cond.) 4. First of Minimus by all and first of Minimus on the bells.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—On April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Huddleston 1, C. Abbott 2, G. Locke 3, J. Culley 4, R. Huddleston 5, D. Huddleston (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.—On April 5th, 1,260 Bristol Surprise Major: R. E. Lester 1, Janet I. Rogers 2, Alice E. J. Lester 3, L. R. Pizzev 4, H. W. Eaglestone 5, R. H. Rogers 6, C. W. Pipe 7, G. W. Pipe (cond.) 8.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: D. Carr 1, Miss S. Percival 2, P. Rogers 3, G. Mayes 4, M. Major 5, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 6.

HINTON BLEWITT, SOMERSET.—On April 19th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): F. H. Andrews 1, Susan Webber 2, Rose Smith 3, P. Gay 4, R. Smith 5. Rung as a compliment to Philip Gay and Susan Webber, on their engagement.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The ringer of the third in the peal at Withyham (page 285) was R. Jean Osbon and not as printed.

Mr. Walter Ayre, who will be entering his 40th year as a Central Council representative at Bath, has been asked to invite the Council to Hertfordshire for its next meeting.

The seven methods rung in a peal of Surprise Minor at Blaydon, Co. Durham (page 249), were Wells, London, Durham, York, Surfleet, Cambridge and Beverley.

The prices of "Sound of Bells" by Edgar C. Shepherd and "The Washington Peal" record are 26s. 6d. each, post free, and not as inadvertently published on page 302.

St. George's Guild of Bellringers, Jesmond, has now its own magazine with Ann Walker and Helen Dracup as editors. Its brightness should make a strong appeal to Tyneside youthful ringers.

The enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Leslie Wilfrid Brown as Bishop of St. Edmundsbury was marked by extensive ringing in his diocese. The peal at Assington was the first on the bells for 29 years.

Featured in a Cambridgeshire paper were four Whittlesford Boy Scouts undoing their proficiency badge test in campanology. Mr. Brian D. Threlfall was the examiner and all four passed. Also present were Mr. Barry Couzens and Miss Jean Sanderson, who were responsible for training.

Mr. John R. Mayne has resigned the office of Ringing Master of the Middlesex County Association and as one of their representatives on the Central Council. He is also resigning from the Records and Methods Committees of the Central Council. His decision was received with deep regret at the annual meeting of the Middlesex Association, the report of which has been crowded out, despite the fact that the editor wrote it.

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THE WASHINGTON "TEN" REUNION

Dean Francis B. Sayre and Rick Dirksen, captain of Washington Cathedral Guild of Ringers, flew to London for the last six days of Washington Cathedral choir's stay in London—singing at Westminster Abbey. They arrived in London on Wednesday, April 27th, and that evening Dean Sayre gave a reunion dinner to the ten English ringers who went to Washington for the opening of the Cathedral bells. There was only one absentee—John Freeman, who was unable to attend.

On the following day Rick travelled to Rotherham and rang his first peal, 5,057 Grandsire Caters. Rick, already a member of the Yorkshire Association, was elected a member of the Sheffield Society of Change Ringers and an honorary life member of Rotherham Parish Church Company of Ringers. He rang extremely well and it was a good peal.

Afterwards the peal band and the remainder of the Rotherham Company with the Rev. Gerald Hollis gathered at the Crown Hotel for a buffet supper and refreshments. It was a memorable occasion during which compliments were exchanged between the local ringers and their young American friend. Rick stayed the night with Mr. and Mrs. N. Chad-dock and returned to London the following day.

FIRST PEAL IN CANADA FOR OVER 20 YEARS

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild has an outpost in Calgary, Alberta. After a gap of over 20 years another peal has been rung in Canada, the first on the bells of Christ Church, Elbow Park, Calgary. This is through the initiative of J. Michael Simpson. Four members of the band had been previously elected members of the Guild, and the tenor and treble ringers were duly proposed and seconded before proceedings started. The peal—Doubles in two methods—was possible through Pat Laycock coming from Edmonton, Peter Mackie from near Warwick, in Calgary temporarily before going to Victoria, B.C., and Christopher Groome, of Huntington, York, and Burton Latimer.

A party was held afterwards at the home of Miss Wendy Nichols, of Randwick, N.S.W., and it was suggested that the peal should be in honour of her engagement. Wendy hopes to get married next December, but before then plans to return to Australia for a few months.

R.A.O.B. CENTENARY

To commemorate the centenary of the G.L.E. Branch of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes an appeal for names for a peal attempt has been made by Mr. Bill Stote of Coventry and Mr. W. A. Theobald of 34, Whitechapel Road, E.1. The attempt will be somewhere in London on Saturday, September 3rd, and any ringing brothers who would care to participate are asked to contact Mr. Theobald. It is also hoped to arrange other convenient peals through local initiative.

The culmination of this year's centenary celebrations in London consists of a family service at St. Clement Danes' on Sunday, September 4th, and although it has not been possible to arrange a quarter peal as it is an "open" Sunday, by kind permission of Mr. E. A. Barnett any ringing brothers visiting London are invited to join in the pre-service ringing.

A TANGIBLE "THANK YOU" TO EDDIE BUCK



Eddie Buck, who has just retired after 13 years as secretary of the Northern District of the Hertfordshire Association, receiving the "thank you" from the members at the District meeting at Baldock on April 30th. It took the tangible form of a portable radio set. Our picture (by Neville Chuck) shows Mr. Ken Dunstan, president of the Association, making the presentation. Mrs. Buck was not forgotten: she received a bouquet from Christine Hutton, a young Baldock ringer.

A company of over 40 was present; Canon Brenchley conducted the service and took the chair for the meeting which followed tea in the Church Hall. Routine business included the election of Peter Rumley (Stevenage) and Ann Trinder (Hitchin) as members.

The heavy eight at St. Mary's Church were rung until 9 p.m. to a variety of methods including London. Mr. Richard Castledine being the capable Ringing Master.

Next quarterly meeting: Knebworth, July 2nd; evening meeting, Barley, June 4th.

THREE BEAMINSTER VETERANS REMEMBERED

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Beaminster on April 23rd marked the end of the life's work of three Beaminster men. Edwin P. Bailey was churchwarden for 40 years and ringer for 56. He was succeeded by his brother, William J. Bailey, who had been a ringer for 36 years and held the office of churchwarden for 11 months. Thomas A. Gunning had been a ringer for 54 years. Grandsire Triples was the method rung by these three ringers, whose attendance at service ringing was wonderfully regular and punctual over a very long period.

A LINCOLNSHIRE WEDDING

The wedding of Miss Helen Hird, a member of Stow-in-Lindsey band, on April 18th at her home church was a ringing occasion. She was married to Mr. J. D. Nicholson, son of a former rector, and as they left the church local ringers saluted them with handbells. Later a quarter peal was rung by ringers from Gainsborough, North Wheatley and Saxilby.

SEVENTY YEARS A RINGER

To celebrate his 70 years as a ringer at St. John the Baptist Church, Buckminster, Leics, Mr. John Dawson rang a long touch with members of his family on April 23rd. Taking part were Mrs. Norah Ward (daughter) 1, Mr. R. Ward (son-in-law) 2, Mr. Dawson 3, Mr. T. Ward 4, Mr. J. T. Ward (grandson) 5, Mr. E. Ward 6.

Mr. Dawson was 86 last Christmas Day, and after the long walk from his home to the church felt tired, but as soon as his hand was on the bellrope he was happy and forgot his weariness. He has lived in the same house for 80 years and has been a widower for 18 years, his faithful dog, Judy, being his constant companion.

Since the age of six he has attended the village church and apart from being a ringer he has been chorister, parish clerk, sexton, sidesman and parochial church councillor. He is the oldest ringer of the Framland Society of Ringers.

AN APPLETON WEDDING PEAL

St. George's Day this year was quite an event at Appleton, Berkshire. A peal of Grandsire Caters was rung as a compliment to Ted Drewitt on his silver wedding anniversary, a compliment to his son John on his wedding, and a compliment to Miss Alex Frost on her wedding; all three are ringers at this famous tower.

Two fairly well-known ringers in this part of the world were invited and accepted an invitation to the wedding of Miss Frost at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, and the reception in the famous dining hall. When the peal was first mooted it was emphatically agreed by the conductor and the rest of the band that the two said ringers be omitted from the attempt, and this undoubtedly proved a wise decision, as they arrived at Appleton from Oxford in a very mellow mood and spent quite a pleasant hour in a car listening to some good Grandsire Caters. It is only fair to state that John's Drewitt's wedding and reception was the week before, and a happy time was had by all the local ringers, otherwise definitely no peal.

BROMHAM OUTING

The weather would have sent an Eskimo scurrying for the nearest igloo when Bromham ringers had their outing on April 16th and Buxton was reached in a blinding snowstorm. The morning's towers—St. Mary's, Crich, All Saints', Ashover, and St. Peter's, Fairfield—all stand high among Derbyshire hills. At Darley Dale the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith was away from home but his daughter "did the honours" and had already raised the bells.

Tea was taken at Matlock, where we met an old ringing friend, Mr. R. Bullen, who had rendered great assistance in arranging the outing. A very charming welcome was given by Miss J. M. Allen at All Saints', Riplev, and a typical Derbyshire greeting by Mr. E. Fletcher at the last tower, St. Mary's, Ilkeston. For this enjoyable day we are indebted to the organiser, Derek Hammond, the clergy, local ringers and the coach driver, whose task over the snow-covered roads was not always easy.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TORTWORTH, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in G	
*Ian P. Cox Treble	David C. Hawkins 4
*Shirley A. Cox 2	Julian E. Newman 5
Leslie R. G. Taylor .. 3	Alan F. Lee Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

* First peal of Minor. The conductor's 100th peal for the Association. The first of Minor on the bells.

HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary

On Fri., April 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Gilbert W. Rendell Treble	Sidney W. White 4
Derek S. Beaufoy 2	Frederick T. Sandy 5
Ronald White 3	William E. Turner Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.

Rung half-muffled in memory of William George Delamont, a ringer at this tower for over 50 years. Tenor 8½ cwt

MERRIOTT, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

H. E. George Jeanes .. Treble	Alan W. Robinson 4
Harold Turner 2	Raymond P. Selway 5
Alan W. Best 3	William E. Turner Treble

Conducted by William E. Turner.

Rung for St. George's Day and a birthday compliment to R. P. Selway, who has now "circled the tower" to peals.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

Carol Fernley Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis 5
Derek F. Yates 2	Allen Twyman 6
William J. Irving 3	Alan J. Brown 7
J. Anthony Beaumont .. 4	Frank Osbaldiston Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

Rung as a welcome to Andrew, a son for Mr. and Mrs. A. Osbaldiston, of Cleobury, Mortimer. Salop.

ROCESTER, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 3 Hours

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,824 Bristol, 1,440 Cambridge, 1,056 Superlative and 768 London with 98 changes of method,

Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb. in F sharp.

*Gerald Parsons Treble	*Raymond J. Ballard .. 5
*Felicity Webber 2	Richard J. Warrilow .. 6
*Norman Sherratt 3	*Roy Worrall 7
*Harold Dowler 4	Ivor R. Nichols Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore.

Conducted by Ivor R. Nichols.

* First peal of four spliced. First peal of four spliced as conductor. Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the death of Sir Arthur P. Heywood.

DAVENHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 15 cwt

*Marian Carter Treble	David A. Godfrey 4
Christopher J. Jones .. 2	Harold Worrall 5
John Ryder 3	Harry W. Howard Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

* First peal and first attempt.

HANMER, Flintshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 17 cwt. in F sharp

Keith W. Eaton Treble	*Leon A. Perry 4
Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 2	John R. Scott 5
Terence E. Trickett .. 3	Frank R. Morton Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* First of Minor "inside."

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Great.

On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods/variations, being three extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb. Southrepps, Wychhold, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Kennington, Dedworth, Grandire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps and Fortune. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

Keith W. Eaton Treble	Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 4
Frank R. Morton 2	Gerald Parsons 5
John R. Scott 3	David Allman Tenor

Composed by Frank R. Morton.

25th peal as conductor.

A birthday compliment to John R. Scott.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

WARWICK.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Ernest J. Gower Treble	William H. Male 6
Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 2	Ian C. Maycock 7
Hubert G. Summers 3	Colin Sweeney 8
Ian D. Thompson 4	John K. Foot 9
F. Mark Robottom 5	Geoffrey W. Randall .. Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.

Rung for the Patronal Festival and also as a compliment to the Rev. O. C. McDowell Morgan on becoming an honorary Canon of Coventry Cathedral. Tenor 24 cwt 3 qr. 20 lb. in D.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BASLOW, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Anne.

On Sat., April 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents each of Kent and Oxford T.B. (six callings) and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt in A sharp.

John Arkwell Treble	Gladys Richardson 4
*M. E. Hearnshaw 2	Alex Richardson 5
Malcolm P. Phipps .. 3	Timothy Wylie Tenor

Conducted by Alex Richardson

* First peal in three methods.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

HORSLEY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Clement.

On Thurs., April 21, 1966, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp

Joseph C. Woolley Treble	Samson Walklate 4
John S. Dean 2	Harold Taylor 5
Gordon A. Halls 3	David W. Friend Tenor

Conducted by David W. Friend

Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the death of Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, Bart., founder president of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

EYAM, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 85 lb. in A

Mary I. Hildred Treble	Jennifer E. Pearce 4
Susan E. Thompson .. 2	Terence W. Brighton .. 5
John Hartley 3	A. Colin Banton Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton

First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor for all the band. Rung to the respected memory of Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, Bart., founder and first president of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, on the occasion of the commemoration service for the 50th anniversary of his death, held by the Derby Diocesan Association.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

BRIXHAM, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Norman Mallett Treble	D. Roy Bould 6
Robert A. Southwood .. 2	Donald J. Roberts 7
Clive G. Bryant 3	G. William Simmonds .. 8
Thomas G. Myers 4	*William J. Harvey 9
A. William Myers 5	†Frank D. Mack Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker

Conducted by Norman Mallett.

* First peal on ten bells. † 150th peal The first peal on the ten bells.

Rung prior to the dedication by the Archdeacon of Totnes of two new trebles, being a Winston Churchill Memorial bell and the Parishioners' treble bell. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr 5 lb in F.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.

On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 78 lb in G.

Alan M. Barber Treble	Brian B. Hullah 5
David Cubitt 2	Geoffrey A. Lucas 6
Donald F. Murfet 3	Peter Adcock 7
Geoffrey H. Pullin 4	Martin Cubitt Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by Alan M. Barber.

HISTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 St. Clement's and 4,320 Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt 1 qr 25 lb in A

Peter J. Oates Treble	Michael W. Carter 4
Henry C. Foster 2	John Hawes 5
*Kathleen A. Jordan .. 3	Michael Hawes Tenor

Conducted by Michael Hawes.

* First peal. First peal on the bells by a local band.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
GALLEYWOOD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Wed., April 20, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*Peter G. Brown Treble	*Ian R. Panton 5
Peter J. Eves 2	*James L. Towler 6
Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 3	Joe E. G. Roast 7
*Richard J. Harrison .. 4	Philip J. Rothera Tenor

Composed by John Carter.

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

A wedding complement to Andrew and Claire Hudson, married the previous Saturday at St. Giles', Lincoln. Also as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Harrison.

MISTLEY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

Jennifer M. Andrews .. Treble	Harry J. Millatt 4
Alan R. Andrews 2	Neville F. Whittell 5
Alfred E. Honeywood .. 3	Edward E. Davey Tenor

Conducted by Jennifer M. Andrews.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, Glos.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 32 methods, comprising 160 changes each of Apsley, Bristol, Cambridge, Claybrooke, Deben, Derwent, Dublin, Ealing, Eastcote, Elford, Falmouth, Framley, Hitchin, Langley, Lessness, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, New Gloucester, Norfolk, Otley, Painswick, Pudsey, Radlett, Rutland, Shoreditch, Superlative, Trowbridge, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 159 changes of method.

Tenor 12½ cwt

Maurice A. New Treble	*James R. Taylor 5
Brian Bladon 2	*Anthony R. Peake 6
Edward R. Venn 3	†Rev. Roger Keeley 7
Michael J. Hobbs 4	Peter Bridle Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* 25th peal together. † First peal in 32 methods. The greatest number of methods to a peal on the bells.

WICKWAR, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of Holy Trinity.

On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

*Christopher Gibbs .. Treble	*Kenneth G. Weeks 4
William Lampard 2	Brian K. Lewis 5
*†Derek M. Smith 3	Anthony W. Gibbs Tenor

Conducted by Anthony W. Gibbs.

* First peal of Minor. † First "inside."

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WELWYN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A.

Roger D. R. Brown .. Treble	Keith J. Walpole 5
Joyce Dodds 2	Geoffrey Dodds 6
Julia A. Fellows 3	Eric Edmondson 7
Gillian M. Brearley .. 4	Gerald Penney Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor.

ELSTREE, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being one extent each of Kent and St. Clement's, and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in C.

Paula Healing Treble	†Gillian M. Brearley .. 4
*Susan Farnes 2	*Andrew W. R. Wilby .. 5
A. Trevor Hawkins .. 3	Keith J. Walpole Tenor

Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.

* First in three methods. † First of Minor "inside."

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of The Holy Trinity.

On Mon., April 25, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

Stanley G. Ponting .. Treble	*David J. Tubbs 5
Douglas A. R. May 2	Derek E. Sibson 6
Richard O. Humphries .. 3	Ronald F. Diserens 7
Tom Page 4	W. Leslie Weller Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. David Bentley, curate at this church.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit.

On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in D.

Jill M. May Treble	John F. M. Maybrey 5
Beryl R. Simpson 2	David J. Tubbs 6
Douglas A. R. May 3	Tom Page 7
Stanley G. Ponting 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

The first peal of Major on the bells.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(Northern District)

BALLYLESSON, Co. Down.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., April 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

*William Porter Treble	John T. Dunwoody 4
†Aileen E. McAteer 2	Jonathan S. N. Porter .. 5
Rosemary Thompson .. 3	John Lindsay Tenor

Conducted by John T. Dunwoody.

* First peal, first attempt. † First peal "inside" and of Minor.
Rung for the institution of Rev. G. Craig as Rector of this church.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEOPHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 ADELAIDE SURPRISE MAJOR

17-course block reduced. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.

Stanley Jenner Treble	Ann Jenner 5
Lucile M. Corby 2	Robert W. Hinde 6
Judith M. Corby 3	Andrew J. Corby 7
Hilary F. Hinde 4	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

First peal in the method by all the band except the ringers of 1 and 5.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sun., April 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Doris E. Colgate .. Treble	D. Paul Smith 5
Margaret A. Boulton .. 2	Edward J. Jenner 6
Ann Jenner 3	Robert W. Hinde 7
Hilary F. Hinde 4	Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

DOWNE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 lb. in G.

Hilary Webb Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 4
*Ian H. Oram 2	†D. Paul Smith 5
†Peter S. Muchlinski .. 3	*Tony Lewis Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.

* 50th peal together. † First peal of Cambridge. ‡ 100th peal Rung on the Feast of St. George the Martyr.

EAST SUTTON, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Arthur S. Richards .. Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski 4
*Martin A. Gay 2	Norman R. Mattingley .. 5
Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 3	Ian H. Oram Tenor

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* First peal.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

(North Western District.)

EAST CROMPTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sun., April 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

Margaret Crossthwaite .. Treble	*Ann C. Hardman 5
*Hilary A. Horn 2	Margaret Wright 6
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 3	Christine Andrew 7
Jane Reynolds 4	Margaret E. Fort Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Maryl R. Crossthwaite.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major. First peal by the North Western District of the Ladies' Guild.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEYWOOD, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Sun., April 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In ten methods, comprising 1,280 Rutland, 960 London, 640 Bristol, and 320 each of Cambridge, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 110 changes of method.

Tenor 21 cwt 93 lb. in E flat.

Roger I. Kendrick .. Treble	Basil Jones 5
*John P. Partington .. 2	*Jeffrey Brannan 6
*Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 3	John H. Fielden 7
Neil Bennett 4	Frederick Shallcross .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Neil Bennett.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in ten methods. First peal of Spliced Surprise, and 50th peal, on the bells.

Rung for St. George's Day, and as a wedding compliment to Derek Butterworth and Judith Barlow.

HELMSHORE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Thurs., April 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, London Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford, Double Oxford and Plain Bob

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in A flat.

Christopher L. Watson .. Treble	*Jeffrey Kershaw 4
Margaret E. Fort 2	Cyril Crossthwaite 5
Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 3	J. Barry Pickup Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

* 100th peal.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.

On Mon., April 25, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

Richard Grant Treble	John M. Jelley 7
Derek Sawyer 2	William J. Root 8
*Monica M. Jelley 3	Brian S. Chapman 9
Mrs. D. Hunting 4	Herrick B. Bowley 10
J. Martin Thorley 5	Russell S. Morris 11
Shirley Burton 6	E. Alan Jacques Tenor

Conducted by Herrick B. Bowley.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BUTTERWICK, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Norwich Surprise, College, Hereward, Beverley Surprise, Fulbeck, Single Oxford and Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

R. Arthur Goldsmith .. Treble	Edwin T. Chapman 4
Joan Gilbert 2	Keith R. Davey 5
Janet E. Hubbard 3	Alan G. Payne Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

CALGARY, ALTA, Canada.—At Christ Church, Elbow Park.

On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 extents of Grandsire.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*Peter H. Mackie Treble	Christopher J. Groome .. 4
Patricia J. Laycock 2	J. Michael Simpson 5
†Judith M. Midgley 3	*John A. Musselwhite .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Michael Simpson.

* First peal. † First peal in more than one method. First peal on the bells. First peal in Canada in over 20 years. Believed to be the first peal in North America in more than one method.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ABERGAVENNY, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. in D.

Donald G. Clift Treble	Geoffrey J. B. Stickland .. 6
*Gwen Bidgood 2	Christopher Aldridge 7
Ruth E. Havard 3	M. Jack Pryor 8
Thomas Yeomans 4	Nicholas W. H. Simon 9
Stephen Fenwick 5	David J. Llewellyn Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

* First peal on ten bells.

COITY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being two 240's and 38 six-scores.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*Derek J. Godfrey Treble	Harold Preece 4
*Christine Brett 2	D. R. Lynn Jones 5
William T. Petty 3	*Nigel V. Hill Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.

* First peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Christine Brett.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HILLINGDON, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., April 23 1966 in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

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

*Patricia A. Copas Treble	*Geoffrey R. Marchant .. 6
G. William Critchley .. 2	John Hill 7
Carole L. Andrews .. 3	Albert R. G. Twinn 8
Claudia A. Critchley .. 4	Dennis Knox 9
Peter N. Felton 5	William H. Coles Tenor

Composed by Charles H. Kippin.

Conducted by John Hill.

* First peal. † First peal on ten bells.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Copas on the occasion of their 30th wedding anniversary.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., April 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 HEADSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

G. William Critchley .. Treble	Dennis Knox 5
Joan Beresford 2	John Hill 6
Claudia A. Critchley .. 3	Thomas J. Lock 7
Alick Cutler 4	John R. Mayne Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox.

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

The first peal in the method.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH LOPHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Wed., April 20, 1966, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt in F sharp.

Henry Tooke Treble	Harry B. Fuller 5
Albert G. Harrison 2	Thomas E. Spight 6
William Clover 3	Frank C. J. Arnold 7
Wilfred G. Saunders .. 4	H. William Barrett Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights

Conducted by Henry Tooke.

Rung for the 40th anniversary of the first peal on the bells in the same method and same composition. Also in honour on the eve of the Queen's birthday.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

APPLETON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

J. Roger Mitty Treble	John W. T. Hibbert 6
Frederick A. H. Wilkins .. 2	Norman H. Leslie 7
Patricia E. Hibbert 3	Dennis A. Leslie 8
John Drewitt 4	Brian R. White 9
John H. Napper 5	Edwin Drewitt Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd.

Conducted by Brian R. White.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Thomas the Martyr.

On Tues. April 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

In two methods, being two extents Plain Bob and 40 Grandsire.

Martin R. Bolton Treble	Leonard R. Porter 3
John A. H. Betts 2	*Richard Miles 4
Roy H. Jones Tenor	

Conducted by Leonard R. Porter.

* First peal "inside." First peal as conductor and 25th peal for the Guild.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The All Saints' Society.)

GREAT ADDINGTON, Northants.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being one extent of Double Oxford and St. Clement's and six different extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

*David J. Attley (12) .. Treble	†John Mills 4
†Mrs. F. E. Crosier 2	*David Mills 5
†Stephen B. Bell 3	Frank E. Crosier Tenor

Conducted by Frank C. Crosier.

* First peal at first attempt. † First of Minor "inside." ‡ First of Minor. First of Minor as conductor. First of Minor for the Society.

Rung to welcome Rev. F. O. Osborn, who was inducted to the united benefice of Gt. with Lt. Addington the previous evening.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON, W.C.—At the Church of St. Clement Danes.

On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of Cambridge, London and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E.

Doreen A. Deverell .. Treble	Peter M. Wilkinson .. 5
*†Rosamund M. Rawlings .. 2	Derek E. Sibson 6
E. Jane Sibson 3	*Kenneth Newman 7
Joan Beresford 4	Dennis Beresford Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* First peal of Spliced. † 25th peal.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEAMINSTER, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary of the Annunciation.

On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-Part. 7th Obs. .. Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.	
Edgar C. Shepherd .. Treble	Charles Quartly 5
Gilbert H. Harding 2	Norman G. Knee 6
*Melvyn J. Hiller 3	Frederick S. Slatford .. 7
Arthur J. Scott 4	Joseph T. Barrett Tenor

Conducted by Frederick S. Slatford.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

Rung in memoriam Edwin P. Bailey, William J. Bailey (both churchwardens) and Thomas A. Gunning, all ringers at the above church, and interred during the last eleven months.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Jack L. Millhouse Treble	Geoffrey R. Parker 5
Christine L. J. Mills 2	Geoffrey Paul 6
William L. Exton 3	Derek Stainsby 7
R. Brian Mills 4	Richard A. G. Ingles .. Tenor

Composed by A. G. Driver.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

First peal in the method by all the band except the treble ringer, and for the Guild.

Rung to welcome the Rev. G. J. Halsey as Vicar of the parish.

WARSOP, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Seven extents in seven methods: (1) Oxford T.B., (2 and 3) Kent T.B., (4) Oxford Bob, (5) St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

Susanna Poppleston .. Treble	Dudley Surman 4
Elizabeth J. Foster 2	Peter R. Humphrey 5
Simon Humphrey 3	George A. Dawson Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WALSALL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORK SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

Stuart Armeson Treble	Neil Donovan 7
Beryl E. Cawser 2	*B. Stedman Payne 8
Jeanne E. Bottomley .. 3	J. Martin Thorley 9
J. Edward Cawser 4	Vernon Bottomley 10
W. Eric Critchley 5	E. Alan Jacques 11
W. Ernest Rawson 6	Richard E. Price Tenor

Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

* First peal of Maximus. First of York Maximus by all the band except the ringers of 6 and 7.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BRAMFORD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Thurs., April 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of St. Remigius, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury, St. Osmund, St. Simon and St. Martin, three extents of Pink's, Old, Grandsire and April Day, two extents of Plain Bob.

David J. Derrick Treble	Alan R. Walters 3
Simon Christian 2	Roger L. K. Whittell .. 4

Neville F. Whittell Tenor

Conducted by Neville F. Whittell.

Rung to mark the enthronement of the new Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, Rt. Rev. Leslie Wilfrid Brown, at the Cathedral, Bury St. Edmunds the same day.

OFFTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., April 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and one extent of Plain Bob.

Mrs. E. J. Lockwood .. Treble	E. James Lockwood .. 4,
Gilbert R. Goodship .. 2	Alice E. J. Lester 5
Sandra L. Goodship 3	Robert E. Lester Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. Lester

In honour of the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Leslie Wilfrid Brown as Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

ASSINGTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Edmund, K. & M.

On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: One each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and three Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*Ernest J. Smith Treble	†Robin H. Rogers 4
Mrs. Leslie Mills 2	Leslie D. Mills 5
Evelyn R. M. Cansdale .. 3	Donald L. Mills Tenor

* First peal. † 25th peal for the Guild. First peal on the bells for 29 years.

In honour of the enthronement of Dr. Leslie Brown as Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WITHYHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sun., April 24, 1966, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

Ernest J. Ladd Treble	Richard Hayes 5
Olive D. Tester 2	Frank I. Hairs 6
Lucile M. Corby 3	Andrew J. Corby 7
Judith M. Corby 4	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

First peal in the method as conductor.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

*Katharine J. Maundrell .. Treble	*John W. Blackwood .. 5
*Jeffrey L. Cloughton .. 2	*Lewis F. Cobb 6
*David Wilson 3	*William T. Perrins 7
William E. Cheater 4	Ronald N. Marlow Tenor

Composed by A. Craven.

Conducted by William T. Perrins.

* First peal of Pudsey. First of Surprise as conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society)

ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., April 28, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp

John J. L. Gilbert Treble	John N. D. Chaddock .. 6
Elsie Chaddock 2	Norman Chaddock 7
Kathleen M. Higgins .. 3	*Richard S. Dirksen 8
Herbert O. Chaddock .. 4	Wilfrid F. Moreton 9
Neil Donovan 5	Stuart Armeson Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.

* First peal.

Specially arranged to welcome Richard S. Dirksen, Ringing Master of Washington Cathedral, U.S.A., on a short visit to this country.

GOSBERTON, Lincs. — At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob (seven callings).

Patricia Lockwood .. Treble	Irvin Slack 4
Daphne P. Brown 2	Ian North 5
Christopher A. Moxon .. 3	Robin Brown Tenor

Conducted by Robin Brown.

A 21st birthday compliment (April 25th) to Daphne P. Brown. Also birthday compliments (April 22nd) to George Thomas Brown and Philip Rupert Brown.

THREE PEALS IN A DAY

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 2, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.			
Arthur C. Berry Treble	Kenneth B. Sissons 6		
Arnold Cole 2	John E. Whittall 7		
Ronald H. Dove 3	Robin Brown 8		
*James W. Belshaw 4	Michael J. Uphill 9		
*George Hancock 5	C. Barrie Dove Tenor		

Composed and Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Royal.

THORNER, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 HAVANT SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.			
James W. Belshaw Treble	Arthur C. Berry 5		
Arnold Cole 2	Robin Brown 6		
James S. Webb 3	C. Barrie Dove 7		
Kenneth B. Sissons 4	Michael J. Uphill Tenor		

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.

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

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.
On Sat., April 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge, two extents of Kent T.B. and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.			
C. Barrie Dove Treble	James W. Belshaw 4		
Robin Brown 2	Ronald H. Dove 5		
Michael J. Uphill 3	Arthur C. Berry Tenor		

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

Quickest peal of Minor on the bells. The conductor has now called a peal from every bell in the tower.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Johnson 1, R. Joy Watkin 2, R. Smith 3, R. Aldington 4, M. King 5, G. Pluckrose (cond.) 6. Rung by St. John's College, York, Bellringers' Society as a birthday token to the treble ringer.

HORDLE, HAMPSHIRE.—On March 19th, 1,440 Minor (four methods): L. F. Cobb 1, A. W. Fry 2, W. T. Perrins 3, D. Wilson 4, W. E. Cheater 5, J. L. Claghton (cond.) 6.

HULSH EPISCOPI, SOMERSET.—On April 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. H. Hurford 1, R. J. Purnell 2, S. A. Read 3, D. C. Hawkins (first of Major) 4, H. L. Parfrey 5, R. E. J. Baker 6, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 7, S. J. Woodcock 8.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): W. G. Wright 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Wallcut 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. For the wedding of Miss I. Richardson and Mr. Abbey.

HUYTON, LANC.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. P. A. Goulding 1, D. C. Simpson 2, J. Ridley 3, R. F. Mack 4, G. K. Austin 5, W. R. Birchall (cond.) 6. For St. George's Day.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On April 24th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. C. Kersey 1, E. G. Pearce 2, Miss M. Newby (first of Major) 3, A. J. Munnings 4, J. R. Munnings 5, R. W. Seward 6, R. L. K. Whittell 7, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 8. To mark the retirement of Mr. F. H. Adams, Rector's warden of this parish for 44 years and for many years an honorary member of the Suffolk Guild.

LILLINGTON, WARWICKS.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. S. Bennett 1, G. W. Randall 2, Susan E. Smith 3, P. C. Randall 4, F. M. Robottom 5, R. E. Taffis, jun. 6, I. C. Maycock (cond.) 7, D. Allibon 8. Rung after the wedding of T. L. Duffy and Miss B. M. Stephenson.

LITTLEHAM, DEVON.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. West 1, F. Williams 2, D. A. Wills (cond.) 3, J. Gatter 4, R. L. Horder (first "inside") 5, P. Gatter 6.

LIVERPOOL, LANC.—At the Church of Emmanuel. Everton, on April 24th, 1,380 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): B. Veitch 1, D. G. Wilford 2, Julie Lethbridge 3, R. E. J. Dennis 4, M. A. Phillips 5, D. F. Moore (cond.) 6, G. K. Austin 8. To welcome the Right Rev. Stuart Yarworth Blanch as the fifth bishop of Liverpool.

MARKSBURY, SOMERSET.—On April 25th, 1,272 Oxford T.B. Minor: Rose Smith 1, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 2, H. L. Parfrey 3, D. C. Hawkins (first of Oxford T.B.) 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, R. E. G. Smith 6. For the Solemn Eucharist of the Guild of Servers of the Sanctuary.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.
MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.

On Tues., April 12, 1966, in 2 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
In seven methods, viz.: (1) Single Oxford, (2) Single Court, (3) College, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Double Bob, (6) Reverse Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor size 11 in G.
*Helen J. Henderson .. 1-2 | Robin G. Turner (cond.) .. 3-4
Andrew C. Bolton 5-6

* First peal in seven methods.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the belfry of the Church of SS. Philip and James.

On Wed., March 30, 1966, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB MINOR

Seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.
Maud Austin 1-2 | John T. Dunwoody (cond.) 3-4
John Lindsay 5-6

First peal in the method by all and for the Association.

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the belfry of the Church of SS. Philip and James.

On Friday, April 22, 1966, in 2 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Oxford Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Clement's Bob, College Bob, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.
Maud Austin 1-2 | John T. Dunwoody (cond.) 3-4
*John Lindsey 5-6

* First in seven methods. First in seven methods "in hand" as conductor. First in these seven methods for the Association.

QUARTER PEALS

MARSTON, OXON.—On April 18th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): M. Bolton 1, G. Porter 2, R. Jones (cond.) 3, I. Ross 4, L. Porter 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Phyllis Barnsley.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on March 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Graeme Heyes 1, David Heyes (first "inside") 2, Helen Henderson 3, Andrew Bolton (cond.) 4, J. Roper 5, T. Goodyer 6. Also on April 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Alf Reeder (first quarter) 1, Mary Cowling 2, G. Heyes 3, R. Turner 4, Barbara Beeson 5, W. B. Pitcher 6, J. Roper 7, A. Bolton (cond.) 8. Rung to celebrate Jack and Gwen Roper's silver wedding anniversary this day.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Giles, on April 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss H. E. Leleux 1, Miss D. J. Mann 2, Miss J. A. Downing 3, A. Leleux 4, R. A. Eldridge 5, G. F. Roome (cond.) 6, D. Fox (cover) 7. For the Easter Festival.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On April 24th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): C. Wyatt 1, T. Smith 2, Cherry Withell 3, P. Lucas 4, I. Ross (cond.) 5, J. Sear (first quarter) 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. D. Dormor, who are leaving shortly for America.

OXFORD.—At St. Mary Magdalen Church, on April 18th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): M. Bolton 1, Mrs. J. Todd (first in two methods) 2, Cherry Withell 3, L. Porter 4, R. Jones (cond.) 5, I. Ross 6.

RADLETT, HERTS.—On April 24th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: G. Pettit (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Hunter 2, Miss J. Denmark 3, R. W. M. Clouston 4, B. Denmark (first as cond.) 5, N. Woodward (first quarter) 6. First by an all Radlett band.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain and Grandsire): Howard Meek 1, E. W. Penn 2, R. Chew 3, D. Wilson 4, K. Tyler (cond.) 5, Harold Meed 6. Rung for the 83rd birthday of Mr. W. Beard, a life member of the Forest Branch.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Church of St. Stephen, on April 17th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Lewis 1, R. Bickerton (first in the method) 2, Celia J. Bland 3, G. Penny (cond.) 4, P. Dale 5, P. P. Fells 6. For Evensong.

SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.—On April 24th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: F. Lord (cond.) 1, Mrs. J. Finn 2, Miss F. Lacey 3, W. Bains 4, R. J. Lord 5, E. Button (first of T.B.) 6, F. Lacey 7, H. Judd 8. For Evensong.

SHROTON, DORSET.—On April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. F. Longridge 1, N. Lewis 2, P. Young 3, T. F. Collins 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, C. L. Dunster 6. Also same day, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): G. Dennis 1, C. F. Longridge 2, T. F. Collins 3, J. Knight (first quarter) 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, P. Young 6.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On April 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. R. Hutley 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, F. Bird 3, A. Richardson 4, H. W. Watts 5, T. Camp 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. H. De Boodt, verger.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.—On April 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. R. King 1, Susan Heys 2, E. Roughley 3, D. Hackley (first "inside") 4, C. T. Billinge 5, D. A. Davenport 6, C. Bell 7, K. R. Davenport (cond.) 8.

STOGUMBER, SOMERSET.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Tuckfield 1, A. Somerfield 2, P. Wans 3, R. Penny 4, R. Somerfield (cond.) 5, S. Bryant 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Gooding, on the occasion of their diamond wedding.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On April 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Frances J. N. Brown 1, Ruth A. Elmes 2, Mary E. Elmes 3, R. G. W. Robertson 4, M. J. Young 5, G. W. Elmes 6, Dr. C. T. Brown 7, J. W. Blackwood (cond.) 8. Rung as a compliment to Ruth A. Elmes and John W. Blackwood, on their recent engagement.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Miss J. A. Downing 1, Miss D. J. Mann 2, D. Fox 3, G. F. Roome (cond.) 4, P. Amos 5. A birthday compliment to Miss D. Mann.

WHILTON, NORTHANTS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. S. F. Webb 1, S. F. Webb 2, J. S. W. Townley (first quarter) 3, R. W. Carpen-ten (first quarter) 4, H. Haynes (cond.) 5.

WHITCHURCH, Tavistock, DEVON.—On March 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. Cann 1, Doris Bray 2, M. J. Bray 3, J. Mitchelmore 4, G. E. Mudge 5, D. R. Bould (cond.) 6. Also on January 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. E. Mudge (first as cond.) and G. Hill (first quarter). First on the rehuing bells. For the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchelmore.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On March 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Ann Evans (first quarter) 1, Marian Baulkwill 2, Rosamund Rawlings 3, M. Bangham 4, Elizabeth Zass 5, J. Cooke 6, A. Bagworth (cond.) 7, M. Burn 8. Also on April 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Ann Evans 1, A. Bishop 2, Elizabeth Zass 3, Deborah Hopkins 4, Vanessa Rodrigues 5, J. Cooke 6, A. Bagworth 7, M. Burn 8.

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BIRTH

WHITE.—On May 8th, 1966, at Avalon, 60, Lansdowne Road, Studley, Warwickshire, to Bridget (née Sanger) and Michael, a son, Stephen Michael. 9035

ENGAGEMENT

FAIREY—RICHARDS. — The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Fairey, Arborfield, Rosemary Hill Road, Little Aston, and Anthea, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Richards, Oakwood, Lea Marston, Sutton Coldfield. 9035

DEATH

JARVIS.—On April 30th, 1966, at Hawk-hurst Cottage Hospital, Mina, the devoted and loving wife of Les and mother of Eileen.—Peace, perfect peace. 9071

PERSONAL

A damaged, empty envelope postmarked St. Albans was delivered and I do not recognise the writing. If reply or action required, please write again.—Jean Sanderson, Melbourn. 9076

"Teach me, and I will hold my tongue; and cause me to understand wherein I have erred."—Job vi, 24.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

ANDERSON.—Mr. and Mrs. John E. Anderson are now residing at 106, Meadway, Forest Hall, Newcastle upon Tyne 12.

THE ADDRESS of Record Books Limited, publishers of "Sound of Bells," by E. C. Shepherd, and of "The Washington Peal," each 26s. 6d. including postage, is now 21, Ashburn Place, London, S.W.7. (Correction).

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — 1965 Annual Report, containing 22 compositions, available from the Ringing Secretary, Mr. J. P. Partington, 56, Clay Lane, Rochdale, Lancs. price 4s., post free (postal orders, cheques, payable to the Lancashire Association). Invaluable to all tower grabbers and outing organisers, as it contains six-figure O.S. grid references of 195 churches. 9082

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MISCELLANEOUS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—The striking competition will be held at Binegar on Saturday, May 14th, starting at 3 p.m. 9085

16mm. SOUND COLOUR FILM on the building of Washington Cathedral, the installation of its ring of bells and carillon and the dedication services and ringing. Details from N. Chaddock, 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Rotherham 9063

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Beginners' practice, Spondon, Saturday, May 14th, 2.30-5 p.m. Surprise Major practice, St. Peter's, Derby, Monday, May 16th, 7.30-9 p.m.—Clive A. Thrower, Dis. Sec. 9025

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual striking competition at Oadby, May 14th. Competition 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by adjudication. General ringing afterwards. Extra names for tea to B. G. Warwick, 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester, 9061

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD SUMMER TOUR

A few places are still available on the canal cruise in Buckinghamshire and Northamptonshire, June 25th to July 2nd. Ringing includes a day in Northampton. For details write to E. A. Harrison, 69, Whalley Road, Whalley Range, Manchester 16. 9048

RINGERS' SERVICE will be held at Farmborough, Bath (A.39 Bath-Wells) on May 22nd at 6.30. Ringing at 5.30 and after service. Preacher, the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall, of Long Sutton. 9088

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Oswy Street Cup will be competed for on Saturday, October 22nd. Will interested teams write to H. Poyner, 9, Richmond Road, Retford, Notts, for copies of the rules of the contest. 8960

PEAL AND QUARTER PEAL CARDS

The new charge for sets of 12 cards (minimum) is 10s. post free. For quarter peal cards second copy, written out in style of a peal is essential. Receipt sent only with stamped addressed envelope. — "Ringing World" Office, Seven Corners Press Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford.

MEETINGS

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Ringing competition at Old Brampton, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Malcolm Phipps, Sec., 23, Walton Drive, Boythorpe, Chesterfield, without fail, please. Reports now available.—M. P. P. 9065

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 14th, at Tedburn St. Mary Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea King's Arms Hotel, Tedburn St. Mary, 4.45 p.m. Practice after. Numbers for tea to G. Skinner, 38, Manston Road, Polsloe Park, Exeter. 9014

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Ickleton, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in the old school.—B. D. Threlfall. 9028

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Havering-Atte-Bower on May 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by further ringing. Service 7.30 p.m. There will be a "Floral Week-end" in the parish on this date. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Branch, 55, Mashiters Hill, Romford. 9009

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Practice meeting at Chiddingfold on Saturday, May 14th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—Miss D. Street, Hon. Sec. 9056

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Evening meeting, Aspenden, May 14th, 5.30-8.30 p.m.—Peter M. F. Searles, Hon. Sec. 9062

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Sarratt (5). May 14th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to G. Rees, Chess Bungalow, Sarratt. 9068

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Donington, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to K. R. Davey, 59, High Street, Holbeach, Spalding, Lincs.—K. R. Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9051

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Mary the Virgin, Church Road, Leyton, E.10, Essex, May 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea, Parish Hall, High Road, 5 p.m. Ringing after. Names for tea to W. Hazleton, 60, Thornhill Road, Leyton, E.10.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 9030

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch (Western Deaneries).—Monthly practice meeting, Intwood, Saturday, May 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Hethersett, 4.45. Hethersett bells after tea. Names for tea to Mr. R. A. Lofty, 7, Little Melton Road, Hethersett. 9060

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Annual meeting, Dorchester, Saturday, May 14th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson, Oxford. 9046

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The Guild Festival will be held at FORDINGTON, Dorchester, on Saturday, May 14th.

The Festival Service will be held at Fordington St. George at 2.30 p.m., conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon E. B. Brooks. (All clergy attending are invited to be robed.)

High tea at St. Osmund's School at 4 p.m. Tickets, 5s., to be obtained from the Assistant Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. Slatford, 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook, near Trowbridge.

The annual general meeting will be held in St. Osmund's School, Rothesay Road, at 4.45 p.m.

The Deputy Mayor of Dorchester Alderman E. L. Hedger, and Mrs. Hedger, will attend tea and meeting. Bells available: Abbotsbury (6) 6.30-9 p.m. only; Bere Regis (6), Frampton (6), Piddlehinton (6), Puddletown (6), Preston (6), Upwey (6), Wool (6), Charminster (8), Cattistock (8) 10-1.45 and 6.30-9 p.m.; Dorchester, St. Peter's (8) 10-2 p.m. and 6.30-9 p.m.; Wyke Regis (8) 6.30-9 p.m. only; Piddletrenthide (5) 10-1.45 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham, Wilts. (Tel. 2297.) 8956

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Rehallowing of the bells of St. Mary's, Rougham, Saturday, May 14th, at 6.30 p.m. by the Rev. Canon G. Thurlow, who will also give the address. A buffet tea will be served in school from 5 p.m. onwards. Names to Mr. L. Wright, Horringer Road Stores, Bury St. Edmunds. Big rally asked for, as the Canon wants to meet Suffolk ringers. Ringing till 9.30 p.m., as this date coincides with the District's monthly practice.—L. Wright, Ringing Master. 9057

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting and Ringing Festival, Southover (Lewes) On SATURDAY, MAY 14th

Ringing arrangements:—

Twineham (5) 10.30-11; Henfield (8) 11.15-12; Aldrington (6) 1.30-2; Brighton: St. Nicholas' (10) 2.15-3; The Good Shepherd (8) 2.45-3.15; St. Peter's (10) 3-3.45.

Hurstpierpoint (8) 12.15-1; Keymer (6) 1-1.30; Ditchling (8) 2-2.45.

Burgess Hill (8) 11.15-12; Wivelsfield (6) 12.15-1; Chailey (6) 1.15-1.45; Newick (6) 2-2.30; Barcombe (6) 3.15-3.45.

Buxted (8) 11.30-12.15; Little Horsted (6) 2.30-3; Ringmer (8) 3.15-4. Seaford (8) 3-3.45; Southover bells (10) available 2-4.15 and after meeting.

Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 in Church Hall, followed by business meeting and film show. Names for tea essential to D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill, Sussex.

For ringing programme, town plan and notes on what to see and where to dine, send s.a.e.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, May 14th, St. George-in-the-East, 1.30-2.15; St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 2.30-3.30; St. Olave's, Hart Street, 3.45-4.30, followed by service, tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Miss J. S. Smith, Westfield College, Kidderpore Avenue, London, N.W.3. 9097

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.—St. Mary's, Painswick, Glos.—Annual ringers' service, Sunday, May 15th, at 6.15 p.m. Bells (12) open 4.30 p.m. and after service. All welcome.—R. T. Watts, Hon. Sec. 9049

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Practice meeting, Swainswick, near Bath (6), Monday May 16th, 7.30-9 p.m.—M. de Jong, 9087

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Marshfield, Tuesday, May 17th. Bells (8) available from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.—H. Heath, 9083

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Mid-week practice meeting at Harlington, Thursday, May 19th. Ringing 7.45-9.15 p.m. All welcome.—W. S. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9005

LADIES' GUILD.—North Western District.—Evening practice to be held at Poynton (6) on Friday, May 20th. Bells available from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.—H. L. Horn, Dis. Sec. 9091

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, North Curry (8), May 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 9059

DEVON GUILD.—A.G.M., Plymouth. Saturday, May 21st. Ringing: Plympton St. Maurice's (8) 11-12.30 and 2-3; Plympton St. Mary's (8) 11-12.30 and 1.30-3; Eggbuckland (6) 12-1 and 2-3; Plymouth St. Budeaux (6) 1.30-3; Tamerton Foliat (6) 1.30-3; Plymouth (6) 1.30-3; Plymouth Emmanuel (8) 2-3.15; Plymouth St. Andrew's (10) 2-3.45 and 7-9. Service St. Andrew's 4 p.m. Civic tea 5 p.m. by ticket only. A limited number of tickets are available for visiting Guild members who apply earliest with s.a.e. to: General Secretary, 84, Westhill Road, Torquay. Business meeting 6.15 p.m.—D. J. Roberts, Gen. Sec. 8975

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Netherton, May 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business. Names for tea by May 19th, please, to me.—M. D. Fellows, Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 9064

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at Southchurch, Bishop Auckland, on Saturday, May 21st. Ringing 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Shildon bells available 6.30-9 p.m. Names for tea to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham. 9092

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Teversall (5) May 21st. Bells 3. Tea 5. Names to J. L. Parker, 2, Milner Street, Skegby (Tel. Sutton-in-Ashfield 2316), by 19th.—E. J. S. 9110

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Eynesbury, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 9106

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Foxearth on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Wood, 10, The Causeway, Finchfield, Braintree. 9066

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting, Elkstone (5), May 21st. 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names to Miss E. M. Bliss, Beech Pike, Elkstone, Cheltenham, by May 19th. No name, no tea. North Cernev (6) 6 to 7.30 p.m.; Rendcomb (6) 7.30 to 9 p.m. All welcome.—R. Wenban, Sec. 9096

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual General Meeting

SATURDAY, MAY 21st, 1966, at DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS

Committee meeting — Abbey Buildings 3.15 p.m.

Service — Church of the Holy Cross, 4.15 p.m.

Tea — Abbey Buildings, 5 p.m.

Tea tickets (3s. 6d. each and c.w.o.) to be obtained from Mr Hugh Johnson, 33, Badby Road West, Daventry.

Closing date for tickets—Tuesday, May 17th, 1966.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

11.00 p.m.—12 noon.

11.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m.

12 noon—1 p.m.

2.00 p.m.—3.00 p.m.

2.30 p.m.—3.30 p.m.

2.30 p.m.—4.15 p.m.

7.00 p.m.—9.00 p.m.

*Harpole (5), Byfield (6), Dunchurch, Warks (6).

Bugbrooke (5).

*Staverton (6), Willoughby (6), *Heyford (6).

*Whilton (6), *Flore (6).

Norton (5), *Braunston (6), *Weedon (8).

*Daventry (10).

All towers marked thus: *.

E. Billings, General Secretary.

9019

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting at Moreton Valence on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea supplied only at Vicarage. Elmore (6) available after business meeting. All welcome.—P. Clarkson, Hon. Sec. 9111

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Kimpton, May 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. G. Cull, 5, The Green, Kimpton.—R. D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 9075

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting at Standon on May 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by meeting. No service. Ringing at Great Hormead in the evening.—D. Kingston. 9100

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting at Whitchurch, Cardiff, on May 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Gentlemen welcome. Names for tea, please, by May 16th.—J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow, Mon. 9047

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Bury, May 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—Philip A. Mason, Branch Sec. 9095

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Striking competition at St. Peter's, Ashton (8) on Saturday, May 21st. Ringing: Holy Trinity, Stalybridge (8) 2-5 p.m. Competition at Ashton 2.30-5.30, followed by tea in Victoria Street School, Ashton. St. Peter's, Ashton (8) bells available from tea until 9 p.m. Names for tea to J. Brannan, 10, Quickedge Road, Mossley, Ashton-under-Lyne, by Thursday, 19th. Tel. No. Mossley (M78)2414.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Evening meeting at Asfordby on May 21st. Ringing 6 p.m.—M. Stimson, Dis. Sec. 9104

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Claybrooke, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Striking contest after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. W. Payne, Belvedere, Station Road, Ullesthorpe, Rugby, by Wednesday previous.—V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 9080

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Belton, Isle of Axholme, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify Mr. M. Rose, 8, High Street, Belton, Doncaster, by Tuesday previous. 9067

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Barnet, Saturday, May 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 9090

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Pakefield on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (8) from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Kindred, Bathford, Pakefield Street, Pakefield, Lowestoft, by previous Wednesday.—N. C. 9058

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Twyford on May 21st at 6 p.m. Special method: Double Norwich. 9094

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—The annual general meeting of the Branch will be held at Kingham on Saturday, May 21st. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. R. Coveney, Saddlers, Kingham, Oxford, not later than May 18th.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, East Hagbourne May 21st. Bells 2.45. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by 17th, please.—C. Corderoy West-Wynds, Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot. 8986

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Pewsey, May 21st. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 9099

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Meeting, Martin, May 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street, Wilton, by Tuesday, 17th. 9077

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch and Crewkerne Branch.—Joint meeting, Broadwindsor, May 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport, by previous Monday. 9072

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting and cup contest, Coddington, Saturday, May 21st. Contest 3 p.m. General ringing in evening. Names for tea to Mr. J. Kirton, Sunnyside Farm, Coddington, Newark, by previous Tuesday, please.—B. N. Reed. 9081

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Practice meeting at St. Peter's, Henley (8) on Saturday, May 21st. 6.30-9 p.m. All welcome.—Winifred Lockwood, Dis. Sec. 9074

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Meeting at Fressingfield on Saturday, May 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to the Rev. Pitts, The Vicarage, Fressingfield, Diss, Norfolk. 9102

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Petworth, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Please notify for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester. 9103

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Crawley and Sparsholt, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (5) available 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Sparsholt bells after meeting. 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Lt.-Cdr. G. Wardle, The White House, Littleton, Winchester, by Monday, May 16th. 9038

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at North Elmham on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to E. Howes, Park Farm, North Elmham, Dereham, Norfolk, by previous Thursday.—C. Tovell. 9093

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SOCIETY of ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS**Preliminary Notice.**

The dedication of the Memorial to the late

George H. Cross
will take place at the next quarterly meeting on
Saturday, July 9th
at
St. Martin-in-the-Fields.

9035

SUFFOLK GUILD—South West District.—Meeting at Clare, Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. S. J. Twitchett, 3, Station Road, Clare, Sudbury, Suffolk, by May 25th, please. 9079

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 28th, Northiam. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Ringing at Beckley in the evening. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, May 25th.—G. FitzHugh, Dis. Sec. 9086

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 87th annual general meeting will be held on Whit Monday, May 30th, at Chelmsford. Service at 11 a.m. Annual meeting immediately after in Chapter House. Coffee available in Cathedral Hall from 10.15–10.45 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m. (cost 6s.). Tea 5–6.15 p.m. (cost 3s.). Ringing. Cathedral, 10–10.45 a.m. and from 6–8.30 p.m. Report books available (3s.), also tickets for annual dinner in Shire Hall, Saturday, October 29th (cost 21s.). Luncheon and tea cannot be guaranteed without tickets obtainable from general treasurer. S.A.E. to P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, Writtle, by Wednesday, May 25th.—P. W. Saltmarsh, Gen. Sec. 9109

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Festival and A.G.M., Whit Monday, May 30th. Bromyard, Herefordshire. Twelve 6-bell towers. Full details May 20th. 9069

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION—Annual meeting at Holy Trinity, Llandudno, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. W. Cathall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 9078

LATE NOTICES

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD—Annual general meeting, May 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—A. H. Kemp, Hon. Sec. 9115

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The A.G.M. is to be held at Doncaster, not Tickhill, on May 28th (joint with Doncaster and District Society). Bells available: Arksey (8) 2.30–4; Bentley (5) 3.30–4.30; and Doncaster (8) 6–9. Make own arrangements for tea. Meeting in Doncaster belfry at 6 p.m. All welcome. New vice-president and a new General Committee representative to be elected. 1966 reports available—with subscription.—M. King, Hon. Sec. 9116

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