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## THE BELLS OF THE LAKE DISTRICT

TO many ringers a cursory glance at an inventory of the ringing towers of the Lake District would suggest that it is an area of little interest to all but the keenest traveller in search of bells and the enjoyment to be obtained from a ringing tour. Whilst admitting that the towers with rings of bells are widely scattered, especially when compared with areas in the Midlands and the South of England, it is true to say that the Lake District can offer an interesting diversion to the ringer who enjoys a combination of good bells, interesting architecture and magnificent scenery. This article is designed to outline the facilities offered by the area, which embraces a part of three counties—Cumberland, Westmorland and North Lancashire; and to kindle a flame of adventure in the hearts of those ringers whose holidays are never complete without some fresh experience in the exercise of their noble art.

The three main points of entry into the district are through Kendal, which boasts the heavier of the two rings of ten (tenor 24 cwt.): Penrith, with a ring of eight of fine tone and easy 'go' (18 cwt.): or through the cathedral city of Carlisle. The latter has two rings of eight, one at the Cathedral (20½ cwt.), and the other at St. Stephen's, where the bellfounder could make a considerable improvement.

From Kendal, a town of solid appearance with its clean stone buildings, we can strike directly into the heart of the Lake District, via the quiet village of Crosthwaite (6. 10½ cwt.), to Bowness on the eastern shore of Lake Windermere. St. Martin's Church, with its pleasant ring of eight (12½ cwt.), is a joy to behold; its old foundation and tradition being illustrated in the fine east window and on the interior walls. When the eight bells of St. Mary's, Ambleside, are ringing again, as we trust they soon will be when restoration of the tower is completed this summer, the heavy bell men will be able to sample its 32½ cwt. tenor. A pleasant diversion should be made here to Hawkshead, the scene of Wordsworth's schooldays, and where the Vicarage is held by the Bishop of Penrith. Here the six bells (11 cwt.) are rung from the ground floor of the church, which is set up on a hill overlooking the village. Before going north to join the Penrith route at Keswick, we can wend our way between the foothills of the Langdale Pikes to Great Langdale, where Holy Trinity Church holds a ring of six (10 cwt.).

Thence, over Dunmail Raise, along the shore of Thirlmere, and beneath the towering ridge of Helvellyn to Keswick, to St. Kentigern. Crosthwaite. This fine church is full of history, with its foundation

way back in the 6th century, and has a grand ring of eight (14½ cwt.) with a long draught to trap the unwary. Striking westward to Cockermouth, where the eight are unfortunately not in ringable condition, we can turn aside to the village of Bridekirk with its six (12 cwt.). It is here that those who have travelled from Carlisle via the six at Thursby (7 cwt.) and the eight at Aspatria (14 cwt.) will join the route, which now travels south between the hills and the sea. This coastal trip is a great contrast, presenting industry old and new—coal and iron ore mining and the Windscale atomic factory—the busy coastal towns of Workington and Whitehaven, and the rich, peaceful countryside around the coastal lakes.

Our first tower is St. Michael's, Workington (8, 11½ cwt.), with a largely self-taught band of young ringers, and on to Hensingham (8, 13½ cwt.), passing above the port of Whitehaven. The old Priory of St. Bees, with the well-known school opposite, presents a quaint picture as we wind our way through the narrow streets. Here the recently rehung eight (13½ cwt.) are a joy to listen to from the spacious ringing chamber. We leave the village by the hill and the coast road, making for the township of Egremont, where there is a pleasant ring of eight (13½ cwt.) hung in the red brick tower of St. Mary's Church. On our way south we turn aside at the village of Holmrook to the isolated Church of St. Paul, Irton. Here the eight (16 cwt.) are ringable again, and the setting of the church, with its glorious view up the Wasdale valley, is one of unsurpassed peace and beauty. At the tip of the coastal strip we visit the six (13 cwt.) at St. George's, Millom, before making our exit through the more industrial area of the Furness district of Lancashire.

On the way we should visit Broughton, with another recently rehung eight (10 cwt.); St. James', Barrow (8, 15½ cwt.); the second ring of ten at Dalton (21½ cwt.); the pleasant six at Ulverston (10 cwt.), with its spotless ringing room; and finally the two six-bell towers of Cartmel Priory (15 cwt.), and Flookburgh (17 cwt.).

So our route has encircled the glorious countryside, making, here and there, inroads into the majestic hills, winding peacefully alongside the quiet lakes, with the bells pealing out over town and country village, city and hamlet: all telling the message of the glory of the Creator of the surrounding beauty. If I have inspired some to pay us a visit, be it long or short, I shall be satisfied—knowing that having once tasted of the fruit they will return for more. A. R. AGG.

Further information and assistance may be obtained from A. R. Agg, Greengarth Hall, Holmrook, Cumberland.

## WELCOME HOME PEALS TO H.M. QUEEN ELIZABETH II

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 22, 1954, in 3 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

### A PEAL OF 5280 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 28 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

PETER LAFLIN .. .. Treble	GORDON BENFIELD .. .. 7
JAMES FERNLEY .. .. 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. .. 8
BASIL JONES .. .. 3	ALAN A. POTTS .. .. 9
JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 4	JOHN WORTH .. .. 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 5	WILFRID F. MORETON .. .. 11
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 6	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

The first peal of Maximus in the method. The conductor's 60th peal of Surprise Maximus.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 18, 1954, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

WALTER GODDARD .. .. Treble	GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. 5
GWEN RUSBY .. .. 2	GEORGE W. MOODY .. .. 6
*NORMAN BELL .. .. 3	JACK BRAY .. .. 7
ARTHUR HOODLESS .. .. 4	ARTHUR CROWDER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples on the bells.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 18, 1954, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

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

### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

DAVID C. BROWN .. .. Treble	ALLEN TWYMAN .. .. 5
STELLA P. WAIN .. .. 2	*JEAN C. BROWN .. .. 6
ANNE P. BROWN .. .. 3	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 7
RUTH M. JACKSON .. .. 4	ALAN J. BROWN .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

\* 50th peal.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 18, 1954, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

### A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation No. 2. Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 5
*RALPH ELKINGTON .. .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 6
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. .. 3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. .. 7
HARRY G. WAYNE .. .. 4	FREDK. T. BINDLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Stedman.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 19, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

### A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HORACE O. OVER .. .. Treble	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. 2	HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 6
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. .. 3	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. .. 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 22, 1954, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

### A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

ERNEST J. JELLEY .. .. Treble	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. 2	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 6
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. .. 3	PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 7
JOHN R. SMITH .. .. 4	RONALD H. BULLEN .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER (No. 8). Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

### A PEAL OF 5088 ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

*LESTER L. GRAY .. .. Treble	*ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. .. 5
*DOREEN DUTTON .. .. 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH .. .. 6
*PETER COXALL .. .. 3	*EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. .. 7
RONALD KENRICK .. .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* First peal in method. First peal in the method on the bells.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 99 lb. in A flat.

MRS. H. G. LILLINGTON .. Treble	HANBURY F. CARTER .. .. 4
MRS. HANBURY F. CARTER .. 2	WALTER C. MEDLER .. .. 5
REV. H. G. LILLINGTON .. 3	KEITH CONSTABLE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER C. MEDLER.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

*ROBIN TREBILCOCK .. .. Treble	TONY OTTER .. .. 4
MALCOLM STONE .. .. 2	ROGER COLES .. .. 5
DAVID SIMMS .. .. 3	TOM SMITH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by TOM SMITH.

\* First peal.

Also rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Malcolm Stone.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven variations of extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

PATRICIA E. LAMBERT .. Treble	*PETER WILSHER .. .. 4
*P. ANNE ROYSTON .. .. 2	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. .. 5
†MARY DOWSETT .. .. 3	‡HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE Tenor

Conducted by IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS.

\* First peal 'inside.' † 10th peal (age 15 years). ‡ First peal of Plain Bob Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

ROYDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*N. WARD .. .. Treble	A. A. LIVINGSTON .. .. 4
†F. WRIGHT .. .. 2	B. G. BURTON .. .. 5
B. PIKE .. .. 3	*J. FROST .. .. Tenor

Conducted by B. G. BURTON.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

RUGELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one 120 each of Old Doubles, Norfolk and Kennington, three each of Hurdibras. April Day and Reverse St. Bartholomew, four of Plain Bob, and ten 120's and eight 240's (Morris's arrangement) of Grandsire. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JOHN HOLMDEN .. .. Treble	ERIC EDGINTON .. .. 4
CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. 2	†JOHN R. JOYNER .. .. 5
JOHN H. JOYNER .. .. 3	E. HAROLD NORMAN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. JOYNER.

\* First peal away from the tenor. † 25th peal for the Society.

**SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
 (Sheffield District Society.)

*On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.  
 RONALD HALL .. .. Treble | RONALD BIRCH .. .. 4  
 IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. 2 | GEORGE R. HINER .. .. 5  
 WILLIAM HOLLAND .. .. 3 | BARRY HOLLAND .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BARRY HOLLAND.

**STAMFORD HILL, LONDON.**  
**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.  
 MISS M. A. TOMLIN .. .. Treble | \*HAROLD HOWSON .. .. 4  
 PETER E. PARRY .. .. 2 | JOHN L. MORRIS .. .. 5  
 I. MALCOLM PARRY .. .. 3 | ERNEST J. ROWE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. ROWE.

\* First peal on tower bells

**TEYNHAM, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents. Tenor 11 cwt.  
 VERNON PAGE .. .. Treble | ROBERT HODGES .. .. 4  
 ALFRED MOOR .. .. 2 | WILLIAM NYE .. .. 5  
 WILFRED DALTON .. .. 3 | \*WILFRED SMITH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

\* First peal.

**TIBSHELF, DERBYSHIRE.**

**THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent of Single Oxford Bob, two of Plain Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, and two of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.  
 J. PHILLIP EASTLAND .. Treble | WILFRED RILEY .. .. 4  
 GLYN E. HOLDGATE .. .. 2 | DOREEN ARMSTRONG .. .. 5  
 GEORGE E. HANCOCK .. .. 3 | FRANK BRADLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

**WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.**

**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15½ cwt.  
 ROLAND REED .. .. Treble | WALTER HAMMOND .. .. 4  
 \*RONALD G. RUSSELL .. .. 2 | JOHN E. FOX .. .. 5  
 ROY SPENCER .. .. 3 | HARRY FOLLEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. FOX.

\* First peal.

**WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**

**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 WESTMINSTER SURPRISE MAJOR**

Being seven 720's (six different callings). Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.  
 A. EDWARD DOBB .. .. Treble | ARNOLD HILL .. .. 4  
 DORIS MARSHALL .. .. 2 | FREDERICK FLINT .. .. 5  
 DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. .. 3 | HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

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

**WIDCOMBE, BATH.**

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 12 cwt.  
 \*COLIN CONWAY .. .. Treble | \*PETER BATE .. .. 4  
 \*PEGGY NEWMAN .. .. 2 | HARRY NEWMAN .. .. 5  
 †AUDREY STEPHENS .. .. 3 | \*GEOFFREY CREIGH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY NEWMAN.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

**WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.  
 \*CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. Treble | LESLIE C. SMITH .. .. 4  
 PHYLLIS LOWES .. .. 2 | RAYMOND J. CARLTON .. .. 5  
 EDWARD S. RUCK .. .. 3 | ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND J. CARLTON.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

**WOOLAVINGTON, SOMERSET.**

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.  
 \*DAVID KENT (15) .. Treble | JOHN WALTON .. .. 4  
 THOMAS MOGG .. .. 2 | WILFRED KENT .. .. 5  
 CECIL CLARKE .. .. 3 | \*NELSON SMITH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED KENT.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells, augmented to six in 1953.

**WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.  
 \*BARRY E. GIBBONS .. Treble | HARRY J. MILLATT .. .. 4  
 EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE .. 2 | A. EDWARD LEGGETT .. .. 5  
 †PAULINE A. NICE .. .. 3 | JAMES H. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' The ringer of the 5th has now 'circled the tower.'

**DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.**

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Mon., May 17, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Consisting of seven variations or extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb.  
 G. E. LARNER .. .. Treble | NORMAN V. HARDING .. .. 4  
 ALEX. NURSE .. .. 2 | RONALD THAXTER .. .. 5  
 FRED RIX .. .. 3 | CECIL V. EBBERSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

**FRYERNING, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Mon., May 17, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

Being one extent each of York, Beverley, Surfleet, Bourne, Nether-scale, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 9½ cwt.  
 MARY DOWSETT .. .. Treble | \*PETER J. CAME .. .. 4  
 \*IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. .. 2 | JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. 5  
 †ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 3 | †HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

\* First peal in seven Surprise methods 'inside.' † 25th peal together.



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## TWELVE BELL PEAL

LONDON, S.E.1.

On Sat., May 22, 1954, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK.

### A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 48 cwt.	
BROOKE K. LUNN .. .. Treble	ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. 7
JOHN CHILCOTT .. .. 2	GEORGE W. CECIL .. .. 8
MRS. PAT LEWINGTON .. 3	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON .. 9
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 4	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 10
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 5	JOHN PHILLIPS .. .. 11
GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. .. 6	JAMES PHILLIPS .. .. Tenor

Composed by DAVID E. PARSONS. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.  
A non-society peal.

## TEN BELL PEALS

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 13, 1954, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

### A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.	
PAUL L. TAYLOR .. .. Treble	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 6
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 2	*GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. 3	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 8
JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 4	E. ALAN JACQUES .. .. 9
BRYAN S. COPE .. .. 5	HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. First of Surprise Royal on the bells and first of Yorkshire Surprise Royal for the Guild.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 21, 1954, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

### A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6½ cwt.	
S. ANTHONY JESSON .. Treble	MICHAEL E. BROWN .. 6
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. 3	RONALD H. BULLEN .. 8
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 4	JOHN R. SMITH .. .. 9
*J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 5	PETER J. STANFORTH .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* 150th peal on these bells.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 22, 1954, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

### A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.	
HENRY O. BAKER .. .. Treble	†REGINALD WORRALL .. 6
ERIC HORNBY .. .. 2	HAROLD WORRALL .. 7
*VICTOR NEAL .. .. 3	†JOHN SCOTT .. .. 8
HENRY PARKER .. .. 4	HARRY W. HOWARD .. 9
†DAVID SMITH .. .. 5	CECIL RADDON .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE. Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

\* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal as conductor.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

PETERSTONE WENTLOOG, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 17, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

### A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 7½ cwt.	
THOMAS YEOMANS .. Treble	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 5
A. RYAN PRICE .. .. 2	DAVID J. KING .. .. 6
*JEAN POWELL .. .. 3	JACK R. WORRALL .. .. 7
FREDERICK J. BAILEY .. 4	†ROBERT E. COLES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

\* First peal in the method. † 75th peal.

Rung for the wedding of Betty Jean Prosser, daughter of a churchwarden of this parish, and John Wingate Bowdler, which took place immediately prior to the peal.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 10, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.	
WREN WHITEHEAD, M.A. Treble	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD .. 5
*J. MONICA WHITEHEAD .. 2	ARTHUR CATTELL .. .. 6
ALAN CATTELL .. .. 3	COLIN P. WALKER .. .. 7
WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. 4	JOHN E. COOK .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

\* First peal of Treble Bob

Rung for the collation and induction of the Venerable C. L. Mathews to the living of All Saints' Church.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 12, 1954, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

### A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.		Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.	
JOHN A. ACRES .. .. Treble		*WILLIAM THORNLEY .. 5	
J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 2		S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 6	
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. 3		*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 7	
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 4		HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal in the method.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Thurs., May 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

### A PEAL OF 5152 SHIRLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.	
VINCENT A. HEMMING .. Treble	PETER BORDER .. .. 5
MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 6
EVELYN M. FLETCHER .. 3	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 7
SHIRLEY V. RYMER .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

The first peal in the method. (Tipler's D.54/1.)

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Sun., May 16, 1954, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

### A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.		Tenor 22 cwt.	
PERCIVAL C. RICHARDS .. Treble		CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 5	
MURIEL REAY .. .. 2		ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 6	
J. EDWARD CAWSE .. .. 3		GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 7	
*CLIVE M. SMITH .. .. 4		PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

\* First peal in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 18, 1954, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

### A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2 Variation.		Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.	
EDWIN BARNETT .. .. Treble		DENNIS BERESFORD .. 5	
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 2		GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 6	
JOHN E. CANNELL .. .. 3		FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7	
RALPH BIRD .. .. 4		WALTER J. LEMON .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

Arranged and rung on the 55th anniversary of Mr. E. Barnett's first peal.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 20, 1954, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,

### A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.	
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 5
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 6
JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 3	HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 7
JOHN E. COOK .. .. 4	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, Father J. R. Collins, on his installation as Honorary Canon of Leicester Cathedral.

**BUXTED, SUSSEX.**  
**THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**  
*On Sat., May 22, 1954, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARGARET, QUEEN,**  
**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 Tenor 16 cwt.

*ANNE WILSON .. .. Treble	KEVIN S. HOHL .. .. 5
†JOHN T. MEDHURST .. 2	†LUTHER J. HONESS .. 6
LEWIS NEWMAN .. .. 3	EDWARD EADE .. .. 7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY .. .. 4	WILLIAM R. MANSER .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR F. LEWRY.  
 \* First peal. † 25th peal together. Mr. Edward Eade has now 'completed the circle.'

**COLCHESTER, ESSEX.**  
**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 22, 1954, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,**  
**A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Tenor 21½ cwt.

In eight methods, comprising 1,536 Rutland, 768 London and Ealing, 576 Bristol, and 384 Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, with 138 changes of method.

FRANK V. GANT .. .. Treble	*EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. 5
MRS. R. F. DEAL .. .. 2	*HARRY J. MILLATT .. .. 6
DAVID W. BEARD .. .. 3	CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON .. 7
*HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.

\* First peal of Spliced in eight methods and first peal of Spliced on the bells.

**EDENBRIDGE, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 22, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,**

**A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Middleton's. Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

EDWARD J. JENNER .. .. Treble	JOHN W. MEADE .. .. 5
DORIS E. COLGATE .. .. 2	PETER N. BOND .. .. 6
HILDA OAKSHETT .. .. 3	ERNEST J. LADD .. .. 7
THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 4	ROBERT COLLINS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

First peal in the method by all the band except the 4th ringer.

Rung in honour of the 27th Jubilee of the Rochester Diocese, 604 A.D.-1954 A.D.

**FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.**

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIO. GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 22, 1954, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,**

**A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Tenor 11½ cwt.

Comprising: 1,280 London, 1,280 Cambridge, 1,280 Superlative and 1,248 Bristol, with 110 changes of method.

*RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. Treble	†JOHN D. ROCK .. .. 5
†BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. 6
†ROBERT G. LAY .. .. 3	THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 7
ANNE B. SPEED .. .. 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

\* 150th peal and has now 'circled the tower' to peals of Surprise.  
 † First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods. ‡ First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

**ELLESMERE, SHROPSHIRE.**

**THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 22, 1954, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,*

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 ELLESMERE LITTLE COURT MAJOR**  
 Tenor 21 cwt. (approx.).

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. .. Treble	F. HECTOR BENNETT .. .. 5
ROBERT W. HINDE .. .. 2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 6
JOHN W. BEST .. .. 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. .. 7
WILLIAM A. FARMER .. .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER (C.C.C. D. Norwich No. 43 Adapted).

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

The first peal in the method (C.C.C. 82).

A birthday peal for F. Hector Bennett and Robert Griffiths, son of the conductor.

**GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 22, 1954, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD.**

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 Tenor 16½ cwt.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON .. .. Treble	BARRY SULLIVAN .. .. 5
JEFFERY P. COOPER .. .. 2	ARTHUR C. WALSH .. .. 6
GEOFFREY DIXON .. .. 3	ALLAN WEAR .. .. 7
PERCY WHITAKER .. .. 4	WILLIAM DIXON .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by ALLAN WEAR.

First peal as conductor.



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On Sat., May 1, 1954, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.  
JOHN BREEZE .. .. Treble | HAROLD MONKS .. .. 4  
JAMES PETERS .. .. 2 | \*CHARLES LENOARD .. .. 5  
CLIFFORD SHAW .. .. 3 | HAROLD WORRALL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

\* First peal.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 4, 1954, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Childwall, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

\*YVONNE DREWE .. .. Treble | PETER J. CAME .. .. 4  
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. .. 2 | JOHN WEST .. .. 5  
JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. 3 | HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

\* First peal. The ringer of the 3rd has now 'circled the tower.'

HORBURY, NR. WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Barnsley District Society.)

On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND LEONARD,

### A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 720 each of Primrose, Tulip, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

JAMES W. BUXTON .. .. Treble | HERMAN RUSBY .. .. 4  
CYRIL RUSBY .. .. 2 | NOEL F. MOXON .. .. 5  
HAROLD CHANT .. .. 3 | DANIEL SMITH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

Rung to honour Mr. H. Rowley, who has completed 65 years as a regular Sunday service ringer at this tower. This peal is a repeat performance of Mr. Rowley's first peal, which he rang and conducted at Horbury on January 7th, 1894. Both peals were rung in exactly the same time.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

A. RAYMOND TONKS .. .. Treble | WILLIAM A. WOOD .. .. 4  
E. CHARLES TURNER .. .. 2 | ROLAND BENISTON .. .. 5  
IVY M. JORDAN .. .. 3 | ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

Rung to celebrate the engagement of Miss E. Iris Rowley (daughter of the conductor) to Mr. J. A. Lewis.

QUINTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN.

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.  
PETER DAVIES .. .. Treble | \*DOUGLAS BOSLEY .. .. 4  
DOUGLAS JORDAN .. .. 2 | WILLIAM CORDEROY .. .. 5  
DAVID LAWSON .. .. 3 | WILLIAM GILKS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS JORDAN.

\* First peal 'inside.'

BRISTOL.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Mon., May 17, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT WITHOUT,

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 14½ cwt.  
\*ALAN E. PEDLAR .. .. Treble | DAVID J. MARSHALL .. .. 4  
†TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. .. 2 | ENID L. ROBERTS .. .. 5  
MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING .. .. 3 | KEITH B. KEAR .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ENID L. ROBERTS.

\* First peal on tower bells. † First peal. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

Rung on the 7th anniversary of the Society's first peal.

WESTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 19, 1954, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

### A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (15 callings). Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

\*MICHAEL ORME .. .. Treble | JOHN W. SINFIELD .. .. 3  
\*†ANGELA WILLES .. .. 2 | JOHN CHURCH .. .. 4

DEREK P. JONES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Doubles. First peal of Stedman as conductor. First peal of Stedman Doubles by all and on the bells.

Birthday compliments to Mrs. I. M. Jones, Mrs. C. Orme and Miss C. Orme.

CADOXTON, NR. NEATH, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 21, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWIG,

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

EDWARD PHILLIPS .. .. Treble | TREVOR M. RODERICK .. .. 4  
DAVID J. LEWIS .. .. 2 | GWYN I. LEWIS .. .. 5  
ALFRED HANNINGTON .. .. 3 | BENJAMIN WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN WILLIAMS.

First peal as conductor.

UPPER GRAVENHURST, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 22, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores in seven methods, all possible different callings employed: 960 St. Simon's, 960 St. Martin's, 480 each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 1,200 Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

\*ALAN J. TUTTLE (14) .. Treble | MICHAEL ORME .. .. 3  
†ANGELA WILLES .. .. 2 | PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 4

DEREK P. JONES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in more than one Doubles method. The first peal on the bells.

SULGRAVE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 24, 1954, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten different callings). Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. CHESTER .. .. Treble | MONTAGUE SAUNDERS .. .. 4  
BARRY E. SAUNDERS .. .. 2 | LEWIS E. WOOTTON .. .. 5  
WILLIAM A. YATES .. .. 3 | GEORGE SHELLARD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar of Sulgrave (the Rev. Canon W. S. Pakenham-Walsh), who has completed 60 years in the Ministry.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Rung on the front six.

\*JOHN ASHCROFT .. .. Treble | FRANCIS ELLISON .. .. 4  
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 2 | ERIC ROUGHLEY .. .. 5  
HARRY BLACKBURN .. .. 3 | CHARLES BLACKBURN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES BLACKBURN.

\* First peal.

Rung half-muffled in memory of William Johnson, a ringer at this church for 26 years, who was buried the previous day.

SWINDERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF 5040 ALL SAINTS' DOUBLES

Being 42 extents of 120 (four callings). Tenor 4½ cwt.

DENNIS SIMPSON .. .. Treble | \*FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. .. 3  
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS .. .. 2 | WILLIAM L. EXTON .. .. 4

\*F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

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

Rung for Ascension Day.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

ST. MELLONS, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Mon., April 26, 1954, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,*

AT CHARLWOOD, BRIDGE ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

MRS. A. R. PRICE .. 1—2 | JACK R. WORRALL .. 3—4

A. RYAN PRICE .. 5—6

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

50th peal for the Association as conductor. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Fri., May 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*

AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM.

**A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor size 15 in C.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 1—2 | GEORGE E. FEIRN .. 5—6

JOHN FREEMAN .. 3—4 | JACK BRAY .. 7—8

\*PHILIP BARNES .. 9—10

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Thurs., May 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,*

AT 164, VICTORIA STREET, HARTSHILL.

**A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 11 in G.

FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 1—2 | FREDK. W. GROCOTT .. 5—6

\*ALAN LAMBERT .. 3—4 | CHARLES H. PAGE .. 7—8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDERICK W. GROCOTT.

\* First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand.'

COVENTRY.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Fri., May 14, 1954, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,*

AT 68, WARWICK AVENUE,

**A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL**

Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANK W. PERRENS .. 1—2 | FRANK E. PERVIN .. 5—6

\*PAUL K. WILLIAMSON .. 3—4 | HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. 7—8

ERNEST SIBLEY .. 9—10

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Royal 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., May 17, 1954, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,*

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor size 15 in C.

ALBERT H. WARD .. 1—2 | MICHAEL J. E. BEST .. 5—6

DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 3—4 | KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 7—8

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Michael Best has now rung each pair to a peal of Grandsire Triples.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sun., May 23, 1954, in 1 Hour and 30 Minutes,*

IN THE CATHEDRAL RINGING CHAMBER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 14 six-scores of Grandsire (ten callings), 14 of Plain Bob (four callings) and 14 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure (four callings).

Tenor size 14 in D.

ROGER BALDWIN .. 1—2 | ROBIN G. LEALE .. 3—4

RICHARD H. SMITH .. 5—6

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

First peal in more than one method by all the band. Compliments to Richard H. Smith and Josiah D. Harris on their 16th and 82nd birthdays respectively.

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Mr. John A. Acres, of  
Leicester, rang his 100th peal  
in the past 12 months on May  
23rd. He extends his thanks to Mr. Harold  
J. Poole and members of the Leicester Cathedral  
band for advancing his proficiency in Surprise  
ringing and allowing him to take part in so  
many peals.

The University of Bristol Society commemo-  
rated the seventh anniversary of its first peal by  
a peal at St. Michael-on-the-Mount-Without,  
Bristol. It was the Society's 25th peal.

It was five and not four of the band who rang  
at St. Peter's, Mancroft, and also rang at King's  
Lynn. Our apologies to the Rev. Gilbert Thur-  
low for the omission.

Mr. Harry J. Millatt will remember May  
15th. He shepherded four ringers through  
their first peal at the Church of St. Leonard-at-  
the-Hythe, Colchester.

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At Bowdon, Cheshire, a peal on the day of  
the Queen's return could not be arranged, so  
at the Vicar's request it was rung on May 18th.  
The day coincided with Miss Ruth Jackson's  
birthday, and the peal enabled Mr. C. K. Lewis  
to 'circle' the tower.

A fortnight ago we reported how the Barnsley  
District honoured Mr. H. Rowley's completion  
of 65 years as a regular Sunday service ringer  
at Horbury. Mr. Rowley's first peal, which was  
rung on January 7th, 1894, was repeated in its  
entirety and took exactly the same time to per-  
form. Of this peal (Treble Bob Minor in seven  
methods), which Mr. Rowley called, the only  
other survivor is Mr. Alfred Yelland.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Since the publication of the  
Rev. K. W. H. Felstead's ar-  
ticle on 'The Bells of Bedford-  
shire,' a peal has been rung on one of the peal-  
less towers. This was at Upper Gravenhurst.  
The conductor reports that the bells 'go' well  
but are not often rung. They do not seem to  
be tuned to the major scale, though the third  
(a Chandler bell) is not quite flat enough to  
qualify for a genuine minor five.

The peal at Allensmore, Herefordshire, was  
the first by the resident Sunday service band  
since 1939.

The peal at Kelvedon, Essex, was by the  
Sunday service band, and that at Thorverton,  
Devon, the first by an all-local band.

By ringing the treble to the peal of Minor  
at Ibstock, Mr. A. R. Tonks has now completed  
the circle at this tower.

Miss B. Wright, who rang her first peal at  
Coseley on May 15th, is the youngest ringer to  
score a peal on these bells. She recently passed  
her 16th birthday.

Mr. Charles Sanders, who has been a Sun-  
day service ringer at Syston, Leics, for 40 years,  
rang his first peal on May 15th. It was also  
his 28th wedding anniversary.

A suggestion is made that the bells at Foots  
Cray, where a peal has just been rung, are the  
lightest five in the world, as the tenor weighs  
3 cwt. 1 qr. and the treble 1 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.  
Mr. Peter Bond reports that the bells, which  
were rehung and restored by Messrs. Gillett  
and Johnston in 1951, now go very well, al-  
though ringing is not easy, as the bells are  
rung from the middle of the nave, some of  
the ringers having to stand in the pews to ring.  
The small wooden bell-turret, supported on  
great oak posts inside the nave, has also been  
restored and strengthened, and tower movement  
is now practically negligible.

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# THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

## RESPONSIBILITY OF ADVANCED PEAL RINGERS TO LEARNERS — PRESIDENT'S APPEAL

THE annual general meeting, held, as usual, at Leicester, on April 24th, was well attended, the number present being over the average. Following the afternoon's ringing on the eight, ten and two twelves available, a service conducted by the Succentor, the Rev. A. A. Lander, was held in the Cathedral. The lesson was read by the president, Mr. H. J. Poole, and the address, much appreciated, was given by Assistant Bishop the Rt. Rev. H. A. Maxwell.

Tea in the Little Theatre having been suitably dealt with, the president, Mr. H. J. Poole, introduced the clergy present, expressing the pleasure of the Guild in meeting them. The Lord Bishop had regretted that owing to a previous engagement he had been unable to be present, but hoped to attend future meetings. Mr. Poole thanked the Assistant Bishop for his delightful sermon, to which the Bishop suitably responded.

The Ven. W. C. Lyon, until recently Archdeacon of Loughborough, spoke of his great affection for the church bells and for the ringers.

### ARCHDEACON PRAISES RINGERS

The new Archdeacon of Loughborough, the Ven. R. B. Cole, also spoke of ringers and church towers. He knew of the enthusiasm of ringers and their readiness to report anything amiss with bells or towers. He thought that ringers carried out this part of their duties in a most efficient manner—if one could judge by the number of towers to be seen 'in splints.'

The Succentor also spoke, remarking how well the service had been attended.

For the business the chair was taken by the president, who was supported by the general officers of the Guild. In his opening remarks Mr. Poole spoke of the very gratifying support he and the other officers had received and, thanks to all—officers and members—the past year had been successful and quite up to previous years. The Coronation had given ringers the opportunity of expressing their loyalty and, he felt, the Guild ringers had made their presence felt both in city and county.

The news that the bells of St. John-the-Divine, in Leicester, had been saved was most welcome. They had been perilously near to losing both church and bells but, fortunately, the new Lord Bishop, as one of his first acts, had ruled against the proposal, at least for a time. It was hoped that the proposal to demolish would be postponed indefinitely. They should be very grateful to the Bishop for his action.

### HELP LEARNERS

Mr. Poole suggested that some District meetings could be better attended. It was very discouraging for the District officers to arrange these meetings and the service, which was part of the meeting, and then find attendance poor. It was quite wrong for ringers who had attained the ability to ring the higher methods to refrain from ringing the humbler methods, and so denying to learners the opportunity to improve their ringing. Mr. Poole appealed to all ringers to support their own District meetings.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved. There were no matters arising.

Mr. A. E. Rowley, hon. treasurer, presented the year's accounts. He compared the result with previous years saying that, generally, the state of affairs was favourable, the final balance showing £332 17s. 8d. in hand. Mr. Rowley said that as only about one-third of the badges had been sold, he much wanted the sales to be increased and so reduce the amount of capital locked up in this item. He moved the adoption of the accounts, Mr. Wykes seconded, and the adoption was carried together with thanks to Mr. A. E. Rowley.

Mr. S. Burton, hon. peal secretary, in his report, said 196 peals had been rung in 1953,

of which 179 were on tower bells and 17 on handbells. This total was ten fewer than last year, when 206 peals were rung.

### £37 FROM PEAL FEES

The peal fee of sixpence per ringer, instituted in 1953 for the first time, to help towards the cost of printing the report, had brought in a total of £37 12s. 6d. New methods rung for the first time were:—Metropolis Surprise Maximus, Spliced Surprise Maximus in 12 methods and Aylestone Surprise Major.

Peals had been called by 36 different conductors, and among individual performances were 29 who had rung their first peal and 233 their first in the method. There had been two first as conductors and 13 first as conductors in the method. The president, Mr. H. J. Poole, had rung his 1,000th peal and also his 750th as conductor.

Mr. Burton having been thanked for his report and services, the hon. general secretary, Mr. W. A. Wood, then gave his report for 1953.

Meetings in each of the six Districts this year varied in number from eight to thirteen. The average attendance at these meetings also varied from 12 to 35 with an overall average of 30.

The festival dinner at Melton was attended by just over 100 and a good time was enjoyed by all. By holding this function in the Districts an opportunity was afforded many to meet the other members of the Guild and to take part in the Guild's activities, who would otherwise be unable to do so.

The Coronation provided an opportunity for bringing to the notice of the public the activities of the Guild by means of the organised ringing that took place in towns and villages. As a result of the ringing in the city of Leicester and in appreciation of that ringing the Guild received a cheque from the city authorities. This is to be used to assist some church fund in the city.

Grants during the year were made to the bell repair funds of Ashby-de-la-Zouch and Asfordby.

There had been joint meetings held with the M.C.G., the Notts Guild and the Rutland ringers. Dinners and other social functions, as distinct from the festival, had been held in the Melton, Syston and Hinckley Districts. The attendance at the Hinckley dinner was just over 100. Several outings had also been arranged.

### MEMBERSHIP

Eighty-seven new members were made during the year and also 17 non-resident members were elected. They had now 14 honorary life members. The total membership was just over 850. Since the formation of the Guild 1,006 new ringing and non-resident members had been elected. Add this number to the number of those transferred from the old Midland Counties Association and they would realise the very large wastage. The General Committee had given this matter much thought and they recommended that a possible remedy would be to try to increase the Guild spirit by various means. It was essential to the life and working of the Guild to stop this drifting away of so many.

The report was received with thanks to Mr. Wood.

### THE OFFICERS

The election of general officers was opened by Mr. E. C. Turner, who said that for the first office to be filled, that of president, they could not do better than re-elect Mr. H. J. Poole, who was, without doubt, the best man for the job. The meeting, by acclamation, agreed, and Mr. Poole was declared duly elected.

The president, in returning thanks, said he would do his best for the Guild.

The hon. treasurer (Mr. A. E. Rowley), the hon. peal secretary (Mr. S. Barton) and the hon. general secretary (Mr. W. A. Wood) were all re-elected.

Ballot papers were distributed for the election of two vice-presidents, there being four nominations. The result was declared to be the re-election of Mr. P. L. Taylor and Mr. E. C. Turner. Mr. Taylor expressed the thanks of Mr. Turner and of himself.

The election of 19 new resident ringing members and of six non-resident members was duly confirmed.

It was announced that, in addition to towers already mentioned, Great Bowden had been given a grant from the Bell Repair Fund, and that Mr. H. G. Fretwell, of Castle Donnington, had been made an honorary life member.

A proposal to make the date of the annual general meeting for the first Saturday after Easter each year was carried.

A proposal to delete peal fees was withdrawn by the proposer asking leave of the meeting to do so. This met with unanimous approval.

### 'THE RINGING WORLD'

A long discussion on a letter from Mr. E. A. Barnett on the subject of 'The Ringing World' followed. It was agreed that each District should appoint as their 'Ringing World' representative who would be enthusiastic enough to get around the District contacting towers and urging the sale of the paper. At the same time he would collect and remit local information and matters of interest to a general officer, who, in turn, would be appointed to co-ordinate all efforts and act as correspondent to 'The Ringing World.' It was agreed that Mr. T. G. S. Ellwood should be appointed for this purpose. Mr. Ellwood having signified his willingness to undertake these duties, all District secretaries were asked to communicate the names of those appointed in each District to the hon. general secretary and to Mr. Ellwood.

The Festival was fixed for October 23rd at the Co-operative Assembly Rooms, Uppingham Road, Leicester. Reference was made to the last visit to Leicester of the Central Council in 1912, and that the Council would be invited to visit Leicester, if possible, next year.

On the conclusion of the business meeting a move was made to the Victoria Hotel, where the usual room, equipped as usual with the means of obtaining 'ringers' nectar,' was available until a late hour. Games, dancing, handbell ringing and happy social intercourse made the time go quickly. W. A. W.

### THE LADIES' GUILD

#### South Wales District at Sketty

Despite the rail strike, some 50 ringers enjoyed that 'friendly welcome and generous gossip' that accompanied the quarterly meeting of the South Wales District at Sketty, Swansea, on May 22nd. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Harry Williams), and the tea provided by the Sketty ringers and their friends. Appreciation on behalf of the visitors was expressed by Mr. Ted Coles; Miss Dilys Hulbert (vice-president) thanked the Vicar for his warm welcome, and Miss Jacqueline Evans the gentlemen for their 'supporting presence.'

The following new members were elected, bringing the total membership to 66: Mrs. Thomas and the Misses E. Thomas, M. Thomas and A. Loxton, all of Llangynwyd; Miss A. Mogford, Aberavon; the Misses M. French, C. Davies, Carole Davies, B. Jones and J. Lovat, all of Pentre.

Abergavenny was chosen as the place of the next meeting, with Ebbw Vale as an alternative.

# THE MINISTRY GOES WEST AGAIN

By The Rev. GILBERT THURLOW

THIS is not a French newspaper headline, but the record of how the Clerical Guild went west again on April 26th, this time to hold their annual 'week' in South Wales—a district abounding in charm, scenery, people, churches and bells.

The King's Head, Newport, Mon., was the headquarters. On arrival at the first tower, the undersigned found Malcolm Melville preaching to himself in the three-decker pulpit at Nash, a nice little six, which made a pleasant start. Then, after getting settled at the King's Head, we met the kind and friendly band at All Saints', Newport, who were having practice night on their nice eight (tenor 15 cwt.), rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1946; here you can spy weddings directly beneath you through a tiny glass window in the floor.

On the 27th we began with Holy Communion, celebrated by Canon Cox, the president, at St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport. Then to Penhow, a nice six, with a grand fortified manor house (mediaeval and Georgian) nearby. At Shirenewton (St. Thomas of Canterbury) the six are not so easy to ring as the sallies hardly rise at handstroke. We arrived at Chepstow in time to ring Stedman and Kent on the fine eight for a wedding—in a once magnificent Norman church.

## TEMPTATION!

Lunch was by the ruins of Tintern Abbey, where I think a local paper said we rang. (Henry VIII. stole the bells, and anyhow Cistercian abbeys were not supposed to have towers though some of them transgressed this rule.) Probably we rang change from the local publican; we were also tempted to (w)ring the necks of the tamest hens I have ever met, who shared our picnic lunch, by the Wye. Then to St. Briavel's (8, tenor 12 cwt.), a tower visible for miles as it stands proudly above the Wye: a picturesque castle, now a youth hostel, nearby. Then to the glorious six at Newland (tenor 16 cwt.), 'The Cathedral of the Forest of Dean,' a splendid church with many fine monuments including a mediaeval brass of a 'Free Miner' with apron and pick. 'Free Miners' continue to-day, they work an area allocated them from the Queen's land, and they are the only miners not nationalised in this country. Then to Staunton for Cambridge, etc., on a light six in a central tower.

Tea at the Angel, Monmouth, followed by Double Norwich, etc., on the fine eight at St. Mary's, Monmouth; these are all by Rudhall, 1706 (tenor 18½ cwt.), rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, 1953; Edwin Barnett called the first peal here, 5,040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hours and 59 minutes, on July 1st, 1886. They are supposed to be the bells (recast) which rang in derision as Henry V. sailed from Calais, causing him to turn back and nick them. The day ended with a delightful ring at St. Woolos' Cathedral on the grand twelve (tenor 21 cwt.), the Dean of Monmouth being present; Stedman Caters, Clerical Grandsire, Cinques, etc., went nicely. Thus the planned day finished, but certain clerics in the King's Head cocktail bar stirred such interest that we had to go and ring handbells there, not forgetting to sell a book or so to educate the patrons further.

## ROMAN WALES

On the 28th we began with Superlative, etc., at St. Cadoc's, Caerleon, a place of great antiquity, with many traces of the Roman town, including an amphitheatre. This was the headquarters of the Second Legion. Two early Christians who were murdered in the amphitheatre, Saints Julius and Aaron, are pictured in the church's east window, as is St. Gwynllyw, founder of St. Woolos'. Then to St.

Cybi's, Llangibby, where Cambridge, etc., were rung on a nice eight; this church has some wall paintings. Then to the fine Priory Church of Usk, with a good Norman tower, formerly central but now 'easterly' with the fall of the choir, containing a grand eight; the organ here came from Llandaff Cathedral.

Lunch at Raglan Castle, one-time home of the fabulously rich Somersets, who gave (or lent?) Charles I. the sum of £900,000 face value in those days! The ruins of their stronghold is in the keep. Then to the grand ten (tenor 25 cwt. in D) at Abergavenny for Bob Royal, etc. On to Ebbw Vale with a really splendid eight (tenor 25 cwt.) for Double Norwich, etc. The unique feature here is the tenor counter fixed up by Brian Price, which electrically records every blow struck by the tenor. On our arrival it registered 0778000 exactly; we worked it up to 0778609—this includes not only changes of course, but every blow, including those by anyone who can't set it. After being photographed in the churchyard, we shared a splendid tea most kindly provided by the ladies of the parish in their hall. Then past the steelworks, etc., to Blaenavon, where Double Norwich, etc., were rung on a nice eight (tenor 9½ cwt.)

## THE ANNUAL MEETING

After dinner, when the Archdeacon of Newport, himself a ringer, dined with us, the annual meeting was held. At this, Canon Cox was unanimously re-elected president, the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews hon. secretary, and, Rule 4 having been altered to permit more than one vice-president, Prebendary Cox was unanimously elected a vice-president in gratitude for his former work as hon. secretary. New members elected included the Archdeacon of Newport and the Dean of St. David's. Prebendary Cox, thanking the Guild for their gift when he relinquished the secretaryship, said that with it he had bought a super wheelbarrow. It was agreed, subject to the hon secretary finding it practicable, to hold the 1955 week at Lynton, April 18th to 23rd, and perhaps to go to Matlock in 1956. Universal gratitude to the Rev. I. J. Richards for his help over this tour.

On the 29th the first tower was Bassaleg, where Cambridge, etc., was rung on six steel bells (tenor 12 cwt.) in St. Basil's Church. These resemble the normal bell in appearance but their tone is poor. Then to St. Michael's, Machen. Here the tenor man planted himself against a blackboard for Stedman Triples (8, tenor 15 cwt.) at the conclusion of which he had the last two rows of original Doubles in reverse on his trousers. At Marshfield, where we rang Cambridge Major, the Vicar (the Rev. R. E. L. Jones), a new member, rang with us; here there are a fine Early English door and chancel arch. At Peterstone Wentlogg was another fine church with decorated pillars and arches; a nice eight here. Lunch in a nice pub of considerable antiquity; the Severn flows past a few hundred yards away.

## LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL

Then one of the great moments of the tour—Llandaff Cathedral. Here the desolation wrought by a large bomb in 1941 is being gradually and triumphantly overcome. The nave is still without a proper floor or glass in its windows, but first things come first. Worship goes on in the Lady Chapel, where we sang Evensong together, and the bells have been rung during the last five months, the keen beginners being taught by the St. John's town band—how grand to put the bells before the windows, thus demonstrating that Christian triumph means more than physical comfort! Here we rang Stedman Caters and Double Norwich Major on the fine ten and then had tea nearby in the hall.

The Dean, who took tea with us, told us of some of the vicissitudes through which Llandaff Cathedral has passed. Between 1690 and 1850 it was in ruins. No choral services were held in it between 1690 and 1861. Much of the time there were no Dean or Canons, and one Bishop lived in the Lake District. The splendid restoration of 1857 had its results swept away by the bomb of 1941, but now the feeling of triumph is in the air. The nave, already grandly roofed, will, it is hoped, be re-opened in 1955 and completed by 1957 or 1958. New statues in the nave by Epstein ('Our Lord in glory') and Stanley Spencer ('The Resurrection') will result in the Cathedral possessing works of art from every period in its life. A fine choir school—despite the financial robbery of the Welsh Church by Lloyd George—means that the praise of God will continue here when the aforesaid gentleman is forgotten. A bell from the ruined campanile nearby is now Great Peter, at Exeter. The Dean added that the Archbishop of Wales, who, he said, is a ringer, was to have come to tea but was prevented. Then to St. John's, Cardiff, a famous peal-ringing tower, whose grand ten added another memorable name to our list. The evening finished with Llanfrechfa, a pleasant eight in a charming church, and afterwards four members adjourned for a peal attempt on handbells, but after a bit decided to 'call it a day,' being too late at night. This was the only peal attempt on the tour, the rest of the time being spent on the delightful visits above described.

## THE RED LIGHT

Clerical weeks must end on Fridays, so on the 30th we began moving east. Four towers in this direction in the morning before we dispersed. A fine central tower at Caldicot, where a tower peal attempt was discussed but not begun owing to time, etc. (8 bells, tenor 13 cwt.). Then to Matheron with a nice six, followed by Tidenham, with another nice six, where the ringers stand round an ancient lead font of typical shape. Finally Lydney, St. Mary's, where Bob Major etc., on a fine eight concluded our activities. Here a red light in the ringing chamber indicates that someone is among the bells. If it goes out it means either that he has left the bell chamber or that the light has failed. So we dispersed, full of gratitude to all those many brother ringers, steeple-keepers, belfry captains and others who had co-operated so splendidly with our hon. secretary and with the Rev. I. J. Richards in making the tour so delightful and successful.

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Llandaff Branch was held on May 8th at Newcastle Church, Bridgend. Fine weather ensured that a good attendance to this meeting could be expected. Fifty-two ringers took the opportunity of ringing on this excellent eight, which were set going early in the afternoon. The service at 4 p.m. was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Thomas Jones, B.A.), who gave an interesting address on the various uses of bells.

A bounteous tea, which had been provided by the Mothers' Union and the Young Wives' Group, followed in the nearby Church Hall. A vote of thanks in appreciation was given by the Branch Master, Mr. F. Bailey. During the business meeting a letter from Mr. E. A. Barnett, appealing for greater support of 'The Ringing World' was read. It resulted in two towers informing the meeting that they would immediately become postal subscribers instead of obtaining their copies through a newsagent. More support to this can be expected from other members.

Ringling was enjoyed under the capable handling of Mr. D. King, General Master. R. E. C.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## POSTAL SUBSCRIBERS ONLY ADVOCATED

Dear Sir,—Mr. Barnett seems to suggest that losses incurred by 'The Ringing World' were responsible for Mr. Goldsmith's financial difficulties. There is no doubt that 'The Ringing World' never did produce a reward sufficient for the effort put into it, but Mr. Goldsmith's difficulties were more likely due to his personal expenditure exceeding his income, especially towards the end of his life. That 'The Ringing World' was making a profit is indicated by the fact that for several years after his death, when the paper was edited by J. A. Trollope, substantial profits were made.

Reference to the past, however, will not help towards present difficulties and drastic action may be essential before long. A sixpenny paper will not solve the problem if the bulk of the extra 2d. is claimed by middlemen who work on a percentage basis. Postal subscribers are already paying over 5d. per copy and are at present subsidising those who buy from a newsagent. If 'The Ringing World' were supplied only through the post the price might be reduced to £1 per annum and the paper still show a profit. There would, I agree, be a drop in circulation, but before such a course is adopted steps could be taken through the various affiliated societies to ascertain what the effect would be. If ringers want 'The Ringing World,' they will buy it.

Too much reliance should not be placed on the accuracy of the financial results quoted, especially those for 1952 and 1953, before they have been audited, and a comparison between these two years may at this stage be misleading. The Central Council has never yet been presented with audited accounts of 'The Ringing World' for the previous financial year. Is it too much to expect that accounts for the year ended December 31st should be audited in time for the Central Council meeting five months later?—Yours, ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

Stanmore, Middlesex.

## BOB DOUBLES FOR THE WINCHESTER GUILD

Dear Sir,—The peal of Bob Doubles rung at Owslebury on May 8th and claimed as first for the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild was not, in fact, so. The first in this method for the Guild was rung on handbells six days earlier. May 1, therefore, correct the footnote to 'First on tower bells for Guild' and add that the average age of the band was 16½ years, as was the handbell peals average.—Yours truly, J. MICHAEL LAKIN.

## POSITION OF CLERICAL RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Your comment that the clerical ringers of to-day cannot equal the performances of their kind forty years ago is, unfortunately, true. There are, however, good reasons not necessarily connected with ringing ability. Owing to the decline in numbers of clergy, the average parson to-day is shouldering, often single-handed, a heavier burden than was formerly the case. Enough vital priestly work has to go undone through simple lack of time or strength, that it is no wonder that many pleasant time-absorbing interests such as ringing can receive little attention. Furthermore, it is astonishing how many of us seem to land up in parishes where there are no bells. In my own case, having succeeded in coming to a parish possessing a ring of eight, I find myself in charge of a smaller church with only one.

I am sure the innate ability to equal the achievements of those of former years is not lacking in the clerical ringers of to-day, but simply the time for practice and peal ringing, without which no one can expect his full powers as a ringer to come to fulfilment.—Yours faithfully, (Rev.) P. T. ROBBINS.

Swinton, Manchester.

## CHURCH SPIRES

Dear Sir,—It is probable that, among ringers, there are some who are very familiar with their church spires.

If so, and they know of a case where the architect has slung a heavy weight down within the spire, from the apex-stone or otherwise, I shall be much obliged if they will kindly inform me.

I only know of one example—the late J. L. Pearson's (i.e., St. Luke's, Bromley Common, Kent), where the architect continued the iron of the weather-vane 6ft. to suspend a heavy block of concrete below the apex-stone.—Yours very faithfully, E. ALEX. YOUNG.

Elstree Hill, Bromley, Kent.

## WEST HERTS AND 'THE RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—The Western District of the Hertford County Association have responded to the request for a correspondent in the District and I have been appointed to promote postal sales of 'The Ringing World' and to forward items of interest for publication.

Our District meetings are usually very placid occasions and we are not accustomed to the moving speeches which we heard when 'The Ringing World' was under discussion. Mr. J. Banfield, who rang for many years at St. Mary's, Apsley End, spoke of the great pleasure which 'The Ringing World' brought to him in his retirement, and he was of the opinion that the future well-being of the Exercise was directly related to the continuing prosperity of 'The Ringing World.' A similar point of view came from Mr. Wolstencroft, a visitor from Bucks, who said that he was content to read the names of ringers of peals and quarters because this enabled him to recall many happy occasions in the company of peal ringers. Mr. Fred Plummer, of Apsley End, expressed the opinion that there is little in 'The Ringing World' to interest the younger members of the Exercise and he felt that more space could be given to articles for the benefit of the less experienced ringers if the news items and letters which are published were restricted to items of real interest.

It may well be that more interest will be taken when news items are received regularly from all parts of the country. The Western District of Hereford are optimistic and we are determined to lend our full support to the new campaign.—Yours faithfully,

King's Langley.

B. M. BARKER.

## THIRTEEN-FEET CLOCK PENDULUMS

Dear Sir,—May I ask, through the kindness of your paper, that bellringers who know of turret clocks with 13 feet pendulums (or thereabouts) will kindly let me know? I am trying to list these rather rare clocks.

Once I asked for information about one-hand clocks and the response was magnificent. Hence I am encouraged to come to you again. If the maker's name can also be supplied at the same time that is better still.

I was recently visiting Talland Church, near Looe, in Cornwall, and was charmed with the accomplished way in which the friendly team of ringers rang for the morning service, and then, at 11 a.m., streamed into their places in church.

In talking to them I introduced to them the subject of more ringers subscribing to 'The Ringing World,' and every band of ringers being responsible for at least one copy, so as to ensure its continued circulation. I think they were typical of others who have not yet come to feel the necessity of such support because they are not acquainted with the paper. If taken regularly for a little while I am sure any reader would be loth to see it dropped.—Yours sincerely,

Northill Rectory, A. J. NIXSEAMAN.  
Biggleswade, Beds.

## RINGING FOR A VICAR'S WEDDING

### Wadhurst Bells to be Retuned

When the Rev. A. N. H. Roscamp was inducted to the living of Wadhurst, Sussex, in September, 1951, he had the greatest difficulty in getting the treble bell to speak, and it was thought at once, 'Here is another one who knows nothing about bells.'

But it was soon learned that, while not a ringer, Mr. Roscamp did know quite a bit about bells, and the ringers were asked to give account of themselves if there was any bad striking during service ringing.

On several occasions the times of ringing for special secular rejoicings have been altered so that the Vicar could be within hearing, and it is mainly through his interest that as soon as the faculty is granted, Wadhurst bells will be retuned and rehung in a new frame.

A peal attempt was planned before the bells were to be taken away, but at Easter the Vicar suddenly announced that he was getting married on May 4th, so, of course, here was the chance for that peal. At first it was to be rung after the wedding, but then, knowing the Vicar's love of the bells, the attempt was made on the wedding eve.

The bride was introduced to the ringers before the start of the peal, and all went well till nearly the end of the third 720, when there was a sudden clatter upstairs and the voice of the fifth was missing. Upon inspection it was found that the clapper had snapped between the ball and the shaft, a difficult repair job, and it was then that someone said, 'What about the wedding to-morrow?' However, thanks to the co-operation of the local blacksmith, the clapper was replaced, still warm, in the bell, while the guests assembled in church.

When the Vicar and his bride (Mrs. A. J. Scouler) left the church the bells were 'fired' and rung to Doubles by a mixed band.

It was a great disappointment that the peal failed, for, had it been a success, one young man would have had his first peal of Minor, another member would have 'circled the tower' and the conductor would have rung his 100th peal, this being the sixth attempt for it.

For the peal attempt, the ringers stood: M. Latter 1, C. Pilbeam 2, S. G. Ponting 3, W. A. Kitchenside 4, L. W. Giles 5, C. A. Bassett (conductor) 6; and for the wedding: M. W. Watts, Ann Bassett, S. G. Ponting, W. A. Kitchenside, C. A. Bassett and A. Relfe.

## Southwell Diocesan Guild

Thirty ringers from nine towers attended the Newark District meeting held at Elston on May 22nd. At 2.45 the bells were raised in peal and ringing continued in various methods until 4.30, when the Rector conducted a service.

The bells are a light six (tenor 9½ cwt.) hung on plain bearings. They go well and the tone is pleasant, so some good striking was heard. Mrs. Astin kindly provided an enormous tea, after which a short business meeting was held. Four new members were elected, and Mr. W. L. Exton was elected 'The Ringing World' representative. Methods rung ranged from Cambridge Surprise to rounds.

## A Tour in Gloucestershire

On May 1st the Checkendon ringers had a most enjoyable and interesting tour in Gloucestershire, visiting Barnwood (8), St. Mary-de-Lode (6), Sandhurst (8) and Quedgeley (8).

During a break in the afternoon the opportunity was taken to inspect Gloucester Cathedral. The success of the outing was largely due to the organisation of Mr. Ronald Russ.

The hospitality of the captain of the Barnwood ringers at the close of the day was much appreciated, and if his, or other teams, would like to visit Checkendon and district, a pleasant tour can be arranged.

## THE BOURNEMOUTH RALLY

### George Williams Commemoration Dinner

THE eighth annual rally and fifth George Williams Commemoration Dinner was held at the Wick Ferry Restaurant, Christchurch, on May 8th. Seventy-five ringers and friends gathered together, and in an ideal setting on the banks of the River Stour did full justice to an excellent meal. Canon R. P. Price, Vicar of Christchurch, presided and the Bishop of Southampton was the guest of honour.

The company included Mr. W. B. Cartwright and Miss P. Cartwright, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dykes, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hurst, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. McGregor-Grieve, Mr. and Mrs. Parks, Mr. and Mrs. F. Price, Mr. and Mrs. G. Pullinger, Mr. David Reed and Miss W. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kippin, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Young, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker, the Misses N. Leahy, Nice, Barnes, P. Barnett, D. Battersby, D. Fletcher, E. Fletcher, K. Fletcher, S. Kitchenside, S. Parker, Sparshott, J. Waters, Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Messrs. M. Bazeley, E. Booth, M. J. E. Best, M. Butler, W. E. Cheater, J. Coles, J. E. Daniels, M. Daniels, S. Harrison, B. Haynes, J. King, A. F. Martin Stewart, D. T. Matkin, P. Matkin, H. A. Mitchell, R. Peckham, G. Preston, H. Reed, R. Pike, R. O. Street, A. H. Ward and S. White.

### THE FELLOWSHIP

The Bishop of Southampton, in proposing the toast of 'The Bells and Bell Ringers,' said he was delighted to have the privilege of attending. His interest in bells extended nearly 30 years. His calling required him to dedicate many church bells, and he had often been struck by the lively sense of good fellowship which prevailed among bell ringers. He had spent a number of years abroad, and when he heard the sound of bells coming through the evening air, there was something about them which gripped the heart, and it never failed to bring back memories of the homeland.

In former days bells played a much greater part in men's lives than they did to-day, and he could not help feeling that it was only right that all great occasions should be celebrated by the ringing of the bells. It should not be forgotten, however, that the chief call of the bells was to the worship of God. He added finally, 'It is a great privilege to be asked to propose this toast to the bells and bell ringers.'

Mr. C. H. Kippin, responding to the toast, commented, 'It does not matter where you go if you enter a belfry and make yourself known, you are sure to be admitted into their circle. There is nothing like bell ringing as a means of getting yourself known in another part of the country. It does not matter whether you have a hyphenated name or not, or whether you are an admiral or, like myself, a civil servant, one can ring with them all.' He thanked the Bishop for the very able way he had proposed the toast and the company for the way they had received it.

### LADIES AND RINGING

Mr. G. Pullinger proposed 'The Memory of George Williams,' and gave a brief outline of his ringing career, quoting various happenings of his ringing life, some of them very amusing, especially where the ladies were concerned. He used to say, 'They are all right in their proper place,' but all the same his wife was the first lady to ring a handbell peal with her husband. Besides being a great peal ringer, George Williams was also a good churchman, always attending service, whether at home or away, at least once every Sunday. He set a wonderful example, both as a ringer and a churchman, and they would all do well to follow his path. Mr. Pullinger concluded by saying, 'My memories of the old man are indeed very happy ones.'

The Chairman, in proposing the toast of 'The Visitors,' said it was a great pleasure to see so many visitors at this gathering. They came from Birmingham, Derby, Kettering, Isleworth, Beaconsfield, Winchester, Eastleigh, Southampton, Ringwood and Oxford. He expressed thanks to the organisers of the gathering, and also to those who had originated the idea of holding these rallies, which did so much to bring ringers together and also to help keep alive the memory of such a great ringer and churchman as George Williams. He also thanked Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart for the floral decorations, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beresford and Mr. H. Johnson for entertaining the assembly.

Mr. Albert Walker replied to the toast. He said nothing gave him more pleasure than to come to these gatherings at Bournemouth. On behalf of all the visitors there, he would like to say 'Thank you' for a most delightful evening.

At the conclusion of the evening, the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for the way he had presided over the gathering. This was received by the company with much applause.

It was regretted that Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dowding, from Birmingham, were unable to be present due to illness. It was the wish of everyone that they would soon be fit and well again.

During the evening Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beresford gave songs and duets accompanied by Mr. H. Johnson. The St. John's (Surrey Road) tune ringing band also entertained with a collection of popular tunes. The change ringing consisted of a good touch of Spliced Plain Royal in four methods by J. E. Daniels, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, D. T. Matkin, M. J. E. Best and Miss K. Fletcher.

## THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION AT EDINBURGH

### Annual Meeting

The weather was glorious in Edinburgh on May 8th for the 22nd annual meeting of the Scottish Association.

The ringing began in the morning at 11 o'clock at St. James', Leith. Edinburgh ringers were well represented and a number had managed to get there from Dundee, St. Andrew's and Glasgow. These eight bells were rehung at the end of 1952, and although this has greatly improved them, they still require a great deal of handling. Notwithstanding this, the bells were kept going for an hour and a half, and Grandisle, Stedman, Kent, Plain Bob and a course of Double Norwich were brought round.

The party split up for lunch and reassembled along with additional reinforcements at St. Mary's Cathedral at 2 p.m. Here the fine 10 bells were available till the service at 4 p.m. and there was only one short pause in the ringing throughout the afternoon, and this was caused by a broken rope, which, however, was quickly replaced.

The Association's service was conducted in the Cathedral by the Vice-Provost, Canon Getty. The Provost, the Very Rev. H. B. Gooderham, in his address, after welcoming all the ringers to the Cathedral, spoke of advertising in commercial life and showed how the advertising of the Church was in great measure achieved by the work of ringers.

At the conclusion of the service the meeting adjourned to the Walpole Hall in the Cathedral precincts, where the party was entertained to a fine meal by the Cathedral band. The clergy then withdrew and the business meeting followed, with the president of the Association, Mr. W. H. Pickett, in the chair.

The Ringing Master, Mr. Charles R. Raine, gave a brief review of the activities of the past year, of the meetings which had been held at

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

The spring meeting of the Society took place at Cannock on May 22nd. Despite the proximity of the 'Chase' coalmines, Cannock still retains a country town atmosphere, with the fine Parish Church of St. Luke and its pleasant surrounding churchyard right in the centre of the town. The ring of eight bells (tenor 14 cwt.) is easy to handle and is pleasing to the ear. Ringing during the afternoon and evening was under the direction of Mr. Maurice Turner, Ringing Master.

The service was conducted by the Rev. D. K. Robertson, Vicar of Cannock and newly-appointed Rural Dean. The Parish Church organist (Mr. A. M. York) was at the organ. In his address Mr. Robertson said that during the war years the bells were intended to sound an alarm. Now that the war was over the bells still sounded an alarm, but of a different nature—to remind all and sundry that Jesus Christ was in our midst to-day, as always.

An excellent tea was kindly provided by the Cannock ringers and church workers. The Rev. C. H. Barker, clerical secretary, duly expressed thanks and appreciation to the Rev. D. K. Robertson, the organist, lady helpers, Mr. T. Benton and the Cannock ringers for all they had done to make the meeting so successful. The attendance was 76.

In a discussion after tea on 'The Ringing World' finances, it was decided to instruct Mr. B. G. Key to mention at the forthcoming Central Council meeting the suggestion that all Guilds and Associations up and down the country should increase the amounts of their annual subscriptions by one shilling per member, such increase to be paid over to the funds of 'The Ringing World.'

The next meeting of the Society will be the annual at Lichfield on June 19th, F. C. A. B.

Glasgow, Dunblane and Alloa, of the quarter peals that had been rung and of the peal of Plain Bob Royal at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on the occasion of the State visit to the capital of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

The secretary reported on the circulars that he had received from the Central Council and stated that the percentage in Scotland of the numbers of postal copies of 'The Ringing World' ordered as against the number of towers was in the region of 82 per cent., whereas only three English counties even passed the 50 per cent. mark. Scotland and Canada seemed to tie for top place. He was later taken to task by Mr. Lloyd for suggesting that there was room for complacency, and Mr. Lloyd felt that still more copies could be ordered in Scotland.

The election of the non-resident members, Miss Julia Preston and Messrs. Jack N. Brown, Thomas C. Larkey and John E. Spice, who had rung in the peal at Edinburgh in June, 1953, was confirmed. The election of Messrs. H. O. Baker, George Fearn, B. Jones, R. B. Meadows and A. A. Potts, who had rung in a peal on May 1st, 1954, was agreed to conditionally on the secretary obtaining further details as to the elections. The Misses Marion Capey and Imogen Durnell-Watters and Messrs. John Killick, A. W. Lloyd, John Moss and Charles Sargent were elected ringing members.

The President, Ringing Master and Secretary and Treasurer were each reappointed for a further year. The secretary was elected as the representative on the Central Council.

It was agreed to hold the next annual meeting at Paisley and other meetings at Dunblane and Alloa if these towers were available. In conclusion, the President proposed a vote of thanks to Miss Kate Branson, the secretary of the Cathedral band, for all her work in making the local arrangements for the meeting.

## Queen's Homecoming

**BOREHAM, ESSEX.**—On May 15th, 1,264 Bob Major: R. King 1, A. Everett (cond.) 2, R. Bentley 3, K. Joslin 4, R. Joslin 5, J. Sheppard 6, A. Edwards 7, P. Childs 8.

**BRAY, BERKS.**—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. Rolls 1, B. McCleary 2, R. Lidbury 3, Audrey Smallbone 4, Diane Spice 5, Doreen Hague (cond.) 6, P. Aslett 7, J. Norsworth 8. Rung by the local band.

**CHOLSEY, BERKS.**—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Wise 1, J. Taylor 2, J. N. Money (cond.) 3, G. Garlick 4, T. Palmer 5, H. Eccott 6.

**ECCELESTON, CHESHIRE.**—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on the middle six): H. Morgan 1, L. Hopwood 2, S. Jones, sen., 3, W. Pugh 4, H. Thomas 5, G. Pugh 6, J. W. Clarke (cond.) 7, W. Ince 8.

**HAYES, KENT.**—On May 15th, 1,440 Minor (one each of St. Clement's and Plain Bob): D. Hughes (first of Minor) 1, J. Cannell 2, Mary Fuller 3, M. F. Oaksbott 4, R. Bird 5, A. S. Richards (cond.) 6.

**HISTON, CAMBS.**—On May 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. A. Gooding (first quarter) 1, M. W. Carter (first 'inside') 2, H. J. F. Muncey 3, Marie K. Roberts (first as cond.) 4, H. C. Foster 5, D. Sadler 6. First quarter by a local band.

**NANTWICH, CHES.**—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Lloyd (first in method) 1, T. S. Astbury 2, A. Merrill (first 'inside') 3, E. J. Boffey 4, F. Barnard 5, F. Ollier 6, J. E. Brough (cond.) 7, H. Stubbs 8.

**OVERTON, HANTS.**—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Irene Reading (first quarter) 1, Ruth Sanders (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. P. Holmes 3, Rev. F. A. Sanders (first quarter) 4, B. Garrett (cond.) 5, S. Smith 6.

**RAMPTON, CAMBS.**—On May 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. A. Gooding 1, M. W. Carter 2, V. Chamberlain 3, Marie K. Roberts 4, H. J. F. Muncey (first as cond.) 5.

**SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.**—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Simpson 1, D. G. Dobbie 2, B. Chittenden 3, G. Eastman 4, J. Grensted 5, G. Kenward 6, S. B. Dobbie (cond.) 7, G. Wood 8.

**SOLIHULL, BIRMINGHAM.**—On May 15th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: W. Leeson 1, C. Dale 2, V. W. Rigg 3, T. Warner 4, N. D. Lane 5, E. C. Shepherd (comp. and cond.) 6, H. Bragg 7, J. Bragg 8, C. Bragg 9, T. Abbotts 10.

**SOUTHWARK, S.E.**—On May 16th, at the Cathedral, 1,275 Grandsire Cinques: B. K. Lunn 1, J. Chilcott 2, H. Belcher 3, James Phillips 4, J. Waters 5, J. B. Sansom 6, W. J. Rawlings 7, M. V. Chilcott 8, R. F. Deal 3, J. S. Mason 10, J. Phillips (cond.) 11, C. J. Watts 12. Also on May 16th, at St. George-the-Martyr's Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. R. L. Blewer 1, T. H. Taffender 2, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 3, G. F. Bryant 4, B. G. Moore 5, C. W. Ottley 6, W. D. Grainger 7, J. Bullock 8.

**STAPLEGROVE, SOMERSET.**—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Shattock 1, J. Mathews 2, J. Brewer 3, H. Thorn 4, A. H. Reed 5, B. Besley 6.

**STAVELEY, DERBYS.**—On May 15th, 1,264 Bob Major: L. G. Palmer 1, A. E. Parsons (cond.) 2, H. Paddison 3, W. Thynne (81) 4, W. Allwood (78) 5, R. E. Moon 6, E. A. Adams 7, W. Dickinson 8.

**STEEPLE ASHTON, WILTS.**—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. H. Rose 1, Miss E. Bennett 2, R. G. Pearce 3, A. G. Moore 4, L. G. Cave (cond.) 5, C. E. Jordan 6.

**STURMINSTER NEWTON, DORSET.**—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Parsons 1, E. Hart (first quarter) 2, D. Inkpen 3, C. F. Wills (cond.) 4, W. Hart 5, C. Gay 6.

**STURRY, KENT.**—On May 15th, 1,260 Minor (being 720 of Kent and 540 Plain Bob): Miss B. Brockman (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. G. French 2, T. Young 3, W. H. Thompson 4, H. R. French 5, R. G. French (cond.) 6.

**STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.**—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Toombs 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, G. C. Cookson 4, R. Smith (cond.) 5, A. L. Dunn 6, D. H. Watson 7, R. Cooper 8.

**STRATTON, CORNWALL.**—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hicks 1, Lois M. Bown 2, R. Pearce 3, J. Sangwin 4, W. Hibbert (cond.) 5, R. Hill 6, C. Sangwin 7, H. Stacey 8.

**SULGRAVE, NORTHANTS.**—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Shellard, sen., 1, B. Saunders 2, M. Saunders 3, W. J. Chester (cond.) 4, L. Wooton 5, G. Shellard, jun., 6.

**THETFORD, NORFOLK.**—On May 15th, 720 Oxford, 720 Plain Bob Minor: G. Peck 1, D. Reeve 2, W. Bowers 3, S. Atkins 4, H. Fuller 5, J. Paul (cond.) 6, H. Ivings 7.

**THURNBY, LEICS.**—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (360 St. Simon's, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): Wm. Bott 1, P. F. Pawley 2, J. J. Pawley 3, R. Ellwood (first quarter) 4, H. L. Wykes (cond.) 5, G. Voss 6.

**ADDLINGTON, LANCS.**—On May 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob: D. Sheffield 1, E. Baldwin 2, G. B. Dickinson 3, T. Turner 4, I. Jones (cond.) 5, J. Blackburn 6. Rung on the evening of the dedication of the war memorial.

**ALFORD, Lincs.**—On May 21st: L. Slack 1, Mrs. Ivor Smith 2, Miss J. Utting (first quarter 'inside') 3, S. H. Sutton 4, I. Smith (cond.) 5, P. Unwin (first quarter) 6.

**BARTON-IN-THE-CLAY, BEDS.**—On May 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Tuttle (14, first on eight bells) 1, Miss A. Willes 2, D. Broyd 3, D. Jones (first of Bob Major as cond.) 4, M. Collings 5, J. Sinfield 6, M. Orme 7, P. Mehew 8.

**BEXLEY, KENT.**—On May 16th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss J. Cox (first of Kent) 1, J. L. Morris 2, Miss D. M. Ward (first of Kent) 3, Miss J. Elliott 4, P. P. Brown 5, Miss M. Andrews 6, A. Hall 7, Miss B. A. Thomson (first of Kent as cond.) 8.

**BIDDENHAM, BEDS.**—On May 4th, 1,260 Doubles (240 St. Simon's, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): J. R. Taylor 1, S. J. Woodcock 2, J. Long 3, S. Foskett 4, C. E. Jeffries 5, P. J. Shipton 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

**BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.**—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Skipp (first quarter) 1, P. Jones 2, H. Harding 3, M. Orme 4, S. Wallis 5, C. Smith 6, B. Sims (cond.) 7, P. Smith 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Reginald Olney, a ringer at this tower, 1912-1938, and captain for 20 years.

**CANTERBURY, KENT.**—On May 25th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. Walter 1, A. Butler 2, Miss E. Wyles 3, S. White 4, J. W. Unwin 5, S. Walter 6, D. Chistfield 7, P. Small 8, T. H. Holmes (first of Royal as cond.) 9, B. J. Luck 10. First of Royal 2 and 3.

**CARLIS BAY, CORNWALL.**—On May 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. E. G. Roast 1, P. J. Came 2, C. W. Jose 3, A. H. Eplett 4, E. W. Roast 5, G. W. Taysom 6, Rev. A. S. Roberts 7, A. Carveth (cond.) 8. For the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

**CAVERSHAM, BERKS.**—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Fogg (first of Triples) 1, S. Osborne 2, Miss P. Hart 3, T. Lanaghan (cond.) 4, E. Baughan 5, E. Busby (first quarter 'inside') 6, H. Osborne 7, L. Taylor (first quarter) 8.

**CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.**—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Cailwood 1, A. Worth 2, R. Barratt 3, E. Pimlott (cond.) 4, A. Street 5, J. P. Jackson 6. Also on Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Cailwood 1, A. Worth 2, E. Pimlott (cond.) 3, A. Campbell 4, A. Street 5, G. Barber 6.

**CHILTON, BERKS.**—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss F. Samler 1, D. Lawson 2, W. Gilks 3, P. Davies 4, W. Corderoy (cond.) 5, A. Samler (first quarter) 6.

**CRANFORD, MIDDLEX.**—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne A. Stokes 1, Eileen M. Ricketts 2, G. M. Thrush 3, D. Fowles 4, J. Chilcott (cond.) 5, J. E. Ricketts 6. A birthday compliment to J and 2.

**CRAYFORD, KENT.**—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. E. Bond 1, E. Barnett 2, W. J. Lemon 3, P. Beresford 4, D. Beresford 5, J. W. Eden 6, E. A. Barnett (cond.) 7, A. Daw 8. Rung for the 135th anniversary of the foundation of the Rochester Diocese.

**DANBURY, ESSEX.**—On April 23rd, 1,440 Minor (being 720 College Exercise and 720 Cambridge Surprise): Anne Royston 1, Mary Dowsett 2, E. W. Roast 3, Mary Shadrack 4, J. E. G. Roast 5, I. J. M. Saunders (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. George Saunders, and also for St. George's Day.

**DENHOLME, YORKS.**—On May 19th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob: V. Bairstow (cond.) 1, Anne Laycock 2, G. Ingham (first quarter) 3, R. Mann 4, B. Sullivan 5, H. B. Schofield 6.

**DRAYTON, SOMERSET.**—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Drew 1, Miss J. L. Taylor 2, T. J. Locke 3, G. Gaylard (first as cond.) 4, C. Savage 5, G. A. Hartland 6, H. J. Gaylard 7, A. Philpott (first quarter) 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

**EALING, MIDDLEX.**—At St. Stephen's Church, on May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Stephanie Bedborough (aged 13, first quarter) 1, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 2, J. E. Lewis Cockey 3, Betty Nolder (aged 13, first quarter 'inside') 4, Mary E. Shadrack 5, G. M. Harvey 6, P. A. Carter 7, T. F. Victor Neil 8. Rung for the dedication of the new fittings and memorial tablets in the Chapel of St. Luke and All Saints.

**ELTHAM, KENT.**—On May 9th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): G. Hurrell 1, F. Richardson 2, E. B. Crowder 3, J. Hurrell 4, Miss M. Hunt 5, W. Prockson 6, G. Daynes (cond.) 7, F. Hurrell 8. Also on May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Hurrell 1, E. B. Crowder 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, G. Daynes 4, F. Richardson (cond.) 5, F. Hurrell 6, W. Prockson 7, E. Long 8. A birthday compliment to E. Long.

## QUARTER PEALS

**GLASGOW.**—On May 18th, at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1,320 Doubles (660 Stedman and 720 Grandsire): W. Wainwright 1, H. F. Sargent (cond.) 2, T. C. Winderim 3, E. A. Stafford 4, E. Bumphrey 5, J. J. Blowers (first quarter) 6. First of Doubles for all except 3rd. Rung to mark the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Sear.

**GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.**—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Monica Hawkins 1, F. R. Hawkins 2, J. Penfold 3, A. C. Rye 4, F. A. Rye (cond.) 5, Ann Vine 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Janet Wells and Mr. Frederick W. Lawrence, both members of the local company.

**GRITTLETON, WILTS.**—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. E. Billings 1, H. G. Blanchard 2, B. Southwood 3, H. Heath 4, H. E. Blacker (cond.) 5, G. R. Eyles 6. A farewell to C. A. Tester (R.A.F., Hullavington) on the eve of his 'demob.' Owing to a recent operation he was unable to take part.

**HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.**—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Goldsmith (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Unstead (first quarter 'inside') 2, G. Gadd (cond.) 3, E. Breed 4, W. Stepany 5, E. Hobden 6.

**HELMDON, NORTHANTS.**—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Cleaver (first quarter) 1, Valerie Blake (first quarter) 2, W. A. Yates (cond.) 3, M. Saunders 4, B. Saunders 5, H. Cleaver (first quarter) 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. A. Yates 1, C. Haynes 2, B. Saunders 3, W. J. Chester (cond.) 4, M. Saunders 5, J. Seckington (first quarter) 6.

**KINGSBURY EPISCOPI, SOMERSET.**—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Boyce (first quarter) 1, H. W. Pearce 2, R. P. Salway (first as cond.) 3, W. H. Poole 4, A. W. Dyer 5, W. G. Turk 6.

**LINDLEY, YORKS.**—On May 9th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss M. Richardson 1, D. Roebuck 2, A. W. Bond (cond.) 3, P. Aspinall 4, D. Kaye 5, H. H. Smith 6, D. Sharples 7, A. Rothery 8. First of Bob Major 1, 2 and 5.

**MARSTON, OXON.**—On May 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Holloway 1, Miss C. Woodward 2, Miss M. Gould 3, R. Jones 4, T. Bowles (cond.) 5. First quarter for all except conductor.

**NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.**—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Knight (first of Triples) 1, H. J. Hunt 2, L. E. Hitchins 3, F. S. Slatford (cond.) 4, A. Knight (first of Triples) 5, P. W. J. Harding 6, C. Barber 7, J. Case 8. Rung by the Sunday service band as a farewell to C. Barber.

**ROCHDALE, LANCS.**—On May 11th, at St. Mary's Church, Balderstone, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Casterton 1, F. Prichard 2, K. Abbott 3, I. W. Taylor 4, P. J. H. Hudson 5, J. Taylor (cond.) 6.

**SALEHURST, SUSSEX.**—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Hook 1, E. Avery 2, J. H. Edwards 3, F. J. Lambert 4, G. King 5, A. Hoad 6, W. H. Hoad (cond.) 7, A. Smith 8. A welcome to the Rev. E. W. Rudge after his induction as Vicar. Also a 70th birthday compliment to the 3rd.

**SANDHURST, BERKS.**—On May 20th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Sheila Revell (first of Treble Bob) 1, F. Cooper 2, W. J. Parker 3, L. W. Paice 4, C. W. Barlow 5, W. J. Paice (cond.) 6. Rung for Miss S. Revell (14), who has gained her Girl Guides' ringers' badge.

**STATED, ESSEX.**—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Jarman (first quarter) 1, C. J. Barker 2, A. Saunders 3, Hilda M. Snowden 4, A. R. Syder 5, Hilda G. Snowden (cond.) 6.

**STOCKLAND, DEVON.**—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Jean Stevens 1, Mrs. D. Belamy 2, Pamela M. Stevens 3, C. J. Stevens (cond.) 4, W. Moore 5, C. F. Joyce 6.

**UPTON PYNE, EXETER.**—On May 7th, 1,440 Minor (720 Plain Bob, 720 St. Clement's): J. Andrews 1, J. Quick 2, S. Skinner (cond.) 3, F. Wreford 4, J. L. S. Glanville 5, B. Pidgeon 6.

**WANLIP, LEICS.**—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Baker 1, G. C. J. Wakefield 2, O. T. Northwood 3, Miss G. Lunnion 4, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 5, R. Bowles 6. First quarter on the bells. First quarter peal by all, who are members of the Sunday service band and choir and Servers' Guild.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Mayne (cond.) 1, Miss M. Chapple (first quarter) 2, A. Dix 3, E. Durant 4, W. Wenban 5, S. Hoare 6, J. Rootes 7, R. King 8.

**WESTBURY, WILTS.**—On May 9th, at All Saints' Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Brown (first of Major) 1, Miss E. D. Overend 2, B. Blaydon 3, T. B. Holloway 4, S. Evans 5, A. M. Tyler (cond.) 6, G. W. Massey 7, Enid L. Roberts 8.

**WHITCHURCH, OXON.**—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Allum (first quarter) 1, Lucy Slade 2, W. D. Short 3, H. Winfield 4, G. J. Heams (cond.) 5, J. Chambers 6.

**WINTERBOURNE, GLOS.**—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Ray 1, E. Anstey 2, W. R. Hendy 3, E. Thomas 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, S. Hawker (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. F. Curtis, tower captain, 1927-53.

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

### Compositions of All Peals to New Peal Secretary

**B**EDFORD was again the meeting place for members of the Bedfordshire Association attending the annual meeting on Easter Monday and it was encouraging for the committee to find an increased attendance. This year the committee experimented by reverting to the old custom of holding the business meeting in the morning, and this move resulted in an attendance of 43 members, a 20 per cent. increase on last year's figures.

The president, Miss E. Steel, opened the meeting by explaining she was suffering from a cold and, consequently, she would ask Mr. A. E. Sharman, vice-president, to take the chair. Apologies were then read from Canon A. Rust, Mr. A. King, Mr. E. Herbert and Mr. H. D. Harris. Copies of the annual report for 1953 had been in the hands of members for several weeks, and the minutes of the previous annual meeting, the statement of accounts and the committee's report (all of which were printed in the report) were taken as read and quickly adopted.

The officers of the Association were all re-elected, as follows:—President, Miss E. Steel; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. King, E. Herbert, A. E. Sharman, H. D. Harris, W. Stapleton, C. J. Ball, L. H. Bywaters and P. Inskip; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. M. Stephens; auditor, Mr. G. H. Mason; librarian, Mr. S. Foskett; assistant librarian, Mr. D. Thompson.

### CENTRAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Consternation was expressed by the meeting when the two retiring Central Council representatives, Messrs. A. C. Sinfeld and C. H. Harding, announced their decision to decline renomination to the Council. This drew much discussion from members. Eventually Mr. S. Foskett and the general secretary agreed to attend the Newcastle meeting, and at the same time the meeting agreed to the payment of the representatives' third-class railway fares to all future meetings of the Central Council.

Bedford was proposed for the place of the 1955 annual meeting. Luton was put forward as an amendment, and the ensuing vote resulted in overwhelming support for the original proposal. It was agreed that the summer festival should be held on June 26th at the two eight-bell towers of Kempston and Bromham, with the tea arrangements at Kempston.

Previous notice of a proposition to make an addition to Rule 3 had been given by Mr. C. E. Jeffries. This was the insertion of 'Hon. Peal Secretary' to the list of Officers, and after an explanation of the post and duties entailed, Mr. Jeffries asked the meeting to install Mr. D. Knox in this office. Mr. H. Harding seconded the proposition and this was carried by the meeting. As a result of this election, composers of new compositions are invited to send Mr. Knox their figures for him to check, and conductors are asked to note that in future the compositions of all peals rung for the Association must be sent to the peal secretary.

The meeting unanimously agreed to hold another Association dinner in the autumn, when it was hoped that the accommodation would be sufficient to extend invitations to members' ringing friends in other Associations and Guilds. The general secretary and the three District secretaries were instructed to proceed with the arrangements.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. H. B. Whitney to the chairman.

**TEWKESBURY, GLOS.**—At the Abbey Church, on May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles; Mrs. G. Thomas 1, N. Sprackling 2, Miss A. Turner 3, Miss P. Sprackling 4, H. Stead 5, J. Cole (cond.) 6, E. Leach 7, A. Halling 8. With 1 and 2 leading.

**THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.**—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob); Miss M. Skinner 1, Miss J. Horton 2, Miss H. Skinner 3, C. B. Skinner 4, B. W. Farhall (cond.) 5, W. Cherriman 6.

## FORTY YEARS AGO

### REVOLUTIONARY DISCOVERIES

#### Extract from 'The Ringing World' June 12th, 1914

It was agreed on all hands after the Central Council meeting at Winchester last week that the one thing that lifted the proceedings out of mediocrity was the speech by Mr. E. H. Lewis on the question of the stresses and strains on towers caused by the ringing of bells. Really the subject is a highly technical one . . . but those who had the pleasure of listening to Mr. Lewis had the whole subject made as plain as daylight to them by a dissertation which treated a most abstruse subject in a way which enabled everyone to grasp its meaning. But the importance of it lay [in] that the speech made public for the first time certain principles which, as the result of research and investigation, will, we are told by no less authority than Sir Arthur Heywood, absolutely revolutionise bellhanging. Hitherto the generally accepted principles have been those laid down by Lord Grimthorpe, but the problems which Mr. Lewis has successfully solved have completely knocked the bottom out of many preconceived notions as to the relation of the bells to the frame and tower. In this matter valuable information, hitherto unknown, is now at the disposal of both architects and bellhangers.

[A correspondent commented: 'It is significant that the three members of the Council who are also members of leading bellhanging firms (Messrs. John W. Taylor, Cyril F. Johnston and Arthur Hughes) expressed themselves as deeply impressed by Mr. Lewis' statements.']

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**THOMPSETT.**—At St. Woolos' Hospital, Newport, Mon., on May 30th, 1954, to Vivien, wife of William Thompsett, twin daughters. 4531

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### CANCELLATIONS

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—There will be no meeting on July 17th owing to outings, etc., of the Northern Branch.—J. L. G. H. HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—The monthly practices for June 19th and July 17th have been cancelled. 4547

### MEETINGS

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Peak and Chesterfield Districts.—Joint meeting, Saturday, June 12th. Edensor (6), 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Baslow (6), 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—H. E. Taylor, A. B. Cooper, District Secs. 4517

**DEVON GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Crediton (8, 27½ cwt.), Saturday, June 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea, Kilton Cafe, 5. More ringing after meeting. 4450

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 12th, Tanfield (St. Margaret's). Tea arranged.—C. T. Lamb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4525

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Lamberhurst (6), June 12th. Names to Mr. W. Morland, Court Lodge, in whose garden tea will be served. Look up London Surprise.—C. A. Bassett. 4500

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cambs and Hunts Districts.—Joint meeting at Bourn, Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, H. S. Peacock, Dis. Secs. 4519

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting, Great Bardfield, June 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30.—H. A. Pratt. 4459

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.W. District.—Meeting at Thaxted (8) on Saturday, June 12th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Church Hall. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 4508

**GRAMMAR AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION.**—Monthly meeting, Ockbrook, Derbyshire, June 12th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m.-8 p.m. All welcome.—P. I. Skinner. 4529

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Combined practice 6-9 p.m. at Bentley (6), Saturday, June 12th.—G. S. G. Joyce, Dis. Sec., 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 4499

**LADIES' GUILD.**—West Midland District.—Annual meeting to be held at Coleshill on June 12th. Bells at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to be sent to Audrey A. Timms, 28, Westminster Road, Coventry. 4505

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 12th, St. George's, Barkingside, two minutes' Gants Hill Station, 3 p.m.-4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Business meeting, St. Mary's, Woodford, South Woodford Station, 6 p.m. and further ringing.—L. W. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 4509

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Harrow Weald on Saturday, June 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—T. J. Lock. 4487

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting, High Ercall, June 12th. Usual arrangements, but no tea available unless you have already advised W. A. Farmer. 4545

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Meeting at Windsor (Berks) Parish Church, Saturday, June 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15 followed by tea and business meeting. Slough bells (10) available 6.30-8 p.m.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 4483

**SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting at Stanford-le-Hope (8) on Saturday, June 12th at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please make own arrangements; cafe near church. Further ringing after tea. 4507

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Nutfield, June 12th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. 4464

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Micheldever, June 12th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Village Hall. 4461

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Andover District.—Practice meeting, Andover, June 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in local cafe.—G. K. Dodd. 4510

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—Wednesday, June 16th, practice meeting at Lodgers (6) and Bradpole (8). Bells available 6.30–9 p.m. All welcome.—Barrett, Beaminster. 4541

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at Nether Stowey (just rehung), June 19th, 6.30 p.m.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 4557

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Butcombe, June 19th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 4538

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Wilmslow, June 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise, before June 15th, Mr. S. Sage, 71, Oak Lane, Wilmslow.—C. K. Lewis. 4534

**DEVON GUILD.**—Joint meeting at Chudleigh, Saturday, June 19th. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 4555

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Neots (8) on Saturday, June 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea available at nearby cafes.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 4561

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Cirencester Branch.—North Cerney (6), June 19th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and Business 5. Names essential by June 16th. Rendcomb (6) in evening.—Ralph Wenban, Williamstrip, Coln St. Aldwyn, Cirencester. 4528

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Thames Ditton (6) on Saturday, June 19th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, by June 16th. 4548

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Welwyn, June 19th, 3–4 p.m. only, and Kimpton 4–4.45 and in evening. Tea at Kimpton. Special methods: Single Court and Single Norwich.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 4530

**LADIES' GUILD** (North Eastern District) and **DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION** (Northern District).—Meeting at SS. James and Basil's, Fenham, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on Saturday, June 19th. Ringing commencing at 3 p.m. 4513

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting, Waterfoot, on Saturday, June 19th. Bells from 3. Meeting in tower at 6. All ringers welcomed.—J. Porter. 4559

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mark's, Worsley, June 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Meeting following tea. Names for tea to P. Derbyshire, 251, Beesley Green, Worsley, by 16th.—R. Benson. 4543

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Blackrod on Saturday, June 19th. Bells available 2.30. Tea 5, moderate charge. Business 6.—J. Thornley, Sec. 4539

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leicester District.—Meeting, Gilmorton, on June 19th (Wigston Magna not available). Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in schoolrooms at 5. ESSENTIAL that names reach George Broughton, Main Street, Gilmorton, Rugby, by Tuesday, June 15th. 4542

**LAVENHAM.**—143rd Ringing Anniversary, Saturday, June 19th. Bells from 2 p.m. Cafe opposite church. Everyone welcome.—S. H. Symonds. 4524

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Peckleton, June 19th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5. Please notify by June 16th Mr. Hall, Main Street, Peckleton, Leicester. 4554

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Monmouth Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Llangibby, Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by June 14th, please.—Jacqueline Evans, 1, Hughes Crescent, Chepstow, Mon. 4481

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Meeting, Lutton (6), June 19th. Usual arrangements and times. Names to Mr. G. R. G. Butler, Lutton, Spalding, by June 12th. 4523

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Next meeting, Hoar Cross, Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify T. G. Pott, Hoar Cross, Burton-on-Trent. 4552

**NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting at Gresford, Saturday, June 19th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Business and tea to follow. Names for tea, please, by June 16th to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 4553

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION** and **SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A joint meeting of the South Norfolk Branch and Suffolk Guild will be held at Thetford on Saturday, June 19th. St. Peter's (8 bells) from 2.30 p.m. Service St. Peter's 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All names for tea, by Tuesday, 15th, to Mr. H. B. Fuller, 97, Nelson Crescent, Thetford, Norfolk. Elveden, Suffolk (8 bells) after tea.—A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec. 4506

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South Oxon Branch.—Annual Branch meeting at Watlington, Saturday, June 19th. Bells at 3. Service at 4. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea by June 15th.—H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. Telephone Thame 193. 4502

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Cranborne on June 19th. Service at 4.30. Tea for those who notify I. Davis, Restormel, 37, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone, by Wednesday, June 16th. Wimborne St. Giles in the evening. Everybody welcome. 4548

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—Next meeting, Aldbourne, Saturday, June 19th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough. 4546

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Annual meeting, Lichfield, June 19th. Bells: Cathedral (10) 2.30–3.15 and 6.15–7 p.m.; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 2.30. Service St. Mary's 3.30. Tea 4.15. Tickets for tea, accompanied by a deposit of 1s., from Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourne. No applications accepted after Tuesday, June 15th. No ticket—no tea. 4504

**ST. DAVID'S GUILD.**—Annual meeting at Carmarthen on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carmar. 4531

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—A special general meeting will be held at Croydon on June 19th to elect a Master and revise rules. Bells available: St. Peter's (10) 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.; St. John-the-Baptist (12) 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.45. Notifications for tea to W. F. Oatway, 233, Thornton Road, West Croydon. 4533

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Hurstpierpoint, June 19th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service. Please notify for tea (5 p.m.), by June 16th, to: C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 4526

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Halesworth District.—Meeting at Southwold (8) on June 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. S. Payne, Southwold. 4496

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Southern District), **BARNSELY, DONCASTER AND SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETIES.**—Annual joint meeting at Wath-on-Dearne, June 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Green, 28, Sandymount Road, Wath-on-Dearne, by Thursday, June 17th. 4520

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 19th, at Skipton. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Names for tea should reach Mr. C. S. Scott, 2, Prospect Place, Skipton, not later than Thursday, June 17th. Subscriptions are now due and annual reports for 1953 available.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4498

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The Summer Festival meeting will be held at Kempston on June 26th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea on the Vicarage lawn at 5 p.m. Names to J. M. Stephens, General Secretary. 4551

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT.**—Annual meeting and prize contest, Elland, June 26th. For teas apply, by June 19th, F. Linfoot, 78, Elland Lane, Elland. Entrance fee, 10s., to A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Roughton, Mossley, Manchester, Lancs. 4514

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Meeting at Folkestone (8), June 26th. Bells 3.15. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea must reach Mr. F. J. Whittaker, 76, Surrenden Road, Folkestone, by Tuesday, June 22nd.—W. P. G. 4544

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Singleton postponed to June 26th. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. James Wilson, 20, Church Road, Singleton, not later than Wednesday, June 23rd.—J. H. Foster. 4550

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Courteenhall, Saturday, June 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, by June 21st, to G. F. Roome, 31, Clare Street, Northampton. 4527

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Lakenheath (6), Saturday, June 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss E. M. Peckett. 4540

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—Annual Festival, Brecon, June 26th. Service in the Cathedral 3 p.m., address by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. St. Mary's bells (8) available 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.; St. David's, Brecon (6), and St. Margaret's, Llanfeigan (8), also available if required.—J. A. Hoare, Gen. Sec. 4491

**THAMES VALLEY RINGING FESTIVAL.**—Saturday, June 26th. Ringing at Staines. St. Mary's (8), Wraybury (8) and Egham (8) from 3 p.m. Tea in Egham Parish Church Hall 5 p.m. Ringing from 6 p.m. at Egham, Staines. St. Peter's (8) and Old Windsor (8). Names for tea to D. Froome, 39, Manor Way, Egham, by June 23rd. 4549

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kinver, Saturday, June 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 4537

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Annual meeting at Bridlington, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) available 2 to 9 p.m. Short service in church 4.15. Meat tea (4s. each) at 5. Names to Mr. J. A. Parker, Higher Waterworks, Mill Lane, Bridlington. Business meeting for election of officers, etc.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 4535

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**TIRLEY, GLOS.**—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Bullock 1, T. Steward (cond.) 2, H. S. Ball 3, F. Chamberlain 4, E. Franklin 5, A. Chamberlain 6.

**WATTLINGTON, NORFOLK.**—On May 15th, 1,260 Minor (360 St. Clement's, 900 Plain Bob): A. Bridges 1, P. Gagen 2, E. Barker 3, W. W. Cousins (cond.) 4, Cyril Cousins 5, C. Cousins 6.

**WOKINGHAM, BERKS.**—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Woodason 1, E. Langley 2, H. Dyer 3, Mary F. A. Cole 4, H. Mitchell 5, T. Langley 6, W. Pearce (cond.) 7, E. Pearce 8.

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