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MR. GREATHEART

ON May 3rd, Mr. Albert Walker celebrated his 80th birthday, and the event did not pass unnoticed in the City of Birmingham, nor, indeed, in other parts of the country. For Mr. Walker is a national figure in the ringing Exercise, and has a career that is long and remarkable. Here is a life that stretches back almost to the Franco-Prussian War, and a ringing career that links several distinct generations of famous men.

The John Buffery-Harry Bastable generation, men who knew and worked with Henry Johnson, saw the beginnings of Mr. Walker's connection with St. Martin's Church and Guild, and at the present day the notable company of Birmingham ringers still counts him as a live and active participant. Between these extremes come his associations with John Carter, Tom Miller and the circle that gathered round the Cathedral, the magnificent Stedman Cinques bands of the great days of James Groves, Alfred Paddon Smith, Percy Laffin, the kindly warm-hearted George Swann, and many others, and the brilliant handbell bands that included Haynes, Perrins, Pervin, Smallwood, Norman and Morris J. Morris.

There are really fine and exciting things for Mr. Walker to look back upon, and one wonders which of his many splendid experiences stand foremost in his mind. Perhaps it is the general recollection of the great number of cathedrals and twelve-bell towers in which he has rung peals; perhaps it is the thought that he has rung well over five hundred twelve-bell peals; it may be the prodigious feat of five twelve-bell peals in one week, or that supremely brilliant handbell peal of Stedman Cinques, non-conducted, when the pairs of bells to be rung were drawn for just before the peal began. These, and many more perform-

ances, spring to the mind, but there are some we forget at this moment, feats that doubtless are quite clear and unforgettable in Mr. Walker's encyclopædic mind. But those who know Mr. Walker may suspect that some of his most pleasant recollections are of the social side of his ringing, of the Henry Johnson Dinner, of jolly outings and ringing trips, of the gathering of the select few round certain tables, of the privileged friends who met to celebrate the golden wedding with two peals of Stedman Cinques and a comprehensive supper.

For the friendly side is the one most apparent in Albert Walker, and it breaks forth at times in sparkling fun and an impishness that might (but for his technical ability and complete control) well appear irresponsible.

As a conductor of Stedman Cinques he is unparalleled, and his resource and invention in this direction are astonishing. A peal on an unusual plan, a novel turning course, a staggering 'Single at 18,' a surprising homing of the bells: to join with him in these simple joys is a bracing experience; and it is clearly the wish of Mr. Walker that all should share his enjoyment and imitate his conductorship.

This vivacity, mental alertness and competence seem to be derived from an outlook that finds the world very full of a number of things, that finds delight in a boxing match, that secures intellectual pleasure from an organ recital or a symphony concert, and spiritual renascence in the Sunday services at St. Martin's Church.

This seems to be the secret that enables Albert Walker to touch the long-past days and at the same time to be in the forefront of modern thought, wise in years and youthful in enterprise. Well may everyone who has known him echo the words of Mr. Standfast to his conductor Mr. Greatheart: 'Since the time I knew you, you have been profitable to me.'

The whole ringing Exercise will congratulate Mr. Walker and his consort on this notable occasion.

E. C. S.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

CROYDON, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., April 21, 1956, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

JOHN WALDEN Treble	JOHN WORTH 7
JOHN FREEMAN 2	JOHN HILL 8
JOHN THOMAS 3	JOHN S. MASON 9
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	JOHN R. MAYNE 10
*JOHN N. DISERENS 5	JOHN H. CRAMPION 11
†JOHN ARMSTRONG 6	JOHN E. CHILCOTT Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal of Maximus. † First peal on 12 bells. The first 'name' peal of Surprise Maximus.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 21, 1956, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 35½ cwt.

*THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY .. Treble	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 7
PETER WOODWARD 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 8
†HOWARD SCOTT 3	JAMES H. KIRBY 9
†HAROLD CHANT 4	JOHN E. KIRBY 10
J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 5	†CHARLES BARKER 11
†DAVID CUBITT 6	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* 150th peal. † First peal of Maximus.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. Whitaker, both of whom are members of the local band.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 2, 1956, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

*ELISABETH A. G. GRIME .. Treble	†ARNOLD COLE 6
RONALD J. SHARP 2	FREDERICK SEAGER .. 7
†JOHN F. BRYANT 3	†J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 8
GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. 4	*†PHILIP MEHEW 9
†JOHN H. FIELDEN 5	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by J. WOOD.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal in the method. ‡ 75th peal. First peal on ten bells as conductor. First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal on the bells.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Thurs., April 5, 1956, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. Treble	†ROBIN A. HODGSON .. 6
*RUTH M. K. HOW 2	†DAVID HODGSON 7
*SHIRLEY V. RYMER 3	*DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 8
WILFRID F. MORETON .. 4	†PETER R. SANDERS .. 9
†DAVID A. EDWARDS .. 5	*RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Little Bob Royal. † First peal of Royal. First peal in the method for the Society. The Society's 100th peal on tower bells.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	PETER LAFLIN 6
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. 7
BASIL JONES 3	ALAN J. BROWN 8
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 9
ALAN A. POTTS 5	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by W. PYE.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., April 14, 1956, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM A. FARMER .. Treble	†CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 6
*SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 2	LESLIE BARRY 7
DAVID W. BEARD 3	PETER BAKER 8
FREDERICK G. NURDEN .. 4	THOMAS BOREHAM .. 9
VALERIE WILLARD 5	EDWIN T. NEWBURY .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal in the method and of Caters. First peal in the method and of Caters as conductor.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 14, 1956, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRANK V. GANT Treble	*JOHN ARMSTRONG 6
*BARRY COOK 2	*BRIAN J. HOWARD .. 7
JOHN H. CRAMPION .. 3	*PHILIP A. SADLER .. 8
*BERNARD C. SADLER .. 4	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON 9
PHILIP J. COWARD 5	ALFRED J. HOUSE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter, Christine Mary, to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard C. Sadler.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 14, 1956, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK TAYLOR Treble	*A. ROY WHITHYMAN .. 6
RONALD C. NOON 2	*HORACE BENNETT .. 7
JOHN E. ALLEN 3	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. 8
MAURICE BENNETT 4	STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 9
JOHN G. AMES 5	CYRIL R. BURRELL Tenor

Composed by EDWARD FRANCIS.

Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Royal as conductor.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 16, 1956, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

*ROGER A. LENNARD .. Treble	*ROBERT L. PIRON .. 6
†C. HENRY HARDING .. 2	*ALAN SMITH 7
RONALD J. SHARP 3	*SC. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. 8
†PETER J. SHIPTON .. 4	†SBRYAN PATTISON .. 9
*JOHN W. SINFIELD .. 5	BRYAN F. SIMS Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD.

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

* First peal of Caters. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal on ten bells. § 25th peal together. First peal of Caters as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. E. Jeffries and Mr. D. Thompson, a ringer at this tower for over 60 years.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN P. FIDLER Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 6
HAROLD MARCON 2	REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 8
MRS. P. POOLE 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 9
GORDON A. HALLS 5	PETER J. STANFORTH .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., April 21, 1956, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

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

*DONALD H. NIBLETT .. Treble	*ROGER KEELEY 6
*HERBERT H. ALEXANDER .. 2	*FREDERICK VICKERS .. 7
CHARLES COLES 3	†GEORGE F. BURTON .. 8
†DAPHNE R. CASTELL .. 4	*GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 9
*EDMUND E. PEARSON .. 5	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. † First peal of Royal.

Rung for the 30th birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

C. HAROLD WHITTON .. Treble	FRANK TAYLOR 5
BERNARD H. DALTON 2	JOHN G. AMES 6
HAROLD BARSLEY 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 7
GEORGE R. G. BUTLER .. 4	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in D.

GILES C. GALLEY Treble	*CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. 5
GILLIAN A. SMITH 2	DEREK P. JONES 6
*JOHN G. GIPSON 3	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON .. 7
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal in the method.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., April 10, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

URBAN W. WILDNEY Treble	GEORGE W. WATERMAN .. 5
RODERICK W. PIPE 2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 6
MARION H. MILLS 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
MICHAEL A. MILLS 4	RONALD W. STEWARD .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.

MRS. L. BOUMPHREY Treble	JOHN WORTH 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	ERNEST BOUMPHREY .. 6
JUNE M. HENSHAW 3	PETER LAFLIN 7
BASIL JONES 4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

BARNES, LONDON, S.W.
LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., April 14, 1956, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES A. HALES Treble	WILFRID G. WILSON .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 2	FRANK R. L. BLEWER .. 6
NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH .. 3	PETER J. HUTCHINGS .. 7
JOHN HALES 4	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by N. G. HOLLINGWORTH.

First peal in the method as conductor, and the first peal on the bells for 20 years.

Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, Rev. A. C. Heath, M.A., and as an 89th birthday compliment to Mr. W. T. Elson, who conducted the first peal on these bells in 1903.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., April 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb.

WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING .. 5
CECIL W. PIPE 2	LESLIE G. BRETT 6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	FRANK BLOOMFIELD .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 5
*GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. 2	J. HENRY FIELDEN 6
MILTON C. FOWLER 3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 7
HOWARD SCOTT 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in the method.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

MARY C. PAYNE Treble	ERNEST J. JELLEY 5
*RICHARD PRIME 2	HARRY POYNER 6
JOHN M. JELLEY 3	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 7
*JEAN A. BROOKES 4	†BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

* First peal in the method. † 300th tower-bell peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's.

Tenor 25 cwt.

ARTHUR H. REED Treble	JOSEPH T. BARRETT 5
WALTER H. POOLE 2	*ALBERT W. DYER 6
RAYMOND P. SALWAY 3	WILLIAM G. GIGG 7
HENRY G. KEELEY 4	WILLIAM G. TURK Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman on the bells. A 50th birthday compliment to the tenorman.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HUBERT E. ASHLEY Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 5
DENNIS BERESFORD 2	*PETER BERESFORD 6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. 7
JOAN BERESFORD 4	GEORGE E. OLIVER Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

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

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THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., April 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

LESLIE EVANS	Treble	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT ..	5
FREDERICK R. HARRIS ..	2	REGINALD T. JONES ..	6
*PHILIP G. MORGAN ..	3	AUSTIN T. WINGATE ..	7
GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ..	4	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal in the method. The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb.

COLIN A. TESTER	Treble	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ..	5
PETER N. BOND	2	RAYMOND OVERY ..	6
WILLIAM T. BEESON ..	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ..	7
E. WINIFRED KEYS ..	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ..	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., April 15, 1956, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 992 changes of London, 768 Bristol, 1,664 Superlative and 1,632 Cambridge, with 106 changes of method, and with all the work of the four methods for each bell. Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN R. COOPER	Treble	ROBERT COLLINS ..	5
GEOFFREY PEARSON ..	2	MARK W. MARSHALL ..	6
*BARBARA A. MITCHELL ..	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ..	7
†JOHN L. MORRIS ..	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ..	Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* 100th peal. † First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 16, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER ..	Treble	*HARRY POYNER ..	5
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE ..	2	*WM. A. LACEY ..	6
*ERNEST MORRIS ..	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON ..	7
JOHN A. ACRES ..	4	PETER J. STANFORTH ..	Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by HARRY POYNER.
* First peal in the method.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 16, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

NORMAN CHADDOCK ..	Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER ..	5
*MILTON C. FOWLER ..	2	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN ..	6
WILLIAM H. JACKSON ..	3	FREDERICK J. JACKSON ..	7
HOWARD SCOTT ..	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* 200th peal. First peal in the method by all the band except the treble ringer.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in E.

*DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS ..	Treble	†GEORGE FRANCIS ..	5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ..	2	RALPH BIRD ..	6
†ERNEST TREAGUS ..	3	A. PATRICK CANNON ..	7
†W. LESLIE WELLER ..	4	LEONARD STILWELL ..	Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Yorkshire. Mr. L. Stilwell first rang a peal at Arundel on April 16th, 1906, and now 'completes the circle.'

A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. W. L. Weller.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ..	Treble	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN ..	5
JOSEPH W. COTTON ..	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY ..	6
ERNEST MORRIS ..	3	JOHN M. JELLEY ..	7
JOHN A. ACRES ..	4	BRIAN G. WARWICK ..	Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
Composition contains 216 7-8's at back-stroke, the greatest number yet obtained.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wed., April 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

GEORGE E. OLIVER ..	Treble	PETER BERESFORD ..	5
JOAN A. BERESFORD ..	2	JEFFREY B. WEBB ..	6
J. EDWARD CAWSE ..	3	EDMUND MALIN ..	7
*FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK ..	4	DENNIS BERESFORD ..	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.
* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 19, 1956, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Extent of 4, 6, 8 and 22 courses 6, 7, 8.		Tenor 6 cwt.	
MADLINE SMITH ..	Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY ..	5
JOSEPH W. COTTON ..	2	BRIAN G. WARWICK ..	6
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ..	3	G. RONALD EDWARDS ..	7
ERNEST MORRIS ..	4	ROLAND BENISTON ..	Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 19, 1956, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.	
*HORACE W. EASEY ..	Treble	*JOHN W. G. KINDRED ..	5
A. WILLIAM BIRD ..	2	PETER KINDRED ..	6
*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN ..	3	*MICHAEL SOLLEY ..	7
EDWIN R. GOATE ..	4	†JOHN ALLEN ..	Tenor

Conducted by PETER KINDRED.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

Rung to welcome home John Allen from Germany, on completion of his National Service.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thurs., April 19, 1956, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 JEDBURGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER ..	Treble	JOHN R. MAYNE ..	5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL ..	2	THOMAS J. LOCK ..	6
STEPHEN J. IVIN ..	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ..	7
ALICK CUTLER ..	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
The first peal in the method.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 21, 1956, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY'S-WITHIN-THE-WALLS.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE F. SPERRING ..	Treble	PERCY SWINDLEY ..	5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD ..	2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD ..	6
HENRY O. BAKER ..	3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ..	7
F. HECTOR BENNETT ..	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Her Majesty the Queen.

SIX BELL PEALS

MADELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Fri., April 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and St. Clement's, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 26 lb.

†IAN G. PIDOUX Treble	†DAVID HODGSON 4
†PHYLLIS J. HOLBORN 2	ROBIN A. HODGSON 5
†JOHN F. W. READ 3	DONALD H. NIBLETT .. Tenor

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

* First peal on tower bells. † First peal in four Minor methods.
 ‡ First peal in four Minor methods 'inside.' First peal in four Minor methods as conductor.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., April 8, 1956, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. in A.

JAMES BENNETT Treble	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 4
RODERICK W. PIPE 2	RONALD W. STEWARD .. 5
WILLIAM J. BUTTON 3	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. A. Shallard, widow of the late Rector of Burgh, who died April 6th and would have been 90 this day.

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 9, 1956, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

*TERENCE J. MILSOM Treble	†LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR .. 4
TUDOR P. EDWARDS 2	ROGER O. FRY 5
RICHARD J. BOWDEN 3	*ALAN F. LEE Tenor

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

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

WINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., April 11, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 20 lb. in F sharp.

*GEORGE PEARL Treble	GEORGE FILBY, SEN. .. 4
BARBARA M. FILBY 2	ROBERT PLUMMER 5
CHARLES BROWN 3	GEORGE FILBY, JUN. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FILBY, JUN.

* First peal.

Run $\frac{3}{4}$ for the 25th wedding anniversary of the treble ringer.

HEADINGTON, OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 240 Stedman, 720 All Saints', 960 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 960 Reverse Canterbury, 960 Plain Bob, 1,200 Grandsire.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN CRUICKSHANK Treble	VERNON GREEN 4
DAVID WOODWARD 2	TOM SMITH 5
ROBIN TREBILCOCK 3	REG. BROWN Tenor

Conducted by TOM SMITH

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. D. Eastman, who was inducted Vicar of St. Andrew's on April 6th.

ANSTEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. ALBANS DELIGHT MINOR

Being a 2,160 and four extents (C.C.C. Nos. 136, 129—132).

Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

JILL MAYES Treble	DEREK P. JONES 4
RONALD J. SHARP 2	JOHN W. SINFIELD 5
STEPHEN IVIN 3	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First complete peal in this method (C.C.C. 4D. 20). First peal on the bells for nearly 22 years: the previous peal was the first of four peals in that day by one band (May 21st, 1934).



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ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being two 720's each of Double Oxford and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Single Oxford. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*ROLAND H. COOK Treble	ALAN CATTELL 4
ERNEST MORRIS 2	J. HARRY COOK 5
RICHARD E. MANTON 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First of Treble Bob Minor.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., April 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and four extents of Plain Bob called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

JOHN J. PRENTICE Treble	LEONARD S. SHARPE 4
ALICE E. J. LESTER 2	RONALD W. STEWARD 5
JAMES B. MORLEY 3	ROBERT E. LESTER Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.

First peal in four methods as conductor.

COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 14, 1956, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, consisting of eight extents of All Saints', 12 of Plain Bob, 20 of Grandsire and 240 Morris's. Tenor 19½ cwt.

ROBERT J. COURT Treble	FREDERICK G. COOK 4
T. ARTHUR PALMER 2	GEORGE A. NEWMAN 5
FREDERICK J. READ 3	*THOMAS TAPLIN Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK READ.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. First peal in three methods by all.

LOXTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWARD F. CONNOCK Treble	F. CECIL MOGFORD 4
MICHAEL HORSEMAN 2	LEONARD DERRICK 5
MARJORIE LEGG 3	GEORGE PRESCOTT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

A birthday compliment to E. F. Connock.

NEW BUCKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK C. J. ARNOLD Treble	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS 4
MRS. J. R. SMITH 2	FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO 5
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	*JOHN R. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

* 300th peal. The ringer of the fourth has now 'circled the tower.'

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 35 methods: (1) Skipton, Chepstow, Balmoral, Fotheringay and Dover Delight; (2) Knutsford, Rostherne, Wilmslow, Bogedone and Ely Delight; (3) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; (4) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV, Old Oxford and Marple Delight; (5) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob; (6) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight; (7) Capel Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. Treble	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON 4
*IVOR JENKINS 2	NEIL D. LOMAS 5
ERIC SIMPSON 3	DENIS MOTTERTSHEAD Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERTSHEAD.

* First peal in 35 methods.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon J. G. S. Winstanley, Vicar of this parish, and Samuel Smith, a ringer at the above church for many years.

SWAVESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*CHRIS. R. F. MUNCEY .. Treble	HAROLD J. MUNCEY 4
STANLEY SHIPP 2	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS 5
GEORGE E. CRISP 3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY SHIPP.

* First peal of Minor.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

JOHN E. BROUGH Treble	J. DEREK SMITH 4
ROSEMARY G. SEATON 2	†ALAN SHARPLES 5
*G. BARBARA COOKE 3	JOHN R. JOYNER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in 20 methods with 184 changes of method, viz.: (1) College, Wavertree College, Childwall and St. Clement's; (2) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (3) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise; (4) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; (5) Double Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse Bob and Fulbeck; (6) Thelwall and Double Oxford; (7) Plain Bob and Single Oxford. Tenor 7 cwt.

DAPHNE CASTELL Treble	MALCOLM S. CLOKE 4
DOUGLAS O. WILKS 2	HARRY P. FLOYD 5
*DONALD H. NIBLETT 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* 50th peal. First peal in 20 Minor methods by all the band. This is the greatest number of Minor methods yet rung to a peal by the Guild.

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents of Stedman (four different callings), 12 of Plain Bob (four different callings) and 26 of Grandsire (ten different callings). Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in D.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD .. Treble	*ALFRED H. WINCH 3
*ARTHUR H. SMITH 2	ROLAND W. MORANT 4

A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

* Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Doubles. The first peal on the bells.

Rung to the glory of God and to commemorate the Guildford Diocesan Mission Week.

HANDBELL PEALS

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., April 15, 1956, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT 67, ORIEL ROAD, NORTH END,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of College, St. Clement's Bob, Single Court, Single Oxford Bob, Reverse Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor size 7 in D.

*S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT 1-2	†ROBIN G. LEALE 3-4
*ROGER BALDWIN 5-6	

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* First peal in seven methods. † First handbell peal in seven methods.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 17, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 1-2	†ALFRED BALLARD 5-6
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 3-4	TERENCE A. THORNER 7-8
	†HERRICK B. BOWLEY 9-10

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH. * First peal in the method and first on ten handbells. First peal in the method as conductor.

THE LADIES' GUILD

A very cold, miserable Saturday was April 14th, when the Sussex Division met at Uckfield (8). About 35 ringers attended. A short service was held during the afternoon. Tea was enjoyed at the Limes Cafe: unfortunately those not notifying could not be accommodated. A short business meeting was held and two new members elected. The next meeting will be at Aldrington, near Hove, on June 30th, subject to the incumbent's permission.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening consisted mainly of rounds and Grandsire Triples for the younger ringers (of whom many were present) and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Double Norwich for the more advanced, with the help of the gentlemen.

Thanks were extended to Mr. Weller for the use of the bells and for arranging teas.

Maidstone Grammar Schools' Society

There was a record attendance at the meeting of the Maidstone Grammar Schools' Society at Snodland on April 14th. Of 29 who were at tea 24 were ringers.

Some good change ringing was accomplished both before and after tea. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. E. Darlington, with Mr. Gammon at the organ, and Snodland choir leading the singing.

The Society was entertained to tea by Snodland ringers, and the business followed, the Rev. C. E. Darlington presiding. Two new members were elected, and Anthony Lurcock (aged 12) was congratulated on being a promising change ringer.

The next meeting will be at Boughton Monchelsea on July 21st.

P. J. B.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Aston Parish Church on April 7th. The Master (Mr. F. E. Haynes) thanked the Vicar of Aston for the use of the bells, and the Aston ringers for arranging tea. On behalf of the Guild, the Master conveyed congratulations to Mr. H. J. Yardley and Miss Hepenstal, both ringers at Aston, upon their recent engagement.

The following were elected full ringing members: Miss M. Hepenstal, Miss M. Masters and Mr. John Anderson, of Aston, Miss Jean Bennett and Miss Jennifer Bennett, of Handsworth, and Mr. J. W. T. Davis, of Coleshill. The tower election as a life member of Mr. H. David Holland, of Sheffield, was duly ratified.

Coleshill was chosen as the venue of the next meeting on July 7th.

An appeal from the Rector of Bow for the installation of a new ring of bells to replace the 12 that were destroyed by enemy action, was placed before the meeting, and it was decided to subscribe the sum of five guineas from the funds of the Guild.

The Master referred to the summer meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths which is to be held in Birmingham on May 5th, and he hoped that all members of the Ancient Society in Birmingham would ensure a successful meeting by giving their support. Much ringing should be heard in Birmingham during that week, as Mr. Albert Walker attains his 80th birthday on May 3rd.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. E. Barker 1, R. W. Barker (13, first 'inside') 2, A. Armstrong 3, P. J. Barker (cond.) 4, H. Butler 5, G. Bradbury 6.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**South Oxon Branch**

With the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg) in the chair, the annual meeting of the South Oxon Branch was held at Thame on April 21st. Five new members were elected, bringing the total to 105. The Vicar of Brightwell Baldwin was elected Branch chairman, Mr. H. Badger secretary, and Mr. F. Absalom Ringing Master.

The secretary in his report said that although progress had been made in several towers, there was still apathy on the part of some members to attend Branch meetings. The outstanding event of the year had been the addition of two trebles at Warborough, making seven rings of eight in the Branch.

The service was conducted by the Master of the Guild and the address given by the Rev. C. N. Middleton-Evans (Vicar). The Branch secretary was organist and singing was led by a voluntary choir from the ringers. Wives of local ringers served an excellent tea.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**Farnham District**

'A valuable and most enjoyable meeting,' was the verdict of the Farnham District's meeting at Seale on April 7th. Ringing ranged from rounds to London Surprise Minor, under the leadership of Mr. D. McPhearson, assistant Ringing Master. The ringers' service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. A. Gardiner), was most inspiring.

A generous tea was served by local ladies, and Mr. C. W. Denyer presided at the business meeting, when plans for ringing during the coming Diocesan Mission were discussed.

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The 'Johns' have rung their first name peal of Surprise Maximus. This took place at St. John-the-Baptist's, Croydon, on April 21st. Mr. John Thomas, who rang the third, took part in the other 'John' peal on 12 bells, one of Stedman Cinques, rung more than 40 years ago.

A Branch secretary raises an interesting question: 'What are the qualifications for a candidate for the Central Council?'

Mr. Bryan Pattison desires, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to thank all the ringers in the Birmingham and Shrewsbury area for their kindness during his short stay at R.A.F., Bridgnorth.

Blaydon, Co. Durham, this Easter celebrated the 80th anniversary of its ring of bells. It had been hoped to ring a commemoration peal on April 16th, but the band was one short, so a quarter peal of Doubles was rung instead.

Mr. Wilfred G. Saunders becomes the first ringer to 'circle' his own tower at New Buckenham, Norfolk. This pleasant-toned ring was cast by William Dobson, Downham, Norfolk, 'in commemoration of peace, 1814,' and to date eleven peals on the bells are recorded.

After very many attempts since the war, the first peal of Stedman Triples on the bells was rung at Martock on April 14th. Three local ringers were in the band. The peal was for the 50th birthday of Mr. W. G. Tuck, who made the arrangements and afterwards entertained the ringers to an excellent meal.

The Rev. G. Waterson, Vicar of Stoke D'Abernon, Surrey, where the first peal has just been rung, will be very pleased to welcome any ringers at any time either for a peal or for Sunday ringing. The bells, recently augmented and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, are a very handy and pleasant ring of five, the lightest in the country.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

On the occasion of the visit of Her Majesty the Queen to Bristol and North Somerset, the Nailsea ringers decided that in order that all members of the tower should be associated with the event, two quarter peals should be attempted instead of a peal attempt, which was first contemplated. One member of the band was unable to attend so her place was taken by a ringer from Backwell, who has regularly attended the Nailsea practices. The resultant two quarter peals, recorded elsewhere, included two 'firsts' and two 'first inside.'

After the recent peal of Doubles was rung at Collingbourne Kingston, Wilts, the ringers taking part were the guests at tea of the local ringers at the residence of Mr. E. Taplin, their captain.

The letter of Mr. N. Chaddock regarding the peals of the late Mr. Ben Knights (page 251) should read: 'Ben kept no complete personal record of his peals after 1925.' The omission of the negative is regretted.

St. Michael's, Aldbourne, ringers have lost a sincere friend by the departure of the Rev. R. H. Gitting, who has been Vicar for eight years, on his acceptance of the living of Studley, near Trowbridge. Mr. Gitting was at one time chairman of the Marlborough Branch. In the belfry on April 15th the ringers personally thanked him for all he had done in the interests of ringing.

After 41 years' continuous service as an officer of the Kent Association, Mr. F. M. Mitchell resigned as hon. treasurer, owing to ill-health, at the annual general meeting on Easter Monday. He was first elected as Rochester District representative on the committee in 1915, and has also served as District secretary and general hon. secretary and treasurer. He also represented the county on the Central Council for 21 years.

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CLERICAL RINGING WEEK IN DERBYSHIRE

EIGHTEEN members of the Clerical Guild joined in the annual tour from Monday, April 9th, to Friday, April 13th, in Derbyshire, with headquarters at the High Tor Guest House, Matlock, where Mr. and Mrs. Grant made us extremely comfortable. Most of the party assembled at Derby on the Monday, visiting St. Andrew's (10, tenor 18 cwt.) after tea, where they were welcomed by the Vicar, Rev. Martin Pierce, and Mr. Geo. Freebrey, and attended Evensong. After dinner at the Clarendon Hotel a pleasant hour was spent on the fine-toned ten at All Saints' Cathedral (tenor 19 cwt.), where Mr. Ronald Bullen, of Darley Dale, and several of the Cathedral band met us. Grandsire and Stedman Caters and some Cambridge Major were rung.

Tuesday began with our customary corporate Communion at St. Giles', Matlock, the Vicar being the celebrant and, as it was the transferred Feast of the Annunciation, the congregation was enlarged by members of the Mothers' Union. Prayers for the Guild were included. Following breakfast, the coach was boarded for the hilly run to Ashover (8, tenor 18 cwt.), where the bells are rung from the ground floor. Here the Vicar, Rev. P. H. Fleming, and his lady churchwarden, Miss Bassett, welcomed us, afterwards entertaining us to coffee at the historical Crispin Inn. We were shown interesting monuments to the Babington family in the church.

Then on to All Saints', Chesterfield (10, tenor 25 cwt.), with its famous crooked spire. In the short time allowed for ringing we made the most of these good going bells, joined by Mr. S. Scattergood, ringing Caters, Plain Bob and Kent Royal. At the next tower, St. Mary's, Bolsover, renowned for John Flint and his band years ago, the eight (tenor 14 cwt.) were enjoyed from the ground floor in various methods. The Vicar, Rev. W. Speakman, kindly presented us with copies of his guide book to the church, and drew our attention to a tombstone outside bearing the following inscription to a watchmaker:

'Here lies in a horizontal position
The outside case of
Thomas Hinde
Clock and watchmaker
Who departed this life
Wound up in hope
of being taken in hand by his Maker
And being thoroughly cleaned
Repaired and kept going
In the world to come.'

Picnic lunch was taken here, some of the more adventurous spirits climbing to enjoy theirs at Bolsover Castle, restored after 1613. Roads 'liable to subsidence' were negotiated without mishap to St. John Baptist, Staveley (8, tenor 18 cwt.). This church possesses an east window containing every colour imaginable, designed by a York artist. At SS. Peter and Paul, Eckington (8, tenor 16 cwt.), the assistant priest, Rev. S. R. Kenyon, was awaiting the party. This, we learnt, was the native place of one of our members, Rev. Gordon Graham, whose motor cycle enabled him to join in much of the week's ringing when he could slip away from parochial affairs. After tea at the White Hart Inn the coach brought us to St. John Baptist, Dronfield (8, tenor 12 cwt.), where we found a chancel of cathedral-like proportions and an unusual east window. Back for dinner at headquarters and then to Matlock tower (8, tenor 14 cwt.)—proving for some rather elusive in darkness and rain. Double Norwich, Cambridge and Oxford Bob Triples satisfied us here, the small ringing chamber being uncomfortably crowded.

DUFFIELD AT DUFFIELD

Wednesday began with a short journey to St. Mary's, Wirksworth (8, tenor 14 cwt.). A practice course or two of Duffield Major was put in here in anticipation of the late Sir A. P. Heywood's tower, St. Alkmund, Duffield (10, tenor 17 cwt.). There some good Caters and Royal were rung, but we had to be content with Duffield Major, though Royal might have been ventured.

At Heanor, the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, whose father was Vicar there for 13 years, most generously entertained us all to luncheon at the Market Hotel, including Mr. A. Elliott, a stalwart of the local band, deputising for the Vicar, who had to be away. St. Lawrence's eight (tenor 13 cwt.) were made good use of before lunch. Considerably fortified by the latter we next tackled the rough going eight (tenor 13 cwt.) at St. Martin's, Alfreton; then on to All Saints', Ripley (8, tenor 16½ cwt.), where the fine bells were left rather reluctantly at tea time.

The final tower of the day was Pentrich, one of five bells (tenor 11 cwt.). Here the Vicar, Rev. E. J. Lewis, kindly allowed the members to sing Evensong, conducted by our Precentor, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, assisted by the president, Canon C. Carew Cox. Cassocks being non-existent the officiating clergy did their best in the way of camouflage, and fulsome surplices helped! The Rev. N. G. Coleridge performed powerfully on the organ—a hand-blown instrument which reduced the energies of our secretary, Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, to the point of exhaustion.

At the annual business meeting in the evening all the officers were unanimously re-elected, with the addition of Rev. L. Edwards as a vice-president. Various centres for next year's tour were discussed, and the vote went in favour of Dorset, possibly touching the Somerset border. Much to be regretted was the absence of our members from the Winchester Diocese who, under obedience to their Bishop, were chained there in conference.

On Thursday morning a peal attempt for Oxford T.B. Major at Darley Dale (tenor 15½ cwt.) came early to grief. A unique feature in St. Helen's churchyard is a yew tree reputed to be over two thousand years old. Moving on to St. Anne's, Baslow (6, tenor 7½ cwt.), attention became divided between ringing and studying one of the dials of the church clock, the hours being marked by 'VICTORIA 1897' instead of the usual figures. Stopping next at Edensor, a model village on the edge of the Chatsworth

estate, a long flight of steps led up to the Church of St. Peter (6, tenor 13 cwt.). It contained interesting memorials, both to a former vicar who held the benefice for 52 years and to the Cavendish family. Chatsworth House and gardens, the principal seat of the Duke of Devonshire, and one of the 'stately homes of England,' provided a pleasant spot for our luncheon interval.

THE CATHEDRAL OF THE PEAK

From there a diversion was made so as to pass through Eyam, well known as the 'Plague' village. Then on to St. John Baptist, Tideswell (8, tenor 13 cwt.), the Cathedral of the Peak, where Superlative was added to other methods. For some freak performances Wormhill had been included in the programme. Here we found the lightest six in existence (tenor 1½ cwt.), which very nearly defeated us, and stays were more of a handicap than otherwise. Bake-well (All Saints', 8, tenor 17 cwt.) was reached in time for tea, generously provided for us by the Rev. Gordon Graham, the assistant priest here. Perhaps that is why we were able to bring round a respectable course of London Major afterwards. All Saints', Youlgreave (8, tenor 26½ cwt.), the second heaviest eight in Derbyshire, gave us a final 45 minutes of much enjoyment; and so home to Matlock for a quiet evening.

Friday morning saw the gradual dispersal of our party, and on the way south visits were paid to St. Michael's, Crich (8, tenor 12 cwt.), a delightful ring. The Vicar, Rev. J. W. Brown, himself learning the art and joining us in some rounds, turned out to be a former neighbour of one of our members, Rev. A. S. Roberts, in Cornwall. A short time was spent at St. Mary's, Denby (6, tenor 9 cwt.); then the six at St. Clement's, Horsley (tenor 12 cwt.), provided a lovely finish. There a tablet in the ringing chamber recorded that 'During the year 1915 there was rung in this steeple for Divine service 35,520 changes in the following methods: Grandsire, Manchester and Antelope,' with the names of the ringers below. Horsley only had five bells at that time. With a parting blessing from the Vicar, Rev. T. H. Miller, all then went their several ways.

We should like to place on record the excellent condition of the ropes in all the towers visited: the welcome received from the incumbents and their local ringers; our thanks also to Mr. and Mrs. Grant at High Tor Guest House; to Mr. Jack Haynes, our coach driver, of the Silver Services; to all too, who contributed to making our visit so pleasant in somewhat cheerless weather; and finally, to our hon. secretary for his splendid organisation of a really grand week. D. P. R.

Cumberlands Have Joint Meeting With Kent Association

A very successful combined quarterly meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and Tonbridge District, K.C.A., was held at Westerham on April 7th. Ringing during the afternoon took place on the fine octave at St. Mary's Church, a large gathering of members and friends of both Societies being present.

A very enjoyable service, at which the organist, Mr. J. H. Smart, and members of his choir were present, was conducted by Rev. P. P. Kirwin (Vicar). Tea at the Kings Arms Hotel followed. At the two business meetings, Mr. H. E. Audsley, Master of the S.R.C.Y., took the chair for both meetings. The matter of the Bow Bells appeal was on the agenda for each meeting. It was decided by K.C.A. members that towers should be circulated with a view to obtaining the opinions of members on action to be taken by the Tonbridge District. For the Cumberlands, Mr. T. H. Francis proposed that the matter be left over until the annual general meeting, when he would propose that the

Society grant a sum of £5 5s. The hope was expressed that members would be allowed to ring on the restored bells.

The following new members of the S.R.C.Y. were elected: Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth, Preston Candover; D. Reed, Newport, I.O.W.; P. Brown, Bexley; and E. Brunger, Tunbridge Wells.

The Society's next quarterly meeting would be at Great Baddow and Chelmsford on July 7th and the annual dinner on October 6th at the Old Bell, Holborn, and members were asked to support the function.

Finally, the Master of the Cumberlands proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to all those who had helped to make the meeting such a success. This was the first time a combined meeting with the K.C.A. had been held, and he hoped it would not be the last. He thanked the K.C.A. members for welcoming the Society and also the local tower secretary, Miss M. Cosgrove, for her assistance.

MR. ERNEST MORRIS' 1,600 PEALS

WE have already published the peal report of Mr. Ernest Morris's 1,600th peal, which was rung on April 3rd. Now 66 years of age, Mr. Morris, if his health holds out, has every chance of surpassing the totals of W. Pye, 1,969, and G. R. Pye, 1,876.

By passing the record of Mr. Frank Bennett (82), of Brighton, Mr. Morris has more peals to his credit than any other living ringer. It was on August 6th, 1906, at St. Andrew's, Grimsby, that he rang his first peal, and by the rate he is now ringing his 50th year as a peal ringer will be a record one.

Probably no man has written more for journals and magazines and by books to enable the public to take an interest in and understand something about bells and ringing, than the verger of St. Margaret's Church, Leicester. From a ringer's point of view his 'History and Art of Change Ringing' is his greatest contribution; a second edition bringing the history up-to-date would, indeed, be welcome, but the high costs of publication today prevent such a venture.

His 1,600 peals contain many that are of special interest. Of the 645 he has conducted are the longest lengths for the Midland Counties Association of 6,600 Doubles, 7,200 and 10,080 Minor; twice 7,008 and 13,440 Bob Major and another of 9,760 with 400 Singles. He also conducted 10,912 Kent Treble Bob, 7,840 Oxford Treble Bob, the record for Little Bob (6,720), Little Canterbury (6,720), Spliced Treble Bob (Ilkeston), 9,120 and (Worcester) 9,600.

Among the peals he has taken part in are 7,008 and 12,896 record of Cambridge Surprise Major; 12,663 Stedman Cinquses at Oxford Cathedral; 9,344 and 10,976 Bristol Surprise Major; the peal of Stedman Cinquses at Southwark Cathedral by twelve secretaries; Cambridge Surprise Maximus on the old Bow Bells; Stedman Caters on the old ten at Manchester Town Hall called by the late James W. Washbrook and a peal of Cambridge Maximus on the new twelve.

He conducted the quickest tower-bell peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor in 1 hour 50 minutes, also the only 'Ernest' peal of Major, and took part in peals with four sets of brothers, four fathers and sons, also five fathers and sons.

SUMMARY OF HIS PEALS

Doubles: 125 tower (conducted 112); h.b.	
2 (1).	
Minor: 253 tower (170); h.b. 9 (-).	
Triples: 247 tower (123); h.b. 56 (8).	
Major: 232 tower (130); h.b. 57 (5).	
Surprise Major: 270 tower (35); h.b. 2 (-).	
Caters: 79 tower (33); h.b. 76 (4).	
Royal: 74 tower (16); h.b. 11 (1).	
Cinquses: 29 tower (5); h.b. 40 (-).	
Maximus: 35 tower (2); h.b. 3 (-).	
Total: Tower 1344 Conducted 626	
Handbells 256 „ 19	
1600 645	

TO PEAL CONDUCTORS

Since 'The Ringing World' was established in 1911 the following order for incidentals has been adopted for footnotes:—

* First note when reading the list of ringers. † Second note. ‡ Third note. § Fourth note. If this method were adopted the Editor would be saved hours of work in the course of a month. Peals should be written out in the style they are to appear. Mistakes through omission would then be avoided.



MR. ERNEST MORRIS

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY'S EASTER TOUR

FOR the second year running, the Society visited the Midlands for its annual tour, which this year embraced North Staffordshire with bits of Cheshire and Shropshire. About 20 members participated, although some were unable to be present for the whole tour. Stoke-on-Trent was the headquarters, and we were accommodated in two hotels, the resident members living in the Clifton Hotel, while the rest, supposedly more opulent, were in the more exclusive Metropole.

Members arrived over the Easter weekend, and Sunday was spent visiting one or two local towers and ringing for services at the parish church of Stoke-on-Trent.

On Monday morning we set off by motor coach and our first stop was Rugeley, a light six in an interesting church. Suitably fortified by a good lunch we prepared for the highlight of the day, Lichfield Cathedral. Mr. F. A. Sedgwick, of the Cathedral band, gave a very interesting account of the history of the bells. Proceeding to the tower we were given a very warm welcome by the Dean of Lichfield, and soon these very fine bells were going to Grand-sire and Stedman Caters. Almost as noteworthy was our next tower, Hoare Cross, where our heavy bell ringers had a chance to prove their mettle.

Ringling began on Tuesday at Barlaston, the only 5-bell tower on the tour, and after ringing we were very kindly provided with tea and cakes by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Freeman). From here we journeyed to Stone and then to Stafford. After lunch we moved on to Broughton, a very good eight, where we were met by the Vicar (the Rev. W. D. Morgan) and Mr. A. Lawton. Here we had a short ring, leaving a band of experts to attempt a peal of London. A somewhat depleted band reached Cheswade, the next tower; but even so, courses of Cambridge, Yorkshire and Superlative all came

MELTON MOWBRAY RINGERS IN NORTH NOTTS

Efficiently arranged by Mr. F. J. Williams, the former District chairman, who now lives at Blyth, the Melton Mowbray District outing in North Nottinghamshire on Easter Monday was a very happy day.

A great privilege and experience was to ring at Southwell Minster from a gallery round an open well in the central tower. At Warsop, where the church has been skilfully shorn up as a protection against mining subsidence, Mr. Rooke and his colleagues met the party. Similar precautions had been taken at Cuckney.

After lunch at the Red Hart Hotel, Blyth, some rang on the pleasant six at West Retford and others on the ten at St. Swithun's, East Retford. Mr. John Segar supplied various visitors with figures and problems of a technical nature and delight all with his skill in 'tapping.' Permission was obtained by Mr. Williams for a visit to the beautiful grounds of Hodstock Priory.

Following tea at the Red Hart Hotel, Even-song was sung at the Church of SS. Mary and Martin. The fine ring of six, restored just before the war, was put to good use until a late hour when the visitors joined the rush of Bank Holiday traffic for the journey home. The thanks of the District were expressed at tea to Mr. Williams for yet one more debt for services rendered, by Mr. Harry Cook, the new District chairman.

round. After tea at Market Drayton we made for the tower, only to be ambushed by the press photographers of a local paper, and the sight of some familiar faces in this the following evening was but poor consolation for the resulting short ring on these fine bells. We collected the peal band on the way home, and were very disappointed to hear that the peal had been lost only two courses from the end.

On Wednesday we visited the Roman Catholic church at Cheadle, and then moved on to the second 6-bell tower of the tour, Kingsley, where some of our members found that London Minor was not quite the same as London Major. We had a good ring at Leek, where we were joined by Mr. J. Ryder, and Cambridge Royal, Stedman, and the inevitable Grandsire Caters all came round. In the afternoon we visited Macclesfield, St. Michael's, the only 12 on the tour, and then on to Gawsworth, where we had difficulty in striking the bells. The last tower of the day was Norton-le-Moors, with a very good ring of eight recently installed. Here a course of Spliced came round, but Cambridge and Little Bob were not so successful.

On Thursday, the last day of the tour, we travelled north-west to Barthomley, but ringing here was curtailed because of an illness near the church. At Crewe, too, a broken rope shortened ringing time. After lunch some of us set off for Newcastle for a peal attempt, while the rest visited Nantwich, Middlewich and Wolstanton. The peal, Little Bob Royal, was successful and was the Society's first in the method and its 100th tower-bell peal. Not satisfied with this, six members remained behind to ring another peal, this time one of Minor in four methods.

The Society thanks all incumbents and tower captains concerned for the use of their bells, and Mr. E. H. Edge for his very efficient organisation of the tour.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RINGING FOR THE FILMS

Dear Sir,—The leading article of 'The Ringing World' of April 20th prompts me to write this account of how the Oxford Diocesan Guild helped in the production of the film 'Doublecross.'

On returning home from a peal at Farnham Royal, a collection of 'phone messages and telegrams awaited, asking me to contact a certain film producer in connection with bell-ringing. This I did, and was asked if I would go to the Beaconsfield Film Studios to teach some actors to ring handbells.

On arriving, I found that the scenes including bell-ringing were to be filmed in three days' time, and that during that time I should not be able to have the four actors concerned together until the actual filming, also each of the actors had about two hours' free time in which to be taught to ring both Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major. This introduced quite a problem into what I thought was going to be a simple task.

To overcome it I taught four film 'extras,' not concerned with the ringing scenes in the film, to ring rounds, and then introduced the actual 'ringers' into the band when and where possible. This explains why the actual ringing as filmed was so poor in quality, since not only had the band not rung together before, but also their sum total of ringing experience amounted to about one hour per person. The sound recording was made later, and to prevent the bells sounding while the action and dialogue were recorded the clapper buffers were bent inwards to stop the clappers striking the sound-bows.

The reason why the substitute incident referred to seemed such a success was because the substitute received no ringing instruction other than the method of holding handbells. Whether, therefore, the technical qualities of a ringer having one hour's experience are superior to one having none, I leave to the imagination of those seeing the film.

The sound recording was made by the following: William Butler (Clewer), Derek W. Stone (Old Windsor), Jeffrey C. Birt (Slough) and myself.

This also had its difficulties, since we had not only to ring in the semi-darkness, but watch the film for starting points and clues, to try and change the method after 17 seconds' ringing, explaining the undue speed of the ringing and why 'Go, Plain Bob Major' was called when the treble was in 7th place.

However, I hope the total effect wasn't too awful even for a ringer to witness.—Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL HATCHETT.

Amersham.

BOW BELLS—THEIR RADIUS

Dear Sir,—After reading the letter by Henry J. Ranzetta describing the hearing of Bow Bells from the Whittington Stone at the foot of Highgate Hill, I can well believe the story told by some of the inhabitants of the well-known village at the top of Highgate Hill some half-mile farther north, of the bells being heard there. It appears the sound of the bells used to come on a light south wind during a calm evening; the distance must be nearly five miles.

It would be very interesting to hear how far from the City on the south side of the River Thames the bells were ever heard.—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD NEWMAN.

Stroud Green Road, N.4

ROUNDS IN A PEAL

Dear Sir,—Having not seen 'The Ringing World' for some time previous to this month, I may be unwittingly re-opening a previous discussion, but I am amazed to see on page 249 the item (c) in the Central Council agenda, motions regarding bells striking in rounds during peals.

As the old saying goes, 'The man who never made a mistake never made anything,' and according to the present rules and usage a mistake in a peal is permitted **provided that it is corrected immediately.** The very fact, however, that a mistake is made means that some row was rung which was not intended, and it could as easily be a row properly included in another place in the composition as not—on seven or fewer bells it must be.

Let us take an example:—

Suppose a peal of Bob Major is being rung, consisting of a half-peal with bobs only and doubled by singles, and take first a true composition with a single at the first lead-end in each half. Suppose that 2 and 3, being taken unawares, accidentally make the first single into a bob but correct themselves immediately, then the row 12357486 will be rung instead of 13257486, and this row occurs (but this time legitimately) at the corresponding place in the second half. If no other mistake is made this peal will be recognised, even though one row has actually occurred twice, **because the mistake was corrected immediately.**

If this composition be varied only by putting the singles at halfway and end, suppose it is now attempted in this form and 2 and 3 make the same mistake as before but correct themselves immediately, the halfway row, which should be 13245678 will actually be rung as 12345678, and this row (rounds) legitimately occurs elsewhere in the peal—at the very end.

Now, comparing these two performances, we find that (according to the generally accepted rules of variation) the same composition has been rung, in each case one mistake only has been made, and that by the same two bells under exactly similar circumstances.

The first is clearly a recognisable peal. Messrs. Barnett and Lewis would have the second discredited. Why?

What special significance has rounds other than that it is instantly detected if it occurs in the middle of a touch, whereas some other row would pass unnoticed if duplicated?

There may be some who would say that rounds occurs twice already, at beginning and end; but if they go into the matter carefully they will find that only one of these (that at the end) is counted in the number of changes which make up the peal.

This motion savours of having one law for the complicated composition and another for the simple, and is most unfair.

I call, therefore, on all right-minded members of the Central Council to weigh this motion carefully, and, when it comes to the division, to have none of it.—Yours faithfully,

J. V. LONSBROUGH.

Brackley, Northants.

A PEAL IS QUESTIONED

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal of Plain Bob Minor comprising seven different 720's rung at Folkingham, conducted by Mr. J. H. Musson on April 2nd last, and published in 'The Ringing World' I beg to say I heard the peal in the near vicinity of the church from start to finish, and as the bells only came into rounds six times in all I consider the peal should be withdrawn.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. H. BRADLEY.

Folkingham.

CLOSED LEADS AND FAST RINGING

Dear Sir,—In his letter (page 251) on fast ringing, Mr. Price makes two statements with which I disagree.

Closed leads themselves do not make the ringing fast. The rhythm of the bells is what matters, and this can be fast or slow, according to taste and circumstances. The faster the ringing, the shorter is the time between each blow: the slower the ringing, the longer is this time. A state of good striking is reached when the time between each blow is the same throughout the change, or, it may be better to say, through two changes, for we do not want, on eight bells, eight slow blows and then eight quick ones, but 16 blows at regular intervals. (I am disregarding the rallentando which some prefer.) If, therefore, a band intends to ring quickly, it closes up or shortens the interval between each blow.

May I call this interval 't'? Then rounds looks like this:—1 t 2 t 3 t 4 t 5 t 6 t 1 t 2 t 3 t 4 t 5 t 6 t x 1 t 2 t, etc.; 'x' is the handstroke gap, or open lead, and is, of course, omitted when ringing with closed leads. Doesn't experience show that a band will make the length of 't' longer when cartwheeling than when ringing with open leads? Or, in other words, a band will take much the same length of time for a peal whether they ring with open or closed leads. To back this argument I can compare the times taken for peals of Minor in Cheshire and the Barnsley area with the times for similar peals in the rest of the country. They are not, on the whole, quicker.

When I have rung with the Barnsley and District Society, in which closed leads are the rule, I have noticed that the emphasis is not only on the quick (to the open-lead ringer) handstroke, but also on ringing the backstroke well up. The result is that 't' is no longer than when ringing with open leads. The interesting thing is that the standard of striking in the Barnsley District is above the average standard in the country. The call change ringers of Devon and Cornwall also have a higher standard, I believe, and they, too, ring with closed leads.

Whether one rings with closed or open leads is a matter of choice; there is nothing wrong or right about it. However, if closed-lead ringers have something to teach us in the way of striking we ought to be willing to learn. The question is 'What have they to teach us?'

Is it that the handstroke gap 'x' is one of the chief causes of bad striking because people do not agree on its length, or, through bad bell control, they allow the bell to go up too high? (By catching the sally too low, for instance.) Is it that people fail to pull the handstroke hard enough with the result that the backstroke has to be pulled harder than necessary to keep the bell up? This, in turn, may result in a too slow handstroke.) Or what is it?

Mr. Price also says 'The tapping of the bells was near perfect throughout the peal in spite of the cartwheel rhythm.' Why 'in spite of'? 'Because of' would surely be just as true.—Yours sincerely,

WILFRID F. MORETON.

Normanton, Yorks.

MORE FILM RINGING

Dear Sir,—Anyone wishing to get a laugh at the expense of the film industry would be well rewarded by a visit to 'Richard III.' He should pay particular attention to the campanological anachronisms with which this film is richly endowed.

The most striking example was the shot of the interior of a belfry, showing the bells swinging in full circle, and ringing some form of Triples, I think. They were celebrating the Coronation of Richard III.—Yours faithfully,

PETER BORDER.

Coventry.

LETTERS—Continued

BEAUTY AND THE BELFRY

Dear Sir,—I have been reading Miss Kathleen Yeo's letter. I do not agree with everything which the writer of 'Beauty and the Belfry' says, but I should like to ask Miss Yeo why she is so set against milk-bars after a practice. I think they are very nice, and where I come from we quite often go to one afterwards. Sometimes the gentlemen come too, and as for the other kind of bars, I have known ladies asked into them too, and thought none the worse of them for it.

As for tenor ringing, with all respect, and not wishing to offend anyone, the gentlemen in our belfry are in fairly poor health, and it usually means that the ladies are expected to turn in the tenor, and I should not agree with Miss Yeo that in this case the gentlemen should be asked to help with this job.

Also, we do not think that stay-breaking is quite as bad a sin as Miss Yeo seems to think it is, though of course, it should be done as little as possible; but sometimes it cannot be helped. It has happened sometimes with us and of course we ladies always go up and see if we can put the damage straight.

No, where I think the writer of 'Beauty and the Belfry' is wrong is where he says that a ringing boy-friend helps you on. This is only a man's idea. I have done without one, and I shall go on doing so, I hope.—Yours, etc.,

G. PARKINSON (Mrs.).

Kent.

Dear Sir.—Kathleen M. Yeo, of SS. Peter and Paul's, Hellingly, evidently did not trouble to read the whole of the article. While it is evident throughout that the writer is a woman, the last sentence of the fourth paragraph confirms this: 'At this point, the writer pauses uneasily to wonder in which of these classes she belonged.' So, Miss Yeo, do not accuse the men unfairly.

Most of us must have seen many of the types described, and surely we can laugh at ourselves.

As a fairly new comer to the ringing community, and in an area where the men predominate, I should like to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation. In a long experience of serving my country in mixed units I have nowhere found such universal kindness and helpfulness as amongst my fellow ringers. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen.—Yours faithfully,

MARGARET E. WILKINSON.

York Minster.

THE FASCINATION OF RINGING

Recently in the Welsh edition of Women's Hour, Mrs. Mary Buckland, who rings at St. David's Cathedral, gave a talk on the bells of the Cathedral. In reply to the interviewer's question as to how long it took her to learn the art of bell ringing, Mrs. Buckland replied:—

'That's a difficult question; but in about six months I got over the stage of being a danger to myself and other people, and by now I'm pretty steady, and exploring some of the complications. But of course you can't become a highly skilled ringer until you've been at it regularly for years, or even a lifetime; but that's part of the fascination of bell-ringing—you always go on learning.'

EAST DERBYSHIRE & NOTTS

The 8-bell tower of North Wingfield was the venue for the annual meeting of the East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association held, as usual, on Easter Monday. Bells were raised by 2 p.m. and much good ringing ensued till 4.30 p.m., when all assembled for the service, conducted by the lay reader in the absence of the Rector through prolonged illness.

The ladies of the church prepared tea under the direction of the very capable Mrs. W. H. Wain, well known as a ringer, a maker of sumptuous teas and for her lovely mincepies.

At the business meeting the president (Mr. J. W. England) asked the assembly to stand in silence to the memory of those members who, since the last annual meeting, had been called to higher service, viz., M. Slater (South Noranton), Mrs. R. Mason (Shirland), A. Slater (Tibshelf), H. Draycott (Tibshelf) and F. Marshall (Clay Cross).

The secretary, in his report, thanked all members for their loyal support. Twelve meetings had been held with almost a 50 per cent. attendance of ringing members, which was very satisfactory. Looking up records he could find no one year's record to surpass 1955. He appealed to members to try and make, if possible, 1956 a greater success, as the next annual meeting would be the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Association.

The officers were re-elected. The golden jubilee shield, awarded annually for progress, was won for the second year in succession by the Swanwick band.

An invitation was received from the Vicar, churchwardens and Parochial Church Council of Clay Cross for the Association to hold its 70th jubilee meeting at the founder church and was accepted unanimously.

Almost 100 members and ringers attended from towers near and far. A fitting end to a very successful year.

B. A. S.

BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The monthly meeting held at Cawthorne on April 14th was well attended. After ringing in the afternoon the tea and meeting were held in the adjoining Parish Room.

It was regretted that the secretary, Mr. Dan Smith, was absent owing to illness, and Mr. H. Chant deputised during his absence.

Two unusual features, worthy of special mention, took place:—

(i) The tea, which was provided free of charge by the local company, proved to be so lavishly provisioned that in spite of commendable efforts by the assembled company, defeat was eventually admitted and mountains of food still remained on the tables.

(ii) A local inhabitant arrived, after tea, with a tape-recording apparatus. It turned out that, unbeknown to the local ringers, he had made a recording of a touch rung for Sunday service a few weeks previous. This was duly played back and ringing, of which any winning contest team would be rightly proud, delighted the ears of all present. No wonder the people of Cawthorne are proud of their ringers!

After the meeting further ringing followed, when attempts were made, unsuccessfully, to emulate the high standard of the local band's striking.

H. C.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Sir Arthur Heywood's Memory

THE annual meeting of the Derbyshire Association was held at Derby on April 7th. The bells at Alvaston were available during the morning and at the Cathedral and St. Peter's during the afternoon. A rehearsal for a broadcast service at the Cathedral made it necessary to cancel the customary service and evening ringing, but after the meeting ringing continued at St. Peter's. Tea was taken at Diocesan House, and approximately 50 members and friends were present for the business meeting which followed.

The president was unable to be present and the chair was taken by Mr. W. Lancaster, the vice-president. The retiring officers were re-elected as follows: President, the Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes; vice-president, Mr. W. Lancaster; treasurer, Mr. J. B. Stennitt; trustee, Mr. M. Taylor.

The annual reports of the general secretary, peal secretary and treasurer were confirmed and the officers were thanked for their work in this connection. It was revealed that, in the Derby District particularly, there was a marked increase in the interest taken by younger members. There had been a slight falling off in the number of peals scored for the Association but the variety of methods and the number of peals recorded by new members was an encouraging feature. The financial statement was satisfactory but special efforts would be needed to maintain the position in future. The new Association badges were available and members expressed pleasure with the design. The appeal for Bow Bells was discussed at some length and after some opposition it was finally decided to donate £5 from the Bell Repair Fund. Special collections would be taken in the Districts to cover the amount subscribed.

It was reported that the annual dinner held in February was again a great social success, and thanks were accorded to the sub-committee responsible for the arrangements. Members felt that future annual dinners should be held in October or November, and this would be considered by the committee. A resolution to arrange future dinners in honour of the memory of Sir Arthur Heywood was unanimously approved.

There was some discussion about a resolution to appoint additional Association officers to be responsible for advising on the condition of bells and fittings at towers in the Association in order to comply with Central Council rules. It was felt that suitably qualified persons were not available in the Association, but it was agreed that all members should watch the position and ask the general secretary to communicate with incumbents where it was considered that attention was necessary.

Thanks were accorded to all who had been concerned with the arrangements for the meeting and ringing, and to Mr. Harold Taylor for providing tea.

Ilfracombe magistrates granted an hour's extension from 3 to 4 p.m. to the Chichester Arms on the occasion of the annual festival of bellringers on May 5th. 'I had no idea they were such thirsty men,' said Mr. F. C. Reed (chairman).

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ABFORDARE, GLAM.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Rev. O. G. Rees (Vicar, first quarter) 1, T. Templeman 2, D. G. Williams 3, B. Gladwyn 4, D. Kerley 5, A. Scibbins 6, F. Rowsell (cond.) 7, D. Evans 8.

ARDINGLY, SUSSEX.—On April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Rowlinson (first quarter) 1, J. Ronnett (first 'inside') 2, H. J. Wilde 3, C. F. Bonnett 4, I. A. C. Butcher (cond.) 5, D. Stride (first quarter) 6. For Matins.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On April 15th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. Flack 1, M. Hutton (first 'inside') 2, P. Hutton 3, P. Stacey 4, L. Hughes 5, W. Collins 6, D. Sutcliffe 7, E. Buck (cond.) 8.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On April 8th, 1,260 Minor (540 St. Clement's and 720 Cambridge): Miss J. Tunbridge 1, Miss M. R. Andrews 2, Miss J. Cox 3, J. L. Morris 4, I. H. Oram (cond.) 5, P. P. Brown 6. First in two methods for 1, 3 and 6. For Evensong.

BOSTON, Lincs.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Brown 1, F. P. Harwood 2, D. White 3, A. Freeston 4, S. Jessop 5, F. Dewey 6, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 7, J. Petch 8. Rung half-muffled in memorial Muriel Helen Shaw, a church worker for many years; and Frank, brother of the conductor, who was interred on this date.

BRIXWORTH, NORTHANTS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. W. Collyer 1, J. Inns 2, H. Wilson 3, A. C. Cozens 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5. First quarter for 1, 2 and 3, who are members of the local band.

BROOKFIELD, N.—At St. Anne's Church, on April 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 1, J. M. Payton 2, T. Bevan 3, J. T. Odell 4, G. F. Carter 5, P. G. Foote 6. For Evensong.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYS.—On April 3rd, 1,440 Kingston Treble Bob Minor: T. Taylor 1, G. D. Fearnough 2, Mrs. G. Richardson 3, W. H. Smith 4, B. J. Woodruff 5, G. A. Hughes (cond.) 6.

CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.—On April 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss P. Dando 1, E. Cannock 2, P. Gallop 3, A. Hazzard 4, C. York 5, D. Dando 6, C. Bishop (cond.) 7, H. Babb 8. First quarter by the Sunday service ringers. Rung to commemorate the visit this day of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. for the inauguration of the Chew Valley Lake.

CLYST ST. GEORGE, DEVON.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Matthews 1, W. Willis 2, D. Wills 3, H. May 4, J. Pym (cond.) 5, S. Hartnoll 6. First quarter to be rung by the band since the bells were restored after enemy action.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Sturges 1, A. T. Weeks 2, W. Swift 3, J. Romain 4, H. Gummer (cond.) 5, P. Whale 6. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. A. J. Rutter, verger of the church, and Mrs. Rutter. Also at St. James' Church, on April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss V. Lyons 1, A. T. Weeks 2, G. Winter 3, H. Gummer 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, W. Mortimer 6. Rung half-muffled for Mr. A. E. Pike, who began to ring in 1903 when there were only four bells.

EXETER, DEVON.—On April 8th, at St. Mark's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. D. Ashdown 1, W. Seldon 2, A. Tapley 3, J. Salway 4, E. E. Retter 5, W. Reeks 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, A. Holway 8. Rung for the annual service of combined Exeter Lodges Loyal Order of Moose.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLEX.—On April 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Richardson 1, Anna Gower 2, F. Barker 3, A. Goodall 4, A. Warren 5, M. Carter 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, L. Tubbs 8. For Evensong.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hall 1, G. Webb 2, F. Hall 3, C. Hall 4, G. Atkins (cond.) 5. Rung for Sunday School anniversary service; also a birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Atkins, wife of the conductor.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Harris 1, J. H. Cox 2, B. E. Woodall 3, L. Clissett (cond.) 4, Miss M. Tromans 5, H. Shilcock 6, T. Greenhall 7, J. Byng 8. Rung for the first visit of the new Bishop of Worcester to this church.

HOLLOWAY, N.—On April 18th, at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Begrie (cond.) 1, Miss D. A. Deverill 2, Miss M. A. Prockson 3, R. Newman 4, A. Butler 5, W. D. Prockson 6, A. Turner 7, H. W. Barnard 8. For the institution and induction of the Rev. R. E. Simpson as Vicar.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Baker (first on eight) 1, P. I. Chapman (cond.) 2, A. J. Frost 3, R. March 4, R. F. Turner 5, C. W. Bird 6, B. Austin 7, D. W. James (first of Triples) 8.

LONDON, E.C.—At St. Olave's Church, Hart Street, on April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Hart (first quarter) 1, Miss M. L. Hawksley 2, A. F. Thirst 3, D. E. Fowles 4, M. W. Harbott 5, W. T. Cook (cond.) 6.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On April 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. E. Turner 1, R. Fox (first of Stedman Triples) 2, F. E. Strickland 3, S. W. White (first in method) 4, R. P. Selway 5, A. W. Dyer 6, W. H. Poole (cond.) 7, W. G. Turk 8.

MELLS, SOMERSET.—On April 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. T. Dyke 1, E. C. Wadman 2, W. H. Poole 3, J. Looker 4, G. Gaylard 5, H. E. G. Jeanes 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, F. J. White 8. Rung for the Queen's birthday.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On April 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jane Lewis (first quarter) 1, Mary Powell (first 'inside') 2, Rosemary Strong 3, M. Horseman (cond.) 4, C. Kortright 5, Ruth Gaunt 6. Also, the same day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Brain (first quarter) 1, M. Horseman 2, Mrs. D. Strong (first 'inside') 3, L. Derrick 4, C. Kortright (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6. Rung on the occasion of the visit of Her Majesty the Queen to Bristol and North Somerset.

NETTLEBED, OXON.—On April 14th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Grandsire, 240 Plain Bob, 240 All Saints), 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 120 April Day and 120 Reverse St. Bartholomew: F. G. Henbest 1, M. D. Ling 2, R. K. Russ 3, E. L. Baughan 4, P. T. Hurcombe (cond.) 5, C. M. Baughan 6. First in six Doubles methods by all.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.—On April 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Miss C. Fernley 1, J. Fernley 2, Miss E. Brentnall 3, Mrs. L. Bounphrey 4, Mrs. J. Fernley 5, B. Jones (cond.) 6, I. Brentnall 7, L. Bounphrey 8.

NORTHAW, HERTS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Boyd 1, A. J. Bull 2, N. Clark 3, E. B. McKie (cond.) 4, W. D. N. Foote 5, J. T. Y. Roberts 6. For Evensong.

NORTHAM, SUSSEX.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Barnes 1, Mrs. G. Reece 2, Miss Miller 3, J. Barnes (first 'inside') 4, W. Button (cond.) 5, F. Tedham 6. For morning service.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Brown (first quarter) 1, J. Hunt 2, P. Harding 3, D. Knight (13, first 'inside') 4, A. Knight 5, F. Slatford (cond.) 7, J. Case 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Tessa Wilson, daughter of Rear Admiral Wilson, to Mr. F. J. King, at Buenos Aires Cathedral on April 14th.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Ayers (first quarter) 1, C. J. Turner (cond.) 2, K. Clarke 3, J. Manley (first quarter) 4, R. Woodley 5, E. H. Marks 6, R. T. Wood 7, C. Glanville 8. A wedding compliment to Miss Gillian S. Crosse and Mr. Martin W. Evans.

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OSWESTRY, SALOP.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gail Hawkins 1, J. Thomas 2, Mrs. M. James, 3, C. Smith 4, M. S. Hart (cond.) 5, W. Smith 6. First quarter for all except 3rd. Rung on the back six for the Queen's birthday.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. A. Naylor 1, Miss D. J. Borer 2, Miss E. B. P. Walker 3, J. Hale 4, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 5, W. A. J. Knight 6, C. E. J. Norris 7, W. G. Hollands 8. For the Queen's birthday, also a birthday compliment to Miss Cynthia E. Naylor, daughter of the treble ringer, and a first wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. Carey, both ringers at this church.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On April 1st, 1,200 Doubles (240 each Plain Bob, St. Simon's, Winchendon, St. Nicholas' and Grandsire): W. Warner 1, B. Barber 2, J. Forder 3, G. Walpole 4, E. Long (cond.) 5. For morning service.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Giles' Church, on April 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss H. Brant 1, A. Diserens (cond.) 2, K. Cotterell 3, J. N. Diserens 4, R. Burton 5, A. K. Street 6, N. J. Diserens 7, V. Cherrill 8. First of Stedman for 1 and 3.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Chaddock (13) 1, Mrs. N. Chaddock 2, H. O. Chaddock 3, J. N. D. Chaddock (15) 4, G. K. Chaddock 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6. Nos. 3 and 5 are father and son and 3 and 6 brothers, 1 and 4 being daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Chaddock.

ROTHLEY, LEICS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): N. Bishop 1, R. Brewin 2, M. Bishop 3, G. M. Brewin 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, P. Plover 6. For Matins.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.—On April 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. K. Saunders (first of Stedman) 1, R. Bird 2, Miss J. M. Clements 3, G. Francia 4, W. L. Weller 5, G. T. Jennings 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, E. T. Lee 8.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKS.—On April 9th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: F. White 1, G. Perrin 2, C. Henshaw 3, L. Dawson (cond.) 4, J. Burgess 5, A. Farrad 6. A compliment to Mr. Jonathan Pilling on his 92nd birthday.

STAFFORD.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Sherwood 1, F. R. Wiggan 2, F. Eley 3, R. Barlow 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, A. E. Garbett 6, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 7, J. C. Evans 8. Rung half-muffled for the service of dedication of the Book of Remembrance and the Garden of Memory by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on April 8th, 1,320 Doubles (five extents St. Martin's, four St. Simon's, two Plain Bob): B. Bladon (cond.) 1, Miss J. Secker 2, Miss F. Secker 3, M. J. Rowe 4, E. J. Rowe 5, F. Riddle 6.

TEIGNMOUTH, DEVON.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Capt. A. R. Poyntz 1, Mrs. D. E. Hood 2, A. L. Bennett 3, M. Hood (first in method) 4, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 5, H. W. Simonds 6, D. J. Cross 7, K. Shelley 8. For evening service.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On April 22nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: M. Hayes 1, H. Rumens 2, F. C. Maynard 3, D. Hewitt 4, C. T. Coles 5, E. E. Holman 6, A. J. N. Boyack 7, J. Chapman (cond.) 8. Rung for Evensong and for the birth of a grandson for Mr. and Mrs. H. Rumens.

WESTON-ZOYLAND, SOMERSET.—On April 21st, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. Miller 1, M. Stone 2, G. Marchant 3, C. Marchant (first of Treble Bob) 4, C. Clarke (first in method as cond.) 5, R. Short 6.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On April 10th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Meham 1, J. R. Wilson 2, W. L. Weller 3, Miss D. K. Saunders 4, Miss J. M. Clements (cond.) 5, B. W. M. Cowper 6.

WINWICK, HUNTS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. M. Alderman 1, M. J. Alderman (first quarter) 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, R. Chapman 4, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Percy Emmanuel Coles, ringer at this church for a number of years.

WOUGHTON, BUCKS.—On April 16th, 1,320 Doubles (240 Winchendon Place, 120 St. Nicholas', 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 240 St. Simon's, 240 St. Martin's, 240 Plain Bob): Miss M. Welton (first quarter) 1, K. Garner (first 'inside') 2, M. Hooton 3, Rev. C. E. Wigg 4, A. Butcher (cond.) 5, W. Rose 6.

OBITUARY

MR. J. W. JONES

On Saturday, April 21st, the death occurred at Newport of Mr. John William Jones, late secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association, a post he held for 46 years, resigning in 1945. His death has severed one of the last links with early days of the Association; he was undoubtedly the greatest pioneer of change ringing in South Wales.

Born at Tidenham, Glos, on December 5th, 1865, he came to Caerleon with his parents at the age of four. He began his ringing career in 1888, being taught by Mr. Evan Davies, a schoolmaster at Caerleon. He rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at Caerleon on January 12th, 1889. When the bells of All Saints', Newport, were dedicated in May, 1902, he was appointed leader and held that office until about 1950 when he retired.

During his 46 years as secretary of the Association he carried out his duties with vigour and enthusiasm, and many towers in the district can thank him for their early instruction; he must have travelled many hundreds of miles in doing this service.

For many years he was a member of the Central Council and was at the time of his resignation the oldest member. A friendly man, he was loved by all who came in contact with him.

Mr. Jones was a great traveller and visited most parts of Great Britain, ringing in nearly 700 towers. He rang over 500 peals, mostly in the standard methods.

As a boy he joined the Great Western Railway at Newport, and was a storekeeper in the engineering department at Newport.

In his younger days he was a very good cricketer and played for Monmouthshire in the Minor Counties Championship. For many years he saw every England-Australia test match in this country.

Although he had been confined to his room for three years he remained very cheerful, and was looked after by one of his three daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Lewis, and her husband.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Birmingham, May 5th. Train, Paddington, 9 a.m. Refreshments on train. Towers available: Cathedral (12), 11.45 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.; St. Martin's (12), 2 to 3 p.m.; Aston (12) and St. Chad's (8), 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. prompt at Corner Cupboard, Union Street. Names for tea to Mr. G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28.—A. B. Peck. 8188

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION (Taunton Branch) and DEVON GUILD (N.E. Branch).—Joint meeting, Ashbrittle, Saturday, May 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 8194

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 5th, Chatteris. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 8181

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Great Holland, Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.15.—J. H. Gould, Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 8162

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Southminster (6) on Saturday, May 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Buses depart Maldon 1.15, 1.45, 2.25 p.m. 8151

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, May 5th. Bells of Cathedral Church and St. Mary's 2.30 to 3.45 p.m. Service at St. Mary's 4. Tea and meeting, Congregational Hall, North Street, 4.45 p.m. Bells of St. Nicolas' and Stoke after the meeting.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec. 8128

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Bushey (8) on Saturday, May 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names essential, to K. Dunstan, Dis. Sec., 8, Bridge Road, Hunton Bridge, Kings Langley. 8182

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Smarden (6) on May 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—W. P. Garner. 8145

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Leigh, Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. 8134

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Henley-on-Thames, Saturday, May 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea in Chantry House.—R. G. Burton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practices will be held at Warfield on May 5th and at Arborfield on May 19th at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 8230

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Freshwater, May 5th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify Mrs. Guy, 16, Cypress Road, Newport. 8191

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice, St. Mary, Lambeth, 7.30 on Monday, May 7th. General meeting on Saturday, May 12th. All Hallows, Chertsey Road, Twickenham, 3 to 4 p.m. Tea and business 4.30 to 6, the Vicarage, Church Street, Isleworth. Service 6.30, All Saints', Isleworth. Ringing at Isleworth 7 to 9 p.m. Names for tea, please. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. Tel.: HOU 3921. 8174

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Monday, May 7th, at 7 p.m. One minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station.—T. J. Lock.

BARNLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Crofton, May 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. F. Townend, Bleak House, 529, Doncaster Road, Crofton, near Wakefield, not later than May 9th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 8241

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Maulden on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Rounds to Surprise.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 8235

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at Sutton on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Lawton, School View, Sutton Lane Ends, Macclesfield.—B. Corbishley, Sec. 8243

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Lillington on Saturday, May 12th (please note change of place and date). Ringing 3 to 4.30 and 6 to 8 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea in Leamington; own arrangements.—H. M. Windsor, Dis. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting, West Hartlepool, May 12th. All Saints', Stranton (8), 11 to 12.30 and 2.30 to 4.30; St. Aidan's (8), 2.30 to 4.30; St. Oswald's (10), 7 to 9. Committee, All Saints' Vestry, 3.30. Service, All Saints', 4.30. Tea, St. Matthew's Hall, Elwick Road, 5.15. Names for tea by May 10th to Mr. W. Maughan, 1, Powell Street, West Hartlepool. 8242

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Joint meeting with Sussex County, May 12th. Worth (6) 3 to 4.30. Tea at Turner's Hill (8) with ringing after. Names to Ivan Butcher, East Bungalow, Pad-dockhurst, Crawley.—C. A. Bassett, I. Butcher. 8228

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, May 12th, at Teversall. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea only. C.7 M.G. bus to Healdswood from Alfreton, a few minutes over fields to church.—B. A. Sollis. 8224

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western.—Crusader meeting, Fyfield, May 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. Blatch, Rose Bank, Fyfield, Ongar. 8206

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Malmesbury (8), May 12th. Names for tea to H. G. Blanchard, Braemore, Filands, Malmesbury.—W. B. Kynaston. 8225

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Slimbridge (6), May 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by May 9th Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 8246

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Thames Ditton on Saturday, May 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by May 9th to Mrs. F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queens Road, Thames Ditton.—R. Collins. 8219

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—Annual meeting on May 12th at Abbots Langley, Watford, beginning 3 p.m., followed by annual dinner. Members attending should notify D. L. Gullick, Stevenage, Herts. 8125

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Coddington (6), May 12th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, please, to J. Ward, Woolfields, Coddington, Ledbury. 8222

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Bodenham (6), Saturday, May 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Good bus service from Hereford. Names for tea by May 8th, please, to A. T. Wigate, Huntington House, Hereford. 8249

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 12th, 3 p.m., Benington. Please bring own tea.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 8239

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Tring (8), May 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by May 9th to Mr. Badrick, 63, Dundale Road, Tring.—R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 8205

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Michael's, Huyton, May 12th. Ringing 2.45 p.m. Tea 4.15. Service 5. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. R. Birchall, 157, Bluebell Lane, Huyton.—G. I. Howlett. 8244

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Hoghton, May 12th. Bring own food. Preston, Blackburn, Old Road bus 158.—L. Walmsley 8240

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Saturday, May 12th. St. Peter's (6), 3 p.m., and St. John's (6), Lytham. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting after tea.—J. F. Turner. 8250

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Milnthorpe, Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names to A. C. Thompson, 31, Park Road, Milnthorpe, Westmorland.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 8248

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Holbeach, May 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names by May 7th to Mr. G. Johnson, 4, Albert Walk, Holbeach. 8234

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at All Saints', Church Street, Edmonton, on Saturday, May 12th, at 3 p.m. Two minutes from Edmonton Town Hall. No. 128 bus passes church. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—T. J. Lock. 8217

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Leek on Saturday, May 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to be received not later than Thursday, May 10th, to E. Sharatt, 13, Lowther Place, Leek, Staffs.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 8245

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Spring meeting at Redenhall (8), Saturday, May 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in St. George's Hall, Harleston, 5.45 p.m. for all who notify Mr. Wm. Flatt, 11, Mendham Lane, Harleston, Norfolk, by Tuesday, 8th.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec. 8195

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City Branch.—Meeting, St. James' Church, Cowley, Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea by May 8th to Mr. W. Holloway, 17, Westbury Crescent North, Cowley, Oxford. 8210

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Harwell on Saturday, May 12th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names by 8th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, Sherborne, May 12th. Meeting, Digby Church Hall, 2.15 p.m. Guild service, Abbey, 4. Meat tea, Church Hall, 5 p.m. (price 4s), by ticket only from F. Slatford, Church Lane, North Bradley, Trowbridge, before May 9th. Bells: Abbey, 1 to 2 p.m.: Gillingham, Mere, Wincanton, Blandford, Milborne Port, Charlton Horethorpe (all 8), Buckhorn Weston, Bourton, Bradford Abbas, Thornford, Stalbridge, Yetminster, Zeals (6 bells), from 12 noon to 1.30 p.m., and after 6 p.m.; Yeovil (10 bells), after 7 p.m.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Market Drayton, Saturday, May 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 9th, to Mr. F. Price, The Grove, Bentley's Road, Market Drayton. 8203

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at North Wheatley (6), Saturday, May 12th. Tea at The Plough for those who notify Mr. J. Wright, North Wheatley, Retford, by 8th.—H. Denman. 8233

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Burstow (6), May 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service uncertain. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5.15 p.m., Garage Café, Keepers Corner. Names for tea to Mr. L. Penfold, Rebew, New Road, Smallfield, Horley, by May 9th. 424 bus, Reigate—East Grinstead, for church and tea. 8201

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Joint meeting with East Grinstead, Saturday, May 12th. Ringing at Worth (6) 3 p.m. Tea at Turner's Hill 5.30 p.m. Turner's Hill (8) from 6.15 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, near Crawley. 8212

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Steyning (8), on May 12th. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Badsey, Saturday, May 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea.—W. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at York on Saturday, May 12th. Minster bells (12) available 2-3.55 p.m. Evening in Minster 4. Tea at Festival Restaurant, Jubbergate, 5 p.m. Business meeting at York Institute of Architectural Study, Micklegate, at 6 p.m. Bells (6), recently rehung, available after meeting. Names for tea by 10th to Miss M. E. Wilkinson, 10, St. Oswald's Road, York. Subscriptions due and reports will be available.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilvercroft Road, Heaton, Bradford 9. 8208

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Llangynwyd, May 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—R. E. Coles, Sec. 8223

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at East Bridgford on Saturday, May 19th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec., 60, Albert Street, Newark. 8231

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Meeting at Benhall and Saxmundham on Saturday, May 19th. Bells: Benhall (6), 2.30 p.m. Service: Saxmundham, 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Saxmundham (6) bells after tea. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 15th, to A. R. Bridges, Hon. Sec., Theberton, Leiston. Phone: Leiston 57. 8236

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Old Alresford, Saturday, May 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 21, St. Faith's Road, Winchester. 8229

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting on Whit Monday, May 21st, at Chelmsford. Service, conducted by the Provost, in the Cathedral at 11 a.m. Address by the Rt. Rev. F. D. V. Narborough, M.A., B.D., Bishop of Colchester. Annual meeting to follow immediately after the service in the Chapter House. Tea and coffee available in the Cathedral Hall 10.15 to 10.45 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m., Cathedral Hall, and tea as a running buffet from 5 to 6.15 p.m. Lunch (4s. 6d.) and tea (2s.) tickets from A. H. Everett, Cornerways, Plantation Road, Boreham, Chelmsford, by May 16th, and please enclose stamped addressed envelope. Ringing arrangements: Cathedral, 9.30 to 11 a.m. and from 5 p.m.: Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6), from 3 to 6 p.m.; Galleywood (8), Great Baddow (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Danbury (6), Sandon (6), from 6 p.m.—F. V. Gant, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8179

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Annual general meeting, Whit Monday, May 21st, at Cullompton. Service 12.15. Luncheon, Manor House Hotel, 1.15. Tickets, 5s. 6d. each, may be had on application to Prebendary E. V. Cox, Hunthay Close, Axminster, Devon, before May 16th. Bells available: Cullompton, 11 to 12; Bradninch, 11 to 11.45; and both towers also after business meeting. A Ringing Master will be present in each tower. 8221

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Festival and annual general meeting at Ross on Whit Monday, May 21st. Service, Parish Church, 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15. Annual meeting 5 p.m. Bells available from 11 a.m.: Ross (8), Weston-under-Penyard (6), Bridstow (8), Foy (6), Aston Ingham (6), Upton Bishop (6).—W. R. Thomas, Gen. Sec. 8132

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held, D.V., on Whit Monday, May 21st, at Kettering. Committee meeting at 3 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Tea 4, followed by the business, in the Corn Market Hall. Service 6.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged only for those whose names are received not later than Monday, May 7th, by Mr. P. I. Chapman, 132, Ardington Road, Northampton. Towers open for ringing, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 3.30 p.m.: Desborough, Rushton, Burton-Latimer, Geddington, Grafton Underwood, Cranford: 1 to 3.30 p.m.: Rothwell, Thorpe Malsor, Weekley, Warkton, Isham, Barton Seagrave, Pytchley, Orlingbury: noon to 3.45 and 7.30-9 p.m., Kettering. Evening ringing announced at tea.—G. W. Jeffs, Gen. Sec. 8238

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at Crewe, Saturday, May 26th. Service in Christ Church 3.30 p.m. Tea (5s. per head) at the Co-operative Rooms, Market Street, 4.30 p.m., followed by meeting. Branch secretaries please inform Mr. W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe, of numbers not later than Tuesday, May 22nd. Towers available: Sandbach (8) and Acton (6), 1.30 to 3 only; Crewe (10), Nantwich (8), Wistaston (6), 1.30 to 3 and after the meeting. For other towers consult Mr. Kerr.—J. Kingdon, Hon. Sec. 8220

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Preliminary Notice. The June meeting of the Western District will be at Withycombe Raleigh on June 9th. Other towers: Heavitree and Clyst St. George. Usual coach will run from Bath-Bristol district. Names for coach as soon as possible, please, to Mrs. de Jong, Vanaarken, Beresford Close, Saltford, Bristol.—M. J. de Jong, Hon. Sec., Western District. 8216

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner on Saturday, October 6th, 1956, at the Old Bell, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, price 13s. each, now available from the undersigned, and early application is requested.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tenbridge, Kent. 8200

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—On April 15th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: B. J. Townsend (first of Treble Bob Major) 1, J. E. Cawser 2, G. E. Oliver 3, J. B. Webb 4, Joan Beresford 5, P. Beresford 6, E. Malin 'first in method 'inside' 7, D. Beresford (cond.) 8.

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