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## GLORIOUS FAILURES

AS far as peals go, the successes we know about, for they are recorded for all time, but the failures are quite another matter; it is true that many of them do not deserve a mention, but on the other hand there are some which deserve a better fate—they become a memory and are rarely heard about. In a good number of instances the premature end was unexpected and a big disappointment—broken ropes, broken clappers, missed bobs and indisposition are the common causes; mind wandering causes trouble too, for when two 'wool gatherers' get together anything can happen. There are other causes such as one I heard about in the West Country many years ago: a visiting band having met one short enlisted the aid of one of the local stoney band to beat 'the drum.' All went well for a couple of hours when the tenor man 'stood'; as could only be expected the rest 'stood' too. The local, with some surprise, asked: 'What have you stopped for, I only wanted to wipe my nose.'

Many of the 'performances,' as far as they went, were good, and if they had been successful would have been remembered with pride and joy; however, very few enter these in their peal books and in course of time the dates become hazy, and it is only during those periods of reminiscences at some convivial gathering do we glean anything of these outstanding failures.

I used to make a note of my failures but they became so numerous that the practice ceased. Like many another, my first attempt for a peal failed, a broken rope being the cause. This was on December 21st, 1919, and several more went west ere I scored my first. My first attempt to call a peal came to grief through indifferent striking, and my second attempt at Disley on November 19th, 1921, was lost through good striking. The striking throughout this attempt was exceptionally good, and when the first 'slip' arrived no one was prepared for it—someone hesitated at lead with the result that every bell 'stood.' We looked at each other in amazement, and the late Rev. A. T. Beeston, who rang the treble, said: 'Well, we had better go outside and listen to them.'

New Mills has seen some failures, but none so comic as our first attempt for Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major there: the end was in sight, the treble was working down to lead for the last time when all of a sudden the ringer of the 4th went astray and would not be corrected and rounds did not come up. When asked what he was thinking about, the ringer of the 4th calmly replied: 'I was wondering how County had gone on.' Needless to say, Alan Samson went home alone that night.

The eccentric Rector of Taxal, the late Rev. S. Evans, caused a few failures. At this church the ringers stand on the ground floor of the west tower, so it is not possible to lock the door, and you could not keep old Sammy away. Half way through my first attempt there, in walked his reverence carrying as basket containing bottled ale and glasses: then saying we must be feeling thirsty, he commenced to fill the glasses—need I say more? Still, the old man was a good sort and you could not be angry with him—he laid on a good feed at the 'Royal Oak' to make amends. One branch meeting at Taxal nearly came to an untimely end through one of the members not knowing the Rector, who on seeing a very unkempt, tramp-like figure with odd boots tied with string prowling around the church, decided to do something about it . . . a lot of oil had to be poured on the troubled waters.

Another failure caused by a broken rope might have been very disastrous: it happened a few days after my wedding, and the attempt was at Hyde. Having finished ringing earlier than we should have done, all adjourned to 'The George,' and I think we stayed a bit longer than anticipated. However, Bill Fernley and I managed to catch the last tram to Hazel Grove. We got off the tram and when we reached Grove Street Bill asked me if Rachel was at my mother's. I had to admit she was not and that I had forgotten all about her. To make matters worse, rain was coming down in torrents: the last tram had returned to Stockport so I had to walk back to the house I had passed twenty minutes' earlier on the tram. Needless to say, I never was allowed to go to Hyde unaccompanied after that.

I have found that not all failures can really be classed as 'failures' in the true sense of the word, for they invariably have lead to something better, and I think I am right in saying it is also the experience of all ringers.

J. P. F.



**TWELVE BELL PEAL**

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1956, in 3 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS AND ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 38 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in C.

JOHN WORTH .. .. . Treble	ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. 7
FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. .. 8
BASIL JONES .. .. . 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 9
JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. . 4	FREDK. E. COLLINS .. .. 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 5	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 11
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 6	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Rung on the occasion of the 896th anniversary of the consecration of the church.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1956, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,

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

Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

*REGINALD SCOTT .. .. Treble	*WILLIAM H. DALE .. .. 6
*GWEN I. RUSBY .. .. 2	*ROY STEPHENSON .. .. 7
*PETER E. PARRY .. .. 3	*DENIS A. FRITH .. .. 8
GEORGE W. CREASEY .. 4	*H. REGINALD WOODS .. 9
*W. RUSSELL READ .. .. 5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal.

SOUTHOVER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 12, 1956, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

ALBERT W. BOND .. .. Treble	RAYMOND OVERY .. .. 6
FRANK H. HICKS .. .. 2	ROBERT COLLINS .. .. 7
LEONARD STILWELL .. .. 3	DORIS E. COLGATE .. .. 8
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. .. 9
THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 5	WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 12, 1956, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

PETER BERESFORD .. .. Treble	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 7
ANN BARR .. .. . 3	JEFFREY B. WEBB .. .. 8
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 4	EDMUND MALIN .. .. 9
J. EDWARD CAWSE .. .. 5	GEORGE E. OLIVER .. .. Tenor

Composed and conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., April 13, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

BETTY SYRETT .. .. Treble	CECIL W. PIPE .. .. 5
LESLIE G. BRETT .. .. 2	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 6
*ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. .. 7
*WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. .. 4	GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

\* 50th peal together.

BLACKHILL, COUNTY DURHAM.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 28, 1956, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE (R.C.),

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*DAVID R. MICKLETHWAITE Treble	*CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB .. 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 2	PHILIP G. DRAFFAN .. .. 6
ENID SOFTLEY .. .. . 3	DENIS A. BAYLES .. .. 7
THOMAS M. COX .. .. 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

\* First peal of Surprise Major.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Cox on their 14th wedding anniversary.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 28, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5088 NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN KING .. .. . Treble	BRIAN AUSTIN .. .. . 5
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 2	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 6
GEORGE CARE .. .. . 3	RICHARD F. ROE .. .. 7
ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. 4	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.  
The first peal in the method. 50th peal on the eight bells (augmented 1920).

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 6½ cwt.

DEREK P. JONES .. .. Treble	*PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER.. 5
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 2	VIVIENNE M. HORTON .. 6
FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 3	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 7
GORDON A. HALLS .. .. 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

\* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

Rung as an 18th birthday compliment to Vivienne M. Horton.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5152 HUGHENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR**

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

ERNEST H. KILBY .. .. Treble	FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. 5
MRS. T. J. LOCK .. .. 2	*JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 6
*THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. 7
ALICK CUTLER .. .. . 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

\* 50th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1956, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 14 cwt.

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.	
*JOHN DEAN .. .. . Treble	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD.. 5
HENRY O. BAKER .. .. 2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. .. 6
PERCY SWINDLEY .. .. 3	H. STEWART BAILEY .. .. 7
*JOHN HUGHES .. .. . 4	JOHN T. TILSTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. E. F. Edge, a churchwarden of this church.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR.

36, 14, 15, 16, 12, 38, 16, 78.

2nds place lead-end, 4ths place bob.

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On Sat., May 5, 1956, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. YSTYFFAN,

### A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. .. Treble	ROBERT E. COLES .. .. 5
RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. .. 2	*ALAN F. LEE .. .. 6
JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. .. 3	DAVID J. KING .. .. 7
J. ARTHUR HOARE .. .. 4	ROGER O. FRY .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.  
\* First peal of Major.  
Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

NEW ALRESFORD, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., May 5, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

### A PEAL OF 5056 WHITWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*MAURICE J. DODD .. .. Treble	ADRIAN J. TUMBER .. .. 5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 2	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. .. 6
ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. .. 3	J. MICHAEL LAKIN .. .. 7
REGINALD W. REX .. .. 4	R. ROGER SAVORY .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.  
\* First peal of Major with a Treble Bob hunt. First peal of Whitwick by all the band and for the Guild.

STRATFIELD MORTIMER, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., May 5, 1956, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

ALAN R. PINK .. .. Treble	BRYAN PATTISON .. .. 5
*JANET L. ADAMSON .. .. 2	GEORGE COUSSINS .. .. 6
WILLIAM F. BUTLER .. .. 3	ALAN E. HARTLEY .. .. 7
MRS. WM. F. BUTLER .. .. 4	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM.  
\* First peal of Major.  
Rung to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

THAXTED, ESSEX.  
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.  
On Sat., May 5, 1956, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

G. C. GALLEY (Queens') .. Treble	R. D. PAINTER (Caius) .. 5
SUSAN JACKSON (Girton) .. 2	J. BEAUMONT (Selwyn) .. 6
*A. J. HOWARD (Trinity) .. 3	J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s) 7
F. B. COOKSON (St. John's) 4	W. T. COOK (Jesus) .. Tenor

Composed by E. M. FIELDEN.  
\* First peal of Major.  
Conducted by J. H. FIELDEN.

WADHURST, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., May 5, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

EDITH BASSETT .. .. Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING .. .. 5
ERNEST J. LADD .. .. 2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE .. 6
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 3	LEONARD W. GILES .. .. 7
ALBERT RELFE .. .. 4	CHARLES A. BASSETT .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CHARLES A. BASSETT.  
First peal on eight as conductor. First peal on the bells after being rehung and augmented.  
A 21st birthday compliment to Ann Bassett.

WINSLOW, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., May 5, 1956, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ROLAND BIGGS .. .. Treble	WALTER AVERY .. .. 5
RICHARD DEAN .. .. 2	JOHN KAPE .. .. 6
*ROY WOODRUFF .. .. 3	ANTHONY E. COX .. .. 7
*DAVID CORNWALL .. .. 4	WALTER LEE .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.  
\* First peal of Bob Major.  
Conducted by WALTER LEE.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Mon., May 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

ARTHUR W. HOODLESS .. Treble	RONALD NAYLOR .. .. 5
NORMAN BELL .. .. 2	ARTHUR CROWDER .. .. 6
WALTER GODDARD .. .. 3	JACK BRAY .. .. 7
MICHAEL CROWDER .. .. 4	FRANK LORD .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.  
Conducted by JACK BRAY.  
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to T. Johnson, for 40 years a ringer at this church.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., May 9, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE. Conducted by GEORGE FRANCIS.  
\* 100th peal. † 50th peal.  
A silver wedding compliment to the Rector of Pulborough, Rev. G. H. W. Royle, and Mrs. Royle, and to Mr. and Mrs. George Jennings, of Crawley.

ERITH, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Fri., May 11, 1956, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

### A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

BRIAN BLADON .. .. Treble	CYRIL S. JARRETT .. .. 5
*PETER P. BROWN .. .. 2	JOHN L. MORRIS .. .. 6
RICHARD W. STEPHENS .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 7
GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. .. 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.  
\* First peal of Major.

BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.  
On Sat., May 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

### A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Pitstow's.

*A. J. HOWARD (Trinity) .. Treble	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn) 5
†SUSAN JACKSON (Girton) .. 2	J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s) 6
†G. C. GALLEY (Queens') .. 3	W. T. COOK (Jesus) .. .. 7
J. D. PAINTER (Caius) .. 4	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') Tenor

Conducted by W. J. RIDGMAN.  
\* First peal with a treble bob hunt. † First peal in the method.

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., May 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN,

### A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb.
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Treble	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. 5
ERNEST G. HIBBINS .. .. 2	ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. 6
RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN .. 3	*FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7
GEORGE BUTCHER .. .. 4	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR G. MASON.  
\* 600th peal. The first peal on the bells.  
In memoriam Mr. and Mrs. Mason, parents of the conductor.

ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., May 12, 1956, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFLEDA,

### A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in D.

NELIA M. LEAHY .. .. Treble	*R. ROGER SAVORY .. .. 5
*A. J. HOWARD (Trinity) .. 2	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. .. 6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 3	MAURICE J. BUTLER .. .. 7
*ADRIAN J. TUMBER .. .. 4	†J. MICHAEL LAKIN .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.  
Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.  
\* First peal of New Cambridge. † First peal of New Cambridge Major. The first peal in the method on the bells.



## SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 9½ cwt.

MRS. W. SIMPSON .. .. Treble	DAVID J. MARSHALL .. .. 5
SHELAGH KILBOURN .. .. 2	WILLIAM E. SIMPSON .. .. 6
CHARLES GEARY .. .. 3	R. ALLEN HICKTON .. .. 7
ALBERT HARTLAND .. .. 4	REGINALD G. NEWSUM .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss N. R. Thompson and Mr. O. Cripps, a member of the local band.

## SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5024 LONGNEY BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALBERT CATTERWELL .. Treble	BRIAN J. HOWARD .. .. 5
HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. .. 2	PETER J. EVES .. .. 6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 7
JOHN WARNER .. .. 4	WALTER ARNOLD .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. BARKER.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

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

## WROTHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 12, 1956, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In three methods, comprising 2,720 changes of Rutland, 1,312 Yorkshire and 1,056 New Cambridge, with 80 changes of method.

Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

JOHN L. MORRIS .. .. Treble	GEOFFREY PEARSON .. .. 5
*JOHN R. COOPER .. .. 2	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 6
†BRIAN BLADEN .. .. 3	†MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. .. 7
†E. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. 4	PETER N. BOND .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.

\* 100th peal. First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. First peal of Spliced Surprise Major as conductor.

## CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5024 FORDHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

NORMAN SMITH .. .. Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. .. 5
MILTON C. FOWLER .. .. 2	REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM .. 6
HOWARD SCOTT .. .. 3	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. .. 7
FREDERICK J. JACKSON .. 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

The first peal in the method for the Association and by all the band.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 19, 1956, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

STANLEY H. ASHTON .. Treble	GEORGE CHERRY .. .. 4
*FRANCES WELCH .. .. 2	PETER W. CROFT .. .. 5
ROY HEAN .. .. 3	FRANK W. CROFT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.

\* First peal.

Rung to mark the wedding of Miss Joan Cherry and Mr. John Bracey; also an 18th birthday compliment to Mr. Peter W. Croft.

## BROCKWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 23, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being ten 120's and eight 240's each of Morris's and Pitman's arrangement.

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

ROGER FRY .. .. Treble	G. LEONARD HEWITT .. .. 4
LESLIE BARRY .. .. 2	PETER CLARKSON .. .. 5
GEOFFREY NORMAN .. .. 3	PETER GILBERT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

Rung for the Patronal Festival, also for the engagement of Alfred Lynall to Joan Bardsley.

## ST. STYTHIANS, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEDYANA,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (15 callings).

Tenor 8½ cwt.

HARRY MILES .. .. Treble	E. VIVYAN WILLIAMS .. .. 4
MARION L. LIDGLEY .. .. 2	ALAN CARVETH .. .. 5
A. HUBERT EPLETT .. .. 3	GEOFFREY W. TAYSON .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MILES.

The first peal of Stedman Doubles on the bells, by all the band, by the Truro Diocesan Guild, and by a resident band of Cornish ringers.

## WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

STANLEY SHIPP .. .. Treble	*DONALD A. MORTLOCK .. .. 4
*GEORGE E. CRISP .. .. 2	*GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. .. 5
*DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 3	MANSFIELD GINN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

\* First peal of Norwich Surprise.

Rung as a compliment to Geoffrey A. Lucas and Margaret R. Jeeps on their engagement; also a 21st birthday compliment to Margaret R. Jeeps.

## WINTERTON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 8 cwt.

PETER G. W. NEWSTEAD .. Treble	A. WILLIAM BIRD .. .. 4
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. .. 2	*MICHAEL SOLLEY .. .. 5
JOHN W. G. KINDRED .. .. 3	PETER KINDRED .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER KINDRED.

\* First peal of Minor.

## WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford Bob, and four extents of Plain Bob called differently.

Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*R. ANTHONY TRICKETT .. Treble	*A. ANTHONY JAKES .. .. 4
*HERBERT SUTTON .. .. 2	*JOHN R. JOYNER .. .. 5
JOHN E. BROUGH .. .. 3	*IVOR R. NICHOLS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

\* First peal in four Minor methods. First peal as conductor in four Minor methods.

Rung for the birthday of the fifth ringer, also a birthday compliment to E. J. Boffey and a 21st birthday compliment to Hilda Ollier.

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Manchester Branch.)

On Sat., May 5, 1956, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In nine methods, being four extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place Bob, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, and ten extents of Grandsire.

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*JAMES COFFEY .. .. Treble	ALBERT W. STONE .. .. 4
†DEREK F. YATES .. .. 2	DEREK OGDEN .. .. 5
DEREK TAYLOR .. .. 3	*S. NEVILLE DAVIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung as an 18th birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

## HONILEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1956, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in B flat.

*ALBERT NIX .. .. . Treble	*RICHARD J. CANN .. .. 3
*KENNETH R. FOOT .. .. 2	†JOSEPH L. LIGHTFOOT .. 4

A. CHARLES MORRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by A. CHARLES MORRIS.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

Rung in honour of the enthronement of the Bishop of Coventry.

## LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1956, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's: C.C.C. Nos. 58, 59, 79, 80, 82, 154, 157.

Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

GEORGE L. THOMPSON .. Treble	RONALD RUSSELL .. .. 4
PERCY D. BALDOCK .. .. 2	LOUIS WILLIERS .. .. 5
AMOS INGALL .. .. . 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1956, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

ON THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge, Oxford and Kent, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Treble	GORDON A. HALLS .. .. 4
VIVIANNE M. HORTON .. .. 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 5
FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 3	DAVID J. MARSHALL .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

## PRESTON CANDOVER, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., May 5, 1956, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

PETER N. BOND .. .. . Treble	*MARION J. PARKER .. .. 4
E. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. 2	†JUDITH R. COX .. .. 5
FREDK. W. BURNETT .. .. 3	JOHN L. MORRIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.

## STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1956, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

EUNICE A. HILEY .. .. Treble	DUGALD M. MACPHERSON .. 4
PAMELA A. WARREN .. .. 2	EILEEN M. TURNER .. .. 5
SYLVIA C. SHERWOOD .. .. 3	E. JOHN WELLS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

Rung for Rogationtide.

## TORQUAY, DEVON.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

(Mid-Devon Branch.)

On Sat., May 5, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GEORGE AND MARY, COCKINGTON,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*AUBREY L. BENNETT .. Treble	†DENNIS J. CROSS .. .. 4
†MRS. D. E. HOOD .. .. 2	WILLIAM SIMONDS .. .. 5
E. MAURICE ATKINS .. .. 3	§WILLIAM J. HARVEY .. Tenor

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

\* 50th peal. † First peal. § First peal on six bells. § First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

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UPCHURCH, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sat., May 5, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.  
EMILY B. P. WALKER .. Treble | CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. 4  
TERENCE BARTON .. .. 2 | ALBERT DUNK .. .. 5  
FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. .. 3 | WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer, also the grandson of the fourth; and a wedding compliment to Mr. F. Fagge and Miss B. Harris, of Milton Regis (both ringers).

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.  
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.  
*On Sun., May 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being one Morris's 240, with 20 extents of Grandsire and 20 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

PETER N. BOND .. .. Treble | E. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. 3  
FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. 2 | JOHN L. MORRIS .. .. 4  
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.

Rung for Evensong.

MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.  
*On Mon., May 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF 6000 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 50 different extents, each bell in turn being the whole hunt for ten extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

DONALD H. NIBLETT .. .. Treble | J. JOHN P. ELLAMS .. .. 3  
ROBIN A. HODGSON .. .. 2 | \*KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH .. 4

\*PETER R. SANDERS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

\* First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sat., May 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents in 30 methods, 57 changes of method: (1) St. Werburgh, Canterbury, Abbeyville, Vale Royal, Combermere and Crowland Delight; (2) Braintree, Humber, Wragby, St. Albans, Neasden and Charlwood Delight; (3) Marple, Willesden, College Bob IV, Taxal, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight; (4) Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (5) College Exercise, Morning Star, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (6) Oswald Delight; (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

RONALD DAWSON .. .. Treble | WILLIAM A. SMITH .. .. 4  
TREVOR TAYLOR .. .. 2 | GEOFF. D. FEARNEHOUGH .. 5  
DEREK TAYLOR .. .. 3 | BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

First peal in 30 methods by all. Average age of the band is 20½ years.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Wed., April 25, 1956, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,*  
AT STEDMAN, SKETCHLEY ROAD,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Washbrook's. Tenor size 18 in G.  
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 1—2 | ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 5—6  
ALAN CATTELL .. .. 3—4 | \*ROGER HAYWARD .. .. 7—8

No bobs or singles called.

\* First peal of Stedman 'in hand.'

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Wed., May 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,*  
AT STEDMAN, SKETCHLEY ROAD,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Washbrook's. Tenor size 18 in G.  
ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 1—2 | WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 5—6  
ALAN CATTELL .. .. 3—4 | HECTOR A. KNIGHTS .. 7—8

Singles only called.

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Ringers are featured in this year's Royal Academy. Entitled 'The Bell Ringers,' the painting is based on a scene in Liverpool Cathedral when the bells are being rung. It is a compelling composition, showing the ringers outlined against the blackness of the dark beams. The artist, Mr. J. A. Cleeland, art master at Grangefield Grammar School, Stockton, spent several hours sketching scenes in Liverpool Cathedral. The picture had previously been shown at Manchester City Art Gallery.

## BELFRY

Congratulations to Mr. Ernest Treagus and John K. Cooper, who have rung their 100th peal.

The peal at Eye on April 13th was specially arranged for the 21st birthday of Mr. John Girt, one of the local ringers. After the peal the band were kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rush.

Old friends from both sides of the border met at Carmarthen on May 5th for the peal attempt at Llanstephan. During the peal the light-enders were confronted with the amusing spectacle of a large crayon drawing of 'Mickey Mouse' on the whitewashed wall, being, so it seemed, over the conductor's shoulder. It gave the impression that 'Big Brother' was watching him in case he missed a bob!

To enable them to ring on the heaviest ring of eight in the world, two Bristol Rural members travelled a distance of 111 miles on a 'Vespa' scooter to Sherborne Abbey and were rewarded with 168 Grandsire Triples. Persons knowing the two will regard this as a record. It is claimed that this was the greatest weight (31 stones) to be carried on the smallest machine, for the greatest distance for the shortest ring, on the heaviest bells.

## GOSSIP

It is great news for Australian ringing that Mr. George J. Pipe, of Grundisburgh, leaves for Melbourne, Australia, in June. George will be joined by his wife, nee Miss Diana M. Matthew, in six months. With some 250 peals to his credit, including Exeter Cathedral, where he and his father performed on the tenor in October, 1954, he will be a useful addition to the team at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. Diana's name has also appeared in our peal columns; she has been ringing four years. Ringers wish them every happiness in their married life.

The death took place on May 13th of Mr. Arthur Firth, a valued member of Rotherham Parish Church ringers. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after Evensong and the Vicar (Bishop G. V. Gerand) visited the ringing chamber and offered prayers.

Ringers of St. Margaret's, Wolstanton, presented Mr. Philip S. Whalley with a new edition of Dove's 'Church Bells' as a farewell gift on leaving for National Service with the R.A.F. A quarter peal of Plain Bob Major also marked the occasion.

Congratulations to Miss Frances Welch, of Bennington, Herts, on ringing her first peal, at Great Wymondley, Herts. Frances is the daughter of Mr. Jack Welch, who rang in the 12,000 of Bob Major at Bennington some years back.

A proposition has been made to install electronic church bells in St. John's Church, Lowestoft. Already the record of York Minster bells has been heard through the four loudspeakers in a demonstration. Perhaps the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, at Great Yarmouth, has heard of the proposal. His views on this subject, forcibly presented to the Central Council, are well known.

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# SOUTH OF ENGLAND RINGERS' RALLY AT BOURNEMOUTH

THE tenth Ringers' Rally was held at Bournemouth on May 5th, followed by the seventh George Williams Commemoration Dinner held at the Gaumont Restaurant, which was attended by 87 ringers and friends. Ringing took place during the afternoon on the two Bournemouth octaves in a variety of methods.

The chairman, Rev. J. L. Featherstone, Vicar of St. John's, Surrey Road, invited Canon A. L. E. Williams, Vicar of Bournemouth, to say grace, and the company sat down to a well-served dinner.

The loyal toast was honoured in the bell-ringers' traditional fashion by the ringing of a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells.

Mr. William B. Cartwright, Master of the Worcestershire Association, proposed 'The County Borough of Bournemouth.' He said he knew very little about the county borough in spite of having visited Bournemouth regularly for nearly 25 years, but he had always received a very kind welcome from all when visiting Bournemouth, especially from the bellringers. He revealed that during the last day or so he had joined the ranks of the old staggers by becoming a grandfather (applause).

Councillor H. P. E. Mears responded, and brought the apologies for absence of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, who were both busily engaged elsewhere in the borough. He recalled that his first duty as Mayor in Coronation Year was to come to the Ringers' Dinner in the Devonshire Hotel. He was glad Mr. Cartwright decided *not* to talk about sewage: he agreed with him that something ought to have been done about the piers and outlined some of the difficulties and hindrances they were up against.

## VICAR AND BELL COMPLAINTS

The Vicar of Bournemouth, in proposing the toast of 'Bells and Bellringers,' commented that he did not know if it would be in order for Mr. Cartwright and Councillor Mears to discuss sewage at that stage as they had a Conference of the Sanitary Inspectors of England coming to Bournemouth, and he had just arranged for them to have a church parade service on the Sunday of their stay. In a tribute to the work of ringers, the Canon said: 'You ringers are a strong medium of advertisement for the Church. You call to the people—Come to church! Come to church!! You are doing a great part of the advertising for us and we clergy are grateful to you.' Sometimes letters arrived at the Vicarage saying how beautiful the bells are, and sometimes the letters were quite rude. Sometimes people telephoned complaining about the bells. He always asked them if they came to church, and the reply was usually: 'Oh, no! I don't go to church'—very significant, commented Canon Williams.

Mr. J. A. C. King, hon. secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, responded on behalf of the ringers.

## COMMEMORATION DINNERS

Mr. Arthur Davis, in proposing 'The Memory of Mr. George Williams,' said he was sure that there were others in the room that evening who were in a much better position to propose the toast, having known the late Mr. George Williams as a personal friend. Mr. Davis said that he had heard it mooted at different times that the Commemoration Dinner should be dropped: he had heard it in connection with other dinners in other parts of the country and it had been suggested in connection with this dinner.

'It would be a pity to do this,' the speaker said, 'for these men and their contemporaries had done so much for the bells and bellringing that we should be grateful to them and honour their memory. Had Mr. George Williams been alive that day and with them that evening, he would have been delighted at the tribute paid

to them by Canon Williams and he would have left them that evening with renewed resolution to do all within his power to further the art of bellringing.'

Mr. Davis hoped that the function would continue to be the 'George Williams Commemoration Dinner,' and that it would continue to gather strength in the years to come.

The chairman proposed the toast of 'The Visitors.' Mr. Featherstone first of all read apologies from Canon R. P. Price, Vicar of Christchurch. An apology for absence was also received from the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, of Southampton. The chairman welcomed the visitors who were with them that evening, and he hoped they had enjoyed their visit. He had great pleasure in endorsing what the Vicar of Bournemouth had said about bellringers, and could assure all present that there was always a welcome awaiting them at Christchurch at St. Peter's or at his own church of St. John, Surrey Road.

Mr. George Pullinger replied for the visitors, saying that they were most grateful to those responsible for arranging such an enjoyable function. It was worth coming to the Dinner just to hear the excellent handbell ringing of the Bournemouth people and also to hear the beautiful singing of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beresford.

That morning he had called upon another old ringer well known in Bournemouth area, Mr. George Preston, and he was very sorry to say that Mr. Preston was far from well, but he sent his best wishes to them for a very successful evening. Mr. Pullinger said he would like to

propose that the committee should send a message to Mr. Preston from that gathering.

During the evening Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beresford sang songs and duets: they were accompanied at the piano by Mr. Simon Preston, of Canford School. The Bournemouth handbell ringers rang some Spliced Royal and the St. Peter's handbell band rang a selection of tunes on their ring of 28 bells.

## THE COMPANY

Those present included Rev. J. L. and Mrs. Featherstone, Canon A. L. E. and Mrs. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beresford, Councillor H. P. E. and Mrs. Mears, Mr. Simon Preston, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cartwright, Mr. and Mrs. G. Pullinger, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Hems, Mr. and Mrs. Stroud, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Danniells, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Dalloway, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Price, Mr. and Mrs. Parkes, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ballard, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. White, Mr. and Mrs. H. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. H. Gillard, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dykes, Mrs. F. J. Marshall-say, Mrs. D. T. Gardiner, the Misses Stewart, K. Fletcher, D. Fletcher, E. Fletcher, Barnes, D. Battersby, M. Parker, G. Rea, P. Barnett, C. Jones, P. Gair, S. Day, S. Savage, N. Crofts, S. Pearmain, S. Stevenson, J. Chick, J. Price; Messrs. J. A. C. King, W. E. Cheater, R. Marlow, F. Harris, J. Hartless, T. Pike.

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# WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

## Mr. W. B. Cartwright the New Master

THE 73rd annual meeting of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, held at Worcester on Easter Monday, attracted the usual good attendance of members, together with visitors from distant parts of the country. The service was held in All Saints' Church, the Chaplain, the Rev. L. J. Birch, officiating, assisted by the Rev. A. Webb, and Miss D. Hicks as organist.

At the general business meeting in College Hall, the Dean of Worcester, the Very Rev. W. E. Beck, presided, and he was supported by the Rev. L. J. Birch, Mr. C. Skidmore (Master) and Mr. J. D. Johnson (general secretary and treasurer).

Arising from the minutes a letter of thanks from Great Comberton Church Council was read, thanking the Association for a grant of £15 towards their restoration scheme, and it was further reported that the Central Committee had approved a provisional grant of £10 to Redmarley.

Reporting for the Central Committee, the secretary said that the Guildhall being fully booked up for October, the Hall had been booked for the nearest available Saturday, and that the annual dinner would be held this year on 3rd November. Further, that the Ladies' Guild would be holding their annual meeting in Worcester on July 7th, and that the Committee had decided to entertain them to tea. The Committee felt, however, that such an invitation would have to be limited to bona-fide members of the Guild.

The librarian (Mr. C. W. Cooper) stated that during the year eight applications had been received for the loan of 12 books.

The balance sheet for the year showed that performing membership had increased by 11 to a total of 489. The membership badges had proved very popular, and the first issue was nearly sold out; the sale of 205 resulted in a

credit to the General Fund of over £30. The General Fund had a credit balance for the year of £41 17s. 4d., or excluding the badge account, still a balance of £11 2s. 4d. on the year. The Belfry Repair Fund had increased in value by over £18 to a total of £228 19s. 5d., and the total worth of Association Funds stood at £287 14s. 11d.

The Dean of Worcester was unanimously re-elected president, and the clerical and lay vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc, with the addition of the Rev. A. Webb to the former. The retiring Master, Mr. C. Skidmore, having previously intimated to the committee that he felt it time for someone else to take the office, proposed Mr. W. B. Cartwright as the new Master, and this was unanimously agreed to. Sterling tributes were paid by the chairman and other members to the work of Mr. Skidmore, who had been Master since 1948. All other officers were re-elected.

The arrangements for the annual peal were left to the new Master, and it was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Worcester.

The appeal for Bow Bells was discussed, and eventually left to the Branches.

Bells used during the day were those at the Cathedral, All Saints', Claines, St. John's and Kempsey.

Mr. J. Bennett, of Grundisburgh, after his world tour, is on holiday in Jersey. He writes: 'This is no place for "tower grabbing," but very good for bell-hunting if ones, twos and threes are considered. Have been up among the bells in the three towers given in Dove's Guide. Of the ring of six at St. Mark's, hung for ringing in 1844 by Mears, two bells only have wheels and can be swung. The other four are moved and permanently fixed, all (apparently) for the sake of a heavy bell (50-60 cwt. perhaps) which is hung "dead" in the centre of the tower.'



## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

THE annual general meeting was held in Norwich on May 5th, attended by nearly 100 members and friends from all parts of the Diocese and Suffolk.

Ringling took place at St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. Giles' (8) and St. George, Colegate (6), during the afternoon and evening.

The annual service was held in St. Peter Mancroft Church, conducted by the Vicar, Canon Waddington, assisted by the Revs. H. G. Lillingston and A. G. G. Thurlow. The address was given by the Bishop of Thetford (the Rt. Rev. M. P. G. Leonard), whose theme was 'Sermon in Sound.' Most Englishmen living abroad would say the sound in memory which most stirred their hearts was the sound of bells stealing across the meadows on a quiet summer's evening. The sound of bells, like wireless, could get into houses closed to the clergy. They proclaimed that this is a Christian country. A sermon in sound, said the Bishop, reached a wider audience than the words of the preacher.

A substantial tea was provided by the wives of several of the Norwich ringers in the Chantry Hall.

The president, the Rev. H. G. Lillingston, presided at the business meeting. A list of members who had passed on to higher service was read, and members present stood for a moment in silent memory of the late president, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, W. Brooke (Kings Lynn), N. R. Bailey (Aldeburgh), W. Chandler (Spooners Row), H. G. Fulcher (Starston), C. J. More (Palgrave), W. J. Nudds (London), F. J. Roope (Pulham Market), R. C. Sharpe (Newmarket), F. J. Tillet (Ipswich) and F. Warrington (St. Ives).

### CONGRATULATIONS TO NOLAN GOLDEN

The president congratulated Mr. Nolan Golden upon completing 1,000 peals, and spoke of the devoted service Mr. Golden had rendered to the Association for many years. He also praised the work of the Branch secretaries and Ringing Masters, especially the way Branch meetings were conducted. He welcomed new members into the Association and urged them to persevere and keep the bells ringing in the villages. Help from other towers would do much to encourage these newcomers. Members were reminded that they were office holders in the church, and after ringing for the service should take their place with the congregation.

The general secretary reported a year of steady progress, especially in the number of young people coming into the Association. Membership was now 446. Elected during the year: 5 honorary and 38 ringing members.

Restoration work had been carried out at Great Ryburgh to the tenor. At Gressenhall the six had been augmented to eight by the addition of two new trebles. Restoration was also being carried out at Carlton Colville and a band of learners are attending practice nights at Pakefield. An appeal had been launched at East Dereham for the eight to be recast and rehung in a new frame. Grants had been made from the Belfry Repair Fund for all the foregoing and to Thetford St. Peter's for repair work carried out on the 6th.

The new Association badge, designed by Mr. Nolan Golden, had been on sale and approximately 150 had been sold since the last annual meeting.

### MEMORIAL TO LATE PRESIDENT

Subscriptions for the memorial to be erected to the memory of the late president, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, amounted to approximately £18. It is proposed to place a bronze tablet in the ringing chamber at Mulbarton Church in the near future.

The Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Barrett, reported that the peal total equalled the 1952 post-war record of 97. In view of the apparent increasing interest and enthusiasm it is hoped that the 1937 record total of 108 would soon be surpassed.

The accounts were presented by the treasurer and adopted by the meeting.

Officers elected for the ensuing year: President, the Rev. H. G. Lillingston; general secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Love; vice-presidents re-elected with the addition of Mr. Nolan Golden (after 32 years' service to the Association); Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Barrett; hon. auditor, Mr. A. Bason.

It was agreed to donate £5 to the Bow Bells Appeal Fund.

Votes of thanks were passed to Canon Waddington for conducting the service, the Bishop of Thetford for giving the address, the various clergy for their permission to ring their bells, and the ladies who had provided and served the teas.

## GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS South-West Branch

Over 40 ringers supported the meeting held at Stowford on April 28th. The Guild's new form of service was used by the Branch for the first time and was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. J. Hearne), who in the course of his address extended to all present a cordial welcome to Stowford.

The meeting coincided with a village fete to raise funds for the purchase of a village hall, and the ringing of the tuneful bells formed a pleasing background to the activities during the afternoon and evening.

A buffet tea was served in the old church school, which will eventually be the new village hall.

Mr. G. Harry Myers (vice-president of the Guild) presided at the business meeting in the absence of the Branch chairman, Mr. H. Howard Thomas, who was ill.

Four new members were elected, the belfry elections of five others confirmed, and Guild proficiency certificates presented to the following members of Plympton St. Maurice: Miss B. Browning, Miss R. Hansford, and Messrs. D. J. Farnham, K. Farnham, D. Pengelly and M. Roberts.

A joint meeting with the Mid-Devon Branch will be held at Plymouth on June 30th, and the next Branch meeting at Modbury on September 29th, subject to permission. T. G. M.

## A SUFFOLK WEDDING

### Mr. George Pipe and Miss Diana Matthew

St. Nicholas' Church, Bedfield, Suffolk, is not often filled to capacity, but it was on May 12th, when Mr. George James Wilgress Pipe, of Easta, Grundisburgh, was married to Miss Diana Mary Matthew, of White House Farm, Bedfield.

The bride's father, Mr. F. W. Matthew, is people's warden, and the bridegroom's father, Mr. C. W. ('Jim') Pipe, is the former secretary of the Suffolk Guild and a member of the Central Council.

Both the bride and bridegroom are peal ringers, and many ringers from Suffolk, Norfolk and beyond were present at the ceremony.

The officiating clergy were the Rev. Hugh Wilson (Vicar of Bedfield and Monk Soham) and the Rev. J. Anthony Thursfield (Vicar of Grundisburgh). Mr. Frank Davies, of Grundisburgh, a friend of the bridegroom, was the organist.

The bride made her own gown of white nylon organza trimmed with lace. She wore a tulle veil and a pink and red rose headdress. There were four bridesmaids—the Misses Barbara Paramour and Rosemary Reynolds, dressed in pale mauve eyelet material, and little Pat Mayhew and Heather Airey, in primrose eyelet. Five-year-old John Willis was pageboy.

Mr. Barrie Steel was the best man and the bridegroom's brother, Roderick, usher.

Call changes and Cambridge Minor were rung on the Bedfield bells at the end of the service and the bells were also fired.

The reception was held in a large marquee on the lawn at the bride's home, and the health of the happy pair was proposed by Mr. Henry Bradley. The honeymoon is being spent somewhere in the south-west.

In connection with his business in the lawn mower and general sales department of Messrs. Ransome, Sims and Jefferies, of Ipswich, the bridegroom leaves for Melbourne in June, and the bride is to join him there six months later.

In the evening an attempt for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Grundisburgh broke down after several courses had been rung. Afterwards 1,287 Stedman Caters were brought round.

## BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society held its April meeting at All Saints' Church, Driffild, at the invitation of the Vicar (Rev. John Watkins) and Sgt. T. H. Huddleston, E.R. Constabulary, captain of the local ringers.

Forty-eight members attended and the bells were raised in peal and rung to various methods during the afternoon.

The service, held in church, was conducted by the Vicar, assisted by Rev. George Storer, chaplain to the Society, during which one of the hymns was accompanied by handbells rung by the local ringers.

Tea, provided by the local ringers and the Verger, and served by their wives and mothers, was taken in the choir room adjoining the church, and followed by the business meeting.

The Vicar, in his reply to a vote of thanks, stated how pleased he was to see this first meeting by any association of ringers to be held at Driffild, and hoped they would enjoy their visit and come again.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## IS THE PEAL WELL AND TRULY RUNG?

Dear Sir,—I was amused to read the account in 'Belfry Gossip' of the peal attempt where it was not noticed that the clapper of one of the bells was missing. To my mind this raises an interesting point: can a peal be said to be well and truly rung if for some reason a bell does not sound, even if the ringer of that bell and the rest of the band ring faultlessly? Perhaps the Central Council can supply an answer.—Yours faithfully,

V. T. O. BOASE.

Wallasey, Cheshire.

## THE STALWARTS OF OLD

Dear Sir,—We read today of faulty peals, so I will give you a personal experience of mine years ago with the old stalwarts of St. Peter's, Sudbury. I had the honour to ring a few quarter peals with them for services, my bell at St. Peter's being the fifth (having been told it was the only one I could strike properly!).

As was usual, rounds were rung until the exact time to start the quarter. 'Go, Kent' was called, and I committed a grave offence about half way by missing my 5-6 dodge. For the rest of the ringing I received a scowl from David whenever I was approaching that position. After 'Stand' was called, he stepped off the tenor box and informed me in no uncertain words that I had ruined it!

Over two months elapsed before I was allowed to ring with him for service again. He lived seven miles from Sudbury and if no transport was available he walked—but heaven help anyone who arrived late.

All the youngsters were afraid of him where ringing was concerned, and yet we all loved him.—Yours truly,

LESLIE D. MILLS.

Bures, Suffolk.

## THE PEAL AT FOLKINGHAM

Dear Sir,—As conductor of the peal of Plain Bob Minor rung at Folkingham on April 2nd, I most strongly deny Mr. C. T. H. Bradley's allegation that the bells only came into rounds six times. This mythical third 720 has evidently become a persistent obsession with him as this is the sixth consecutive occasion on which he has protested to me personally. It appears that after the first 720 Mr. Bradley's powers of observation and also concentration lead him violently astray. The very consistency of the ringing proves that there was nothing to complain about, viz.: First 120, 23 mins.; second, 23 mins.; third, 23 mins.; fourth, 24 mins.; fifth, 24 mins.; sixth, 23 mins.; seventh, 23 mins.

This cynical criticism by Mr. Bradley every time one goes is rather embarrassing from one who should know better. Why did he not come to the belfry and complain instead of leaving us locked in? If we are not welcome we would appreciate being told so. The Rector is always delighted for us to go. If Mr. Bradley had his way, I'm sure all peals would be withdrawn. According to him, in fact, to use his own words to me: (1) 'There are very few true peals rung anywhere.' (2) 'Peal ringing is a farce.' (3) 'Peals are ten a penny today.' These striking assumptions I'm afraid he would find hard to prove. I can say with honesty and confidence that the bells came into rounds at the end of each 720 clearly, and I have no intention of withdrawing it. I have consulted all who took part and they are astounded at Mr. Bradley's fabrication.—Yours faithfully,

JAMES H. MUSSON.

Silk Willoughby, Lincs.

## 'WHITHER VARIETY?'

Dear Sir,—I wonder how many of your readers have noticed, as I have, the general decline in the number of different methods practised on 10 and 12 bells? It is possible to count on the fingers of both hands the number of 10-bell methods which appear with reasonable regularity in the peal columns; whilst this can be accomplished using only one limb for 12-bell methods.

I further wonder how many readers have found a reason for this lack of variety. Perhaps the key lies in James Barke's preface to his 1955 edition of 'Burns' Poems and Songs,' wherein he says, 'His experience, if searing, was fundamental and therefore universal.' Yes, indeed. If a method is fundamental it will be universal. That, I think, is why many new Major methods are rung once and then forgotten. As an old Apache once said, 'Hot fires burn out quickly.'

About 12 months ago 'E. C. S.' wrote a fine leading article entitled 'Fresh Possibilities,' in which he quoted Sherlock Holmes as saying, 'There is nothing new under the sun.' What appears in the rest of this letter will, I hope, be considered weighty evidence against this statement, for the following is the result of over two years' (on and off) thought on the subject. Below are some of the products of the final distillation; I trust they are fundamental enough to be considered of universal appeal. Firstly, one of the most beautiful and musical methods is Double Norwich Major. The Royal, however, is far less appealing and enjoys little popularity. Below is the place-notation of a method which I have called Norfolk Court Bob Royal. In this method all the work of Double Norwich Major is completely reproduced with the sole exception of full work at the back. The only addition is plain hunting.

X 10 X 16 X 58 X 70 X 10  
Lead-head—1 0 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2  
1 9 0 7 8 5 6 3 4 2

('X' means that no places are made.)

Next, let us consider Bristol Surprise. Whilst the Royal (and Maximus) produced by A. Craven are undoubtedly the correct extensions, there are two main attributes which are not preserved, namely, four-bell work and extending-bob-leads. I have called the following method Bedminster Surprise Royal (it is actually an improvement of the original, and may even prove to be better than Bristol Major!).

X 70 X 14 X 56 X 36 (14 and 70) X (14 and 70)  
58 X 56 X 70 X 14 X 10  
Lead-head—1 2 4 3 6 5 8 7 0 9  
1 4 2 6 3 8 5 0 7 9

The blue-line of this is very similar to that of the Major, the main difference being the addition of a double-dodge to the point-blows—this portion of the work is, I think, 'held together' better as a result.

The following method I have called Nottingham Surprise Royal.

X 70 X 18 X 50 X 78 16 34 X 78 50 34 16 X  
30 X 14 X 90  
Lead-head—1 5 3 7 2 9 4 0 6 8  
1 5 7 3 9 2 0 4 8 6

This has the following attributes:—

(a) All the bells come to the front and back in their correct coursing order.

(b) All the bells pass the treble in their correct coursing order.

(c) Although the internal contiguous places may be considered objectionable by some, they produce the musical changes . . . 8790 four times per course (cf '6578 in Major).—Yours faithfully,

D. MOTTERSHEAD.

Wilmslow.

## '... AND ALL UNCHARITABLENESS?'

Dear Sir,—Mr. W. Birmingham's attack on 'Technical Tittle-tattles' can hardly have any result other than possibly to hinder the very work that many ringers of long standing consider to be of prime importance, namely, the encouragement and help of the learner by articles or lectures or practical instruction. To counter this potential hindrance (and not in any self-defence, which seems unnecessary in this case) I would offer the following comments:

(1) The series of articles, as you know, sir, has been planned not for crystallised critics, but for open-minded learners, who initially find difficulty and disinterest in the paper work of ringing. It is intended firstly to arouse their interest and show that their difficulties are appreciated, and then to smooth them out.

(2) In a life largely spent in instructing and lecturing, experience has shown the value of certain methods of exposition and explanation. Learners are entitled to any benefit of such proved experience. That such methods are appreciated is revealed in personal contacts up and down the country. (Beginners are often reluctant to 'go into print'.)

(3) Almost innumerable references may be quoted from authoritative writers on the need for what Mr. B. seems entirely to have overlooked in his attack, namely, distinctive terms and clear definitions as the essential bases of all sound exposition. For example, from Dr. Robert H. Thouless, of Cambridge—a past president of the British Psychological Society—in his work, 'Straight and Crooked Thinking'; or again, from W. W. Sanger, also of Cambridge, in his book entitled 'Mathematician's Delight'; or, to come to ringing literature, take Shipway, who recognised the same lack of basic essentials in it; or Snowdon, who also refers to Shipway's views, and who, in his 'Treatise on Treble Bob,' says: '... the explanations published hitherto appear to me to be generally very hard to understand, and in some cases quite at variance with the truth . . . I (am) . . . of opinion that other words might be found better adapted to express meaning than are those actually employed . . .'. The same idea is expressed by the compilers in their introduction to the Central Council's 'Glossary of Technical Terms.' In short, there is still the need for clearer terms, and beginners do appreciate the point. Our duty remains clear.

(4) Mr. B.'s objection to the Latin-derived word 'transit' appears without 'rhyme or reason' when it is realised that some of the most commonly-used words in ringing parlance are *pure* Latin. For example, for the stages of a method family—'Minimus,' 'Minor,' 'Major' and 'Maximus.' Also he seems to have forgotten that 'transit,' often used in astronomical connections, in this sense, refers to the relative crossing-over of two heavenly bodies. In fact it does, of course, literally mean a 'going across' something; that is, a relative motion is implied between two things. Hence its appropriate use to express succinctly the crossing-over of two bells. If he has not come across it in ringing parlance, that will not adversely affect any beginner who has readily formed a definite concept from its definition!

(5) Mr. B.'s last paragraph, asking how to recognise the phase of any particular change-row (following Mr. Shepherd's discussion of 'odd' and 'even' rows), rather lays the question open to this: the answer lies in ascertaining the number (odd or even) of transits required to convert that row back to rounds. Short cuts of recognition are built up from this simple and undeniable fact. (The seventh article in the T. T. series was planned to deal with this subject.)

Not to recognise the truth of these things seems like trying to deny, to our more recently-joined members of the Exercise, their right to know the facts.—Yours very truly,

Southsea.

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.



## IRISH ASSOCIATION'S RECORD MEMBERSHIP

The annual meeting of the Executive Council of the Irish Association was held in Dublin on April 28th. Prior to it the final striking competition for the Murphy Cup was held at St. George's Church. Drogheda were the winners with 52 faults, Kilbroney second with 64 faults, and St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, had 67 faults. This is Drogheda's first time to win the all-Ireland Cup. They have now won in 1956 all possible trophies, having previously won the Attendance Challenge Shield and the Gabriel Lindoff Cup for District striking competition.

The business meeting was held in St. George's Parochial Hall and was attended by most of the District representatives. Before the meeting commenced all stood in silence as a mark of respect for those members who had died since the last meeting, viz.: T. Dunwoody (Holywood), W. Fulton (Enniskillen), D. Lowther (Londonderry), H. S. Lightbody and W. Young, life members; T. Hammond and Harold J. Poole.

It was reported that the invitation had been issued to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers to hold its meeting in Ireland in 1958, and that the matter was left with the councillors to think it over and save up.

Points from the annual report were as follows:

**BELL INSPECTIONS.**—The Armagh Diocesan Church Inspection and Advisory Committee in its first annual report on 20 churches thoroughly examined, referred to dangerous conditions on a number of their bells.

**BELL DEDICATIONS.**—A new ring of ten bells was dedicated at St. Mark's Church, Dundela, Belfast.

**PEAL RINGING.**—Only two handbell peals were rung during 1955. There were no tower bell peals.

**ACCOUNTS.**—The Central Fund balance shows a slight decrease over previous years and steps were suggested to remedy same. At present the balance is about £47.

**MEMBERSHIP.**—The total membership at 31st December was 516, of which resident ringers numbered 385—the greatest number yet reached in the history of the Association.

The report of the 'Irish Bell News' was also adopted. It expressed concern at the drop in circulation and appealed for more readers.

The following were elected life members:—Fred Henly and William Green (Drogheda), in

recognition of their 54 years' service to ringing; Dr. H. A. Magennis (Hillsborough), D. Ireland, J.P. (Belfast), R. Greer (Drumbo), Miss E. M. Young (Carrickfergus) and Miss L. M. Cunningham, J.P. (Rostrevor).

An appeal from the Bow Bells Restoration Committee was placed before the meeting. It was decided not to take any action at this meeting pending further information which the general secretary is to obtain.

It was decided to make a grant of £5 5s. towards the repairs to the bells at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. These bells are at present in the hands of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, William Pratt (Holywood); vice-presidents, Rev. J. Barry, S. J. Evans and F. Bogan; Master and librarian, R. S. F. Murphy, P.C.; general secretary, Fred E. Dukes, Meadow Cottage, Julianstown, Co. Meath; auditors, W. Bovenizer and R. W. Smyth; badge secretary, J. T. Dunwoody; representatives on the Central Council, F. E. Dukes, J. T. Dunwoody and Miss J. Stewart.

The Council decided that, in order to encourage those towers who are struggling in their efforts to learn change-ringing, plain hunting will be permitted to comply with the rule requiring 240 changes of method for striking competitions.

Touches of Plain Bob Minor, Triples and Major and Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung at St. George's Church after the meeting.

## AN EXAMPLE FROM WALES

For Ascension Day service at Cowbridge, Glam., a band of pupils from schools in the borough rang call changes. They were Stewart Cooksley (14), Vernon Hopkins (16), Mary Burnage (14), Dianne Morgan (15), Roger Brown (15), Barbara Evans (15), Anthony Hutchings (16), Clive Howell (15). Tony Hutchings called, and according to 'The Lion,' the weekly newspaper of Cowbridge Grammar School, the striking was extremely good. Another band of scholars afterwards rang rounds. This is the first time the eight bells have been rung for a service by a band consisting entirely of school pupils.

## REDEDICATION

### BIDSTON, BIRKENHEAD

During Evensong on Palm Sunday the bells of St. Oswald's, Bidston, were rededicated by Rev. E. O. A. Thomas, Rural Dean of Birkenhead.

The bells, a light ring of six (tenor 5½ cwt., approx.), have been rehung on ball-bearings with new fittings after quarter turning and returning by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

It is some 40 years since the bells received professional attention, and had progressively deteriorated, the wheels in particular being in a very bad state. The wooden frame, however, was in very good order, and drilling revealed that it is teak and not oak as previously assumed.

The tone of the bells leaves a lot to be desired but money was not available for recasting and the bellhangers are to be commended on the improved resonance.

Whilst the bells were away the local ringers, under their young captain, Mr. 'Banky' Pemberton, redecored the inside of the tower from roof to floor level, and richly deserved the thanks extended to them by the Vicar on behalf of all members of the church.

## MR. HOWARD HOWELL'S 500 PEALS

With the peal of Grandsire Cinques at Walsall on April 28th, Mr. Howard Howell, of Wolverhampton, completed his 500th peal (conducted 174 peals). These have been rung for 17 Societies in 121 different towers: 397 have been rung for the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

Doubles.—One to six methods, 33 peals (8 conducted).

Minor.—One to seven methods, 61 peals.

Triples.—52 peals (1).

Major.—114 peals (29).

Caters.—111 peals (70).

Royal.—34 peals (10).

Cinques.—85 peals (51).

Maximus.—7 peals (4).

Doubles on handbells.—2 peals (1).

Major on handbells.—1 peal.

Total: 500 peals; 174 conducted.

Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Erin, Oxford Bob, Darlston Bob, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Spliced Kent and Oxford Little Bob, Duffield, Double Norwich C.B., Cambridge, Superlative, New Cambridge, Norfolk, Ashted, Belgrave, Yorkshire, Southwell.

## THE LADIES' GUILD

### Hereford Branch

Despite the wet weather a fair number of ringers were present at the quarterly meeting held at Leominster Priory on April 14th.

It was possible, thanks to the gentlemen ringers, to ring the ten bells, and apart from a few unfortunate incidents the meeting went off smoothly!

The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. Thomas, Vicar of Kimbolton, after which tea was taken in the Church Hall. This was followed by the business meeting, where several new members were elected. R. J.

### Midland Branch

A meeting of the Midland Branch was held at Waltham-on-the-Wolds on April 14th, and was well attended despite the cold weather. The bells were rung to various methods before the service, conducted by the Rector. Tea was organised by the wives of the local ringers and upheld the high standard always set at Waltham.

At the meeting it was decided to cancel the outing to Derbyshire on June 2nd, owing to lack of support, and it was decided to hold a meeting at Rothwell on the same date. Mrs. Smart, of Waltham, was elected a member.

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## SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD'S EASTER TOUR

FOR its first ringing week, the Southampton University Guild decided to employ the bicycle as a means of locomotion and to base its activities on Weston-super-Mare. It was also decided to investigate the hospitality offered by the Youth Hostels Association, and by these means we were able to maintain cost at a reasonable level. It was found, surprisingly enough, that members also wished to travel between Southampton and Weston by bicycle, and so the Ringing Week commenced at Southampton on April 21st.

Our first Somerset towers were gained with service ringing at St. Cuthbert's, Wells, and Up-hill (Old Church), where we were warmly welcomed by the local ringers. The presence of the sun made cycling and ringing a very exhausting business, but the production of varying sun-tan lotions by the ladies to ease their reddened features soon banished the sun from the skies, and the skin from their noses.

We were, of necessity, restricted in choice of towers, but we visited all the eights and sixes within reach, all in perfect conditions and a credit to the local ringers, taking the opportunity to raise the ringing abilities of our members, both in handling heavy bells and in extending their method capabilities.

Vivid memories of the tour remain, such as the sight of our secretary suspended on the sally of the 35 cwt Congresbury tenor and still unable to pull it off, and the sight of our Master-elect, underestimating the weight of the Wrington tenor and falling off his box in his attempt to pull off in time. He succeeded in turning it in very nicely to rounds, while he regained his perch! We also remember Axbridge, where the Rector was so busy in regaling us with the history of the church and town that he forgot to explain to us the intricate clock chimes—we hope they strike properly now. At Winscombe the Vicar had forgotten us and had not returned from his holiday. The sexton, a fund of knowledge, informed us of the keys' whereabouts, the cost of a phone call to Bristol, the easiest road to Bath, the name of the nearest pub to our next tower, the cost of getting married, and the winner of the Cup Tie—almost in one breath. Also we remember crossing the Mendips in a hailstorm after splicing our only broken rope, at Burrington. The men are not likely to forget the missing pyjama cords, or the keyhole, with the eye on the other side, in the door separating the dormitories at Cheddar Youth Hostel.

The highlight of the week was on the Tuesday when, with the aid of cars driven by friends and relations, we held a day's outing in the Exmoor region. The picturesque town of Dunster resounded to the tune of Stedman, Plain Bob and Double Norwich on the fine eight, while on the even finer Taylor ten of Minehead, Grandsire Caters and Kent Royal sounded even better. While we 'grabbed' the six at Porlock, our drivers prepared their engines for the climbs ahead. Our ascent of the famous, almost vertical Porlock Hill, took us straight through the low clouds, and we celebrated our arrival above them by serenading a very lonely and startled A.A. man with a course of Bob Major 'in hand.' Our arrival in Devon was marked with a course of London on the Lynton six, and soon we were gorging ourselves with a Devon cream tea. We returned over the centre of Exmoor, ringing on the new Mears six at Exford.

Our tour was completed with an invitation from the Bristol University Society to an afternoon's ringing. After being fed at their refectory, we were taken on a lightning tour of the city, managing, in the course of the afternoon, to visit eight towers, cycling twenty miles round Bristol to do so. We have to thank Bristol for knowledge of how to cycle through and across

fast moving traffic, without wasting precious ringing time; how to ring 'Chase' and 'Clifford's Pleasure,' and an introduction to Cecil's motor-bike. Thank you very much, Bristol, for the way in which you turned out to make our afternoon enjoyable.

In all, we visited 36 towers—3 tens, 9 eights and 24 sixes. Methods rung were: Royal—Kent; Caters—Grandsire; Major—Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent, Little Bob and Cambridge; Triples—Grandsire, Stedman, Oxford Bob and Hawkhurst Bob; Minor—London, Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Killamash T.B., Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Forward and Reverse Forward, or Backward, as we have named it.

Before closing, we would like to thank the parents of our local members at Weston, who entertained us right royally during the week to teas and suppers, and also the members of the Bath and Wells Association, who welcomed us to their districts and towers. D. C. J.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Canterbury District at Ospringe

Fifty-six members and friends attended the Canterbury District's quarterly meeting, held at Ospringe on April 28th. These came from 11 towers in the District, with visitors from East Farleigh and Brenchley, while another from Hildenborough slipped in to grab the tower.

The church, with a pleasing ring of eight, is set in equally pleasant surroundings, and has an unusual approach, via 'Water Lane,' which literally lives up to its name, as a stream runs along part of it and then disappears under the houses. A notice board asks motorists to drive slowly to avoid splashing the pavement.

After ringing during the afternoon, a service was held in the church, this being conducted by the recently inducted Vicar, Rev. M. G. Gilbert; Mr. G. Milgate was organist and Mr. J. A. Russell read the lesson.

Tea was taken in the Church Room, where all enjoyed a really good first attempt at catering in larger proportions by Mrs. E. T. Eades and Mrs. F. C. Farnsworth.

At the business meeting, Miss Molly Thursby, of Walmer, was elected a member. Selling was unanimously voted as the place of the next quarterly meeting. Ringwould outvoted Hernhill for a by-meeting previous.

## ISLE OF WIGHT RINGING TOUR

Most people have made early starts for tours but not many can have set out earlier than eight ringers from the Bristol and Bridgwater areas, who met at Long Ashton at 3 a.m. on April 7th to go to the Isle of Wight. Everything went according to plan, and breakfast, which had been booked for 8 a.m. at a conveniently situated hotel in Yarmouth, was welcomed enthusiastically.

Ringing got off to a good start at Freshwater (tenor 18½ cwt.), a fine six, where we had a very warm welcome from the three local ringers. On our way from here to Shorwell the 'experts' inspected the ring of five at Brightstone where, we had been told, two of the five bells were out of order. The Vicar met us at Shorwell and took us on a conducted tour of the church—which we enjoyed more than the bells. After an excellent sandwich lunch we moved to Niton, a lovely little five, where the standard of striking was very good, which 'compensated' a bit for that at Whitwell (6, 7 cwt.) where it was only average.

It was generally agreed that the finest bells on the island are at Godshill (6, 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.), where we were met by Mr. L. Bailey. The bells were kept going almost continuously to various Minor methods and Stedman so that everyone could have a 'good ring.'

After a filling cooked tea at Brading we rang at two eight-bell towers, Brading itself and Carisbrooke. At Brading, after some initial difficulty with the chiming apparatus, we enjoyed touches of Stedman Triples and the first part of Parker's 12-part. We were met at Carisbrooke by Mr. and Mrs. Guy and several other local ringers and we enjoyed about an hour's ringing on this fine-toned eight.

Everyone had a good night's sleep—well earned, we thought—and after an excellent breakfast we rang for Matins at Newport. These bells, as we had been warned, are almost inaudible in the ringing chamber, so much so that the most appalling striking could pass almost unnoticed. Assisted by Mr. Jackson, we rang for the children's service at Ryde. This concluded 'official' ringing and it remained only for us to drive back to Yarmouth for tea and the ferry. We were fortunate enough, however, to have a ring at Lyndhurst for evening service.

Thanks are accorded to Michael for making the arrangements, and Mrs. Guy who gave considerable help locally and arranged such excellent accommodation. M. E. F.

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## OBITUARY

### MR. ALBERT NORTH

An esteemed member of the Yorkshire Association since 1910, Mr. Alfred North, of Mirfield, passed away on Thursday, May 10th, aged 84 years. During his long association with ringing he had rung 17 peals, of which he had conducted two.

The funeral service was on May 14th, interment being in St. Mary's Churchyard. Handbells were rung at the graveside and St. Mary's bells were rung half-muffled as a token of respect.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

### A New Band Welcomed

A fine day brought a large attendance at the Salisbury Branch meeting on April 21st at Compton Chamberlayne: 37 members of the Branch, and visitors from—one might almost say—as far afield as Coventry (A. E. Stote), St. Martha's, Korea (P. Minchin), and Durban (P. Cahill). The Church of St. Michael overlooks the grounds and lake of Compton House, once the seat of Colonel Penruddock, a Royalist leader who lost his life in an attempted rising during the Commonwealth, and its whole setting is most attractive.

The 'ringing room' is the porch of the church, and the ring of six was kept going in rounds, call changes, standard methods and Cambridge during the afternoon until the service. The Rev. L. D. Griffith, of Barford St. Martin, conducted the service, and gave an address which showed he had done much research into the history of bells; Miss E. Ball, of St. Paul's, Salisbury, was the organist.

After tea in the Village Hall, Mr. Griffith took the chair at the business meeting, the Branch chairman, Mr. H. A. Roles, being unavoidably absent. The secretary reported, amongst other things, the dedication by the Bishop of Salisbury on Easter Tuesday of the plaque and peal board at Damerham, in memory of the Rev. H. W. Moule, Vicar for 30 years, who died in 1953; as the inscription on the plaque tells: 'He taught many to ring.' Miss Ann Sweeney, now of Sarum St. Thomas, was elected a member, and perhaps the most notable event of the meeting was the election of eight members, the entire band, from Enford. Mr. F. W. T. Phillimore has built up this company and they have taught themselves to ring Doubles and Minor, in the short space of 18 months. The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Rectors of Fovant and Compton Chamberlayne, and of Barford St. Martin, and to Mrs. Avery who had so ably coped with the large number for tea.

Ringling continued during the evening at St. George's, Fovant (5), and St. Margaret's, Barford St. Martin (6).

### Devizes Branch

The May meeting of the Devizes Branch, held at Upavon, was favoured with grand sunshine. Some 25 members attended to ring on this lovely six, with village and church set in the midst of Salisbury Plain. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar. Tea was served in the Village Hall. A special welcome was given to Mr. H. Prout—his first meeting since his long illness. Mr. Prout expressed his pleasure at ringing again with old friends, but said that he had to go steady. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and to the ladies for the tea. Methods rung during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to Cambridge Minor.

S. R.

## ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

### Mr. Frederick Sharpe Again at Annual Competition

The annual competition of the Guild was held at Llanbadarn Fawr, Cardiganshire, on May 12th. The Vicar, the Rev. Canon D. H. Lloyd, was at the church to receive the secretary, Mr. Chris. Hawkins, and the adjudicator, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, and his company of lady handbell ringers from Launton, Bicester, Oxford.

Four teams entered the competition, namely Carmarthen, Tenby, Llanelly and Llanbadarn Fawr, and by 4.10 p.m. the competition was over.

After tea, the Vicar kindly presided at the meeting, and extended a very hearty welcome to the members of the Guild. Then came the big moment when Mr. Frederick Sharpe, the adjudicator, rose to give his findings on the competition. After pointing out all the faults of each band he awarded the Dr. Prosser Shield to Llanbadarn Fawr, with Tenby 2nd, Llanelly 3rd, Carmarthen 4th. The shield and certificates were then presented to the winning bands by the Vicar's wife, Mrs. Lloyd.

Then came the highlight of the day, with Mr. Frederick Sharpe and the Launton Bicester handbell ringers giving a grand display of tunes and hymns on the handbells, while the members sang the hymns as well. This was greatly appreciated and members would have sat down for hours listening to the handbells.

We regarded it as a great honour to have Mrs. Sharpe and Mr. and Mrs. Steeples, not forgetting Elizabeth and all the other ladies at the meeting, thus making the competition a memorable one. We should like to express our thanks.

The meeting was brought to a close by a very hearty vote of thanks by Councillor Mr. R. E. Davies, of Burry Port, seconded by Mr. Ed. J. Thomas, of Carmarthen, the Master. The Vicar then said the prayers, and members made tracks for home after a most wonderful and lovely day.

C. H.

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### DEATH

NORTH.—At Mirfield, Yorkshire, on Thursday, May 10th, 1956, Albert North, aged 84 years. Interred St. Mary's Churchyard, Mirfield, on May 14th. 8322

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LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—The outing arranged for June 2nd has been cancelled owing to lack of support. Meeting for that date also cancelled. 8348

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## MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Branch practice at Dunster on May 26th at 7 p.m. 8341

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Osmaston, May 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Trent bus No. 31. Special methods: Walkworth Surprise and St. Clement's Minor. All welcome.—V. Horton, Dis. Sec. 8282

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Gamlingay (6), Saturday, May 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 8298

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 26th, at Bourn. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 8319

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—North Forest Branch.—Meeting at Bromesbury (6), May 26th. Names for tea to Mr. H. Minchin, The Lodge, Bromesbury, near Ledbury Service 4.15. Tea 5. 8276

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—District meeting at Cranleigh (8) on Saturday, May 26th, from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—A. M. Cox, M. E. Collins, Joint Dis. Secs. 8313

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Combined practice, Leighton, May 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. After tea, Welshpool bells (8). Teas, G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 8283

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Walkern, May 26th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Surfleet Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 8277

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Hunton, May 26th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Please bring your own tea. Village Hall not available.—R. J. Sills, Dis. Sec. 8256

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at Ashford (8) on Saturday, May 26th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ladies welcome: gentlemen cordially invited.—Jill Haffenden, Hon. Sec. 8262

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD and LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Joint meeting, Measham (8), May 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. 8288

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Winkfield (6), May 26th. 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 8317

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—May meeting to be held at Bunney, May 26th, at 3 p.m. Bring own tea. cups of tea provided. All welcome. 8321



**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Felsham (6), Saturday, May 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30.—R. J. Seabrook.

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Wadhurst, Saturday, May 26th. Let's see some old faces, please—and some new ones!—H. Reynolds, Sec. 8279

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Southern District) and **DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Annual joint meeting, Doncaster, May 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Memorial Hall. New reports now available. All welcome. 8309

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Meeting, Ship, Talbot Court, June 2nd, 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 8343

**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—The meeting will be held on Saturday, June 2nd, at Turvey (8). Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Hilson, The Post Office, Turvey.—Miss Phyllis Gray, Hon. Dis. Sec., 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. 8338

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Frodsham, Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. For tea advise Mr. J. E. Bibby, Bryher, London Road, Frodsham. 8323

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern and Western Districts' meeting at Newton Hall on Saturday, June 2nd, 1956. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 31st to G. S. Deas, 65, Elsdon Road, Gosforth, Newcastle. 3.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ely District.—Meeting at Swavesey on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 8340

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, June 2nd, Emmanuel, Clifton (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—A. Bennett. 8318

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL.**—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Littledean, Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. Carter, Broad Street, Littledean, Glos.—D. Stafford, Branch Sec. 8346

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Watford District.—Meeting at Elstree (6), June 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 8349

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Goudhurst, June 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (2s.) 5.15 p.m. Names, with cash, please, by Wednesday, May 30th, to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 8287

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Eastchurch (6) on Saturday, June 2nd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Rayfield, 35, Stanley Avenue, Queenborough, by Monday, May 28th.—Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Sec. 8320

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Alford on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 29th, to Mrs. J. J. Smith, 15, Commercial Road, Alford, Lincs. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Lincs. 8300

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Tarleton, June 2nd. Refreshments provided. Buses from Preston, Southport and Liverpool.—L. Walmsley. 8352

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Halsall, Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 30th, to Mr. A. Mawdsley, The Post Office, Summerwood Lane, Halsall, near Ormskirk.—M. E. Ridyard. 8332

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Irnham (5), June 2nd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting, Irnham School, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, 28th, to Mrs. Garner, Fighting Cocks Inn, Corby Glen, near Grantham, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 8295

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Marchington on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to be received not later than Wednesday, May 30th, to W. H. Appleby, The Rise, Marchington, Uttoxeter, Staffs.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 8351

**NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting at Rhyl on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by business meeting and tea. Please notify for tea by Tuesday previous.—W. Catherall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 8324

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Bletchley, Saturday, June 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Please notify for tea by May 28th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 8301

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—Meeting at Long Buckby, Saturday, June 2nd. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. E. Orland, 11a, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec. 8350

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Chirton (5), June 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea: names to Stratford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 8339

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Cup contest and meeting at Clowne on June 2nd at 3 p.m. Names for tea without fail by Thursday, May 31st, to Rev. F. J. Braby, The Rectory, Clowne, Chesterfield.—J. S. Seager. 8333

**SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting at Thorpe Bay, Saturday, June 2nd. Ringing 3.30 p.m., followed by tea (bring own eats—cups of tea provided) and service.—B. C. Sadler. 8328

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Barton-in-Fabis (6), Saturday, June 2nd, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Tuesday to Mr. S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington, Notts.—C. W. Towers. 8281

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Brandon, Saturday, June 2nd, 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—E. M. Peachey, Dis. Sec. 8312

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Stowmarket District.—Meeting at Cotton (8), Saturday, June 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Monday, May 28th. All welcome.—B. Chilvers, Cotton, Stowmarket. 8316

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Horsham, June 2nd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, near Crawley. 8327

**BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Annual shield six-bell contest at Penistone on June 9th. Entrance fee 10s. All entries to reach me not later than June 2nd.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 8308

**DEVON GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Newton St. Cyres, Saturday, June 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Catering by local ladies—extra support, please. Names by June 5th.—F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 8334

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Meeting at Castle Hedingham (6) on June 9th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Names for tea to H. A. Pratt, Black Notley, Braintree. 8337

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Newdigate, June 9th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea at The Six Bells. Number for tea by June 6th to E. Vine, 39, Winfield Grove, Newdigate. 8335

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Meeting at Appledore (8) on June 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea must reach Mrs. L. K. Paddon, Ivy Cottage, Appledore, by Tuesday, June 5th. 8336

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Elsham (6), June 9th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by June 6th to Rev. D. N. Tindall, Elsham Vicarage, Brigg. 8329

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch.—Interim meeting, Heydon, Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea 5.30. Names for tea by Tuesday, 5th inst., to Mrs. Horrocks, The Earle Arms, Heydon. 8327

**ST. DAVID'S GUILD.**—Annual meeting at St. David's, Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carmar. 8347

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at High Ercall on Saturday, June 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. V. Jones, 30, Oakley Street, Belle Vue, Shrewsbury, by Wednesday, June 6th. 8353

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—North Notts District.—Crawford Cup contest and meeting at Edwinstowe (6), Saturday, June 9th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea by 5th to Mrs. Rigby, Forest House Café, Edwinstowe, near Mansfield.—H. Denman. 8354

**THE LADIES' GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS.**—West Midland District.—Meeting at Tanworth-in-Arden on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s.) 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 5th, to Stella Hughes, 3, Delves Road, Walsall. 8330

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Owslebury, Saturday, June 9th. 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. 8344

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.**—Preliminary notice.—The 333rd anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 30th, at 2.30 p.m. Twelve bells.—L. E. Pitstow, Sec. 8299

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Ryde on Saturday, July 7th. Further details later.—J. A. C. King, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8345

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