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## BLAME MR. PENNINGTON

NO lover of the Devon countryside would take from choice the main road between Newton Abbot and Torquay. Sir Hugh Casson would find here Subtopia exemplified; the brick and roughcast and pebble-dash bungalows of Torquay Road, Newton Abbot, stretch out their pretentious, bow-windowed facades to meet the brick and roughcast and pebble-dash bungalows of Newton Road, Torquay, with a little gathering or pimple in the middle at Kingskerswell, which once was a village. Here and there, there are no dying-swan lamp-posts in ferro-concrete, no hoardings, no filling-stations, no quarries, no pull-ins; in one place there's even a wood, but in a few more years of progress we'll soon get rid of that old thing.

The driver who takes this road, or the passenger who runs on the railway line beside it, would never guess that not a mile from it he can find a village remote enough from urban life for the most choosy hermit, with thatched cottages and whitewashed cob walls, roses round the doors, and if he's lucky even a late-mediaeval Austin parked outside one of the charming houses, brass radiator, pram-hood, acetylene lamps and all—even a wicker umbrella-case behind the driver's seat. But so it is; Coffinswell still hugs its seclusion in its fold of the hills which end in Babbacombe, and there is the Barton, built round three sides of its cobbled courtyard, with the wistaria over the granite-mullioned windows, its huge range of thatched barns, shippens and linnays, its cider-house, not in use but still containing an adze-hewn beam 3ft. 6in. by 2ft. 6in. at one end—and, in one corner of the farmyard, the parish church.

On June 9th, this farmyard was fuller than it can have been for many a day, of men standing, sitting, talking or silent, or grouped round cars listening with one ear (for such is civilisation) to John Arlott, but at least with the other to the six bells of the church. It's the six-bell final for the whole of Devon; five bands from North Devon, led by Down St. Mary, the holders of the Ross Shield, and five from the South, led by West Alvington's first team, with the second also among the top five.

Service over, a great crowd gathers in the yard for the draw. The indestructible Mr. Miners, still full of energy and laughter after two serious illnesses, holds up two hats, one containing the names of the ten bands, the other numbers 1 to 10. First a neutral gentleman draws the name of a band; then the captain of the band named comes through a good deal of chaff and draws his place in the ringing. The four judges, of course, are already immured for the afternoon in their secret chamber, and know nothing about which band is ringing.

West Alvington I., looking rather glum at having drawn first place, troop into church; the treble rings its warning, and everyone listens, for every band competing will do its best to gauge the 'go' of the bells from hearing this first peal: no practice is allowed beforehand. And from the first few rounds of the rise it's clear that the 5th is the bell to lose marks; she goes up sluggishly, a shade late all the way, and West Alvington are well into their 'top ringing' before their 5th man has got her where she belongs. Once that is done, they do well, and we hear some good music, but in the lower the 5th is slow again, and we are to hear many rises and lowers like that before the competition is over.

Considering their place in the draw, West Alvington I. have done fairly well, but they shouldn't be hard to beat, and next come the holders, Down St. Mary, all ready to beat them. The bells go up well, the 5th much better in her place, and then, dropping a little into a perfect speed for the top ringing, they give us some lovely music, settling into the steady, fluent rhythm of good call-changes—or good 'scientific ringing' for that matter—which makes you start and look up, or pause in mid-sentence, at the smallest irregularity. The lower is as good as the rise, but Down St. Mary lose two full marks when the 4th and 5th sound after the rest have ceased. General opinion in the farmyard is that that will take some beating.

Arlington come next; they were 6th in the Northern semi-final, but are here in place of St. Giles-in-the-Wood, who are short-handed. They pitch the bells in very slowly for the rise, but we shall hear worse in the afternoon; I fancy that they lost the most marks in their top ringing, which was a little too stiff for these bells with their ground-floor draught and ball-bearings—about 31 a minute. It never settled down. Symbridge and Morteohoe likewise found the bells tricky, but West Alvington II. did much better; had they not lost a good many marks on the rise, it would have been better still, and perhaps put them right among the leaders, but still it's going to run their first team close enough. After them, Talaton were not really in it; Colebrooke prove a little better, and then we are suddenly in the evening, and there are two more bands to go into the tower.

The hopes of South Devon are pinned on Widecombe, for no other team has shown anything like the standard of Down St. Mary. Widecombe again show their skill at finding the pitch of the bells in the top ringing, a skill which Mr. Miners, no longer allowed to ring, seems to have passed on to them; but their rise and lower cost them marks, and it seems as though Down St. Mary are going to win without a struggle. Only West Down remains, and the opinion of the experts in the farmyard is that West Down 'may do anything.'

They certainly make us sit up and take notice. They don't quite get the 5th in her place in the rise, but once the bells are up we really hear some music. The buzz of conversation in the farmyard hushes down; there's no doubt that West Down are tapping it out, and that this is the stuff to beat Down St. Mary if anyone can. A slow, steady fall does nothing to dispel the doubts, and the heads are still wagging as we group ourselves round the west door of the church to wait for the judges. However, we have some pleasant business to transact while we wait for them. On the table, beside the Ross Shield and the Shelley Cup, are two new shields, presented for the winners of the North and South Devon competitions by Mrs. George Facey, the widow of one of the Association's most celebrated judges of call-change ringing, in memory of her husband. They are already won, by Down St. Mary and West Alvington I., but they are to be presented at Coffinswell because it was here that the late George Facey rang his first peal of call-changes and his last. We thank Mrs. Facey, she presents them to their holders, and soon after round the corner come the judges, with that fateful little notebook in the hands of their leader, Mr. Tommy Darch. Still, he doesn't know the identity of the winners; only their place in the programme: and in a tense silence he announces—'First, number two; 30½ faults.' Down St. Mary have held the Shield, and very well they deserve it, but West Down pushed them close enough with 37½. The best South Devon can do is done by Widecombe, third with 58½. One other excitement is still to be announced, for West Alvington I. have been beaten by the youngsters by 5½ faults, in 4th and 5th places! After them there is a big gap, and the last teams come in a bunch in the 80's and 90's, with Talaton last with over a hundred faults.

Judging by the figures, one might think that the standard has dropped sharply since last year's competition at Torrington, for there have been more than twice the number of faults awarded by a panel of judges who are the same as last year's, with one exception. But in truth I'd award a good three hundred faults to a gentleman who died almost as many years ago—Mr. Thomas Pennington, who cast the 5th at Coffinswell. Her hanging seems fine, and the frame is as good now as when Harry Stokes built it 59 years ago, but the fact is that Pennington's bell is a long one, much longer than the mediaeval 3rd and 4th, and very much longer in proportion than the Warner tenor, and I suppose that's why she's a little awkward and slow to pull up and down. Down St. Mary showed us that it can be done, and won deservedly by displaying more than any other band a quality which call-change ringing does not foster, but which competition ringing demands—a consummate ability to adapt themselves to the vagaries of strange bells in an unknown tower.

J. G. M. S.



**TWELVE BELL PEAL****LEICESTER.****THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Mon., June 11, 1956, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,**At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin,***A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES***Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb.*

MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH .. Treble	KENNETH A. ROE .. .. 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. 2	SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 8
S. ANTHONY JESSON .. .. 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. .. 9
FRANK W. PERRENS .. .. 4	GEORGE A. NEWTON .. .. 10
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. .. 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. .. 11
PETER J. STANIFORTH .. 6	RICHARD PRIME .. .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.  
Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Frederick H. Dexter, a former Ringing Master of Leicester Cathedral.

**TEN BELL PEALS****BRISTOL.****THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., April 21, 1956, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,**At the Church of St. Mary Redcliffe,***A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS***Tenor 50 cwt. 2 lb.*

*GEORGE BRIGGS .. .. Treble	PHILIP M. J. GRAY .. .. 6
FREDERICK G. LEAKER .. 2	ALAN A. HILLIAR .. .. 7
JOHN M. STALLARD .. .. 3	EMLYN F. HANCOCK .. .. 8
LESLIE P. PEARCE .. .. 4	ALBERT M. TYLER .. .. 9
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. .. 5	FRANK E. HANSFORD .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.  
\* First peal in the method.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and to commemorate her visit to the City of Bristol and to this church on April 17th, 1956.

**SOUTHAMPTON.****THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sat., June 9, 1956, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,**At the Church of St. Michael.***A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL***Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.*

REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD .. Treble	ADRIAN J. TUMBER .. .. 6
JESSIE M. KIPPIN .. .. 2	MAURICE J. BUTLER .. .. 7
NELIA M. LEAHY .. .. 3	R. ROGER SAVORY .. .. 8
ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. .. 4	J. MICHAEL LAKIN .. .. 9
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.  
First peal of Pudsey Royal in the county of Hampshire, for the Guild, and by all the band.

**SOUTHAMPTON.****THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tues., June 12, 1956, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,**At the Church of St. Mary.***A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDISE CATERS***Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.*

*ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. .. Treble	CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. .. 6
JOHN W. FAITHFULL .. .. 2	KENNETH W. CROFT .. .. 7
JESSIE M. KIPPIN .. .. 3	MAURICE J. BUTLER .. .. 8
REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD .. 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. .. 9
†BETTY SMITH .. .. .. 5	O. NEVILLE CURTIS .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.  
\* First peal in the method. † First ten-bell peal.

Rung to commemorate the consecration of the church by the Lord Bishop of Winchester earlier in the day, upon the completion of its restoration, after being destroyed by enemy action in December, 1940.

**NORWICH.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tues., June 12, 1956, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,**At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft.***A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL***Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.*

CEDRIC CURSON .. .. Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. .. 6
*A. SPENCER BROTHERS .. .. 2	WILLIAM LOVE .. .. 7
STANLEY W. COPLING .. .. 3	GEORGE SAYER .. .. 8
†KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. .. 4	BERT GOGLE .. .. 9
ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 5	NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.  
\* First peal on more than six bells. † First peal of Royal.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.****THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Thurs., June 14, 1956, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,**At the Church of All Saints.***A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL***Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp.*

HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. Treble	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. .. 6
*REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM .. 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 7
HOWARD SCOTT .. .. 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. .. 8
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. .. 9
J. FREDERICK MILNER .. .. 5	DR. RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.  
\* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

Rung in memoriam Arthur Firth, former ringer at this church, and F. H. Dexter, of Leicester.

**ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.****LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.***On Sat., June 16, 1956, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,**At the Church of All Saints.***A PEAL OF 5184 LITTLE BOB ROYAL***Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.*

MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. Treble	†BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. .. 6
THOMAS E. DAVIES .. .. 2	WILFRID G. WILSON .. .. 7
BERNARD G. MOORE .. .. 3	W. LESLIE WELLER .. .. 8
*PETER J. HUTCHINGS .. .. 4	WALTER LEE .. .. 9
†PETER G. DAVIES .. .. 5	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. .. Tenor

Arranged by WILFRID G. WILSON. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.  
\* First peal of Royal. † First peal on ten bells. First peal of Little Bob Royal by all, on the bells, and for the Association  
Mr. T. E. Davies has now 'completed the circle' of this tower.

**LIVERPOOL.****THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., June 16, 1956, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,**At the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas,***A PEAL OF 5187 STEDMAN CATERS***Tenor 42 cwt.*

CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. Treble	ERNEST J. GOWER .. .. 6
LESTER L. GRAY .. .. 2	FRED S. ALMOND .. .. 7
G. ALEC DIMMOCK .. .. 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. .. 8
RONALD KENRICK .. .. 4	JACK N. BROWN .. .. 9
THOMAS C. LARKEY .. .. 5	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. H. R. FREEBORN. Conducted by C. CROSTHWAITE.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS****BIRMINGHAM.****ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Thurs., May 31, 1956, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,**At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,***A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Johnson's Variation.	Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 5
*H. DAVID HOLLAND .. .. 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. .. 6
†EVELYN M. FLETCHER .. .. 3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. .. 7
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.  
\* First peal of Surprise away from the treble. † 100th peal.

**ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.****LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.***On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,**At the Church of All Saints.***A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR***Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.*

*PETER G. DAVIES .. .. Treble	D. KAY ADKINS .. .. 5
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. .. 2	A. ST. JOHN BOYACK .. .. 6
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE .. .. 3	WILFRID G. WILSON .. .. 7
†BERNARD G. MOORE .. .. 4	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.  
\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Yorkshire Surprise.  
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Davies on their 11th wedding anniversary.

**CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.****THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., June 9, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.**At the Church of St. Peter.***A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDISE TRIPLES***Tenor 11 cwt.*

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).	Tenor 11 cwt.
HAROLD J. SHUCK .. .. Treble	†RANCIS BROTHERTON .. .. 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. .. 2	ALAN G. FOSTER .. .. 6
HENRY HUBBALL .. .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. 7
STANLEY PRESTIDGE .. .. 4	WILLIAM LLOYD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.



## DARTFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 11, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*FRANK E. WALKER..	Treble	JOHN R. COOPER ..	5
ARTHUR G. MASON ..	2	JOHN L. MORRIS..	6
GEORGE J. BUTCHER..	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ..	7
GEOFFREY PEARSON ..	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ..	Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

\* First peal of London.

## GLOUCESTER.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Mon., June 11, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CRYPT,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Morris's Twelve-part.

Tenor 14 cwt.

PETER CLARKSON ..	Treble	CYRIL WRATTEY ..	5
THOMAS NEWMAN ..	2	THOMAS BOREHAM ..	6
G. LEONARD HEWITT ..	3	LESLIE BARRY ..	7
PETER HURCOMBE ..	4	HARRY NEWMAN ..	Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

Rung as an 82nd birthday compliment to Thomas Newman.

## DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 12, 1956, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

*FRANK A. BARRETT ..	Treble	†PETER R. SANDERS ..	5
DONALD H. NIBLETT ..	2	†ROBIN A. HODGSON ..	6
†DAPHNE R. CASTELL ..	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE ..	7
‡VERNON GREEN ..	4	†HAROLD P. REED ..	Tenor

Composed by G. BAKER.

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal of Surprise as conductor.

## EALING, MIDDLESEX.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSN. &amp; N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Tues., June 12, 1956, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST THE SAVIOUR,

## A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS E. DAVIES..	Treble	SQUIRE CROFT ..	5
PETER J. HUTCHINGS..	2	PHILIP A. CARTER ..	6
*PETER G. DAVIES ..	3	WILFRID G. WILSON..	7
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS ..	4	HAROLD W. ROGERS..	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.

\* First peal in the method.

Arranged and rung to wish Godspeed to Mr. Walter Hobday, sacristan and parish clerk, who leaves this month to study for the Ministry.

## HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 13, 1956, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

STANLEY W. COPLING ..	Treble	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN ..	5
GEORGE SAYER ..	2	*GEORGE P. ADAMS ..	6
ARTHUR G. BASON ..	3	NOLAN GOLDEN..	7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT..	4	BERT GOGLE ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First touch in the method.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 13, 1956, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt. (865 c.p.s.).

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ..	Treble	MICHAEL E. BROWN ..	5
ALFRED BALLARD ..	2	S. ANTONY JESSON ..	6
ALAN CATTLELL ..	3	COLIN P. WALKER ..	7
	4	JOHN E. COOK ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALAN CATTLELL.

Believed to be the first Surprise Major peal ever rung on tower bells by seven ringers.

## HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN ..	Treble	RALPH HARRIS ..	5
JOHN THOMAS ..	2	HENRY PLUMB ..	6
MRS. J. THOMAS ..	3	PATRICK HARRIS ..	7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ..	4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ..	Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

First peal in the method by all except the second and third ringers.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 15, 1956, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM ..	Treble	*CYRIL S. JARRETT ..	5
ARTHUR G. MASON ..	2	BRIAN BLADON ..	6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS..	3	THOMAS J. LOCK ..	7
JOHN L. MORRIS..	4	PHILIP A. CORBY ..	Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

\* First peal in the method.

## CHISLEHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 16, 1956, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.

EDWIN A. BARNETT ..	Treble	JOHN R. COOPER ..	5
MRS. P. A. CORBY ..	2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ..	6
ARTHUR G. MASON ..	3	MARK W. MARSHALL..	7
GEOFFREY PEARSON ..	4	PHILIP A. CORBY ..	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

A compliment to Jean F. Barnett on the eve of her Confirmation.

## DISS, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 16, 1956, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 82 lb. in D.

WALTER ELSEY ..	Treble	CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE ..	5
C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO..	2	FREDERICK C. ROOPER ..	6
*BETTY SYRETT ..	3	ARTHUR E. COOKE ..	7
TOM FORD ..	4	NOLAN GOLDEN ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First in method 'inside.'

Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Kathleen Harrison, a ringer at this church, to Mr. Geoffrey Tebble.



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### DOWNTON, WILTSHIRE. THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 16, 1956, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

#### A PEAL OF 5088 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 2,208 changes of Cambridge, 1,536 of Yorkshire and 1,344 of Superlative, with 132 changes of method. Tenor 22 cwt. in D.

*MICHAEL J. BEST .. .. Treble	*JOHN HARTLESS .. .. 5
*JAMES E. DANIELS .. .. 2	†WILLIAM E. CHEATER .. 6
*MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3	*FRANK L. HARRIS .. .. 7
*DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 4	*RONALD N. MARLOW .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

\*First peal of Spiced Surprise in three methods. †First peal of Spiced Surprise, and 150th peal. The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

### FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE. THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 16, 1956, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JAMES AND BASIL,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's One-part.	Tenor 14 cwt, 10 lb. in F.
*CHRISTINE R. DAINY .. Treble	†THOMAS SEWELL .. .. 5
*MADELINE WRIGHT .. .. 2	THOMAS W. CROWE .. .. 6
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 3	KENNETH ARTHUR .. .. 7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 4	GEOFFREY P. CAIRNS .. Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

\*First peal. †First peal 'inside.'

Rung in connection with the silver jubilee celebrations of this church. All the band are regular Sunday service ringers at this tower.

### GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 16, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Tenor 7½ cwt.

CHARLES A. ANDREWS .. Treble	ARTHUR G. BUTTON .. .. 5
*ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD .. 2	EDWARD E. DAVEY .. .. 6
FELIX H. ERITH .. .. 3	ROY DUESBURY .. .. 7
MRS. R. ROUSE .. .. 4	ALAN R. ANDREWS .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

\*First peal of Treble Bob.

### LYME REGIS, DORSET.

#### THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 16, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

#### A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. Treble	HENRY G. KEELEY .. .. 5
CANON C. CAREW COX .. 2	HARRY J. GAYLARD .. .. 6
WALTER H. POOLE .. .. 3	CUTHBERT W. POWELL .. 7
MRS. C. W. POWELL .. .. 4	ROGER KEELEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

The first peal in the method on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to Rachel and Roger Kelley on their coming-of-age (June 18th, 1956).

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

### BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

#### THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., June 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR CUTHBERT .. Treble	ALDERMAN LING .. .. 4
FRANK SHAW .. .. 2	ARTHUR SMITH .. .. 5
*SHEILA SHAW .. .. 3	ERNEST STEWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by ALDERMAN LING.

\*First peal.

### DEENE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

#### THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's Tenor 10 cwt.

CECIL MATTHEWS .. Treble	RONALD RUSSELL .. .. 4
W. EDWARD COX .. .. 2	*MICHAEL DYER .. .. 5
PERCY D. BALDOCK .. 3	JOHN H. BLUFF .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

\*First peal in the method.

Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cox.

### WHITTLESFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

#### THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Mon., June 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Conducted by W. T. COOK.

\*100th peal.

### WADDINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

#### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 5, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (four callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

*WALTER J. BLACK .. Treble	†LOUIS WILLIERS .. .. 3
†G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 2	†JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 4
†RAYMOND F. SMITH .. Tenor	

Conducted by RAYMOND F. SMITH.

\*First peal. †First peal of Doubles. ‡First peal of Plain Bob Doubles. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

### CROMER, NORFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

RAYMOND W. BALLS .. Treble	JOHN R. SMITH .. .. 4
WILLIAM H. HOLDOM .. 2	WALTER C. MEDLER .. .. 5
LESLIE H. RISEBROW .. 3	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER C. MEDLER.

Rung as a compliment to Rev. C. Cousens Petch, of Cromer, who has just celebrated his diamond jubilee as a priest.

First peal on the bells since rehanging.

### SWAFFHAM PRIOR, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

#### THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thurs., June 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYRIAC,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob and Double Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

SUSAN JACKSON (Girton) .. Treble	G. C. GALLEY (Queens') .. 4
F. B. COOKSON (St. John's) 2	J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s) 5
J. D. PAINTER (Caius) .. 3	W. T. COOK (Jesus) .. Tenor

Conducted by W. T. COOK.

### HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

#### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 9, 1956, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.

RONALD RUSSELL .. Treble	PERCY D. BALDOCK .. .. 4
*WILLIAM R. PARKER .. 2	*LOUIS WILLIERS .. .. 5
AMOS INGALL .. .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\*50th peal together. A birthday compliment to Mr. Ronald Russell.

### HASELBURY PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 9, 1956, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 6½ cwt.

FRANCIS A. ENGLAND .. Treble	ALAN C. BEST .. .. 4
*WILLIAM A. WHETHAM .. 2	ALAN W. ROBINSON .. .. 5
WILLIAM E. TURNER .. 3	EDWARD CHESTER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

\*First peal, first attempt.

### HAYES, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 9, 1956, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

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

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise.

Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

DRUMMOND M. RANDALL .. Treble	RALPH BIRD .. .. 4
MARY FULLER .. .. 2	JOHN L. MORRIS .. .. 5
RICHARD W. STEPHENS .. 3	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal on the bells for 20 years.

Rung as a compliment to Michael Fuller, of West Wickham, and Jill Bostel, of Mersham, who were married at Mersham on June 2nd.

## HEYTESBURY, WILTSHIRE.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 9, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

## A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

EUNICE D. OVEREND .. .. Treble	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD .. 4
ERIC NAYLOR .. .. 2	LAURENCE E. HITCHINS .. 5
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING .. 3	DAVID HOARE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

First peal in the method by all the band.

## HISTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 9, 1956, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

At the Church of St Andrew,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

HENRY C. FOSTER .. .. Treble	Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A.	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. 4
HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY .. 2	†DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 5	
*CHRISTOPHER R. F. MUNCEY 3	†STANLEY SHIPP .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by STANLEY SHIPP.

\* First peal of Minor 'inside.' † 25th peal together.

## NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 9, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

ROY STEVENS .. .. Treble	Tenor 11 cwt.	LEWIS CORDELL .. 4
WENDY BOWAK .. .. 2	*JOHN MCPHAIL .. .. 5	
HARRY KING .. .. 3	WILLIAM WEDLOCK .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM WEDLOCK.

\* First peal 'inside.'

Rung for the engagement of Wendy Bowak to David Burton.

## RODMERSHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 10, 1956, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, one 720 of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. in G.

HENRY SPRINGATE .. .. Treble	GEORGE KENWARD .. .. 4
*EDWARD C. BARTON .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. .. 5
CYRIL S. JARRETT .. .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal in four methods, and rung as a birthday compliment to his son, Christopher.

## CROSCOMBE, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 13, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

RONALD G. BECK .. .. Treble	Tenor 17½ cwt. in E flat.	*VICTOR ROBERTS .. .. 4
*EUNICE D. OVEREND .. 2	*ERNEST E. BRAY .. .. 5	
*W. JOHN PHIPPEN .. .. 3	DAVID HOARE .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

\* First peal of Cambridge Minor.

## WEARE, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 13, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Gregory,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas' and St. Remigius', Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's and St. Osmund's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob (four callings) and Grandsire (six callings).

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*JOHN KIRKHAM .. .. Treble	†JOHN SCHOFIELD .. .. 4
†BEVAN W. WILLGROSS .. 2	†IAN H. ORAM .. .. 5
†DONALD E. COBB .. .. 3	†JOHN S. RYE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

\* First peal. † First peal in nine Doubles methods. ‡ First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

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WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sun., April 29, 1956, in 1 Hour and 24 Minutes,*  
At 53, LEYS ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different callings. Tenor size 12 in F  
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN... 1—2 | ROBIN G. TURNER .. 3—4

JOHN KING .. 5—6

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

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

*On Wed., May 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,*  
At 13, KNOWSLEY ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.

FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. 1—2 | ROBIN G. TURNER .. 3—4

WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 3—4 | LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 7—8

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., May 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,*  
At STEDMAN, SKETCHLEY ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor size 18 in G.

\*ALAN CATTELL .. 1—2 | ALFRED BALLARD .. 5—6

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3—4 | HUBERT G. ASHLEY .. 7—8

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Cambridge 'in hand.'

WOODDITTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Fri., June 8, 1956, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,*  
At SUNNY VIEW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.

J. REGINALD HEATH .. 1—2 | JOHN A. ACRES .. 5—6

ALBERT E. AUSTIN .. 3—4 | \*ANTHONY R. MANN .. 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

\* First peal and first attempt.

**BOURNEMOUTH.**

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sun., June 10, 1956, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,*

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor size 15 in C.

MICHAEL J. E. BEST .. 1—2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 5—6

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3—4 | PHILIP N. TUBBS .. 7—8

Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

Rung in memoriam George Preston, for 69 years a ringer and captain at the Priory, Christchurch.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sun., June 10, 1956, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,*

IN THE SCHOOL,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.

\*GERALD PENNEY .. 1—2 | WALTER AYRE .. 5—6

GEOFFREY DODDS .. 3—4 | DEREK E. LATCHFORD .. 7—8

Composed by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal of Major 'in hand'

In memoriam the composer.

The conductor called the same composition given to him four days before for his first peal of Major as conductor, at Holy Trinity, Hull, with the composer in the band.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Tues., June 12, 1956, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,*  
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 1,680 changes each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 1—2 | EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 3—4

ALAN SHEPPARD .... 5—6

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

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The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. Burnett, of Darlington, was celebrated by a peal of London Surprise Minor at Holy Trinity Church, Darlington, on June 15th. Mr. Burnett learned to ring at Sharow, near Ripon, Yorks, and spent a lifetime in railway service. For a number of years he was at West Hartlepool, Durham, and afterwards was in charge of the station staff at Kirkby Stephen, Westmorland. On his retirement he took up residence in Darlington, where he is Ringing Master at St. John's Church. The best wishes of ringers in the north-east are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Burnett for many more happy years together.

Mr. Thomas Newman, of Gloucester, rang in his 82nd birthday peal at St. Mary-de-Crypt, Gloucester, on June 11th. Many more happy birthdays!

The attempt for a memorial peal of Grand-sire Caters to Mr. George Preston on the bells of Christchurch Priory was lost after two hours' ringing on June 16th. A handbell peal to his memory was rung the following day.

There will shortly be dedicated a ring of five in a new frame at Dean, North Bedfordshire. The original four have been restored and a new bell added. Mr. P. Amos called the Rector's attention to their state during a visit to search for historical records some two to three years ago.

An appeal is being launched for £1,300 to restore the six bells of St. Peter's, Wenboston, Suffolk. The three smallest are to be recast and two others retuned. The tenor, weighing nine cwt., was cast in Norwich in 1500, and the fourth, which is now in a bad condition, cast at Bury St. Edmunds in 1450. The old wooden frame, that has been attacked by death watch beetle, is to be replaced by a new steel frame, and a new ringing floor is to be built.

## BELFRY

## GOSSIP

'The Ringing World' committee thank the 460 postal subscribers who have kindly remitted the extra postage of 1s. 3d., including the many who have sent 'something extra' for those who might forget. Remittances can be sent either to Mr. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall, or to the Editor.

The bells of St. Remigius', Hethersett, will be heard before the 9.30 a.m. broadcast service in the Midland Region of the B.B.C. on July 1st.

Sole remaining founder of the Kent County Association. Mr. E. S. Ruck took part in a quarter peal of Double Bob Minor on June 20th for his 89th birthday.

The Essex Association attributed their drop in peals from 123 to 68 to Cupid, who, states the secretary, in his report, seems to have fired more arrows at the Association's ranks than the English archers did at Agincourt!

With a team of handbell ringers, Mr. Harold Pitstow gave a lecture on bells at Stoke D'Abernon, Surrey, on June 15th. The talk, which attracted a large attendance, was arranged by Mr. Norman Champness.

Mr. Dennis Neal and Miss Gwendoline L. Friswell, who were married at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on June 16th, are the third couple from this tower to be married. Two brothers and two sisters are involved in this unusual sequence but, adds our correspondent, it seems the flame has now been spent.

A processional crucifix and a bible, both later going overseas, are on a tour of the parishes of the Diocese of St. Albans. On June 2nd a Missionary Festival was held at Royston (Herts) to receive them into the Baldock Deanery. The bells were rung to welcome them before the service at Royston, and on Sunday at Wallington.

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## ESSEX RINGERS AND CATHEDRAL FESTIVAL

The Cathedral Festival has again been a great success. This is due in no small measure to the part played by all the diocesan organisations who were invited to assist.

The ringers showed that when they undertake a task, time or distance is no object. The festival was heralded by a peal of Grandsire Cinques on the evening before the first ceremony.

Owing to other services it was not possible to ring on Saturday, May 26th, before the Friends of the Cathedral service, so the congregation left to the sound of well-struck Stedman Triples. Unfortunately, a shift course spoiled the quarter peal. This ringing was the prelude to the official opening ceremony, at which Sir Frank Foster, hon. member of the Essex Association of Change Ringers, presided.

Following the opening ceremony, a lecture, 'The Seeing Eye,' was given by Sir Hugh Casson.

On Sunday the Cathedral ringers rang for the Trinity ordination service; this year there were more ordinands than ever before.

On Monday, preceding a recital of music, the following Northern District ringers rang 1,080 Bob Royal: H. G. Felton 1, F. Claydon 2, A. Catterwell 3, J. Warner 4, J. H. Brett 5, A. R. Syder 6, R. Suckling 7, T. Earle 8, W. Arnold 9, Miss H. G. Snowden (cond.) 10.

On Tuesday, preceding the play, 'Murder in the Cathedral,' the South-Eastern District rang 1,256 Bob Major: L. P. Joslin 1, Miss M. Dowsett 2, A. Edwards 3, B. Bover 4, P. Saltmarsh 5, P. Came 6, J. Roast 7, P. Eves (cond.) 8.

On Wednesday, preceding another performance of the play, the South-Western District rang 1,263 Stedman Caters: Mrs. R. L. Armstrong 1, C. R. Smith 2, L. S. Woods 3, B. J. Howard 4, A. J. Salisbury 5, C. E. Willmington 6, J. Armstrong 7, H. Turner 8, J. H. Crampion (cond.) 9, G. W. Cecil 10.

On Thursday, before a music recital, officers of the Association rang 1,263 Stedman Caters: F. V. Gant 1, R. C. Heazel 2, P. Saltmarsh 3, L. W. Wiffen 4, L. J. Clark 5, C. E. Willmington 6, P. J. Eves 7, H. Turner 8, J. H. Crampion (cond.) 9, Miss H. G. Snowden 10.

On Saturday, before the centenary service of the Mission to Seamen, the North-Eastern District rang 1,260 Bob Royal: Miss M. Mills 1, M. A. Mills 2, J. H. Edwards 3, U. W. Wildney 4, E. W. Furbank 5, B. Fairhead 6, F. G. Oliver 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8, E. E. Davey 9, E. P. Duffield 10.

## HALF A CENTURY AT ST. ALBANS ABBEY

His many friends throughout the Exercise will congratulate Mr. H. E. C. Goodenough, who on June 7th completed 50 years as a ringer at St. Albans Abbey. Since 1922 he has been conductor at the Abbey.

There are 160 steps up the Abbey tower and in a rough estimate Mr. Goodenough calculates that he has climbed the tower 8,000 times, probably the equivalent of 100 miles.

In 1935, with Dean Henderson, he was instrumental in getting the bells augmented from eight to twelve with the addition of four trebles and one of the old bells recast. When the bells were brought down in 1935 it was the first time they had been lowered for 200 years, and Mr. Goodenough thought it would be the only occasion on which he would participate in such an intricate operation. However, the 1939-45 war again saw the bells at ground level.

Of Mr. Goodenough's 80 peals, 25 have been rung on the Abbey bells.

On June 9th, 1,323 Stedman Cinques was rung in his honour by members of the Hertfordshire Association.

## GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

It is not always our lot to hold the annual meeting in a place with such historical interest as was the case on Whit Monday. From the 16th to the 18th century Cullompton was one of the most important woollen manufacturing towns in Devon, and its greatest merchant was a certain John Lane, a contemporary of John Greenway, of Tiverton. These two men rivalled each other in the magnificent additions which they made to the buildings of their respective parish churches. That at Cullompton was a collegiate church before the Conquest, and has a very fine ring of ten bells. The Vicar (the Rev. E. G. Hammond) conducted the service at 12.15, and afterwards joined members, numbering 72, at the luncheon.

At the subsequent business meeting, with the president (Prebendary E. V. Cox) in the chair, the chief items of interest included the formation of a Guild Library, the purchase of £200 4½ per cent. Defence Bonds with money standing to the credit of the Bells Restoration Fund, and the election of Mr. E. Maurice Atkins as general treasurer and Mr. Norman Mallett as seals secretary. The other officers were re-elected, and Messrs. A. L. Bennett (who had resigned the treasurer'ship), L. E. Lilley, T. G. Myers and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott were appointed representatives on the Central Council for 1957-59.

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The report of the general committee made complimentary reference to the Guild's 1,000th peal, which was also the first peal to be rung by officers of the Guild, and contained a timely comment on the use of quarterly meetings as follows:—

'We seem at times . . . to be forgetting their main purpose, namely, that members of different bands should help one another in the progress of their art. So often we are content to ring just what we can ring without any outside help in our home towers, whereas these meetings are a great opportunity to look up a fresh method beforehand and then to stand in with those who know it. It is here that the office of Ringing Master carries a great responsibility in so arranging much of the ringing; already something has been done in this way.'

An addendum to the report contained a message of deepest sympathy with the general secretary (Mr. E. J. Taylor), who met with a very serious accident last February, together with the earnest prayer of all the members that he might fully recover in due time, and an expression of gratitude to his wife for her help in Guild matters since the accident. Ringing took place at Cullompton and Bradninch, and at other towers in the neighbourhood.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

The half-yearly meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Bishopstone on June 9th and visitors were welcomed from Aldbourne, Bishops Cannings, Buckland, Devizes, Leamington and Shrewsbury. The arrangements were as usual, consisting of ringing, service and tea, followed by the business meeting, at which Dr. H. Craig presided. One new member was elected and the branch secretary gave a report of the recent Central Council meeting.

In order to maintain contact with a greater number of towers it was decided to hold four evening meetings during July and August in place of the two customary Saturday meetings. The towers proposed were South Marston, Blundston, Lydiard Millicent and Castle Eaton. Further ringing followed, various methods up to Cambridge Major being rung. W. B. K.

## JOINT FESTIVAL OF BEDS & HERTS ASSOCIATIONS

The first joint meeting between the Hertford County Association and the Bedfordshire Association took place on June 16th, when over 100 members attended the summer festival in St. Albans.

Although the weather did its best, it could not damp the spirits of members present, who started the day with ringing at St. Mary's, Redbourn (6, 15½ cwt.), at 9.30 a.m. Other towers at the disposal of the coach and car parties were Sandridge (6), Welwyn (8), Hatfield (10), North Myms (8), Harpenden (8) and the City towers of St. Peter's (10), St. Michael's (8) and the Cathedral (12). The coach party also managed to include the six with a notorious long draught at Wheathamstead.

At 4 p.m. members attended Evensong at the Cathedral, the handbell voluntary of Grandsire Caters being of a very high standard.

In his address the Dean of St. Albans welcomed ringers and drew their attention to the need of complete participation in services whenever possible.

After tea at the Abbey Institute, presided over by the Dean, the president of the Hertford Association (Mr. W. T. Holmes) welcomed those present and reminisced about his ringing experiences.

The president of the Bedfordshire Association, Miss E. Steel, replied and thanked all present for a very enjoyable day.

The general secretary of the Hertford Association (Mr. H. V. Frost) drew attention to the fact that this was the first occasion ringers of the St. Albans Diocese had officially joined together under one roof and hoped there would be many more in the future.

The St. Albans towers were put to good use in the evening, the Abbey bells being lowered at 8.20. J. W. S.

## ST. MARY'S CHURCH, SOUTHAMPTON

The rededication of the restored Church of St. Mary, Southampton (the mother church of the town), by the Bishop of Winchester (Dr. Alwyn Williams) took place on June 12th. After nearly 16 years the great Church of St. Mary towers above its parish, a noble building of stone, brick and timber, its interior full of light and modern things, yet retaining relics and memories of the past. It was a great day for the parish, the town and the deanery. The principal guest was the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire (the Duke of Wellington). A great congregation of 1,400, representative of every aspect of life in the town and port, was present.

Before and after the service the ten bells were rung by the local band, supported by members of the Southampton University Society of Ringers, 20 ringers sharing in the ringing on this great occasion.

In the afternoon a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung by representatives of St. Michael's and St. Mary's bands and the Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, Mr. F. W. Rogers.

The bells, originally an octave, were the gift of a parishioner in 1914, and were increased to ten in 1934 through the Barron Bell Trust. They are world famous, and inspired the song, 'The Bells of St. Mary's,' written by Douglas Furber and the Australian composer, A. Emmett Adams, during the Great War of 1914-1918, when they heard them sounding across the water of Southampton Docks. This song is now the college song of the New York State Maritime College. It is pleasant to be able to record that the sister of the Australian composer, A. Emmett Adams, was present at the great service of consecration.



# THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

## Target of 1,000 Members Set for 1956

On Whit Monday the 77th annual meeting of the Essex Association was held at Chelmsford.

Ringling commenced at 9.30 a.m. followed by a service in the Cathedral, conducted by the Provost of Chelmsford, the Very Rev. G. E. Gordon. The Master of the Association, Mr. R. C. Heazel, read the lesson, and the address was given by the Lord Bishop of Colchester, the Rt. Rev. F. D. Narborough.

During the service the names of members who passed on to higher service during 1955 were read, namely:—J. C. Adams, J. Allison-Etheridge, Mrs. M. Butler, W. Butler, H. T. C. Childs, K. G. Fox, F. French, E. Gimson, H. E. Hammond, C. N. Howard, A. D. Howell, Mrs. C. J. Matthews, F. Norman, W. J. Nudds, C. Saywood, P. Scase, A. South, Sir Roland Storrs, S. J. Tillet, W. H. Warne and S. Wallington. Their loss leaves the Association much poorer and they are remembered with affection and thanksgiving for their contribution to the Exercise.

The Bishop of Colchester, in a heartening address, said that it was proper that Whitsun, which was the day when a flame came down from heaven, should be remembered by the ringing of bells. The collection taken at the service for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £5 3s. 9d.

## THE BUSINESS MEETING

The Master (Mr. R. C. Heazel) presided at the annual general meeting held in the Cathedral Chapter House, supported by the Deputy Master and officers of the Association. The Master, in the name of the Association, welcomed the Bishop of Colchester, and also extended a hearty welcome to all visitors.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. H. J. Mansfield (vice-president), F. B. Lufkin, Miss H. Snowden, Mr. J. Crampion and Mr. B. G. Burton.

The annual report, prepared by Mr. F. V. Gant (hon. secretary and treasurer of the Association) with the co-operation of the District secretaries, showed that the interest in the Association had not flagged during 1955. The ringing membership of the Association now stands at 903, while the honorary membership stands at 209. There are now some 108 towers in union. These figures are most encouraging but it must be remembered that the strength of any Association is in its ringing members and efforts must always be in that direction—to increase the ringing strength to 1,000 members. This target should not be too high for an Association of the calibre of the Essex Association.

Two rededications had taken place in the county during the year; the first at Ardleigh and the second at Kirby-le-Soken.

The effects of National Service are still being felt in some towers. Old hands and the fairer sex are keeping the 'ship' going until the young ringers return.

During the year divine service had been the aim throughout, but it is regretted that some towers which are ringable still stand silent Sunday by Sunday through apathy or lack of interest.

## DROP IN PEALS

The report recorded a drop in the number of peals to 68 from 123 in 1954. Quarter peals amounted to 135 rung in 46 different towers—a reduction of 12 on the previous year's total of 145. Hornchurch having regained the 'county championship.' Among these was one rung at North Weald commemorating 50 years of service by Mr. Harry King, and the first for many years by a local band from Finchingfield.

Although the number of peals was reduced, it is interesting to note that Surprise methods and multi-method Minor peals have increased. Peals of special interest were those of Maximus at the Cathedral and of Cinques at Saffron Walden, both rung by an all-resident Essex band. A peal of Stedman Triples rung in the Northern District was the first in that division for 21 years, and from the same division came the first peal of Feering Surprise, composed by the late William Keeble, for many years a pillar of the Exercise in North Essex.

The Association's congratulations must go to Mr. D. W. Beard, Mr. J. E. G. Roast and Mr. D. A. Symonds on their 100th peal, and to Mr. U. W. Wildney on his 100th peal as conductor. Mr. J. E. G. Roast again heads the list of conductors with 15 peals, with Mr. F. B. Lufkin next with 13, and Mr. T. Earle with five.

For the recorders, 108 members rang their 'first in the method' as against 243 in 1954; 15 members scored their first peal, an increase of 10; there being two 'first as conductors,' 158 different members participated in the peals, representing approximately 17 per cent. of the membership.

From Loughton comes a unique incident. An elderly gentleman, who had been bedridden for some years, left a sum of money in his will to be distributed among the ringers in appreciation of the fact that by their ringing he had been reminded weekly of his church, and assured that it was still alive and active.

Various members spoke on the report generally. The attention of the Association was drawn to the fact that there was a number of very valuable books in the library and that some manuscripts were well worth reading.

On the proposition of Mr. G. J. Butler, of Colchester, seconded by Mr. S. G. Butt, of Rayleigh, the report was adopted.

The hon. treasurer presented the accounts, which showed that the gross income from the Districts totalled £107 17s. 3d., while the sum of £56 10s. 4d. had been contributed to the Bell Restoration Fund. Peals fees added a further £11 4s. 6d. The balance on the general account at the end of the year stood at £266 2s. 2d., and that of the Bell Restoration Fund was £184 14s. 10d. Mr. J. Chalk (Wanstead) said that he was not satisfied that the Association was getting as many honorary members as they might, and quoted figures to the meeting to show how the honorary members could be increased, and asked that the strongest endeavours should be made in this direction.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers followed:—Master, Mr. R. C. Heazel; Deputy Master, Mr. H. Turner; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. V. Gant; auditors, Messrs. M. Baker and D. G.

Mayell; trustees, Messrs. P. Eves, P. Saltmarsh and C. Smith.

The following were elected life members:—Messrs. A. Catterwell (Sible Hedingham), A. Cole (Great Bromley), E. E. Davey (Clacton), A. Appleton (Goldhanger), R. Fenn (Barking), H. T. Wilson (Brentwood), J. Rann (Loughton).

The Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Provost for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, to the Precentor for his assistance, to the Cathedral organist and verger and to the Lord Bishop of Colchester for his excellent address.

The meeting then adjourned to the Cathedral Hall for lunch, at which the Bishop of Colchester and the Provost of Chelmsford were the chief guests. For the second year running the luncheon had been organised by members of the South-Eastern District, and their efforts in this direction are very much appreciated.

During the day the following towers were open for ringing: Chelmsford Cathedral, Great Baddow, Boreham, Galleywood, Widford, Writtle, Broomfield, Danbury, Springfield, Little Waltham, Great Waltham, Sandon and Little Baddow.

This report of the year's work of the Essex Association can do no better than to close with the exhortation of the Association's Master at the end of the annual report:

Maybe 1955 has not been the year of progress many of us would have liked it to be; maybe the peal total is less, maybe keenness has waned, but whatever it is, as long as we recognise the symptoms and take steps to arrest the decline then no harm has been done.

So with high hopes and a firm resolve let us go forward into 1956 with the honest intention of doing everything in our might to keep the work of the Association moving ever onwards.

## DURHAM COLLEGES SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS

There have been several attempts in the past to found a Society in the Durham Colleges, but, owing to smallness of numbers in this division of the University of Durham, these attempts have eventually come to grief. The present Society, founded two years ago, appears, however, to be making some headway. At present there are 23 members at various stages of proficiency. Beginners are taught to handle at St. Nicholas', in Durham, and rounds and simple changes are practised at Houghton-le-Spring, while the more advanced members are progressing rapidly under the tuition of Mr. Dennis A. Bayles, at Chester-le-Street. The present committee consists of Mr. G. S. R. Simms, of University College, president; Mr. J. R. Worsdale, of Hatfield College, past president; and Mr. R. Bailey, of University College, secretary.

On June 16th the Society held its first annual ringing day. Towers visited included St. Nicholas', Durham, Chester-le-Street and Houghton-le-Spring. Visitors attended from Leeds, Edinburgh, Newcastle and South Shields. Ringing included rounds, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Triples, Little Bob, Kent and Cambridge.

Next year's ringing day, to which all visitors will be most welcome, will be on May 4th, when it is hoped that the Blackhill and Consett area will be visited.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### SCHEME OF INSTRUCTION WANTED

Dear Sir,—I should like to comment on your admirable article 'Instruction or Destruction.' Our bells were rehung and augmented at Stoke D'Abernon in February last, as reported in your paper.

We had not a single ringer in the parish, so by the kindness of neighbouring towers at Leatherhead and Cobham, some five adults and eight youngsters have been receiving instruction once a week.

I know the adults, who included myself, felt irked by the slowness of our initial instruction, but now that we have progressed as far as ringing rounds, the wisdom of sound and careful instruction is abundantly clear.

Our problem in the near future is that of an instructor or coach at our own tower. I am more than anxious to keep the enthusiasm of some 15 novices going. I firmly believe that if a syllabus of training were drawn up by experts it would enable such novices to see the delights ahead of them, and they would, I feel certain, see that they allotted time to make progress in a definite scheme, week by week.

I can only say, in conclusion, how very grateful we all are to those splendid instructors such as Mr. Marriner, Mr. Young, Mr. Smith, Mr. Cannon and Mr. Wren, who have so willingly given of their time to take us through our first steps.—Yours faithfully,

NORMAN CHAMPNESS.

Oxshott, Surrey.

### NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE

Dear Sir,—In reporting the Central Council meeting at Leicester you say that the Council agreed to the nomination of Mr. Frederick Sharpe as president, to the appointment of a vice-president and the nomination of the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow for that office.

This is, I think, misleading. Surely the Council is not required to agree in advance to the nomination of a member for office. Your account conveys an unfortunate impression thereby that the nominations are now cut and dried, or even perhaps that the elections are settled. On the contrary, as the president (Mr. Lewis) was careful to point out (not reported in your account), the way was none the less open for other nominations.

In the case of the proposed vice-presidency, it is very doubtful if the Council could at this stage even accept nominations, as the office does not yet exist, that is until such time as the Council may see fit to amend its rules. Motion to this effect will be discussed next year.

The Nomination Committee, as was proper in an advisory capacity, worded its recommendations in a very fair and tentative fashion. The verdict of the Council's discussion should go no further than to say that the report was adopted. I do not recall that we agreed to anything more.—Yours faithfully,

R. B. MEADOWS.

Bath.

Note.—The Council only accepted the nominations being presented to the Council meeting of 1957. This does not preclude other nominations.—Ed.

### THANK YOU, LIVERPOOL

Dear Sir,—On a visit to Liverpool Cathedral in November of last year I was grieved to witness a lady in tears because she was not allowed in the belfry. She was a member of a southern counties Association, who had travelled from Llandudno. I am very pleased that this matter has been remedied and would remind our fellow ringers that we are taught that we should always give way to a lady.—Yours truly,

R. BIGGS.

Manchester.

### AN IMMEMORIAL CUSTOM

Dear Sir,—I entirely disagree with Mr. Box.

There are many places where it has been the custom from time immemorial to herald Christmas and Easter by ringing our bells, not, as Mr. Box says, out of enthusiasm for ringing, but as a means of announcing to the world at large, believers and unbelievers alike, the two great festivals of the Christian year, the birth of Christ and his triumph over sin, and I hope the custom will be continued while there are bells to pull.

It is well to remember that it is on the two events referred to that the world's rise from barbarity to humanity is hinged and it will be a sad day for all of us (Mr. Box and his hotelier included) if and when these two events are completely forgotten, as well they may be unless the Christian Church by every means in its power continually reminds the country of them.

I think the intolerant people are those like the fellow who calls himself an hotelier (snob language for innkeeper, I suspect) who expect the rest of the community to abandon all activities for their convenience.

All the while I can raise a band at my Parish Church to ring for the early services at Christmas, Easter and other special occasions I intend to—protesting publicans, Mr. Boxes or not.

Incidentally, it is no advertisement for the hotel keeper to admit his boarders were awakened early—evidently his wares are not as potent as was Mr. Box's Dutch gin.—Yours,

East Clandon, Surrey. G. L. GROVER.

### This Is The Week

The next issue starts the second half of 1956 and is an appropriate time for the enrolment of new postal subscribers. Subscription—14s. 6d. for six months or 7s. 6d. for three months—to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, or to the Editor. Renewals are also due, and prompt payment simplifies clerical work.

### THIS AGE

Dear Sir,—What admirable views Mr. W. E. Box expresses in his letter.

Why cannot we realise that this is an age of progress, and that cranky minorities just cannot be catered for? People must not be allowed to follow the old, sentimental, non-productive pursuits of their forefathers: they must be made to see that the only path permitted for them to tread is the one of quiet efficiency . . . (just a moment, please, while I turn my radio up a bit) . . .

Nothing is so relentlessly wearing to man's nerves, so deadly to the force which drives him on in his search for peace than Noise . . . (half a mo—my radiogram has stopped—there, that's better. Lovely record this! 'Don't ringa da bell'—I could play it all night) . . .

Peace—that is what we are all seeking. Smooth, efficient peace. Peace for a man to enjoy far into the night (and his neighbours, too) the soothing music of the dance band complete with drums; to awake relaxed and joyful, to the inspiring melodies of early morning radio.

Let us not be afraid to make a stand for our aims; let us admit that the outworn memories of a former age must not be allowed to come between us and our ideal; let us strive to make the world (or at any rate, Birmingham) free—free for a man to sit and listen to the road drills, the jet planes, the motor cycles, the fairgrounds, undisturbed by such nerve-racking sounds as the call of the bells to the worship of a God we no longer recognise.—Yours, etc.,

Guildford.

W. OLIVER.

### INCONSIDERATE RINGING

Dear Sir,—I have, as you are aware, repeatedly written to you in the same vein as W. E. Box writes. It is with great pleasure that I see there are others beside myself who are considering the future of ringing and the effects of inconsiderate ringing on that future. At two towers in North London, both of which get complaints (one serious), ringing was performed, at midnight, New Year's Eve, and 6.30 a.m. on Christmas morning. I would not like my children woken up at these hours. Why, then, do we inflict this on others?

Despite this, a well-known ringer suggests that it is the public's privilege to listen as well as ours to perform.

I am willing to take any member of the Exercise to a few towers not 1,000 miles from Stamford Hill, and they can judge whether it is a privilege to listen at any time, let alone 6.30 in the morning.—Sincerely yours,

ERNEST J. ROWE,

Tottenham, N.15.

### WINDSOR CASTLE BELLS

Dear Sir,—I am writing with regard to the ring of bells in the Curfew Tower, Windsor Castle. The fact that these bells are hung in a campanile within the Castle and are only rung on certain days, principally Royal birthdays, has been taken to indicate that it is a Castle peal, and Mr. Dove unfortunately lists it as a secular tower.

Nothing is further from the truth, however, for they are the bells of St. George's Chapel and are chimed by means of a keyboard for the daily services held there, at which prayers are said for the Knights of the Garter.

There is ample evidence that the bells belong to the College of St. George, rather than H.M. the Queen, as was suggested in recent correspondence, for payments concerning the bells have appeared in the Account Rolls from its foundation. In 1614, for instance, the College authorities were hard up so they sold the newly-cast tenor. It was nine years later before their finances had recovered sufficiently to enable them to replace it, but the second-hand one they bought was a bargain, for it remains to this day!

Having, I hope, disposed of the secular classification, you may be interested in the dedication of what is known as 'Her Majesty's Free Chapel of St. George within Her Castle at Windsor.' The dedication is a triple one to Mary the Virgin Mother, St. George the Martyr and St. Edward, King and Confessor, and it is interesting to note that all three are honoured by proper ringing days.—Yours sincerely,

K. BUCKINGHAM.

Windsor.

### ST. MARY'S, WEYMOUTH

Dear Sir,—In the 'Western Gazette' of June 1st, 1956, under the heading of 'From our files of 1856,' appears the following report:

Weymouth.—In compliance with a requisition from a number of the gentry and principal tradesmen of the Borough, the Mayor convened a public meeting at the Guildhall, on Wednesday evening, for the purpose of taking into consideration the erection of a tower, and the purchase of a peal of bells for the Church of St. Mary. A committee of forty-two with power to add to their number was formed, in order to collect the subscriptions. It was suggested that the tower and peal of bells should be considered as commemorative of the Peace of 1846.

St. Mary's Church never got its tower or ring of bells, and it would be interesting to know why the plan never materialised. Surely the committee was big enough to cope with the task or was it too big to come to any agreement?—Yours sincerely,

E. T. PAUL FIELD.

Long Sutton, Somerset.



## LETTERS—Continued

## BROADWINDSOR BELLS

Dear Sir,—I hate to disappoint anybody, but I can't help feeling that the claims made for Broadwindsor bells are a little extravagant. Mr. Paul Taylor, of Loughborough, has been extraordinarily kind in sending me a complete set of rubbings, and some casts, from these bells, from which it is clear that though they are very interesting, and rightly a source of pride for any church, they are not quite as old as they are claimed to be.

The third appears to be the oldest bell in the tower, and not the fifth; I am not familiar with the stamps and lettering, but I suspect that it may be a Salisbury bell, and my guess is that it dates from about the beginning of the 15th century, or the latter half of the 14th.

The fifth, unlike many bells attributed to him, probably was in fact cast by Robert Norton, of Exeter, as it bears his trade mark, and is inscribed: SANCTE GABRIEL ORA PRO NOBIS: — not quite the same as that given in your report of June 8th. Robert Norton seems quite certainly to have been alive and working round about the year 1430, as we have documentary evidence of his name then, so that this would seem to be the period from which this bell comes. Judging by the rubbings and casts it would appear to be a very good bell.

The fourth is the latest of the three mediaevals, and probably dates from about 1470 or a little later. It was also cast in Exeter, and bears one of the standard Exeter inscriptions and an Exeter cross. If one dates the Reformation from the first English Prayer Book in 1549, I doubt whether this bell would qualify for the claim of being a century older.

Any parish may be proud of having three pre-Reformation bells, but even if the Broadwindsor bells were found to date from a century before the Reformation I don't think they could claim this to be unique. Townstal, Dartmouth, has three by Chamberlain which may possibly be as old; Brushford has an original three by Dawe, whose dates are given as 1393–1418: the former are still ringable, forming the back three of a ring of six. There are many others: I quote these at random from memory.

Broadwindsor has some lovely bells, and I hope before long to see them for myself, but it is not alone in being the subject of rather improbable claims. I was sent recently by a neighbouring incumbent a report written some years ago about his bells, three of which are Exeter bells about the same date as Broadwindsor's fourth. The report began thus: 'In this lovely old church and tower there are five bells—four of which are the oldest in England.' The fourth of these bears the date 1674!—Yours,

JOHN G. M. SCOTT.

Newton Abbot.

## SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

### North Notts District

The Crawford Cup contest, which should have taken place at Edwinstowe on June 9th, was a disappointing affair. With the Southwell millenary celebrations taking place, only Warsop could enter a team. However, the ordinary meeting took place for the 40 who attended. Tea was had in the Church Room, followed by the business meeting, the Rector of Warsop, the Rev. J. G. P. Haggood, taking the chair. It was decided to visit Clayworth on July 14th. Messrs. R. Brightmoor, F. Spittlehouse and P. Smith, of North Wheatley, were elected ringing members and the Rev. J. G. P. Haggood a vice-president. The collection for the Bell Repair Fund came to £1 2s. 6d.

It is hoped to rearrange the contest again at Rampton on October 13th. Votes of thanks were given to the churchwardens for the use of the bells and all those in charge of tea arrangements. Further ringing again took place. H. D.

## ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

## Annual Festival

The annual festival of the Guild was held at St. David's Cathedral on June 9th. The bells were available at 2 p.m. and members were present from every tower in the diocese.

The Dean, the Very Rev. C. Witton Davies, was at the Bell Tower to greet members, and it was grand to see him take hold of a rope and have a ring with the members.

At 4 p.m. a service was held in the Cathedral stalls, at which the Dean kindly officiated and the lesson read by Councillor R. E. Davies, Burry Port. At the end of the service the Dean dedicated badges of office and presented them to the officers of the Guild. These badges were the gifts of Mr. and Mrs. B. Rees, wife and auditor of the Guild, in appreciation of the work of the ringers for the Church. Their kind gesture is much appreciated.

Eighty members sat down to tea at the Dynevor Cafe. The Vicar of Steynton (the Rev. W. R. Nicholas) was in the chair for the business meeting. The secretary extended a hearty welcome to members and apologised for the absence of the Bishop. Reference was made to Mr. R. Scudamore, who had recovered from his accident and was back ringing again. The usual touch on the handbells was given, and the Master of the Guild, Mr. Ed. J. Thomas, of Carmarthen, spoke about the presentation of the badges of office of the Guild.

All the officers were re-elected for another 12 months, and Mr. Chris Hawkins was elected as the Guild representative at the next Central Council meeting at Chelmsford. The annual competition of the Guild will take place at Carmarthen, and the next quarterly meeting in September will be held at Tenby. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised the sum of £2 7s.

A hearty vote of thanks was given by Councillor R. E. Davies, of Burry Port, to the Dean and all those people who had made this meeting such a success. The chairman closed the meeting with a prayer. C. H. H.

## AN AUSTRALIAN BRIDE

Miss Jennifer A. Jobson, of St. Mark's Church, Sydney, New South Wales, was married to Mr. Henry St. George Smith, of Piperstown House, Drogheda, in St. Nicholas' Church, Ballymakenny, Drogheda, on June 9th. The bride was a ringer in Australia before coming to England for a holiday, where she did quite a bit of ringing.

As the bride approached the church, which has only one bell, the sound of bells was heard. It came from loudspeakers in the tower. The bells were a recording of St. Mark's Church bells, Sydney. They were specially recorded and sent over to Ireland for the wedding. Jennifer's sister was one of those who took part in the recording. There is also no organ in Ballymakenny Church, so the choir and organ of St. Mark's provided the music and singing for the ceremony—again recorded.

Four bell-ringers were waiting at Piperstown House when the happy pair arrived for the reception, viz., Alan P. Cave, London (who as a friend of the bride travelled over to Ireland for the wedding), Roy Huber, Sidney Lewis and Fred Dukes, all of Drogheda. They rang handbells to Grandfire Triples under the shade of a tree on the lawn outside the mansion whilst the guests were being received.

As the couple left for their honeymoon in Iceland, a sleigh was tied to the back of their car, so to the accompaniment of jingling bells they departed.

On the following day the peal was rung in honour of the marriage.

Piperstown House has 365 acres—one for each day of the year. One additional acre has to be rented from a local farmer every leap year! The house, lands and stock were a wedding gift from the bridegroom's father, who was the previous owner.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

## Ashford District

The quarterly meeting of the Ashford District was again favoured by good weather when it was held at Appledore on June 9th. It is interesting to recall that it was at this spot, now some seven miles from the sea, that the Danes landed in 893 to sack the surrounding countryside.

Mrs. Paddon had assumed responsibility for local arrangements, and the Vicar (the Rev. I. B. Hodgson) conducted the service. Mr. C. T. Hillis read the lesson and the church organist played for the choral service. The collection was given to the Church Repair Fund, which is badly in need of cash.

An excellent tea had been provided at the Parish Hall, the gift of the ladies and gentlemen connected with the church.

The Vicar presided at the short business meeting. The next meeting, it is hoped, will be at Burmarsh in late August. Mr. T. Cullingworth thanked the Vicar and also the ladies and gentlemen who had provided and served such a good tea, and Mrs. Paddon for arranging the meeting.

Altogether about 30 ringers and friends were present, representing eleven towers. Methods were rung up to Cambridge Surprise Major.

W. P. G.

## Rochester District

Approximately 40 members and friends attended the by-meeting held at Eastchurch on June 2nd. Ringing commenced at 2.45 and carried on until 8 p.m. A variety of methods were rung and all touches came home.

The Rector of Eastchurch was not available to take the service, but one of the honorary members, the Rev. G. Prentice, of Frindsbury, kindly came and also took the chair at the meeting.

Six new members were elected, all from Eastchurch, and so another tower is back in union with the Association.

The meeting stood in silence in memory of Mr. S. T. Shellok, who was at one time secretary of the Rochester District. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. G. Prentice, the helpers who served at tea, and the organist.

## WHITSUN IN SUSSEX

Eight Somerset ringers, with David Hoare acting as a rather youthful 'father,' spent Whitsun in Sussex, where George Francis had planned an interesting programme.

Ringing started at Wisborough Green on Friday, May 18th, at 6.30 p.m., followed by joining in the practice at Itchingfield and hospitality by Leslie Weller and his mother.

Headquarters were Ye Olde King's Head, Horsham, and a disturbed night was spent by a farmer in the party owing to a dance in the adjoining ballroom and the discordant clock chime. It is assumed he missed his feather bed!

Ringing on Saturday included Billingshurst, Petworth, Easebourne, Chichester Cathedral Bell Tower, Arundel and Pulborough (where a course of Bristol Surprise Major was rung).

After ringing at Warnham the party joined the local ringers for matins and in the afternoon rang at Slaughtam, followed by Horsham for evensong. A handbell peal was attempted at Itchingfield in the evening, but came to grief and afterwards Mrs. Weller entertained the company to supper.

The last day came all too soon. Leaving Horsham after breakfast, towers visited were Henfield, St. Nicholas' and St. Peter's, Brighton, and St. Mary's, New Shoreham. 'Thank you,' Sussex, incumbents, local ringers, George Francis and David Hoare for an enjoyable week-end.



## OUR OUTINGS PAGE

### ROCHDALE BRANCH

After a break of some years the Rochdale Branch of the Lancashire Association decided to hold a day trip on May 12th, which was organised this year by the Heywood band. We decided to go to Derbyshire.

Tideswell has a beautiful church and its eight bells (tenor 13 cwt.) go well. Here Plain Bob, Grandsire, Kent Treble Bob and Stedman were rung, but, being the first ringing of the day, we had not yet got used to one another so that the ringing might only be called satisfactory. After thanking Mr. Chapman for meeting us we wended our way to Baslow (6). The tenor is given in 'Dove's' as 7½ cwt., but some thought it sounded heavier than this. Perhaps someone could enlighten us and give us the name of the founder. We started ringing with some very well-struck Cambridge Surprise but through some fundamental misunderstanding it did not finish in the approved manner. After an attempt at Little Bob we came to the conclusion that the method was quite unsound, or, at least, our interpretation of it, so Oxford Treble Bob was chosen with much more success. The ringing finished with Plain Bob.

Thence to the Devonshire Arms at the other end of the village, where lunch was ready. An hour later even the most extendable stomachs were well contented under a load of chicken and those things which go with it.

At Ashover (8, tenor 18 cwt.) we really struck form, starting with a ringing good touch of Stedman. Then followed Bob Major whilst the Stedman band stood in church and watched, for these bells are rung from the ground floor. The local ringers agreed with us that the tenor seemed to belong to a different ring of bells in tone and weight, but despite this we thought they are a good lot, and, to prove it, tapped off a very pleasant two courses of Double Norwich.

We pressed north with all haste, but Derbyshire hills restrained us. The Vicar made us welcome at Dronfield and he is justly proud of his fine church, whose choir is vaguely reminiscent of Tideswell. We found a very easy-going eight (tenor 13 cwt.) which sounded a bit dull inside the tower, but outside, where, after all, is where they are intended to be heard, they sound well.

After an excellent tea at Chesterfield the last tower of the day turned out to be the most enjoyable of all, for the magnificent Mears ten beneath the crooked spire brought forth unbounded praise even from those not given to eulogy. Off we went to Grandsire Caters, and, with this complete, three leads of Kent Treble Bob followed by Bob Royal showed that this beautifully balanced ring, both in tone and volume, was equally at home in both odd- and even-bell methods.

After rounds we took to the delightful music of Stedman Caters. By now time was running on, so we finished with a course of Grandsire Caters, after which the bells were lowered for Evensong. When we had finished ringing, our kind host, Sam Scattergood, took us higher up the tower to examine at close quarters both the bells and that most extraordinary structure which surmounts them. We were pleased to learn that the spire is safe!

Our final call was the village of Pilsley. This had not originally been included in our programme because of the absence of bells, and was only now included as the road there promised to be a short cut—in fact, it was a dead-end, so we were obliged to reverse our coach back through the village to a chorus of belly-laughs from the local inhabitants!

We should like to place on record how grateful we are to all incumbents and local ringers who made so enjoyable a day a pleasant memory to us all.

P. J. H. H.

### LEEDS PARISH CHURCH

Links between Lichfield and Yorkshire were mentioned by the Dean of Lichfield, the Very Rev. W. S. MacPherson, when he welcomed the Leeds Parish Church ringers to Lichfield Cathedral on their annual outing on May 12th. Aware, of course, that the present Bishop was until recently Vicar of Leeds, they learned that the first Bishop of the See, St. Chad, also emanated from Yorkshire, while, incidentally, the Dean himself is a Leodiensian.

An hour's ringing at the Cathedral for Evensong was a great privilege and it was an added pleasure that the Bishop (Dr. Reeve) could meet his former ringers once more.

The outward journey was relieved by a break at Baslow for 'elevenses' and a short ring on the lovely ten at St. Paul's, Burton.

Ringings on the magnificent heavy six at Hoar Cross, claimed by some who profess to know to be the best six in the country, and a visit to this wonderful church which beggars description followed a sumptuous tea at the Meynell Ingram Arms, Hoar Cross.

For good measure two eight-bell towers were thrown in—Lichfield, St. Mary's, and Wirksworth, but it was perhaps a little unfair on the former to go there straight after the Cathedral, and to the latter after coming from a ring with a tenor twice its weight.

The return journey took the party across Chatsworth Park and through Matlock, thus enabling the organiser to substantiate his boast that both the scenery and the bells would equal anything experienced on previous outings.

### WITNEY, OXON

The first tower outing of the revived and newly-constituted Witney Ringing Society took place on Whit Monday, when a party of 37, which included members' families and ringing friends from Standlake, Eynsham and Oxford, visited six towers in the Thames Valley district.

After a morning's sightseeing and ringing on eight bells at Dorchester and six bells at Pangbourne, an excellent lunch was enjoyed at the Elephant Hotel, Pangbourne, during which time a handsome ringing record album and a copy of R. H. Dove's 'Church Bells of Britain' were presented by the Witney Ringing Society to a member who was celebrating a 21st birthday.

All Saints', Wokingham, Twyford, Henley-on-Thames and Nettlebed were afterwards visited.

Tired and happy the coachload made its way home after a sun-drenched day's satisfying and varied ringing.

### CHILVERS COTON

The Chilvers Coton (Nuneaton) ringers toured Worcestershire and Herefordshire on Whit Monday. With relatives and ringing friends from Bulkington, an early start was made and Bromsgrove reached at 8.45 a.m. Mr. C. L. Hawkins met the party and soon the pleasant ring of ten was going. An hour quickly passed and then it was all aboard for a most beautiful run of 40 miles to Leominster. Mr. F. Fox welcomed us to the Priory and we examined the ducking stool which occupied a prominent position in the north aisle of the church, the ladies turning a deaf ear to remarks made by certain gentlemen (?) regarding the use of that relic 100 years ago. Some good ringing was enjoyed.

We were ready for a good lunch at the Talbot Hotel. Off on a five-mile run to the lovely village of Eardisland, where we could have stayed for the rest of the day in such sylvan surroundings. In the beautifully-appointed belfry we were gratified to see a peal board denoting a peal rung a year previously by members of our Coventry Diocesan Guild. After a ring on the bells of All Saints', Hereford, we were ready for a 'cuppa.' A glimpse of the Cathedral and the river and we were off again for Worcester via Ledbury. A substantial dinner had been arranged at the Deansway Restaurant, to which all did full justice. Then a two-mile run to Hallow, where the bells sound good outside but are very noisy in the ringing chamber. A social half-hour followed and then the final run to Nuneaton, which was reached about midnight.

The general opinion was that it had been a splendid outing, the weather had been perfect, the country looking its loveliest, bells and ringing good, a welcome at every church and first-class meals. What more could a party of touring ringers and their friends desire?

D. E. B.

### STONHAM ASPAL

Some 300 miles were covered by the Stonham Aspal, Suffolk, band on May 26th, when they visited Brighton. A start was made at 5.40 a.m. and London was left behind before 9 o'clock. Towers visited were Crawley and St. Peter's, St. Nicholas' and the Good Shepherd, Brighton. Ringing extended from rounds to four-spliced. Home was reached at 2.30 a.m. A big thank you to Bill Button, the organiser, for a grand day and good bells.

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## OBITUARY

### MR. W. C. DOWDING

It is with regret we record the death of William Charles Dowding, of King's Heath, Birmingham, who passed away in Selly Oak Hospital on June 6th, aged 73 years.

'Bill,' as he was affectionately called, had not been well for some time and a month before his death was removed to hospital, where an operation was performed. Although this in itself was successful he never rallied and passed peacefully away in the presence of his wife, son and daughter, to whom the deepest sympathy is extended.

The funeral service at Edgbaston Parish Church on June 9th was conducted by the Vicar, Canon E. T. Allen; the organist and choir were also in attendance. The Vicar, in his address, spoke feelingly of Bill's service and of his valuable work as Ringing Master of the church for the past seven years. Previously he was a member of St. Martin's Sunday service band and a member of St. Martin's.

The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service; the Worcestershire Association was represented by the Master, Mr. W. B. Cartwright, and the St. Martin's Guild by Messrs. J. Pinfold, G. E. Fearn, H. H. Fearn and A. Walker. The Edgbaston ringers also were present.

Born at Martley, Worcestershire, Mr. Dowding joined the Worcestershire Police Force at an early age, being eventually transferred to the Birmingham City Police Force, and during his years of service was promoted to the rank of sergeant. In July, 1927, he rescued and saved a boy from drowning and for this was awarded the parchment certificate of the Royal Humane Society.

It was at Martley where he rang his first peal, in April, 1903, five Minor methods, conducted by the late William Short, and throughout the years he rang a total of 296 peals in various methods on six to twelve bells. He was also a member of the following Societies, with whom he rang peals:—Worcestershire Association, St. Martin's Guild, Ancient Society of College Youths, Archdeaconry of Stafford Lancashire, Hereford, Middlesex, Coventry, Midland Counties, Bath and Wells, Salisbury, Dudley, National Police Guild. A. W.

#### LIST OF PEALS

Doubles.—Grandsire and Plain Bob 1.  
Minor.—Plain Bob 2, five methods 1, seven methods 5, Cambridge 4.  
Triples.—Grandsire 12, Stedman 79 (cond. 2).  
Major.—Plain Bob 8, Kent 4, Double Norwich 13, Superlative 3, Cambridge 22, London 8, Bristol 1, Lincolnshire 1, Yorkshire 10.  
Cateters.—Grandsire 9 (1), Stedman 25.  
Roval.—Plain Bob 1, Cambridge 11, Yorkshire 2.  
Cinquies.—Grandsire 4, Stedman 112.  
Maximus.—Plain Bob 1, Kent 1, Solihull 1, Cambridge 5.  
Total 296 (3).

### MR. CHARLES WILLIAMS

With regret we report the passing of Mr. Charlie Williams, of Bristol, which occurred on June 3rd at the age of 60. Charlie, who was not a very prominent ringer, but a very keen member of St. Ambrose Ringing Guild and the Gloucester and Bristol Association, very rarely missed the Association branch and general meetings. He leaves a widow, one son and one daughter, to whom sympathy goes in their sad bereavement.

The funeral was at St. Ambrose Church on June 6th, followed by cremation at Bristol Crematorium. The choir was in attendance, Charlie being also a very keen chorister. The St. Ambrose Guild of ringers were represented by Mr. C. Baker, Mr. F. Skidmore, Mrs. C. Baker and Mrs. V. J. Williams; and the Gloucester and Bristol Association by Mr. J. G. Jefferies (vice-president), Mr. C. Jefferies, Mr. & Mrs. W. Richens and Mr. & Mrs. W. Cook.

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#### MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, June 30th, Fenstanton (5). Bells at 5.30 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 8508

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, June 30th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8510

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District meeting at Bagshot (8) on Saturday, June 30th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8502

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Mid Devon and South West Branches.—Joint meeting, Plymouth St. Andrew's, June 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d. each), Abbey Hall, 5 p.m. Names to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 8459

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Ringwood, June 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. 8477

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Beddington (10), June 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 8468

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Estd. 1623).—The 333rd anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 6 p.m.—L. E. Pitstow, 27, Highfields. 8494

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting, June 30th, at Sawley, 3 p.m. 8518

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Surprise practice, Crawley, Saturday, June 30th. Bells 3 p.m.—I. Butcher. 8499

THAMES VALLEY RINGING FESTIVAL. June 30th. St. Peter's and St. Mary's, Staines, from 3 p.m.; Egham from 4 p.m. Service at Egham 4.30 p.m. Tea, Egham Parish Hall, 5 p.m. Egham, Wraysbury and Old Windsor from 6 p.m. 8444

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Stockbridge, June 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. in the Town Hall. 8454

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Monday, July 2nd, at 7 p.m. One minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station.—T. J. Lock. 8535

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined practice, Nutfield, Friday, July 6th, 7.15 p.m. 8463

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Next meeting at Kirkheaton (6) on Saturday, July 7th. Bells available from 4.30 to 9 p.m. No tea arrangements. Short business meeting in tower during evening. Good bus service from Huddersfield. 8537

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 7th, at Elstow. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Phyllis Gray, Hon. Dis. Sec., 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. Phone: Kempston 3178. 8539

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Snitterfield, Saturday, July 7th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 8486

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Darley Dale, July 7th, 2.45 p.m. Names for tea not later than July 5th to H. E. Taylor, Orchard Bungalow, Hillside, Darley Dale.—A. B. Cooper, H. E. Taylor. 8538

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bickleigh, Saturday, July 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 2nd to W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowley Moor Estate, Tiverton.—W. H. Ware, Hon. Sec. 8488

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Rothbury on Saturday, July 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Picnic tea. Private bus. Names to G. S. Deas, 65, Elsdon Road, Gosforth, Newcastle. 3. 8552

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely and Wisbech Districts.—Joint meeting at Littleport on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Carruthers' Café, Granby Street; price 3s. 6d. per head.—J. E. Fox and R. J. Housden, Dis. Secs. 8540

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western District.—Quarterly meeting, Hutton, July 7th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Shenfield bells (6) available from 7 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. M. Baker, Glenfinnan, Perry Street, Billericay. 8514

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroja Branch.—Meeting at Bisley, July 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea after service. Is. each. Names for tea by July 4th.—S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 8531



**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Clun District.—Quarterly meeting at Knighton on Saturday, July 7th, at 3 p.m. Please inform secretary of numbers requiring tea.—Thomas Davis, 20, Newport Street, Clun, Salop. 8530

**THE LADIES' GUILD.**—Annual general meeting at Worcester on Saturday, July 7th. Claines (10) 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. St. John's (8) 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. All Saints' (10) 2 to 4.30 p.m. and in the evening. Service at All Saints' 4.30 p.m. Tea in The Abbot's Kitchen, Old Palace, Deansway, at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 3rd, to Mr. J. D. Johnson, Aubyns, Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 8411

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at St. Philip's, Nelson, July 7th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Arrange your own tea.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 8528

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Kirkby Lonsdale, Saturday, July 7th. Ringing 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to E. Proctor, 7, Green-side, Kirkby Lonsdale.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 8536

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Christ Church, Aughton, on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those only who notify Mr. J. Lunham, 30, Liverpool Road, Aughton, near Ormskirk, not later than July 5th.—M. E. Ridyard. 8554

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leicester District.—Meeting at Markfield (6) July 7th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. J. Warldle, Main Street, Markfield. Note: Reports available and subscriptions are now due.—W. A. Lacey, Dis. Sec. 8541

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD** and **SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Joint meeting at Kegworth (8) on July 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. at Oddfellows Arms. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Miss C. Cowley, 166, Ashby Road, Loughborough. 8549

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Willoughby, near Alford, Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to me by Monday, July 2nd.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 8509

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Next meeting at Hoar Cross, Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to J. W. Cotton, Oversea. Tel.: 264.

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Broughton, Saturday, July 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, July 4th, to V. Lowe, 12, The Highfield, Croxton, near Eccleshall, Staffs. Buses from Newcastle direct to Broughton, 1.35 and 3.35 p.m. Otherwise Newcastle—Market Drayton buses, alighting at The Loggerheads; transport arranged from Loggerheads.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 8543

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Penny Stratford, Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) at 4.45 p.m. Short service and dedication of peal board at 6 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Mortimer St. John's, July 7th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea must reach Mrs. Cowdry, Sherborne, Victoria Road, Mortimer, by Wednesday 4th.—Burton. 8492

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**—Quarterly meeting at Colehill, July 7th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Please notify for tea by July 3rd.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone: SPRingfield 1025. 8496

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Longbridge Deverill, July 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea.—Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 8527

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Dore 3 p.m., July 7th. Cups of tea available—bring sandwiches.—J. Seager, Sec. 8550

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Quarterly meeting at Great Waltham, Essex, Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Chelmsford Cathedral (12) available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Bus service to Great Waltham: Pleshey service 1.30, 2.30, 3.30 p.m.; Dunmow service 2.15, 3.15 p.m.; Braintree service 15 and 45 minutes past each hour, alight Ash Tree Corner, ¼-mile walk. All very welcome—good attendance, please. Names for tea, without fail, by Tuesday, July 3rd, please. N.B.—All buses from Chelmsford.—P. N. Bond, Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Kent. 8545

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newark District.—Meeting at Barnby-in-the-Willows on Saturday, July 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., at Willow Tree, for those who notify me by previous Wednesday.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec., 60, Albert Street, Newark. 8490

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Saxmundham District.—Meeting at Yoxford and Peasenhall on Saturday July 7th. Ringing at Yoxford 2.30 p.m. Peasenhall after tea. Service, Peasenhall, 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, without fail, by Tuesday, July 3rd, to Alan R. Bridges, Post Office, Theberton, Leiston. Phone: Leiston 57. 8532

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Fairwarp, Saturday, July 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by previous Wednesday to I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, near Crawley. 8500

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Annual general meeting will be held at Ryde, Isle of Wight, on Saturday, July 7th. Bells: Ryde (8) 10.30 to 11.12 to 1.1.30 to 3.15, 6.30 to 8.30; Freshwater (6), Arretton (6) and Godshill (6) 11 to 2; Brading (8) 11.30 to 2.30. Other towers as announced at meeting. Service, All Saints', Ryde, 3.15. Tea in St. John's Ambulance Hall 4.15, followed by business meeting. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. L. Bailey, Greensmead, Church Road, Godshill, I.O.W.—J. A. C. King, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8512

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Northchurch, Saturday, July 14th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by July 11th to Mr. Ashby, High Street, Northchurch. 8553

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at West Malling, Saturday, July 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 8548

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Borden (8) on Saturday, July 14th. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 10th, to Mr. E. C. Barton, 11, Mount View, Borden, near Sittingbourne.—Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Sec. 8533

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting, Coltishall, Saturday, July 14th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, followed by business meeting, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 10th, to Mr. W. Stibbans, The Limes, Coltishall.—C. Bird, Sec. 8519

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual festival and meeting, Saturday, July 14th. Oxford. Service, Cathedral, 11 a.m. Meeting, Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon, Dining Hall, 1.30 p.m. Tickets from A. D. Barker,

Cambridge. Wexham, Slough, Bucks (5s. 6d.), not later than July 11th. Choristers, as usual, please contact M. F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon. Ringing: Merton (8) 3 to 4 p.m., St. Thomas' (6) 3.30 to 4.30 p.m., Magdalen (10) 4 to 5 p.m., St. Giles' (8) 3.45 to 4.45 p.m., St. Mary Magdalen (6) 5 to 6 p.m., New College (10) 5 to 6 p.m., Carfax (6) 5.30 to 6.30 p.m., All Saints' (8) 6 to 7 p.m., Ilfley (6) 5.30 to 6.30 p.m., Radley (6) 7.30 to 8.30 p.m., Cathedral, before service and 7 to 8 p.m.—W. Hibbert, Retiring Gen. Sec. 8502

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Davenport Branch.—Meeting, Welton, Saturday, July 14th. Names for tea not later than July 7th to me.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 8547

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Church Stretton, not Atcham, Saturday, July 14th (Atcham meeting postponed). Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. V. Jones by Wednesday, July 11th. 8551

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Quarterly District meeting at Hersham, July 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., at Walton, followed by tea and meeting. Names by July 11th to Mr. G. Barnett, of 42, Annett Road, Walton-on-Thames. Walton bells after.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 8493

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Diocesan Festival at Gulval, Saturday, July 14th. Service 4.30, Gulval, followed by tea (1s. 6d.). Bells: Gulval (8), Madron (8), after 3.30; Paul (6) Ludgvan (6), Zennor (6), Towednack (8), Lelant (6). Replies, if coming, by Monday, July 9th. Rev. H. Trehella, Penhevel, Crantock, Newquay. 8467

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting, July 14th, Shedfield. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4. Tea at Vicarage 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by previous Monday to Miss B. Daysh, Woodman's Cottage, Waltham Chase, Southampton. 8504

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