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THE TRIUMPH AND JOY OF EASTER

By The Rev. A. S. ROBERTS

THE last verse of one of our Easter hymns begins 'Easter triumph, Easter joy,' and how truly do they express the very substance of our faith at this season. Lent has gone by, but it is linked to Easter by that unforgettable day — Good Friday. During the past few weeks some may have curtailed their ringing, but Sunday ringing, practices, meetings and peals have gone on in greater or lesser degree, and with a general increase of weddings in Lent there have probably been plenty of wedding bells too. To the outside public or the passer-by there has been no difference — the bells have just been ringing. In fact, many a peal attempt brings someone asking, 'Has there been a wedding?' and many a practice, 'What are the bells ringing for?' There seems little or no reason why ringing should not go on normally into Lent with a gradual lessening after Mid-Lent Sunday (except on Sundays) until the great silence of Holy Week, and then the solemn tolling of one bell each day has a special significance. This should be the only sound on Good Friday also. That great authority on all matters liturgical, the late Bishop Frere, when Bishop of Truro, expressed a wish for one bell to be tolled on Good Friday in place of half-muffled ringing, and this has become the custom there. It would seem correct. Christ is not dead. We are remembering the challenge of Calvary and the events of the first Good Friday, and drawing men's minds to them. Half-muffled ringing might well be made more use of at the time of death. It has a remarkable effect on people generally, and should not be neglected as the last token of respect.

The significance and solemnity of Holy Week brought to the ears of parishioners by the slow ringing of the biggest bell once or twice daily where a ring of bells is the custom at least once during the week can be very real. The week is made a memorable one. It is something unusual in the Church's Year. It is the warning, too, of a great outburst. Easter Eve is our day of preparation. On Easter morning very early the great stone was rolled away, not as a means of exit for our Lord, but as a way of entry for those who came. It was a moment of mystery, but very soon the triumph was known, and joy filled many hearts. If there had been bells then surely they would have burst forth unaided to proclaim the power of God for 'God raised Him from the dead.'

What a tremendous privilege ours is. The yearly proclamation of the fact of the Resurrection is in our hands. The Church has committed to us who are ringers the high duty of making known with iron tongues what the Apostles proclaimed with human voices, 'The Lord is Risen indeed.' We do it early, some perhaps when it is yet dark, but all of us as the rest of the faithful are hurrying to church to meet their Lord at the altar. As they kneel in preparation we go quietly from tower to nave, or sanctuary or chancel, whatever our further duties may be, to join in one great act of worship. Let none of us fail in this.

Easter sets the bells ringing together again in rhythmic beauty, after a week at least of sombre silence. As this great Festival is one of new life we should be inspired for all that lies ahead. With Easter, in a very real sense, begins a new season of ringing — annual meetings, outings, tours of all kinds, holiday visits to other towers, fresh planning of peal attempts to inspire progress and to raise one's own standard of ringing, and within a matter of weeks the importance of the Central Council gathering for a new session. The supreme responsibility in all these things lies with those who will be ringing on Easter morning and throughout the day (one remembers four quarter peals at St. Albans Cathedral one Easter Day some years ago). With few exceptions now the parish provides the local band, local bands form the guilds and associations, and these in turn form the Central Council. It is the parish then that provides for each and every ringing occasion or excursion, and the bells that send out at Easter a triumphant and joyous message are the same bells we shall be called and trusted to ring on every occasion we take rope in hand in company with those whose intention is the same. We have laid upon ourselves a duty which we are to perform to the Glory of God. He accepts our offering. The more perfect the offering the greater the joy in each human soul. Sometimes we call it pleasure, and this surely God does not deny to us. If we are loyal servants of the Church what better can we do than take our pleasure upon the very instruments that proclaim the Resurrection, but first we must see to it that we offer ourselves to the full in the life of the Church. Easter could never have been without Good Friday. Our Lord's offering of Himself was the greatest for all time. His Resurrection saw the Victory complete. We proclaim it, and we must go on to increase and to share the fullness of life as it can only be found in the Risen Christ.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LONDON, S.E.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., April 6, 1957, in 3 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF 5002 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 48 cwt.

*†MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	<i>Treble</i>	ANTHONY E. COX	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	2	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER	8
ARTHUR D. BARKER	3	WILLIAM F. OATWAY	9
*†WILFRID G. WILSON	4	*LEONARD W. BULLOCK	10
†PETER J. HUTCHINGS	5	*HAROLD W. ROGERS	11
WILLIAM BUTLER	6	WALTER LEE	Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

* First peal of Cinques. † 50th peal together. ‡ First peal on 12 bells.

Rung as a farewell to the Very Rev. H. E. Ashdown, Provost of Southwark, on his departure to his new appointment as Bishop of Newcastle.

TEN BELL PEALS

LONDON, E.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., March 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. in C sharp.

*D. PRIESTLEY (University)	<i>Treble</i>	P. K. WILLIAMSON (Imp.)	6
A. F. THIRST (Imperial)	2	J. ARMSTRONG (Lon. Hosp.)	7
D. W. BEARD (King's)	3	N. J. DISERENS (External)	8
P. M. J. GRAY (Imperial)	4	R. E. PRICE (U.C.H.)	9
R. KEELEY (King's)	5	D. BERESFORD (King's)	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by D. BERESFORD.

* First peal of Royal. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal for the Society. First peal of Royal as conductor.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., March 25, 1957, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

MAY LOMAS	<i>Treble</i>	GERALD FARRER	6
*MARY WORTH	2	HEDLEY WOOD	7
JOHN WORTH	3	DONALD PEARSON	8
†EDWARD POTTS	4	HARRY FARRER	9
†DENIS A. HENSHAW	5	ALAN POTTS	Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 3, 1957, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5029 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

ERNEST MORRIS	<i>Treble</i>	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	PETER J. STANFORTH	7
PHYLLIS POOLE	3	JOHN A. ACRES	8
*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	4	ERNEST J. JELLEY	9
JOHN M. JELLEY	5	G. RONALD EDWARDS	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

In memoriam Frederick E. Wilson, of Aylestone, Leicester, who passed away on April 1st, 1957.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 64 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

R. GEORGE MORRIS	<i>Treble</i>	*F. BRIAN COOKSON	6
REGINALD WOODYATT	2	†PAUL W. WEBB	7
*J. DESMOND PAINTER	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	8
SUSAN JACKSON	4	DAVID BEACHAM	9
GEORGE E. EVENDON	5	JOHN J. STANIER	Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL.

Conducted by REGINALD WOODYATT.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal on ten bells.

A welcome to the Rev. C. H. G. Carver.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 6, 1957, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	<i>Treble</i>	C. KENNETH LEWIS	6
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	JOHN WORTH	7
BASIL JONES	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	8
JAMES FERNLEY	4	PETER LAFLIN	9
EDWARD JENKINS	5	BRIAN HARRIS	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

The first peal in the method in the county, by the Guild, on the bells and by all the band.

Rung with a fourth's place bob. The composition consists of one course only.

SOUTHAMPTON

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 6, 1957, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

ROBERT C. KIPPIN	<i>Treble</i>	MAURICE J. BUTLER	6
*JEAN POWELL	2	ADRIAN J. TUMBER	7
DANIEL T. MATKIN	3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	8
JESSIE M. KIPPIN	4	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	9
NELIA M. LEAHY	5	R. ROGER SAVORY	Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

A birthday compliment to Maurice J. Butler.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE R.C. CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

STELLA HUGHES	<i>Treble</i>	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	5
MURIEL REAY	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON.

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ROBERT C. KIPPIN	<i>Treble</i>	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	5
MARGARET E. BEAMISH	2	MAURICE J. BUTLER	6
*JEAN POWELL	3	ADRIAN J. TUMBER	7
R. ROGER SAVORY	4	FRANK C. PRICE	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

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

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

ROY DUESBURY	<i>Treble</i>	*H. FRANK PIKE	5
ARTHUR G. BUTTON	2	*BERNARD FAIRHEAD	6
FELIX H. ERITH	3	GEORGE N. ORMAN	7
MICHAEL A. MILLS	4	ALAN R. ANDREWS	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

* First peal of Bob Major.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., March 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

WILLIAM WOODWARD	<i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	J. FREDK. MILNER	6
PHYLLIS POOLE	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
JOHN A. ACRES	4	PETER J. STANFORTH	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

Rung on the occasion of the visit of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II to Repton School during their fourth centenary celebrations.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,824 Bristol, 1,344 Cambridge, 1,152 Superlative, 768 London, with 98 changes of method.

MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE .. Treble	MICHAEL D. STANFORTH .. 5
ALFRED BALLARD 2	*WILLIAM A. LACEY 6
LEONARD TREVOR 3	*JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. 7
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE (C.C.C. 10).

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

CLIFFE-AT-HOO, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

*JOHN C. S. BENSON .. Treble	†CYRIL S. JARRETT 5
*MICHAEL J. ROWE 2	†RALPH BIRD 6
RONALD C. BURNS 3	†BRIAN BLADON 7
†TERENCE BARTON 4	GEORGE KENWARD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal of Major. † 25th peal together. ‡ 50th peal together.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Sat., March 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.
*O. STANLEY UNDERWOOD Treble	GRAHAM T. BALL 5
JOHN VERNON 2	JOHN H. BAILEES 6
A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 3	MICHAEL VERNON 7
†RODNEY RICHARDSON .. 4	FREDERICK WATSON Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL VERNON.

* First peal and first attempt. † First in the method 'inside.'

A birthday compliment to Mrs. William Salt, of Enderby.

Rung, with the exception of the tenor ringer, by a service band from St. Michael's, Stoney Stanton.

EWHRUST, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

WILLIAM ROGERS Treble	FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. 5
WILLIAM T. BEESON 2	E. WINIFRED KEYS 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 7
THOMAS E. SONE 4	*C. ERNEST SMITH Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH

* 50th peal of Bristol.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. WHITE .. Treble	EDWARD W. ROAST 5
ARTHUR HUBBLE 2	CECIL BARKER 6
HARRY R. APPLETON .. 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN 7
BERNARD C. MANN 4	SYDNEY C. EASTER Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

First peal on the augmented bells.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., March 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Brook's variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*SUSAN CHADDOCK (14) Treble	JOHN J. L. GILBERT 5
IAN HOLLAND 2	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 6
*MRS. N. CHADDOCK .. 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK 7
JOHN E. TURLEY 4	*JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal in the method. The conductor's 100th peal as conductor for the Yorkshire Association.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 30, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

MARY DOWSETT .. Treble	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 5
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 6
*JOE E. G. ROAST 3	PETER J. EVES 7
BRIAN J. HOWARD 4	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* 125th peal and 75th as conductor. First touch in the method by all except the ringer of the second.

HIGHWORTH, WILTSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 30, 1957, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 2,880 Superlative and 2,304 Cambridge, with 126 changes of method.

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*PETER ANGER .. Treble	PHILIP M. J. GRAY 5
*CHARLES COLES 2	*VICTOR GRIFFIN 6
SHIRLEY V. RYMER 3	GEORGE F. BURTON 7
*ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUBY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F.

ANTHONY LOCKE .. Treble	ARTHUR F. BURLEY 5
P. RUTH HOSKEN 2	V. MARY MATTHEWS 6
HARRY HARPER 3	*ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. 7
ALAN CARVETH 4	DAVID N. PENROSE Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.

* 50th peal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., March 30, 1957, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5280 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E.

JACK PILGRIM .. Treble	JOHN W. G. KINDRED 5
*A. WILLIAM BIRD 2	†EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 6
JAMES M. BAILEY 3	PETER S. BEDFORD 7
ALAN R. BRIDGES 4	*†PETER KINDRED Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by PETER KINDRED.

* 25th peal together. † 50th peal.

A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bridges.



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LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.		Tenor 3½ cwt.	
HENRY H. FEARN Treble		TERRY R. HAMPTON 5	
ARTHUR V. PEARSON 2		MURIEL REAY 6	
NORMAN J. GOODMAN 3		H. DAVID HOLLAND 7	
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY 4		GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor	

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

MICKLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 30, 1957, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.		Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.	
JOHN THOMAS Treble		WILLIAM H. MALE 5	
MRS. J. THOMAS 2		DONALD H. NIBLETT 6	
FRED C. LYNE 3		FREDERICK G. KINCHIN 7	
HAROLD HUXLEY 4		FRANCIS POWELL Tenor	

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

First peal in the method as conductor.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

MILTON ABBAS, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 30, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. SAMPSON,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT A. MITCHELL .. Treble	*LEWIS F. COBB 5
FRANK L. HARRIS 2	*PHILIP N. TUBBS 6
WILLIAM T. GODFREY 3	MICHAEL J. BEST 7
FRED PRICE 4	RONALD N. HARLOW .. Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by MICHAEL J. BEST.

* First peal in the method.

A birthday compliment to Lewis F. Cobb.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5024 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. Treble	HERBERT RAINFORD 5
ROLAND F. ECCLES 2	WILFRED BOLTON 6
MRS. ROLAND F. ECCLES .. 3	FREDERICK SCHOFIELD .. 7
LAWRENCE D. CLEMENT .. 4	ALAN CAPSTICK Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.

A wedding compliment to Miss Marion Hayton, a former ringer at this church, and Mr. Robin C. Hewlett, of Kingston-on-Thames, who were married on the same day at this church.

TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ROGER MAHER Treble	ROGER LEIGH 5
JOHN PEARSON 2	GEOFFREY CHEETHAM .. 6
PETER SCHOLFIELD 3	NORMAN SMITH 7
J. COLIN ASHWORTH 4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by VERNON BOTTOMLEY.

* First peal on eight bells.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

BRIAN BLADON Treble	PETER P. BROWN 5
JOHN L. MORRIS 2	RALPH BIRD 6
FREDERICK J. CULLUM 3	THOMAS J. LOCK 7
BEVERLEY A. THOMPSON .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.

In memoriam Ernest C. S. Turner.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) Amersham Alliance and Little Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Double Court and St. Clement's Bob, (6) Single Oxford Bob and Double Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES BROOKS Treble	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 4
MONICA BLAGROVE 2	PETER A. LAWRENCE 5
FREDERICK R. SCOTT 3	FRANK T. BLAGROVE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

EARLS CROOME, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of St. Clement's, two of Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 14 lb.

*ALAN J. HAINES Treble	ROBERT J. COLE 4
MRS. A. A. JOPP 2	ARTHUR A. JOPP 5
COLIN B. LONGMORE 3	ERIC T. LEE Tenor

Conducted by ERIC T. LEE.

* First peal.

HARROLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

*RODNEY WALKER Treble	*RICHARD GRICE 4
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	†COLIN PAYNE 5
*IRIS WALKER 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

* First peal. † First peal other than of Doubles.

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., March 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 20 extents of Grandsire (ten callings) and 20 extents of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR W. ROLFE Treble	RICHARD ROSE 3
KENNETH G. BROWN 2	LESLIE N. MELTON 4

DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

Rung for the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., March 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HERBERT G. SMITHSON .. Treble	JOHN R. SMITH 4
IVAN SMITHSON 2	D. E. RUST ANDREWS .. 5
WALTER C. MEDLER 3	*WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE.

* 25th peal on the bells. First peal as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Walter C. Medler, who took part in the first peal on these bells in 1911 and has now completed 50 years as a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., March 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*KENNETH ELLISON Treble	RONALD DAWSON 4
†E. ANNE CHARLESWORTH .. 2	ALEX. RICHARDSON 5
MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Hereward, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALAN R. ANDREWS 2	GEORGE N. ORMAN 4
ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD .. 2	H. FRANK PIKE 5
ROY DUESBURY 3	CHARLES A. ANDREWS .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

NORTH MARSTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DURHAM SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 13 cwt, 2 qr. 27 lb. in F.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN 4
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 2	ROY WOODRUFF 5
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

SNODLAND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Hereward and Oxford Bob; (2) Killamarsh Treble Bob; (3) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Childwall and St. Clement's; (4) Cambridge Surprise; (5) Oxford Treble Bob; (6) Kent Treble Bob; (7) Plain Bob, Double Bob and Fulbeck. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

TERENCE BARTON Treble	JOHN L. MORRIS 4
CYRIL S. JARRETT 2	RALPH BIRD 5
MICHAEL J. ROWE 3	BRIAN BLADON Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., March 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Treble	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 4
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 2	HENRY TOOKE 5
T. CHARLES BROWNE .. 3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. Tenor

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Ronald E. Burt and Miss Pearl Skipper, which took place the previous day at All Saints', Shipdham.

OVER WALLOP, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sun., March 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents of Southrepps Pleasure, 12 of Plain Bob (four different callings) and 26 of Grandsire (ten different callings).

Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

*JANE GOODYEAR Treble	*TERRY A. TARRANT .. 3
GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 2	*MAURICE J. DODD .. 4

A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

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

MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising three extents each of (1) Boxford, (2) Union, (3) New, (4) Huntspill, (5) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (6) All Saints', (7) Stedman, (8) St. Simon's, (9) St. Martin's, (10) St. Nicholas', (11) Windchendon Place, (12) Reverse Canterbury, (13) Plain Bob, (14) Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt.

ALEC GAMMON Treble	HARRY P. FLOYD 3
DOUGLAS O. WILKS 2	*DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 4

ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* 100th peal. First peal in 14 Doubles methods (different plain courses) by all the band.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. G. D. Savage, on his appointment as Archdeacon of Buckingham.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Thurs., April 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*ANTONY PLOWS Treble	R. THOMAS GWILT 4
†DIANA PERRENS 2	ROBERT E. TALLIS .. 5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 3	DAVID J. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., April 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven different extents in three methods, viz.: Two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

JOHN W. G. KINDRED .. Treble	PETER S. BEDFORD .. 4
JACK PILGRIM 2	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 5
RAY PECK 3	PETER KINDRED Tenor

Conducted by PETER KINDRED.

A compliment to the Rev. R. C. R. Godfrey, M.A., Vicar of Aldeburgh, upon his appointment as an Hon. Canon of Bury St. Edmunds Cathedral.

BOXLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's in 15 methods: (1) Cambridge and Ipswich; (2) Killamarsh Treble Bob; (3) Hereward and Oxford Bob; (4) Double Court; (5) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall; (6) Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Double Bob, Fulbeck and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

A. PATRICK CANNON .. Treble	JOHN L. MORRIS 4
CYRIL S. JARRETT 2	RALPH BIRD 5
BRIAN BLADON 3	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal in 15 methods on the bells and by all the band except the conductor.

Rung to celebrate Mr. W. C. Gosling's (local captain) 52nd year of membership of the Kent County Association.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., March 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 17 in A.

ERNEST MORRIS 1-2	JOHN M. JELLEY 5-6
JOHN A. ACRES 3-4	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

First peal 'in hand' as conductor.

LONDON, S.E.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., March 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE COUNTY HALL,

A PEAL OF 5016 SPICED ROYAL

Being 3,880 Bob and 1,136 Little Bob, with 114 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

THOMAS J. LOCK 1-2	JAMES WALLMAN 5-6
EDWIN A. BARNETT .. 3-4	WILFRID G. WILSON .. 7-8

*DENNIS L. HALL 9-10

Arranged and Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.

* First of Royal.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., March 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 1-2	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5-6
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 3-4	ALFRED BALLARD .. 7-8

TERRENCE A. THORNER .. 9-10

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

Umpire: JOHN A. ACRES.

Rung to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the first peal of Cambridge Royal on handbells (March 30th, 1947). Also a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew: 1. C. Forrest 1, Pamela R. Gough 2, Valerie Mepham 3, Diana M. Gough (first in method as cond.) 4, R. D. Brown 5, S. W. Brown 6. For Mothering Sunday.

ASHTAD, SURREY.—On Mar. 30th, 1,264 Bob Major: B. Piper 1, E. A. Lewis 2, Kathleen Beasley 3, Brenda Payne 4, J. Symonds 5, J. Hayns 6, P. J. Jackson 7, D. G. Astridge (cond.) 8. First of Bob Major 1, 2, 4 and 6. First of Bob Major by the Sunday service band. Rung for Confirmation service. Also on April 7th, 1,260 Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering: D. G. Astridge (cond.) 1, E. A. Lewis 2, Kathleen Beasley 3, B. Piper (first 'inside') 4, J. Hayns 5, H. H. Hayns 6, P. J. Jackson 7, C. R. Dorman 8. For Evensong.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 24th, 1,260 Bob Minor: H. Milton 1, J. J. Prentice 2, Miss M. I. Goodship 3, A. Brett (first quarter) 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, G. R. Goodship 6. For Evensong.

BERGH APTON, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,320 Bob Doubles (one calling): P. Tovell (15, first quarter) 1, T. G. Page (16, first quarter) 2, A. F. Ellis (15) 3, T. N. J. Bailey (15) 4, P. D. T. Cattermole (15, cond.) 5. Rung on the eve of Mothering Sunday, and as a compliment to Dr. Geoffrey Soden on his induction to the living of Hindolveston-with-Guestwick.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Mar. 31st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss B. Foster 1, Miss D. M. Ward 2, Miss S. Nicholson (first in method) 3, Miss B. A. Thompson 4, Miss M. R. Andrews 5, D. Beresford (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on April 5th, 1,260 Bob Minor: C. H. J. Williams (first quarter on working bell) 1, Miss J. Jones (first of Minor 'inside') 2, Miss M. R. Andrews 3, Miss B. A. Thompson 4, E. A. Barnett 5, P. P. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung for a special service at which the Bishop of Rochester commissioned a team to conduct a mission in the parish.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with treble leading): F. Ashman (first quarter) 1, M. Stone 3, E. Chapman 4, C. May 5, D. Miller 6, R. Short (cond.) 7, G. Burge 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Greedy. Mr. Greedy was 33 years' ringer at St. Mary's, and late tower captain.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. T. Norris 1, H. Hodgetts 2, E. Ashby 3, C. E. Evans 4, Miss M. Carnochan 5, C. Cook 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, F. Morris 8. For Confirmation service by the Bishop of Bedford.

BILLINGBOROUGH, Lincs.—On April 4th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss E. S. Nickolson (first quarter) 1, G. S. Collishaw 2, A. Chilton 3, G. Creasey 4, S. R. Wilson 5, L. P. Wilson (cond.) 6.

CHICKENDON, OXON.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Baughan 1, R. K. Russ 2, M. L. Baughan (cond.) 3, B. Wakefield 4, E. L. Baughan 5, C. M. Baughan 6. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. G. Hearn (tower captain) to Miss L. Slade, also a member of this tower.

CLERKENWELL, E.—On Mar. 31st, at St. James' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. Lunn 1, Miss A. Garnett 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, H. Belcher 4, W. D. Prockson 5, M. Moreton 6, John Phillips (cond.) 7, James Phillips 8.

CLIFTON, BRISTOL.—On April 1st, at the Church of Emmanuel, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Gillett (first quarter) 1, C. Rawlings 2, F. G. Leaker 3, W. H. Cole 4, A. W. T. Cleaver (cond.) 5, D. G. Mayell 6, W. F. Bonner 7, F. Dickson 8. Rung with the best wishes of the band to Charles Rawlings on his 68th birthday.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Wall 1, K. Arthur (cond.) 2, C. N. Lea 3, C. T. Lamb 4, W. Tyson 5, R. B. Skelton 6, J. A. Alnsworth 7, R. Oliver 8. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of the Vicar (the Rev. J. Talbot) and Mrs. Talbot.

CRESWELL, DERBYS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,264 Bob Major: P. Richardson 1, G. Chambers 2, R. Fletcher 3, Miss M. Barlow 4, D. Smedley 5, L. Barlow 6, L. Bacon 7, W. Robinson (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1 and 3. For Mothering Sunday service.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on April 7th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss A. Wooller (first of Caters) 1, E. Razzell 2, Mrs. W. F. Oatway 3, G. Cartwright 4, N. G. Steere 5, F. E. Mitchell 6, R. Abbott 7, G. H. Humphries 8, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 9, R. Davies 10.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: E. J. Jenner 1, S. Jenner (first of Surprise) 2, B. V. Collison 3, Miss H. Oakshett 4, E. J. Ladd 5, M. F. Oakshett 6, Miss D. Colgate 7, R. Collins (cond.) 8.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. C. Willday 1, Diana Perrins 2, M. Hall 3, Elizabeth Yardley 4, A. N. Stubbs (first as cond.) 5, J. L. Martin 6. First quarter for 3 and 6. Rung on the occasion of the farewell visit to the parish of the Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Harwood before their departure for Nigeria.

HANSLOPE, BUCKS.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Bob Triples: Mrs. G. F. Roope 1, Miss D. M. Miller 2, G. F. Roope 3, K. D. Perkins 4, Miss J. A. Downing 5, R. A. Eldridge 6, I. J. Dickinson (cond.) 7, A. G. Keeves 8. Rung for the wedding of Alan C. Cozens to Shirley Simons.

HEYWOOD, LANCS.—On Mar. 24th, 1,260 Bob Minor (with 7, 8 covering): A. Crabtree 1, P. J. H. Hudson 2, R. Maher (first 'inside') 3, Mrs. P. J. H. Hudson 4, J. P. Partington 5, G. S. Mills (first as cond.) 6, C. Taylor 7, W. Chadwick 8. For Evensong.

HOLWELL, HUNTS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,440 Ipswich Surprise Minor: D. E. R. Knights 1, R. F. Baker 2, G. E. Crisp 3, V. Chamberlain 4, G. A. Lucas 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

HOORINGER, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 31st, 1,264 Bob Major: Wm. Stannard (cond.) 1, F. Cooper 2, J. Kerry 3, J. G. Stannard 4, D. Everett 5, G. Jennings 6, F. Buckle 7, J. W. Banks 8. For morning service.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Mar. 25th, 1,320 Treble Bob Minor (720 Cambridge, 600 Oxford): J. Papworth 1, P. Elliott 2, Miss W. Elliott 3, R. Pye 4, C. Burton (cond.) 5, A. R. Elliott 6. For St. Mary's Day.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss M. Gilbert (first quarter) 1, K. Fleming 2, Miss M. Stephens 3, C. Izzard 4, R. Stephens 5, M. Stephens (cond.) 6. Rung by members of the local band for Mothering Sunday service.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 540 Bob): B. Hawkins (first quarter) 1, A. Free 2, K. Seymour (cond.) 3, R. Hazell 4, S. Smith 5, C. Hagger 6. For Evensong.

LINTON, KENT.—On Mar. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from the Original): W. Grice 1, W. Manser 2, G. Cantrell 3, F. Leason 4, L. Honess 5, W. Rich 6, L. Head (cond.) 7, P. Town 8. Rung half-muffled in memorial to the Dowager Lady Cornwallis, interred at Linton this day.

LLANDOVERY, CARMS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,320 Bob Doubles: R. W. Howells 1, O. M. Slaney 2, R. W. Williams 3, J. H. H. James 4, H. M. Evans (cond.) 5. Rung as a farewell to Dr. G. O. Williams, warden of Llandovery College, and Bishop-Elect of Bangor.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy Ellam 1, D. Rapden 2, K. Edwards 3, G. Lloyd 4, D. Burgess (first as cond.) 5, D. Hull (first quarter) 6. For Evensong on Mothering Sunday, and as a 15th birthday compliment to Miss Jennifer Ann Ellison, a local ringer.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on Mar. 31st, 1,344 Bob Major: K. D. Perkins 1, A. C. Cozens 2, R. A. Eldridge 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, Miss D. M. Miller 5, I. J. Dickinson 6, B. Linnell 7, G. F. Roope (cond.) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Ivor J. Dickinson.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Mayne (first quarter) 1, Nancy Kempell (first as cond.) 2, H. Harwood 3, G. Olliver 4, A. R. C. Clarke 5, K. Matthews (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

OCKBROOK, DERBYS.—On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Reverse Canterbury, 240 Bob, 300 Grandsire): D. P. Jones (cond.) 1, E. Walklate (13) 2, F. R. Lowe 3, P. Bellamy-Knight 4, Miss V. M. Horton 5. For Confirmation by the Bishop of Derby.

PENTRE, GLAM.—On Mar. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Owen (first quarter) 1, J. Lovatt 2, J. L. Thomas (first 'inside') 3, J. Edwards 4, K. Hartnol 5, K. Jones 6, T. Edwards (cond.) 7, H. Crabb 8. For Evensong and a wedding compliment to Mr. Roy Davies, a local ringer, who was married the previous Saturday.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Carol Lewis (first quarter, 14) 1, M. Clifford 2, W. Richards 3, C. Rouse (cond.) 4, R. Dowdeswell 5, Rev. G. W. Ruming 6, F. Pendry 7, R. Wasley 8. Rung half-muffled in memorial to Charles Robinson, former churchwarden, after his funeral.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 19th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. A. Alderton 1, C. Poulson 2, F. Hunt 3, W. R. Shorter 4, R. Chambers 5, H. Hollocks (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Mar. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (360 each Canterbury Reverse and St. Simon's, 240 Bob and 300 Grandsire): Pearl M. Goodwin (aged 12, first quarter) 1, M. R. Cross 2, Daphne J. Pollard (aged 13, first in four methods) 3, C. J. B. Taylor (first in four Doubles methods) 4, R. G. Cross (cond.) 5, Susan A. Alexander (aged 14) 6. For Evensong. Also on Mar. 23rd, 1,320 Bob Doubles: Daphne J. Pollard 1, R. Raven (first quarter) 2, M. R. Cross (cond.) 3, Susan A. Alexander 4, S. Lester (first in method) 5, A. Hamilton (first quarter) 6. The ringers of 2, 5 and 6 are members of Radley College Campanological Society. First time three members have rung a quarter together. Also on Mar. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Bob and 540 Grandsire): A. Hamilton (first on a working bell) 1, M. R. Cross (cond.) 2, S. Lester (first in two methods) 3, Susan A. Alexander (first in two methods 'inside') 4, R. Raven (first in two methods) 5, Daphne J. Pollard 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter (Susan) to Mr. and Mrs. R. Stoughton-Harris, of Radley College.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,440 Bob Doubles (four callings): P. M. Adcock 1, A. F. Ellis 2, P. D. T. Cattermole (cond.) 3, T. N. J. Bailey 4, R. W. Bickers 5. Rung for the wedding this day at Hellesdon of Mr. Jack Myall and Miss Betty Reeves, and also as a 15th birthday compliment to A. Frederick Ellis (Norwich).

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Sams (first quarter, 14) 1, F. Wright 2, W. Sams (cond.) 3, H. Livings 4, B. Barton 5, J. Terry 6. A compliment to Mr. H. J. Shaw on completing 43 years as organist at Roydon Parish Church.

SHARDLOW, DERBYS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss P. J. Kinsey (first quarter) 1, Miss M. M. Grime (first quarter) 2, S. J. Knighton 3, A. Whiting 4, J. E. Collins (first as cond.) 5, J. Forster 6. A wedding compliment to Miss S. Kinsey and Mr. M. Paxton, who were married earlier in the day.

SHIPBOURNE, KENT.—On Mar. 31st, 1,440 Bob Minor: Miss J. French 1, Miss M. Ladd 2, E. J. Ladd 3, E. J. Brunger 4, S. Jenner (cond.) 5, G. Fry 6. For Mothering Sunday.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.—On Feb. 28th, 1,264 Bob Major: H. Pratley 1, J. Keyte 2, J. J. Benfield 3, W. Lewis 4, P. F. Coombes 5, B. Hall 6, E. J. Townsend 7, I. Harris (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 4, 6 and 7. A compliment to the wife of the fourth ringer on her birthday, also for Mr. A. Miles, a local ringer for many years, who has been very ill but is now making steady progress.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.—On Mar. 31st, 1,264 Bob Major: D. M. Putnam (first quarter) 1, V. S. Connell 2, Miss E. C. Pettitt 3, M. H. R. Glover 4, S. Dace 5, A. Bareham 6, J. H. Brett 7, E. W. Pye 8. For Mothering Sunday.

STEPNEY, E.—On Mar. 31st, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): P. W. Shute 1, L. J. Fox (cond.) 2, Jill Cook 3, G. J. Boomsma 4, H. G. Weedon 5, S. Smith 6. For Evensong and Mothering Sunday.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. E. Roworth 1, Mrs. F. G. Wilton 2, Dr. C. G. Roworth 3, M. B. Kemp 4, R. C. Westney 5, F. G. Wilton 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, E. Vincent 8. An 85th birthday compliment to Mr. C. J. Gardiner, of Christ Church, Swindon.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—At the Cathedral, on April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Davey (first quarter) 1, A. Carveth (cond.) 2, Miss R. Hoskin 3, B. A. Parkin 4, W. H. Southeast 5, A. Burley 6, D. Burnett 7, R. Tall 8.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Jacobs 1, J. Tomsett 2, M. Sinden (cond.) 3, Susan Jacobs 4, N. Bagworth 5, A. Bagworth 6, F. Corfield 7, H. Cox 8. Rung immediately after the wedding of Jill Bradley, a former ringer at this tower, to Patrick Richardson.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

The March monthly meeting of the Fylde Branch was arranged to coincide with the half-yearly meeting of the committee of the Association. The combined meetings had the pleasure of ringing together at St. Anne's Church, St. Anne's-on-Sea, an 8-bell tower with a fine ring of bells and a commodious and well-appointed ringing chamber. The bells were kept going in various methods from 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. with an interval for tea.

Amongst ringers present were the president of the Association (the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith), the Hon. Secretary of the Association (Mr. F. Dunkerley) and the Fylde Branch Ringing Master (Mr. John Nevin). Thanks are due to the incumbent for the use of the bells and to the local ringers and some of their wives, namely: Mesdames W. H. Ratcliffe, A. Preston and H. Preston, for providing an excellent tea.

J. F. T.

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A CYCLING HALF-DAY IN WORCESTERSHIRE

A band drawn from Aston and Handsworth (Birmingham), Little Aston, Shreshill, St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, and Lichfield Cathedral had a half-day's cycling tour of Worcestershire on March 30th.

The party met at St. Peter's Church, Cookley, where they found the bells somewhat noisy and the fifth and tenor 'odd struck.' The bells were cast by Mears and Stainbank in 1849, but rehung by Charles Carr and Co. in 1895.

The six in the neighbouring village of Wolverley were also rehung by the same firm. They are a reasonable six to handle, and the ringing room somewhat reminiscent of a farm building with its whitewashed walls and large oak beams spanning the roof. The Italian-styled church is perched on a large sandstone rock.

After a meal at Bewdley, we ascended the Georgian tower of St. Anne's Church. A novelty was that instead of the common type of boxes, large sections of tree trunks have been adapted for the seventh and tenor. The bells, a good eight (tenor 16½ cwt.), are somewhat spoilt by a rocking tower.

The last tower of the day, St. Peter's, Upper Arley, are a good six originally cast by A. Rudhall in 1753, but rehung by Charles Carr and Co. in 1896. The Vicar made the party more than welcome and showed them features of the 800-year-old church. Thanks are expressed to incumbents and local ringers who made us so welcome.

C. M. S.

RIPLEY, DERBYS.—On Mar. 10th, 1,260 Grand-site Doubles: A. Marshall 1, F. Hill 2, P. Sewry 3, R. Stretton (cond.) 4, J. Faulkner 5. For morning service.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD Devizes Branch

Some 50 ringers, including visitors from Chippenham, Frome, Salisbury, Watford, Swindon, Nailsea, Clutton, Radstock, Leicester, Bourne-mouth and Milford-on-Sea, were attracted to the quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch at Trowbridge. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector, who gave an inspiring address, and tea was served in the Co-op Hall.

The next three meetings were fixed for Chirton, West Lavington and Bradford (Christ Church). Ten new members were elected and also seven life ringing members. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and for taking the service. Methods rung ranged from rounds on the 12 for the many young ringers there, to Stedman Cinques.

MORETON-IN-MARSH

Familiar to many ringers are the bells of Moreton-in-Marsh, Glos. The Parochial Church Council have entrusted the work of recasting the eight bells and rehanging them in a steel frame to Messrs. John Taylor, of Loughborough. The cost, including some necessary work to be done locally, will come to about £1,700.

This is a large sum for the parish to find, especially as it comes so soon after efforts with regard to the restoration and redecoration of the church. The generous help of all who love church bells is invited, and donations may be sent to the Rector or churchwardens or paid direct to the Manager of Lloyds Bank, Moreton-in-Marsh. Cheques should be made payable to 'Moreton Church Bells Fund.'

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By a peal at Handsworth, Yorkshire, on March 30th, Mr. Norman Chaddock joined the very select band of resident members who have conducted 100 peals for the Yorkshire Association. Other members are Messrs. W. Barton, P. Johnson, L. W. G. Morris, D. Smith and W. E. Critchley. This was Mrs. Chaddock's first peal of Stedman, and she rang it without making a single mistake.

The length of the peal of Bedfordshire rung at Warfield on March 16th was 5,024, and not 5,040 as published.

Mr. A. H. Hutton, after 58 years of loyal service to Holy Trinity Cathedral tower, Guildford, has retired from active ringing and has accepted honorary membership of the tower.

The Editor thanks 'Joshua Entwistle, C.I.E.,' for his letter. It cannot be considered for publication without his correct name and address. He feels certain that 'Mr. Charles Melford' and 'Mrs. Alma Haycock' will be disappointed.

Church bells were rung at Moreton Hampstead in the early hours of April 2nd when news reached the Dartmoor town that 15-year-old David Wills had won the international schoolboy boxing championships in London the previous day.

Canon R. de C. Murley, Rector of Ludgvan, near Penzance, writes in this month's Penwith Deanery Magazine: 'The great news this month is that we have been promised the whole of the money estimated by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough.' This gift is from the two daughters of the late Andrew Lawrey, at one time churchwarden. The front five bells are to be recast, the tenor having been recast by the same firm in 1929. The bells are also to be generally rehung, and are at present being dismantled.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal rung at Christ Church, Macclesfield, on March 25th was rung to celebrate various happenings amongst belfry members, all of which took place within a few days of each other. They were: the engagements of Pat Sellars to Roy Booth and Pamela Crowder to Donald Pearson; the 21st birthdays of May Lomas, Edward Potts, John Greenwood and Barbara Booth; the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Worth.

Boxley was Mr. A. P. Cannon's 100th tower in Kent for a peal, and he informs us that he is the first ringer to reach this total in Kent. The peal was rung on April 6th.

The Guild of Clerical Ringers are holding their ringing week from April 29th to May 3rd, with headquarters at the Kinbourn Hotel, Bristol. Twenty members have signified their desire to be present.

The ten bells of Bath Abbey have been taken down and are now at the Loughborough foundry to be retuned and rehung with all new fittings throughout. The work is estimated to be completed in the autumn.

Mr. Peter Shipton, of St. Paul's, Bedford, who is doing his National Service in the R.A.F. (Medical Branch), would like to thank most sincerely all his ringing acquaintances in Lancashire in the Manchester area, while 'square bashing' at Padgate, and in the Preston area while on medical training at Warton. He would like to record especially his gratitude for much advancement with his ringing to the Preston Parish Church band, led by Mr. Cyril Crosthwaite and Mr. E. Roger Martin. Finally, to all ringers in the Swindon, Wilts, District, particularly Mr. Eric Sutton and Christ Church, Swindon, band for their friendly welcome on his posting to R.A.F., Wroughton Hospital.

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ERNEST C. S. TURNER: HIS LIFE AND PEALS

A Master in All Branches of Change Ringing

BY the death of Ernest Charles Seymour Turner, the Exercise has lost one of its most able members. A brilliant composer and an excellent practical ringer and conductor, he was nevertheless a most modest man who could be made to talk of his prowess only with much persuasion. He was a truly Christian gentleman, as revealed during these last few years of ill health, when his patience and forbearance and his thought for others in spite of his own sufferings were most remarkable.

He was born on May 23rd, 1910, and lived most of his life in Ealing. He was educated at Ealing County School, and when he was 18 or so entered the firm of Maurice Thompson and Co., Incorporated Accountants. He remained with them for the rest of his life and became one of the partners. He was much respected and liked by his employees and clients alike. He was for some years treasurer of Ealing Chess Club and a keen player.

He married on August 1st, 1946, and continued to live at Ealing until some four years later, when he took up residence at Stanmore.

The early days of his ringing career, his association with J. Armiger Trollope and its fruits, have already been dealt with by Wilfrid Wilson. Ernest was always interested in the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, as was his mentor, and served it well. He was very delighted and proud when after his first peal as conductor—Bob Major on handbells—the District secretary, W. H. Hollier, presented him with a framed certificate of membership!

WORK FOR THE MIDDLESEX

Over the years, he occupied several offices in the Association, commencing as Master of the South and West District in 1932, and held this office again in 1936. He was a trustee since 1938, in which year he became assistant general secretary, when the new rules abolished the offices of joint general secretaries then held by C. T. Coles and F. W. Goodfellow. The former became the new general secretary. Upon Mr. Coles' retirement in 1945, Ernest was elected as general secretary, and he was happy to know that in spite of his health, the members wanted him to keep in office, which he did until death. After serving as an honorary member of the Central Council, he became an elected representative of the Association from 1948.

He was of the opinion that a knowledge of the theoretical side was essential if the maximum amount of enjoyment was to be derived from ringing, and he suggested that the Association should arrange a mid-week evening meeting from time to time for a discussion of theoretical matters. He put this into practice and gave several talks himself.

He was always most willing to help others to advance in the art, and he had a long list of the names of those ringers whom he had helped through their first peal.

His business and ringing took him about the country, and he made many friends in the various towers he visited. He became a member of many ringing associations and guilds, including St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. Ely Diocesan Association, the Lincoln, Chester, Oxford, Guildford and Truro Diocesan Guilds, the Hertford County, Surrey, Sussex, Essex, North Wales, Irish and North Staffordshire Associations, and the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Reference has already been made to some of Ernest's activities on the Central Council, to which he was elected an honorary member in 1934, becoming a member of the Methods Committee immediately! He was also elected

to the Standing Committee in 1939. He ceased to be a member of the Council in 1948 and the following year returned as an elected representative of the Middlesex County Association. He was re-elected to the Standing Committee in 1954.

AS A PEAL RINGER

The record of the peals rung on tower-bells and handbells by Ernest Turner are given below. They total 491 in all, of which 157 were rung on handbells, and altogether form a most impressive and unique collection. He was the first conductor to call his own composition of Spliced Surprise Major and to call Spliced Surprise Major in five methods from a non-observation bell. His performances on handbells were outstanding. Hear what his old friend Christopher Woolley has to say about this side of his ringing career:—

'I had the pleasure of ringing in well over 50 peals with him, nearly all of these being on handbells. Ernest was a really remarkable handbell ringer; he was most versatile and seemed equally at home in any method and on any pair, in spite of a rather excitable temperament. He handled his bells in a manner which was entirely his own, and could set an excellent beat. Although a first-class conductor, he was always happy to leave this to others.

'In December, 1945, he rang 5-6 to peals of Superlative and Cambridge in the course of an afternoon and evening; in the first of these the tenorman scored his first peal of Surprise Major "in hand." A fortnight later, with the same band, Ernest called a peal of Spliced Surprise in the four standard methods. Having called a similar peal in the tower the day before, he set out to call the same composition; but when this would not go, there being too much Bristol, he decided to change the composition and, after a very few minutes' study, he called the peal. Ernest had rung peals of spliced "in hand" prior to this, but I do not think he had ever conducted. The band had not practised it together before; the tenorman had rung little or no London Major and no Bristol. Apart from Harold Cashmore, no one else has yet called a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in hand.'

'When he came to live at Stanmore, Ernest quickly filled a vacancy in our Spliced Surprise band, which had then rung up to eight methods. It seemed a waste to put a man of his ability on any but an inside pair, so he was given 3-4, on which he rang in peals in 9, 12, 14 and 16 methods. Through a slight error the first peal in 12 turned out to be false and had to be rung again. He also took part in silent peals of London and Cambridge.

'As a conductor he called peals in a variety of methods. He called Holt's Original a number of times; also the record peal of 13,664 Double Norwich. In May, 1939, he called Carter's Odd-bob peal of Stedman Triples from 5-6, which was rung in the very quick time of 2 hours 9 minutes. It would be hard to imagine a career of more brilliant and outstanding achievement.'

Ernest's tower-bell peals were rung in 25 counties of England, Wales and Ireland in 120 towers. He rang peals at 34 Middlesex towers. His best years were those immediately preceding the last war, when he rang 119 peals between 1936 and 1939. He rang 40 of these in 1938, his biggest annual total. His last tower-bell peal was London Surprise Major, at Feltham on September 26th, 1953, and his last peal was Oxford Treble Bob Major on handbells, at Bushey Heath on September 11th, 1955.

He rang four peals, the compositions of which were later proved to be false. They were three of Kent Treble Bob Major and one of Stedman Cinques.

HIS 491 PEALS

TOWER BELLS

Doubles.—Grandsire 1 (cond. 1).
Minor.—Plain Bob 3 (2), Cambridge Surprise 2 (2), 2 methods 1 (1), 4 methods 4 (2), 7 methods 7 (5), 7 Surprise Methods 2, 10 Surprise 1, 14 Surprise 2 (1), 15 Surprise 1, 28 Surprise 1.

Triples.—Double Court 1 (1), Grandsire 21 (19), St. Clement's Bob 1 (1), Stedman 25 (13).

Major.—Little Bob 1 (1), Plain Bob 22 (9), Double Bob 1 (1), Double Coslany Court 1 (1), Double Norwich Court 23 (11), Edmonton Bob 1 (1), Kent T.B. 14 (9), Oxford T.B. 4 (1), Spliced Oxford and Kent T.B. 1 (1).

Surprise Major.—Bristol 12 (2), Cambridge 30 (8), Ealing 2, Lincolnshire 1, London 15 (4), Rochester 1, Rutland 2 (1), Eastcote 1, Staffordshire 1, Ashted 1, Superlative 29 (12), Yorkshire 5 (1), Wembley 1, Pinner 1, 4 Spliced 22 (11), 5 Spliced 3 (1), 6 Spliced 2 (1), 7 Spliced 2 (1), 9 Spliced 1 (1).

Caters.—Grandsire 6 (5), Erin 1 (1), Stedman 16 (4).

Royal.—Isleworth Bob 1 (1), Plain Bob 2 (1), Kent Treble Bob 2 (1), Cambridge Surprise 11 (2), Yorkshire Surprise 2 (1).

Cinques.—Stedman 17 (2).

Maximus.—Cambridge Surprise 1, Kent Treble Bob 1, Little Bob 1 (1).

Total: 334 (145).

HANDBELLS

Doubles.—Grandsire 1 (1).

Minor.—Plain Bob 2, Oxford T.B. 1 (1), 7 Methods 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 22 (17), Stedman 8 (6).

Major.—Little Bob 7 (4), Plain Bob 16 (13), Richmond Bob 1 (1), Avalon Court 1, Cambridge Court 1, Lavenham Court 1 (1), Highbury Bob 1 (1), Reverse Bob 1 (1), Double Norwich C.B. 20 (10), St. Clement's Bob 1 (1), Kent T.B. 10 (4), Oxford T.B. 7 (3), Spliced Kent and Oxford T.B. 2 (1), Gainsborough Little Bob 1, Spliced Plain, Little and Double Bob 1.

Surprise Major.—Bristol 1, Cambridge 6 (1), New Cambridge 1, London 4 (1), Superlative 3, 2 Spliced 1, 4 Spliced 3 (1), 5, 9, 12, 14 and 16 Spliced, one each.

Caters.—Grandsire 5 (2), Stedman 10 (7).

Royal.—Plain Bob 2 (1), Little Bob 1 (1), Kent T.B. 6 (5), Oxford T.B. 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 2.

Total: 157 (84).

PROTEST TO B.B.C.

Mrs. Ruth Miller, of Kirklington, Newark, Notts, has sent the following letter of protest to the B.B.C.:—

'Dear Sir,—I feel that I must write and complain about your everlasting commentaries whilst bells for service are being rung; an outstanding example of this took place on television from St. Giles', Northampton.

'Not only is it quite unnecessary—it could very easily be done before the commencement of the service—but it is extremely rude and in the worst possible taste to let the announcer go on jabbering away, so that neither he nor the bells can be heard properly.

'As the wife of a very talented ringer—and I say this in all sincerity—your present attitude towards bell ringing is deplorable and most infuriating.

'Do you not realise that the art of ringing is one of our ancient customs, and I for one hate to hear it desecrated in this manner. It happens every time there is a service which is introduced by bells.

'Please, I implore you, have all announcements given out prior to the bells in future, so that we can relax and listen to the very beautiful music made by them.

'Could you imagine details being given out during an organ recital or during the singing of an anthem?'

10th ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST HANDBELL PEAL OF ROYAL

Successful Repeat Performances

Ten years ago, on Sunday, March 30th, 1947, the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal on handbells was successfully rung at The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, conducted by that eminent ringer, the late Harold J. Poole. It seemed very fitting that this great achievement should be celebrated in a like manner again this year.

Three of the original band (Jill Poole—now Mrs. P. J. Staniforth—Walter P. Whitehead and Alfred Ballard), together with Peter J. Staniforth and Terrence A. Thorner, began practising three weeks ago, and very quickly became in 'peal ringing form.' It was arranged that a start for the peal would be made at 1.45 p.m. on March 31st. Punctually to time, four of the band were waiting at The Wayside with crossed fingers, hoping that the fifth member was on his way. At 2 p.m. a telephone call informed us that he was still waiting some 12 miles away to be picked up! Luckily he had enough petrol to enable him to proceed 'under his own steam,' and eventually arrived at 2.25 p.m. No time was lost in proceeding to the bedroom (where the first peal was rung), and all settled down to make a start.

'Go, Cambridge Royal' was called at 2.31 p.m. A very steady first course was rung in 11½ minutes, then a gradual speed-up to an average of 11 minutes per course. This beat was held throughout the peal and the striking was above reproach. Needless to say, there were no major trips and only very occasionally a slight misblow. To listen to Cambridge Royal being tapped like this was an education and a real pleasure. Every lead-end was religiously checked off by me and a check kept on the coursing order throughout. I also made a graph of the time taken for each course, which varied barely 30 seconds after the first 'warming up' course.

After the last bob at 'Wrong,' a sigh of relief was heard as the bells came into the plain course, and the peal came back into rounds at exactly 5.5 p.m. Congratulations were accorded to all on a first-class peal, a worthy tribute to H. J. P., without whose groundwork and tuition it may not have been possible.

A total of nine peals of Cambridge Royal 'in hand' has now been rung, and to their credit all by the Leicester band, who have the added distinction of also ringing the only peal of Yorkshire Royal 'in hand.' Three of the company are the only ones who have completed Cambridge Surprise from Minor to Maximus, on both tower- and handbells. The tenth anniversary of the first (and only) peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus 'in hand' occurs on September 28th this year. I wonder if there is a possibility of 'completing the double'?

Grateful thanks are expressed to Mrs. Poole for entertaining us after the peal, a most enjoyable evening being spent (guess what) handbell ringing! A course of Cambridge Royal was rung for the benefit of the empire to have a go, and a nice touch of Stedman Cinques. An attempt at tune-ringing 'four in hand' brought a most pleasant day to a close, reminiscent of the many happy days spent at The Wayside in years gone by.

JOHN A ACRES, Umpire.

OBITUARY

MR. H. E. FLEWELLING

The passing of Mr. Harold Ewart Flewelling, of Wootton Bassett, Wilts, on March 29th was a great shock to the local ringers. He had been in hospital for treatment, and to all appeared to be good for many years of service. He was 74 years of age.

His first connection with ringing was in 1911. Harry heard a peal of Grandsire Triples rung for the Coronation of George V. He approached me saying he would make an oak peal board to put on record this special peal if I would undertake to teach him the art of ringing. I took him on, and in 1914 he and his brother rang in the first local peal on the bells, conducted by myself.

He was a very keen ringer and also very good in theory, but being of a rather nervy temperament could not make full use of his knowledge; anyway, he rang six peals—Grandsire (3), Stedman, Plain Bob and Treble Bob. He was very proud of the Treble Bob peal, and it is recorded on a handsome board in the tower; also there is a board of the first peal of Superlative in the county of Wilts by a local band.

Altogether he was with us off and on for 46 years. His only son, also a ringer, was killed in Italy in the last war, and he was anxious to do something for the Church in memory of his son. In 1950 the opportunity came, when he was responsible for the planning of the new ringing chamber. He was able to do the oak work from the old seats which had been removed from the church. From these he also made a chest for the Communion clothes, a chest of drawers and cupboards for the Vicar's vestments in the vestry, and several other jobs in the church. Thus he left ample evidence of his interest in the church, all without anything to show by whom it was done, leaving it all, as he used to tell me, in the hands of his Maker.

I myself and fellow ringers have lost a good friend. Muffled peals were rung before and after the funeral service by his ringing friends from his own tower and Swindon. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. John Goodman), assisted by Canon H. V. White, chairman of the Calne Branch of Ringers. May he rest in peace.

L. A. W.

MR. J. G. POWELL

Hawkhurst, Kent, has lost an esteemed ringer of 37 years' service by the death recently in St. Mary Abbot's Hospital, Kensington, of Mr. James Geoffrey Powell, aged 52. A fencing contractor, he was taken ill while carrying out a contract in London, and died in hospital.

Mr. Powell started ringing in 1920 as a pupil of Mr. G. Billenness, of Hawkhurst, who always regarded him as the best pupil he ever had. His control of the bell was perfect, and he became a successful conductor. His peal book records 74 peals, but it is known that he rang over 80. The last entry is a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Rotherfield, when he rang the tenor.

Most of his relatives are ringers. His wife, who died in 1955, was a ringer; his daughter, Anne, aged 19, has rung one peal. His son-in-

law, Mr. D. Cocking, rings at Hawkhurst, and his two brothers-in-law, Messrs. T. Field and J. Field, at Pevensey, Sussex.

The bells of Hawkhurst Parish Church were rung half-muffled on Sunday, April 7th, and the funeral took place at All Saints' Church, Hawkhurst, the following day. The Vicar (Rev. A. S. M. Leese) to the large congregation referred to 'Jim's' activities in the church and parish. He was a parochial church councillor, a sidesman and cadet superintendent for the area of the St. John Ambulance Brigade (and members and cadets of St. John formed a guard of honour on either side of the church path). There were 32 floral tributes.

In the evening the bells of the Parish Church were rung half-muffled to Stedman Triples by R. E. and R. T. Lambert (Horsmonden), J. Brown (Benenden), C. Tester (Brenchley), W. Gorringer (conductor), L. W. Jarvis, A. H. Kemp and E. Baker (Hawkhurst).

THE LATE MR. FREDERICK E. WILSON

The bells of St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, were rung half-muffled before and after Evensong on Sunday, April 7th, as a tribute of respect to Mr. F. E. Wilson, whose name appears on one of the peal tablets dedicated at the service.

This provided an opportunity for many to pay their tribute to one who was greatly loved and respected. A large number of ringers were present for the after-service ringing. S. H.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch

Some 30 members attended the spring meeting of the Dorchester Branch at Maiden Newton, where they were welcomed by the Rector (Canon D. F. Slemeck), who conducted the service and gave an impressive address. The Branch chairman (Rev. S. P. Rowcroft) read the lesson.

Tea was served in the School by Mrs. Bishop and her lady helpers. At the business meeting a letter of thanks was read from Canon Markby for the presentation of a garden seat. Master Gerald Cornick, of Preston, was elected a member.

It was regretted that following the annual meeting no experienced ringer was present at Fordington St. George, and no tuition for learners was possible. Mr. A. J. Slade, deputy Ringing Master, explained that there was no surplus of ringers at St. Peter's on that occasion, but promised some improvement, if possible, at future meetings.

Branch practices arranged were Abbotsbury, April 20th; St. Peter's, Dorchester, May 4th; Upwey, May 25th; Milton Abbey, June 1st; and Bradford Peverell, June 15th. The next Branch meeting will be held early in June at Wool, and the Guild annual festival at Salisbury on May 18th. A warm welcome was accorded the Rev. A. F. and Mrs. Godley on their return from Kenya.

Cattistock and Frampton bells, as well as those of Maiden Newton, were available in the evening. Methods up to Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor were rung, under the direction of Messrs. J. W. Rose and A. J. Slade.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A FOUR-BELL TOWER EXPERIENCE

Dear Sir,—The present correspondence in 'The Ringing World' with regard to 4-bell towers prompts me to record my only visit to such a tower, and the telling. I am afraid, does not throw a lot of credit on some members of the Exercise.

Some two or three years ago one of our ringers was married at a somewhat remote village church in the south of England, and my son and I were guests at the ceremony.

We found on arrival at the church that there were four bells in the tower rung from the ground floor, and on inspection we noticed that the rope of the third was broken off just under the sally, and the bell apparently set at back stroke with the sally up in the rope guide. As we were then awaiting the arrival of the bride we could do nothing about the set up bell but, through his verger who was present, we asked the Rector if we might chime the three bells which were left.

The Rector was extremely dubious about letting us touch the bells for he said a party of ringers had borrowed his bells a week or two before and that not only were they unable to handle them properly but, what was worse, the third rope broke and they all went away leaving the bell set up at back stroke. Those visiting ringers excused their bad ringing by saying the draught was too long and the bells were too light for them. They do not seem to have offered any excuse for going away and leaving the bell with the broken rope still set up.

The verger was an old man and incapable, he said, of climbing the somewhat fearsome-looking perpendicular iron ladder in the corner of the tower which gave access to the bell chamber. We told the Rector, of course, that if he had a ladder long enough to reach the rope guides we would get the bell down without the necessity of climbing to the chamber.

We also managed to convince him that we were quite capable of ringing his bells and, accepting our assurances, and in spite of his previous experience of visiting ringers, he very kindly allowed us to chime the 1, 2, 4 as the bride and bridegroom left the church.

After the wedding and while the photographer was busy in the churchyard, we got a ladder from the adjoining Rectory garden, tied a fresh tail-end to the broken rope and lowered the bell. Incidentally, we rang the 1-2-4 up and to us all the bells went perfectly. My son, if I remember correctly, set the tenor after ringing it up, but we did not try to set either the treble or the second fearing that they might be minus their stays and, as a coach was waiting to take us to the wedding reception some miles away, we should have had no time to disentangle ropes or rethread them through the guides had one of the bells gone over.

Thus were we able, we hope, to erase the bad impression left by the previous tyros and leave the Rector and his verger with happier memories of visiting ringers than they previously had had. I might add that the 4-bell tower referred to is not among those which so far have been mentioned in 'The Ringing World.'—Yours, etc.

EQUUS.

Name and address supplied.

IN EAST ANGLIA

Dear Sir,—Little Bromley, Essex, and Stowlangtoft, Suffolk, both have four bells in ringing order, tenors probably about 7 to 8 cwt. I have heard that there is a ringable four at Iken, Suffolk, but have no personal knowledge.—Yours, etc.,

U. W. WILDNEY.

Kirby-le-Soken.

ORIGINAL METHOD NAMES

Dear Sir,—Both Mr. Spriggs and Mr. Hall appear to be confusing modern terminology with original method names.

Two of our oldest methods are 'Grandsire Bob' and 'Double Court.' The first is the correct title for 'Plain Bob,' 'Grandsire' being the name and 'Bob' a common appendage in days of early ringing.

In the latter, 'Court' was originally the name of the method, 'Double' being added to indicate that the method was double. Thus 'Double Court' is not a nameless method. The correct and original title for 'Single Court' is 'London Single,' and also 'Reverse Court' was known as 'St. Bride's Pleasure.'

We also find reference to 'Grandsire Double Bob' and 'Grandsire Reverse Bob.' Then the 'Grandsire' was dropped and in the first half of the 18th century we find the titles 'Plain Bob,' 'Double Bob' and 'Reverse Bob.'

'Double Norwich Court' is not the extension of 'Double Court,' it being the Norwich extension, other extensions being 'Double London Court' and 'Double Annable's Court.' Since 'Double Court Minor' is older than 'Double Norwich Court Major,' it would be wrong to use the title 'Double Norwich Court Minor.'

Finally, I should like to point out that the Central Council definition of 'Bob' is as a method classification. Therefore, their use of the title 'Bob Major' is meaningless and takes us back to days of their 'consistency only in their inconsistency.' Everyone knows what is meant by Plain Bob, Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Double Court and Double Norwich, so let us have no unnecessary renaming, and return to the days of 'Plain Bob.'—Yours sincerely,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

N.B.—Double London Court is -18-36-18-; 38; 16. Double Annable's Court is -14-18-58-; 18; 18.

PLAIN BOB

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. W. Hall's reply to Mr. J. Spriggs' letter on Plain Bob, I feel that I should point out that he has not got all his facts quite correct.

Firstly, it is the word 'Plain' and not 'Bob' that indicates that the treble has a plain hunting path. We are told in the Central Council Handbook and in 'The Ringing World,' dated July 1st, 1955, that 'Bob' methods 'have the Plain Bob place either before, or behind, or both, the place being made by the working bell coming in front of the treble.'

Secondly, his assumption that 'Double Norwich Court Bob Major' and 'Double Court Minor' are different stages of the same method is not correct. In the Central Council's 'Collection of Plain Major and Cater Methods' we are told that the following method is 'Double Court Major,' but is not suitable for ringing!

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7
2 4 1 6 3 8 5 7
4 2 6 1 3 5 8 7
4 6 2 3 1 8 5 7
4 2 6 3 8 1 7 5
4 6 2 8 3 7 1 5
6 4 8 2 7 3 5 1

We are also told that 'Double Norwich Court Bob Major' is produced by adding 'Shipway's Court' and 'Lavenham Court' (the reverse of 'Shipway's Court'), and not, therefore, by extending 'Double Court Minor' to Major.—Yours faithfully,

S. CEDRIC MURPHY.

Eastleigh, Hants.

THE PLOT THICKENS

Dear Sir,—I think your readers would have been told who rang Liverpool Cathedral tenor to the course of Cambridge long ago if anyone could have remembered who the rest of the band were, which would be only fair. Out of many ringers present, eight came forward, and nothing much was thought of it at the time. The stay breaking had nothing to do with it, having occurred previously in what was to have been a course of Caters.

The course of Cambridge Major was rung, and the tenor man got his backstrokes in the right place. If anyone will name the ringers of the front three bells, I can name the back five.—Yours, etc.,

P. LAFLIN.

Stockport.

PALM SUNDAY

Dear Sir,—Regarding the letter by Mr. Roberts, I am sorry to read his suggestion that ringing on Palm Sunday should be muffled. Firstly, of course, Palm Sunday is not in Lent as there are 40 days in Lent, apart from the Sundays in that season, which are set apart for rejoicing and praising God.

Palm Sunday is no exception, indeed it was the day that our Lord was welcomed in Jerusalem with palms and great rejoicing.

If we were to muffle the bells would we not be like the Pharisees who, rebuking the multitude, were themselves rebuked by our Lord, saying: 'If these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out?'—Yours faithfully,

DEREK G. ASTRIDGE.

Ashtead, Surrey.

ALL GAUL

Dear Sir,—Having somewhat fading memories of 'De Bello Gallico,' I trust the composition of the quarter peal in commemoration of Julius Caesar's death, recently rung at Cambridge, was 'divided into three parts.'—Yours faithfully,

E. A. B.

Crayford, Kent.

NOT ACCORDING TO SNOWDON

Dear Sir,—I do not know what authority Mr. William Hall has for his statement that the word 'Bob' in 'Plain Bob' indicates that the treble has a plain hunting path, but this does not seem logical to me, and certainly does not agree with Snowdon's 'Standard Methods,' in which all the methods where the treble has such a path are given under the headings of Plain Methods (on six, seven or eight bells), while those in which the treble dodges continuously are shown under the heading of Treble Bob Methods.

The dropping of the word 'Plain' leads to difficulty when one wishes to refer to the method generally, regardless of the number of bells.—Yours faithfully,

G. A. PECK.

Rugby.

SOMERSET FOUR-BELL TOWERS

Dear Sir,—Apparently still the best way to find out the true facts is to write to 'The Ringing World' and wait to be corrected! Since writing, I have been corrected on the true state of the bells at Brompton Ralph and East Quantoxhead. Happily, it seems, both of these rings are able to be rung.

With regard to the latter, I had a letter only 24 hours after the 'R.W.' was delivered! The bells have been rung all the winter and the tower now has four learners.—Yours sincerely,

R. SHORT.

Bridgwater.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

MINUTES OF THE LEICESTER MEETING, 1956

MINUTES of the third session of the twenty-second Council (59th Annual Meeting), held in the Council Chamber, Leicester, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 22nd, 1956.

A welcome was extended to the Council by the Lord Bishop of Leicester and by the President of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. The thanks of the Council were expressed by the President, who recalled his attendance at the previous meeting in Leicester in 1911.

PRESENT:—

Life Members.—Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.

Honorary Members.—Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. J. T. Dyke, Mr. J. P. Fidler, Mr. F. I. Hairs, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. D. Hughes, Mr. C. K. Lewis, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Mr. W. A. Osborn, Mr. A. J. Pitman, Mr. E. C. Shepherd, Mr. P. L. Taylor, Mr. W. H. Viggers, Mr. A. Walker.

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Mr. A. B. Peck, Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Mr. S. G. Coles, Mr. H. J. Sanger, Miss N. G. Williams.

Bedfordshire Association.—Mr. B. F. Sims, Mr. S. Foskett.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. W. Clarke, Mr. R. G. Corby.

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. F. W. Perrens.

Derbyshire Association.—Mr. A. Mould, Mr. W. L. Robinson.

Devon Guild.—Mr. E. W. Biffen.

Dudley and District Guild.—Mr. H. J. Shuck.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—Mr. F. Ainsley, Mr. W. N. Park.

East Grinstead and District Guild.—Mr. C. A. Bassett.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Mr. P. Border, Mr. F. W. Lack.

Essex Association.—Mr. J. H. Crampion, Mr. F. B. Lufkin, Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Mr. A. L. Barry, Mr. T. Boreham, Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Mr. F. Skidmore.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Mr. A. H. Pulling.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. W. F. Moreton, Mr. G. E. Oliver.

Hertford County Association.—Mr. W. Ayre, Mr. R. G. Bell, Mr. E. Edmondson, Mr. C. W. Woolley.

Irish Association.—Mr. F. E. Dukes, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, Miss J. Stewart.

Kent County Association.—Mr. T. Cullingworth, Mr. T. E. Sone.

Ladies' Guild.—Miss D. E. Colgate, Mrs. A. Richardson, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Lancashire Association.—Mr. F. Dunkerley, Mr. J. Ridyard, Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith, Mr. A. Tomlinson.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. S. Burton, Mr. P. A. Corby, Mr. A. E. Rowley, Mr. P. J. Staniforth.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. E. Feirn, Mr. J. Freeman, Mr. J. A. Freeman.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Miss J. S. Evans, Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association.—Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mrs. H. W. Rogers, Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association.—Mr. T. J. Lock, Mr. R. F. B. Speed, Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton.

North Staffordshire Association.—Mr. R. S. Anderson.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Mr. H. W. Barrett, Mr. F. N. Golden, Mr. N. V. Harding.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. D. Barker, Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. A. E. Lock.

Oxford Society.—Mr. F. A. H. Wilkins.

Oxford University Society.—Mr. R. B. Meadows, Mrs. P. C. Wright.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Mr. P. I. Chapman, Mr. G. W. Jeffs, Mr. E. Nobles, Mr. W. Rose.

St. David's Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. A. Hoare.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—Mr. G. E. Fearn, Mr. F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. H. Harding, Mr. W. C. West.

Scottish Association.—Mr. R. St. C. Wilson.

Sheffield and District Society.—Mr. N. Chadcock.

Shropshire Association.—Mr. G. L. Hewitt.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Mr. P. N. Bond, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne.

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Mr. B. M. Buswell, Mr. J. W. Raithby, Mr. J. Segar.

Stafford Archdeaconry.—Mr. B. G. Key, Mr. C. Wallater.

Surrey Association.—Mr. F. E. Collins, Mr. W. F. Oatway, Mr. H. N. Pitstow.

Sussex County Association.—Mr. R. G. Blackman, Mr. F. H. Dallaway, Mr. H. Stalham, Mr. L. Stilwell.

Swansea and Brecon Guild.—Mr. G. I. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Mr. D. Burnett, Mr. A. Carveth, Miss M. Lidgey, Mr. H. Miles.

Universities Association.—Miss M. R. Cross.

University of London Society.—Mr. D. N. Layton.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. C. H. Kippin.

Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. F. W. Rogers.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Mr. B. C. Ashford, Mr. W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association.—Mr. W. E. Critchley, Mr. P. J. Johnson, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Mr. S. F. Palmer.

SUMMARY:—

	Assoc.	Members	
		Present	Absent
Wholly Represented ..	33	76	—
Partially Represented ..	17	40	25
Not Represented ..	5	—	8
	55	116	33
Life Members ..		5	2
Hon. Members ..		14	4
		135	39

REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP

The Hon. Secretary reported that 54 Associations were affiliated entitled to 150 members. The Rules provided for 24 Honorary Members and there were 7 Life Members, making a total membership of 181. There were vacancies for two Representative and five Honorary Members. All affiliation fees had been paid except those of the East Derby and Notts Association. (It was later found that these had been lost in transit.)

APPLICATIONS TO AFFILIATE

Applications had been received from the University of London Society and the New South Wales Association. The affiliation of the former as a non-territorial society was agreed on the proposition of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. N. Chadcock, and of the latter on the proposition of Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. L. W. G. Morris.

It was noted that the New South Wales Association was the first overseas Society to affiliate with the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Messrs. F. D. Boreham, J. Bray, T. R. Butler, W. Cathrall, P. A. F. Chalk, G. H. Cross, Rev. F. L. Edwards, Messrs. T. H. Francis, R. O. Fry, F. W.

Goodfellow, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Rev. J. Kingdon, Messrs. G. J. Lewis, J. E. Lilley, T. G. Myers, H. S. Peacock, C. W. Roberts, Rev. J. G. M. Scott, Mr. C. J. Sedgley, Mrs. P. J. Steeples, Messrs. G. E. Symonds, T. H. Taffender, B. D. Threlfall, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Messrs. J. J. Webb, J. Willis, J. R. Worrall and E. A. Young.

TELEGRAM TO MR. E. ALEXANDER YOUNG

The President said that a telegram of congratulation and good wishes was being sent to Mr. E. Alexander Young, a former Secretary of the Council, whose 91st birthday occurred that day.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT

The following were presented: Messrs. B. M. Buswell (Southwell Diocesan), A. Carveth (Truro Diocesan), D. N. Layton (University of London), A. J. Pitman (Honorary), B. F. Sims (Bedfordshire) and P. J. Staniforth (Leicester Diocesan).

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The following retiring members were re-elected on the proposition of Mr. L. W. G. Morris, seconded by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody: Mrs. O. D. Barnett, Messrs. F. I. Hairs, C. K. Lewis, W. A. Osborn and A. J. Pitman.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH

The President reported the death of the following members and past members of the Council, the assembly standing in silence: Messrs. J. Ashmole (Chester), W. H. L. Buckingham (St. James' Society and Middlesex Association), Rev. W. W. Covey-Crump (Ely), Messrs. C. Glenn (Yorkshire and Southwell Diocesan), A. W. Groves (Sussex), S. J. Hughes (Dudley and District), J. W. Jones (Llandaff and Monmouth), W. E. Longman (Chester), J. Maddock (Bath and Wells), J. C. Mitchell (Honorary), H. J. Poole (Midland County and Leicester) and Mrs. A. S. Roberts (Truro).

Tributes were paid to the memory of Messrs. Buckingham, Mitchell, Jones and Poole.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes as published in 'The Ringing World' of March 16th, 1956, were adopted on the proposition of Mr. C. K. Lewis, seconded by Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

REPORTS

These have been published as shown:—

HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER

('Ringing World,' June 1st, 1956, page 346)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

HON. LIBRARIAN

('Ringing World,' June 8th, 1956, page 361)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. L. W. G. Morris, with thanks to the President for his gift of foreign books on bells.

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

('Ringing World,' June 1st, 1956, page 346)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes. Arising from this, the President announced that the Council had been bequeathed £805 15s. 5d. by the late Clement Glenn, and that a sub-committee consisting of the officers of the Council had been appointed to consider the use of the money. It had also been decided to send ten guineas to the appeal for the restoration of Bow Bells.

TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE

('Ringing World,' June 1st, 1956, page 348)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. A. Walker. A recent

diagram made by the machine was passed round for inspection.

STANDING COMMITTEE

The formal report of the Standing Committee was adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens.

(a) Handbook Sub-Committee.
(‘Ringing World,’ June 8th, 1956, page 361)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

‘RINGING WORLD’ ACCOUNTS

(‘Ringing World,’ June 1st, 1956, page 347)
Adopted subject to audit on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs. The following comparative weekly circulation figures were given: April 22nd, 1955—Rolls House, 3,406; Postal, 2,144; others, 22; total, 5,572. April 27th, 1956—Rolls House, 3,276; Postal, 2,078; others, 17; total, 5,371.

‘RINGING WORLD’ COMMITTEE

(‘Ringing World,’ June 1st, 1956, pages 347-8)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. F. Smallwood, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

(‘Ringing World,’ June 8th, 1956, page 361)
On the proposition of the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith, seconded by Mr. E. C. Shepherd, the Council endorsed the Committee's view that a badge of office for the President was unnecessary. Mr. R. S. Anderson moved and Mr. A. A. Hughes seconded that the Council approve the recommendation that a Vice-President be appointed and that the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow be nominated for that office. This was agreed.

The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. W. Perrens, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson.

The Hon. Secretary gave notice of motion to amend the appropriate Rules of the Council accordingly.

BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE

(‘Ringing World,’ June 8th, 1956, pages 361-2)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. H. J. Sanger, seconded by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE
(‘Ringing World,’ June 8th, 1956, page 363)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. C. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

(‘Ringing World,’ June 8th, 1956, page 362)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. A. C. Hazelden, seconded by Mr. W. H. Viggers. It was noted that two past members shown as over 90 years of age had died and that a third, Mr. F. G. May, had not yet reached this age.

RECORDS COMMITTEE

(‘Ringing World,’ June 15th, 1956, page 377)
Adopted on the proposition of Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mrs. C. C. Marshall.

PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

(‘Ringing World,’ June 8th, 1956, page 362)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. C. W. Woolley, seconded by Mr. W. E. Critchley. It was agreed that the Collection of compositions of Stedman Caters and Cinques, when complete, would be printed.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

(‘Ringing World,’ June 8th, 1956, page 362)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

METHODS COMMITTEE

(‘Ringing World,’ June 15th, 1956, page 377)
Adopted on the proposition of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. F. W. Rogers. The Committee took note of the motion on the Agenda, which was not voted upon, stressing the desirability of reprinting as soon as possible the Collection of Minor Methods and the Collection of Triples Methods.

PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE

(‘Ringing World,’ June 15th, 1956, page 377)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. W. Clarke, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE
(‘Ringing World,’ June 15th, 1956, pages 377-8)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. J. W. Clarke.

ALTERATION OF RULE 11

Mr. E. A. Barnett proposed and Mr. C. K. Lewis seconded that Rule 11 (Committees) be amended by the addition of the following clauses:—

‘(ii) The Standing Committee shall consist of

(a) Past and Present holders of the office of President, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, and Honorary Librarian of the Council.

(b) Honorary Auditors and Conveners of Committees ex-officio.

(c) Twelve elected members (chosen by ballot if more than 12 are proposed). The 12 retiring members to be the first names to be proposed.

The Committee shall have power to co-opt not more than two other members of the Council.

(iii) At the Annual Meeting next after each Triennial Election members of any Committee who have not been re-elected to the Council shall (when such Committee has a report to present) have the right to attend and speak on any matter arising exclusively out of that report.

An amendment proposed by Mr. P. A. Corby and seconded by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth to delete from clause (ii) (c) the words ‘The twelve retiring members to be first to be proposed’ was carried.

The amended rule, as further amended, was carried.

MOTIONS

(a) Proposed by Miss M. R. Cross, seconded by Mr. R. F. B. Speed, and carried:—

‘That the Central Council publication “Hints to Instructors and Beginners” be revised in the light of recent advances and experiments in teaching technique, and that such revision should contain not only sections intended primarily for instructors on the teaching of handling a bell, instruction in ringing rounds and method ringing in its early stages, but also a section on these matters which can easily be understood by beginners.’

It was agreed that a Committee be appointed consisting of Miss M. R. Cross (convener) and Messrs. J. T. Dyke, R. F. B. Speed and W. G. Wilson to draw up a book on the lines suggested.

(b) Proposed by Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis:—

1. ‘That no peal of Doubles or Minor shall be recognised in which, for any reason, the bells strike in rounds other than

(i) at the beginning and end of the peal;

(ii) at the beginning of each extent;

(iii) when round blocks of two or more extents are used, at the appropriate places in the round blocks.

2. That no peal on higher numbers of bells shall be recognised in which, for any reason, the bells strike in rounds other than at the beginning and end of the peal.’

After discussion, the Council passed on to the next item on the proposition of the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson.

(c) Proposed by Mr. J. Segar and seconded by Mr. P. A. Corby:—

‘That this Council disapproves of the twin bob mark “X” being used to indicate one bob only in compositions printed in “The Ringing World”.’
The motion was lost.

(d) By permission of the Council, the following motion, not on the Agenda paper, was proposed by Mr. H. W. Rogers:—

‘Following the report of “The Ringing World” Committee to the effect that under present circumstances and circulation a defi-

cit is likely to be encountered in 1957, the Council urges

1. That all ringers, and particularly Association officers and peal ringers, endeavour to increase circulation by encouraging many more ringers to purchase regularly copies of “The Ringing World.”

2. That all peal ringers should be asked to send voluntary subscriptions with peal reports.’

Mr. R. G. Blackman seconded the motion, which was carried.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Invitations had been received from the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the Essex Association. On the proposition of Mr. F. E. Dukes, seconded by Mr. E. C. Shepherd, it was decided to visit Essex, the actual meeting place being left to the Association.

VOTES OF THANKS

A vote of thanks to the President was proposed by Mr. R. S. Anderson, who mentioned that the meeting was the last at which Mr. Lewis would preside, and carried with acclamation. The President expressed his thanks.

On the motion of the President, the thanks of the Council were expressed to the Lord Mayor and Corporation of Leicester for the use of the Council Chamber; to the Lord Bishop of Leicester and the President of the Leicester Diocesan Guild (Mr. P. L. Taylor) for their welcome; to the Provost for officiating at Holy Communion that morning; to the Leicester Entertainment Committee for local arrangements, Mr. Shirley Burton for arranging peal attempts, and all local incumbents and steeplekeepers for the use of their bells.

CIVIC RECEPTION

A civic reception was afterwards given by the Lord Mayor, at which the President expressed the Council's thanks. Later, a social and dance was given by the Leicester Diocesan Guild at the Bell Hotel.

AT THE FOUNDRY

A new treble is to be added to the existing ring of five at Stanwick, Northants. The work has been entrusted to the Loughborough Bell Foundry and is expected to be completed by Easter. Two 18th century bells from the disused church at Faxton have gone into the making of the new bell.

The ring of eight bells of Holy Trinity, Street, are under repair by Mears and Stainbank, of London. The headstocks and fittings have been sent to the foundry. The bells will be overhauled and rehung on ball-bearings and a rope guide will also be fitted to overcome the long draught.

LATE NOTICES

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at Prestbury (8) on Saturday, April 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15 p.m., will be provided for all who notify me by Thursday, 25th.—B. Corbishley, Hon. Sec., 9, Meadow Way, Macclesfield.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Joint meeting at Richmond, Saturday, April 27th. Please see Yorkshire Association advertisement.—E. P. Rock.

DURHAM COLLEGES' SOCIETY.—Ringing Day, Saturday, May 4th, 2.30 p.m. Afternoon: St. Aidan's, Blackhill (8), and R.C., Blackhill (8) (if available). Evening: Consett (8). All visitors welcome. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to J. R. Worsdall, Hatfield College, Durham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Winterton, Saturday, May 4th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by May 1st to G. E. Brumpton, West Street, Winterton, Scunthorpe.

NOTICES

New Scale of Charges

Meetings: 3/6 (minimum) for 30 words, afterwards 1½d. a word. Each additional insertion half charge.

Other Notices: 4/- (minimum) for 36 words, afterwards 1½d. a word.

Displayed: 6/6 per single column inch.

Latest Date: Monday first post.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

The marriage between Jeanette M. Simpson and David S. Harris will take place at St. Mary's Church, Anstey, Leicester, on Easter Monday, April 22nd, at 11 a.m. All friends are welcome. 57

The marriage of James W. Haw, of Peterborough, and Ruth Morgan, of Swanage, will take place at St. Mary's Church, Swanage, Dorset, on Saturday, April 27th, at 2.30 p.m. All ringing friends will be very welcome. 94

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a.m. to 12 noon, and 6 p.m.; Nailsea, 10.30 to 11.30 a.m., and 6 to 7.30 p.m.; Long Ashton, Chew Magna, Congresbury, Backwell and Wraxall, 6 to 7.30 p.m.; Yatton 6 to 8 p.m.—R. O. Fry, Gen. Sec. 9847

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together with Leigh and Westerham.—E. S. **WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting at Worcester, Easter Monday, April 22nd. Service in All Saints' at 11 a.m. General business meeting in College Hall at 12.15 p.m. prompt. Coffee obtainable in College Hall at 1.15 p.m. and tea arranged at 5 p.m. Please notify by this date. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 6 to 7.30 p.m., All Saints' (10) from 10 a.m., St. John's (8), Hallow (8) and Powick (6), all 2.15 to 4.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgemoor, Evesham. 15

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the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow. Tea 5, Chantry Hall. Business meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 1st, to W. Love, 52, Spencer Street, Norwich. Bells of St. John de Sepulchre, Ber Street Gates (8), and St. Miles, Coslany (8), will be made available to complete companies on application to the Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon, Norfolk, or at St. Peter Mancroft on the day of meeting. 28

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SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Annual meeting, Southwell, Saturday, May 4th. Minster bells 2 p.m. Evensong 3.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Trebeck Hall for those who notify by Wednesday previous Mr. Fred Pickard, 47, Westgate, Southwell. Business meeting following tea. Farnsfield bells available 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.—J. W. Raithby. 84

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A combined practice will be held at Ewell on Tuesday, May 7th, at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 60

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival at Hartford (near Northwich) on Saturday, May 11th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Hall 5 p.m. Tickets for tea (4s.) obtainable from Branch secretaries (3s. if purchased before May 4th). Towers available: Hartford, from 2 p.m. and after the meeting; Witton, 1.30 to 3.15, and afterwards till 8.30; Davenham, 2 to 3.30 p.m. Bands desiring to ring at Witton are requested to notify by May 10th Mr. H. Parker, 64, Church Road, Northwich.—J. Kingdon, Hon. Sec. 81

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Huddersfield on Saturday, May 11th. Bells available: Parish Church (10), 2 to 4.30 p.m. and after meeting till 9 p.m.; Almondbury (8), 2 to 4 p.m. Bus No. 30-33 from near Parish Church. Service in Parish Church 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in Parochial Hall, Springwood Street, 5 p.m. Names by May 7th to Mrs. W. Littlewood, 26, Kingston Avenue, Dalton, Huddersfield. General meeting immediately afterwards. Subscriptions are due and reports will be available. Very important business includes a motion affecting the annual subscription rate and ancillary matters which will come up for discussion and settlement. A large and representative gathering is specially requested.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford, 9. 65

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