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## A LEADER RETIRES

SINCE 1930, proceedings of the Central Council have been under the wise guidance and direction of Mr. Edwin H. Lewis. The Exercise has been led by one who is fully conversant with, and in many departments a master supreme of, its varied facets, with a statesmanlike dignity that has gained the confidence and admiration of thousands of ringers. Not only has Mr. Lewis held the office of president longer than any other holder, but he has succeeded in knitting the great ringing fraternity into one whole. To serve under him has been a great privilege.

Born on June 13th, 1881, the youngest son of Canon D. Lewis, then Vicar of St. Ann's, Nottingham, Mr. Lewis was educated at Charterhouse and at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he was Mechanical Science Exhibitioner in 1903. Before going to Cambridge he had learnt to ring at Trowell, Notts, in 1900, and in 1901 he joined the Cambridge University Guild, whom he represented on the Central Council from 1908 until 1936, when it was decided that as president he should become an honorary member of the Council. He was made a life member in 1951 on creation of this class of member.

Since 1912 Mr. Lewis has been a member of the Council's Towers and Belfries Committee, and as such has given advice on bell restorations on many occasions. In 1914 he presented to the Council a survey of his investigations into the nature of the horizontal and vertical forces which bells exert on a tower, disproving the previous accepted theories of Lord Grimthorpe. This work was acknowledged at the meeting by the heads of the three leading firms of bellfounders to be of the greatest value, and by the then president, Sir Arthur Heywood, himself an engineer, to have revolutionised bell-hanging. His calculations were tested in 1921 on behalf of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, as a result of which an agreement was reached between the Society and the Council, the two bodies having previously been frequently in dispute.

Mr. Lewis rang his first peal at St. Andrew's, Cambridge, on June 17th, 1902, and has taken part in 266 peals. He was one of the first to compose extents of Spliced Minor

methods, and as far back as August, 1912, contributed an article to 'The Ringing World' on the Splicing of Minor Methods, setting out rules for composing extents and including an example in four plain methods. The same year saw him a member of the Methods Committee, on which he served until 1932. In March, 1923, he published a number of extents in six Delight methods. Of his peals, in December, 1930, he took part in the first and so far the only 'Edwin' peal to be rung, in which the present secretary of the Council rang his first peal of Major.

The Ancient Society of College Youths elected Mr. Lewis as Master in 1936 and again in 1937 for its tercentenary. He presided over that memorable annual dinner when the company numbered over 400 and included the Lord Mayor of London, the Bishops of London and Kensington and the Duke of Argyll. Despite a very busy and responsible professional life, Mr. Lewis took part not only in Sunday ringing, when possible, but taught new bands of ringers at Widnes and at Brasted, Kent. While at Wishaw he served as churchwarden and was a lay representative of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church to the Diocesan and Provincial Representative Church Council.

He had a long business connection with the Glasgow Iron and Steel Company Ltd., being appointed general manager in 1927, the company at the time working six collieries, an iron works, a cement works, an ammonia works, a limestone mine and an iron ore mine. Whilst with the company he introduced dry blast on the furnaces as a successful innovation. For four years he was president of the West of Scotland Iron and Steel Institute. In 1929 Mr. Lewis joined the board of directors of the Tunnel Portland Cement Co., and remained on the board until last year.

In two years' time Mr. and Mrs. Lewis will celebrate their golden wedding. Mrs. Lewis was a daughter of the Ven. J. G. Richardson, Vicar of Southwell and Archdeacon of Nottingham. They had four sons and three daughters, of whom three sons and two daughters served in the Royal Navy, one son and one daughter being lost on active service.

Although the Central Council meeting at Chelmsford will see the election of a new president, the Council has this knowledge that it will not be deprived of his advice and guidance, as his life membership carries with it a seat on the Council.



**TWELVE BELL PEAL**

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

*CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. Treble	†PAUL J. RIGBY .. .. 7
STELLA HUGHES .. .. 2	†ARTHUR T. DUTTON .. .. 8
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. 3	GEORGE W. HUGHES .. .. 9
BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. 4	JOHN R. JOYNER .. .. 10
ALAN G. FORSTER .. .. 5	HOWARD HOWELL .. .. 11
P. GEORGE GOLDER .. .. 6	†JOHN A. ANDERSON .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.

\* 550th peal. † First peal on 12 bells. ‡ 50th peal of Stedman Cinques.

A 21st birthday compliment to J. R. Joyner.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF 5041 STEDMAN CATERS**

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

BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 6
*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 2	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 7
*PHYLLIS POOLE .. .. 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. .. 8
†JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 4	ERNEST J. JELLEY .. .. 9
ROLAND H. COOK .. .. 5	‡J. HARRY COOK .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* 100th peal together. † 100th peal on the bells. ‡ First peal on ten bells.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

**A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

IAN P. McEWAN .. Treble	†IVOR BENTLEY .. .. 6
*ALAN SHARPLES .. .. 2	ALAN PENDLEBURY .. .. 7
CAROL EUSTACE .. .. 3	JOHN F. BRYANT .. .. 8
*GEOFFREY HOPKINSON .. 4	DEREK OGDEN .. .. 9
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 5	*KENNETH D. PERKINS .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

\* First 10-bell peal. † First peal. The first 10-bell peal for the Guild.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 15, 1957, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL**

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

*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	†JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 2	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. .. 7
†JOAN K. BROWN .. .. 3	*JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 8
‡BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. .. 4	†ERNEST J. JELLEY .. .. 9
*PHYLLIS POOLE .. .. 5	†JOHN M. JELLEY .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal of Royal in the method on tower bells. † First peal of Royal and first peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Royal in the method. First peal of Royal in the method as conductor.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

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

**A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 26 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

JAMES E. DANIELS .. Treble	GEORGE E. EVENDEN .. .. 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 2	FRANK L. HARRIS .. .. 7
DAVID R. REED .. .. 3	LEWIS F. COBB .. .. 8
JOHN HARTLESS .. .. 4	MICHAEL J. BEST .. .. 9
PHILIP N. TUBBS .. .. 5	RONALD N. MARLOW .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

ABERAVON, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 10, 1957, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Six-part.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr.

ROBERT E. COLES .. Treble	TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 5
GWYN I. LEWIS .. .. 2	*ERNEST STITCH .. .. 6
ALFRED HANNINGTON .. 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN .. .. 7
EDMUND J. MORRIS .. .. 4	WILLIAM T. PETTY .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

\* 500th peal, and rang same bell which he rang in his first peal in 1919 in above tower, and the same conductor.

AYLESTONE, LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*TERRY I. ROPER .. Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. 5
*CHRISTINE WAKEFIELD .. 2	†RALPH ELKINGTON .. .. 6
TERENCE BOLINGBROKE .. 3	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 7
GEORGE H. BRAY .. .. 4	*DEREK G. E. BECK .. Tenor

Composed by E. TAYLOR. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

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

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frederick E. Wilson, late Ringing Master.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F. sharp.

Pritchard's.	GORDON W. LIMMER .. Treble	KENNETH BUCKINGHAM .. 5
	*HOWARD OGLESBY .. .. 2	RICHARD DEAN .. .. 6
	MISS M. R. JAYCOCK .. 3	WILLIAM HENLEY .. .. 7
	MISS A. L. J. SMALLBONE 4	GEORGE GILBERT .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

\* First peal other than Minor  
Rung as a farewell to Nurse Audrey Smallbone (G.M.), shortly leaving for Canada.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt.

*RUTH HIGHLEY .. Treble	RONALD C. BURNS .. .. 5
*LAWRENCE A. MITCHELL .. 2	†JOHN C. S. BENSON .. 6
†GEORGE KENWARD .. .. 3	§GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 7
†TERENCE BARTON .. .. 4	CYRIL S. JARRETT .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE BUTCHER.

\* First peal of Major. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal 'inside.'  
§ 300th peal. The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower.'

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F.

*GEORGE A. TRENDLE .. Treble	*ALAN R. SYDER .. .. 5
FRANK CLAYDON .. .. 2	*JOHN A. WARNER .. .. 6
*LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 3	WALTER ARNOLD .. .. 7
*TERRY EARLE .. .. 4	HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HILDA G. SNOWDEN.

\* First peal of Rutland. First peal on the bells since their recasting and rehanging by John Taylor and Co.

THAME, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

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

**A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt.

ROBERT B. BLOND .. Treble	JAMES P. BLOND .. .. 5
HENRY L. BISHOP .. .. 2	ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH 6
HENRY BADGER .. .. 3	ERNEST G. GARRARD .. 7
*FRANK GODDEN .. .. 4	JACK O. BERRY .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major.



## WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfrid,

## A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*VIVIANNE M. HORTON .. Treble	GORDON A. HALLS .. . 5
PHILIP H. WHITAKER .. . 2	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. . 6
FRANCIS R. LOWE .. . 3	HAROLD TAYLOR .. . 7
†PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER .. 4	*DENIS R. CARLISLE .. . Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by DENIS CARLISLE.

\* 25th peal together. † First peal in the method. The first peal of London Surprise Major to be rung by a resident Derbyshire Association band.

## WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of All Saints.

## A PEAL OF 5024 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 704 each of Wigston, Leicestershire, Loughborough, Huntingdon, Bognor, Buckingham and 800 Crayford. 153 changes of method. Tenor 16 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

WILLIAM JOHNSON .. . Treble	RICHARD F. ROE .. . 5
RICHARD J. CARTER .. . 2	SAMUEL J. HAINES .. . 6
T. MAUREEN LLOYD .. . 3	KENNETH A. ROE .. . 7
THOS. EDWARD HARROLD .. 4	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. . Tenor

Composed by A. G. DRIVER.

Conducted by KENNETH A. ROE.

First peal in seven Surprise Major methods by all except the ringers of 5 and 7.

The 20th anniversary of this same peal rung at Wigston Magna on May 12th, 1937.

## WOBNURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

*JOHN R. JORDAN .. . Treble	†ROBERT L. PIRON .. . 5
†MALCOLM G. HOOTON .. . 2	DENNIS KNOX .. . 6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. . 3	KENNETH G. SPAVINS .. . 7
JAMES G. NEWMAN .. . 4	JOHN W. SINFIELD .. . Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN W. SINFIELD.

\* First peal. † First peal of Cambridge Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

Rung to celebrate the founding of the Bedfordshire Association 75 years ago on March 13th, 1882.

## OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Mon., May 13, 1957, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF 5072 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

J. DESMOND PAINTER .. Treble	JOHN G. GIPSON .. . 5
*J. MARY BOISARD .. . 2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. . 6
DERECK LATCHFORD .. . 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS .. . 7
T. REGINALD DENNIS .. . 4	JAMES W. R. QUINNEY .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

\* First peal of Bob Major away from the treble.

In memoriam Harry L. Martin.

## MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 14, 1957, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Dunstan.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Vicar's Six-part.	Tenor 20 cwt. 4 lb.
*FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. Treble	†ERNEST J. LADD .. . 5
†CHARLES A. BASSETT .. . 2	†WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE .. 6
†STANLEY G. PONTING .. . 3	WILLIAM R. MANSEY .. . 7
BERNARD V. COLLISON .. . 4	ROY CHANDLER .. . Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

\* 50th peal together. † 75th peal together. ‡ 25th peal together.

## SOUTH LEIGH, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 15, 1957, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. James,

## A PEAL OF 5152 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*HARRY P. FLOYD .. . Treble	ALAN R. PINK .. . 5
CHARLES COLES .. . 2	*BERTRAM J. COGGINS .. . 6
*DOUGLAS O. WILKS .. . 3	CYRIL H. KINCH .. . 7
*DERMOT J. ROAF .. . 4	*EDGAR J. SMITH .. . Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

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

Rung to welcome Canon C. A. Wheeler, who was instituted to this living on May 8th.

## GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. WHITE .. . Treble	JOE E. G. ROAST .. . 5
ARTHUR HUBBLE .. . 2	BRIAN J. HOWARD .. . 6
HARRY R. APPLETON .. . 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. . 7
BERNARD C. MANW .. . 4	SYDNEY C. EASTER .. . Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

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

## BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.

## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

## A PEAL OF 5040 BOB TRIPLES

Hubbard's Ten-part.	Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.
*GEOFFREY PARTING .. . Treble	†HENRY O. BAKER .. . 5
†JOHN S. DEAN .. . 2	†DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 6
†JOHN W. GRIFFITH .. . 3	PERCY SWINDLEY .. . 7
†JOHN HUGHES .. . 4	†JOHN T. TILSTON .. . Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

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

Rung half-muffled in memoriam John E. Usher, ringer at this church since the company was formed in 1903.

## COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGAN.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At the Church of The Holy Cross,

## A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

WILLIAM T. PETTY .. . Treble	*ERNEST STITCH .. . 5
ROBERT E. COLES .. . 2	TREVOR M. RODERICK .. . 6
ALFRED HANNINGTON .. . 3	*ALBERT J. PITMAN .. . 7
THOMAS YEOMANS .. . 4	GWYN I. LEWIS .. . Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

\* 150th peal together.

A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Coles on their 29th anniversary. Also a birthday compliment to Miss Gwyneth Williams.

## GODSTONE, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

*REV. K. G. HOARE .. . Treble	*BRIAN A. CRACKNELL .. . 5
EDWARD G. L. COWARD .. . 2	GEORGE OLLIVER .. . 6
ALFRED J. BULL .. . 3	†F. ERIC ROBERTS .. . 7
*WILLIAM PARROTT .. . 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. . Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by F. ERIC ROBERTS.

\* First peal of Double Norwich. † 100th peal.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to the ringer of the third, who this day celebrated his 65th birthday and the beginning of his retirement.



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## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WENDY ELLAM .. .. Treble	GEOFFREY LLOYD .. .. 4
KEN EDWARDS .. .. 2	PETER A. MILLWARD .. .. 5
*JENNIFER ANN ELLISON .. 3	DAVID BURGESS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER A. MILLWARD.

\* First peal.

RADLEY, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Reverse Canterbury, and two extents each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6½ cwt., approx.

*SUSAN ALEXANDER (14) .. Treble	ALAN R. PINK .. .. 4
*DAPHNE J. POLLARD (13) .. 2	DONALD H. NIBLETT .. .. 5
MARIE R. CROSS .. .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal in five methods.

Rung for the wedding of Miss Elizabeth Llewellyn Jones (a former member of this tower) to Mr. R. Arkell.

ELSHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Bourne, London, Wells, Beverley, Surfleet, York and Cambridge.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

HARRY HALL .. .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEIRN .. .. 4
RONALD CHAFER .. .. 2	JACK BRAY .. .. 5
C. AUBREY HARRISON .. .. 3	PHILIP BARNES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

HORSHAM ST. FAITH, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,

### A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*ADRIAN A. BLYTH .. .. Treble	DERICK W. PARDON .. .. 4
JOHN R. SMITH .. .. 2	†WALTER C. MEDLER .. .. 5
†ARTHUR C. WELLS .. .. 3	†WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE.

\* First peal at first attempt. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal together.

Rung for the institution of the Rev. A. F. Roberts to this living by the Bishop of Norwich.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE,

### A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being one extent of Double Oxford and one extent of St. Clement's, and five extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

BARBARA PAYNE .. .. Treble	MURIAM A. HIGDON .. .. 4
*BARBARA M. JOHNSON .. .. 2	WILLIAM H. BARRETT .. .. 5
BRIDGET MUTIMER .. .. 3	ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR G. BASON.

\* First peal.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2 and 3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4 and 5) Kent Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALEXANDER E. MARSH .. Treble	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. .. 4
MAURICE J. THURMOTT .. 2	*DAVID ATKINS .. .. 5
HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal in four methods.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Wells, London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B., Double Court and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HARRY J. WRIGHT .. .. Treble	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 4
HENRY T. WILSON .. .. 2	JOHN H. SITCH .. .. 5
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. .. 3	HARRY TURNER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Ernest W. Furbank.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

### A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

ALEC T. DENSON .. .. Treble	ROBERT H. BROOKER .. .. 4
CLAUD GIMBERT .. .. 2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. .. 5
DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 3	MANSELD GINN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MANSELD GINN.

Rung in memoriam Harry L. Martin, secretary of the Cambridge District of the Association, by members of the Ely District.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., May 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 lb. in B flat.

WM. GEOFFREY HAIR .. Treble	*RICHARD CLIFTON .. .. 4
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 2	JOHN W. RAWSON .. .. 5
WILLIAM T. GOADBY .. .. 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

\* First peal.

YOXFORD, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., May 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

C. JACK GIBSON .. .. Treble	PETER S. BEDFORD .. .. 4
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. .. 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. .. 5
PETER KINDRED .. .. 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 10, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

### A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

C.C.C. Nos. 59, 65, 64, 66, 68, 67 and 58.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. Treble	JOHN L. MORRIS .. .. 4
ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. 2	BRIAN BLADON .. .. 5
RALPH BIRD .. .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

Rung as a compliment to Richard W. Stephens, of Kempston, Beds. and Mary Fuller, of West Wickham, who were married at West Wickham on Easter Saturday.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

### A PEAL OF 5160 DOUBLES

In 14 methods, being three extents each of Stedman, Shipway's Place Bob, Westminster 11 Bob, Blackburn Place Bob, St. Hilary Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, Winchendon Place Bob, St. Remigius' Bob, Plain Bob, St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob, St. Osmund Bob, and two 240's of Grandsire.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. .. Treble	*BERNARD GROVES .. .. 3
ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 4
ALAN MCFALL .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

\* 25th peal. The first peal in 14 Doubles methods by all the band and on the bells. The most methods yet rung to a peal of Doubles for the Association.



# EDLESBOROUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 3 Hours.

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 CUNECATRE SURPRISE MINOR

Being composed of seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. .. Treble	*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 4
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 2	WILLIAM WENBAN .. 5
RICHARD G. OUSTON .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

\* 25th peal of Surprise Minor. The first peal in the method.

# HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY .. Treble	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 4
DOROTHY A. M. ROBINSON 2	HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. 5
GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. 3	MANSFIELD GINN .. Tenor

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

The first peal in the method by all. Rung in memoriam Harry L. Martin, secretary of the Cambridge District of the Association.

# HOME HALE, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 14 cwt. in E.

*FRIEDA A. M. FROST .. Treble	TONY OWEN .. 4
ALBERT E. DIXON .. 2	SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. 5
H. JOHN LARWOOD .. 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

\* First peal.

A farewell peal for the Rev. and Mrs. Underhill, who are leaving the village for Hadlow in the diocese of Rochester.

# TAXAL, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in 29 methods: (1) St. Werburg, Combermere, Canterbury, Vale Royal, Abbeyville and Crowland Delight; (2) College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, Norbury and Morning Star Treble Bob; (3) Neasden, St. Albans, Charlwood, Humber, Braintree and Wragby Delight; (4) Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Newdigate, Taxal, Marple and Willesden Delight; (5) Taxal Delight; (6) Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (7) Kent Treble Bob; 93 changes of method, 63 bobs. Tenor 11 cwt. 23 lb.

*FRANK OSBALDISTON .. Treble	*ROBERT B. SMITH .. 4
*BERNARD GROVES .. 2	WILLIAM A. SMITH .. 5
*†ALAN McFALL .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

\* First peal in 29 methods. † 25th peal. The most methods yet rung to a peal for the Association.

# WILLINGDON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

ROBERT W. PERCY .. Treble	RONALD W. PANKHURST .. 4
KATHLEEN M. YEO .. 2	FREDK. LAMBERT .. 5
MRS. BETTY PERCY .. 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

Rung for the sixth birthday of Susan and Charles, twin children of the ringers of treble and third, and for the christening of Allen and Geoffrey, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. H. Reynolds.

# LAMAS, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 six-scores of Grandsire and 21 six-scores of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*BRIAN E. MASON .. Treble	HERBERT G. SMITHSON .. 3
WALTER C. MEDLER .. 2	DOUGLAS E. RUST ANDREWS 4

Conducted by WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE.

\* First peal of Doubles.

Rung for the dedication of the new belfry floor.

# FRYERNING, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In eight methods, viz.: (1) London and Wells Spliced, (2) Oxford Bob, (3) Double Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Kent T.B., (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MARY DOWSETT .. Treble	*ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 4
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE 5
BRIAN J. HOWARD .. 3	JOE E. G. ROAST .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

\* First peal in over seven Minor methods.

# SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents of Grandsire, ten of Plain Bob, ten of April Day and eight of Hurdibras. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

JANET BROWN .. Treble	WALTER WESTON .. 4
D. HENRY METTAM .. 2	JAMES H. MUSSON .. 5
HENRY P. COLLIN .. 3	JOHN F. WRIGHT .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect and esteem to Mr. Thomas Covell, a faithful worshipper at St. Denis' Church for over 50 years, who was laid to rest that afternoon.

# CASTLE EATON, WILTSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 42 extents in 22 methods, each having its own plain course, being two extents each of Union Bob, St. Faith's S.C., St. Julian, Reverse New Bob, Reverse Huntspill, Reverse St. Vedast, Westminster II, Blackburn, St. Hilary, New Bob, Huntspill, St. Vedast, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, St. Remigius, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Osmund Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, and one extent each of Grandsire and Stedman. Tenor 7½ cwt.

VICTOR GRIFFIN .. Treble	ERIC SUTTON .. 4
FRANCIS G. WILTON .. 2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 5
RAYMOND C. WESTNEY .. 3	THOMAS R. COLLINS .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

The greatest number of methods to a peal by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Harrison, of Castle Eaton.

# HANDBELL PEALS

## OXFORD.

### THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Fri., May 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-part. Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 1-2	ROBIN A. HODGSON .. 5-6
DEREK G. GOODMAN .. 3-4	DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 7-8

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

# RADLEY, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., May 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.

IN THE VESTRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

## A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

MARIE R. CROSS .. 1-2	WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 5-6
ROBIN A. HODGSON .. 3-4	*STEPHEN J. IVIN .. 7-8

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by WILLIAM H. JACKSON.

\* First peal on eight bells 'in hand.'

# HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Wed., May 15, 1957, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes.

AT 128, LEICESTER ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 15 in C.

ALFRED JORDON .. 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD .. 5-6
JOHN VERNON .. 3-4	MICHAEL VERNON .. 7-8

Conducted by MICHAEL VERNON.



# QUARTER PEALS

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.**—On May 12th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss C. B. Clayton 1, Miss P. S. Gatty 2, Miss J. Halliday 3, W. Harrison 4, J. P. Schoolden 5, N. Bennett 6, D. Ogden (cond.) 7, A. W. Stone 8. First of Stedman for 1, 2, 3 and 5. Rung for Evensong.

**BALDOCK, HERTS.**—On May 19th, 1,260 Bob Triples: J. Bray (first quarter) 1, J. Dear 2, C. Harwood 3, P. Flack 4, E. Buck 5, R. Castledine 6, D. Sutcliffe (first as cond.) 7, P. Stacey 8.

**BATTLE, SUSSEX.**—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss 1, Gill (first quarter) 1, H. Ballard 2, Miss C. Whitfield 3, G. A. Masters (first 'inside') 4, Miss K. Stisted (cond.) 5, J. F. Whitfield 6, I. S. Holland 7, G. Prodder 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 8th, captain of the tower.

**BILLESDON, LEICS.**—On May 18th, 1,344 Bob Major: R. Russell 1, B. S. Payne 2, G. Geary 3, E. F. Payne 4, P. D. Baldock 5, G. Brewin 6, R. Wilmore 7, E. Morris (cond.) 8. First quarter on the newly-augmented bells.

**BORDEN, KENT.**—On May 19th, 1,260 Bob Minor (with 6-8 cover): Patricia D. Robinson (first quarter) 1, J. E. Grensted 2, T. Barton 3, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 4, E. C. Barton 5, K. D. Williamson (first quarter) 6, G. Kenward 7, A. Bax 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Kenneth D. Williamson.

**BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.**—On May 16th, at St. John's Church, Surrey Road, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Evenden 1, H. A. Mitchell 2, Mrs. C. Boyce 3, Miss K. Fletcher 4, F. Price (cond.) 5, M. Bazeley 6, M. Best 7, E. Booth 8. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Cdr. Charles William Wells, J.P., Mayor of Poole.

**BREWOD, STAFFS.**—On May 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. G. Hunt 1, R. L. Hawkesworth 2, Miss S. Seery 3, R. J. Warrilow 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, H. Wakelam 6, E. Malin (cond.) 7, C. S. Dumbell 8.

**BRISTOL.**—At St. Ambrose's Church, on Good Friday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. D. M. Bennett 1, D. J. Hunt 2, F. Skidmore 3, G. M. Nichols 4, A. V. Bennett 5, A. A. Hillier 6, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 7, F. R. Hussey 8. Rung half-muffled for the family service.

**BROADCLYST, DEVON.**—On May 20th, 1,302 Grandsire Triples (the first and last of Holt's Original): A. Tapley 1, W. Seldon 2, W. Eveleigh 3, J. Salway 4, E. E. Retter 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. Morgan 8.

**BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.**—On May 12th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Sims 1, G. M. Rouse 2, S. W. Bigmore 3, K. Everett (cond.) 4, A. T. M. Perry 5, E. Deacon 6. For morning service.

**CHEDDAR, SOMERSET.**—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): R. Brown 1, E. E. Wickham 2, R. Pavey 3, J. Small 4, E. F. Connock (cond.) 5, T. Taylor (aged 15) 6, J. Hudson 7, M. Evans 8. First quarter 1, 3 and 6. Rung for Evensong and as a farewell to the Rev. J. T. George, in appreciation of his interest in the ringers during his five years' ministry.

**CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.**—On May 31st, 1,260 Bob Doubles: D. Briscall 1, R. Barratt 2, A. Campbell 3, G. Forrester 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, T. Norbury (first quarter) 6. For Mothering Sunday. Also on April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. P. Jackson 1, R. Barratt 2, E. Pimlott (cond.) 3, H. Callwood 4, D. Briscall (first 'inside') 5, G. Forrester 6. For Easter Day. Also on May 1st, 2,040 Doubles (360 Rev. St. Bartholomew, 480 Bob, 1,200 Grandsire): D. Briscall 1, G. Forrester 2, R. Barratt 3, H. Callwood 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, A. Campbell 6. Rung half-muffled in memorial Wm. Callwood, a ringer at this church for 23 years.

**CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.**—At St. Paul's Church, on May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Austin 1, D. T. Darby 2, D. G. Blows 3, M. W. Martin 4, M. B. Kemp 5, R. G. Smith 6, J. C. Taylor (cond.) 7, J. R. Scarth 8. First of Triples for 1, 2 and 8. Rung by a band from R.A.F. Yatesbury, as a farewell to Michael Kemp.

**DAMERHAM, HANTS.**—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Bush 1, Miss E. Brown 2, Miss J. M. Gray 3, Miss M. Mackenzie 4, P. Waterman (cond.) 5, J. Baverstock 6. Rung to mark the visit of the Bishop of Salisbury during his pilgrimage through the Chalk Deanery.

**EALING, MIDDLEX.**—At St. Mary's Church, on May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. P. Kent 1, A. M. Stacey 2, D. Fowles (first on eight bells) 3, P. E. Clarke 4, F. A. Finch 5, D. Theodm 6, W. T. Cook (cond.) 7, E. Palmer 8. Also on May 19th, 1,264 Bob Major: J. P. Kent 1, W. G. Wilson 2, H. J. Eldred 3, Miss J. Scrutton 4, S. Croft 5, A. M. Stacey 6, F. Ranson 7, W. T. Cook (cond.) 8.

**EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. C. Hibbert 1, E. T. Sneller 2, A. Savers 3, J. W. Wilson 4, Miss E. Wilson 5, M. Kosier 6, C. J. Hibbert (cond.) 7, R. H. Wells 8. Rung for Confirmation service conducted by the Bishop of Oxford, and the dedication of oak screen as memorial to the Rev. Thomas Robert Terry, Rector, 1884-1913, the gift of Mr. George Terry.

**ELTHAM, KENT.**—On May 5th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): R. Clarke 1, F. Hurrell 2, E. J. Coope 3, J. Sims 4, G. Hurrell 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, F. Mounts 8. For Evensong and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hurrell on their 55th wedding anniversary.

**FENNY STRATFORD, BUCKS.**—On May 17th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 120 Grandsire, April Day, New Bob, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and 240 Bob): P. Newing 1, Miss A. Grainger 2, M. Hooton 3, Rev. C. E. Wigg 4, A. E. Butcher (cond.) 5, R. Williams 6. First in 10 methods for all except the ringer of 4. Rung as a farewell to Canon C. A. Wheeler, Vicar of Fenny Stratford for the past 23 years, and also as a welcome to his successor, the Rev. K. Wright.

**GREAT HASELEY, OXON.**—On May 12th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Biddy Hamilton (first quarter) 1, D. J. Roaf (cond.) 2, R. A. Jackson 3, P. R. Sanders 4, N. J. Maggs 5, C. R. C. Coussmaker 6. First quarter by all in the method. Rung by members of the Oxford University Society for the Confirmation service taken by the Bishop of Oxford.

**HALESOWEN, WORCS.**—On April 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Harris 1, Nancy Tromans 2, H. Shilcock 3, J. H. Cox 4, Molly Tromans 5, A. Pickering 6, T. Greenhall (cond.) 7, J. Byng 8. To commemorate the visit to the borough of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. and H.R.H. Prince Philip.

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**—On May 12th, 1,264 Bob Major: S. Penfold 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, J. Carrott 3, R. Brown 4, R. Hoskins (first 'inside') 5, F. G. Richardson 6, Dr. C. E. Wright 7, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 8.

**KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): D. Downing (aged 9, first quarter) 1, C. F. Jukes 2, A. E. Morgan (cond.) 3, F. E. Jukes 4, M. Wright 5, Dorothy Morgan 6, F. Preston 7, H. Morgan (age 74) 8. For evening service.

**LANGLEY-MARISH, BUCKS.**—On May 14th, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: A. D. Rivers 1, D. A. S. Hawkins 2, W. S. Deason 3, G. E. Ruck (first in method) 4, F. R. Scott 5, A. E. Hartley (cond.) 6. To celebrate the treble ringer's 21 years as a ringer.

**MARPLE, CHESHIRE.**—1,260 Bob Doubles: V. Pennington (first quarter) 1, M. V. Braddock (first 'inside') 2, W. Dowse 3, B. Groves 4, R. B. Smith (first as cond.) 5, F. Osbaldeston 6.

**NAILSEA, SOMERSET.**—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Powell 1, Mrs. H. Kingcott (first as cond.) 2, Mrs. Quint 3, Mrs. R. Smith 4, Miss M. Fray 5, Mrs. D. Strong 6.

**NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCS.**—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Garratt (first quarter) 1, D. Aspen 2, Wendy Ellam (first 'inside') 3, G. Lloyd 4, D. Burgess (cond.) 5, K. Edwards 6. Also on May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. A. Flint 1, D. Burgess 2, Wendy Ellam 3, G. Lloyd 4, P. A. Millward (cond.) 5, D. Aspen 6.

**PRESTON, WEYMOUTH, DORSET.**—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Bob): Dr. C. A. G. Ward 1, Mrs. A. J. Slade (cond.) 2, G. H. Perry 3, Miss B. J. Marsh 4, A. J. Slade 5, H. T. Cornick 6. Rung to commemorate the official opening that day of the Church School extensions by the Bishop of Sherborne.

**RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.**—On May 18th, 1,260 Doubles (being 360 each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Bob, 120 St. Martin's and 60 Grandsire): W. Warner 1, E. Long 2, G. Walpole (cond.) 3, J. Forster 4, H. W. Barrett 5. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Joanna Bacon to Mr. Edward Palmer at Norwich Cathedral.

**SEAVINGTON ST. MARY, SOMERSET.**—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Drayton (first quarter) 1, F. Welsh (cond.) 2, J. Cornclius (first 'inside') 3, T. Hill 4, G. Monckton 5, S. Wills 6.

**SELLINDGE, KENT.**—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. L. T. Pope 1, C. T. Hillis 2, Miss M. Jones (first of Doubles) 3, A. Berty (first quarter) 4, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 5, A. Jones (first of Doubles) 6.

**SHAFTESBURY, DORSET.**—On May 14th, at St. James' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Brooks 1, C. Morgan 2, A. E. Woods (cond.) 3, Miss J. Godfrey 4, J. Powesland 5, J. Morgan 6. To welcome Corinne Sandra, sister for Adrian, and daughter to Mr. Whatmore, the St. James' captain.

**SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.**—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6-8 covering): Miss M. Scott 1, Miss S. Lewis 3, W. Lewis (cond.) 4, L. G. Pittaway 5, Miss D. Clifford 6, E. J. Townsend 7, W. Izod 8. For Evensong.

**SHRIVENHAM, BERKS.**—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Key 1, Miss M. Daish (first 'inside') 2, Miss S. E. Miles 3, J. Bashier 4, P. Anger (cond.) 5, T. Cox 6. First quarter 1 and 6. Rung to congratulate Miss Key on her engagement.

**STAMFORD HILL, N.**—At St. Ann's Church, on May 12th, 1,320 Bourne Surprise Minor: L. Hawes 1, M. Cubitt 2, F. Secker 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, M. J. Rowe 5, E. J. Rowe 6. First quarter in the method by all.

**SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.**—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Double (6, 7, 8 covering): June Smith 1, M. Gartside 2, Grace Burchall (cond.) 3, B. Haugh 4, J. Read 5, Katharine Burchall 6, Eleanor Rose 7, J. Wilson 8. First quarter 1, 7 and 8. For Evensong and as a farewell to J. Read, who is leaving for Malaya.

**THETFORD, NORFOLK.**—On Easter Day, 1,264 Bob Major: G. Peck 1, W. Bowers 2, N. Watson 3, Miss Reeve 4, H. Fuller 5, T. Stagg 6, W. Paul (cond.) 7, J. Paul 8. For the Easter festival and the Queen's birthday.

**TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.**—At St. James' Church, on May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Barfield 1, G. H. Harding (cond.) 2, Mrs. F. Penn 3, C. Butcher 4, J. Lucas 5, D. Roberts 6, F. Penn 7, R. Burbidge 8. First quarter for 1, 6 and 8.

**WELLS, SOMERSET.**—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on May 15th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. E. Bray 1, E. Brown (first on eight bells) 2, E. J. Chivers 3, M. Rose 4, D. Hoare 5, V. Roberts 6, D. E. Lee 7, G. Salmon (cond.) 8. First quarter of Surprise Major for 2, 4 and 6.

**WHADDON, BUCKS.**—On May 13th, 1,260 Bob Minor: P. R. Andrews (first of Minor) 1, Miss S. E. Miles 2, H. Scar 3, G. E. Parrott (first quarter) 4, J. R. Mossop 5, C. F. Loke (cond.) 6.

**WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.**—On April 21st, 1,260 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure: R. J. Carlton (cond.) 1, Miss R. A. Gower (first in method) 2, C. T. Hillis 3, A. J. Lancefield 4, W. P. Garner 5, W. Gill 6. For Evensong. Also on April 28th, 1,380 Bob Minor: Mrs. M. Pope 1, Miss R. E. Gower 2, R. J. Carlton 3, W. J. Lancefield 4, C. T. Hillis (first as cond.) 5, W. P. Garner 6. For Evensong.

**WOBURN, BEDS.**—On May 5th, 1,260 Bob Triples: Frances Spavins 1, K. Fleming (first of Bob Triples) 2, Angela Grainger 3, Ann Spavins 4, P. Newing (cond.) 5, I. Pett 6, A. Butcher 7, B. Grainger 8. For Industrial Sunday.

**WOODDITTON, CAMBS.**—At Sunny View, on May 14th, 1,280 Bob Major, on handbells: A. R. Mann (cond.) 1-2, A. E. Austin 3-4, J. R. Heath 5-6, T. F. Varney 7-8. Rung as a tribute to Harry L. Martin, of Cambridge, who died on May 3rd. He used to visit Newmarket for handbell practice, and this quarter was rung by four of his friends on a set of handbells (Shaw and Bradford), tenor 19 in F, on which he was always delighted to ring.



**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION**

A meeting of the Eastern District was held on May 18th at Little Hadham. The minor five (tenor 11½ cwt.) were rung during the afternoon until tea, which was served at the local inn.

At the business meeting it was decided not to hold a District meeting in June, so as to encourage members to attend the summer festival at St. Albans. The meeting in July will be held at Great Mundon.

After the meeting members attended Evensong at Much Hadham, conducted by Canon L. Dewar. The light eight at Much Hadham were then rung to a variety of methods up to 9 p.m.

C. E. H.

### LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL RINGERS' OUTING

Some 13 young ringers from Llandaff Cathedral had their first outing on Easter Monday. At the first tower, Llantrisant (8, tenor 12 cwt.), ringing was curtailed owing to illness. The Vicar, however, conducted the party round the church and allowed his lawn to be used for the picnic lunch. Finally, he gave a cordial invitation to the party to visit Llantrisant on Whit Monday.

Afterwards the octave at Pontypridd was rung to plain courses of Grandsire Doubles and Triples and call-changes. An uninteresting train journey to Aberdare was enlivened by teaching two of the youngest members to ring handbells. Everybody was surprised at the splendid 'go' of the bells at Aberdare (8, tenor 16 cwt.). The half-hour spent on the railway station waiting for the train was beguiled by handbell ringing, to the delight of the station staff.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION**

Between 40 and 50 members and visitors from quite a wide area attended the May meeting at Hodnet, and after ringing during the afternoon the Vicar conducted a short service, in the course of which he extended a warm welcome to the Association. Tea was partaken of at Hodnet Hall, one of Shropshire's most beautiful mansions, and afterwards many of the visitors enjoyed a walk through the extensive gardens.

At the business meeting Chetwynd was selected for the meeting on June 15th. Miss E. V. Jones said that as she had secured an appointment at Barrow-in-Furness, and would be leaving Shrewsbury in July, she would be obliged to relinquish the position of secretary, which she had held for the last two years. After members had expressed their regret at her impending departure, it was resolved to ask for nominations for a successor for the next meeting.

In the course of an animated discussion of the Central Council agenda, it was evident that the idea of a 'College of Campanology' found little favour with the members who spoke strongly in support of the two resolutions on this subject. It was felt that 'Plain Bob' is a more fitting name for that method than 'Bob.'

Mr. H. Edge raised the question of notifying members of the place and date of meetings. He thought that a post card should be sent to each tower in union with the Association, and Mr. E. Fox supported this. After a discussion, it was agreed to place the matter on the agenda for the next annual meeting.

Hearty thanks to all who had helped to make such a good meeting having been expressed, members returned to the tower, and the excellent light ring of eight was kept going until 8.30. Ringing ranged from rounds to London Surprise Major.

**COMBINED UNIVERSITY  
EFFORT AT ABINGDON**

After 75 minutes of excellent ringing the attempt for a peal of Cambridge Royal by five members of the Oxford University Society and five of the Cambridge University Association came to grief. About 1,000 changes of Stedman Caters were afterwards rung exemplarily.

The ringers were Shirley Rymer 1, T. H. R. Freeborn 2, C. W. Woolley (conductor) 3, D. Painter 4, Joan Gray 5, Jean Darmon 6, D. Niblett 7, S. Darmon 8, Rev. C. Elliot Wigg 9 and W. J. Ridgman 10.

After tea at Abingdon, seven members were to be found in a punt on the Cherwell, which happens to flow at the bottom of the senior member's garden in Oxford.

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Mr. Ernest Stitch, who now resides at Wolverhampton, returned to South Wales to ring his 50th peal on the same bell in his home tower, Aberavon, on which he rang his first peal on July 5th, 1919. Both peals were called by Mr. A. J. Pitman, the latter being their 149th together. Many thanks to the ringers who had rung with them in these peals.

'Hints for Beginners' is now out of print. Money will be refunded on orders that cannot be executed.

Rye Church ringers wish to congratulate two former members of their band, Ruth Carey and Robin Hodgson, on being elected Masters of their respective University Guilds, namely, Southampton and Oxford.

Miss B. J. Beeson has sailed for Melbourne. She has been in England nearly two years and rang in the peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Stephen's, Bristol, for the St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, Society.

King's School, Canterbury, has recently formed a bell-ringing society with 15 practising members. The regular practice night is Saturday at St. Alphege's Church. The Society also ring at this church on Sundays.

Mr. Fred Youngman, of the Leiston band, has been in hospital for a month and is improving after a serious operation. Fred has been unable to ring for a long time now and best wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to him.

Repairs to Theberton, Suffolk, tower, estimated to cost £700, are now in hand. Yoxford Drama Group have raised £16 by their play, 'One Wild Oat.' The fund is still open and donations may be sent to Theberton Bell Fund, c/o A. R. Bridges, Post Office, Theberton, Leiston, Suffolk.

## BELFRY

## GOSSIP

Mr. J. A. Freeman completed 50 years as a member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild on April 27th. The day coincided with the annual meeting of the Guild, and he was the recipient of many congratulations and good wishes.

Will the person who dropped a small fruit knife in Aldeburgh belfry at the District meeting please communicate with A. R. Bridges, Post Office, Theberton, Leiston.

The ladies who rang in the peal at Hands-worth congratulate Mr. J. G. L. Gilbert, of Handsworth, on training a very efficient lady conductor.

Michael C. May, 11-year-old son of Mr. B. W. May (hon. treasurer of the Kent County Association), made a good start to peal ringing on May 18th at Bobbing. He rang his bell well. And many more, Michael!

To our ringing parsons must be added the name of the Rev. K. G. Hoare, who rang his first peal of Double Norwich at Godstone on May 18th. After the peal he and Mrs. Hoare kindly entertained the band to tea.

The pages of 'The Norwich Mercury' for 300 years have carried news of Mancroft bells ringing for Mayor's Day. This year the bells rang for the election of a member of the congregation when Mr. Tom Eaton took office. The traditional refreshments, too, were not forgotten after the peal.

Reporting on the first peal at Mayfield, Sussex, since the new tenor was installed, our correspondent writes that this bell fully maintains the reputation of her founders but dominates the ring. 'It is hoped that funds will soon be available to enable one or two of the "baleful buckets" thought to be fixed on the end of some of the ropes to be cast into the burning fiery furnace.'

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## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

### Ringling Membership 1,144

Proceedings at the annual general meeting of the Lancashire Association, held at Blackburn on April 27th, started with ringing at Blackburn Cathedral (10), Holy Trinity Church (8) and the Church of St. Michael (8). The annual service was held at the Church of St. Michael, conducted by the president (Rev. R. D. St. John Smith), and the address was given by the Rev. C. E. Rogerson. Tea was enjoyed at St. Michael's Church School, and this was followed by the business meeting.

The proceedings opened with the president in the chair, but after an apology had been read from the Rev. D. P. Roberts and the minutes accepted, he vacated the chair for the election of officers. The vice-president (Mr. N. M. Newby) reported that there had been only one nomination for president—the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith—and he had great pleasure in declaring him duly elected.

The president then took the chair and announced that there had been only one nomination for ringing secretary, Mr. S. L. Parry, and for treasurer, Mr. P. Crook, and they were accordingly elected. The re-elected officers thanked the members for their renewed confidence.

The ballot for the election of Central Council representatives, announced by Mr. C. Blakey, resulted in the election of the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, Messrs. F. Dunkerley, J. Ridyard and P. Crook, sen.

The report of the committee referred to a letter received from Miss G. I. Howlett (Liverpool Branch secretary) drawing attention to 'The Ringing World' finances. It was suggested by the general secretary that Branch secretaries at their meetings should ask members to try and increase the sale of copies, and a motion be submitted to the annual meeting that a donation of three guineas be made to 'The Ringing World' for 1956 only.

The following losses by death were announced: Hon. life member, Mr. R. S. Schofield (Milntow); life ringing members, Messrs. Edwin Timbrell (Chipping), John W. Holme (Silverdale), Fred Abbott (Deane), Thomas P. Brandwood (Helmshore), Charles Dearden (Newhey), Thomas K. Driver (Middleton), John W. Haslingden; ringing members, Messrs. J. Carter (Ashton-under-Lyne), Albert Horrocks (Hindley) and Robert J. Critchley (Halsall).

The membership of the Association was made up of: Honorary life members, 63; non-resident members, 547 (new, 11); ringing members, 1,144 (new, 151). Congratulations were offered to Mr. Lawrence Green (Blackpool) and Mr. E. Roger Martin (Preston), who had completed 50 years' valued service.

The ringing secretary's report stated that 113 peals had been rung during 1956. Forty members rang their first peal, 191 their first in some particular method or in higher numbers or 'in hand,' 249 members took part in peals, one peal was non-conducted whilst 42 members shared in conducting.

Congratulations were offered to Messrs. A. Tomlinson on his 625th peal for the Association; Peter Crook, sen., 400th; J. Ridyard, 350th; L. J. Williams, 300th; J. W. Grounds, 250th; E. R. Martin and Roger Leigh, 200th; R. Kenrick, 175th; Ivan Kay and N. Heaps, 125th; E. J. Gower and J. Thornley, 100th; N. M. Newby and H. Hamer, 75th; N. Tompkins and Miss D. Dutton, 50th.

The list of 'Firsts in the Method' were: 17 Plain methods on handbells, Prittlewell Surprise Royal, 18 methods T.B., Double Bob Minor 'in hand,' Hereward Court Bob Major, Southport Surprise Major. The advancement of

youth, especially in the Manchester District, was noted with great pleasure. The report, presented by the general secretary, was adopted.

The balance sheet showed an excess of receipts over payments during the year of £70 6s. 4d. The assets of the Association totalled £589 6s. 10d. This and the auditor's report were accepted.

The following ringing members were transferred to life ringing membership: Mr. William H. Hunter, Mr. Arthur Hague, Mrs. Mary Hague and Mr. Ernest Farnworth.

The secretary briefly reported the acquisition of the Woodhouse ringing machine, and called on Mr. Roger Leigh to give a report on it, which was received by the body of the meeting.

The vice-president (Mr. N. M. Newby), on behalf of the Furness Branch, invited the Association to hold their next annual general meeting at a date and place to be arranged by the Furness Branch. This was accepted.

A vote of thanks was proposed to all those who had in any way contributed to the success of the meeting.

### Ash, Sevenoaks, Want New Frame

SS. Peter and Paul's, Ash, near Sevenoaks, wants to raise between £1,000 and £1,500 to restore their ring of six. The work will include replacing doubtful timbers supporting the bell frame, which is now very badly eaten by woodworm. The village is small, and unfortunately has no funds available. Captain of the ringers is Mr. John V. Muller, School House, Ash.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

THE annual meeting was held at Worcester on Easter Monday, and the large number present at the service, meeting and during the afternoon must have been something in the nature of a record. The service in All Saints' Church was conducted by the Rt. Rev. Bishop C. E. Stuart (vice-president) and the chaplain (Rev. L. J. Birch). The lesson was read by the Rev. A. Webb (vice-president) and Miss D. Hicks was organist.

The general business meeting was held in College Hall, and in the absence through illness of the president (the Very Rev. W. E. Beck, Dean of Worcester), the chair was taken by the Master (Mr. W. B. Cartwright). Among the apologies for absence was one from Mr. J. Bass, who had completed 56 years' unbroken membership.

Letters of thanks were received from Great Comberton and Redmarley for grants from the Belfry Repairs Fund, and from the Ladies' Guild for hospitality and welcome at their annual meeting in Worcester last July.

The meeting stood in silence in memory of members who had died during the year—Messrs. W. A. Dowding (King's Norton), Arthur Wyre (Cradley), S. R. Duggan (Ombersley) and Frederick Jordan (Hampton). The librarian reported on 14 applications for the loan of 17 books during the year, and the secretary intimated that the Guildhall had been booked for October 5th for the annual dinner.

The general secretary and treasurer's report stated that the paid-up performing membership was 470, 19 less than in 1955. Forty-nine peals were rung, five less than in 1955. Nine of the total were handbell peals. A noticeable feature was that only one was rung by a local Sunday service band—Grandsire Doubles at Suckley. Six members rang their first peal, and two their first as conductor. A peal of Grandsire Triples at Chaddesley Corbett was rung non-conducted—always a good performance. The handbell

## A SUFFOLK GOLDEN WEDDING

Captain of the Eye ringers and steeplekeeper for many years, Mr. Fredk. Brunning and Mrs. Brunning celebrated their golden wedding on May 18th. Mr. Brunning scored his first peal in 1906, and he was with Messrs. Geo. Day and Son, of Eye (bellhangers), for a long time, hanging bells and doing repairs to bells, towers and wells over many counties.

In the evening a peal of Spliced Surprise Major (Yorkshire, Cambridge and Superlative) was rung at Eye. Appropriately, as Fred is a Suffolk man and Mrs. Brunning a Norfolk woman, four ringers came from each county. The band was Arthur G. Bason, Wm. Clover, Nolan Golden (conductor) and George Sayer (Norfolk); Charles W. Beccroft, Walter Miller and Frank and Walter Ruffles (Suffolk).

While they were struggling through the last hour (and struggling it is now at Eye) eight Suffolk ringers who had rung a peal at Wyndham arrived to listen to the performance. There was a happy gathering at the conclusion, but William Clover broke adrift to have a chat with Fred Brunning, his old friend, whom he had not seen for 20 years or more.

The Brunnings celebrated the day with a family party, attended by Mrs. Brunning's sister, who was her bridesmaid, and her husband, who was best man. One of the two sons, a baker at Colchester, brought a giant horseshoe-shaped golden iced cake, and there were dozens of greetings cards.

peals included two of Stedman Caters and one each of Stedman and Grandsire Cinques.

It was unanimously decided that the Dean of Worcester be re-elected president. In view of the impending resignation, through ill health, of the Very Rev. W. E. Beck, it was felt that this course would leave the way open to invite the new Dean on his institution. Other officers re-elected were: Master, Mr. W. B. Cartwright; chaplain, the Rev. L. J. Birch; general secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. D. Johnson; Central Council representatives for the next three years—Messrs. W. B. Cartwright, B. C. Ashford and D. Beacham (Mr. S. T. Holt not wishing to stand for re-election). Worcester was again chosen for next year's annual meeting on Easter Monday, and arrangements for the annual peal left to the Master. It was decided to make a donation of £15 15s. to the Bow Bells Fund, this to include amounts subscribed and the service collection that morning.

The secretary reminded the meeting that this year marked the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the Association—founded at Bromsgrove on April 10th, 1882. He gave brief statistics, showing the steady growth and progress of the Association from the issue of the first report in 1885 until 1957. Towers affiliated from 12 to 77, performing members 71 to 470, and balance of funds from £10 to £280. The first report consisted of 12 pages and cost 14d. each to print; the latest report cost 2s. 10d. and nearly the amount of the annual subscription. The first secretary remained in office only one year, but since then the Association had only had three general secretaries—J. Smith (22 years), J. R. Newman (30 years) and himself (22 years).

The meeting closed with a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Master and secretary for arrangements and work during the year: the Master, for presiding; the organist; and Dean and Chapter, incumbents of All Saints', St. John's, Hallow and Powick, whose bells were open for ringing during the day. J. D. J.



## OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY'S ANNUAL TOUR

THIS year's tour of the Society, from April 20th until the 25th, centred on Winchester, was extremely enjoyable, perhaps partly due to the reason that there was no over-emphasis on the ringing itself.

Members arriving at different times on Easter Saturday found an adequate hotel awaiting them a few steps from the station, and having installed themselves glanced a casual eye over Winchester. Dermot Roaf, a 'gen' man on the area, soon rounded up a small knot of idlers, and with promises of a short walk in idyllic surroundings, enhanced by fine views of the city, exhorted them to follow.

A somewhat jaded band ascended St. Catherine's Hill, which it had reached by an extremely devious route, watched the leader vanquish the maze at the top in 3 minutes and 42 seconds, and eventually regained the hotel 2½ hours after leaving.

On Easter Sunday, ringing for Mattins, took place on the five 12 at the Cathedral (35 cwt.), and in the afternoon the ringing for Evensong included a protracted touch of Grandire Cinques which ebbed and flowed alarmingly.

### VISIT TO STONEHENGE

During the day the idea that a visit to Stonehenge would be a good thing was driven home with such persistence by its originator that later one car and one motorcycle departed in the direction of Salisbury, leaving Mr. Roaf, with a smaller but no less enthusiastic band, to explore the glories of St. Catherine's Hill once more.

At Salisbury, the tower-grabbing instinct pervaded, and St. Thomas' (8, 27 cwt.) and St. Paul's (8, 12 cwt.) were put to good use. Grateful thanks are tendered to the local ringers who very willingly let us ring.

Stonehenge was reached in good time, and although the official ticket office was closed and the ancient monument rested behind the security of the barbed wire erected by the Ministry of Works, two senior members negotiated all hazards and added another 'grab' to their list.

Monday, the first day of the official tour, saw the party at Curdridge (8, 25 cwt.), where the ringing was somewhat indifferent and did not do the bells justice. Shedfield provided another good ring (8, 12 cwt.) and a generous break for lunch was enjoyed in the 'local' with food (alas, minus a considerable quantity of eggs) provided by our organiser.

After lunch the party visited Swanmore (6, 8½ cwt.), Soberton, with a very pleasant light eight, where the Vicar entertained us to a very welcome tea, and finally Owslebury (6, 9 cwt.).

On Tuesday, all the 10-bell ringing of the tour was done in the first three towers of the day—North Stoneham (10, 9 cwt.), a lovely musical little ring, and St. Michael's (10, 16 cwt.) and St. Mary's (10, 21 cwt.). Southampton, both excellent rings. Ringing at the latter was curtailed but at St. Michael's we were very pleased to see the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, who rang a half (!) a course of Cambridge with us.

The ringing on the eight (24 cwt.) at Romsey Abbey was not good, and ambition went no further than Yorkshire, but at Hursley (8, 13 cwt.) a touch of Spliced was brought round.

During the evening the activities of the comet produced learned discussion between Mr. Roaf and others interested, and culminated in a further ascent to view the phenomenon. Unfortunately, the lights of the city foiled the 'stargazing' and nothing was seen of the comet. It was, however, an interesting evening, during which everyone profited by the lucid discourse given by Mr. Roaf, including the sceptical Meadows, who was almost convinced of the soundness of Newton's concept on various physical matters.

On Wednesday, the party travelled by train and car to Basingstoke, where the eight at St. Michael's (14 cwt.) were followed by the nine (11 cwt.) at All Saints'. Here some abysmal Grandire Caters in the handstroke started the proceedings, and everything was capped by a course of Bristol rung with the tenor covering, which, by some deficiencies, was acclaimed musical.

Ringling at Overton followed in the afternoon—the bells here sound but little better outside than in—and then Laverstoke (6, 11 cwt.). The party then returned to Overton, where it consumed a large and splendid tea, provided by the Rev. and Mrs. Sanders at the Vicarage.

### A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE

The last tower of the day was Whitechurch (8, 14 cwt.), where the bells, in contradistinction, sound much pleasanter inside than out. A peal of Yorkshire had been arranged and was duly accomplished, whilst the 'grabbers' traversed much of the Hampshire countryside in search of towers, their only 'scalp' being Preston Candover (6, 4 cwt.).

The last day of the tour saw the party in the Meon valley. No one would describe the octave at West Meon (12½ cwt.) as good, but nevertheless the bells were put to good use and under pressure from a certain quarter a touch of Duffield was rung. East Meon (8, 19 cwt.?) were a nice mellow ring but they required some handling.

Lunch in Petersfield was followed by a peal attempt for Little Bob Major on the eight (16 cwt.), but this went up about half way due to a premature call and the inability of the band to shake off the stupor produced by the method.

We were very pleased to have Michael Lakin with us for the first day and on one or two subsequent occasions, and the Cathedral handbells lent to us were often used and much enjoyment derived therefrom.

On Friday the main party headed back towards Oxford by car, a peal attempt at Wootton (6, 8½ cwt.) en route coming to grief in the sixth extent, when the tenor rope snapped.

Everyone had pleasant memories of the tour, which if not outstanding for the quality of the bells was certainly successful in all other respects, and our thanks are due to Peter Sanders who looked after the organisation, and the drivers of the very efficient stud of cars used in transporting the party.

C. J. B. T.

MARSTON, OXON.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: R. Milward (first quarter) 1. B. C. Machon 2. Miss C. M. Woodward (cond.) 3. D. C. Woodward 4. C. Holloway 5. For Evensong.

## NORTH STAFFS SECRETARY'S WEDDING

The wedding at St. Mary-the-Virgin, Prescot, on April 27th, of Mr. Ewart H. Edge, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Edge, of Wrexham, and Miss Julia M. Preston, daughter of Mrs. N. and the late Mr. H. R. S. Preston, of Prescot, Lancs, was a 'ringers' day. Both bride and bridegroom learned their ringing with the Oxford University Society, and the bride, before working for three years in Switzerland, was secretary of the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association and a member of the Prescot band. The bridegroom, member of the band at St. Margaret's, Wolstanton, is secretary of the North Staffordshire Association. The principal bridesmaid was Miss Frances Martin, of Truro, and the best man Mr. Rodney B. Meadows, both members of the Oxford University Society.

Appropriately, the service was conducted by the Rev. D. P. Roberts, Vicar of Whiston, Lancs, an enthusiastic ringer belonging to the Lancashire, North Staffordshire and Universities Associations.

The bride wore a long, full-skirted gown of white lace over taffeta, a waist-length veil secured by a coronet of orange blossom, and a double row of pearls (the gift of the bridegroom). Miss Martin's gown was of figured brocade in shades of cream and pale apricot, and two small attendants wore long frocks of pale yellow sprigged nylon over pale apricot taffeta, and small wreaths of primroses.

Among those present were Dr. J. E. Spice, former Master of the Oxford University Society and founder of the Universities Association; Mr. B. D. Threlfall, secretary of the U.A., and Mrs. Threlfall, O.U.S.; Mr. C. S. Ryles and Mr. D. R. Whalley, tower captains of Norton-le-Moors and Wolstanton, Staffs, respectively, and the members of the Prescot band, who rang before and after the wedding.

The couple spent their honeymoon in the Scilly Isles—where there are no rings of bells! A peal attempt by the O.U.S. at Cowley was unsuccessful, but a quarter was brought round.

## ST. ALBANS DISTRICT RINGERS' OUTING

On Easter Monday a small party from the St. Albans District made their way, by car and motor cycle into the pretty countryside of Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire. The day started with rain, but improved in time for the party to have a picnic lunch.

Stewkley in its Norman splendour, Wing with its renowned Saxon apse, and Edlesborough with a pulpit and tester of outstanding beauty, were among the churches rung at. Houghton Regis, Tilsworth, Stanbridge, Linslade and Slapton were other towers of the day, and everywhere the decorations for Easter made the day even more enjoyable.

To the incumbents for permission to ring the bells in their churches, to the local ringers who gave their time to meet our party, our sincere thanks; also to the organisers for arranging such a compact tour.

Various methods were rung during the day up to Cambridge, with rounds for those just embarking in the world of ringing. M. A. C.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### A QUESTION FROM MALAYA

Dear Sir,—Recently when on leave in Singapore I visited St. Andrew's Cathedral, and found in the belfry beneath a very fine spire a ring of eight bells, hung dead, their crowns about eight feet from the floor in a metal frame. The bells, which were dedicated on February 6th, 1889, are hung on the same level from left to right, one to four, and by their side from right to left numbers five to eight. Each bell is named after a saint, the tenor being dedicated to St. Audrey.

The bells are rung or struck by ropes tied to the flight on the clapper. The ropes lead down through the floor in the middle of the west wall of the tower to a very simple Ellacombe type of apparatus, situated in the gallery below. Not having a tape measure with me, I could not measure the tenor, and I was also unable to obtain the founder's or the bellhanger's name. Can any reader enlighten me further on these bells?—Yours faithfully,

C. MICHAEL ORME.

Kuala Lumpur, Malaya.

### THE LIGHTEST SIX

Dear Sir,—I notice in Belfry Gossip that Mr. Nolan Golden believes the ring at Saxthorpe, Norfolk, to be the lightest six an any church. This claim to fame must belong, however, to Wormhill, Derbyshire, where the tenor is 1 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. They are quite ringable—peals have been rung on them in the past year or two—despite their minute sallies and short ropes. The majority of the bells are usually stayless, which contributes to rather than detracts from their ease of ringing. To set them at hand-stroke you let the bells go over and then, to recommence, heave on the tail end until they are on balance.

Lowens in peal are particularly interesting, as the slightest overpull sends the bell back up to and beyond the balance and you all start again. Wormhill is a mile or so from Millers Dale, not far from Tideswell, and the church has an unusual hip-gabled tower, reminiscent of Sompting in Essex.—Yours sincerely,

EWART H. EDGE.

Wolstanton, Staffs.

Note.—A similar reply has been received from Mr. Alan McFall.—Ed.

### GRANDSIRE MINOR

Dear Sir,—A short while ago the ringers of St. Peter's, Newton-le-Willows, endeavoured to ring a quarter peal of *Grandsire Minor*. After consulting a number of composition books, however, we were unable to find a touch any longer than 192 changes.

Could any reader please be so good as to come to the assistance of this young enthusiastic band and forward a touch (extent) of 720 changes of *Grandsire Minor*?—Yours truly,

D. BURGESS.

Newton-le-Willows, Lancashire.

Note.—*Grandsire Minor* is not recommended by the Central Council as an appropriate method to ring.—Ed.

### THE RABBITS' GUILD

Dear Sir,—So scholarly an editor should not have failed to observe that Rabbits use Dog Latin. Their rallying-cry is not, as you print it, *Sursum corda* (Lift up your hearts) but *Sursum cauda* (Up tail). The joke is triple, if not cater. The donnish part of it requires the use of the 'old' or English pronunciation.

The pun is not original. It was used by the late W. J. Locke, but whether he coined it we do not know.—Yours faithfully,

T. B., B. M. W. D.

### THE COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

Dear Sir,—The establishment of the above organisation and the publication of Part I of the 'Manual' has caused the appearance in 'The Ringing World' of a number of letters both for and against the ideas of the College, but none seem to have discussed or made suggestions on the actual content of the Manual. One wonders whether all correspondents have, in fact, read through all the parts of the Manual (Part I).

Although rather detailed and containing some administrative details that might with advantage be put in an appendix, Part I of the Manual does give a *reasonably sound and complete system* of tutoring in the early stages, which is better than no system at all. Some parts of the Manual are very good indeed, e.g., the analysis and drill of ringing action and stroke practice, the list of exercises, and the appendix containing a list of faults and remedies.

'Ropesight' and the Council's publication 'Hints for Instructors and Beginners' are good publications, but neither is so complete or detailed as the Manual on *initial instruction*. Quite definitely, the Manual can be most useful as a basis of instruction for new and less experienced tutors. The most urgent need of the Exercise today is more instructors, and the College is to be commended in making this its main aim.

I should like to make the following observations on Mr. P. N. Bond's confused motion on page 297 of 'The Ringing World' (May 10th):

(1) The words 'unlikely to prove of any service to the furtherance of the Art . . . are a prophecy which cannot be fairly made.

(2) . . . that no form of official recognition whatever be accorded . . . This aspect must be left until the College does ask for official recognition.

(3) . . . valuable space in "The Ringing World" should not be wasted in any further College Manuals. . . .

Firstly, this is an implied criticism, *not of the College*, but of the Editor and the Editorial Committee of 'The Ringing World,' and is most unfair. The articles have been well worth publication and the Editor and his committee need not reproach themselves for publishing them.

Secondly, this part of the motion attempts to 'tie the hands' of the Editor and his committee beforehand on what may or may not be published—an intolerable situation.

(4) . . . the Exercise being already well supplied with instruction manuals.' This contradicts the Central Council's own decision last year that a more complete book for instructors was needed.

Quite obviously, Mr. Bond's motion is not the result of clear thinking.

If it has done nothing else, the College has at least focused further attention on the problem of providing more instructors, and has given this year's Council a more worthwhile subject for discussion than some we have had in recent years.—Yours faithfully,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rotherham.

### FALSE PEAL

Dear Sir,—The peal of Spliced Surprise Major No. 5 in three methods, rung at Loughborough Bell Foundry on March 27th and published in the 'R.W.' of April 19th, is false. My thanks are due to Mr. M. Lancefield for bringing it to my notice, and I wish to offer my apologies to the members of the band who took part in the peal.—Yours sincerely,

SHIRLEY BURTON.

Leicester.

Note.—The composition was printed on page 256.—Ed.

### THEN AND NOW

Dear Sir,—It is probable that the first controversy on Method Extension occurred in 1907, after the College Youths rang a peal in November at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, and called it London Surprise Royal. The following week after publication a letter appeared in 'The Bell News' from the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, saying that the method as published was very good but definitely not London. He suggested that it be called Stepney, and it came to be known by this name, but I believe it was entered in the College Youths' peal book as London.

A few years earlier there had been some discussion in the Central Council that London Major was not a Surprise method at all. So for a time it was known as London Marvel. A witty letter appeared in the correspondence columns during the extension controversy. It ran as follows:—

If Stepney Ten is marvellous,

Its eight must marvel be;

Why all this Surprising Marvellous fuss

Because they don't agree?

It seems a pity that Ernest Morris does not give details of this peal in his 'History and Art of Change Ringing.' It was undoubtedly a great performance, and note that the figures of the method were published at the same time as the peal. The standard in those days was high and the College Youths had a really good peal-ringing band. A rival band was going strong at the same time for the Middlesex Association, under the conductorship of William Pyc.

Just one example of the standards of those far-off days: When Yorkshire S. Major was first introduced the Pyc brothers would not ring it because of the triple dodging in 5, 6, when the treble is in 7, 8. This they said was a blemish, but that did not prevent other people ringing it, and today it is our most popular Surprise method. It is only fair to say that the famous brothers later relented and rang peals of Yorkshire Royal and Maximus.

Before coming to the 'now' part of the story, all young ringers should get hold of Ernest Morris' book and read what was done by their forebears. Unfortunately the book is out of print, but most public libraries will have a copy even if not for lending out.

About two or three years ago the Leicester Cathedral band rang a peal of Bristol Surprise Maximus. This has been followed recently by Bristol Royal at Macclesfield, but no figures have yet appeared in each case. The reputation of both bands is high, so we may be sure that a good performance was made by both teams. But if the true extensions of Bristol have been discovered, then the Exercise should know or at least the usual place notation given. This is not said in any 'sour grapes' attitude, for it takes some patience and practice to get a band up to Surprise Royal and Maximus. There are plenty of ringers interested in methods and extensions, and they should be encouraged. Quoting once again from 'H. and A. of Change Ringing,' it says of Bristol: No true extension has been found (1930). So, ladies and gentlemen, which do you prefer—then, 1907 and now, 1957?—Yours, etc., CANDIDUS.

### SHROPSHIRE'S 4-BELL TOWERS

Dear Sir,—The 4-bell towers in Shropshire are: Baschurch, Bourton, Diddlebury, Ditton Priors, Hopesay, Hughley, Kemberton, Munslow, Onibury, Stoke St. Milborough, Stottesdoh and Wenhor—12 in all. Some of these are very ancient and are in bad order; a few are quite good.

Stottesdoh's are not a 'true' four, as they were originally five, by Rudhall, but the second got cracked and was taken down. It stood on the floor of the church for many years, but I am told it was sold for scrap a few years ago.—Yours faithfully, E. V. RODENHURST.

Whitchurch.



## LINCOLN GUILD MASTER COMPLETES 50 YEARS

The 58th annual meeting was held at Lincoln on April 27th, with the usual ringing at the Cathedral and other city churches. The attendance was not quite up to the usual standard for this meeting—it may have been that petrol rationing was the cause.

At the Cathedral Evensong the Guild president, the Dean of Lincoln, welcomed the members to Lincoln once again. For the first time for this gathering tea was served in the cloisters by ringers' wives and friends, and the excellent tea provided made one forget the very cool breeze. The ladies who had worked so hard were thanked by the president, supported by the Master.

The business meeting was held in the Consistory Court, where so much ecclesiastical history had been made over the centuries.

It was greatly regretted that an important engagement prevented the Bishop of Lincoln attending the meeting.

The Master (Mr. J. A. Freeman) in his report stated that the number of peals rung in 1956 was 110 compared with 123 the previous year. Gainsborough and Braunstone Surprise Major were rung for the first time, while peals of Sibsey and Billingborough were the first ever rung. These peals were rung by members of the Lincoln District, but he would like to see peals in Surprise Major methods rung in other parts of the county. There were many ringers in the county capable of this.

The report congratulated Mr. J. Walden, of Lincoln, and Mr. H. Bingham, of Willingham, on attaining 50 years' membership of the Guild. The resignation of Mr. J. E. Allen as secretary of the Elloe Deaneries Branch was regretted, and thanks were accorded to him for the good work he had done for the Branch and Guild.

'At the meetings I have attended there seems to be quite a number of promising young ringers, and I offer a warm welcome to all those who have become members during the year, and appeal to them to put Sunday service ringing at their church before anything else.'

The officers were re-elected as follows: Master, Mr. J. A. Freeman; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. Bray; hon. peal secretary, Mr. G. E. Feirn; Central Council representatives—Messrs. Jack Bray, J. A. Freeman, John Freeman and G. E. Feirn.

Some comment was made on the fall in the peal total. The Master felt that this was caused by circumstances of a temporary nature and need not cause any concern for the future.

The hon. librarian (Mr. R. F. Smith) spoke of additions to the library during the past year which had helped to build up the interesting collection the Guild was acquiring.

It was announced that on April 27th, 1907, in that same room, Mr. John A. Freeman was made a member of the Guild. There was applause when several members spoke of Mr. Freeman's service in several offices over the 50 years.

In view of the possibility of the Central Council meeting being held in Dublin in the near future, the limitation of representatives' expenses was considered. After a lengthy discussion it was resolved that the normal expenses should be allowed, no matter where the meeting should be.

A very pleasing feature of the meeting was the number of young members attending and taking part in the ringing.

**HANSLOPE, BUCKS.**—On May 18th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: N. Line 1, D. W. James 2, I. J. Dickinson 3, B. S. Cope 4, A. C. Cozens 5, R. A. Eldridge 6, R. V. Baker 7, G. F. Roome (cond.) 8.

**IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.**—On May 12th, 1,320 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 600 Bob): H. Iving 1, K. G. Brown (cond.) 2, L. Pierce 3, H. King 4, L. Melton 5, E. Bishop 6. For morning service.

## ST. STEPHEN'S, ST. ALBANS

Mr. H. V. Frost, hon. general secretary of the Herts County Association, supplies the following notes concerning the bells of St. Stephen's, St. Albans. A report of the dedication of these bells appeared in our last issue.

The history of St. Stephen's bells and spire is of more than usual interest, owing to the fact that the belfry is entirely of wood from above the walls of the church, and the number of alterations made to the bells.

In 1803 the existing four bells, weighing 40 cwt., were recast into a ring of six by T. Mears. This in itself was unusual, as John Briant, of Hertford, was doing practically all the bell-founding necessary in the county at that time.

These six bells, with a tenor of 9½ cwt., were apparently hung in an 8-bell frame, as in 1892 it was decided on the advice of Lord Grimthorpe not to complete the octave but to increase the weight of the ring of six by adding a 15 cwt. tenor and recasting the old fourth. The Mears treble metal was used to cast the new Taylor tenor.

The first peal on the bells was in 1894 by the Hendon ringers, but W. H. L. Buckingham, of St. Albans, was the conductor. The peal was rung for the Middlesex Association. In 1914, after the next peal, which was by local ringers, the movement of the belfry was arrested by supporting it on girders placed horizontally across the walls of the church. About six more peals were rung on the bells, including one in eight Surprise methods by the Apsley band, under Mr. W. Ayre.

In 1949 the church authorities called for expert advice on the tower movement as the weathercock was going round in circles when the bells were rung! It was finally decided to stop ringing altogether and to raise funds for strengthening the belfry and rehanging the bells. Many and varied were the schemes submitted, some costing £2,000, but finally it was decided to recast the bells into a lighter ring with an 8 cwt. tenor and to rehang them all to swing north and south.

The bells are now hung and roped to swing in one direction, and there is room to get in amongst them. The circle of ropes has been improved for the ringers and there is a minimum of movement. This work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, and the general consensus of opinion of those at the dedication service was that the bells 'sound well and "go" well.' Recordings of the old and new bells were played.

St. Albans now has rings of 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells, and it does not appear that there will be any difficulty in keeping the new bells ringing on Sundays as there are two or three ringers of some experience in the parish, and they are being joined by some young learners who have already learned to handle a bell.

## GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Dartmouth was the venue on May 18th for a meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Guild, which was much enjoyed by the small number of members who attended. The pre-Reformation bells at Townstal were rung before service and tea to a variety of methods, from Kent Minor to Doubles and rounds, and later the Church of St. Petrox, which romantically stands at the harbour entrance by the Castle, was visited.

The service was conducted by the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge, who is in charge of the parish, and the presence of the Guild's president (Preb. E. V. Cox) was much appreciated. Those who attended mainly comprised ringers from Teignmouth and the local ringers, who thus got plenty of practice. The latter were congratulated on ringing a quarter peal for service on the previous Sunday. E. M. A.

## THE BELLS OF LADY ST. MARY, WAREHAM, DORSET

It is difficult to say when the first bells were hung in the tower, but by 1550 there were four bells, and at some later date one more bell was added, making a ring of five.

By an Order of Vestry, September 29th, 1784, these five bells were taken down. At that time there were four bells in the tower of Holy Trinity Church. Three of these were taken down, and with the five bells from Lady St. Mary were recast into a ring of eight by William Mears, of London. These were hung in the tower of Lady St. Mary in 1785.

The total weight of metal was 75 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb., and the tenor weighed approximately 17 cwt. The cost was £290 4s. 10d., 'to which John Calcroft, Esq., contributed a donation of £50, and the inhabitants of St. Mary's parish the residue.' The inscription on the tenor was: 'Messrs. Cole and Swayne Churchwardens. William Mears of London fecit.' It is not known who carried out the hanging, as in those days the bell founders only cast the bells and made the clappers, and then contracted with professional hangers. The oak frame, now 172 years old, is still in good condition.

There still remains one bell in the tower of Holy Trinity (which is now used as a parish hall) and the old frame with its places for three more bells. Unfortunately the bell has no inscription, but from its shape it would not appear to be of great age.

In 1864 the second bell was recast by George Mears and Co., probably because it was cracked. It was invoiced to Mr. S. Bennett, churchwarden, and cost £49 15s. 3d.

In 1900 it was found that the 3rd, 5th, 6th and 7th were cracked, but nothing was done about it.

The first and only peal of more than 5,000 changes to be rung on these bells was on Monday, August 3rd, 1903, being a peal of Stedman Triples in three hours and half a minute. The conductor was Frank Bennett.

By 1910 the tenor was also cracked. John Warner and Sons, Ltd., recast the 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th and tenor, and rehung them in the old frame. The tenor is reputed to be 21 cwt., but is probably about 19 cwt. by its size.

The first peal on these bells was 5,024 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, on August 1st, 1910, conducted by Frank Bennett. The bells were reported to go very well.

However, for several years now, the bells have been increasingly difficult to ring. The 7th is cracked right across the head of the bell, the elm headstocks are badly affected by worm, the wheels are out of shape, and the gudgeons and bearings are badly worn. The tone of the bells, especially that of the 7th, is not good. The church now has a keen band of ringers, and the bells are rung regularly on Sundays and practice nights, but it has become obvious that before very long they will become unringable. If this happens Wareham will have no bells ringing from its parish church for the first time in 400 years.

A fund has now been started to raise about £900, which is the estimated cost of recasting the 7th, tuning the others and rehanging the bells in completely new fittings. Contributions to the fund, however small, would be greatly appreciated, and should be sent to: Mr. J. E. Ashton Taylor, The Gables, Worret Road, Wareham, Dorset.

**BEXLEY, KENT.**—On May 19th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Judith Cox 1, Jean Jones 2, Brenda Foster 3, Susan Nicholson 4, Mary Andrews 5, J. L. Morris (cond.) 6.

**SALISBURY, WILTS.**—On May 12th, at St. Martin's Church, 1,260 Grand sire Doubles: J. Sutton 1, Miss A. Bacon 2, Miss A. Sweeney (first quarter) 3, R. N. Marlow 4, H. Abrahams (cond.) 5, Miss Y. Eloie 6. For Evensong.



## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A very pleasant meeting was held at Marsham on May 11th, when over 50 ringers and friends attended. The service was conducted by the Guild president (the Rev. H. G. Lillingston).

At the business meeting which followed an excellent tea (thanks to the Mothers' Union), new members elected were: Mr. L. Hindle (Mulbarton), Ray E. Cullington (Aylsham), Mr. H. T. Miller (Buxton), Miss D. C. Osborn (Blakeney); unattached, Leslie Melton (Ixworth), Miss B. Payne (Southwold); probationers, Margaret Browning, Sheila Curson, Jennifer Glister, Mary Maddison and John Stroud, all of Norwich.

It was decided to hold an interim meeting at Nkpton and Paston on June 15th, and the quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 13th, at Shipdham.

The Ringing Master (Mr. G. Sayer) said names for the peal for the North Norfolk Branch, at Wymondham on October 5th, were very slow in coming in; would any ringer interested please advise him.

Thanks were expressed by the chairman (Mr. A. G. Bason) to all who had helped to make the meeting such a success. C. B.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD

The annual meeting of the Saxmundham District took place at Aldeburgh on May 11th, with ringers attending from St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, Kingston-on-Thames, and from many parts of Suffolk. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. to suit all tastes and ended with handbell ringing. Twenty-two ringers sat down to tea at the Windmill Restaurant, and a collection for the Bell Restoration Fund raised 14s. 6d. The Vicar (Canon R. Godfrey) took the service.

At the business meeting the hon. secretary (Mr. A. R. Bridges) gave a warm welcome to the visitors, and expressed his regrets that Mr. J. Pilgrim, who had arranged the meeting and tea, was in bed with lumbago. A message of thanks and best wishes for a speedy recovery was sent to him from the meeting.

Mr. A. R. Bridges was re-elected hon. secretary and Mr. J. M. Bailey Ringing Master. Miss Pam Warner, who had recently moved from Mears Ashby, Northants, to near Leiston, was elected a full ringing member, and John Peck a probationer. Leiston was chosen for the next meeting to be held on July 20th.

## A DAY IN FENLAND

Easter Monday was spent in Fenland by 12 ringers from Grantham, who were joined by two more cars of ringers from Ancaster.

Some of the best ringing of the day took place on the pleasant six at Wigtoft, which was followed by Algarkirk, a slow, anti-clockwise six. The party was here augmented by two more cars from Spalding, Silk Willoughby and Stamford. Kirton (8) and Frampton were visited before a picnic lunch.

Three 6-bell towers at Benington, Freiston (a very slow and heavy ring) and Butterwick were visited before tea at Boston. The fine ten at the famous Stump were well worth the climb of the tower, but being rather tired we were glad to find that the previous party from Macclesfield had left the bells up. The last call was Bicker, where despite blisters, some good ringing on the light eight was enjoyed.

Methods rung during the day included Grand-sire from Doubles to Caters, Plain Bob from Minor to Royal, Little Bob, Single and Double Court, Kent Major, Cambridge Minor and, of course, rounds and Queens, plus several solo items after 'Stand' had been called, which proved very popular! Thanks go to incumbents and local ringers, especially those who gave up their Bank Holiday to meet the party.

## OBITUARY

### MR. GEORGE A. ANDREWS

With deep regret we record the passing on April 24th, after a short illness, of Mr. George A. Andrews, of Thorington, Essex, aged 82 years.

'George,' as he was affectionately known to his many friends, learnt to ring at Thorington in the early 1890's with the then call-change band, but soon progressed in method ringing at the neighbouring tower of Great Bentley. It was here that he rang his first peal, one of Minor in seven methods, in 1895, and he joined the Essex Association the same year, being made a life member a few years ago.

The early 1900's were the peak years of the band, of which he was the last survivor, and he is known to have called over 100 720's of Minor in 1907.

After the bells at Great Bentley were augmented to eight he became the usual conductor for Grandsire Triples, and was very proficient at calling the bells home at either stroke from any position at will.

His peal total is uncertain, owing to sketchy records, but it was considerable, although he preferred teaching ringers to peal ringing. It was always his endeavour to instil his own high standard of striking in his pupils, and there must be many ringers in the district, the writer included, who owe their proficiency to the sound tuition which they received from him.

He was well known and generally liked and respected throughout N.E. Essex, and was always glad to attend meetings or help ringers at other towers, while his record of regular Sunday service ringing can have been surpassed by few.

Besides being tower captain and steeplekeeper at Thorington for a great many years, he was the last to hold the ancient office of church clerk, which post he held for 43 years, being also sexton and grave-digger, while the well-kept churchyard bears silent witness to his patience and skill.

His two sons were taught to ring at an early age; the younger, Alan, is now tower captain at Thorington, while his daughter-in-law, son-in-law and grandson also ring there.

At the funeral on April 27th he was laid to rest in the shadow of his beloved tower, a few yards from the gardens of Thorington Hall, where he spent many years of his working life as gardener-handyman.

Among those present were Messrs. H. J. Millatt (District Master, E.A.C.R.), J. Gould (District secretary), A. Cole, E. E. Davey, F. Erith, C. Marven, and members of the local band.

After the service a half-muffled quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung by J. Gould 1, E. E. Davey 2, R. Duesbury 3, G. N. Orman 4, G. Button 5, H. J. Millatt (conductor) 6. May he rest in peace. H. J. M.

### MR. JOHN E. USHER

With regret and sorrow the band at St. Matthew's, Buckley, heard of the death of Mr. John E. Usher on May 12th, aged 73 years. He had been in failing health for the past five years, but in spite of this he made his way to the tower occasionally, and was always ready to participate in a quarter peal.

A few weeks ago his illness took a more serious turn, and he was compelled to take to his bed, but his interest in the tower and ringing was maintained to the end, always with words of encouragement and advice.

He had been a ringer at St. Matthew's since the company was formed in 1903, when he was the youngest member of the band. For many years he held the position of captain. He was also an early member of the North Wales Association.

Mr. Usher did not keep a record of the peals he rang, but his last one was Oxford Bob Triples at St. Matthew's on Easter Monday, 1952, to which he rang the tenor—the only time he rang a tenor to a peal.

The bells of St. Matthew's were rung half-muffled when his body was brought into church on the Tuesday evening, and again after the funeral service on Wednesday. Many ringers were present and the North Wales Association was represented by the secretary and Ringing Master.

John will always be remembered for his ability as a ringer and for his ready smile. R.I.P. D. H. B. M.

## LATE NEWS

We regret to announce the deaths of Mr. Frank Attwater, of Cuckfield, aged 73; Mr. Arthur Wright, B.Sc., of Bargoed, Glam; Mr. James S. Napper, of East Hagbourne.

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## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

### 713 Ringing Members

THE annual meeting of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Hartford on May 11th, by kind permission of the Vicar (Canon F. P. Cheetham, M.A.), who is himself a ringer and was Principal of Egerton Hall, Manchester, from 1924 to 1939, during which time he introduced many of his students to the art of ringing and thus ensured that some clergy at least had some idea of the scope of the Art.

At the festival service he preached an interesting sermon, in which he pointed out that the good gifts of life were gifts from God to be used according to His will, and that ringing was to grace the service of the church just as music did, and that they must have the best they could get. The summoning of men to worship should be an act of worship, and he felt that any other means of calling people to worship other than bells would be inadequate. On this count he made an appeal for good striking for Sunday service ringing, and that ringers should endeavour to teach the public what good ringing was.

After tea in the nearby Church Hall the annual meeting was held, under the chairmanship of the Master (Mr. J. W. Clarke), and some 80 members were present. The accounts, which showed a welcome change from past years in so far as there was now a small credit balance instead of a deficit, were adopted, and also the annual report, which embodied an attempt to state the advantages which accrued from joining the Guild. Membership was 17 honorary, 20 life ringing members and 713 ringing members drawn from 84 towers.

Among the performances recorded in the report were the first peals of Chester Imperial, and Hampton Imperial Bob Major and New Grand sire Doubles, and it was interesting to note that 115 resident members took part in the 87 peals rung together with 49 non-residents. There were 19 first peals and 61 rang peals in new methods. Of the 30 conductors, which itself was a goodly figure, there were two who rang their first peal as conductor.

An important addition to the constitution of the Guild was made by the creation of the office of Deputy-Master, and Mr. A. R. Elkins was elected to the new office.

It was decided to hold the annual dinner at Chester on October 12th and the annual festival in the Stockport Branch on May 10th, 1958.

The officers were all re-elected with expressions of thanks for the work which they did on behalf of the Guild.

The meeting closed with a cordial vote of thanks to Canon Cheetham for his assistance, to the churchwardens, the organist, the local ringers, ably led by Mr. R. W. Worrall, and the ladies who catered so successfully for the tea.

During the afternoon and evening ringing was enjoyed at Hartford, Witton and Davenham, by kind permission of the respective incumbents. C. K. L.

## BARNSELEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

By special invitation, a meeting of the Barnsley and District Association was held at Holy Trinity, Holmfirth, on May 18th. A variety of methods was rung in the afternoon and tea was served in the vestry, followed by the business meeting. At this the Rev. A. Crow, who is vicar-designate of Shelley, presided, and he not only welcomed the Association but expressed his pleasure at meeting Shelley ringers. Arrangements were made for the annual trip in July and for the shield contest to be held at Wentworth on June 29th. Eleven towers were represented.

## NOTICES

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### DEATH

WILLIAMS.—On Friday, May 24th, 1957, after sudden illness, Glyn Williams, towerkeeper and ringer of St. Sannan's Church, Bedwellty. 330

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### MISCELLANEOUS

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Applications for grants and any motions for insertion in the agenda for the annual Guild meeting should be sent to the hon. general secretary by Tuesday, June 4th.—M. R. Cross. 312

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## MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, June 1st: St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, 3 p.m.; Ship, Talbot Court, 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Sec. 299

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Strettham (6) on Saturday, June 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Wilburton (6) available from 7 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 294

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Crusader meeting, Langdon Hills, Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. Willmington, 79, Wallwood Road, Leytonstone, E.11. 266

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Little Chart (6) on Saturday, June 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 300

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LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Meeting at Solihull (10) on Saturday, June 1st. Service 3 p.m. Bells from 4. Tea 5 p.m. 345

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting arranged for June 1st will not, unfortunately, take place, as Epsom bells not available. In lieu, please see arrangements for meeting at Merrow on June 8th. 345

### ALTERATION

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Owing to illness, the Cup Contest meeting is altered from Thrybergh to Wentworth. Start 3 p.m., June 1st. Please bring food unless you have notified for tea; cups of tea available.—J. Seager, Sec. 347

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Stowmarket District.—Meeting at Cotton on Saturday, June 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 259

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Cowlinge (5), Saturday, June 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss R. Seabrook, Clare. 263

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Withyham (8), Saturday, June 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 298

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Monday, June 3rd, at 7 p.m. Church one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station.—T. J. Lock. 314

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—There will be a combined practice at Christ Church, Epsom, on Wednesday, June 5th, at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 275

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined practice at Nutfield (6) on Friday, June 7th, at 7.30 p.m. 333

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Meeting at Rise, Saturday, June 8th. Bells (5) available 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. W. Gray-Nicholson, Hinds House, Park Farm Rise, Skirlaugh, Hull. 343

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Wadhurst (8), Saturday, June 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Fullbrooks Café. Names by 6th.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 326

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Melbourne (6) on Saturday, June 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 326

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Bishopstone (8) on Saturday, June 8th. Names for tea to Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 324



**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Pirbright (6) on Saturday, June 8th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 337

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting at Tring on Saturday, June 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 5th, to Mr. B. Barker, 26, Haverlock Road, Kings Langley. No names, no tea.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 287

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Lyme Regis on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (8) available 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Other towers available: Broadwindsor, 11.45 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and Whitchurch Canonorum, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. Lunch available at Lyme Regis. Names for lunch and/or tea and for seats on coach from Bath/Bristol district to Mrs. de Jong, 6, Beresford Close, Saltford, Bristol. Visitors welcome. 322

**LADIES' GUILD** (Southern District) and **GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Leatherhead District).—Combined meeting, Saturday, June 8th, Merrow, near Guildford. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5 p.m. Bells available at West Clendon 7.30–8.30. Names for tea to Miss P. Warren, Hallhurst, Swaynes Lane, Merrow, near Guildford, by Wednesday, June 5th.—W. Oliver, A. Smith. 344

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at St. Mark's, Worsley, June 8th, 3 p.m. Business after tea. Names before June 5th to P. Derbyshire, 251, Beesley Green, Worsley.—R. Benson. 348

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District.—Meeting, Kirkby-in-Furness, Saturday, June 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names to F. Moorhouse, Suncrest, Kirkby-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby. 331

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Farnworth (Widnes) Parish Church on Saturday, June 8th. Ringing 3 p.m. Names for tea before Wednesday to T. Heathcote, 51, Norlands Lane, Widnes.—G. I. Howlett. 328

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Bilsborrow, Saturday, June 8th. No tea arrangements—small café nearby. Frequent buses, main A6 Preston–Garstang road: alight Roebuck.—L. Walmsley. 316

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Free tea for those who notify by first post, Saturday, 8th. A. Crabtree, 30a, Starkey Street, Heywood.—F. Pritchard. 319

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—Diamond Jubilee, Saturday, June 8th. Ringing arrangements: St. Olave's (Hart Street) and St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 2.30 to 4 p.m. Service, St. Botolph's. Bishopsgate, 4.30. Dinner, Fanmakers' Hall, 6 p.m.—F. W. Goodfellow, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks. Tel. Iver 1039. 293

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Long Stratton, Saturday, June 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 5th, to C. F. Philippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich. 303

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Steeple Claydon, on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by June 4th.—E. F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 336

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Notts District.—Meeting at Dunham (5) on Saturday, June 8th. Brumpton bus from Anchor Inn, Retford, 1 and 3.15 p.m. Lincolnshire from East Retford Church at 3 p.m. Bridge Inn for refreshments.—H. Denman. 339

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—General meeting, Long Melford, Saturday, June 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church School. Names by Thursday, June 6th, to Mr. V. Ambrose, 2, Westgate Street, Long Melford.—J. Blythe. 290

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Annual joint meeting with District Societies and **LADIES' GUILD** (Yorkshire District) at Whiston, near Rotherham, June 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. E. Cutts, 15, Stag Lane, Broom, Rotherham, by 6th. Subscriptions now due and annual reports available. A good attendance is hoped for and a pleasant afternoon guaranteed.—Elizabeth Wardill and J. J. L. Gilbert. 309

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday, June 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 335

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting on Whit Monday, June 10th, at Chelmsford. Service at 11 a.m. in the Cathedral, conducted by the Provost. Address by the Bishop of Barking. Meeting immediately afterwards in the Chapter House. Cathedral bells available from 9.30 to 11 a.m. and from 5 p.m. From 3 to 6 p.m. the following towers are available: Galleywood (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Danbury (6), Sandon (6), and from 6 to 9 p.m.: Boreham (8), Great Baddow (8), Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6). Coffee and biscuits available in the Cathedral Hall from 10.15 p.m. to 10.45 a.m. Lunch, 1.30 p.m.—cost, 4s. 6d. Tea to be served at a running buffet from 5 to 6.15 p.m.—cost, 2s. Tickets for lunch and tea must be obtained prior to the day. Please apply early and by June 3rd, enclosing stamped addressed envelope.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex. 241

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—The annual festival will be held at Teignmouth on Whit Monday, June 10th. Service at St. Michael's Church, 12.15 p.m. Lunch at Gervis Café, 1 o'clock. Tickets (5s.) obtainable in advance from Mr. E. M. Atkins, Rock Cottage, Woodland Avenue, Teignmouth. Business meeting afterwards. Ringing at St. Michael's (8) and St. James' (8) from 11 to 12, and after the business meeting.—Preb. E. V. Cox, Hunthav Close, Axminster. 277

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting and festival at Bridgnorth, Whit Monday, June 10th. Service 3.30 p.m., at St. Leonard's. Towers: St. Mary's, Bridgnorth, Claverley, Quatt, Chetton, Worfield. Bells available 11 a.m. Names for tea to H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth, Salop. 154

**BEDS AND HERTS ASSOCIATIONS.**—Summer festival at St. Albans on Saturday, June 15th. Cathedral service (with handbell voluntary) 4 p.m. Tea at Abbey Institute 5 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Hemel Hempstead (8) 9.30 to 10.25 a.m., Apsley (6) 10.15 to 11.15, King's Langley (8) 11 to 12, Langleybury (6) 11.30 to 12.30, Aldenham (8) 12.30 to 1.30. St. Peter's (10) 2 to 3.30 only. St. Stephen's (6) and St. Michael's (8) 2 to 3.30, also Cathedral (12) 2 to 3.55, are open after tea until 8 p.m. Kimpington (6) open 7 p.m., and other towers if required. Names for tea essential, by previous Wednesday, to H. V. Frost, 43, Leyland Avenue, St. Albans. 332

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND LADIES' GUILD** (North Eastern District).—Combined meeting with Western District at St. Mary's, Whickham, Saturday, June 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, June 13th, to S. Thompson, Poplar Villa, Whickham. 320

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Market Deeping (6), Saturday, June 15th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea and meeting 4 p.m. Names for tea by Monday previous to Mr. H. M. Day, Market Deeping, near Peterborough. Deeping St. James' bells available in the evening.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 340

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Interim meeting at Knapton and Paston on Saturday, June 15th. Bells: Paston (6) and Knapton (5) from 2.30 p.m. Service at Paston 4.15 p.m. Own arrangements for tea, please.—C. B. 342

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Chetwynd, Saturday, June 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea available at garden party. 341

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Annual meeting, Lichfield, Saturday, June 15th. Bells: Cathedral (10) 2.30 to 3.15 and 6.30 to 7.15, St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) also available during the afternoon and evening. Service at St. Maury's 3.30. Tea 4.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, June 12th.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourne. 323

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Godstone on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 12th, to Mr. A. K. Wood, 18, White Cottages, Holland, Oxted. 313

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Wolverley, Saturday, June 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea by Thursday, June 13th. Catering difficult here.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 306

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Annual quarterly meeting at Otley on Saturday, June 15th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in the Burras Lane School, followed by business meeting. Special business, election of officers. Names for tea by the morning of the meeting to Mr. P. Whitaker, 97, Ilkley Road, Otley.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 334

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual meeting at Churchill on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte, Charlbury. 338

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—Annual meeting and festival, New Radnor, Saturday, June 22nd. Towers available: Eardisland (8) 11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m., New Radnor (6) 2.30 to 4 p.m. and after meeting until 6.30 p.m., Old Radnor 6.45 to 8 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea (2s. per head) and meeting. Names, please.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 315

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Bournemouth on Saturday, July 6th. Further details later.—J. A. C. King, Hon. Gen. Sec. 329

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Annual dinner.—The next dinner will be held at the Old Bell, Holborn, on Saturday, February 1st, 1958. Tickets, price 13s., are now obtainable from J. L. Morris, 25, Lancing Road, Orpington, Kent. 327

**NORTHAMPTON.**—At the Church of St. Edmund, on May 19th, 1.260 Doubles (240 Kennington, 240 Old, 240 April Day, 240 Bob and 300 Grandcure, 7, 6, 8 covering): R. S. Roberts 1, Miss D. M. Miller 2, E. Billings 3, R. V. Baker 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5, R. Brawn 6, J. M. Roberts 7, C. R. Harle 8. For morning service.



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