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## POINTS FROM RECENT PEALS

BY THE REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

AS the result of my last article with the above heading on February 1st, I have been able to clear up one or two points, thanks to various correspondents. The claim for the 100th peal at Ewell was quite correct. Claines is not quite as near the century mark as I thought. Mr. Woodyatt has found that five of the peals there were false (which I did not know about or did not spot their withdrawal), so the grand total at the tower is actually 97 now. It won't be a long delay before the 100th true peal is rung there.

Since I last wrote, the 100th peal has duly been rung on the bells of St. Giles', Lincoln, and the 300th (probably) at Hughenden. Congratulations to both towers. I noted last time their nearness to these goals. I did not mention that Leicester Cathedral was also near a milestone (perhaps because peals are rung so frequently there that in the course of a few months such milestones are neared and passed!). However, I believe the 200th peal on the bells was rung there in February. The first of these was in 1902, but before that peals had been rung at the church in the old tower and on the old bells—the last of them on March 27th, 1837. I believe there are four of the old bells in the present ring of twelve. Debenham must be about at the 300 peal mark. I have 'logged' 294 peals there since 1881, but also have found five rung before then, and there may have been others I haven't come across yet. So it would seem there are 15 towers now with 300 or more peals. Bolton, Holy Trinity, has just had its 100th peal since 1881, but I have ten there previous to that. Other landmarks—Bletchley's last peal was the 50th on the bells—the first was in 1894, and Ashbocking's next will also be the 50th there.

And now for infrequent names in the peal lists. There have been two towers which hadn't appeared for nearly 50 years, i.e. before the first world war. Bloxham had had one peal before the recent one—in 1908, whilst Great Comberton had had three, in 1907, 1909 and 1912. Then we find five towers which had had no peals for about 30 years. Thus the only previous peal at Whittington, Shropshire, was one of Stedman Doubles in 1923. Wootton Wawen also has had a peal silence of the same length of time, but it has had two previous peals—both rung in 1923. West Buckland is the next on the list, also with two previous peals rung in 1920 and 1926, whilst Esher, celebrating the first peal on the eight, had peals on the six in 1924 and 1929. Wal-soken has a very similar history of two peals before the recent one, in 1923 and 1929.

Then we come to the 1930's. The only time Porlock has appeared in the peals before was in 1932. Todmorden, Unitarian Church, was last featured in 1933, but this tower was a much more frequent visitor to the peal columns before that date. There have been 21 peals here, the first in 1891. New Mills, Derbyshire, was an even more popular tower at the same time as Todmorden. The last peal here was also in 1933, but the grand total is over 50. There were actually 47 peals from the first in 1900 to 1914, and then four more before the recent one, from 1921 to

1933. Only one of the total is Grandsire Triples (which is rather unusual for that total), and one of the earliest peals of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung here in 1903—the first in the method was rung only two months before. Aston Abbots broke a silence of 20 years with the first peal ever of Stamford Surprise Minor. The two previous peals here were in 1930 and 1936. Reedham's only previous peal was in 1937. I confirm the footnote to the peal at Wandsworth that it was the first since 1937. I have 15 peals here from 1922 to 1930, and only these other two. Stoke-by-Clare seems to like its peals spread out! The three it has had have been in 1903, 1937 and 1957. Five towers had not been heard since 1938. Terrington is the first of these with a total now of five peals. Then comes Keysoe (three in all now), Huntingfield (a five-bell tower, which now joins the select few which can claim 10 peals or more—Stockbury is another addition to this list lately), Brant Broughton (only the second peal since 1914, but there have been seven in all, first in 1906), and Stoke-by-Nayland (both the two previous peals were in 1938, when it was a six-bell tower, of course).

Three more towers were last heard in a peal in 1939. None of them has had many peals. Shelfanger is the first of these—the first peal was rung there in 1930, and there have been four in all now. Then comes Pembridge, whose total is now five—first peal 1928. Lastly, St. Peter-in-Thanel. The nine peals here have been spread over the years from 1892, so they are certainly few and far between.

Finally, we come to a few points of general interest. I last wrote when the peals of 1956 had still not all been published. Now that they have, we find the Loughborough Bell Foundry claiming the most peals rung at any one tower last year—35. It has already had 18 in four months this year, so it looks as if the number will be well beaten this year. It won't be long before it passes the 700 peal mark! The peal at Bredbury (Cheshire) means that all the eight-bell towers in the county have now been 'conquered.' During the last few months Ashton-under-Lyne has had the first peal of Cambridge Maximus since the record long peal in that method (15,312) in 1929, which was, incidentally, the only peal of Cambridge Maximus ever to have been rung there before the recent one. Lastly, it was pleasant to welcome an old friend back to the peal columns—Framlingham. This tower reached the century mark in 1924—long before many other popular towers of to-day, but of late it hasn't appeared very often. The last time was in 1949.

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**TWELVE BELL PEALS**

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Treble	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD .. 7
DAVID E. PARSONS .. 2	GORDON T. PETERS .. 8
ROBIN G. LEALE .. 3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 9
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 4	JAMES G. A. PRIOR .. 10
JOHN HILL .. 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. 11
ARNOLD BRUNTON .. 6	FRANK C. PRICE .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE BELL TOWER,

**A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 36 cwt.

GERALD C. HEMMING .. Treble	EDWIN G. MOORE .. 7
WALTER F. JUDGE .. 2	WILLIAM C. PORTER .. 8
RAYMOND G. BURTON .. 3	EDGAR J. SMITH .. 9
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 10
PETER BAKER .. 5	WILLIAM HIBBERT .. 11
PHILIP WALKER .. 6	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

LONDON, E.C.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

**A PEAL OF 5001 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 41 cwt.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. Treble	JOHN ARMSTRONG .. 7
JOHN PHILLIPS .. 2	GEORGE W. CECIL .. 8
WILFRED WILLIAMS .. 3	JOHN S. MASON .. 9
S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 4	JACK A. WAUGH .. 10
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 5	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. 11
ALAN F. THIRST .. 6	FRANK E. DARBY .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. Treble	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 7
*ALBERT WALKER .. 2	H. JAMES TURNER .. 8
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 9
HENRY H. FEARN .. 4	JOHN PINFOLD .. 10
LEONARD TREVOR .. 5	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 11
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 6	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

\* 550th peal on 12 bells.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 40 cwt. 10 lb. in B.

*DAVID ARMSTRONG .. Treble	†ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 7
BARRY HOLLAND .. 2	DENNIS HOLLAND .. 8
†JOHN S. SEAGER .. 3	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 9
JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 4	†JOHN M. JELLEY .. 10
†HAROLD TAYLOR .. 5	†PHILIP MEHEW .. 11
NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 6	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Maximus. † First peal on 12 bells. First peal on 12 bells as conductor, and has now conducted peals of Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 20, 1957, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF 5280 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 25 cwt.

PHYLLIS POOLE .. Treble	*JOHN A. ACRES .. 7
*REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. 2	*J. FREDK. MILNER .. 8
*WILLIAM A. LACEY .. 3	*S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 9
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 10
*DOREEN DUTTON .. 5	*E. ALAN JACQUES .. 11
SHIRLEY BURTON .. 6	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

\* First peal of Surprise Maximus in the method.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 4, 1957, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D flat.

CHARLES W. WALKLATE .. Treble	GORDON A. HALLS .. 6
DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 2	DEREK P. JONES .. 7
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER .. 3	*VIVIANNE M. HORTON .. 8
PETER J. SKINNER .. 4	HAROLD TAYLOR .. 9
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 5	PHILIP H. WHITAKER .. Tenor

Composed by G. FREEBREY.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

\* 50th peal. First peal of Caters as conductor.

Rung in honour of the wedding this day of Robin G. Turner, of Wellingborough, and Margaret Saunders, of Derby, at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Derby.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,

**A PEAL OF 5001 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

ALBERT W. COLES .. Treble	JOHN W. EUSTON .. 6
JOHN WALDEN .. 2	FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW .. 7
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 3	HAROLD W. CLARK .. 8
JOHN FREEMAN .. 4	H. REGINALD WOODS .. 9
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 5	W. NORMAN GENNA .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 25 cwt. 24 lb. in D.

STEPHEN IVIN .. Treble	WALTER AYRE .. 6
*JUNE GLADMAN .. 2	FREDERICK J. PLUMMER .. 7
*JOYCE DODDS .. 3	GEOFFREY DODDS .. 8
*ANN M. COX .. 4	WALTER LEE .. 9
DENNIS KNOX .. 5	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. Tenor

Composed by G. E. SYMONDS.

Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal 'inside.'

Rung as a birthday compliment to Alfred E. Rushton.

WREXHAM, DENBIGH.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL**

No. 3 version.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

EDWARD JENKINS .. Treble	JOHN WORTH .. 6
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	BRIAN HARRIS .. 7
BASIL JONES .. 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 8
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 4	PETER LAFLIN .. 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

The first peal of London Surprise Royal to be rung in Wales.

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## NORWICH.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 21, 1957, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT.

## A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

*WILLIAM LOVE .. .. Treble	JOHN S. BARNES .. .. 6
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 2	GEORGE P. ADAMS .. .. 7
GEORGE SAYER .. .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. .. 8
*F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. .. 4	*CLIFFORD BIRD .. .. 9
ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 5	BERT GOGLE .. .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

A compliment to Mr. Tom Eaton, a member of the church, on his election as Lord Mayor.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

AT THE PREBENDAL CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 BOB ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C sharp.

ERNEST MORRIS .. .. Treble	*WILLIAM A. LACEY .. .. 6
*PETER J. KIRK .. .. 2	COLIN P. WALKER .. .. 7
*S. ANTHONY JESSON .. .. 3	ALAN CATELL .. .. 8
GORDON A. OLLIFFE .. .. 4	JOHN E. COOKE .. .. 9
*JOHN MOORE .. .. 5	†EDWARD J. CLEMENTS .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

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

A farewell to the tenor ringer, who left for Canada on May 31st, the ringers wishing him God-speed.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

## BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

JACK S. DEAR .. .. Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS .. .. 5
EDWIN G. BUCK .. .. 2	*DAVID SUTCLIFFE .. .. 6
K. PATRICIA HUTTON .. .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. .. 7
*J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE (C.C.C. 10). Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

\* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'

Rung in honour of the wedding this day of Mr. Frank E. Haynes to Miss Jane E. Thorpe, at Frodsham, Cheshire.

## GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

SIDNEY MARSHALL .. .. Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 5
ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 2	JOHN S. BARNES .. .. 6
GEORGE SAYER .. .. 3	*GEORGE P. ADAMS .. .. 7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. .. 4	BERT GOGLE .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

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

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wed., May 15, 1957, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

JOHN CHILCOTT .. .. Treble	ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 5
C. ERNEST SMITH .. .. 2	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. .. 6
JOHN S. MASON .. .. 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. .. 7
MICHAEL P. MORETON .. .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

## HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 15, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.

## A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

CLIFFORD BIRD .. .. Treble	JOHN S. BARNES .. .. 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. .. 2	BERT GOGLE .. .. 6
ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 3	GEORGE P. ADAMS .. .. 7
GEORGE SAYER .. .. 4	NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method on the bells; the only other peal in the method in the tower was in 1914, conducted by Frank Bennett.

A compliment to Susan Harrison, of Diss.

## COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Fri., May 17, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 2,880 Yorkshire and 2,176 Cambridge, with 134 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

ERNEST J. JELLEY .. .. Treble	GORDON A. HALLS .. .. 5
*JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. .. 2	*VIVIANNE M. HORTON .. .. 6
*ROLAND BENISTON .. .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. .. 7
†FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 4	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE FREEBRY. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. † First peal of Spliced Surprise Major 'inside.' First peal of Spliced Surprise Major as conductor.

A farewell to John M. Jelley on joining H.M. Forces.

## DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

## A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

*ERNEST PAULSON .. .. Treble	GEORGE H. PAULSON .. .. 5
*DAVID A. MELLOR .. .. 2	HERBERT E. TAYLOR .. .. 6
MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON .. .. 3	ALEX. RICHARDSON .. .. 7
WILLIAM A. SMITH .. .. 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

\* First peal in the method.

## EYE, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

## A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 1,472 Yorkshire, 2,176 Cambridge and 1,408 Superlative; 134 changes of method. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

CHARLES W. BEECROFT .. Treble	GEORGE SAYER .. .. 5
*WILLIAM CLOVER .. .. 2	ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 6
FRANK RUFFLES .. .. 3	WALTER RUFFLES .. .. 7
WALTER W. MILLER .. .. 4	NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in three Spliced Surprise. First of Spliced Surprise on the bells.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Brunning.

## FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*MICHAEL CARTER .. .. Treble	FREDERICK A. BARKER .. .. 5
THOMAS BEVAN .. .. 2	CHARLES C. WARD .. .. 6
MABEL A. PROCKSON .. .. 3	†BERNARD J. WILLIS .. .. 7
ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER .. .. 4	LEONARD E. TUBB .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD J. WILLIS.

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

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Barker, who give thanks for attaining their golden wedding anniversary.

## HATFIELD BROAD OAK, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

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

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

## HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5280 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK STEAD .. .. Treble	G. ALEC DIMMOCK .. .. 5
RONALD KENRICK .. .. 2	*VICTOR J. C. WOOD .. .. 6
*NORMAN SMITH .. .. 3	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. .. 7
*ROGER LEIGH .. .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. E. Roger Martin, a member of this Association for 50 years.



## STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

JOHN H. BAILESS .. .. Treble	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 5
*JOHN VERNON .. .. 2	†GRAHAM T. BALL .. .. 6
MICHAEL E. BROWN .. .. 3	†MICHAEL VERNON .. .. 7
PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise Major.

Rung as a compliment to Mrs. Sarah Peters, a lifelong Church worker of this parish, on the occasion of her 102nd birthday.

## WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. ALBAN,

## A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. in D.

JAMES BENNETT .. .. Treble	ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. 5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. .. 2	RANALD W. M. CLOUSTON .. 6
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP .. .. 3	ERNEST V. BLAKE .. .. 7
HARRY D. LISTER .. .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

Rung by eight Suffolk men, at the special request of the authorities and ringers of the Abbey, to commemorate the 850th anniversary.

## TONBRIDGE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2 variation.

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. Treble	BERNARD V. COLLISON .. .. 5
THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 2	WALTER H. DOBBIE .. .. 6
ERNEST J. LADD .. .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. .. 7
*WILLIAM R. MANSER .. .. 4	ROBERT COLLINS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

\* First peal in the method.

## SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE .. Treble	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 2	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 6
PHYLLIS POOLE .. .. 3	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. .. 7
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 4	ERNEST J. JELLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal of Yorkshire. Last peal by John Jelley before joining H.M. Forces.

A 21st birthday compliment to Glenys Bodycote and to mark her engagement to Andrew Haines.

## WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

On Thurs., May 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. .. 5
RONALD H. BULLEN .. .. 2	ALICK CUTLER .. .. 6
LEONARD BOWLER .. .. 3	DENNIS KNOX .. .. 7
ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

First peal in the method as conductor.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Fri., May 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5024 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Treble	JOHN L. MORRIS .. .. 5
ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. .. 6
ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. .. 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

First peal in the method as conductor, and for the Society.

Rung on Empire Day.

## WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM WOODWARD .. Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON .. .. 5
PHYLLIS POOLE .. .. 2	E. ALAN JACQUES .. .. 6
JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 7
J. FREDK. MILNER .. .. 4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

## BLOXHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF BLOXHAM.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in D flat.

WILLIAM J. CHESTER .. Treble	EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. 5
J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN .. 2	GEORGE F. BURTON .. .. 6
CHARLES COLES .. .. 3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. .. 7
EDMUND E. PEARSON .. .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal of Major on the bells. The conductor's 600th peal, 400 of which have been rung for the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

## BREDBURY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

## A PEAL OF 5376 BOB MAJOR

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

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Treble	ALAN MCFALL .. .. 5
BERNARD GROVES .. .. 2	MICHAEL J. PRYOR .. .. 6
*FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 3	WILLIAM A. SMITH .. .. 7
COLIN DEWSNAP .. .. 4	†ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS ('R.W.', 17/5/57).

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

\* First peal of Bob Major. † 25th peal and first as conductor. First peal in the method and longest length on the bells.

## CRESSWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

*GEORGE CHALLANS .. Treble	*DENNIS A. SMEDLEY .. .. 5
HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. 2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 6
GEORGE E. FOSTER .. .. 3	WILLIAM L. EXTON .. .. 7
LEWIS HEMSTOCK .. .. 4	CHARLES J. COPP .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

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

## DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

NORMAN TOMPKINS .. Treble	JAMES L. WRIGHT .. .. 5
ALBERT GREENHALGH .. 2	ROGER LEIGH .. .. 6*
CHARLES SHARPLES .. .. 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. .. 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. .. 4	SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

First peal in the method on the new bells.

An 81st birthday compliment to the third ringer.

## KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

MARIAN H. MILLS .. Treble	†URBAN W. WILDNEY .. .. 5
GEORGE N. ORMAN .. .. 2	ALLEN W. CANSDALE .. .. 6
*ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK .. 3	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT .. .. 7
EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE .. 4	†HARRY J. MILLATT .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.

\* 50th peal. † 25th peal together. First in method on the bells.



**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

MELBOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

Being an extent each of London, York, Beverley, Surfleet, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge.

PAMELA A. LATCHFORD .. Treble	*T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 4
JOHN G. GIPSON .. .. 2	DEREK E. LATCHFORD .. 5
J. DESMOND PAINTER.. .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

\*First peal in seven Surprise methods. First peal in seven Surprise methods as conductor.

Rung to welcome Christine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gipson.

BARKSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

The extent of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 13 lb.

HARRY BARNES .. .. Treble	G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 4
LOUIS WILLIERS .. .. 2	WILLIAM H. DALE .. 5
AMOS INGALL .. .. 3	GEORGE W. CREASEY.. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. CREASEY.

A compliment to Mr. C. D. Bent upon completing 50 years as organist at the neighbouring Church of St. Mary, Syston.

CADOXTON, NEAR NEATH, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 15, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

EDMUND J. MORRIS .. Treble	*TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 4
EDWARD PHILLIPS .. .. 2	GWYN I. LEWIS .. 5
*ERNEST STITCH .. .. 3	BENJAMIN WILLIAMS.. Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

\*75th peal together.

GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 15, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JOHN AND GILES,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B., and one 720 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

HAROLD W. MOORE .. Treble	H. WALTER SMITH .. 4
ALFRED H. LITTLE .. .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 5
FRANK E. L. HARRINGTON.. 3	GEORGE SAUNDERS .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., May 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in eight methods: Norwich Surprise, Combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ 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.

\*First peal in eight methods.

HIGH EASTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 17, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

In seven methods: Chester, London, Wells, York, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.

Tenor 19 cwt.

DAVID HODGSON .. Treble	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 4
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.. 5
IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. 3	JOE E. G. ROAST .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

Rung at the invitation of the local ringers as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Norma Peacock, ringer and Sunday School teacher at High Easter. Also with the best wishes of the band to Ewart Edge, on his recent wedding to Miss Julia Preston. A birthday compliment to John Symonds, son of the second ringer.

TILNEY ALL SAINTS, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 17, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

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

MICHAEL G. GATHERCOLE Treble	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 4
JOHN WILSON .. .. 2	WILLIAM ROSE .. 5
LESLIE W. HOUGHTON .. 3	RICHARD E. PAICE .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD E. PAICE.

BOBBING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MICHAEL C. MAY (age 11) Treble	EDWARD C. BARTON .. 4
HAZEL V. DADSON .. .. 2	GEORGE KENWARD .. 5
BERT W. MAY .. .. 3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

\*First peal and first attempt.

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

FRANK BORLEY .. Treble	*AUBREY T. BRETT .. 4
HUBERT A. MITSON .. .. 2	*M. PAUL UNDERWOOD .. 5
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 3	LESLIE N. MELTON .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.

\*First attempt for a peal.

A birthday compliment to Hubert H. Mitson and Miss Alice E. J. Lester.

CHENIES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and 30 extents of Grand-sire (ten callings).

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

EDGAR G. SWIFT .. Treble	†DONALD R. BARTHOLOMEW 4
*MARY G. CARNOCHAN .. 2	§D. JOSEPH GOODMAN .. 5
†MICHAEL G. SWIFT .. 3	§BRIAN J. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR G. SWIFT.

\*First peal \*inside. †First in two methods. ‡First peal. §First of Doubles.

DEEPIING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven 720's, one each of London, Cambridge, Primrose, Norfolk, Ipswich, Beverley and York.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

MRS. J. W. HAW .. Treble	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD .. 4
ALBERT E. SCOTT .. .. 2	JAMES W. HAW .. 5
CECIL WADE .. .. 3	RICHARD E. PRICE .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Ruth Morgan (ringer of the treble) to James W. Haw (ringer of the fifth), which took place at St. Mary's Church, Swanage, Dorset, on Saturday, April 27th, 1957.

GREAT BIRCHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 BOB DOUBLES**

Being four callings.

Tenor 9 cwt. 17 lb.

TONY OWEN .. Treble	CECIL V. EBBERTSON .. 3
ROBERT ALLCOCK .. .. 2	SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. 4
JOHN COUZENS .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent of Double Court, three of Cambridge Surprise, one of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

JOSEPH PAPWORTH .. Treble	ALAN R. SYDER .. 4
JOHN WARNER .. .. 2	CHARLES W. BURTON .. 5
ALAN R. ELLIOTT .. .. 3	TERRY EARLE .. Tenor

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. A. R. Elliott.



## NORTHAMPTON.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR,

## A PEAL OF 5040 BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*ROBERT S. ROBERTS... .. Treble	MICHAEL R. BENNETT... .. 4
*ERIC BILLINGS... .. 2	ROBIN V. BAKER... .. 5
GEORGE F. ROOME... .. 3	VICTOR A. PERRY... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

\* First peal.

Rung as a farewell to Eric Billings, who is joining H.M. Forces.

## SPAXTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 19 cwt.

*B. JEAN STEVENS... .. Treble	DENNIS G. MILLER... .. 4
*PAMELA M. STEVENS... .. 2	CECIL T. CLARKE... .. 5
†F. A. KEITH PRIME... .. 3	RONALD D. SHORT... .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD D. SHORT.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First of Minor on the bells.

## SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob, two extents of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

DENIS R. CARLISLE... .. Treble	GORDON A. HALLS... .. 4
*IVAN BARLOW... .. 2	†ARTHUR B. SHEPPARD... .. 5
PETER G. BELLAMY-KNIGHT... .. 3	DEREK P. JONES... .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

A 55th birthday compliment to Mrs. I. M. Jones, mother of the conductor.

## WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain, and one 720 of St. Clement's. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

*JOHN D. DOWE... .. Treble	HORACE V. LUBBOCK... .. 4
JOHN R. SMITH... .. 2	WALTER C. MEDLER... .. 5
A. FREDERICK BOYCE... .. 3	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

\* First peal.

## BAGLAN, GLAMORGAN.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,440 Plain Bob, 3,600 Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

*JEAN HOWELL... .. Treble	TREVOR M. RODERICK... .. 4
ERNEST STITCH... .. 2	GWYN I. LEWIS... .. 5
EDWARD PHILLIPS... .. 3	EDMUND J. MORRIS... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE I. LEWIS.

\* First peal.

Rung for the 75th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

## WHEPSTEAD, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., May 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETRONELLA,

## A PEAL OF 5040 BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 7 cwt.

*JOE PETTITT... .. Treble	*ARTHUR W. ROLFE... .. 3
KENNETH G. BROWN... .. 2	*ANTHONY R. MANN... .. 4
†LESLIE N. MELTON... .. Tenor	

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

\* First peal of Bob Doubles. † 25th peal.

## WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., May 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb.

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

Conducted by PETER KINDRED.

## ASTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 30 extents of Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE... .. Treble	GEORGE CHERRY... .. 4
WALTER BROWN... .. 2	*DAVID GULLICK... .. 5
KENNETH TIMBURY... .. 3	†REGINALD LUXON... .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID GULLICK.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

## GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Chester, London, Wells, York, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 7½ cwt.

DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS... .. Treble	PETER J. CAME... .. 4
MARY DOWSETT... .. 2	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON... .. 5
*GERALD M. ROUSE... .. 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE... .. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

\* First peal in seven Surprise methods. The ring of the fifth has now 'circled the tower.'

## REDBOURN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten different callings). Tenor 15½ cwt.

*MICHAEL D. FROST... .. Treble	†BERTRAM C. JOHNSON... .. 4
BERTIE A. CORNELL... .. 2	*FREDERICK W. ELLIS... .. 5
†STANLEY H. HUCKLE... .. 3	JOE HOBBS... .. Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM C. JOHNSON.

\* First peal in method. † First of Doubles.

## SUTTON-IN-THE-ISLE, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

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

Conducted by DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS.

The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to Peter Border, Association Central Council representative, and Miss Ruth Jackson, on their engagement.

## WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Eastern Branch.)

On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

MALCOLM FRANKLIN... .. Treble	LESLIE H. TAYLOR... .. 4
JOSEPH W. BAILEY... .. 2	HAROLD GIBSON... .. 5
*FREDERICK W. ELKINGTON... .. 3	ALBERT E. FLATTERS... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. FLATTERS.

\* First peal.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

IN THE SCHOOL.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being one extent of Double Bob and six of Plain Bob.

Tenor size 11 in G.

*GERALD PENNEY... .. 1—2	WALTER AYRE... .. 3—4
†STANLEY HUCKLE... .. 5—6	

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal in two methods 'in hand.' † First peal in two methods.

## CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 23, 1957, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten different callings). Tenor size 11 in C.

*E. J. CHIVERS... .. 1—2	R. G. BECK... .. 3—4
†E. C. WADMAN... .. 5—6	

Conducted by R. G. BECK.

\* First peal away from tenor. † First peal on handbells.



## QUARTER PEALS

**BRISTOL.**—At the Lord Mayor's Chapel, on May 25th, 1,260 Bob Minor: D. Heighton (cond.) 1, T. P. Edwards 2, Miss P. M. Bourn 3, P. J. Bird 4, A. P. Smith 5, F. D. Mark 6. Rung by members of the University of Bristol Society prior to the Founders' Day service held in the Cathedral.

**BROUGHTON, STAFFS.**—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Taylor (first quarter) 1, J. Nixon (first 'inside') 2, P. S. Whalley 3, H. Roberts 4, W. N. Lawton 5, W. Talbot 6, D. R. Whalley (cond.) 7, H. Whittal 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Vicar, who had recently died.

**BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.**—On May 26th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. Deacon 1, G. M. Rouse 2, S. W. Bigmore 3, A. T. M. Perry 4, D. Robinson (first in method) 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6.

**CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.**—On May 21st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: H. Purchase (cond.) 1, W. Baker 2, G. Sparkes 3, W. Nurcombe 4, F. Caseley 5, A. Gale 6.

**HALESOWEN, WORCS.**—On May 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Greenhall 1, J. H. Cox (cond.) 2, L. Clissett 3, B. E. Woodall 4, Winifred Pretty 5, T. Greenhall 6, H. Shilvoek 7, A. H. Harris 8. Rung for a service of commemoration and thanksgiving on the occasion of the centenary of James Grove and Sons, Ltd.

**HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.**—On May 26th, 1,260 Doubles (four extents of Bob and 64 of Grandsire): A. R. Crump (first quarter) 1, Miss E. M. Yardley 2, I. D. Thompson 3, L. C. Wilkday 4, A. N. Stubbs (cond.) 5, P. M. Fleming (first quarter) 6. First quarter in more than one method for all the band. Rung for Evensong.

**HELMDON, NORTHANTS.**—On May 11th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. J. Chester 1, M. Saunders 2, Miss B. Mansfield 3, A. Mansfield 4, W. F. Eyden 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6. A compliment to John G. Shellard and Miss E. Ballard, married this day at Paulerspury, Northants.

**KEMPSTON, BEDS.**—On May 25th, 1,344 Bob Major: Mary E. Stephens 1, Angela Grainger 2, K. Fleming (first of Major) 3, Phyllis M. Gray 4, B. Grainger 5, R. Piron 6, P. Newing (cond.) 7, J. B. Long 8. Rung for the birthday of Mary Stephens.

**KING'S WALDEN, HERTS.**—On April 28th, 1,260 Bob Minor: C. Walklate (13, first of Minor) 1, K. Ballington (13) 2, P. Mehew 3, Angela Willes 4, R. Copping 5, D. P. Jones (cond.) 6.

**LLANBADARN, CARDS.**—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gareth Harris (first of Doubles) 1, Glenys Thomas 2, T. Gwilliam 3, R. Hitchcock 4, G. Harris (cond.) 5, P. Humphreys (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to Her Majesty the Queen. Also May 18th, 1,240 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury and 1,000 Bob): Anne Jones 1, R. Hitchcock 2, G. Harris 3, D. Walklate (cond.) 4, A. Evans 5, T. Gwilliam 6.

**ROMSEY, HANTS.**—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Allen 1, G. Northway 2, Miss A. Knight 3, M. Northway (cond.) 4, A. Fry 5, I. Templeton 6, J. Page 7, C. White 8. Rung for the election of Cclr. R. A. Duke as Mayor.

**RYE, SUSSEX.**—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary G. Hicks 1, Noreen Winter 2, C. A. Jordan (first 'inside') 3, A. J. Hicks 4, J. Small (cond.) 5, Geraldine Saunders 6, Judith S. Walker 7, S. Skinner 8. Cover 7, 6, 8. For Mayoring Day.

**STAMFORD HILL, N.**—On May 25th, 1,320 St. Clement's Bob Minor: P. Rowe 1, L. Hawes 2, F. Secker 3, M. Cubitt 4, E. J. Rowe 5, M. J. Rowe (first of Minor as cond.) 6. Conductor's 50th quarter on bells. Also on May 26th, 1,320 Netherseale Surprise Minor: L. Hawes 1, P. Rowe (25th quarter on bells) 2, M. Cubitt 3, M. J. Rowe 4, B. Bladon (cond.) 5, E. J. Rowe 6. First in method by all.

**TETSWORTH, OXON.**—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Stone 1, R. Lindars 2, A. Peasley 3, W. Elles 4, W. Gibbard (cond.) 5, T. Lay 6. Rung for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. T. Lay.

**THURNEY, LEICS.**—On May 26th, 1,260 Doubles (240 St. Simon's, 480 Bob, 540 Grandsire): W. Bott 1, M. Roote 2, J. Pawley 3, K. Rands 4, L. Wykes (cond.) 5, J. Cadwallader 6. For Evensong, and as a compliment to Miss L. Hickin and Mr. P. Pawley (both ringers in this tower) on their marriage the previous day.

**WANDSWORTH, SURREY.**—At All Saints' Church, on May 19th, 1,264 Bob Major: J. Chapman 1, J. Euston (cond.) 2, Miss A. Garnett 3, M. Williamson 4, J. Rea 5, G. Parsons 6, E. Talbot 7, R. Bullen (Darley Dale, Darbys.) 8. For choir festival.

**WEST KIRBY, CHESHIRE.**—On May 12th, 1,260 Bob Triples: Jane Pettit 1, Elizabeth Taylor 2, Elizabeth Bailey 3, J. B. Andrew 4, J. N. Jukes 5, A. C. Houston 6, I. M. Robertson (first as cond.) 7, K. G. Boyce 8. First quarter for 1, 2 and 3. To celebrate the conductor's 21st birthday.

**WIMBLEDON, SURREY.**—On May 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Sinden 1, J. Tomsett 2, A. Bishop 3, Susan Jacobs 4, P. Devenish 5, M. P. Moreton 6, F. Corfield (cond.) 7, E. Jacobs 8.

**WOBURN, BEDS.**—On May 24th, 1,344 Bob Major: Mrs. F. Spavins 1, Angela Grainger 2, Anne Spavins 3, H. B. Whitney 4, B. Grainger 5, R. R. Churchill 6, P. Newing (cond.) 7, K. G. Spavins 8. Rung for the birthday of His Grace, John, 13th Duke of Bedford.

**WRINGTON, SOMERSET.**—On May 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Ferris 1, M. Collins 2, Mrs. M. Collins 3, Mrs. W. Kingcott 4, J. Brain (first on eight) 5, W. Kingcott 6, H. W. Knight (cond.) 7, M. Board 8. For evening service.

**ZENNOR, CORNWALL.**—On May 21st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: H. Miles (cond.) 1, Marion L. Lidgley 2, Mrs. G. E. Bawden 3, Una T. Crawley 4, G. E. Bawden 5, M. Peters 6. First in method by 3, 4, 5 and 6.

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May 18th was a great day for the Ancient Society of College Youths, when six peal attempts of Stedman Cinques were made. Peals were rung at Croydon, Evesham, Cornhill and Walsall. The attempt at Newport, Mon, failed due to a shift course after an hour and a quarter's ringing, and the other at Southwark Cathedral came to grief about the same time due to a broken rope.

The peal at Longstanton on May 9th (see page 344) was rung at the Church of All Saints and not St. Michael (which has only two bells). Sender's correction.

Mr. Albert Walker, of Birmingham, has rung his 550th 12-bell peal. With that optimism that never forsakes him, he writes: 'Only 450 more for the 1,000th!'

Bells will be heard prior to the morning service to be broadcast on Whit Sunday at 9.30 a.m. from Sturry Parish Church, Kent, when the Archbishop of Canterbury will preach the sermon.

As a wedding compliment to Mr. Eric M. Brett, only son of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Brett, and Miss Sybil A. Smith, the Framsdon band attempted a peal of Yorkshire Surprise, which unfortunately came to grief through a broken rope after 2½ hours.

Sixteen members of Oxford University Society had a tower grab on May 18th, ringing at Lambourn (8, tenor 23 cwt.) and Uffingham (5, tenor 15 cwt.). The grab involved a nine-mile walk. On the White Horse landmark on the Downs a course of Bob Major was rung on handbells. It is said that on reaching Oxford and counting the party through the railway barrier, the organiser struggled off to the Labour Exchange to look for a vacation job as a shepherd.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

The ringers of the golden wedding peal at Eye found their hostelry, Sunnyside, in Castle Street, already taken over by a band of ringers who had been up to Wymondham, Norfolk, for a peal of Cambridge. But there was no need for concern, for the hospitality of Superintendent and Mrs. Claude Rush is equal to any occasion. All are most grateful to them for welcome refreshment—especially the back-enders, who toiled with unusual ardour not many yards away.

The date of the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Penn should be Saturday, May 4th, and not May 8th (see page 323).

With a peal of Doubles at Redbourn, Mr. Bertram C. Johnson has now conducted Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques.

Miss Barbara A. Mitchell has returned to Bahrein. During her holiday she only scored one peal, Cambridge Surprise Major, at Hythe on May 25th.

Guildford Diocesan Guild has lost by death two veterans this past week. Mr. Robert Whittington, of Cranleigh, aged 89, a vice-president, died on Saturday, and Mr. Reginald Lathbury, aged 71, of Walton-on-Thames, in St. Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, on May 30th. Mr. Lathbury was also connected with the Surrey Association and was hon. secretary of the Northern District until recent years.

We hear that the wooden tower at Horley, Surrey, is unsafe and the bells are expected to be silent for many years. Mr. Alfred J. Bull, captain of this tower, we note, was ringing in a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Godstone to mark the beginning of his retirement. He hopes to devote his time to bee-keeping, bell ringing and 'bobbying' (as a special constable).

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## CHELMSFORD'S GREAT WELCOME

Mr. Robert C. Heazel, of Wimbish, Saffron Walden, the Master of the Essex Association, has sent the following letter of welcome to Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, M.A., president of the Central Council. It was in 1929 that the Council last visited the county town of Essex.

*Dear Mr. Lewis,—As Master of the Essex Association of Change Ringers I extend to you and all the Central Council representatives a welcome to Chelmsford. I am convinced that the Essex ringers will do all in their power to make your visit a success and will endeavour to give you all a happy time.*

*I am looking forward to meeting many friends, both young and old. There will be some who owing to the passage of time I shall find it hard to remember; the light of memory will brighten when someone mentions a long-forgotten incident.*

*The wonderful fellowship which exists between ringers, of which you as president of the Central Council are the focal point, draws us all together, male and female, old and young, with their own talents uniting in their efforts to give joy and happiness in a cause, the bounds of which it is not possible to assess by human standards.*

*I trust that your visit to our county town on the occasion when it is your intention to retire from your high office will prove to be a very memorable experience.—Yours sincerely,*

**ROBERT C. HEAZEL,**

Master, The Essex Association.



**ROBERT C. HEAZEL**

## CENTRAL COUNCIL'S FINAL ARRANGEMENTS

**HEADQUARTERS.**—The County Hotel. All ringers and friends will be welcome at headquarters during the weekend and after the Council meeting.

### WHITSUN TUESDAY

Holy Communion in the Cathedral at 7.30 a.m. Council meeting in the Shirehall at 10 a.m. Members are asked to sign the roll and be in their places by 9.45 a.m.

Tea, by the kind invitation of the Essex Association, at 5 p.m.

Social gathering at Headquarters in the evening.

**E. A. BARNETT,**  
Hon. Secretary.

### RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

**SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH.**—Cathedral (12), 10 to 11 a.m. and 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.; Great Waltham (8), 10.15 to 11 a.m. and 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.; Great Baddow (8), 10 to 11 a.m. and 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.; Writtle (8), 10 to 11 a.m. and 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.; Danbury (6), 10 to 11 a.m. and 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.; Sandon (6), 10 to 11 a.m. and 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.; Kelvedon (6), 10 to 11 a.m. and 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.

For Monday's ringing see Essex Association notice.

### RINGING TOURS

**SUNDAY.**—Leave Headquarters at 1 p.m. for Coggeshall, Colchester, East Bergholt, Stoke-by-Nayland and Halstead.

**MONDAY.**—Leave Headquarters at 9.30 a.m. for Hatfield Broad Oak, Great Dunmow, Thaxted, Saffron Walden, visit to Audley End House, Finchingfield and Bocking.

## TOWERS IN THE COUNTY, TOWN & VILLAGES THAT WOULD REPAY A VISIT

**CHELMSFORD**, the county town of Essex and centre of the Chelmsford Diocese, might have been described as a pleasant, quiet country market town a few years ago. The weekly cattle market is still held in the town centre, causing much confusion on market day. The precincts of the town have spread considerably in latter years and its industries increased to provide work for many from the surrounding countryside.

The Parish Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, raised to Cathedral status in 1913 and recently renamed the Cathedral Church, St. Mary-the-Virgin, St. Peter and St. Cedd, has a solidly built 15th century west tower with set back buttresses; the battlements are of Decorated flush flintwork carrying the eight pinnacles. The tower is topped with an open lantern and leaded needle spire. The Cathedral contains a number of interesting monuments—the American Memorial Porch is unique and worthy of careful inspection. There are plans showing a building worthy of the great diocese that the Cathedral serves. Planning approval has been granted to clear the land on the north side to form a close, which will be bordered by local and diocesan administrative buildings—this will provide an open space in the centre of the town. The bells are 13 in number (tenor 34 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in C sharp), including a flat sixth to form a lighter octave.

**Great Baddow.**—The Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin has a very pleasant exterior—the many period restorations have added to its charm; there are a number of very interesting items among its treasures. The tower contains a fine ring of eight bells (tenor 14½ cwt.). These bells have been tuned by the early Simpson Tuning Principle; being hung on ball-bearings they are a joy to ring.

**Boreham**, a small village on the Chelmsford to Colchester road, is a place of historical interest; it has great houses and quaint cottages. The Church of St. Andrew, with its central Norman tower, is a building where the student of architecture can browse and contemplate on its many unusual features. The central tower contains a ring of eight bells (tenor 13 cwt. 19 lb.).

**Broomfield**, a pretty little village on the Chelmsford to Braintree road, is being completely surrounded with new estate houses. The Church of St. Mary has a Norman nave and chancel and also a round Norman tower. The 6-bell ring (tenor 11½ cwt.) is the pride and care of the local band, who have done a great deal to get them in the splendid condition they are in today.

**Danbury**, with its famous hill, the village nestling on the top like a coronet, with the church spire seeming to look out and survey the whole of Chelmsford. The vast open common with its views of the surrounding countryside is the venue of many picnicks in the summer months. The Church of St. John-the-Baptist, now fully restored after its heavy war damage, is full of interest to historians and ringers. The belfry, with its ring of six (tenor 12 cwt.), has been the nursery of some fine young ringers.

**Galleywood**, with its common, which in the past provided a racecourse, is a favourite place for trippers. The church, standing on the common, had the race track round it, and it must have sounded very suburban to have had a race around the church. The church, dedicated to St. Michael and All Angels, has an 8-bell ring (tenor 14½ cwt.).

**Sandon**, a small growing village between Great Baddow and Danbury, has its church in

a very pretty setting. Dedicated to St. Andrew, it has a Norman chancel with remains of Roman brickwork, whilst its early 16th century tower is of brick construction. The tower contains a 6-bell ring (tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.).

**Springfield**, with its church standing among the trees close to the green, is a most delightful spot. The church, All Saints', has a tower of varied construction and a 6-bell ring (tenor 12 cwt.).

**Great Waltham**, where the road wends through the village street on its way to Dunmow, has a number of interesting old houses. The greatest of these is Langleys, a large, red brick house standing in its park behind the church, with a lodge at the entrance gates styled on the lines of the mansion. The Church of St. Mary and St. Lawrence is a fairly large church with very early foundation; traces of Roman and Norman work are to be seen. The great west tower is Norman, substantially restored and strengthened by brick buttresses; the bells, a grand ring of eight (tenor 26½ cwt.), have a long draught, being rung from the ground floor.

The Church of St. Martin, Little Waltham, in the adjoining parish, has a number of interesting items for the historian. The Perpendicular tower contains a ring of six bells (tenor 12 cwt.).

**Widford**, once a quiet village, is now being absorbed completely into the borough; the main road has been diverted so as not to pass through its one narrow street. The Church of St. Mary is of no great age; the tower, surmounted by a tall stone spire, contains a ring of eight bells (tenor 11½ cwt.).

**Writtle** has its lovely village green surrounded by houses, many as picturesque as the church, which lies slightly back from the green.

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## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### The Master Retires

**A**PPROXIMATELY 85 members were present at the 72nd annual meeting of the Sussex County Association held in the hall of the Good Shepherd, Brighton, on May 4th. The service was taken by the Vicar (Rev. H. J. Hills), followed by tea.

At the business meeting the Master (Mr. S. E. Armstrong) presided, and announced that we had been given the use of the hall free of charge and the organist would not accept a fee for his services. Apologies were received from Mr. S. Knight and Messrs. Butcher, Laker and Weller. The meeting stood in silence as a token of respect to those who had passed on recently, viz.: Mr. W. Booth (Heathfield), Mr. E. Bishop (Rotherfield), Mr. A. Cherryman (Aldrington) and Mr. J. Netley (Lymminster).

Arising from the minutes of the last A.G.M. and special A.G.M., the charge of 6d. per rope for peals rung for the Association was discussed. It was agreed to alter the wording to read 6d. per ringer, this to include handbell peals. Conductors please note that it is their responsibility to collect these fees and pass them on to the treasurer, either direct or through a divisional secretary. Peals rung without a fee being paid must be classed as non-Association peals and will not appear in the report. The money collected will go towards the increasing cost of printing reports.

It was reported that Mr. J. Dearlove, former peal secretary, was making a good recovery from illness. The secretary was requested to send him the meeting's best wishes.

The various reports were read and passed and the auditor's suggestion that the papers relating to investments, etc., should be deposited in the bank was carried. The peal secretary reported 81 peals rung last year; this year at the end of March more peals had been rung than last year, despite the 6d. per ringer per peal.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

On the Master's retirement after 25 years' service as general secretary and Master, Mr. R. V. Johnson, of Cuckfield, was unanimously elected Master. All the remaining officers were re-elected; Mr. J. Dearlove was elected an honorary life member and Mr. Armstrong a vice-president.

The certificates were finally approved, 100 badges ordered and permission for a small committee to redesign the annual report carried.

The alteration to the Rules dealing with the financial side was brought before the meeting by Mr. S. E. Armstrong. Much discussion took place and it was agreed to leave this over. The suggestion that the savings certificates be sold, £50 reinvested and £30 put into the general fund for use by the treasurer, was carried. The financial position of the Association would be reviewed next year, when the effect of the increased affiliation fees and peal subscriptions were known.

Mr. Elphick informed the meeting that he had been approached to show handbells, etc., at the Sussex Agricultural Show at Bognor Regis on July 17th and 18th. Anyone wishing to help please contact him direct.

## BOURNEMOUTH RINGERS' RALLY

**T**HE Bournemouth dinner and rally, held on May 4th, was again a very happy occasion. Ringing took place at Christchurch Priory and at Bournemouth, St. Peter's and St. John's, during the afternoon; but it is suspected that the attraction of a walk through the Pleasure Gardens (looking their very best) to the sea front proved a greater attraction than a visit to the belfry. A company of 80 assembled at the Gaumont Restaurant for dinner. Admiral D. H. Everett presided, and he was supported by Canon L. S. Brasnett (representing the Vicar of Bournemouth) and Mrs. Brasnett, the Vicar of Milford (Rev. P. Marling-Roberts), Councillor and Mrs. H. P. E. Mears and Col. Spencer.

After the loyal toast, the chairman welcomed the company to Bournemouth for the eleventh rally and eighth George Williams commemoration dinner. He read apologies for absence from several members, including the Vicars of Bournemouth, of Christchurch and of St. John's, Surrey Road, all of whom were enjoying a short break after a very busy Lent, Holy Week and Eastertide.

### St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth

*The Parish Church of St. Nicholas, Great Yarmouth, is to be rebuilt at a cost of £316,750. The contract provides for completion of the work in five years.*

*At the Parochial Church Council meeting the Vicar (Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow) said the Church Council proposed immediately to give the order for the bells. He had put their proposals before Mr. F. Sharpe, the leading expert in England on the subject. Mr. Sharpe had judged the plan for them—by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, which cast the old Yarmouth bells in 1807—to be on certain technical grounds likely to produce the finest ring of 13 bells in England.*

Mr. Fred Price proposed 'The County Borough of Bournemouth,' to which Councillor H. P. E. Mears responded. Councillor Mears seemed a little surprised that Mr. Price had not given him something controversial to respond to, but he and Mrs. Mears thoroughly enjoyed coming to the ringers' dinner, and at all times he was pleased to respond to the toast of the Borough which, in his opinion, was one of the most beautiful towns in England.

The chairman proposed 'The Memory of Mr. George Williams,' which was honoured in silence. After a short interval, Canon L. S. Brasnett rose to propose the toast of 'The Bells and Bellringers,' during which he paid a glowing tribute to the work of the ringers up and down the country. He outlined the different contacts he had made with the Exercise during his years as a vicar in parishes in the Midlands, and said it had been his experience to find that church bellringers were always ready, not only to ring the bells but to help on other Church work besides.

The speeches were interspersed with handbell ringing, a touch of Spiced Royal being rung by Miss K. Fletcher, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay,

Messrs. Matkin, Hurst and Best. Tune ringing was by St. Peter's Handbell Ringers. Songs and duets rendered by the incomparable Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beresford delighted the company.

To conclude, the chairman proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' especially the outing party of 14 from Selly Oak, led by Mr. W. B. Cartwright. Mr. Cartwright suitably responded, and Mr. D. R. Reed proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding that evening.

The company also included Mr. and Mrs. R. Blackmore, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Buchannon, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cartwright, Mr. and Mrs. N. Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. F. and Miss Harris, Mr. and Mrs. H. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. C. Hemms, Mr. and Mrs. Laker, Mr. and Mrs. F. Price, Mr. and Mrs. G. Pullinger, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. S. White.

Messrs. M. Bazeley, M. J. E. Best, E. Booth, B. Bowden, R. Buchannon, W. E. Cheater, J. Coles, A. V. Davis, J. R. French, W. Godfrey, J. Hartlett, R. C. Hurst, J. A. C. King, Long, R. H. Marlow, D. T. Matkin, H. A. Mitchell, C. Parker, R. Pike, J. Pinfold, J. R. Sharman, H. J. Turner, F. Walters, A. Westwood.

Mesdames D. T. Gardiner, Heavens, F. J. Marshallsay.

The Misses Barnes, P. Barnett, D. Battersby, N. Crofts, S. Day, D. E., E. M. and K. E. Fletcher, J. Howell, C. Jones, B. Monk, B. Powell, M. Purkess, G. Rea, M. Reay.

### TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The spring festival of the Mid-Cornwall Branch was held at St. Mewan on May 11th, when nearly 90 members attended, representing the towers of St. Austell, St. Mewan, St. Erme, St. Stephen-in-Brannel, St. Ewe, Newlyn East, Bodmin and St. Gorran.

A short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. S. Oddie) and Mr. W. Hancock was organist.

Judges for the test ringing were Messrs. W. H. Southeard, C. E. Lanxon and A. Locke, of Truro. Certificates were awarded to almost every band that rang, the main test being 44 changes.

Tea and evening refreshments were served by the ladies of St. Mewan. At the short business meeting it was decided to hold the next meeting at Newlyn East.

The president (Mr. A. Carveth) and some of the Kenwyn band took part in the ringing on the eight at St. Austell later in the evening. All agreed that the festival was most enjoyable. D. B.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## BEHIND THE COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

Dear Sir.—The launching of the College of Campanology last August engaged widespread interest throughout the Exercise and continues to do so. With the 'fitting out' of the new ship nearing completion, your readers would doubtless wish to have some information about the crew.

The short biographical notes include other ringing connections, but this does NOT imply representation in the College of such connections. 'H.' indicates 'Honorary,' and 'C.C.' 'member of the Central Council.'

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**REGISTRAR.**—Roger Baldwin, Dip. Tutor I. (Leading handbell peal ringer and conductor, 1956.)

**BURSAR.**—S. Kathleen M. Knight, Dip. 1st Class, Tutor I. (Leading lady peal ringer, 1956.)

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Invitation to apply for College membership is open to ALL, and further information may be obtained from the Registrar, 24, Doyle Avenue, Portsmouth.

The College now has representatives in some 20 counties in England, Wales and Ireland, and has aroused interest overseas.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN HATCHER.

Maidstone.

## NAME THEM

Dear Sir.—Mr. Smallwood's letter makes unpleasant reading. The Vicar's treatment smacks somewhat of schoolmaster punishment. I hope the 3d. in the box did not offend. It did show willing. Stories of ringers' misbehaviour live long. I have been in belfries for over 50 years and when I tell them in the local I have never seen any beer in the belfry they tell me to try another optician.—Yours faithfully,

T. H. VALLANCE.

Nuneaton.

## MR. T. H. TAFFENDER RANG IN RECORD PEAL

Dear Sir.—The footnote to the peal of Yorkshire rung at South Wigston, which appears on page 323 of the issue for May 24th, is incorrect.

Referring to the record peal of 17,104 Double Norwich rung there on December 27th, 1904, it states that the late Josiah Morris was the last survivor of the band.

The second bell was rung on this occasion by Mr. Thomas H. Taffender, Master of the London County Association since 1913.—Yours faithfully,

C. M. MEYER.

Westminster.

**NOTE.**—We also thank Mr. John G. Nash for the same information.—Ed.

## A Rapid Recovery

*On May 8th, Mr. Leonard King, Master of the East Harling Guild of Ringers, was taken suddenly ill with acute appendicitis and rushed to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.*

*He made such a good and rapid recovery that on May 13th he was transferred convalescent to the Wayland Hospital nearer home. The same night he was visited by four members of the South Norfolk Branch, including his 14-year-old son and two from his tower. Touches on handbells were rung with him, to the delight of the other patients in the ward.*

*He returned home on Saturday, May 18th, and was back in church the following day. He even came into the ringing chamber and gave the Rector, who was ringing the third bell, quite a shock!*

*Our correspondent sends this story as an example of good surgery and absolute faith in God to help overcome all difficulties.*

## PEALS AT BEXHILL-ON-SEA

Dear Sir.—The last peal attempt at Bexhill-on-Sea was not, as stated in Belfry Gossip, page 330, on February 1st, 1947.

I called Holt's Original there on March 12th, 1949. It was the last peal rung by Fred Smeaton before going to Australia. Miss A. Eldridge and C. Grisbrook, both members of the local band, rang in it.—Yours truly,

C. ALFRED LEVETT.

Hastings.

**NOTE.**—Mr. Arthur D. Cook writes, informing us of a peal of 5,120 Ashtead Surprise Major, rung on the bells on August 21st, 1950, conducted by C. Edward Jefferies.

## PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir.—I wish to withdraw the peal of Spliced Surprise Major in three methods which was rung at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on March 27th, 1957, as the composition has now proved to be false.

Will all concerned please note that the composition was published on page 256 of the 'R.W.' (April 19th).

If this composition was the one used for the peal rung at West Bromwich on May 4th, that peal will also have to be withdrawn, and I tender my sincere apologies for having caused to be published a false composition.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN G. WARWICK.

South Wigston, Leicester.

## BEDFORDSHIRE TOUR

On the last two days of April a party, including Mr. Ronald H. Dove, of Leeds, visited 24 towers in Beds and Hunts by car in fine weather, local ringers giving welcome assistance at many places. The advance guard, in the shape of two very youthful ringers from Derby, arrived the previous Saturday to spend a few days under canvas in N. Herts, thus adding Hitchin (fine old 8, 26 cwt.) (annual meeting), Offley (6) and King's Walden (6) (quarter peal) to their list.

The first day's visits were to Goldington (new 6), Biddenham (6), where veteran Miss Evelyn Steele joined the ringing. Bromham (8, 23 cwt.), where the ringing did not do justice to the fine bells, Oakley (5), Clapham (6, 5 cwt.), where the less experienced ringers had an anxious time owing to the immense draught of rope in this Saxon watchtower, Renhold (5, unusual tune), Eaton Socon, an excellent modern eight, Eynesbury (6, anti-clockwise), and culminating with the grand 'Somerset' tower at St. Neots. These fine bells with a wonderful 30 cwt. tenor inspired the best ringing of the tour. Time allowed for a 720 Bob Minor by: Clive Walklate (13) 1, Ken Ballington (13) 3, June Gladman 4, G. C. Galley 5, D. P. Jones (conductor) 6, P. Mehew 7, R. H. Dove (cover) 8.

The second day was much enlivened by the presence of Pat Cannon, Philip Mehew bringing an extra car for the increased manpower, and hearty conversation was banded all day. The towers were Haynes (new 5), Elstow (6, detached tower where John Bunyan rang), Bedford, St. Peter's (8), where Eddie Jeffries gave a warm reception and ringing was of good standard, Cople (6, anti-clockwise), Willington (6), Great Barford (5, 15 cwt., a grand Hugh Watts ring), Roxton (5, require pulling), Tempsford (6), where Mrs. Houghton and local youngsters welcomed us, and Blunham (a fine 6).

After tea came Sandy (6, just rehung) met by Joan Ashton; Northill (6, 19 cwt., a fine old tenor), where Mr. William Wagstaffe showed us many interesting bell items he has collected; Old Warden (6), with famous carved pews; Southill (6, a good ring), where the Vicar and several local youngsters joined the ringing; Henlow (6), where we joined Mr. Bywaters' practice, and Arlesey (6). D. P. J.

## Chelmsford Churches—Cont.

Usually on Whit Monday there is a travelling fair to entice the young people away from the bells, and on other days cricket to cause the older ones to stop and look. What could be more pleasant than cricket on the village green to the music of a grand ring of bells floating through the air? The Church of All Saints invites its visitors to step down into the nave, then to gaze up to view the roof and other features of this fine old building. The tower, large and not very high, was rebuilt just over 150 years ago: it has brick battlements with stone pinnacles. The tower contains a grand ring of eight bells (tenor 18½ cwt.). The peal boards remind visitors of the ringers and of their high standards many years ago.

This church with its bells has a very special place in the affection of the Essex ringers—there on Whit Monday, June 2nd, 1879, the Essex Association was founded by the Rev. J. B. Seaman; and we trust that as the years go by the Association will ever grow towards the goal our founders had in mind on that eventful day. May Whitsuntide, 1957, be a notable landmark in its life and history.

R. C. H.





Members of the Ancient Society of College Youths pose for a photograph outside St. John's Church, Yeovil. The visit was highly successful and included ringing at Yeovil, Sherborne and Queen Camel.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

### The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards' Legacy

THE 74th annual festival was held at Salisbury on May 18th. The proceedings commenced with the annual general meeting in the Assembly Rooms at 2.30 p.m., Canon C. Carew Cox (Master of the Guild) presiding, supported by Mr. W. C. West (hon. secretary and treasurer) and Mr. F. S. Slatford (assistant hon. secretary).

After prayers were said, the chairman said apologies and good wishes had been received from: The Earl of Shaftesbury (president), the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, Messrs. Martin Stewart and L. A. Wilson (vice-presidents), Mrs. E. Pannell (hon. secretary, West Dorset Branch), Mr. R. H. Duke (assistant hon. secretary, Dorchester Branch), Messrs. J. S. Weeks and C. F. Andrews (hon. auditors) and Mr. Wm. Chalke.

The hon. secretary in his report stated that 25 peals had been rung, in methods ranging from Doubles to Spliced Surprise. The membership was static at 1,068 ringing members and 12 honorary members and 11 associates.

The meeting stood in silence while the following losses by death were remembered: Mr. J. Hale (Urchfont), 50 years a ringer in that tower; Mr. F. Hart (Wimborne Minster), 54 years' ringing service; Mr. S. Macey, hon. L. M. (Salisbury); Mr. F. J. Howard (Fordington); Mr. G. Derham, one time captain of Holt; Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, vice-president, 37 years hon. secretary and treasurer.

The treasurer's report made good reading, showing a credit balance in current account of £67 18s. 5d. and deposit account of £32 5s. 11d. This was considered satisfactory, and Mr. West was thanked for his work as hon. secretary and treasurer. A grant of £5 5s. was made to the Chisledon Bell Restoration Fund.

The following officers were unanimously elected: President, the Earl of Shaftesbury; Master of the Guild, Canon C. Carew Cox; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. C. West; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. F. S. Slatford; hon. auditors, Mr. J. S. Weeks and Mr. C. F. Andrews; committee—Messrs. A. Macdonald, G. H. Harding, F. Precey and R. H. True; vice-president, Canon A. W. Markby; hon. life ringing member, Mr. A. W. Angel (Melksham).

In replying to his re-election as hon. secretary, Mr. West thanked the members for their con-

tinued confidence, remarking the work was made easier by the fact of having such an excellent assistant secretary and Branch officers. He would like to see a longer list of honorary members, as this would bring the clergy into the Guild and closer in touch with its principles.

The chairman informed the meeting that under the will of the late Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, the Guild would receive £150, to be known as the 'Edwards Memorial Fund,' to be used for grants to bell restorations under the conditions stated in the document. It was unanimously decided to invest the money for the time being and expend the interest. This would keep the name of the Rev. Edwards always before them.

Votes of thanks were then passed to the Vicar of St. Thomas' (Rev. P. J. Hayes), the Salisbury Branch officers for their part in the arrangements, and others who may have assisted in any way. Canon Cox then closed the meeting with grace.

The service in St. Thomas' was most inspiring. The Vicar (Rev. P. J. Hayes) delivered the address, Canon Cox led the prayers, Mr. W. C. West read the lesson, Harold Roles officiated at the organ, and H. G. Keeley 1-2, C. W. Powell 3-4, G. S. Morris 5-6, Canon Cox 7-8 and Mrs. C. W. Powell 9-10 rang a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells. A collection was made to be divided between the Guild funds and the St. Thomas' Church Fund.

A meat tea was served in the Assembly Rooms, 120 sitting down.

The quiet atmosphere prevailing here was sufficient to show observers that all were enjoying themselves. This completed the activities, and members returned their various ways home, and so ended once again the Guild annual festival.

### Gillett and Johnston Plan New Foundry

The old Bell Foundry of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., Whitehorse Road, Croydon, is to be sold as it is no longer suitable for modern production. Plans for a new foundry are complete, and the company hope to start erection of the new premises in the very near future.

In the meantime, while the company are still carrying on all erection work, arrangements have been made with Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, to cast the bells,

## ST. KEVERNE, CORNWALL, BELL JUBILEE

A special celebration of the jubilee of St. Keverne bells was held on May 9th. It was then exactly 50 years since the Bishop of the diocese came to dedicate the new ring of eight, and the opening ceremony was performed by the then Lord Mayor of London, himself a Helstonian, Sir William Treloar.

There was a service in the fine Priory Church of St. Keverne to mark the occasion, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. J. Saunders); neighbouring towers sent teams, as did also the Cathedral, and there were numbers of good touches.

In the Church Hall, the Vicar had prepared an exhibition of photographs of the 1907 event. It included the original three ancient bells, which when recast provided four for the new ring; the new bells being received at the church garlanded with flowers; and the Lord Mayor presenting commemoration mugs to all who had raised £5 or more for the bells and clock. Set out in large print were the full weights and inscriptions of the eight.

The people's warden presented to the tower a framed copy of the weights and inscriptions surmounted by a very fine etching of the west front and tower, as a lasting memento of the jubilee.

Included in the congregation was Mr. J. Williams, who is still residing at St. Keverne, and the only surviving member who rang the three bells before recasting. He was given a free supper as a token. At the supper in the Hall a special cake was displayed, and later cut by the present captain of the ringers, Mr. R. Nicholls. It was a replica of the church tower, and open on one side to display eight bells with the ropes and sallies complete. This was made by the wife of one of the members of St. Keverne team, Mrs. D. Harry.

The three ancient bells had rung for many victims of tragic wrecks which had occurred on the Manacles, the treacherous reef about a mile-and-a-half offshore, and from which the spire of the church can be plainly seen. In fact, the reef takes its name from this, being in Cornish, 'Maen Eglos,' 'The Church Rocks.' A barometer and plates salvaged from the wreck of the 'Mohegan' in 1898, accompanied many other such relics in the exhibition.



## SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

THE eleventh annual meeting of the Guild was held on May 4th at Southwell. The bells of the Minster were available from 2 p.m., as also were the bells of St. Michael's, Farnsfield, by kind permission of the Provost (the Very Rev. H. C. L. Heywood) and the Rev. K. D. Frampton respectively.

Sixty-five members and visitors sat down to tea in the Trebeck Hall. This was followed by the business meeting, which was presided over by the vice-chairman (Mr. F. W. Midwinter).

A brief silence was observed as a token of respect for members who had passed on since the last annual meeting, namely, Messrs. H. R. Cobbin, R. Knowles, John T. Newbert, F. S. Price, H. E. Thompson, Ralph Narborough and Mrs. Alice E. Rowsell.

All the officers were re-elected, and Messrs. John Segar, J. D. Clarke and B. N. Buswell were elected to represent the Guild on the Central Council for the ensuing three years.

The hon. general secretary's report noted that Ordsall had won the Crawford Cup competition on September 14th, 1956. To date, the report continued, the Guild had made grants aggregating £78 3s. to 12 different churches to help in restoration schemes, and the Guild might be proud of those contributions which had earned a considerable amount of goodwill.

Last year it was decided, so far as finances permitted, to make an annual grant to the Bishop's Appeal Fund for the restoration of ancient churches, and the committee had resolved to forward a donation of £5 5s. to the Fund out of the current year's surplus. This subscription was really only a token payment but it did show that the Guild was alive to its responsibilities and had accepted the challenge in a practical manner.

The District secretaries' reports showed a year of steady progress with meetings generally well attended.

The report of the peal committee stated that 32 peals were rung in 1956, which was a considerable drop compared with recent years. For the first time since the Guild was formed no peal was rung on handbells. Also no new conductors had appeared, although one record was achieved by ringing the first non-conducted peal. There were three first-pealers and 13 conductors. Several new compositions had been entered in the register but there were still some gaps to fill.

The hon. treasurer's statement of accounts showed a satisfactory financial position. The surplus for the year on income and expenditure account was £15 15s. 8d., and a further £3 2s. worth of badges had been sold. The capital account balance stood at £128 9s. 8d. and the balance of the Bell Repair Fund £83 2s. 7d.

The business meeting ended with a comprehensive vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. J. W. Raithby, and the day closed with further ringing at the Minster and St. Michael's, Farnsfield.

J. W. R.

## A NORTHANTS WEDDING

Mr. John G. Shellard, Ringing Master of the Culworth Branch, and Miss Edith J. Ballard, a member of the band of St. James' Church, Paulerspury, Northants, were married at Paulerspury on May 11th.

The bride, who was given away by her brother-in-law (Mr. W. A. Yates), wore a dress of gold and white brocade, and carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley, carnations and irises. The service was choral with Mr. Eric Walker, secretary of the Culworth Branch, as organist. Members of Paulerspury tower cheerfully rang the bells as the happy couple left the church.

A quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung by friends during the evening at Helmdon, where Mr. and Mrs. Shellard are settling in their new home.

## OBITUARY

### MR. FRANK ATTWATER

The death is announced of Mr. Frank Attwater, aged 73, of Cuckfield, Sussex, at Lewes Hospital on May 12th. He was one of six brothers, all ringers at one time at the Parish Church. Two went abroad eventually, leaving the four, who kept up a good standard of ringing at the beginning of the century, as the peal boards show. The brothers have now passed on except Isaac (78), who is still carrying on 'the good work' of instructing a young band at Enfield.

Ernest was killed in the closing stages of World War I, and was a fine specimen of a man, being a physical instructor in the Army. Louis, who came to London, was instructor at St. Leonard's, Streatham, in 1920. Subsequently he went as instructor at All Saints', Wandsworth, where he took part in the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major by the College Youths in 1926; he also took part in the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Paul's. Louis died at the early age of 48 in 1928.

Isaac, as previously mentioned, was between the wars chosen as instructor to a band formed for the new ten at Kent School, U.S.A. There are still many veteran ringers in Sussex and London who remember the Attwater family, including myself, who took over at Streatham after L. Attwater went to Wandsworth.

J. W. C.

### MR. ARTHUR WRIGHT

The archaeological side of bells in Wales owes much to the research and writings of Mr. Arthur Wright, B.Sc., whose death took place last month at his residence, Elmsleigh, Bargoed, Glam. In 1904 he came from Norfolk, on accepting the post of science master at Lewis School, Pengarn, and he remained there until he retired a few years ago.

Although not a ringer, he had been interested in bells since boyhood days. He found when he came to Wales that very little had been done apart from the collection of inscriptions, etc., by the late Rev. Meredith Morris, of Clydach Vale, Rhondda, and he wrote up a description of bells in some of the deaneries in Monmouthshire and Glamorgan, which duly appeared in the Llandaff Diocesan Magazine. In August, 1920, he had the great pleasure of the company of Mr. H. B. Walters, M.A., author of 'Bells of England,' on a week's walking tour around Usk, and they visited 26 churches and examined 67 bells.

In 1935 the Cambria Archaeological Association kindly offered him the hospitality of their pages for the results of his researches, and thus were put on record the 'Church Bells of Monmouthshire,' the first Welsh county to be published.

He discovered four long-waisted early 13th century bells at Gwernesney (2), Kemeys Commander (1) and Bettws Newydd (1), the interesting 13th century inscribed bell at St. Bride's, Netherwent, which is unique, and should be scheduled as an ancient monument, and the tenor at Caldicot, with its beautiful lettering (1450).

Mr. Wright afterwards published a limited edition of 120 copies of 'The Bells of Monmouthshire' (1942). He also wrote the History of the Lewis School, Pengarn, and when he retired he was honoured by the past and present students at a reception, and many presentations were made to him. In his retirement he was busy on 'The Bells of Glamorgan,' which was at the time of his death nearly ready for going to press.

When on holidays he was always looking out for bells, and discovered an interesting Dutch bell at Penygarn Farm, Broadley, Ferryside, when there on a visit. This interesting bell, dated 1760, was used to call the farmhands to meals.

E. J. T.

### MR. JAMES S. NAPPER

James Stibbs Napper was laid to rest at his beloved village, East Hagbourne, on May 20th, and as the cortege left the church on its last journey to the new cemetery, the beautiful eight of this village commenced a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, half-muffled, by a majority of friends who had known Jim for over 40 years—E. Sawyer 1, K. White 2, W. F. Judge 3, W. White 4, W. Hibbert (conductor) 5, M. Bishop 6, A. Webb 7, D. Napper 8. The quarter successfully came round to striking that Jim would have been pleased to either ring or listen to.

James Stibbs was only 16 when he rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at his native village, and up to 1914 he rang quite a number in this method. Being an enthusiastic soldier of the Berkshire Yeomanry, he was called up in 1914 and saw service in Egypt and Gallipoli, and it was at Gallipoli he won the D.C.M., saving the life of his life-long friend, Harold Pryor, who was a ringer. After Gallipoli he volunteered for the Royal Flying Corps, and soon won his wings and flew many sorties over enemy territory in France.

But it was between the wars that Jim made his mark, especially in the O.D.G. with the writer's late father. Jim was a big man in every way, although perhaps a little 'strong with the English language,' nevertheless big in physique and big in mind and heart, and was always happy to go anywhere, take others and ring tough-going bells that many ringers would shy at; and what perseverance!

He came to Caversham Monday after Monday in 1920 to start his first peal of Stedman Triples, in fact in all 22 occasions; but he then had the satisfaction of ringing his first peal of Stedman at Hagbourne, and on the seventh, which any ringer who can remember this glorious eight before they were rehung will have to admit was a handful.

Even after moving to Coventry, where he did quite a deal of ringing, his name would more often be found in the peal columns of the O.D.G. The beginning of the second war saw Jim firmly established at Coventry and the writer was with him, but fortunately had left for home on the night that the city was 'coventrated.'

But the sadness of the last six or seven years when he began to go downhill, and the last two years, when he was practically bedridden, will not efface the grand fighting spirit he was always in when visited by old friends. He leaves a widow and many nephews and nieces who follow in his footsteps in our art, and who will ever remember Uncle Jim for all his kindnesses to them when they were children.

Besides the eight ringers mentioned in the quarter peal, many old friends were at the service, including Mr. and Mrs. A. Lock, several of the Nappers, Cyril J. Hibbert, E. Pryor, J. Pryor and members of local towers. And in such affection was Jim held, it was amazing the number of old friends who came from Coventry.

To know James Stibbs Napper was to love him, and although his total of peals and methods of which he was capable of ringing did not put him the 'elite' class, yet members of his generation will ever revere his name, as one of 'God's own gentlemen.' He will rest in peace.

W. H.

**BOLTON, LANC.**—On May 22nd, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Wood 1, J. Fielding 2, J. W. Kay 3, J. Kay 4, A. Sewart 5, W. Tyson 6, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 7, W. J. Stokes 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Norton, a former Vicar's widow.



## OBITUARY—Continued

## THE VERY REV. W. E. BECK

The Dean of Worcester, the Very Rev. William Ernest Beck, passed to his rest on May 22nd after a long period of ill-health and, at times, of acute suffering, which he bore with considerable fortitude.

The Dean of Worcester is always by tradition president of the Worcestershire and Districts Change-Ringing Association. Dean Beck, like his predecessors, accepted the office in 1949 when he came to the Cathedral, and was president until his death. He could have assumed office as a formality, and no one would have complained. But he gave both time and trouble to his relationship with the ringers of the Diocese, and established a bond of affection between himself and them which will long remain. His was no cold presidency but a warm and a living friendship. We felt that he really cared. Everyone looked forward to his chairmanship at the annual dinner and the Easter meeting, and we knew that although he was as he freely confessed, a 'campanological ignoramus,' he was the true friend of all ringers, and that he thought of them as fellow workers who had a real part to play and a worthwhile contribution to offer in building up the Church life of the Diocese.

May God grant him light and peace.

L. J. BIRCH, Chaplain.

## MR. T. R. GRIFFITHS

Many ringers in North Wales will hear with regret of the death of Mr. T. R. Griffiths, of the Pikey, Gresford. He died after a road accident on May 20th.

Mr. Griffiths, who was 78 years old, had rung at All Saints' Parish Church for 64 years and had been leader for the past ten years. He was a member of the North Wales Association, a reader of 'The Ringing World' since its birth, and had rung many peals, mostly Grand-sire Triples. He lived for ringing, was ever ready to talk about his beloved bells (one of the wonders of Wales) and did much to enthuse young ringers in the ancient art.

The funeral service, attended by many ringers and friends, took place on May 25th, and was conducted by Canon W. V. Lost, M.C. A muffled peal was rung after the funeral. Canon Lost spoke of deceased's untiring life-long devotion to the church at the memorial service on Sunday, May 26th. He was a sidesman for over 60 years.

G. W.

## SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

A very successful Newark District meeting, attended by some 47 ringers and friends, was held at Elston on May 18th.

The bells were raised in peal and rung to a variety of methods ranging from rounds to Cambridge, London and Surfleet Surprise Minor, until 4.30 p.m. A short service was then conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. V. Astin).

A splendid tea, provided by the Mothers' Union, was followed by a short business meeting, presided over by the Vicar. Sutton-on-Trent and Ossington were proposed for the July meeting, and it was finally resolved to invite the North Notts District to a joint meeting with both towers open.

Four new members were elected, namely, Miss L. Hulford, Miss E. Rose and Miss J. Smith, of Sutton-on-Trent, and Mr. T. Brewin, of Newark.

A collection for the Bell Repair Fund realised 16s. 6d.

Mr. F. W. Midwinter proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar and the Mothers' Union for their help towards a happy meeting.

W. L. E.

## NOTICES

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## BIRTH

HYNARD.—To Mary and Edwin, on May 31st, 1957, at Vicarage Cottage, Bures, Suffolk, a second daughter (Diana). 368

## DEATHS

LATHBURY.—On May 30th, 1957, at St. Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, Reginald Lathbury, beloved husband of Violet Lathbury, of 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames, aged 71. 357

WEST.—After a short and sudden illness, Arthur J. West passed peacefully away on June 2nd, 1957. Ringer at Melksham 60 years. (Father of W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Salisbury Guild.) 386

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Only a few copies remain of 'THE CHURCH BELLS OF OXFORDSHIRE,' to be obtained from the author, Mr. F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire, price £2 post free. 383

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## MEETINGS

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Wadhurst (8), Saturday, June 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Fullbrooks Café.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 317

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

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

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 Clandon 7.30–8.30.—W. Oliver, A. Smith. 344

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

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.—E. F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 336

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Practice, Saturday, June 8th. Henley 3 p.m., Shiplake 6 p.m. Saturday, June 22nd, Swallowfield, 6 p.m.—R. G. Burton. 358

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting on Saturday, June 8th. Rudgwick 3 to 5 p.m., Slinfold 6.30 to 8 p.m. Tea at Rudgwick.—W. L. Weller. 372

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. 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

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting on White 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.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex. 241

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. Kimp-ton (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

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Whitby, 3 p.m. Saturday, June 15th. Tea will be available at 5 p.m., but those attending must bring their own cups.—Peter W. S. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 349

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Barthomley, Saturday, June 15th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by June 12th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 382

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Joint meeting with Derbyshire Association (Peak District Branch) at Chapel-en-le-Frith on Saturday, June 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise by June 11th Mr. H. Hibbert, Telephone Exchange, Market Street, Chapel-en-le-Frith.—C. K. Lewis. 379



**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—St. Oswald's, Bidston, Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free, for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 378

**CHISLEDON, WILTS.**—Rededication of Chisledon Parish Church bells (6) on Saturday, June 15th, at 3 p.m. Also blessing of new Vicarage. Ringing after tea. Please notify by Wednesday, June 12th, Mr. R. Court, 36, Badbury, Chisledon, Swindon, Wilts, if tea is required. 356

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—Next meeting at Tysoe (6) on Saturday, June 8th, at 3 p.m. Tea at the Church Fete at 5 p.m.—H. M. Windsor, Dis. Sec. 365

**DEVON GUILD.**—Mid-Devon and South West Branches.—Joint meeting at Upton, Torquay, on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Torre (6) from 6.15 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. B. E. Bartlett, 17, Ash Hill, Torquay.—A. L. Bennett and T. G. Myers, Branch Secs. 354

**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

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Meeting at Whittlesey on Saturday, June 15th. St. Andrew's (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, Tea 5 p.m. St. Mary's (8) after tea. St. Andrew's also available.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 364

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Chippenhams Branch.—Meeting at Kingston St. Michael on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by June 13th essential to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenhams. 371

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Cirencester Branch.—Quarterly, Taynton, Saturday, June 15th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, Tea 5. Great Barrington 6 p.m.—R. Wenban, 21, Aldsworth Road, Bibury, Cirencester. 355

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Tortworth (6), Saturday, June 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Notify for tea by June 13th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 380

**GUILDFORD GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Oatlands Park with Weybridge on Saturday, June 15th. Bells: Weybridge 2.30 to 3.30 only, Oatlands from 3.30 onwards. Service, Oatlands 4.30, Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by June 12th to Miss J. Smith, 5, Pantile Road, Oatlands. 351

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Woodhouse Eaves, Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements. 362

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Hallaton, on Saturday, June 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m.. Bewicke Arms. Outing fare 18s. each to be paid by this date.—L. W. Allen. 373

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Syston District.—Meeting, Queniborough, Saturday, June 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea by the previous Wednesday to Mr. S. W. Parker, 6, Marsden Avenue, Queniborough. 350

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leicester District.—Meeting at Aylestone (8) on June 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Good attendance, please. Names for tea to me before Wednesday previous.—W. A. Lacey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 385

**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

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting, St. Mary's, Ealing, Saturday, June 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by short business meeting. Further ringing until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wed., 12th, to Mr. A. Fulwell, 38, Beaconsfield Road, Ealing, W.5.—F. A. Finch. 370

**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

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Binfield on Saturday, June 15th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea. Notify for tea by June 10th Mr. F. Tomlinson, 2, Ashton Villas, Terrace Road, Binfield, Bracknell.—B. C. Castle. 353

**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. Mary'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

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Advanced method practice at Crawley (8) on Saturday, June 15th. Evening only, commencing at 6.—I. Butcher. 367

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Horsted Parva (6), Saturday, June 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Bring own tea, please.—George North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 384

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting at Sherfield English on Saturday, June 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by June 12th to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 360

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Hagley (Wolverley not available), Saturday, June 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. 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

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Crowland, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. R. Strickland, Crowland, near Peterborough, Northants.—M. Bennett, Hon. Sec. 369

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Barrow-on-Humber (8), on Saturday, June 22nd. Names for tea by June 19th to Mr. A. Crowder, Manor Farm, Barrow-on-Humber. 359

**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

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Rutland Branch.—A general meeting will be held at Cottesmore on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to Miss J. Hoy, 11, Ashwell Road, Oakham. 375

**ST. DAVID'S GUILD.**—Annual meeting at Carmarthen on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by June 15th to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelli, Carmar. 352

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Combined meeting, Saturday, June 22nd. St. Mary's, Twickenham (8), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; All Hallows, Twickenham (10), 3 to 4 p.m. Tea, Church Hall, South Street, Isleworth, 4.30 to 5.30. Service, Isleworth Parish Church, 6 p.m. Ringing: Isleworth (10) 6.45 to 8.45 p.m.; St. Lawrence, Brentford (6), 7 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. Tel. HOU 3921.—Bond and Rogers, Hon. Secs. 363

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Halesworth District.—Quarterly meeting, Wenhamston (6), Saturday, June 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 20th to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Hotson Road, Southwold. 374

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Lakenheath (6), Saturday, June 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. M. Peachey, Dis. Sec. 381

**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

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—The next meeting will be held at Toddington on July 20th.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 346

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