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THE CONQUEST OF DEATH

A QUESTIONNAIRE taken this term of undergraduates at Cambridge University showed that 17 in every hundred did not believe in life after death and a further 22 were not sure. To the first group Easter is just a holiday, and to the second there is no real appreciation of the reality of this great and fundamental fact that the only son of God, after living a perfect life, made the supreme sacrifice for the sins of the world, and the third day by His Resurrection gave proof to mankind of the perpetuation of life after death. The questionnaire also provided this interesting fact that 55 per cent. of the undergraduates attend church or chapel regularly, which is a very high percentage, as the general view is that only between 10 and 20 per cent. of the population of this country are members of an organised Christian Church.

Some might say, what has this to do with bell-ringers and change-ringing? Ringers in this country are bonded together in one great body through the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, to which are affiliated the various Guilds and Associations. Not one of these affiliated bodies is purely secular; most Guilds have a strong point in their objects—the securing for members recognition as servants of the Church. These are not new-fangled ideas; in modern times they date from the formation of Diocesan Guilds and Associations.

This call and demand for recognition as servants of the Church should be kept in the forefront of all our activities; it is the basis of our Sunday ringing. Unless we are hired servants, it means that when we ring on Easter Sunday we affirm our belief in the Risen Christ, and when we make our Easter Communion, however unworthy we may be, we are joined with Him, and all those in this life and the next who recognise Christ as the Saviour.

The happiness of Easter is founded on the conquest of death—that when we step across the threshold into immortality there is the beginning of a new life in new sur-

roundings. The belief in this great tenet of the Christian faith takes away the sting of death. There are many of our readers who have more friends who for 'a season they see no more' than with them in their earthly life. As Easter succeeds Easter their strength and belief is renewed. They take comfort in the words of Psalm xxiii.: 'Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, Thou art with me.' With such thoughts and such a belief one can step out courageously into the unknown.

This knowledge, 'that we with Christ shall all be made alive,' does not remove completely the sorrow of the parting among those who are left behind and to whom the individual in question is very dear. This last week the prayers and love of hundreds of ringers have been extended to a young couple at Leicester who have had taken from them the centre of their affection. Phyllis Poole, apart from being the foremost lady ringer in this country, was a mother in the true sense of the word. Her children extended far beyond her own family circle; that sympathetic understanding with which she was endowed had a very wide radius. Above all, she was a woman of courage. When faced with probably the hardest trial in her life, she gave to the world an unprecedented example of courage. She carried on despite the hidden ache in her heart, and by her Sunday service and peal ringing followed in the wake of a tradition in her life that had been practised by her for 40 or more years. A Christian fortitude and belief enabled her to win through by leading a full life. And now, unexpected, has come the call to be with Harold.

Frequently from the pulpit we as ringers have been told that we are the advertising agents of the Church. The bells have a great message for Easter Day: the rejoicing of a risen Christ and an empty tomb. May they ring out true from every belfry of the land, and may each ringer say to himself the well-known Belfry Prayer as a blessing to his work as a servant of the Church:—

'Grant, O Lord, that all who are hindered by sorrow or sickness or any other adversity, from assembling themselves together for Thy worship, may, by the bells, be reminded to their exceeding comfort, of the prayers of the Church, and may rejoice in the communion of saints, through Jesus Christ our Lord.'

FOUR PEALS IN ONE DAY*On Sat., March 15, 1958.***LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

All peals for THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

At the BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

*In 1 Hour and 48 Minutes.***A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven different extents, the tenors never reversed.

Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

FRANCIS R. LOWE Treble	JOHN M. JELLEY 4
JOSEPH WM. COTTON 2	ERNEST J. JELLEY 5
PHILIP MEHEW 3	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

Mr. F. R. Lowe has now 'circled the campanile' to peals.

*In 2 Hours and 9 Minutes.***A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being an extent each of St. Clement's Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise, and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

DEREK P. JONES Treble	ERNEST J. JELLEY 4
JOHN M. JELLEY 2	FRANCIS R. LOWE 5
JOSEPH WM. COTTON 3	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

*In 2 Hours and 12 Minutes.***A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

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

PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER .. Treble	ERNEST J. JELLEY 5
JOSEPH WM. COTTON 2	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 6
PHILIP MEHEW 3	DEREK P. JONES 7
GORDON A. HALLS 4	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

*In 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.***A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

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

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Treble	ERNEST J. JELLEY 5
JOSEPH WM. COTTON 2	†DEREK P. JONES 6
*PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER .. 3	GORDON A. HALLS 7
JOHN M. JELLEY 4	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* 50th peal. † 300th peal (conducted 136), and has now 'circled the campanile' twice. First time four peals have been rung in one day for the Guild, on the bells, and by the five ringers concerned in all these peals.

TEN BELL PEAL

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 5, 1958, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR.

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALBERTI M. TYLER Treble	ELIZABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 6
TUDOR P. EDWARDS 2	DAVID HEIGHTON 7
*BRIAN J. WYLDE 3	MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING .. 8
MARY H. HALL 4	FRANK D. MACK 9
*PATRICK J. BIRD 5	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. First as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.

THE ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

On Mon., March 3, 1958, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

At the CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in G sharp.

*PETER G. RICHARDS .. Treble	ARTHUR H. FISHER 5
ERNEST H. HUGHES 2	GERALD WESTON 6
BRENDA L. SHEPPARD 3	JOHN J. F. ROPER 7
*GRAEME W. HEYES 4	GEORGE W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

* First peal on eight bells.

Specially arranged in honour of the visit to Melbourne by H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., March 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in F.

PHYLLIS POOLE Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	LEONARD TREVOR 6
JOHN A. ACRES 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE 4	S. ANTHONY JESSON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Leeds and District Society.)

On Sat., March 15, 1958, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb.

GEORGE W. STEEL Treble	THOMAS W. STRANGWAY .. 5
ARTHUR G. WOOD 2	WILLIAM WARD 6
VALERIE M. MASSAM 3	FRANK RAYMENT 7
ERNEST H. SIMPSON 4	IRVIN SLACK Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by THOMAS W. STRANGWAY.

Rung as an 82nd birthday compliment to G. W. Steel, who will shortly complete 65 years as a ringer at Rothwell.

ST. ANNES-ON-SEA, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 15, 1958, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ST. ANNE.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN H. GARTSIDE Treble	ROGER LEIGH 5
THOMAS BARKER 2	BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 6
PHILIP DUNDERDALE 3	NORMAN SMITH 7
*STANLEY WALMSLEY 4	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. W. H. Ratcliffe (local tower leader) and his wife.

SALISBURY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 15, 1958, in 3 Hours.

At the CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY Treble	MICHAEL J. BEST 5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 2	HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS .. 6
*ANN BACON 3	FRANK L. HARRIS 7
†WILLIAM T. GODFREY .. 4	RONALD N. MARLOW Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by RONALD N. MARLOW.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Surprise. First of Surprise Major on the bells.

A welcome to Martin James Edwin Daniels.

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, BITTERNE PARK.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).	Tenor 8½ cwt.
DEREK JACKSON Treble	MARGARET E. BEAMISH .. 5
MICHAEL V. WHITE 2	*JOHN L. QUEEN 6
DON C. EXELL 3	R. ROGER SAVORY 7
MAURICE J. BUTLER 4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN Tenor

Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. First of Triples on the bells.

WARBOROUGH, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 15, 1958, in 3 Hours.

At the CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's variation.	Tenor 11 cwt.
ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH Treble	*JAMES GODMAN 5
FRANK ABSOLOM 2	*KENNETH C. TIMBURY .. 6
*REGINALD TUCKWELL .. 3	ROBERT BLOND 7
FRANK GODDEN 4	*WILLIAM FULKER Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.

* First peal in the method.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 17, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's variation.		Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.	
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ..	Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ..	5
FRANK E. WALKER ..	2	IAN H. ORAM ..	6
JOHN L. MORRIS ..	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ..	7
*SIDNEY W. BALL ..	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ..	Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

* First peal of Stedman.

Rung at the special request of the Vicar (Canon Elliott Mitchell) to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination. Also a birthday peal for Mr. F. J. Cullum.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., March 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 MONMOUTH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.	
C. EDWARD LANKESTER ..	Treble
BRIAN BLADON ..	2
THOMAS J. LOCK ..	3
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ..	4
DENNIS KNOX ..	5
ALICK CUTLER ..	6
ALFRED J. HOUSE ..	7
JOHN R. MAYNE ..	Tenor

Composed by DENNIS KNOX.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

The first peal in the method (Corrigan: No. 227).

BIDDENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 22, 1958, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.	
*CHARLES A. BASSETT ..	Treble
BERNARD V. COLLISON ..	2
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ..	3
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ..	4
STANLEY G. PONTING ..	5
COLIN A. TESTER ..	6
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ..	7
*ERNEST J. LADD ..	Tenor

Composed by D. KNOX.

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* 75th peal together.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.	
*HERBERT W. WOOLVEN ..	Treble
LEONARD STILWELL ..	2
†RAYMOND P. WOOD ..	3
THOMAS E. SONE ..	4
†ERNEST TREAGUS ..	5
†E. WINIFRED KEYS ..	6
†W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ..	7
WILLIAM T. BEESON ..	Tenor

Composed by G. BAKER.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First Surprise peal. † First in the method.

Rung as an 86th birthday compliment to Harry Stalham.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.		Tenor 13½ cwt.	
JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK ..	Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER ..	5
IAN M. HOLLAND ..	2	JOHN E. TURLEY ..	6
HOWARD SCOTT ..	3	FREDERICK J. JACKSON ..	7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ..	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK ..	Tenor

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Rung with deep sorrow, in memory of Mrs. Phyllis Poole.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Grove's variation of Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

MICHAEL J. E. BEST ..	Treble	RONALD N. MARLOW ..	5
*M. GEORGE NORTHWAY ..	2	†A. COLIN CONWAY ..	6
*AUDREY J. KNIGHT ..	3	§LEWIS F. COBB ..	7
†MONTAGUE L. NORTHWAY ..	4	*CHRISTOPHER M. WHITE ..	Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS F. COBB.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' ‡ First of Triples. § First of Grand sire Triples. First as conductor.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G sharp.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE ..	Treble	*GEOFFREY PAUL ..	5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ..	2	GILES C. GALLEY ..	6
NORAH M. BIBBY ..	3	GEORGE H. RANGLES ..	7
*MARY C. PAYNE ..	4	JOHN WALDEN ..	Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Bristol Surprise.

HOPE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 22, 1958, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*JOHN R. KENNETT ..	Treble	IAN M. HOLLAND ..	5
BERNARD GROVES ..	2	*ALAN MCFALL ..	6
FRANK OSBALDISTON ..	3	†ROBERT B. SMITH ..	7
†WILLIAM H. DOWSE ..	4	‡BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Double Norwich C.B. † First of Double Norwich C.B. 'inside.' ‡ 50th peal together.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

*JOHN R. SMITH ..	Treble	STANLEY W. COPLING ..	5
MRS. H. F. CARTER ..	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	6
WALTER C. MEDLER ..	3	*DERICK W. PARDON ..	7
HERBERT F. LASKEY ..	4	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE ..	Tenor

Composed by J. CASE.

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Percy Crowe and Hazel Cockrill, both ringers at this church, married this day. Also a birthday compliment to the conductor's wife.

MARSHFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 22, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

JOAN GRAY ..	Treble	*WILLIAM NAYLOR ..	5
*EDITH BROCKLEHURST ..	2	ANTHONY W. T. CLEAVER ..	6
HARRY HEATH ..	3	JOHN BRAIN ..	7
†NIGEL J. MAGGS ..	4	J. HENRY GILBERT ..	Tenor

Composed by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

Conducted by J. HENRY GILBERT.

* First peal. † First of Major.

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LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 16 twelve-scores (Morris's and Pitman's) and ten six-scores.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

*JOHN I. WILCOX .. Treble	DAVID A. HOULT .. 4
RALPH E. SCUDAMORE .. 2	*JACK A. LONG .. 5
†B. DAVID SIMS .. 3	WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (four callings). Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

BRYN B. NASH .. Treble	DAVID A. HOULT .. 4
JACK A. LONG .. 2	WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE .. 5
B. DAVID SIMS .. 3	RONALD I. THOMAS .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE.

First peal in the method for all except the conductor.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

LECHLADE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents of April Day (three callings), 14 of Plain Bob (four callings) and 14 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 15 cwt.

DAVID HICKS .. Treble	WILLIAM A. GODWIN .. 4
BRUCE WAKEFIELD .. 2	PETER WAKEFIELD .. 5
JOHN DOWDESWELL .. 3	HARRY EDWARDS .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being seven extents each of St. Nicholas' Bob, Winchendon Bob, St. Martin's Bob, St. Simon's Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

ALBERT SAUNDERS .. Treble	*TERRY L. STOCK .. 4
TERRY EARLE .. 2	*TONY B. STOCK .. 5
ALAN R. SYDER .. 3	†WILLIAM E. SIBLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal by a local band of all Stisted ringers.

ALFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.

A PEAL OF 5520 MINOR

Being eight extents in 11 methods: (1) London Surprise, (2) Plain Bob and Oxford Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Double and Single Court, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (7) Cambridge Surprise, (8) Little Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

W. ARTHUR CROWDER .. Treble	MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. 4
JOHN F. PEARSON .. 2	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 5
GILES C. GALLEY .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

To welcome Nicholas John Howard, born February 21st, 1958.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 30 methods, viz.: (1) Northumberland, Carlisle and Sandiacre; (2) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Annable's London and Netherscale; (3) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham; (4) Alnwick, Newcastle, Chester and Munden; (5) London, Wells and Cuncastre; (6) Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Hull and Bourne; (7) Westminster and Allendale; 114 changes of method. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MARY DOWSETT .. Treble	†HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 4
*ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 2	†DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
BRIAN J. HOWARD .. 3	†JOE E. G. ROAST .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* 100th peal. † 25th peal together. ‡ 150th peal. The most Surprise methods rung to a peal for the Association.

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., March 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*STEPHEN J. PERRY .. Treble	JEFFREY B. WEBB .. 4
WILLIAM C. RHODES .. 2	D. KEITH LANE .. 5
LESLIE L. WILLIS .. 3	GORDON H. LANE .. Tenor

Conducted by GORDON H. LANE.

* First peal of Minor. First of Minor in the method as conductor.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

PETER J. STANFORTH .. Treble	GRAHAM T. BALL .. 4
RITA M. STRATFORD .. 2	JOHN VERNON .. 5
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 3	MICHAEL E. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

Rung as a thanksgiving to God for the safe arrival of David Michael, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael E. Brown.

EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Tues., March 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET-OF-ANTIOCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 11 methods, being four extents each of St. Osmund, St. Vedast, Huntspill, New Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and two extents of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

E. E. WOOLDRIDGE .. Treble	R. J. TREBILCOCK (N.E.C.) .. 4
(Furzedown) .. Treble	D. E. SIBSON (Bart.'s Hosp.) .. 5
P. G. K. DAVIES (U.C.) .. 2	R. KEELEY (King's) .. Tenor
M. HAWKES (Goldsmith's) .. 3	

Conducted by D. E. SIBSON.

First peal as conductor.

ASTON ABBOTTS, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 NEWCASTLE SURPRISE MINOR

Being composed of seven different extents.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in G sharp.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN .. 4
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 5
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

The first peal in the method.

BAUGHURST, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's in 11 methods, viz.: (1) Fulbeck, Double Bob and Plain Bob; (2) Thelwall and Childwall; (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's; (4) Oxford Bob; (5) Cambridge Surprise; (6) Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in B.

*FRANK W. LEWIS .. Treble	*RONALD F. DISERENS .. 4
*GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. 5
†A. PATRICK CANNON .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal in 11 methods. † 625th peal. The greatest number of methods rung in a 5,040 on tower bells for the Guild.

BROADWINDSOR, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Cambridge Surprise and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT W. PEARCE .. Treble	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP .. 4
*MARTIN D. BISHOP .. 2	WALTER H. POOLE .. 5
RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* First peal in more than one method.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*PETER GRAVES Treble	ROGER PALMER 4
*R. OLIVER FYSON 2	CHRISTOPHER T. GRAVES.. 5
W. JOHN COUPERTHWAIT 3	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.. Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER T. GRAVES.

* First peal. First as conductor.

Rung by past and present pupils of Soham Grammar School.

MARKET OVERTON, RUTLAND.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores each Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire, three 240's Morris's Grandsire.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JEAN HOY Treble	*RONALD J. HILL 3
ROLAND H. COOK 2	J. HARRY COOK.. .. 4

*J. FREDERICK HUBBARD .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND H. COOK.

* First peal of Doubles in three methods. First of Doubles as conductor.

A compliment to Mr. Harry Wand for his 80th birthday.

PADWORTH, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in B.

RONALD F. DISERENS .. Treble	A. PATRICK CANNON 4
RALPH BIRD.. .. 2	FRANK W. LEWIS 5
WILLIAM S. DEASON 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

The conductor's 500th different tower for a peal.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Cook, of Wychhold, Worcs, on the birth of a daughter (Rebecca Susan), born March 18th.

STARSTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being extents in seven variations of calling. No 6-5s at back.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

LEONARD J. MINNS .. Treble	ANTHONY H. ROBERTS .. 4
MERYL J. ALDEN 2	PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE.. 5
CECIL A. THOMPSON .. 3	PETER M. ADCOCK Tenor

Conducted by PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE.

Rung within the Octave of the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

STRATFORD ST. MARY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., March 22, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods: Two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt.

BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. Treble	GEORGE N. ORMAN 4
*WINIFRED WHEELER.. .. 2	FRANK H. PYKE 5
ROY DUESBURY.. .. 3	WALTER G. BAILLEY Tenor

Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.

* First peal in three methods.

Rung for the christening of the grand-daughter of the tenor ringer.

THORNER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Leeds and District Society.)

On Sat., March 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*DOROTHY HOGG Treble	PERCY WHITAKER 4
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY 2	FRANK RAYMENT 5
*FRED BENNETT 3	IRVIN SLACK Tenor

Conducted by IRVIN SLACK.

* First peal of Minor.

UFFINGTON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 22, 1958, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

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

Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

RICHARD E. G. LUTON .. Treble	ANTHONY R. PEAKE 3
DOUGLAS O. WILKS 2	ERIC SUTTON 4

ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The most methods rung to a peal on these bells.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar of Uffington (Rev. S. W. Doran), who is shortly to be instituted to the living of Bray, Berkshire.

WARMLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings).

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GILBERT SPRULES .. Treble	JAMES SPRULES.. .. 4
*SANDRA LEWIS 2	*ANTHONY GIBBS 5
RITA WEBB 3	*PAUL KING Tenor

Conducted by GILBERT SPRULES.

* First peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. Barbara King, and wedding compliment to Mr. T. T. Walters, former secretary of the Rural Branch.

First peal on the bells since rehanging.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 15, 1958, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, HEADINGLEY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 13 in E.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 1—2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 3—4
J. MARTIN THORLEY 5—6	

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT 4, RUSHTON DRIVE,

A PEAL OF 5400 DOUBLES

In 13 methods, being 240 Grandsire, 480 each of St. Osmund Bob, St. Remigius' Bob, St. Hilary Bob, St. Martin's Bob, Winchendon Place Bob, Blackburn Place Bob and Plain Bob, and 360 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Shipway's Place Bob, Westminster II Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob and St. Simon's Bob.

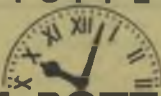
Tenor size 18 in G.

FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 1—2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 3—4
WILLIAM H. DOWSE 5—6	

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

First peal of Doubles in 13 methods on handbells by all. The most Doubles methods yet rung to a peal for the Guild.

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QUARTER PEALS

ABERGAVERN, MON.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ald. W. Horsington (aged 76) 1, G. Ward (cond.) 2, Miss L. Temlett 3, Rev. I. J. Richards 4, N. Ward 5, R. Horsington 6. Rung as a compliment to Ald. Horsington, Mayor-Elect of the borough, also to celebrate the wedding of Bryan Johns, a member of St. Mary's ringers, and Miss Goode.

BADBY, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. J. Spraggett (first quarter) 1, Miss H. M. Johnson 2, F. W. Hutt 3, V. A. Perry 4, M. Bennett (first as cond.) 5, P. Box 6.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, G. R. Goodship 2, Miss A. E. J. Lester (cond.) 3, H. A. Mitson 4, R. E. Lester 5, J. B. Morley 6. For Evensong.

BARKWAY, HERTS.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Mayes (first of Stedman Triples) 1, W. Critchley 2, C. Critchley 3, C. Harwood 4, P. Bourne 5, J. Dear 6, E. Buck (cond.) 7, R. Castle-dine 8.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Mar. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Broadley 1, H. Wingrove (cond.) 2, Ann Shiels 3, Dorothy Fletcher 4, W. Edwards 5, D. Lamb 6, A. Bridges 7, F. Reed 8.

BLUNHAM, BEDS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. F. Sims 1, D. Jeeves 2, F. Hull 3, A. S. Smith 4, C. E. Jeffries (cond.) 5, E. Ashton 6. In memoriam Charles Henry Harding.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—On Mar. 15th, 1,494 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. Wadman 1, E. Naylor (cond.) 2, W. J. Prescott 3, S. A. Read 4, V. Roberts 5, G. G. Salmon 6, E. J. Chivers 7, D. Hoare 8.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,250 Grandsire Triples: I. Norris 1, H. Hodgetts 2, J. Pares 3, C. Evans 4, C. Cook 5, E. Ashby 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, F. Morris 8.

CARDIFF, GLAM.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Glynys Evans (first of Triples) 1, T. Yeomans 2, L. Muller 3, J. Daniels 4, T. Lewis 5, L. Hulbert 6, W. Dare (cond.) 7, S. Barker (aged 80) 8. Rung in memoriam Alfred Parnell, for many years a faithful ringer at this church.

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. N. J. Bailey 1, Mary Solomon 2, J. B. Gorrod 3, P. G. Tovell 4, M. J. Stokes (first as cond.) 5. First 'inside' 2 and 3. For the wedding of Miss Jean Blowers, a local chorister, to Mr. Gordon Mewse.

CHESTER.—On Mar. 13th, at St. Mary's Church, Handbridge, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Parsonage (first quarter) 1, R. King (first in method) 2, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 3, G. F. Snerring 4, J. F. Hughes 5, G. Paring 6, P. Swindley 7, J. T. Tilston 8.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Mar. 13th, 1,280 Southwell Surprise Major: G. Woodruff (first of Treble Bob) 1, Marian Mills 2, Evelyn Cansdale 3, U. W. Wildney 4, A. W. Cansdale 5, E. E. Davey 6, B. W. Fairhead 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. First in method by all. Also on Mar. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Doreen Fairhead (12, first of Major) 1, G. Woodruff (first 'inside') 2, Brenda M. Balls 3, E. J. Butler (79) 4, E. P. Duffield 5, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 6, F. G. Oliver 7, B. W. Fairhead 8. An 84th birthday compliment to George M. Rashbrook, of Colchester.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 13th, 1,296 Aldenham Surprise Major: E. Wadham 1, D. Hoare (cond.) 2, A. J. Sanger 3, R. J. Crago 4, E. J. Chivers 5, V. Roberts 6, G. G. Salmon 7, H. J. Sanger 8. First in the method by all.

DUDLEY, WORCS.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janice Christopher 1, Joyce Lee 2, Nnancy Huson 3, Susan Richardson 4, Shirley Rymer (first as cond.) 5, R. O. Jones 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 4. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Connie M. Thomas, at one time ringer and worshipper at this church.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): P. Clarke 1, R. Clarke 2, K. Small 3, F. Hurrell 4, J. Sims 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, E. J. Coode 8. For Evensong.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Gentleman 1, A. Benstead 2, A. R. Mann 3, E. Jaggard 4, S. Brown (cond.) 5. Rung by the local band as a farewell to the Rev. Mr. Craig, who is leaving the parish for Walsham-le-Willows.

EPHING, ESSEX.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. E. C. Blake 1, K. C. S. Wood 2, C. W. Sams (first in method) 3, R. H. D. Hayden 4, B. G. Burton 5, S. F. Clark 6, W. H. Alef (first in method as cond.) 7, E. J. Rochester 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. E. J. Rochester. First quarter of Major on bells since rehanging.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. F. Luckett (first quarter) 1, R. Sturgess 2, J. Ball 3, T. Holt 4, G. Miles 5, H. A. Nobes 6, A. Sturgess (cond.) 7, A. Dye 8. Rung for the Institution of the Rev. T. G. Strangeways as Vicar of Holy Trinity, Fareham.

GLOUCESTER.—On Feb. 15th, at St. Mary-de-Lode Church, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. Leighton (first of Minor) 1, R. K. Russ 2, J. A. Cobbs 3, R. Price 4, P. T. Hurecombe (cond.) 5, M. D. Ling 6. Rung prior to the Gloucester United Guild dinner.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 7th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. C. R. Lovett (first of Major) 1, C. R. Lovett 2, Mrs. R. B. Downing 3, I. Bennett (cond.) 4, A. Clarke 5, E. Pearce 6, R. B. Downing 7, C. W. Pipe 8. For the induction of the Rev. R. W. Schofield to this parish.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On Mar. 16th, 1,280 Spliced Cambridge, Yorkshire and Superlative Surprise Major: Miss M. V. Copping 1, Miss J. Henderson (aged 14) 2, Miss P. Reeve (16) 3, Miss F. Scott (15) 4, R. E. Moulds 5, V. Bottomley 6, J. H. Fielden (cond.) 7, E. M. Fielden 8. By the local band for Mothering Sunday service.

HANSLOPE, BUCKS.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Rainbow 1, Miss D. Miller 2, G. F. Rooms 3, R. Roberts 4, Miss J. Downing 5, A. Jones 6, A. C. Cozens (first as cond.) 7, A. Keeves 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Cozens on their first wedding anniversary.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Mar. 8th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. E. Clarke 1, Miss J. Miles 2, F. Bowden 3, Mrs. E. Bowden 4, H. Gauntlett 5, Miss E. Pearson 6, A. V. Queen 7, J. P. McDermott (first of Major as cond.) 8. Also on Mar. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Farrent 1, J. P. McDermott (first of Triples as cond.) 2, F. Bowden 3, Mrs. E. Bowden 4, C. Pound 5, H. Gauntlett 6, A. V. Queen 7, J. B. Sidebottom 8. For Evensong.

HOLME HALE, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Frieda A. M. Frost 1, G. W. Heyhoe 2, S. H. Waterfield 3, H. J. Larwood 4, P. J. Woodcock 5, A. E. Dixon (cond.) 6.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Howes 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, A. J. Davey 3, F. R. Nicholls 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,280 Gainsborough Surprise Major: Mrs. A. E. Cox (cond.) 1, A. Foxall 2, R. Biggs 3, D. Cornwall 4, J. D. Kape 5, A. Newton 6, P. Newton 7, A. E. Cox 8. First in method by all the band. Rung by the Sunday service band.

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LUTON, BEDS.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Miss J. Webber (first quarter) 1, J. Wing 2, J. Newman 3, A. J. Smith 4, G. Hawkins 5, R. Kendall 6, L. A. Goodenough (cond.) 7, H. Wood 8, A. E. Rushton 9, C. Mann 10. A wedding compliment to Miss Hazel Anstee and Mr. Roger Grinter, members of the Luton band, who were married earlier in the day.

LYNDHURST, HANTS.—On Mar. 17th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. Redwood 1, W. T. Godfrey 2, Jean M. Harris 3, A. C. Conway 4, J. Hartless 5, M. J. Butler 6, R. N. Marlow 7, L. F. Cobb (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method for 1 and 4.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters, at St. Paul's Cathedral: G. W. Heyes 1, E. H. Hughes 2, B. L. Sheppard 3, K. J. Minchinton 4, B. J. Beeson 5, G. Weston 6, A. H. Fisher 7, F. Oakshott 8, G. W. Pipe (cond.) 9, J. J. F. Roper 10. First of Caters for 1, 2, 4 and 7. Arranged for Mr. F. Oakshott, on holiday from England.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Mar. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 240 each of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Simon's and Grandsire): Valerie A. Bundy 1, P. A. Bird (first as cond.) 2, D. A. R. May 3, A. Pamela Warren 4, P. G. Smart 5, L. Bond 6. First in six methods for all the band. Also on Mar. 16th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: N. Anne Lepper (first of Minor) 1, P. A. Bird 2, Jill M. Lane (first of Minor as cond.) 3, G. M. Battersby 4, J. A. Etherington 5, P. Smart 6. Both rung for Evensong and as a farewell to the Rev. L. W. Houchin, leaving to become Vicar of Cove.

MERSTHAM, SURREY.—On Mar. 12th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. P. Cannon (cond.) 1, Patricia Smea 2, A. Streeter 3, B. A. Cracknell 4, F. E. Roberts 5, T. A. Cross 6. First of Surprise Minor for 2, 3 and 4.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Stedman, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and 60 Plain Bob): Mary Powell 1, T. G. Phillips 2, L. Derrick 3, C. Konright 4, J. Brain (first as cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6. First quarter in six methods by 1, 2 and 5.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Snape 1, Mrs. A. Richardson 2, J. Jenkins 3, B. Schofield 4, A. Richardson 5, S. Hough, jun. (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Audrey, daughter of treble ringer (tower captain), and Donald Hartley.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Royack 1, W. Ellis 2, C. E. Willmington 3, R. Chapman 4, P. Sadler 5, A. J. House 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, L. S. Woods 8. Rung after meeting short for a peal.

RAMSGATE, KENT.—At the Church of St. Laurence-in-Thanc, on Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. B. Plane 1, L. T. Peters 2, G. C. Durham 3, S. J. Gee 4, T. W. Edwards (cond.) 5, R. S. Weekes 6. For Evensong.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. S. Hoad 1, Mrs. P. S. Cracknell 2, Miss J. Hanning (first 'inside') 3, F. T. Hoad 4, L. W. Penfold 5, F. Jeal 6, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 7, A. T. Shelton 8. For Evensong by the Sunday service band.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On Mar. 13th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. J. H. Parker (cond.) 1, J. E. Wightman 2, Miss S. Revell 3, B. W. Willgress 4, C. W. Barlow 5, W. G. Collins 6. Rung for B. W. Willgress, whose home tower is Acle, Norfolk.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Brandrick (aged 13) 1, A. J. Taylor (aged 11) 2, Rosemary Stratford 3, Rita Stratford 4, Christine Stratford 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Mar. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Hill (first quarter) 1, Jennifer Stratford 2, Rosemary Stratford 3, Rita Stratford 4, M. E. Brown (cond.) 5, A. Chapman 6. For Mothering Sunday.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rachel Corner 1, Janet Miles 2, F. Bowden 3, Mrs. F. Bowden 4, Eve Pearson 5, H. Gauntlett 6, A. Queen (cond.) 7, J. McDermott 8. Also on Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rachel Corner 1, Mrs. F. Bowden 2, J. A. M. Salter 3, J. McDermott 4, A. Queen 5, J. L. Queen 6, H. Gauntlett (cond.) 7, J. B. Sidebotham 8. For Evensong, and a farewell to J. B. Sidebotham, who is leaving for Ludlow.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKS.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Paul 1, A. Thornton 2, Mrs. J. Render 3, B. K. Sissons 4, A. Sheppard (cond.) 5, J. Potts 6. For Evensong. Also on Mar. 16th, 1,260 Doubles in 10 methods: H. Paul 1, Mrs. J. Render 2, A. Sheppard (cond.) 3, B. K. Sissons 4, J. Potts 5, A. Thornton 6. For Evensong.

SHIRLEY WARWICKS.—On Mar. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Henebury (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Robinson 2, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 3, K. R. Foot 4, J. T. Gwilt 5, J. K. Foot 6. Also on Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Robinson 1, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 2, G. E. Fearn 3, K. R. Foot 4, L. Tullrey 5, J. K. Foot 6, G. Bailey 7, J. T. Gwilt 8. For Evensong.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Mar. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7 and 8 covering): J. Swaine 1, Miss S. J. Howard 2, W. Brown 3, G. Johnson 4, W. Laurance (cond.) 5, D. Taplin (first quarter) 7, W. Munson (first quarter) 8.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge, 540 St. Clement's and Plain Bob Spliced): R. E. Lester 1, Marian Mills 2, U. W. Wildney (cond.) 3, Alice Lester 4, J. B. Morley 5, R. W. Steward 6. A compliment to Ruby Snell and Thomas Steward, whose wedding took place this day.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Mar. 16th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: E. J. Rowe 1, Miss P. Rowe 2, Miss L. Hawes 3, Miss F. Secker 4, W. Theobald 5, M. Cubitt 6, M. J. Rowe 7, B. Bladon (cond.) 8. First London Major by all except 5 and 8. By resident service band.

QUARTER PEALS

STREET, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 13th, 1,260 Grand-Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): R. Lampert 1, W. Dare 2, W. H. Marsh 3, R. Greuter 4, G. Greuter 5, B. Winter 6, K. Prime (cond.) 7, C. Best 8. First quarter 1, 4, 6 and 8. First quarter by local band since rehanging. A compliment to Hilda Greuter for their marriage in 1957 and birth of a daughter recently.

STURMINSTER NEWTON, DORSET.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. G. Young 1, E. F. Hart 2, D. J. Inkpen 3, E. G. Hammond 4, C. F. Wills (cond.) 5, J. E. Peck 6. A farewell compliment to the Very Rev. Harry W. Blackburn.

TENBY, PEMBS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 St. Clement's Minor: T. Griffiths (first quarter) 1, T. Osbourne (first 'inside') 2, E. Williams 3, G. Thomas 4, J. Webb 5, H. Jenkins (cond.) 6.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Minor (720 Double Oxford and St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob): Heather Stewart 1, Mrs. P. Mills 2, Marian H. Mills (cond.) 3, P. W. Mills 4, M. Mills 5, W. Downs 6. For Evensong.

TREDINGTON, GLOS.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Doubles in 11 methods: E. T. Lee 1, Miss W. Bird 2, I. Goulter 3, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 4, D. W. Beard 5. First in 11 methods by 1, 2, 3 and 5.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Mar. 16th, at St. Matthew's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. S. Eastwood 1, Samela R. P. Thomas 2, M. Jill Fisher 3, K. Williams 4, E. Stitch 5, M. J. Austin 6, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 7, A. Hewlett 8. For Mothering Sunday.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: M. J. Hayes 1, D. Hewitt 2, B. R. Downes 3, H. Rumens 4, F. C. Maynard 5, E. E. Holman 6, T. Hawkins 7, J. Bray 8, A. St. J. Boyack 9, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 10. For Evensong.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Plain Bob, Old Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure and 300 Grand-sire): E. Rudkin 1, L. Earl 2, Miss G. A. Ashby 3, G. F. Roome 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. For the wedding of Mr. Beasley to Miss Huck.

WHITESTONE, DEVON.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Street (aged 10, first quarter) 1, J. Andrews 2, J. Manley 3, H. Cory 4, W. Panter (cond.) 5, W. Ford 6.

WIGTOFT, Lincs.—On Mar. 1st, 720 and 360 Plain Bob and 180 St. Clement's: R. Stephenson (first in two methods) 1, J. P. Morris 2, J. W. Bailey 3, W. Wilkinson 4, T. Cummins (cond.) 5, P. H. Reynolds 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Mar. 18th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Tomsétt 1, Anne Garnett 2, M. Sinden 3, Susan Jacobs 4, A. Bagworth (first of Kent) 5, A. Bishop 6, P. Devenish 7, F. Corfield (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service, when three members of the tower were candidates (Terry Standing, Elizabeth Carson and Edmund Jacobs).

WINTERBOURNE, GLOS.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Carter 1, C. W. Batten 2, E. A. Anstey 3, E. Thomas 4, H. T. Terris (cond.) 5, F. Lewis (first quarter) 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. T. T. Walters and Miss J. Cooper.

WOOD GREEN, MIDLX.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Spreadbury 1, Miss J. Spreadbury 2, B. Allen 3, Miss G. Newcombe 4, W. Vince 5, D. Kingston (cond.) 6. Rung for the opening of Wood Green Civic Centre.

WORTHING, SUSSEX.—At St. Botolph's Church, Heene, on Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. W. Weaver (12, first quarter) 1, R. P. Wood 2, M. Fromm 3, H. C. Weaver 4, Miss D. R. Saunders 5, R. Wilson 6, L. Stilwell (cond.) 7, G. H. Cheshire-Brazier 8.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. M. Gale (first quarter) 1, E. A. Price 2, Miss P. Barnard 3, M. N. Price (first 'inside') 4, R. H. Brice 5, P. H. Marshall 6, H. A. Price 7, J. K. Baker 8. For Mothering Sunday.

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There was another day of over 20,000 changes at the Loughborough Bell Foundry Campanile on March 15th when Mr. Derek P. Jones conducted four peals, and five of the ringers had the privilege of scoring four peals in a day for the first time. The day was organised by Mr. J. W. Cotton, secretary of the Midland Counties Guild, and a fifth peal would have been attempted had transport arrangements permitted. The first peal, in 1 hour 48 minutes, was probably the fastest Surprise peal yet rung. The organiser of the 40,320 took part in the four, thus having a more 'fruitful' visit to the Campanile than of late.

The Mayor-elect of Abergavenny is Ald. W. Horsington, a local ringer. Although 76, he rang in a quarter peal in honour of his selection.

The fund for the overhaul of Eye, Suffolk, bells has now reached £818. Fifty-four tons of waste paper, etc., have been sold, realising £294 of that amount.

Correction.—The peal at Brafield-on-the-Green, Northamptonshire, was conducted by Allan R. Jones and not by Alan C. Cozens as stated on page 185 of the March 21st issue of 'The Ringing World.'

The peal from Melbourne, Australia, recorded in this issue, in honour of the visit of H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, was rung as Her Majesty drove from Government House to the Royal Ball in St. Paul's Cathedral.

Mrs. Mary Jane Burton gave 100 pennies to launch the £100,000 Hexham Abbey Restoration Fund appeal, on condition that the Abbey bells were rung on her 100th birthday. On March 20th she listened at an open window at Hexham General Hospital as the promise was kept. 'The best thanks I could get,' was her comment. She also received a telegram from the Queen.

BELFRY GOSSIP

As a welcome to the new Suffragan Bishop of Middleton to the diocese of Manchester, a peal of Grandsire Caters was attempted at Manchester Cathedral on March 22nd. Unfortunately, it was lost in the last few minutes. The band included John Nelson, the 16-year-old son of the Bishop.

A group of young ringers of St. Andrew's Church, Weybread, Norfolk, collected £21 by ringing handbells at each house in the village, in order to reduce the repairs debt on the church.

A ring of church bells was blessed and hallowed by the Bishop of Fulham at St. Mary's Church, Rotterdam, on November 17th, 1957. After the blessing the bells rang out and played three leads of Grandsire Triples, states a report. Is anything known about these bells?

The conductor of the peal at Starston (Mr. Paul D. T. Cattermole) on March 22nd found this, his 13th peal, somewhat elusive. Several attempts in the past month had been lost for reasons from miscalling to the unravelling of the sally and disintegration of a rope.

Latest addition to the list of brides who rang in their wedding gowns is Miss Margaret Wilson, of Thorne, Yorks. After her wedding on March 22nd she, with the bridegroom (Clifford Leask) and the bridegroom's father and brother, rang in a touch of Grandsire Triples on Thorne bells.

By ringing a peal at Padworth, Berks, on March 22nd, Mr. A. Patrick Cannon has now rung peals in 500 different towers. He is the fifth ringer to reach this total and the youngest. By a coincidence it was rung on the 28th anniversary of his first quarter peal at Combe Florey, Somerset. He would like to thank all his many friends who have helped him to reach this total.

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MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE: A MEMOIR

The tragic death on March 20th of Mrs. Phyllis Poole brought to a close a wonderful ringing career. She was undoubtedly the outstanding lady ringer of her generation, and her passing is a great loss to the Exercise.

Phyllis, as she was always affectionately called, commenced to ring during the first world war at St. Augustine's, Woodston, Huntingdonshire, when volunteers were called for to fill the places of male ringers who were engaged on sterner duties. For a time, she had as tutor and guide the late Rupert Richardson, and was quick to make progress. Her first peal—Bob Minor—was rung at Woodston on May 10th, 1919. During the next three years she took part in a further 26 peals on six, eight and ten bells, two of the latter being conducted by the late Rev. H. Law James.

About this time forces were at work which were to mould the pattern of her future life. On May 13th, 1922, at Isham, Northants, she took part in the first peal of Minor to be rung by an entirely ladies band. On that day also the ringers of St. Martin's, Leicester, held their annual outing in Northamptonshire. The parties chanced to meet in the evening and spent a pleasant hour together. During the course of conversation Phyllis mentioned that she had the desire to ring some of the more advanced methods, but that the opportunity either for practice or peals did not exist in her district. She was told to study Cambridge and Superlative and that later an opportunity would be found for her; and on November 18th, 1922, she came to Kibworth, Leicestershire, for her first attempt at Cambridge Surprise. Any doubts that may have existed about her ability to accomplish the task she had set herself were speedily dispelled. She rang like a veteran and came through with colours flying. The youth who conducted the peal was later to take her for his bride.

A fortnight later she rang Superlative at Loughborough Foundry, again without previous practice, and though the bells were much lighter and the tempo of the ringing much faster than what she was accustomed to, she again did her ringing extremely well. Having shown what she could do and what stuff she was made of, she was frequently asked to ring in further peals. With her smiling face and cheery manner she was always very welcome. On two occasions she took part in two Surprise peals in the course of an afternoon—no mean feat for a young lady! In addition to the ringing she was doing with the Leicester ringers, she still rang many peals on other parts.

On Monday, October 24th, 1927, she was married to Harold J. Poole, and came to make her home amongst us at Leicester and became a member of the Cathedral band. In due course she presented us with her daughter, Jill, and for this gift we are greatly in her debt. Peals continued to come until the war stopped all ringing. After the war she took part in the great spate of peals that came from the Leicestershire towers at this time. Then came the greatest tragedy of her life, when her husband was so cruelly taken from her. After a time she continued ringing, and during the past two years few indeed have been the issues of 'The Ringing World' that did not have her name at least once in the peals columns.

She was a member of 25 Associations and had rung peals in many of the English counties, over the borders of Scotland and Wales, and across the sea in Ireland. She had taken part in 677 peals on all numbers, her last being Double Norwich at the Bell Foundry the evening before her death.

She was a devout churchwoman, a regular attendant at service ringing, practices and meetings, and always ready to give a helping hand in cases of sickness and distress. She was a great and lovable woman, and a multitude of hearts will be the sadder for her passing. Saddest of all will be the three that she has left at

home—Jill, Peter and lovely little Rosemary. The sympathy of ringers throughout the world will be with them in the irreparable loss they have sustained.

As these notes were being penned the bells that Phyllis loved were sounding forth a last farewell, and whilst listening for a while the following lines, written by the late Wm. Willson many years ago, came to mind:—

The bells in cadence sweet,
Pour muffled music down;
A ringer's requiem they beat,
Their dirge a message oft repeat:
After the Cross—the Crown.'

HARRY BROUGHTON.

THE FUNERAL

The Cathedral Church of St. Martin was almost filled by friends from far and near at the funeral service on Tuesday, March 25th. The choir led the singing of Psalm 23. The hymn, 'Blessed are the pure in heart,' Phyllis' favourite, was sung, and finally the Nunc Dimittis. Cremation followed at the Gilroes Crematorium.

There were no flowers, by request, with the exception of a beautiful cross of lilies from Jill and Peter, and also a posy from her granddaughter, Rosemary.

Among the many mourners were Mr. Paul L. Taylor (president, Leicester Diocesan Guild), Mr. P. A. Corby and Mr. E. C. Turner (vice-presidents), Mrs. Corby, Mrs. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frederick Milner (Southall), Mr. A. H. Pulling (Guildford), Mr. R. Edwards (Birmingham), Mr. and Mrs. A. Beamish (Chilvers Coton), Mr. T. J. Lock (president, Ladies' Guild), Mrs. A. Richardson and Mrs. Wayman (Surfleet), Mr. J. Cotton (Midland Counties Guild), Mr. Herrick B. Bowley (head of the Cathedral ringers).

In the evening an in memoriam peal of Stedman Cinques with the bells half-muffled was rung on the St. Martin's Cathedral bells, conducted by Mr. Herrick B. Bowley.

OBITUARY

MR. C. W. SMITH

The death in Addenbrooks Hospital, Cambridge, on March 20th, of Mr. Charles William Smith, at the age of 73 years, was a great shock to his fellow members at Great St. Mary, Cambridge. It was only three weeks previously that he had rung 350 Grandsire Triples for Even-song. Until retirement, he was a railway clerk.

Mr. Smith's early years were spent at Pinchbeck, Lincolnshire, where he did much ringing in the company of such stalwarts as the Rev. H. Law James and Rupert Richardson. Moving to Cambridge in the '20s, he joined the Cambridge Youths in 1927 and was Ringing Master for some years.

He would stand in an occasional peal, but was not interested in ringing peals just to pile up the number. It is thought that he had rung about 80 peals, and amongst them were Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Caters, Cambridge and Bristol Surprise Major and Court Bob Royal. Some of these peals he conducted included Holt's Original and Grandsire Caters.

As a last tribute to him, 1,344 Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled at Great St. Mary's by P. Latchford 1, P. H. Pigg 2, C. M. P. Johnson 3, E. G. Hibbins 4, T. R. Dennis 5, D. Latchford 6, J. W. R. Quinney (conductor) 7, H. F. Brown 8.

The funeral service, followed by cremation, was held at St. John's Church. The congregation included several railwaymen and the following members of the Cambridge Youths: Messrs. A. T. Chenery, H. F. Brown, D. Stubblings, T. R. Dennis, J. W. R. Quinney and E. G. Hibbins.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Preliminary Notice

The second session of the 23rd Council (61st Annual Meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, May 27th, 1958, in the Synod Hall, Dublin, by kind permission of His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Dublin.

In accordance with Rule 13, notices of motion, signed by two members of the Council, must be received by the Secretary not less than six weeks previous to the meeting, i.e., by April 15th, 1958.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

Attempt At Record Length Of Doubles

Dear Sir,—An attempt will be made on Easter Monday, April 7th, to exceed the 10,080 changes of Doubles rung at Whaploade, Lincs, on February 27th, 1775, in 7 hours 26 minutes. It is hoped to commence at 9 a.m. with an all-local band at St. Nicholas', Marston, Oxford.—Yours, etc.,

ALEC GAMMON.

Marston, Oxford.

'Booklet For Beginners'

Dear Sir,—The seventh impression of the above has now been sold out. Following a recent meeting of the committee appointed by the Central Council to prepare a new book for beginners, the Council will be asked at Whitsun to agree to print, and sell at a low price, a book which will include material from my booklet.

In that event I shall not prepare another edition of the booklet; so with the hope that the Exercise will give equal support to the Council's book, when available, may I thank all those whose encouragement and appreciation have helped me to produce and sell well over 3,000 copies of the booklet?—Yours, etc.,

WILFRID G. WILSON.

Alperton, Wembley.

MR. JOSEPH HARDCASTLE

The death of Mr. Joe Hardcastle, at 70, Beechwood Road, Wibsey, Bradford, on March 13th, broke a link in the ringing family which commenced in the 18th century, for his father and grandfather were prominent ringers. Joe was in his 88th year, and had been a member of the Bradford Cathedral company for over 60 years and secretary of the company for 40 years. He joined the Yorkshire Association in 1887, and rang his first peal in the same year—his total of peals being 66 (five conducted).

In 1934 he was a member of the band which toured Australia and New Zealand on the occasion of the ringing centenary. He had been confined to his house for several years, after losing a leg in an accident, but maintained a keen interest in all ringing activities.

The funeral service at the Cathedral on March 18th was taken by the Succentor (Rev. Graeme Spiers), and the Provost (Very Rev. J. R. Tiarks) paid a tribute to the late Mr. Hardcastle for his very outstanding work in his long association with the Church. At the funeral service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by P. J. Johnson, W. Barton, L. W. G. Morris and S. Longbottom.

The Cathedral bells, half-muffled, were rung before and after the service. In the evening a quarter peal of Bob Major was rung with the bells half-muffled by the local company and Calverley ringers. Those taking part were Mrs. P. Dawson (first quarter peal) 1, Miss S. G. Schofield 2, Mrs. M. Evans 3, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 4, John Rhodes (first quarter) 5, S. L. Bailey (first quarter) 6, P. Dawson 7, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 8, H. B. Schofield tenor covering.

The bells were also rung muffled for service on Sunday, March 23rd.

E. H. S.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

The annual meeting of the East Grinstead and District Guild was held at East Grinstead on March 8th, and ringing was enjoyed from 3 to 4.30, when the service was held. At this the Guild president (Rev. H. C. F. Copsey) officiated, and in the absence of the local organist Mr. S. Ponting deputised.

Tea was taken in the Clarendon Restaurant, but unfortunately the president had to leave immediately afterwards, so the chair was taken by Mr. E. J. Ladd. The main item was the election of officers, and this resulted in several changes. It had been suggested that a new president be elected, but as Mr. Copsey was showing some interest in the Guild, owing to the state of ringing at East Grinstead, he was re-elected.

The chairman announced that he was not standing for re-election as he thought it only fair that the officers' jobs should be changed often, to give the younger members a chance. He said that this did not mean that he would take less interest in the Guild. He proposed that the vice-chairman (Mr. S. G. Ponting) should be elected. This was carried, and Mr. Ponting moved to the head of the table, and in his opening remarks paid tribute to the sterling work of Mr. Ladd who was a founder member of the Guild. Mr. B. V. Collison also supported the new chairman in his tribute. For the post of vice-chairman, one of the young members, Mr. E. Brunger, was elected.

As was known, Mr. Wellington, owing to health reasons, had to give up his treasurership, and Mr. C. Hancock was elected to be his successor. Mr. Ladd then spoke of Mr. Wellington's work for the Guild, and said that the accounts had been meticulously kept and that the finances had been ruled with an even sterner hand than the late Mr. Olliver's. The other changes were in the committee, which now consists of Messrs. E. J. Ladd, A. Relfe, E. Jenner and G. Fry.

The summer outing was discussed, and a route taking in both towers at Portsmouth was chosen. The date fixed was September 13th.

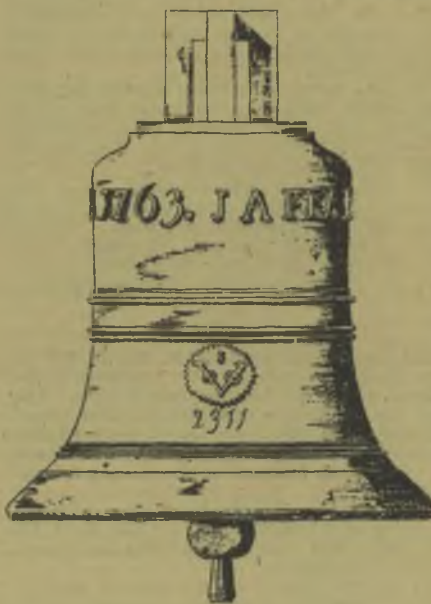
The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks, especially to Miss Shepherd, who is now the sole link between the Guild and East Grinstead tower.

THORNE RINGERS' WEDDING

A wedding of special interest to the ringers at Thorne, Yorks, was held on March 22nd at St. Nicholas' Church between Margaret Wilson and Clifford Leask. The bride and bridegroom and the bridegroom's father and brother are regular ringers at Thorne. The large congregation included members of the Thorne Girl Guides, of which the bride is a member. As the happy couple left the church, 672 well-struck changes of Grandsire Triples were rung by E. C. Stacey 1, John Thorley 2, F. A. Staveley 3, L. M. Woodhead 4, E. Short 5, H. Wagstaff 6, C. Thorley (conductor) 7, E. Thorley (8).

During the reception, 120 Grandsire Doubles were rung on handbells by John Thorley 1-2, James Thorley 3-4, C. Thorley 5-6. Following tea the bride and bridegroom and bridegroom's father and brother rang in a short touch of Grandsire Triples, following which other ringing friends rang various methods, concluding the day with a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. L. M. W.

NELSON'S BELL AT JAMAICA



Two bells, hung for swinging, stand one on each side of a pleasant drive lined with palm trees leading to a beautiful church set amidst tropical trees and vivid flowers. These bells you will find outside the Garrison Church—a pleasant place in park-like surroundings set against a colourful background of mountains—at Up Park Camp, Kingston, in Jamaica.

One of these bells is of considerable historic interest and bears the following inscription: 'JAFFANA PATNAM. ANNO 1763.' Nelson on one of his journeys is reputed to have acquired this bell from an Indian port. It is more than likely that it was stolen by some of his men when on shore leave there. The bell was brought to Port Royal, near Kingston, where Nelson had it hung outside his house. There it remained until 1937 when Padre Tovey had the bell moved to Up Park Camp, where it has since called thousands of soldiers to worship. Last year this ancient bell was found to be cracked, but fortunately it was decided that it should be preserved.

Now on the other other side of the drive there is a new bell, cast by Messrs. John Taylor, of Loughborough, which was hung only a few months ago.

To mark the end of 1957 and the beginning of 1958, both of these bells were rung. How appropriate the flat, tuneless thud of the old, and the melodious and musical sound of the new heralding what it is hoped will be a more happy and prosperous year for us all.

L/Cpl. IAN H. GOLDTHORPE (R.E.).

WHITBY, YORKS.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hodgson 1, Miss K. Mallinson 2, J. R. Waller 3, D. Elwick (cond.) 4, G. W. White 5, H. Waters 6, S. R. Elwick 7, F. Lamerton 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Elwick on the occasion of their silver wedding.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Despite the uncertain weather conditions and icy winds, nearly 40 ringers from places as far distant as Spalding, Great Yarmouth, Leiston, Ipswich and Needham Market attended a general meeting of the Suffolk Guild at Beccles on March 22nd.

Ringing took place on this grand ring of ten during the afternoon and evening, and included Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Bob Royal and Kent T.B. Royal, Double Norwich, Cambridge Surprise and Superlative Surprise Major. The service was conducted by the Rector (Canon W. R. F. Hares), who extended a warm welcome to the members. A bountiful tea was served by the local ladies in the Church Hall.

At the following business meeting the Rector presided, supported by the general secretary, Mr. E. R. Goate (District secretary) and Messrs. R. Clouston, L. Last and R. Lester (committee members). The secretary reported that at a recent committee meeting the question of Central Council representatives' expenses was discussed. As there was nothing laid down concerning this he proposed the following rule be added: 'That the secretary be authorised to pay on request 2nd class return railway fare together with a maximum of two nights' hotel expenses to each representative attending, provided that the total indebtedness of the Guild for all representatives does not exceed £20 in any one year.' This was seconded by Mr. Clouston, and it was agreed that it be submitted to the next general meeting for confirmation. It was pointed out that this would not be operative until the 1959 Central Council meeting.

Two new members were elected, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Rector, organist, vergers, the ladies and Mr. Goate for the excellent arrangements. Handbells were then rung to Grandsire Caters and Triples before returning to the tower. J. W. B.

THE LADIES' GUILD

The annual meeting of the West Midlands Branch was held at Claines, Worcs, on March 8th, and although it was very cold and snowy there was a good attendance. A short service was conducted by the curate, followed by tea in the schoolroom, where the company was entertained to some excellent tune-ringing on handbells, which was enjoyed by all.

The business meeting was then held, at which Miss Evelyn Fletcher was elected vice-president and Mrs. Molly Barron secretary and treasurer. Miss Frances Elizabeth Haynes, born on February 14th, 1958, was created an honorary member of the Guild. M. P. B.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MUSIC IN BELLRINGING

Dear Sir,—Mr. Painter's articles on 'The Music in Bellringing' were most interesting and in spite of the many inaccuracies and misstatements contained therein, are a useful contribution to the subject. As some of these statements are made the basis of his arguments against 65's, I should be pleased in the interests of truthfulness to be allowed to correct him where he has gone wrong and put him right where he has gone astray.

'These progressions are not tonic-supertonic, etc., etc.' It would be interesting to discover since when the 3rd of the submediant has not been the tonic or the 5th of the dominant not the supertonic, or how long it has been necessary when harmonising a melody to make each melody note the root of a chord of which it is part. These are only not tonic-supertonic progressions of they form part of another key.

'The submediant chord is the relative minor.' It most certainly is **not**, unless a modulation has been made thereto, and as in the examples quoted the phrases are in the tonic key, the words in parentheses are therefore not only irrelevant but misleading.

'Tonic-supertonic progressions are as common as blackberries in music.'

I feel inclined to take this ambiguous statement literally! But contrary to the intended meaning, tonic-supertonic progressions at a half-cadence are far from frequent and for every one Mr. Painter discovers he will find, I should say, at least a dozen of the normal half-cadence progressions. This, however, I pointed out in my original article.

'Anacrusis.' Here the term is incorrectly used (or understood). An anacrusis is the unaccented **beginning** of a musical phrase and does not occur at a cadence. It is, in fact, almost equivalent to its poetic counterpart. (Mr. Painter should be wary of showing this part of his essay to his music teacher, or he is likely to receive a (metaphorical) rap on the knuckles.)

It rather surprised me that open-lead Minor ringing could be regarded as being accented in pairs beginning with a strong beat, with a final accent on the last note when the tenor is behind. This means that in rounds the accents would fall: Strong, weak, strong, weak, strong, strong, which reels to and fro and staggers like a drunken man with two left legs. I should have thought that owing to the predominance and regular spacing of the tonic triad (2nd, 4th and tenor) the accent would have tended to fall on the second of each pair, the whole 12 blows being equivalent to a musical phrase that **really** begins with an anacrusis. A mental rhythm begun in rounds would, I imagine, tend to continue during the changes.

Of course this grouping is only, after all, a mental process, and it is interesting to note that while Mr. Painter, for some curious reason, prefers the above grouping, many will think of the accent as being on the second of the pair, and some, no doubt, think of the 12 blows as being continuous, with possibly a final accent made prominent by the pause.

Mr. W. F. Moreton, on the other hand, implies in his letter (page 95) that he separates the 12 blows into two groups of six, whilst, judging from some ringing that we sometimes hear, quite a few people have no sense of rhythm at all. Again it would be interesting to discover the reactions of other ringers.

So Mr. Painter disagrees with my suggestion about the implied flat seventh and even has doubts upon the implied modulation? This is a great pity as I consider this to be one of the most fascinating features about open-lead Minor ringing. However, let him, or

anyone interested in this facet of our art, carry out the following experiment.

Ring the following touch of Westminster Surprise Minor:—

23456	42635	63542	56423
35264	— 42356	34625	62534
56342	25463	— 34256	23645
64523	56234	45362	— 23456

Now at any time when we have a prolonged period with the 3rd behind (at backstroke) there is a feeling of shifted key, but the sense of modulation is most acute with 6-3's or 4-3's, of which only the former occur in the above touch. In the sixth lead of the above the centre of gravity of the key can be felt to move from the tonic to the sub-dominant, as it starts off with 5-6 behind and finishes with 6-3's.

If, in this touch, 'Stand' is called at the end of the sixth lead the sense of modulation is, I contend, completely satisfied. Ask an unbiased and musical layman to hum a tune in the finishing key and I should be much surprised if he chose the home tonic. An even more conclusive result can be obtained by writing out the given lead (in staff notation, if necessary) and playing it over on the piano. At the end the two perfect cadences could be played, using the dominant 7th chord followed by the tonic in both cases to secure equality of treatment, and comparing the results.

If, at the end of these simple experiments, Mr. Painter still has his doubts, I can do nothing more than feel sorry for him! To much of the remainder of his articles I am in agreement and am relieved to discover that, at any rate, there is at least one more intelligent person who finds 8-7's (6-5's in Minor) no more unmusical than 8-2's or 8-4's. It perhaps, after all, boils down, as Mr. Painter points out, to personal taste, and so we may find in future a little less fuss made about 6-5's at backstroke.—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Ryhill, near Wakefield.

MUSIC IN BELLRINGING

Mr. Desmond Painter desires us to correct the following errors in his articles 'Music in Bellringing'.

Page 141, column 1, paragraph 5: 'Taken in its wider and most literal sense' should read: 'Taken at its widest and most literal senses.'

Page 141, column 3, second footnote: The second sentence should be reworded to read: 'Thus in the major chord C-E-G, C (the tonic note) is the root, E (the mediant note) is an interval of a third above the root and is known as the third of the chord, and G (the dominant note) is an interval of a fifth above the root and is known as the fifth of the chord.'

Page 160, column 1, paragraph 4: For 'inversion' read 'inversions'; for 'tone' read 'tonic'.

Page 176, column 1, paragraph 3: For 'changes with the tenor last are far more musical than those with the tenor turned in' read 'changes with the tenor last are more musical'

LONG PEALS OF MINOR

Dear Sir,—Mr. E. A. Barnett's remarks and conclusions in connection with attempts for long peals of Minor which may fail in the interior of the eighth or a later extent are, I fear, not logically connected.

He states correctly that, according to the Central Council rules, a *peal* must begin and end with rounds, but goes on to suggest, apparently consequentially, that rounds must appear at the conclusion of the *ringing*.

In the theoretical (but by no means unlikely) eventuality which I have in mind, it is, however, clear that the 'peal' and the 'ringing' would not be synonymous terms. Although the ringing as a whole might well conclude chaotically, the 'peal' (i.e., that part of the total ringing which would be published in 'The Ringing World' as such) would undoubtedly have ended in rounds at the conclusion of the last-published extent.

It would therefore appear that, with the rules in their present form, a peal of the type under consideration would fall within them in exactly the same way as would any normal peal in which the ringing ended in the customary well-ordered fashion.—Yours sincerely,

ROBIN G. LEALE.

Surbiton.

STRIKING IN ODD PLACES

Dear Sir,—I was rather surprised to see Mrs. Price's letter in 'The Ringing World' for March 14th, and its correction and elaboration in the issue of March 21st. I should be very interested to know whether many of your readers find that the emphasis in ringing falls naturally on the even places of a change. Mrs. Price quotes a nursery rhyme in support of her argument: there is, of course, also that unaccountably popular hymn we hear so often at ringers' services, in which the first and third lines are representations of rounds and Queens. The latter has always seemed to me to exemplify exactly the way bells do *not* naturally sound, but perhaps I am alone in this.

As for the 'hard work' in putting the emphasis on the odd places, may I invite your readers while at their singing practice to try stressing the *even* places in, say, Tittums, Queens on six or ten, or the favourite change of a member of the Cambridge University Guild, 12764358? —Yours faithfully,

DESMOND PAINTER.

Harpenden.

'OLD FAITHFULS'

Dear Sir,—In 'Fallen by the Wayside,' the front page article of March 14th, bellringers are called the unseen workers. Certainly they are, but what about the few people who regularly either climb over or crawl under the bells to grease and tighten and splice ropes and replace all necessary bits and pieces, so that the bells are ready for the 'call to service' on Sundays and Holy Days? These are the 'Old Faithfuls.' I wonder how many of the young ringers of today can splice a rope?

Also, I agree with A. H. Pulling in 'Tower Discipline' of March 7th. I think today there is more noise sometimes from tongues than bells. Bring back the tower discipline, especially when the bells are rung from the balcony of the church.—Yours, etc.,

R. P. S.

Stoke-next-Guildford.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

MINUTES OF THE CHELMSFORD MEETING, 1957

MINUTES of the first session of the twenty-third Council (60th Annual Meeting), held in the Shirehall, Chelmsford, on Whitsun Tuesday, June 11th, 1957.

A welcome was extended to the Council by the Mayor, the Bishop of Chelmsford and the Master of the Essex Association. The thanks of the Council were expressed by the President (Mr. E. H. Lewis).

PRESENT:—

Life Members.—E. H. Lewis, E. A. Barnett, F. Sharpe, G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.
Honorary Members.—Mrs. E. A. Barnett, F. I. Hairs, A. A. Hughes, D. Hughes, C. K. Lewis, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, W. A. Osborn, C. W. Roberts, E. C. Shepherd, P. L. Taylor.
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Bedfordshire Association.—S. Foskett, B. F. Sims.

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Chester Diocesan Guild.—W. Allman, A. J. Martin.

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Derbyshire Association.—Mr. W. L. Robinson.
Devon Guild.—Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

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

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Hereford Diocesan Guild.—G. J. Lewis, W. F. Moreton.

Hertford County Association.—W. Ayre, R. G. Bell, G. W. Critchley, E. Edmondson.
Irish Association.—F. E. Dukes, J. T. Dunwoody, Miss J. Stewart.

Kent County Association.—J. R. Cooper, T. Cullingworth, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, T. E. Sone.

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

Lancashire Association.—J. Ridyard, Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith.

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

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Midland Counties Guild.—J. W. Cotton.

National Police Guild.—E. C. Birkett.

New South Wales Association.—P. M. J. Gray.

North Staffordshire Association.—R. S. Anderson.

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

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—J. I. P. Davis, G. H. Harding, G. S. Morris, W. C. West.

Sheffield and District Society.—N. Chaddock.
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Universities Association.—Miss M. R. Cross.
University of London Society.—D. N. Layton.

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

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

Yorkshire Association.—W. E. Critchley, L. W. G. Morris.

SUMMARY:—

	Assoc.	Members Present	Absent
Wholly Represented	32	86	—
Partially Represented	17	37	23
Not Represented	7	—	8
	56	123	31
Life Members		5	1
Hon. Members		10	7
		138	39

REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP

The Hon. Secretary reported that 56 Associations were affiliated entitled to 154 members. The Rules provided for 24 Honorary Members and there were 6 Life Members, making a total membership of 184. There were vacancies for two Representative and seven Honorary Members. All affiliation fees had been paid with the exception of those of the North Wales Association.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Messrs. F. Ainsley, C. A. Bassett, G. Benfield, P. Border, P. A. F. Chalk, J. W. Clarke, P. Crook, G. H. Cross, F. Dunkerley, J. T. Dyke, K. P. Fidler, N. Golden, C. H. Hawkins, J. E. Hobbs, P. J. Johnson, G. I. Lewis, J. E. Lilley, R. B. Meadows, D. H. B. Millward, A. Mould, T. G. Myers, G. E. Oliver, W. N. Park, F. W. Perrens, A. J. Pitman, F. W. Rogers, Miss M. E. Snowdon, Mrs. P. J. Steeples, Messrs. A. Walker, J. J. Webb and R. St. C. Wilson.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT

The following were presented: Messrs. W. Allman (Chester), D. Beacham (Worcestershire and Districts), F. H. Bennett (Shropshire), E. C. Birkett (Police), F. T. Blagrove (Middlesex), W. Boucher (Truro), L. G. Brett and K. G. Brown (Suffolk), W. Butler (Oxford Diocesan), A. P. Cannon (Surrey), G. W. Critchley (Herts), J. P. Davis (Salisbury), J. G. Gipson (Ely), P. M. J. Gray (New South Wales), G. W. Hughes (Stafford Archdeaconry), A. J. Martin (Chester), J. S. Mason (College Youths), J. R. Mayne (Middlesex), G. S. Morris (Salisbury), J. L. Morris

(Cumberlands), D. H. Niblett (Oxford University), E. G. Orland (Peterborough), R. Overy (Sussex), Rev. A. S. Roberts (Truro) and W. Williams (College Youths).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Mr. Frederick Sharpe was elected on the proposition of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. T. J. Lock.

Mr. Sharpe thanked the members for electing him as President and expressed the Council's deep gratitude to the retiring President, Mr. E. H. Lewis, for his great services to the Council both as President since 1930 and as a member since 1908. A presentation was made to Mr. Lewis on behalf of the members by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

VICE-PRESIDENT: As the appropriate rule had not been amended, this was not proceeded with.

HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER: Mr. E. A. Barnett was re-elected on the proposition of Mr. E. H. Lewis, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

HON. LIBRARIAN: No nomination had been received. Mr. F. Sharpe kindly agreed to act as Librarian for a further twelve months.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The Standing Committee recommended the re-election of the following retiring members: The Earl of Shaftesbury, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, J. P. Fidler, A. A. Hughes, D. Hughes, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. C. W. Roberts, E. C. Shepherd, P. L. Taylor and A. Walker.

The Committee also recommended the election of Messrs. R. F. B. Speed, L. Stilwell and J. Willis.

The recommendations were adopted on the proposition of Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. T. J. Lock.

Messrs. A. H. Pulling, proposed by Mr. G. Pullinger, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre, and T. W. White, proposed by Mr. W. H. Viggers, seconded by Mr. A. D. Barker, were also elected.

Messrs. A. York-Bramble, proposed by Mr. H. Miles, seconded by Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, and R. M. Clouston, proposed by Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, seconded by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, were not elected.

ELECTION OF HONORARY AUDITORS

Messrs. A. A. Hughes and F. W. Perrens were re-elected on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH

The President reported the death of the following members and past members of the Council, the assembly standing in silence: Mr. T. G. Bartlett (Devon), Rev. L. S. Clark and Mr. R. Narborough (Peterborough Diocesan), Rev. F. Ll. Edwards and Mr. J. S. Rumming (Salisbury Diocesan), Mr. W. Gordon (Chester Diocesan), Rev. C. W. H. Griffiths (Bath and Wells Diocesan), Mr. C. H. Harding (Bedfordshire), Rev. N. E. Hope and Mr. F. G. May (Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan), Messrs. H. J. Mansfield (Essex), F. O. Moule (Norwich Diocesan), N. E. Snow (North Lincolnshire), E. C. S. Turner (Honorary and Middlesex County), R. Whittington (Guildford Diocesan) and E. A. Young (London County, Honorary and Life).

Tributes were paid to the memory of Mr. E. C. S. Turner, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards and Mr. E. A. Young.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes as published in 'The Ringing World' of April 19th, 1957, and circulated to members, were adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

REPORTS

These have been published in 'The Ringing World' as shown:—

HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER

(June 21st, 1957, page 399)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

HON. LIBRARIAN

(June 21st, 1957, page 399)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. A. B. Peck.

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

(June 21st, 1957, page 399)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE

(June 21st, 1957, pages 399 and 400)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs. It was agreed to take advantage of an offer by Mr. Douglas Hughes to publish a descriptive booklet of the machine, with photographs.

STANDING COMMITTEE

The Hon. Secretary reported that a sub-committee consisting of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. C. K. Lewis and Mr. E. C. Shepherd had been appointed to consider the practicability of compiling a history of change-ringing. The Committee had also accepted an offer by Mrs. W. D. Turner to hand over for completion and publication the papers relating to a revision which was being undertaken by the late Mr. Ernest Turner of Mr. J. A. Trollope's book 'Stedman.'

The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

(a) HANDBOOK SUB-COMMITTEE

(June 21st, 1957, page 400)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

(b) CLEMENT GLENN BEQUEST COMMITTEE

(June 21st, 1957, page 400)

The Hon. Secretary stated that the Standing Committee had considered the report but recommended instead that the money should be invested as a whole under the name 'Clement Glenn Bequest' and that the income and capital should be applied as necessary to such uses as may be decided.

The Standing Committee's recommendation was adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

'THE RINGING WORLD' ACCOUNTS

(June 21st, 1957, page 400)

Adopted, subject to audit, on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

'THE RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE

(June 21st, 1957, page 400)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. F. Smallwood, seconded by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth. The Committee (Messrs. J. F. Smallwood, F. I. Hairs, J. T. Dyke and R. S. Anderson) were reappointed.

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE

(June 28th, 1957, page 416)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. C. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes. The Committee (Messrs. E. C. Shepherd and F. E. Dukes) were reappointed.

BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE

(June 28th, 1957, page 415)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. H. J. Sanger, seconded by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody. The Committee (Messrs. H. J. Sanger, J. T. Dunwoody, G. E. Fearn, A. A. Hughes and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow) were reappointed.

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

(June 28th, 1957, page 418)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. A. C. Hazelden, seconded by Mr. W. H. Viggers. The Committee (Messrs. A. C. Hazelden, W. H. Viggers, L. Stilwell and J. Willis) were reappointed.

PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE

(June 28th, 1957, page 416)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs. The Committee (Messrs. J. W. Clarke, W. Ayre and J. P. Fidler) were reappointed.

'BEGINNERS HANDBOOK' COMMITTEE

(June 28th, 1957, page 418)

Adopted on the proposition of Miss M. R. Cross, seconded by Mr. W. G. Wilson. The Committee were empowered to include in the book such photographs and sketches as they considered necessary. It was agreed to circulate copies of the draft to the Standing Committee for comment. The Committee (Miss M. R. Cross, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, R. F. B. Speed and W. G. Wilson) were reappointed.

METHODS COMMITTEE

(June 28th, 1957, page 416)

Adopted on the proposition of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis. The Committee (Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Messrs. F. N. Golden, C. H. Kippin and C. K. Lewis) were reappointed.

PEAL ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

(June 28th, 1957, page 415)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. H. Miles. The Committee (Messrs. W. Ayre, H. Miles and the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead) were reappointed.

PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

(June 28th, 1957, page 411)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. C. W. Roberts, seconded by Mr. W. E. Critchley. Messrs. C. W. Roberts, A. J. Pitman and W. E. Critchley were reappointed with Mr. Critchley as convener. Mr. G. E. Feirn was added to the Committee on the proposition of Mr. J. Freeman, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

RECORDS COMMITTEE

(June 28th, 1957, page 417)

Adopted on the proposition of Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mrs. C. C. Marshall. The President emphasised the need for the figures of new methods, and the composition, to be sent to the Committee. Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. Marshall were reappointed.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

(June 28th, 1957, page 417)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. E. H. Lewis. The Committee (Messrs. F. Sharpe, J. W. Clarke, F. E. Collins, J. Freeman, E. H. Lewis and W. A. Osborn) were reappointed, with the addition of the Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

REAPPOINTMENT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

The President announced the names of the ex-officio members: Messrs. F. Sharpe, E. A. Barnett, E. H. Lewis, G. W. Fletcher, A. A. Hughes, F. W. Perrens and all conveners of committees.

As the result of a ballot the following were elected to the Committee: Messrs. R. S. Anderson, W. B. Cartwright, P. A. Corby, F. E. Dukes, J. T. Dyke, J. Freeman, F. I. Hairs, C. K. Lewis, T. J. Lock, A. H. Pulling, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow and Mr. A. Walker.

ALTERATION OF RULES

On the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson, the Rules were amended as follows:—

- (a) Rule 9 (Election of Officers), by inserting the words 'Vice-President' between the words 'President' and 'Hon. Secretary' where they occur.
- (b) Rule 11 (Committees), Clause (ii) (a), by adding at the end the words 'and the Vice-President for the time being.'
- (c) Rule 14 (Procedure at Meetings), by inserting the words 'or Vice-President' after the word 'President' where it occurs.'

MOTIONS

(a) Proposed by Mr. P. A. Corby, seconded by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, and carried:—

'That this Council as the representative assembly of all change-ringing associations deprecates the proposed introduction of academic titles for ringers, particularly by a body which is not recognised by or affiliated to the Council.'

(b) Proposed by Mr. P. N. Bond, seconded by Mr. F. E. Hawthorne:—

'That this Council, while appreciating the good intentions of the organisers, considers that the so-called College of Campanology is unlikely to prove of any service to the furtherance of the art of change-ringing; and therefore that no form of official recognition whatever be accorded to the organisation. In addition, valuable space in the Council's official organ, "The Ringing World," should not be wasted by the publication of any further "College Manuals," the Exercise being already well supplied with instruction manuals.'

After discussion the Council moved to the next item on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

(c) Proposed by Mr. A. C. Hazelden, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs:—

'That the attention of the responsible Electrical or Ecclesiastical Authority be drawn to the dangerous practice of permitting bell chamber, ringing room and staircase lights to be controlled from the main switch box by one master switch; that in cases where such a state of affairs exists the authority be asked to fix cautions against switching off without due investigation.'

After discussion, it was agreed that a 'Warning' card should be printed for distribution.

(d) Proposed by Mr. A. D. Barker, seconded by Mr. W. Butler, and carried:—

'That this Council deplores the change of name of a standard method in "The Ringing World" and declares that in its view "Bob" is a general term for a class of methods and should not be substituted for the "Plain Bob" which indicates a particular method in that class.'

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Invitations had been received from the Irish Association and jointly from the Oxford Society and the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Ireland was chosen by 59 votes to 51.

VOTES OF THANKS

A vote of thanks to Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett and Mr. T. W. White was proposed by Mr. F. E. Dukes, seconded by Mr. P. A. Corby, and carried.

On the motion of the President, the thanks of the Council were expressed to the Lord Mayor of Chelmsford, the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford and the Master of the Essex Association (Mr. R. C. Heazel) for their welcome; to the Provost for opening the meeting with prayer and for officiating at Holy Communion that morning; to Messrs. F. V. Gant, A. H. Everett and other members of the Essex Association for local arrangements; to Miss H. G. Snowden for peal and tour arrangements; and to local incumbents and towerkeepers for the use of their bells.

After the meeting, the members were the guests of the Essex Association at tea.

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MISCELLANEOUS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—New badges (chrome finish) are now available, cost 3s., from District Secretaries.—F. V. G. 2094

RINGERS needed to assist band from 3-bell tower in elementary change-ringing on 6-day cycling tour in W. Somerset and E. Devon. Staying at Youth Hostels, August or September.—H. B. Makins, Great Down Cottage, Pitcombe, Bruton, Somerset. 2083

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—A business meeting will be held on Saturday, April 5th, at The Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, at 6 p.m. There will be no practice ringing before the meeting.—J. Chilcott. 2051

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Minehead on Easter Monday, April 7th. Service at 12 noon. Lunch at the Dorrien Restaurant at 1.15 p.m. Reservation tickets sent on receipt of stamped addressed envelope. Business meeting follows, in restaurant. Ringing: Minchhead, 11 to 11.45 a.m., and after meeting: Old Cleeve, 10.30 to 11.30; 4 to 7.30 p.m.; Carhampton, 10.30 to 11.30 a.m.; 4 to 6.30 p.m.; Timberscombe, 4.30 to 6.30 p.m.; Porlock, 4.30 to 7 p.m.; Selworthy, 4 to 6.30 p.m.; Dunster, 10 to 11.30 a.m.; 4 to 6.30 p.m.; Exford, 7 to 8 p.m.—Roger O. Fry, 5, Morford Street, Bath. 2061

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting on Easter Monday, April 7th. Service, St. Peter's, Wisbech, 4 p.m. Tea in St. Peter's Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing arrangements: Downham Market, 10 to 10.45 a.m.; Magdalen, 11 to 11.30; Tilney, 11.45 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Terrington St. Clement, 12.40 to 1.30 p.m.; Terrington St. John, 1.45 to 2.15; Walpole St. Andrew and St. Peter, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Wisbech St. Mary, 10 to 11 a.m.; Tydd St. Giles, 11.15 a.m. to 12 noon; Tydd St. Mary, 12.15 to 1.15 p.m.; Leverington, 1.30 to 2.30; Walsoken 3 to 3.45; Walsoken, Wisbech St. Peter, Elm, 6 to 9 p.m. 2058

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Ash (6) on Easter Monday, April 7th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2067

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford, Easter Monday, April 7th. Committee 11 a.m. at Wrens Restaurant. Service 12 noon. Luncheon 1 p.m. 2117

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Rotherham (10), 2.30 p.m., on Easter Monday, April 7th. Special method. Double Norwich Caters.—J. Seager, Sec. 2041

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, April 9th, at 6.30 p.m. Note change of date. Quarterly meeting at St. Mary-the-Virgin, Bexley, on Saturday, April 12th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, April 8th, to Miss M. R. Andrews, Cranford, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley, Kent. 2078

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Sandal, near Wakefield. Saturday, April 12th. Teas, Notify not later than April 10th Mr. Christopher P. Morris, 139, Manygates, Sandal, Wakefield.—James W. Buxton. 2088

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kelston (6), on Saturday, April 12th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea essential to Preb. E. L. Millen, The Rectory, Kelston, near Bath. 2048

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea in Parish Hall 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 2074

CHESTER GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting at Pulford on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than first post Wednesday, 9th.—Henry O. Baker, Hon. Sec., 63, Parkgate Road, Chester. 2076

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Daresbury on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 8th, to Mr. Anthony, 10, Hatton Lane, Hatton, Warrington. 2109

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Catterick on Saturday, April 12th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea before Wednesday, April 9th, to P. W. B. Semmens, 52, Belle Vue Grove, Middlesbrough.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Cherington on Saturday, April 12th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Whichford bells available 6 p.m. Names for tea by April 9th, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Works. 2099

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Derby, Saturday, April 12th. Committee 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. General meeting 6 p.m., St. Peter's. Cathedral and St. Peter's bells available from 2.30 and after general meeting. Good attendance specially requested. Names for tea to Mr. A. Mould, The Lodge, Borrowash Lane, Elvaston, Derby.—A. B. Cooper. 2081

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Epping, Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall, Names, please, to Mr. C. Moore, 27, Chapel Road, Epping. 2060

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Chippenham, Saturday, April 12th. Business meeting 2 p.m., Co-op Hall, Foghamshire. Tea 5, St. Andrew's Parish Hall. Divine service 6.30 p.m., St. Andrew's. Notifications for tea not later than Tuesday, April 8th, to Mr. H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. (No names, no tea.) Bells available: St. Andrew's (8), 11 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. and after service; St. Paul's (8), 11 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.; also the following upon application to the above: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Corsham, Lacock, Marshfield, Kingston St. Michael; also 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and after service, Malmesbury, Colerne.—W. F. Scudamore, Gen. Sec., Woolaston. 2053

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Thorverton, Saturday, April 12th. Usual arrangements. Names by April 8th to W. J. Andrews, 13, Broadpark, Brampford Speke, Exeter. 2091

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—Quarterly meeting, Burwarton, Saturday, April 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to H. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock, Salop. 2086

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Hemel Hempstead, Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business affects reserve and benevolent funds. Apsley (6) and Northchurch (8), 10.30 to 12.30; Redbourn (6), by arrangement with Mr. J. Hobbs; Berkhamsted (8), 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. Hemel Hempstead and Apsley bells in evening. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 8th, to Mrs. J. Good, 83, Leys Road, Hemel Hempstead.—H. V. Frost, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2066

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District) and **EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Joint meeting at Speldhurst on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, with cash, please, by Wednesday, April 8th, to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 2063

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Annual meeting at Lea, near Gainsborough, Saturday, April 12th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea. Names must be sent not later than Tuesday, April 8th, to Miss Pat Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, near Gainsborough, Lines.—Mrs. A. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 2046

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Heathfield, Saturday, April 12th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided at Vicarage, but bring your own food. Ladies, please support. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Daphne Lester, Hon. Sec. 2065

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Kendal, Saturday, April 12th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names to N. Nightingale, 6, Kirkbarrow, Kendal, Westmorland.—N. M. Newby. 2087

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Chipping, Saturday, April 12th. Bring own food. Buses from Preston Coach Station 1.38 p.m. direct, and 2.23 p.m. change Longridge.—L. Walmsley. 2077

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Christ Church, Todmorden, Saturday, April 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea provided, 5. Business 6.30 p.m.—Hudson, Sec. 2093

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting in Leicester, Saturday, April 12th. Bells available: All Saints' (8), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; St. Margaret's (12), 2 to 3.15; Cathedral (12), 3 to 4.10; St. John's (10), 7.30 to 8.30. Service at Cathedral 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting in St. George's Hall, Colton Street (rear of Police Station). Names for tea by Wednesday, April 9th, to undersigned, at 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester (tel. Wigston 3244). We can accommodate all who notify.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2093

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 12th, St. Andrew's, Kingsbury (8), 4 to 5.45 p.m. Short business meeting. Tea, own arrangements. St. Mary's, Willesden (8) 7 to 8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—S. Nelson, Dis. Sec. 2115

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Brown Edge on Saturday, April 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, April 9th, to A. Pointon, 145, Wilding Road, Norton, Stoke-on-Trent.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 2056

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Western Branch.—Interim meeting at Sculthorpe on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to G. Greeves, 44, Moor Lane, Sculthorpe, Fakenham. 2071

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Annual meeting, Great Milton, Saturday, April 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by April 8th.—H. Badger, 23, Stanway Road, Headington, Oxford. 2064

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Banbury and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Shenington (5), Saturday, April 12th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 8th, to H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 2059

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Old Bradwell (6) on Saturday, April 12th. Bells 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 2101

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Guilborough Branch.—Meeting at Stanford and Lilbourne, Saturday, April 12th. Note arrangements: Ringing at Stanford 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting at Fox and Hounds, Clay Coton, 5.15. Ringing at Lilbourne in evening. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 2103

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 12th, at Pytchley. Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Service, tea, usual arrangements. Names by Tuesday previous, please, to Mr. Brown, Dairy Farm, Orlingbury Road.—S. R. Collins, Hon. Sec. 2084

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Oundle Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Nassington, Saturday, April 12th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday previous to P. E. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 2092

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Retford, Saturday, April 12th, 2.30 p.m. East and West Retford and Ordsall towers open. Service at East Retford 4.30. Business meeting, Ebsworth Hall, 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—J. W. Raithby. 2110

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Bury St. Edmunds, Saturday, April 12th. St. Mary's, 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Cathedral, 2 to 3.45. Service in Cathedral 4. Tea, Palmers Restaurant, 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow in Abbot Anselm Institute. Both towers available after business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, 8th, please, to me. No name no tea.—J. W. Blythe, 29, Holton Road, Halesworth. 2016

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Lymminster (6) on Saturday, April 12th. Ringing 3 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea.—E. W. Keys, Hon. Sec., Western Division. 2080

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Fletching (8), Saturday, April 12th. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names by previous Tuesday, please, to I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turners Hill. 2112

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Chilvers Coton, Saturday, April 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30, followed by meeting. Service 6 p.m. Ringing after service. Names for tea would be appreciated by

April 16th to Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Hon. Sec. 2120

CULWORTH DEANERY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Byfield (6), Saturday, April 19th. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. F. W. Hutt, Knowle Cottage, Byfield, Rugby. 2107

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—By kind permission of the Rev. G. G. Hooper, a meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford (10) on Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 2116

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Joint meeting with Stroud Branch will be held at Quedgeley on Saturday, April 19th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow at The Plough, Imperative, names for tea not later than April 15th to Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester. Regret, no names must mean no tea. 1861

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest, Kirkheaton, Saturday, April 19th. For teas please notify by April 12th Mrs. Senior, 1, Knowle Road, Shop Lane, Kirkheaton, Huddersfield.—A. Farrand, Sec. 2114

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, April 19th, Iden. Please make own tea arrangements. Rye three miles.—E. A. Fellows, Hon. Sec. 2114

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Birchington, Saturday, April 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea must reach not later than Wednesday, April 16th, Mr. H. Luck, Lubin, Kent Gardens, Birchington.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 2096

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Queenborough on Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 16th, please, to S. Rayfield, 35, Stanley Avenue, Queenborough.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2100

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Annual dinner, Conservative Club, Cossington Road, Sileby, on Saturday, April 19th, at 6 p.m. Bells 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. Tickets (5s.) are being forwarded to towers. Moneys and unsold tickets must be sent by Saturday, 12th, to Miss M. Carpenter, Homestead, Main Street, Cossington. 2095

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Barton-on-Humber, Saturday, April 19th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by April 16th to A. W. Hoodless, 11, Holydyke, Barton-on-Humber. 2079

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Folkingham, on Saturday, April 19th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Monday, 14th, to C. T. H. Bradley, Folkingham, near Sleaford, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 2105

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Shipdham (6), Saturday, April 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 16th, to Miss J. C. Aldous, Council Houses, Letton Road, Shipdham.—C. Bird, Sec. 2119

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Peasmore on Saturday, April 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 15th, to M. Rosier, Peasmore, Newbury. 2111

OXFORD SOCIETY.—The 225th anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, April 19th, at Christ Church, Oxford, 6.15 for 7 p.m. Tickets 15s. each. Names with remittance, without delay, to P. Walker, 66, Fairacres Road, Oxford. All ringers and friends will be welcome. Ringing: Wolvercote, 12.30 to 1.30; St. Giles', 1.15 to 2.15; Ifley, 1.30 to 2.30; St. Mary-the-Virgin, 2.30 to 3.30; All Saints', 2.45 to 3.45; St. Ebbe's, 3.30 to 4.30; St. Mary Magdalene, 3.30 to 4.30; Christ Church, 4 to 5; New College, 4.30 to 5.30; Magdalen, 5 to 6 p.m. Peals can be arranged for those requesting them. 1994

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Lower Heyford, Saturday, April 19th. Names for tea not later than Tuesday previous to Mr. W. Collins, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford, Northampton. 2098

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ecton on Saturday, April 19th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to John E. Skeritt, Conway, Villa Lane, Stanwick, Wellingborough. 2098

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Upwey, on Saturday, April 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 16th.—R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec., Morland, 46, Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester. 2097

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—The postponed District annual meeting will be held at Kelsale on Saturday, April 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names must be sent for tea by Thursday, 17th, to A. R. Bridges, Post Office, Theberton, Leiston. 2108

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Kingswood (6) on Saturday, April 19th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please notify for tea Mr. A. G. Clarke, 1, Copley Way, Tadworth.—A. Streeter, Dis. Sec. 2086

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South-West Branch.—Meeting at Kelly, Saturday, April 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify by April 21st.—T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 2104

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Est. 1623). Saturday, June 28th, is Great Ringing Day and carnival day. Bells (12) available from 11 a.m. Lunch and tea arranged. Service 4 p.m. Outing secretaries should consider a call during day. 12-bell ringing guaranteed. Come and join in the ringing and fun afterwards.—L. E. Pittsow, Sec. 2104

LATE NEWS

We regret to report the death of Mr. W. Denyer, of Ash Road, Aldershot, early on Monday morning. He had a heart attack on his way to church for early service on Sunday. The funeral will be at Aldershot Parish Church on Thursday at 2.15 p.m.

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