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BELLS ON THE AIR

By PREBENDARY MARTIN WILLSON

THERE are few more deadly hindrances to good broadcasting than a tendency for speaker, singer or instrumentalist to be more concerned with what critical colleagues may think of the performance than with the real purpose of the broadcast (which is to enlighten or inform or entertain or inspire the listeners). I would guess that this tendency is at the root of many of the instances of poor striking or failure to set a bell or bells that occur in broadcast ringing, often when all has gone smoothly and well in rehearsal.

There is, of course, a proper place for the wish to uphold or increase the reputation of your tower when it goes 'on the air,' but it should always be subsidiary to the main purpose—to ring to the glory of God that He may use the beauty of well-struck bells to call listeners to join with the local congregation in an act of worship. For the hope is that listeners will find inspiration and help and a challenge to offer their lives in the service of their fellows. Ringers as members of a team with their own part to play need, just as much as clergy and choir and congregation, to look upward and outward, and not inward (in their case to what other *ringers* will be thinking of their performance). A cultivation of a right attitude to the task is essential to what I call the remote preparation for the broadcasting of bells at the beginning of a service.

In the immediate preparation the producer and the engineers will be concerned with three things:— (1) To find a microphone position which will give the listeners the perfect vantage-point for hearing the bells; (2) to ensure that they are 'stood' at exactly the right time; and (3) to put the ringers as much at ease about their task as possible.

The perfect vantage-point for the human ear to listen to bells is very often to be found at something like a quarter of a mile from their tower, but this would be no good to the microphone—the volume of sound needs to

reach a certain level for radio transmission which is not likely to be attained at anything like that distance. From every point of view, the practical thing to do is to find the ideal spot in the churchyard. It's likely to be opposite one corner of the tower rather than opposite one face of it, and the captain of the ringers is often able to help producer and engineers by warning them of any tendency for particular bells to 'cry' when heard from one or other side of the tower.

The rehearsal is not a long-winded affair. If a 'touch'—a plain course or a fixed number of changes has been chosen and practised for the broadcast (or in the case of a call-change band a definite sequence of changes with a fixed and regular number of whole pulls on each change), the producer asks the ringers to go through their 'touch' three or four times. This gives time for different 'mike' positions to be tried out and for the producer to satisfy himself that each time the 'touch' is rung the duration remains constant to within a few seconds. The ideal arrangement is for the 'touch' to be preceded and followed by the minimum number of whole pulls in rounds. If the producer finds that the 'touch' consists of, e.g., 15 seconds of 'rounds,' 3 minutes 30 seconds for the changes and 15 seconds of 'rounds' before the bells stand, and that the ringers keep within 5 seconds of 4 minutes each time, he will quite confidently give the signal to start ringing exactly 4 minutes before the time when he wants the bells to stand. What he hopes to broadcast is the last minute of the 'touch' (in many methods you get some of the best music as the bells are coming home), followed by a very few rounds.

If the ringers are confident that real care is being taken to find the ideal 'mike' position and that *they* don't have to fuss with timing during the ringing of the broadcast 'touch,' they should be able to concentrate on giving their very best to the listeners. There is no better start to a broadcast service than a ring of bells accurately and rhythmically struck. And let there be no doubt at all—that there is nothing whatever to be said for being ambitious in the choice of method. Rounds perfectly struck may seem to some to be letting the tower down, but they are really to be preferred for broadcasting to change ringing which would get even 75 marks out of 100. Choose something which is well within your compass and aim at the perfect performance of it.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

EXETER, DEVON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B flat.

BROOKE K. LUNN Treble	STEWART F. KIMBER 7
ROBIN G. LEALE 2	DENNIS RANDALL 8
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	JOHN PHILLIPS 9
ARTHUR H. REED 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS 10
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 5	PETER BORDER 11
ALAN J. FROST 6	JOHN H. CRAMPION Tenor
Composed by JOHN CARTER.	JAMES PHILLIPS
	Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

TEN BELL PEALS

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

MICHAEL ALLMAN Treble	EDWARD J. HOLLOWAY 6
WILFRED KERR 2	GEORGE A. PACKER 7
RICHARD D. LANGEFORD 3	MALCOLM OWEN 8
DEREK HOLLAND 4	FREDK. S. SUTTON 9
JOHN E. BROUGH 5	W. FRANK STENSON Tenor
Composed by G. HAYWARD.	Conducted by GEORGE A. PACKER.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Ivor R. Nichols (a ringer at this tower) to Miss Rosalie Garratt, of Tenby, South Wales, which took place on Easter Monday.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 29½ cwt.

SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. Treble	DEREK TAYLOR 6
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES 2	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD 7
NEIL BENNETT 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 8
TREVOR TAYLOR 4	DEREK OGDEN 9
JAMES S. WEBB 5	NEIL D. LOMAS Tenor
Composed by W. PYE.	Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. and Mrs. L. Bumphrey on the birth of a daughter, Jaclyn.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM .. Treble	ROBERT J. WARRILOW 6
VERONA NAYLOR 2	*BARNABAS G. KEY 7
WILLIAM J. LEACH 3	HOWARD HOWELL 8
*E. MARION KEY 4	DAVID W. BRUNNING 9
BRIAN H. DAWSON 5	JOHN K. SMITH Tenor
Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD (No. 1).	
Conducted by DAVID W. BRUNNING.	

* 25th peal together. First of Caters as conductor.
Rung as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Key, who are leaving Burton to live at Gnosall, Staffs. Also a 16th birthday compliment to the conductor.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,

A PEAL OF 5059 ERIN CATERS

Tenor 32 cwt.

*PATRICIA A. SIMPSON .. Treble	†WALTER TOMLINSON 6
*DENIS A. FRITH 2	†CHARLES E. BROWN 7
*GEORGE E. FEIRN 3	*ROY STEPHENSON 8
*FREDK. W. PINCHBECK .. 4	*W. RUSSELL READ 9
JOHN FREEMAN 5	*J. MICHAEL SIMPSON Tenor
Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.	Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal in the method. † First of Caters. ‡ First of Erin Caters.
W. Tomlinson has now rung peals of Erin Triples, Caters and Cinques.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*JAMES B. MORLEY Treble	*LESLIE N. MELTON 6
PATRICIA M. CLARKE 2	FRANK A. WILLIS BETTS .. 7
CLIFFORD R. LOVETT 3	ERNEST V. BLAKE 8
RODERICK W. PIPE 4	CECIL W. PIPE 9
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 5	ERNEST G. PEARCE Tenor
Composed by G. J. HAWKINS.	Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters.	

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 13, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

SYDNEY FOSKETT Treble	BRYAN PATTISON 6
*ANNE E. AMOR 2	*ROBERT L. PIRON 7
AVRIL THACKRAY 3	ALFRED E. RUSHTON 8
*JENNIFER M. DAVIES 4	PHILIP MEHEW 9
RICHARD E. PRICE 5	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor
Composed by FRANK E. DARBY.	Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.	

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

ROBERT B. SMITH Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES 5
*EILEEN M. FEARN 2	WILLIAM H. DOWSE 6
CAROL FERNLEY 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 7
FRANK OSBALDISTON 4	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor
Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.	Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* First peal 'inside' in the method.	

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., March 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

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

G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Treble	GORDON A. HALLS 5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
MRS. G. A. HALLS 3	RUSSELL J. MORRIS 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor
Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON.	Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
In memoriam Mrs. Phyllis Poole.	

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

J. DESMOND PAINTER .. Treble	H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON .. 5
STUART F. KIMBER 2	DENNIS R. RANDALL 6
E. RUSSELL GOTHAM 3	ALICK CUTLER 7
*N. DAVID ROBINSON 4	WILLIAM T. COOK Tenor
Composed by E. FRANCIS.	Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.
* First peal of Major.	

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in G.

EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. Treble	G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND .. 5
MRS. E. T. CHAPMAN 2	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 6
RONALD C. NOON 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE 7
PETER KINDRED 4	A. WILLIAM BIRD Tenor
Arranged by ISAAC J. ATTWATER.	Conducted by PETER KINDRED.
Rung in thanksgiving for the life and example of James Fuller White, who died on March 26th, aged 84 years, a faithful Sunday service ringer and donor of the third bell at this church. May he rest in peace.	

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

*WILLIAM CLOVER .. Treble	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 5
JOHN R. SMITH .. 2	THOMAS E. SPIGHT .. 6
C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. 3	†GEOFFREY R. DREW .. 7
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 4	*HENRY TOOKE .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

* 200th peal together. † First touch in the method.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., March 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

ROGER MAHER .. Treble	ROGER LEIGH .. 5
GEOFFREY S. MILLS .. 2	NORMAN SMITH .. 6
PATRICIA DOORN .. 3	J. BARRY PICKUP .. 7
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 4	PETER SCHOLFIELD .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower' to peals.

Rung for the wedding the previous day of Gordon Whewell (a ringer at this church) and Marion Brass.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Tues., March 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 5
*MARY C. PAYNE .. 2	HARRY POYNER .. 6
*ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 7
*GRAHAM T. BALL .. 4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Jean Eileen Cotton (younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cotton) and Ernest Albert Mottram, who were married at this church on Easter Monday.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

GEOFFREY S. MILLS .. Treble	*JOHN H. FIELDEN .. 5
J. BARRY PICKUP .. 2	ROGER LEIGH .. 6
*PETER SCHOLFIELD .. 3	NORMAN SMITH .. 7
WALTER E. WILKINSON .. 4	DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

* First peal in the method.

SHORE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

ROGER LEIGH .. Treble	ROGER MAHER .. 5
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 2	DONALD F. C. MALLOCH .. 6
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 3	KEITH ABBOTT .. 7
J. BARRY PICKUP .. 4	NEIL BENNETT .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

This composition, a regular seven-part, is now rung for the first time.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ROY COLLINS .. Treble	DENNIS G. BLOWS .. 5
*†ELISABETH LOVELAND .. 2	JOHN KING .. 6
*SALLIE BUCHANAN .. 3	E. JOHN WELLS .. 7
*PETER H. LAWSON .. 4	GEORGE TALBOT .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal on eight bells. † First 'inside'.

DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods: 1,664 Cambridge, 1,632 Superlative, 992 London and 768 Bristol, with 103 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

STEPHEN IVIN .. Treble	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 5
*AVRIL THACKRAY .. 2	*ALAN J. FROST .. 6
RUTH M. BORDER .. 3	*GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 7
JAMES H. PAILING .. 4	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALAN CAPSTICK .. Treble	ROLAND ECCLES .. 5
WILLIAM G. WILSON .. 2	JAMES E. BURLS .. 6
JOHN BAGNALL .. 3	LAWRENCE D. CLEMENT .. 7
GEORGE BRAITHWAITE .. 4	ANNE BATTY .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLS.

Ringer of the treble has now 'circled the tower.'

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., April 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

At THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. Treble	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 5
MRS. G. A. HALLS .. 2	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS .. 3	GORDON A. HALLS .. 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 4	RONALD G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by WM. BARTON.

Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., April 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

RUTH M. BORDER .. Treble	JOHN PINFOLD .. 5
VIVIANNE M. HORTON .. 2	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 6
PETER BORDER .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 7
GEORGE E. FEARN .. 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

EILEEN FEARN .. Treble	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 5
BERNARD F. L. GROVER .. 2	WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 6
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 3	PETER LAFLIN .. 7
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

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DRAYCOTT-IN-THE-MOORS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 11 cwt. 25 lb. in F sharp.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Treble	ROBERT J. WARRILLOW .. 5
DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 2	† GEOFFREY DAVIES .. 6
* K. PETER JONES .. 3	JOHN K. SMITH .. 7
CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 4	DAVID W. FRIEND .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DAVID W. FRIEND.
 * First peal on eight bells. † First of Major in the method. First as conductor.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUGBY SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. Treble	H. GEORGE HART .. 5
* CELIA F. WHITFIELD .. 2	VERNON GREEN .. 6
ELSIE K. HART .. 3	ALICK CUTLER .. 7
PETER D. BEEDIE .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
 * First peal of Surprise Major. First in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (North Bucks Branch.)

On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

HARRY SEAR .. Treble	JOSEPH MARKS .. 5
GEORGE E. GREEN .. 2	ROGER CADAMY .. 6
* ALBERT E. DANIELS .. 3	FREDERICK VICKERS .. 7
WILLIAM A. YATES .. 4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.
 * First peal. Roger Cadamy has now 'completed the circle' in the tower.

Rung to commemorate the 61st anniversary of Harry Sear's first peal, rung at Christ Church, Epsom, on April 11th, 1898, which was the first peal rung by the St. Mary Abbots Guild.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WEST RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

DENNIS SMEDLEY .. Treble	TERENCE RANDALL .. 4
* VALERIE WATERFIELD .. 2	ALEC WILSON .. 5
* MARGARET ROSS .. 3	RICHARD HOBBS .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.

* First peal in five methods. First in five methods as conductor.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

RODERICK W. PIPE .. Treble	DAVID H. BUXTON .. 4
ALAN CLARKE .. 2	ERNEST G. PEARCE .. 5
CLIFFORD R. LOVETT .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE .. Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

SAMPFORD ARUNDEL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings).	Tenor 8 cwt.
MISS B. J. STEVENS .. Treble	W. STEVENS .. 4
MISS P. M. STEVENS .. 2	C. TARR .. 5
C. J. STEVENS .. 3	R. WINTER .. Tenor

Conducted by C. TARR.

First peal on the bells since augmentation.

NEEDWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., April 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 18 six-scores Stedman, eight six-scores Plain Bob and 16 six-scores Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

E. MARION KEY .. Treble	GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM .. 3
VERONA C. NAYLOR .. 2	GORDON HARRISON .. 4

BARNABAS G. KEY .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

Rung for the Festival of Easter by members of the St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, band, who are training the local band.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND 'ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 4
A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS .. 5
JAMES A. HILL .. 3	GRAHAM T. BALL .. Tenor

Conducted by GRAHAM T. BALL.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Grimes, of Croft; also a compliment to Miss Jean Kirkman and Mr. Peter Minchin, who were married this afternoon at St. Margaret's Church, Leicester.

DEVIZES, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, SOUTHBROOM,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr.

ALEX. T. WEEKS .. Treble	WALTER BEAVAN .. 4
SIDNEY G. GRANT .. 2	EDWIN J. POTTER .. 5
HENRY GUMMER .. 3	JOSEPH S. WEEKS .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH S. WEEKS.

Rung for the golden jubilee of the dedication of the bells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., April 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F.

SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 4
* MONICA E. COLLINS .. 2	† HAROLD A. MAY .. 5
* JOHN P. McDERMOTT .. 3	E. JOHN WELLS .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal in the method. † 225th peal.

Rung in honour of the wedding this day of the Rev. R. Neville Moreton (Vicar of St. Chad's, Middlesbrough) and Miss Anthea Caroline Hole.

HEALEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

ROGER LEIGH .. Treble	ROGER MAHER .. 4
DONALD F. C. MALLOCH .. 2	KEITH ABBOTT .. 5
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 3	NEIL BENNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

ASCOTT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 240 each of Reverse Plain Bob, St. Bartholomew, New Doubles, Huntspill, New Antelope, New Grandsire, Reverse Grandsire, Stedman Slow Course, Antelope, Union, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place and 360 each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 21 lb. in F.

* DAVID H. WHITE .. Treble	* KEITH PRIME .. 4
MARJORIE LEGG .. 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT .. 5
* HOWARD COLLINGS .. 3	* SYDNEY SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal in 18 methods.

COUNTSTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.
 *MARGARET A. ELSEY .. Treble *G. T. DUDLEY .. 4
 R. T. E. HUBBARD .. 2 *P. IMMINS .. 5
 H. KILBY .. 3 J. J. MORRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by J. J. MORRIS.

* First peal in the method.

Wedding compliment to three couples married in this church during Easter.

MILDENHALL, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 six-scores of Grandsire (14 different callings). Tenor 8 cwt.
 ARTHUR PALMER .. Treble FRED COOK .. 4
 *JOHN FULLER .. 2 GEORGE NEWMAN .. 5
 FRED READ .. 3 TOM TAPLIN .. Tenor

Conducted by FRED READ.

* First peal. First on the bells.

Rung to mark the treble ringer's 21 years as secretary of the Marlborough Branch.

RIPPLE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's (C.C.C. Nos. 28, 29, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52). Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

CHARLES HAYLINGS .. Treble †DEREK PRICE .. 4
 FRANK LAWRENCE .. 2 GERALD C. HEMMING .. 5
 *BERNARD SPIERS .. 3 GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Tenor

Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor, and completes the method from Minor to Maximus.

A silver wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haylings, and also a compliment to David Beacham and Kitty Byron, who were married this day at Twynning, Glos.

SPAXTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

(Five callings, fifth observation.) Tenor 20 cwt. (approx.).

*EDWARD J. CAVILL .. Treble *STANLEY E. PARISH .. 4
 †ERIC J. FORD .. 2 JOHN J. FORD .. 5
 *HENRY J. CAVILL .. 3 *EDDIE M. GRIFFITHS .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN J. FORD.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First as conductor.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 30 extents and six 240's. Tenor 7 cwt. 14 lb. in B flat.

E. JOHN WELLS .. Treble *JOHN L. QUEEN .. 3
 EVE PEARSON .. 2 *SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 4

ANTHONY V. QUEEN .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. The ringer of the fourth has now rung peals of Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques.

HOLME HALE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.
 MISS F. A. FROST .. Treble ROBERT BUTTON .. 4
 CECIL V. EBBERSON .. 2 SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. 5
 TONY OWEN .. 3 GEOFFREY DREW .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

LEA, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(West Lindsey Branch.)

On Mon., April 6, 1959, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.
 *MARY STAPLETON .. Treble DELIA SMITH .. 4
 †PAULINE BULL .. 2 G. LESLIE A. LUNN .. 5
 CHARLES H. BAKER .. 3 A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. Tenor

Conducted by A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods (four callings): Cambridge Surprise (2), Kent T.B. (2), Oxford T.B. (2), Plain Bob (1). Tenor 8½ cwt.
 *MICHAEL KNIGHTS .. Treble CLIVE WALKLATE .. 4
 †VIVIANNE CARLISLE .. 2 DENNIS CARLISLE .. 5
 PETER B. KNIGHT .. 3 MICHAEL R. BLORE .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL R. BLORE.

* First peal in four methods. † First peal. First as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wed., April 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in G.
 PAMELA J. DOLMAN .. Treble GEORGE L. ROOBBOTTOM .. 4
 JOHN K. SMITH .. 2 BARNABAS G. KEY .. 5
 JOHN R. JOINER .. 3 *DAVID W. BRUNNING .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID W. BRUNNING.

* 25th peal.

BROADWAY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 18½ cwt. (approx.).
 *LEONARD MILLS .. Treble HAROLD E. RAXTER .. 4
 †COLIN B. LONGMORE .. 2 PATRICK HARRIS .. 5
 ROBERT W. COLE .. 3 JOSEPH E. NEWMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

* First peal of Minor in more than one method. † First of Minor in four methods. First of Minor in more than one method as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells in four methods, and the fastest on the bells; also the first on the bells for over 25 years.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 105 methods, viz.: Laleham Little Bob, Barkham, Bisham and Dorney Alliance; Stanwell, Kempton Little Bob, Shepperton and Taplow Alliance; Stanwell, Hanworth Little Bob, Shepperton and Taplow Alliance; Clewer, Spital Little Bob, Chalvey and Thorpe Alliance; Clewer, Dedworth Little Bob, Chalvey and Moreton Alliance; Hampton, Ickenham Little Bob, Horton and Hinksey Alliance; Hampton, Northolt Little Bob, Horton and Bledlow Alliance; Ashford, Twyford Little Bob, Astleham and Lockinge Alliance; Ashford, Greenford Little Bob, Astleham and Marsworth Alliance; Reverse St. Simon's, Union, Uffington and Reverse St. Nicholas'; Reverse St. Simon's, Reverse New Bob and St. Alphege; Reverse St. Osmund, St. Julian, Datchet and Reverse St. Remigius; St. Gregory, Reverse St. Vedast and Reverse St. Osmund; Reverse St. Martin, St. Faith, Stowe and Reverse Winchendon; St. Andrew's Place, Reverse Huntspill and Reverse St. Martin; Coxwell, Stedman Slow Course, Reverse Bob and St. Botolph; Canterbury, Reverse Bob, Reverse Shipway, Reverse All Saints, St. Bartholomew and St. Sebastian; New Bob and Itchingfield; Fornett and New Bob; Chipstead, St. Vedast and Bedingham; St. Vedast and Bethnal Bob; Oakley, Huntspill and Ellingham; Huntspill, Reverse St. Edmund and Reverse Heathrow; Shipway and Tandridge; Colnbrook and Shipway; Chesham, Westminster II and Knapton; Westminster II and Cranford; St. Hilary and Ockham; Intwood and St. Hilary; Blackburn and Broughton; Lyng and Blackburn; Reverse Canterbury and Dorton; Raveningham and Reverse Canterbury; Longford, St. Nicholas and Fundenhall; St. Nicholas and Heathrow; St. Remigius, Hascombe and Harpley; Winchendon, Thornborough and Haddiscoe; Plain Bob, Candlesby and Boxford; St. Simon's, Rugby and Braywood; St. Simon's and St. Edmund's; St. Osmund's, Merion and Longworth; St. Martin's, Slapton and Welford; with 338 changes of method and no bobs used.

Tenor 10 cwt.
MONICA M. BLAGROVE .. Treble | MICHAEL HATCHETT 4
MALCOLM S. CLOKE 2 | FRANK T. BLAGROVE 5
WILLIAM BUTLER 3 | ALLEN D. RIVERS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

The greatest number of regular individual plain course Doubles methods yet rung to a peal.

Rung for the wedding of Shirley Peppiatt (a local ringer) and Christopher White, which took place prior to the peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., March 25, 1959, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes.

AT 66, MELTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 12 in F.

DEREK M. SAWYER 1—2 | ERNEST MORRIS 3—4

B. STEDMAN PAYNE 5—6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT 170, HEADSTONE LANE.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor size 18 in G.

THOMAS J. LOCK 1—2 | *FRANK C. PRICE 5—6

*JOAN BERESFORD 3—4 | *JOHN R. MAYNE 7—8

†JOHN HILL 9—10

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters 'in hand.' † First of Grandsire Caters. First of Grandsire Caters as conductor.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 7, 1959, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes.

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.

Tenor size 15 in C.

A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

ALFRED BALLARD 1—2 | JOHN A. ACRES 5—6

PETER J. STANFORTH 3—4 | JOHN R. SMITH 7—8

Composed by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

An 82nd birthday compliment to Mrs. Ballard, mother of Alfred Ballard.

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Mr. William Welling, of
Old Windsor, was privileged
to receive the Royal Maundy
when the Queen for the first time since the
Middle Ages distributed the Sovereign's gift of
specially minted silver coins at St. George's
Chapel, Windsor Castle. Is this the first time
that a ringer has been so honoured?

The Surrey Association have a new general
secretary. Mr. W. F. Oatway has retired from
office and his successor is Mr. R. I. F. Par-
sons, of 4, Brookside, Carshalton.

The publication of the belated peal at
Raunds last week has induced a member of the
band to remind the sender that the conductor
was Mr. Ronald C. Noon.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus,
rung at Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs, on Satur-
day, March 21st, was a memorial tribute to
James Carter, for many years leader at this
tower.

The conductor of the peal at Benfieldside,
Co. Durham, on January 20th, apologises to
Miss Frances Thornton, who rang the second.
The report in 'The Ringing World' (see page
105) unfortunately gave her a masculine appella-
tion.

The band who rang a wedding peal at
Overseale on March 31st wish to thank Mr.
and Mrs. J. W. Cotton and family for their
hospitality after the peal, and also to extend
to Mr. and Mrs. Mottram (the 'happy
couple') the best wishes of the band for their
future life.

The in memoriam peal to Mrs. Phyllis Poole
on March 23rd was rung by several of the band
who took part in her last peal before her tragic
accident a year ago. The composition, 5,056
Double Norwich, by William Willson, and the
tower, the Loughborough Bell Foundry Cam-
panile, were identical on both occasions.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Unfortunately, owing to re-
pairs to the tower, the bells
of Chelmsford Cathedral will
not be available for the annual meeting of the
Essex Association on Whit Monday. It is
hoped to make available further towers on a
geographical basis so that people visiting
Chelmsford may get a ring on their way to and
from Chelmsford.

Owing to repairs to the roof of St. Mary-the-
Virgin Church, Kelvedon, Essex, there will be
no practices before July and August. The only
ringing permitted is for Evensong on Sundays,
when visitors will be welcome.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths,
at their meeting at Shoreditch on April 11th,
decided to hold their annual dinner on Febru-
ary 6th, 1960. It will probably be at Deacon's
where the new surroundings were thought to
be quite satisfactory. Two new members elected
were Mr. F. P. Bryant (Hastings) and Mr. P.
Herring (Brookfield, Highgate).

The quarter peal at Blewbury, Berks, on
April 10th, enabled Miss Elizabeth Jackson, of
the British University Society, to score her first
quarter on eight. Also taking part was Mr.
Charles Williams, of Welshpool, who had taken
part in an attempt on a previous visit some
two years ago. Mr. Williams, who is a very
young 75-year-old, made the long journey back
to Montgomeryshire the following day by
auto-cycle.

In extending birthday wishes to Mr. J.
Elliott, of Kelvedon, his friends hope that it
will not be long before he is back ringing
again, and that he will have a speedy recovery.
He did succeed in ringing a course of Cam-
bridge on Easter Sunday after an absence,
through illness, of seven months. He was
then ringing as good as ever. With warmer
weather approaching, the band look forward
to seeing and ringing with him regularly.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

The third session of the 23rd Council (62nd annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, May 19th, 1959, in the Palace Hotel, Southport, at 10 a.m.

Will members please sign the roll and be in their places by 9.45 a.m.

The morning session will be adjourned at 12.30 p.m. and the afternoon session will commence at 2 p.m. or as may be decided.

AGENDA.

Report of the Hon. Secretary as to representation of Societies and as to subscriptions.

Applications to affiliate to the Council.

Presentation of new members to the President.

1. Election of Honorary Members.

Mrs. O. D. Barnett, Messrs. F. I. Hairs, C. K. Lewis, W. A. Osborn and A. J. Pitman retire and are eligible for re-election.

2. Loss of members through death.

3. Minutes of the last meeting.

4. Report of the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

5. Report of the Hon. Librarian.

6. Balance sheet and accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1958.

7. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.

8. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following Committees—

To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.

(a) Standing Committee.

Report on question of co-option to committees.

(b) 'The Ringing World' Committee.

(c) Broadcasting and Television Committee.

(d) Literature and Press Committee.

(e) Biographies Committee.

(f) Beginners' Handbook Committee.

(g) Sunday Service Ringing Committee.

(h) Methods Committee.

(i) Peals Analysis Committee.

(j) Peal Boards Committee.

(k) Peal Collection Committee.

(l) Records Committee.

(m) Towers and Belfries Committee.

ALTERATION OF RULES

9. To amend Rule 11 (i) by deleting all after the words 'Hon. Secretary' in line 9 and substituting the words 'not later than the 31st March before the meeting.'

MOTIONS

10. (a) Proposed on behalf of the Chester Diocesan Guild by Mr. J. W. Clarke, seconded by Mr. A. J. Martin:—

'That in any record attempt the bells shall be clearly audible outside the tower or other building in which they are contained and that during such an attempt neither food nor drink shall be partaken of by any member of the band.'

- (b) Proposed by Mr. A. J. Pitman and seconded by Mr. G. I. Lewis:—

'That although true six-scores of Double Grandsire Doubles cannot be obtained without calls when the treble is behind as well as when it is on the front, in view of the fact that twelve-scores on the same principle as Pitman's twelve-scores of Grandsire Doubles have been obtained, Double Grandsire Doubles consisting of such twelve-scores shall be recognised by the Council.'

- (c) Proposed by Mr. W. F. Moreton and seconded by Mr. H. Miles:—

'That this Council considers the organisation of courses which would cater, possibly by means of simultaneous lectures, for the needs both of more experienced and less experienced ringers, and, if in favour of such courses, begins to hold them as soon as possible.'

11. To fix the place of the next meeting.

12. Any other business.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

26, Iron Mill Lane,
Crayford, Kent.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

THE annual meeting of the Bedfordshire Association was held in St. Paul's Church, Bedford, on Easter Monday.

The chairman, Miss C. Steel, opened the proceedings with apologies for absence received from Messrs. P. Mewling and S. J. Ivin. The minutes of the previous annual meeting were read and signed.

The statement of accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1958, were, on the proposition of Mr. G. Amor, seconded by Mr. R. Piron, accepted.

A number of changes were made in the officers of the Association, the new general secretary being Mr. J. M. Stephens. Mr. A. C. Sinfeld was elected a vice-president as Mr. W. Stapleton wished to retire.

After much discussion for many years, it was decided to move the place of the annual meeting, 1960, to Biggleswade.

The invitation of the Hertford County Association to a joint summer festival in Hertford on June 13th next was warmly received.

A vote of thanks was expressed to Mr. J. M. Stephens and the Dinner Committee for arranging so successful an evening.

As it had become obvious from the Association's accounts that rising costs were not being met by subscriptions, it was decided that Rule 6 be altered as follows: 'The subscription of performing members under 16 years shall be 1s. 6d.; 16 years and over, 3s. per annum, etc.'

Mr. S. Foskett, the Association's C.C. representative, stated that he would be attending the Council's next meeting at Southport.

After the meeting, tea had been organised by Miss Anne Amor in St. Peter's Hall, followed by further ringing during the evening at St. Peter's and St. Paul's.

J. W. S.

Vicar Halts A Wedding Peal Attempt

A fantastic report about a peal which came to an untimely end appeared on April 10th in the 'Slough Observer,' typical of the nonsense resulting from Press attempts to describe the activities of ringers. Great prominence is given to a wedding peal of Minor which the Vicar of Langley interrupted towards the end of the sixth 720, because he had received seven complaints from nearby residents. As the ringing was extremely good, it was a great disappointment to the performers, four Slough and two Windsor ringers.

Miss Jennifer Hussey, whose wedding it was, learned to handle a bell at Langley, a call-change tower, but, being at a local girls' high school with a Slough ringer, she sought to learn the art of change ringing with her friend, and soon learned to ring Plain Bob Major. Being also a regular chorister at Langley made it difficult to maintain an interest in both arts, so she had not done much ringing during the last two years, but now she is taking up residence in Slough it is hoped she can once again continue her change ringing progress.

As she was marrying Mr. John Bartlett, a well-known local sportsman, there was a large congregation of friends and church folk, and the reception was held in the Church Hall next door. The Vicar gave his consent for a peal attempt to be made, but as advance news of this reached the Press, two or three complaints had been lodged before the peal commenced, but the Vicar kindly allowed it to be attempted. The ringing was excellent, and several highly complimentary comments were made on it. However, the persistence of those who were

trying to stop the peal made the Vicar enter the belfry and ask, 'How much longer is this going on for?' When told 'About another half an hour,' he said, 'Can't you cut it short?' After further explanation and an expressed desire to finish it 'now we've got so far,' the Vicar left, only to return five minutes later saying his name was mud, and he was afraid something must be done. The conductor had no alternative, therefore, but to let the bells run round at the end of the sixth extent to everyone's great disappointment.

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No amount of instructing would be parsons at the theological colleges of the implications of a 'peal' can stifle determined local opposition tactics. Some good may however come from this 'storm in a teacup,' as the Vicar is now inquiring into the possibility and cost of having the louvers blocked up, which might open up the possibility of future peals at Langley which as the moment seems out of the question.

The band, whose efforts to give them a good send-off to their married life were frustrated, nevertheless wish Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett every future happiness, and thank Mr. and Mrs. Hussey for their kind hospitality. W. B.

MR. & MRS. EDWIN H. LEWIS

The whole Exercise will join in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Lewis, who will celebrate their golden wedding on April 29th. For longer than this Mr. Lewis has taken a leading part in many different aspects of bells and ringing—indeed, his 100th peal had been accomplished a week previously, while during the 27 years he so ably filled the office of President of the Central Council, and since, Mr. Lewis has regularly attended the Council's meetings and become equally well known up and down the country. They were married at Southwell Cathedral, where Mrs. Lewis's father was Archdeacon, her brother, the late Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, having been a contemporary at Cambridge of Mr. Lewis and himself a prominent member of the Council for a good many years.

Many ringers have enjoyed Mr. and Mrs. Lewis's hospitality in the different places they have lived: at Frodsham in the early days; at Brasted when they returned from 'exile' in Scotland, and where 'open days' were often held, or at their present home in a very different part of Scotland. Let us hope they will continue to enjoy life in that delightful spot for many years to come.

E. A. B.

THE DILLINGTON HOUSE COURSE

The thirty-three students who assembled at Dillington House on Friday, April 3rd, were told by the Warden, Mr. Harvey Sheppard, M.A., that ringing history was being made. It was his opinion that no residential course for ringers had been held previously, and as no details of a week-end with lectures held in Essex some few years ago are to hand, it is difficult to make a comparison. Certainly there was the feeling throughout the course in Somerset that something new was being attempted, and some people felt that a long-felt need in the Exercise was being satisfied. There have been numerous 'getting-togethers' of ringers in the past: at Central Council meetings, on ringing weeks, on day outings, at dinners and at meetings. Rarely, very rarely, have ringers met together to listen, ask and learn rather than to ring.

After dinner on the first evening the course was welcomed in the lecture room by the Warden, by Mrs. E. F. Grabham and by Mr. A. York-Bramble. The Warden told us about the purpose of Dillington House. It is a College for Adult Education belonging to Somerset Education Committee, and about forty courses on such different subjects as painting and bee-keeping are held during the year. We were given some practical advice about making beds and washing up as well. Mrs. Grabham is a local ringer and she told us a little of the history behind the course. She said that at one time she had been doubtful of the outcome of the venture for which she had been so largely responsible, but the fact that the lecture room was comfortably full gave great satisfaction. She hoped everyone would think the course worth while.

Mr. York-Bramble, the Principal of the College of Campanology, first of all thanked the Warden and Mrs. Grabham for the invitation to co-operate in the undertaking. He said that the College, though not alone in being invited to participate, alone responded (he understood) with concrete, practical proposals, and these were in the programme. He hoped the course would be rather a 'con-course,' a coming-together to share the results of others' experience and, if possible, to discuss them. In regard to the programme content, it had been decided to extend the scope of the subject matter as widely as possible, so as to:—

- Provide, at this first course of its kind, something of interest for all tastes in ringing matters.
- Give some idea of the wider field of study from which, in possible successive courses, subjects might be selected in turn for study in greater detail.
- Indicate, where the subject matter itself may be quite familiar to the student, new ways of presenting the matter as from the angle of the instructor.

Mr. York-Bramble said he was sorry that Mr. Ernest Morris had been prevented by the change of date of the course from coming to give a talk on the origin and development of change ringing. He mentioned a letter of good wishes sent by Mr. Morris and other letters from well-wishers who could not attend.

A VERY FULL DAY

The time table for Saturday included five lectures and a practical session in the belfry. This was clearly a very full day, and in the end time won. The last lecture had to be cut to about half the allotted time.

The first and third lectures were given by Mr. A. York-Bramble on the subject of 'Planned Training in Elementary Ringing.' We were taken step by step through a comprehensive course which was intended to teach a learner bell-control and the rudiments of change ringing. With the practical assistance of Mrs. Grabham and a bell rope tied from a convenient height, he showed methods for teaching such things as pulling the rope straight down and what to do in an emergency. Some of the demonstrations belonging to these lectures were given in the parish church of Ilminster during the afternoon—dodging and place-making on tied bells were two examples—and the opportunity was given to everyone to have a ring on the deep-toned bells.

The second lecture, in the morning, was given by the President of the Central Council, Mr. F. Sharpe, on 'Belfry Care and Maintenance.' Our appetites had been whetted by the display of photographs, foundry marks and handbells he had made in the library, and his lecture proved to be extremely interesting. In the first part of his lecture, which was illustrated throughout, Mr. Sharpe traced the development in the shape of the bell, side-tracking occasionally to tell an interesting story about some particular bell, like Great Tom of Oxford. In the second part of the talk we were instructed on the care of our bells and their frames. Mr. Sharpe was prevented from finishing his lecture by the lack of time, which disappointed his audience, but he was able to answer some questions before dinner.

Before the afternoon session began, the course assembled on the lovely lawn for numerous photographs to be taken, Mrs. Grabham was keen to take one of handbell ringing, so Mr. Sharpe obliged by producing twenty-six, and these were rung to rounds and the first change of 'twenty-six in.' There was no 'time' for the second change!

Mr. R. F. B. Speed, B.A., gave us an informed lecture on conducting. He told us, to start with, when in the ringing to call the bobs and singles, and secondly, and in some detail, how to check the correctness of a touch or peal by coursing order. There were too many questions to be answered immediately after this talk, so during the evening session almost an hour was given up to a question and answer session, a change in the programme which proved valuable. It was not until about 9 p.m. that Mr. York-Bramble began the first of his two lectures on 'The Technology and Theory of Method Structure.' The speaker had of necessity to prune his lecture drastically. He soon realised the general level of knowledge of his audience and gave us a detailed exposition on the structure of the most simple methods, beginning with the six changes on three bells. This sort of explanation is rarely made, but it would seem essential knowledge for everyone interested in method ringing. The meeting adjourned at 10.30 p.m., but the interest aroused by the lecturer was illustrated by the number of people who questioned him at that hour of the night.

Many people took part in the Eucharist at 8 a.m., at Ilminster, and some joined the local ringers in the tower and rang for a Eucharist at 9 a.m. At 9.50 a.m. a short service was held in the lecture room. The Rev. M. C. C. Melville, who is chaplain to the College of Campanology, conducted it and gave a brief but instructive address, which many appreciated.

After the service, Mr. York-Bramble was able to continue his discourse on Method Structure, and it fitted well with Mr. Speed's talk on 'Composition,' where the in-and-out-of-course of changes was described and used. Mr. Speed dealt chiefly with composing and proving touches and peals of Plain Bob Major.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE FUTURE

Before lunch the Warden presided over a concluding meeting, when he thanked the lecturers and Mrs. Grabham for their advice and assistance. He gave everyone the opportunity to comment on the course, and two constructive criticisms were made. The first was that there should be more practical work; the second that some lectures might be given simultaneously, one lecture for more advanced, the other for less advanced students. The Warden pointed out the financial difficulty involved in this latter suggestion, but welcomed it for consideration. He hoped further courses would be held, some possibly at Dillington House, but perhaps of a different nature than this first experiment. Mr. York-Bramble's words of thanks to the Warden were acclaimed.

It was generally thought to be a valuable week-end. Not only were we made very comfortable externally and internally by Mrs. Sheppard, the Domestic Bursar, but we were stimulated mentally, and this, some would say, is the chief task of the teacher. While some people might, and did, quibble about a certain method of instruction or about generalisations on 'Q sets,' no one would disagree about major issues. The opportunity was given for opinion to be expressed and for opinion to be enlightened. Most, if not all, of the thirty-three students returned to their eighteen different counties satisfied, happy and hopeful of future courses.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The annual meeting of the East Devon Branch was held at Ottery St. Mary on Easter Monday and about 50 ringers attended. The service, which was held in the Parish church, was conducted by the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild.

At the business meeting Mr. G. C. Woodley took the chair. Officers elected for 1959 were: Mr. G. C. Woodley, chairman; Mr. F. H. Parr, vice-chairman; Mr. W. Webb, secretary and treasurer; Mr. C. D. J. Webb, assistant secretary; Mr. C. C. Turner, Ringing Master; Mr. F. H. Parr, Mr. P. Davis and Mr. C. J. Turner, representatives on the general committee.

It was proposed to hold the next annual meeting at Honiton on Easter Monday, 1960. Nineteen new members were elected and certificates were presented by Preb. E. V. Cox to Miss J. Real, Miss Kristina Shepard and Arthur W. Sage.

In his report the secretary said there was an increase in membership during 1958, there now being 117 performing members and two honorary members; he also said that the Branch was still in a very sound financial position.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE SEARCH FOR GOOD MUSIC

Dear Sir,—The mention in a recent article of the inhibitions of composers regarding the use of Singles leads me to wonder whether another such inhibition could be responsible for a phenomenon that to me, and possibly to other comparative newcomers to our art, seems quite inexplicable.

It is this: one's first acquaintance with 8-bell ringing is probably through the medium of call changes. One becomes accustomed to the sound of well-known changes such as Whittington's and Queen's, with their characteristic -468s, and comes to expect the 7th to be moved down to make way for the musical descending thirds so typical of this mode of ringing. When one progresses to Grandsire Triples the same familiar changes are met again, as the part-ends of touches. But on learning to ring Major, one soon realises that these changes are no longer to be heard. The 7th is kept exclusively behind the tenor, with the 6th home as frequently as possible.

Why, I asked myself, should this be? Fearing some technical difficulty, I began to experiment on paper with touches of Plain Bob Major containing course-ends, with -2468, -3468 or -7568 behind, and found that the tenors could quite easily be parted and brought together without any outstandingly unmusical leads, and (I hope) without falseness. The quarter peal below is the sort of touch to which I am referring:—

1,264 PLAIN BOB MAJOR							
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27534	—	—	—				
35724	—	—	—				
3526478	—			1			
42635		—	—				
34256	—			1			
23456							

Why are such course-ends so seldom used in peal ringing? Apart from a few peals of Double Norwich by Nolan Golden, almost all compositions of Major keep the tenors together throughout, at least at the course-ends, and of 55 quarter-peal compositions in the Ringer's Notebook and Diary only two have the tenors parted, these for some reason being tucked away among 'Miscellaneous Callings'.

It may be that I am rushing in where the angels of the Exercise have good reason for fearing to tread. If so, I would be grateful to anyone who could explain where my ideas are in error. But at the moment it seems to me that much good music in Major ringing is as yet unexploited.—Yours truly,

Beccles, Suffolk. **TERENCE G. PAGE.**

KNEBWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Knebworth Surprise Major is marked in Corrigan's Collection (second edition) as having a clean proof scale. This is not correct. False courses are 24365, 53624 and 65432 (groups b and K).

Bushey Heath.

C. W. WOOLLEY.

WILL CRITICS PLEASE NOTE!

Dear Sir,—At its annual meeting on April 8th the Guild of Clerical Ringers unanimously agreed to the following resolution, which I was asked to communicate to you:—

'That this Guild views with concern the practice of publishing expressions of personal grievance in the correspondence columns of 'The Ringing World,' and requests the Editor to exercise more care to preserve a Christian spirit between personalities in the Exercise.'

Yours faithfully,

J. H. B. ANDREWS.

Chittlehampton Vicarage,
Devon.

THE ANCIENT BELL OF EVERCREECH

Dear Sir,—I was interested in Mr. Sanger's account of the above bell, which is stated to be 500 years old, but seeing it was cast circa 1530 this can hardly be correct. Its founder (Thomas Gefferies) was certainly founding in Bristol during that period, and as his business was from 1508 to 1546, the estimated date of 1530 would be as near history can take us. Can Mr. Sanger help in giving us some information regarding the gap of some 70 years?

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

ELY DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL MEETING

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the many visitors who attended the annual meeting of the above Guild on Easter Monday at Huntingdon, I should like to thank Messrs. W. J. Ridgman, H. S. Peacock and all officials concerned, for the excellent arrangements they made to ensure that everyone spent a happy day. The directions of how to get to the eleven towers open, neatly set out in type, and handed out by Harold Peacock, were much appreciated.

At the end of tea, and before the business meeting started, visitors were told that they could leave the hall if they wished and ring at the three local towers. A very sensible suggestion, of which many visitors availed themselves.

Thank you, Ely D.G., for a grand day.—
Yours sincerely,

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Dorking.

Twyford (Berks) Outing

Twyford ringers and friends from neighbouring towers had a very successful outing on Easter Monday. Towers visited were Lewknor, Thame, Long Crendon, Twyford (Bucks), Launton (a handy six much appreciated by the younger members) and Bicester (a fine eight, where remarkably well-struck Grandsire and Siedman Triples were the highlights of the day's ringing).

A visit to Ambrosden concluded a very pleasant day. We were met at every tower (many thanks to the local towerkeepers) and managed to keep on time, and occasionally a little before time, all day.

H. S.

MEMORIAL CROSS AT MEASHAM

A processional cross, a gift of the three sons of a former Vicar of Measham, Leicestershire, was recently dedicated at Measham Parish Church by one of the sons.

The cross, of inlaid silver on an ebony staff, was in memory of the late Rev. John R. King, Vicar of Measham 1924-1943, and of his wife, the late Mrs. E. J. King. The Rev. J. R. King, who died just over a year ago, was a keen ringer and closely associated himself with the belfry during the nineteen years of his incumbency.

The service of dedication was taken by Rev. Canon A. King, Rector of Bradfield, Sheffield. His two brothers, who were present at the service and read the lessons, are Dr. John King, of Blackpool, and Mr. Alfred King, of Bury.

Preceding the service, the bells of St. Laurence's were rung to a 720 Bob Minor at the wish of Canon A. King and by ringers closely associated with the late Rev. J. R. King: G. W. Ridgway 1, Canon A. King 2, F. G. Bailey 3, P. W. Grice 4, J. W. Cotton (conductor) 5, W. H. Curson 6. Mr. J. W. Cotton was a member of the bands that rang in the three peals of the Rev. J. R. King.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

A meeting of the Kettering Branch was held at the pleasant six-bell tower of Isham on April 11th. Some well-struck touches of Minor were rung in at least eight methods, but, due no doubt to the absence of the Branch Ringing Master, Original was *not* on the schedule!

The Rector, the Rev. G. Carnell, conducted the Guild office—the last time the old form will be used—and gave an address on the text 'One Fold and one Shepherd.' Mr. Peter Fox was the organist.

Tea was served in the parish hall to about 20 members, and was an excellent spread. A short business meeting followed tea, presided over by Canon Turner. Four new members from Cranford were elected to membership.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Dingley on July 25th, and practice meetings at Burton Latimer, Rushton and Warkton, subject to suitable permission and arrangements.

S. R. C.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Methods from Plain Bob to London Surprise Major were rung at the Society's meeting at Harthill on April 4th.

Everyone enjoyed the tea provided by the local ladies in the Church Hall, and during the business meeting Mr. Thomas Lee was presented with a new pipe and pouch packed with tobacco, a gift from the Society as a token of appreciation for his 50 years of service in recording the peals rung for the Society. Mr. Lee said that he had found the task very interesting as it had enabled him to follow the careers of many well-known local ringers.

After the business meeting the ringers transferred to the eight-bell tower of South Anston, where ringing was resumed.

The next meeting of the Society will be held at Dronfield on May 2nd.

S. C.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Mr. A. J. Pitman Hears His Scientific Triples

HONOURED guests at the annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, held at St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, on April 11th, were Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pitman, who had made the journey from Cheltenham to hear a tape recording of the peal of Scientific Triples, the great ringing achievement during the year.

Mr. Pitman expressed his pleasure at hearing the recording and congratulated the ringers, 'I never thought they would ring it so well,' he said. 'I have heard about seven courses, and to my mind it is the most tricky and difficult thing ever done in Triples. I have had a bit of experience in that class of composition, and I might explain that there are 168 divisions with 30 changes in each.'

Mr. Pitman said he rang his first peal of Cambridge for the Association just over 20 years ago.

Later in the evening four members of the band stood up to receive the personal congratulations of the company.

The meeting, which was held in the Church Hall following the service and tea, was presided over by the President, the Rev. G. C. Taylor. Supporting him were the secretary, Mr. T. J. Lock, and other officers.

The company stood in remembrance of the following members who had died since the last A.G.M.: E. J. Butler (Colchester), G. F. Carter (Welwyn Garden City), T. J. Fowler (Crookham), E. R. Gladman (Heston), P. J. Johnson (Leeds), H. Knight (Wolverhampton), J. G. MacDougal (Hornchurch), J. L. Morris (Orpington), W. J. Paice (Wokingham), Mrs. M. Shurcliff (Boston, U.S.A.), B. H. Swinson (Jersey) and J. Thomas (Hinton-on-the-Green).

71 NEW MEMBERS

Mr. J. T. Lock, presenting the annual report, stated 71 new members had been elected, eight comprising the new band of St. John-the-Baptist, Hackney. This band had been instructed by D. Neal, Upper Clapton, who by his excellent training produced ringers up to sufficient standard for them to take charge of their new ring of bells.

During the year 209 quarter peals were rung in 35 towers, also three half-peals. This total included two quarter peals of Grand sire Triples rung for the Harvest Festival services by two separate bands at Heston, all being local members attached to the tower.

Fifty-six peals were rung on tower bells and one peal 'in hand', the outstanding performance being the extent of Scientific Triples, rung for the first time by a young band at the first attempt. Surprise Major methods rung to peals for the first time were Chelsea, Chiswick, Clacton, Hampshire, Highgate, Hornsey, Ickenham, Kilburn, Monmouth, Northwood and Wiltshire. Also peals of Berkeley Delight Minor and Wealdstone Little Surprise Major were first ever performances.

The first peal on the augmented eight at Stamford Hill was rung by the local band, whilst Hillingdon and Southgate also rang peals by their own Sunday service ringers. A peal in five Doubles methods at Stanwell was rung by a band with an average age of 15 years. The first 'Donald' peal was rung for the Association. J. R. Mayne had now rung peals in 100 different Surprise Major methods.

NEW RINGS OF BELLS

One augmentation, at Feltham, had been completed and dedicated, and T. Price was to be congratulated upon his achievement in raising the money and doing so much of the work by himself by designing, constructing and erecting the frame for the two new treble bells. New rings of bells had been provided at St. John-the-Baptist, Hackney, and St. Clement Danes. R. I. Shepherd deserves thanks for his

successful work at Staines, where the bells of St. Mary's were rung more regularly. Towers where ringing was indefinitely suspended include Harrow-on-the-Hill, Hornsey and Pinner.

Mr. J. R. Mayne, seconding the adoption, pointed out that Mr. T. J. Lock had also during the year completed 100 Surprise Major peals.

Mr. F. W. Goodfellow presented the accounts. The Bell Restoration Fund had £32 10s. 5d. in hand, grants of £5 5s. each having been made to Feltham and St. Mary's, Upper Clapton. The Central Fund had a balance of £192 2s. 7d. It was decided that any two of the three trustees' signatures be required on cheques.

The Dinner Sub-Committee elected were Messrs. F. W. Goodfellow, E. H. Kilby, C. H. Neil, E. J. Lock and Mrs. Hart.

Officers elected were: President, Rev. G. C. Taylor; Master, Mr. T. Price; secretary, Mr. T. J. Lock; assistant secretary, Mr. J. R. Mayne; treasurer, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow; librarian, Mr. G. A. Parsons; trustees, Messrs. A. Cutter, F. W. Goodfellow and T. J. Lock; auditor, Mr. E. Hodgson.

A recommendation from the Central Committee that Messrs. A. W. Coles and W. H. Coles be elected vice-presidents was rejected, but Messrs. W. H. Coles and W. N. Genna were elected hon. life members. This honour was conferred on Mr. A. W. Coles 20 years ago.

Elected new members were Mr. Keith Randall (Ealing), Miss P. Martin, Miss J. Saunders and Mr. M. Pavitt (Kingsbury) and Mr. A. R. Mann (Newmarket) non-resident life member.

ALL SAINTS', EDMONTON

After discussion, the meeting decided to make a grant of 15 guineas to All Saints', Edmonton, where £3,000 is required for tower restoration, the recasting of two bells and general overhaul, and the provision of a new frame. Towards this, £1,630 had been raised. They hoped to get the bells back from the White-chapel Foundry by the summer.

The next annual meeting is to be held in the Master's Tower, Feltham, with Staines as an alternative.

Mr. W. H. Coles called the members' attention to the passing of Mr. Jim Lewis, of Feltham, and it was decided to send a letter of sympathy to his widow.

The service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. G. Springford), assisted by the Rev. W. A. Bevis (curate), was beautifully sung by a special choir, and included an anthem by Byrd, sung unaccompanied. The President preached. They were thanked, as was Mr. D. D. T. Smith for local arrangements, Mrs. Smith and her helpers for the excellent tea, and Mr. Michael Moreton for providing the tape recording of the peal of Scientific Triples.

BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Barnsley and District Society held their monthly meeting at Wragby, near Wakefield, on April 11th, twelve towers being represented. It was decided to hold the contest for the shield at St. Leonard's, Wortley, near Sheffield, on June 13th, which would be open to anyone, and the Hoylandswaine Cup on September 12th, 1959, at Hoylandswaine, for those within twelve miles' radius of Barnsley. Another proposition was to try to hold the Potter dinner again on October 24th. The next meeting would be at Bolsterstone, near Sheffield, on May 9th.

A vote of thanks was given by Mr. John W. Moxon for the use of the bells, and to Mr. John Brewon and local company for making all arrangements, and to the ladies for providing cups of tea free of charge. The Vicar responded.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The spring meeting of the Eastern District was held at Howden on April 4th and was attended by over 50 ringers, representing 17 towers, including visiting ringers from Barrow-on-Humber and Derby. The Vicar gave the address and acted as organist at the service.

After tea in the Church Hall, Mr. A. E. Sellers, the vice-president, presided at the business meeting, at which six new members were elected—Misses Angela Guy, Jane Wilkinson and Valerie Wilson, of Selby Abbey, and Messrs. Howard Sandham and Robin Rawson, of Sherburn-in-Elmet, and Ian N. Goldthorpe, of Kirk Ella.

Beverley Minster was proposed as the next place of meeting. A lengthy discussion took place about the suggested alterations to rules of the Association, and the overwhelming opinion was that the name of the Association should remain as at present and that nothing should be done to lower the standard of ringing.

After the usual votes of thanks the Vicar welcomed the Association to Howden where, he remarked, they would always receive a warm welcome. The meeting stood in silence in memory of Mr. F. Mason, of Cottingham, who had recently passed away.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild was held at Sutton Coldfield on April 4th. The members were met by the Rector (Canon J. H. Boggan), who welcomed the ringers to Sutton Coldfield, and afterwards attended the tea and meeting.

It was a pleasure to meet Mr. William Anker, looking so well and apparently completely recovered from a recent serious operation. Until recently, when he was succeeded by his son, Mr. Anker served as head ringer at Sutton for many years, and though the eight bells sometimes go heavily, it is no reflection on the care bestowed upon them, but can be accounted for by the condition of the old wooden frame in which they hang.

Three young ringers of Aston Parish Church were elected members—Donald Finnemore, David Ingram and Maurice Ingram—the two last named being proposed by their father, Mr. Richard C. Ingram. Mr. Andrew N. Stubbs, of Handsworth, Mr. Alan J. Collins and Mr. Alex Simpson were also elected, and the tower election, as a life member, of Mr. John H. Allen, of Wolverhampton, was duly ratified.

The next meeting will be held at Packwood on July 4th.

BECKENHAM, KENT

For business reasons, Mr. Dennis Brown has been obliged to give up the post of Ringing Master at St. George's, Beckenham, Kent. The Rector has asked Mr. Percy Cave, late Ringing Master of St. Nicholas', Liverpool, to take over, and he has agreed to do so.

Since leaving Liverpool just under three years ago, Mr. Cave's ringing activities have been severely curtailed owing to the many other calls on his time, but lately he has been a regular attender at St. George's and has been helping Mr. Brown with the young band there.

It is an uphill task, but local ringers from other towers are providing willing assistance. Any ringer in the vicinity of Beckenham on Thursday evenings (7.45 to 9), or on Sundays (10.30 to 11 a.m. and 6 to 6.30 p.m.) will receive a warm welcome if they care to come up and lend a helping hand.

SHEFFIELD.—At All Saints' Church, on Mar. 29th. 1,260 Plain Bob Major: H. Hall 1, W. Holland 2. A. F. Knights 3, B. Hill 4, J. Lilleker 5, L. E. Boam 6, R. Hall 7, D. Holland (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 4, 5 and 6.

DEDICATION OF NEW SUFFOLK SIX

MARLESFORD, SUFFOLK

THE Church of St. Andrew, Marlesford, had four bells before about 1900, when a fifth was added and hung above the other four. During practice in January, 1957, the latest bell fell from its mountings and crashed on to the fourth below. This occurrence precipitated a general overhaul and the adding of a new treble to make a ring of six.

The work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. This, with incidental tower work (a new floor under the bells, etc.) by a local builder, Mr. Scott Youngman, who had a local ringer, Mr. Henry J. Vince, as his labourer, has cost about £1,350 and, of this, about £600 has been raised so far.

The bells are now in a metal frame several feet lower in the tower than they were, but they have now been heard at a certain crossroad where they had not been heard before.

There were four bells here in 1553, but no mention of any in a certificate dated November 4th, 1547. Dove gives the tenor weight as 10 cwt. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank now give it as over 9 cwt.

The present overhaul afforded the opportunity of having the 1900 bell recast, as it was out of tune.

The Rt. Rev. Harold Morris, Lord Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, performed the dedication ceremony at a service on April 2nd. It was in the evening—dark and foggy—and, had it not been for the ringing of the tenor as the tolling-in bell, the writer might well have been late because the village and its approaches have a number of small road junctions which can confuse one who is not familiar with them.

The church was just about full, and the Vicar (Rev. Walter Gorin) conducted the service. The lessons were read by Mr. J. S. Schreiber (Vicar's warden) and Mr. G. R. Finch (chorister and bell-ringer). Mr. William Hughes, of the bell-founders' firm, was present when Mr. Finch handed a bell rope to Mr. L. A. Woolnough (people's warden). The two wardens then held their ropes, in turn, to the Bishop for the dedication of the new bell and the rededication of the other five.

KEENNESS IN DIOCESE

The Bishop in his address said bell restorations were much appreciated by the diocesan authorities. An advisory body exists to see that only things which are worthy shall be put in the churches of the diocese. This body was very keen on tower and bell restorations, and Mr. Ranald W. M. Clouston, a member of this body, has inspected a large number of the churches—a wonderful piece of work—and he hopes to inspect all of them in time.

The Bishop said his memory went back to his returning to England from the mission field when a schoolboy, and hearing England's church bells, so different from the gong—an iron on a tripod struck with another piece of iron or a stick—used to summon people to worship in many foreign lands. And recently he had lived this all over again when a small niece had come to England from Southern Rhodesia: she was thrilled with the English church towers and thrilled again when the bells rang on the first Sunday she was here.

Speaking of amplifying recorded bells from towers and saying how the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, could so sound forth from a tower away in the north of England, he said: 'A little bit phoney, isn't it? Not quite like your own church bells. I should hate to see them normally in our lovely old parish churches. Also, there is a danger with recorded bells apparatus. In one case some choir boys, usually so good, put on a rock 'n' roll record which sounded from the tower!'

Some people take ringers and bells for granted. Fortunately, we have a Guild of ringers who help out in various parishes—a real service to God, just as much as the churchwardens, the lay reader, the choir and, he might say, sometimes the clergyman himself. He found that, in general, ringers were devoted Christian people. He ended by saying: 'Thank-you for what you have done to add to the beauty of your old parish church, and to all who have done the work, including your own local craftsman.'

The collection was for the bells and came to £5 10s. Ringers were there from the District up to 20 miles away, and one, Mr. Urban Wildney, was there from Essex—a much longer journey.

Before the congregation dispersed they met in the Village Hut near the church for refreshments arranged by the Parochial Church Council. A little ringing took place that night, but the following Saturday was to be the ringers day for a real try-out.

CLAUDE RUSH.

WALKINGTON, YORKS

The Church of All Hallows, Walkington, now boasts a ring of six bells. During the last 12 months, the villagers have given £1,500 to enable the church's three old bells to be recast and three new ones to be added.

The dedication service was held on March 12th, the ceremony being performed by the Archdeacon of the East Riding, the Rev. F. E. Ford, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. R. Haw, Vicar of St. John's, Newland, Hull.

SWANSEA & BRECON DIOCESAN

A very successful meeting of the Northern Section was held at Llanelly, Breconshire, in beautiful spring sunshine, at which some 20 members took part in ringing under the instructions of the Ringing Master, Mr. John Williams, of Swansea.

The Guild service was taken by the Rector, Canon D. Parry Jones, who welcomed the ringers after a lapse of a number of years. Many thanks were expressed to the Mothers' Union for providing such an excellent tea. At the business three new life members were elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Llangatock. The collection for the restoration fund amounted to £1 6s. 6d.

G. P. D.

OUTING

SWINDON AND DISTRICT

For the Easter Monday tour Swindon ringers chose the Salisbury area. At about 8 o'clock on Easter Monday three cars holding 16 ringers set out for Enford, where the lovely ring of six was put to good use. Next came Netheravon where, after a rather shaky climb for certain members of the band, some good touches were rung on the mellow ring of six. Then came Fittleton, where after having to 'break in' some good ringing was produced on these light bells. Unfortunately Durnford had to be cancelled, so the party made their way to Wilton (another light six) where, although several good touches came round, several pennies had to be paid into the 'punishment box.'

After reviving ourselves we proceeded to Chilmark, where we were joined by two more ringers and wives. After a rather shaky start by the ladies some good ringing was produced by the men on those beautiful but hard-going bells. Ringing followed at Zeals and Heytesbury. Tea and a so-called game of cricket followed before going to Wylve (the first five of the day), where Spliced Doubles were rung. The last tower of the day was Chitterne (All Saints'), where a dedication course of Reverse All Saints finished our tour. Methods rung were Grandsire, Plain Bob Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, Stedman, Kent, Cambridge, and Spliced Kent and Oxford, Cambridge and Beverley, London and Wells, Reverse All Saints, Double Oxford and St. Clement's.

Our thanks to all tower captains and incumbents, and to Mr. A. Peake (the organiser) for his work. L. L.

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BIRTH

TEEBLE.—On April 11th, 1959, to Kathleen (nee Harrison) and Geoffrey, God's precious gift of a daughter (Sally Jane) at the Hartismere Hospital, Eye. A sister for Susan. 4273

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.—The address of the secretary, P.C. John A. Smith, is now 17, Glen Way, Oadby, Leicester. 4244

The address of Mr. and Mrs. Colin Conway, of St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth, is now: 121, Richmond Park Road, Bournemouth, Hants. All correspondence for St. Peter's Tower to this address, please. 4251

The address of Mr. H. M. Windsor is now Greenleigh, Hall Road, Sketchley Manor, Hinckley, Leics. All Coventry Guild Southern District correspondence to be sent to Mr. P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Whitnash, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, who is now district secretary. 4274

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Templecombe, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m.—J. Badman, Evercreech. 4217

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, St. John's, Bollington (8), Saturday, April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 4197

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Heanor, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. 4219

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting, Childswyckham (6), April 25th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 4228

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lifton on Saturday, April 25th. Usual arrangements. 4152

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District meeting at Ash (6) on Saturday, April 25th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Sec. 4224

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
OF CHANGE RINGERS

Reminder!
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All towers have been circulated.
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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Windsor (8), Saturday, April 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 6 p.m. 4127

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hinton Waldrist, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 4212

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at Holme Pierrepont, Notts, Saturday, April 25th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only provided. Good attendance, please.—P. C. Clarke, Hon. Sec. 4208

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at South Benfleet, Saturday, April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. 4215

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham District.—Meeting, Stonham Aspal, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 4214

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Brandon on Saturday, April 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special business to discuss.—A. R. Mann, Dis. Sec. 4194

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION and NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD (Northern District). — Practice meeting, St. Mary-at-Bow East, Wednesday, April 29th, 6.30-8 p.m. A good attendance, please. Everyone welcome.—Bullock, Sec. 4250

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Practice, Burton Latimer (8), 7.30-9 p.m., Friday, May 1st. 4264

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Worcester, Saturday, May 2nd. Ringing at Evesham, 11.30 to 12.30. Lunch, followed by business meeting, 1.15. Ringing: Cathedral, 3.15 to 4.45; All Saints', 5 to 6.15. Lunch (6s. 6d.) at the Hopmarket Hotel (near Foregate Street Station) will be reserved for those who notify Mr. D. Beacham, The Old Manor, Twynning, near Tewkesbury, Glos., accommodation being limited. — John Chilcott. 4045

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Meeting, Shelley (6), Saturday, May 2nd. Bells 2.30. Cups of tea provided 5 p.m. Please bring own sandwiches. Bells again after business meeting until late evening. 4247

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting, Biddenham (6), Saturday, May 2nd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss E. Steel, King's Close, Biddenham, Bedford. — R. L. Piron, Dis. Sec. 4275

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Hedon, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by April 30th, to Mr. C. Hunter, 59, Westlands Drive, Hedon. 4226

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting at Studley on Saturday, May 2nd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, please, to Mr. J. Perkins, 46, Toms-Town Lane, Studley, Warks. 4257

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting, Great Totham (6), Saturday, May 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea.—P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 4192

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting, Awre, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. For tea and local transport, apply: Coombe, Oaklands Farm, Newnham 235. 4249

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, May 2nd, St. Matthew's (8), Kingsdown, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Service 6 p.m.—A. Bennett. 4246

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Merrow, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Church Hall. It is hoped to have Clandon available after tea. Please send numbers for tea by previous Thursday to Miss V. Bundy, 1, The Firs, Mount Browne, Sandy Lane, Guildford. 4223

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—Meeting, Old Radnor, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting afterwards. Names for tea, early, to J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster. 4238

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Bushey (8), May 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 4243

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Gravelley, May 2nd, 5.30 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m. Special method. London Scholars' Pleasure.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 4227

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 2nd, Hadlow. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names for tea (with cash, please) by Thursday, April 30th, to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 4213

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Clitheroe on May 2nd. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. (free). Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify, not later than April 29th. Miss Parkinson, 20, St. Mary Street, Clitheroe. No names, no tea.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 4242

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Upholland, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying, by May 30th, Mr. P. Ashcroft, 6, Edge Hall Road, Orrell, Wigan.—M. E. Ridyard. 4269

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly practice meeting at Scorton, Saturday, May 2nd. Ringing 2.30-7.30. Tea 4.30 (approx.). Names for tea to S. Anderton, Springfield Farm, Scorton.—R. F. Eccles. Branch Sec. 4270

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting at Leeds Parish Church (10) on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Friday, 1st, to Mr. I. Slack, 47, Sunroyd Hill, Horbury.—D. Thorp. Hon. Sec. 4233

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, Groby, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names, by Tuesday, April 28th, to Mr. J. P. Kesterton, Dis. Sec., 30, Royal Road, Leicester. 4229

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Launton, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names by Monday, April 27th, to C. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 4210

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Great Linford, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) at 5.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 4262

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough Branch.—Meeting, Long Buckby, on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to E. Thresher, 22, Watson Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 4239

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Dronfield, Saturday, May 2nd, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Goodall, 6, Elm Tree Crescent.—J. Seager, Sec. 4256

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Hickling (5), Saturday, May 2nd. 2.30 p.m.-4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Vicarage. Evening, Cropwell Bishop, 5.45 p.m. Names for tea must be sent not later than Thursday, April 30th to Mr. S. Adams. 54, Widford Road, Ruddington. 4237

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Meeting at Benhall (ringing 2.30 p.m.) and Saxmundham (ringing after tea), Saturday, May 2nd. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea by Thursday, April 30th, to A. R. Bridges. 28, Waterloo Avenue, Leiston, Dis. Sec. (Phone 284.) 4254

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, Ringwood, May 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., the Avon Hotel. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. W. Cheater. 43, Addison Square, Ringwood. 4272

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.—Annual Ringing Service, Sunday, May 3rd, 6.15 p.m. Ringing at 4.30 p.m. and after service. All welcome.—C. D. Launder. Hon. Sec. 4232

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Dawlish, Saturday, May 9th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Teignmouth 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, by May 6th, to Branch secretary, West Teignmouth bells available in evening. 4248

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Chrishall (6) on Saturday, May 9th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. followed by tea at the Red Cow Inn. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 4260

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W.—Crusader meeting, Bentley, May 9th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Bus from Brentwood (20 min. service). Brentwood bells (8) will also be available from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss L. Doone, 28, Harewood Road, Bishops Hall Estate, Brentwood. 4258

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Old Woking, Saturday, May 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea essential, by previous Tuesday, to Miss Loveland, Cleeve, Maybury Hill, Woking, Surrey. 4252

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Apsley on Saturday, May 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 5th, to Mrs. J. Good, 83, Leys Road, Hemel Hempstead.—J. Good, Dis., Sec. 4190

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Canterbury District) and **LADIES' GUILD** (Trent Branch).—Combined meeting, Ospringe, Saturday, May 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 2s. per head. Names for tea (cash, please) to Mr. F. C. Farnsworth, 14, King's Road, Faversham, Kent, not later than Wednesday, May 6th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4236

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District.—Meeting on Saturday, May 9th, at Waltham-on-the-Wolds. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Schoolrooms. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, May 6th, to Mr. C. Matthews, 18, Council Houses, Waltham-on-the-Wolds. 4259

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Haxey, Saturday, May 9th. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous. Owston bells at night.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 4261

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

AFFILIATION FEES

The affiliation fees of 15 Societies have not yet been received. Secretaries are reminded that, under Rule 7, such fees become payable on January 1st each year, and those concerned are requested to forward the amounts due without delay.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Butterwick, Saturday, May 9th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4. Tea, Church Hall 4.45. Names for tea by Monday, May 4th, certain, to Mr. A. Mills, 8, Upsall Road, Butterwick, near Boston. 4255

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Brooke on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 5th, to Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon.—F. C. W. Philippo, Hon. Branch Sec. 4234

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held (D.V.) at Rothwell on Saturday, May 9th. Committee meeting in the Vestry 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Preacher, the Rt. Rev. W. H. Stewart, C.B.E., D.D. (Rector of Cottesmore). Tea 5 p.m. in the Labour Hall, Rushton Road. Tickets at 3s. each (C.W.O.) to be obtained not later than May 2nd from Mr. M. Colman, 16, Greening Road, Rothwell, Kettering. 2 to 3 p.m.; Rothwell, 2 to 4, 6.30; Desborough, 11 to 1, 7; Isham, 12 to 2; Cranford, 11 to 12.30, 1.30 to 3, 6.30; Corby, 1 to 3; Weldon, 1 to 3, 6.30; Warkton, 11 to 1, 6.30; Geddington, 11 to 1, 6.30; Barton Seagrave, 1 to 3, 6.30; Pytchley, 11 to 1, 6.30; Orlingbury, 12.30 to 3 p.m.—G. W. Jeffs. 4206

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Spring meeting, Hoar Cross, May 9th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Accommodation for tea strictly limited and will be reserved only for the first 50 names.—Fred Bennett, 7, Rudge Heath, Pattingham, near Wolverhampton. Telephone: Claverley 309. 4263

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Assington (6), Saturday, May 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 5. Tea 5.45.—R. J. Seabrook. 4253

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting at Burstow (6) on Saturday, May 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Outwood (4) will be available from 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Oak Tree Cafe, Keepers Corner, price 3s. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, May 6th, to Mr. L. W. Penfold, Rebow, New Road, Smallfield. No names, no tea.—A. Streeter, Dis. Sec. 4240

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at St. Nicholas', Brighton, Saturday, May 9th. Ringing: St. Nicholas' after meeting. Good Shepherd 2.30 to 4 p.m., St. Peter's 2.30 to 4 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Union Hall, 3s. per head. Individual names to Gen. Sec. by Wednesday, May 6th.—R. Percy, 47, Oldfield Road, Willingdon, Eastbourne. 4241

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual General Meeting at Selby Abbey on May 9th. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. to 4.10 p.m. and again after the meeting. Service in the Chancel at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea (2s. 9d. per head) in Hawdon Institute at 5 p.m. General meeting on same premises immediately afterwards. Names for tea by the 7th to Miss Barbara Hall, 57, Brook Street, Selby. Subscriptions are now due, and reports for 1958 will be available.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford 9. 4231

THE LADIES' GUILD.—Annual General Meeting at Southport on Saturday, May 16th. Committee meeting 1 p.m. Service, Christ Church, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Tea, price 3s., by ticket only. Please send cash and stamped addressed envelope to Miss M. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport, by May 11th. No ticket, no tea! Bells available as for Central Council members. 4271

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual General Meeting at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 18th. Service in the Cathedral at 11 a.m., conducted by the Provost; address by the Ven. J. E. Elvin, Archdeacon of West Ham. Annual general meeting to follow immediately after the service in the Chapter House. Tea, coffee, etc., available from 10.15 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m., cost 5s. Tea at a running buffet from 5 p.m. to 6.15 p.m., cost 2s. 6d. The following towers will be available from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.: Galleywood (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Great Baddow (8), Danbury (6), Sandon (6), Little Baddow (5), and from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6), Ford End (6). Lunch and tea tickets (stamped addressed envelope, please), from F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. Tea and lunch tickets 6d. extra if not purchased prior to the meeting. 4266

OBITUARY

MR. W. D. SMITH

We regret to hear of the passing of Mr. William David Smith, who was belfry captain of St. Andrew's, Headington, Oxford, until 1939. He also served the church in other capacities, including churchwarden. His son is now captain of the tower.

WORCESTER.—At the Cathedral, on April 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Susan Jackson 1, R. G. Morris 2, G. Bowen 3, D. Morris 4, J. Slater 5, A. D. Cook 6, G. Evenden (cond.) 7, J. Stanier 8. Rung on the back eight as a wedding compliment to David Beacham and Kitty Bryan, both members of the Cathedral band, who were married at Twynning the previous day.

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PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob and April Day): Judith M. Gwilt 1, Pamela M. Turner (first in three methods) 2, R. E. Tallis (jun.) 3, R. E. Tallis (cond.) 4, M. C. Hughes (first in three methods away from tenor) 5, Vivienne A. Neal 6. For Matins.

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