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## 'A TRIUMPH OF YOUTH'

THIS was the title of the leading article in 'The Ringing World' of April 27th, 1934. It related to a peal of Bob Major rung at St. Paulinus', Crayford, the previous Saturday by a band drawn from various parts of the country whose average age, including all the odd weeks and months, was 15 years and 2 weeks. This was well below the previous record, having knocked between three and four years off the average age of those who had rung a peal of Kent arranged by Jim Prior the previous December, which incidentally was Pat Cannon's first peal as conductor.

The 1934 peal was one on which all could, and I think do, look back on with some pride for, to quote from Mr. Goldsmith's article, 'Not only did they ring the peal but they rang it supremely well.' To many ringers, I have found over the years, every peal and every attempt is a good one; but the words were not used lightly on this occasion, and it was nice to have received what might be considered an independent testimony of this years later from a ringer who had heard much of the peal while watching a hockey match in a nearby field.

To commemorate the 25th anniversary it seemed appropriate to try to arrange a reunion of as many of the band as possible, and of course a peal attempt. Arthur Jones, of Croydon, unhappily, was killed while a sergeant pilot early in the 1939-45 war, while Margaret Pack, now Mrs. Munton, whose idea the original peal was, is living in California, but her sister Gladys, better known these days as Mrs. Manchip, took her place, and brother Joe came out of retirement for the occasion. Phyllis Tillet (Mrs. Marriott), whose name was so often in the headlines in the days when the band at Ipswich was a power in the land—she rang peals in all manner of Surprise Maximus methods when hardly in her teens—is unable to stand for lengthy periods these days, but we were delighted that she (and her husband) came along for the day and had a ring before the peal began, for it meant that all six "possibles" were there, John Gilbert and Percy Stone having come down from Sheffield and Coventry respectively, and Walter Dobbie up from Tonbridge.

To keep it in the family, as it were, the band was made up by Walter's wife Sheila and Mr. Edwin Barnett, for whom the peal might be regarded as an unofficial 74th birthday compliment, this event having taken place four

days before. There was one alarm on Friday evening. Walter Dobbie got a piece of metal embedded in his eye the previous day, which entailed two visits to hospital and gave rise to considerable doubt as to whether he would be fit to ring. However, he gamely did so, though obviously in considerable discomfort, but we were very grateful to Sidney Woodcock, of Bexley, for coming along in case of need, which is one stage worse than being called on at the last minute to fill a definite gap.

After a welcome from the Rector (Rev. R. A. Agg) and a short session with the local Press ('What, at your age?' the reporter had said earlier, when told we hoped to ring for about three hours), the peal was duly accomplished, the same method being chosen—though we must now use its up-to-date title of 'Plain Bob Major'—and indeed the same composition and conductor. Tea followed, though from the amount left it seemed as if appetites were not so keen as was perhaps the case when we were in our teens. An account of the peal was signed by all and sent to Margaret, and thoughts turned at times to the other missing member of the band and to Mr. F. E. Dawe, a former prominent London ringer and College Youth, whose generosity in the days before the Welfare State had made the original peal, and a previous unsuccessful attempt, possible.

Doubts were cast on the wisdom of another reunion in 1984, not because of George Orwell, but because some thought that though we were all more or less recognisable now compared with our younger selves, another quarter of a century might not deal so kindly with us. But 1959 was certainly a great success.

E. A. B.

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**TWELVE BELL PEAL**

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITAN CHURCH OF CHRIST,

**A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 32 cwt. 6 lb. in B flat.

ROGER KEELEY .. .. Treble	*GWILYM SALMON .. .. 7
*J. MICHAEL LAKIN .. .. 2	†EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. .. 8
JAMES E. DANIELS .. .. 3	†DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. .. 9
ANTHONY J. SANGER .. .. 4	RONALD N. MARLOW .. .. 10
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS .. .. 5	DAVID HOARE .. .. 11
FRANK L. HARRIS .. .. 6	ERIC NAYLOR .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

\*First peal on 12 bells. †First of Stedman Cinques 'inside.'

Rung to mark the occasion of the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF 5120 LITTLE BOB ROYAL**

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

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 6
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. .. 2	†GORDON A. HALLS .. .. 7
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 8
*A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. .. 9
†MRS. G. A. HALLS .. .. 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by G. RONALD EDWARDS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\*First peal of Little Bob. †First of Little Bob Royal. The quickest peal on ten tower bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE ROYAL**

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

*RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. Treble	*JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 6
*DEREK P. JONES .. .. 2	*GORDON A. HALLS .. .. 7
*DIANNA J. PERRINS .. .. 3	†BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 8
*†ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 4	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. .. 9
*MRS. G. A. HALLS .. .. 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

Witness: JOHN A. ACRES.

\*First peal of Southwell Surprise Royal. †200th peal together.

First of Royal in the method as conductor.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5151 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

ARTHUR J. HART .. .. Treble	LEONARD STILWELL .. .. 6
ALBERT W. BOND .. .. 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. .. 7
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 3	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. .. 8
CECIL H. WOOD .. .. 4	JOHN CHILCOTT .. .. 9
RAYMOND P. WOOD .. .. 5	WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F sharp.

FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. Treble	GEORGE W. HUGHES .. .. 6
*MARGARET PRITCHARD .. .. 2	DAVID HINGLEY .. .. 7
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. .. 3	WILLIAM DAVIES .. .. 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 4	JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. .. 9
ERNEST STITCH .. .. 5	HOWARD HOWELL .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. H. TUCKER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

\*First peal on ten bells. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

AYLESTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., March 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

*CHRIS. L. POWDRILL .. Treble	G. HARRY BRAY .. .. 5
†PATRICIA A. WARDLE .. .. 2	TERENCE I. ROYER .. .. 6
CHRISTINE WAKEFIELD .. .. 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. .. 7
A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 4	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RUSSELL S. MORRIS.

\*First peal of Grandsire Triples. †First of Grandsire Triples 'inside.' First as conductor.

Rung half-muffled by the local band (except tenor ringer) in memoriam Mr. W. Hill, churchwarden, who died on March 12th.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. .. Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. 5
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 2	ARTHUR D. COOK .. .. 6
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 3	HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

WANTAGE, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Taylor's Six-part.

Tenor 22 cwt.

*K. LEACH .. .. Treble	A. R. WOODLEY .. .. 5
*A. R. BOOKER .. .. 2	R. B. BLOND .. .. 6
C. LAY .. .. 3	H. WHITE .. .. 7
†A. R. WOOD .. .. 4	J. P. BLOND .. .. Tenor

Conducted by R. B. BLOND.

\*First peal. †First 'inside.'

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Thurs., April 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

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

**A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. Treble	NEIL BENNETT .. .. 5
PETER BORDER .. .. 2	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 6
RUTH M. BORDER .. .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. .. 7
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

WASHINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., April 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

W. A. Cave's variation of Washbrook's.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

MARGARET A. SWANN .. Treble	JOHN WALDEN .. .. 5
MARY C. PAYNE .. .. 2	†RONALD APPELWHITE .. .. 6
*NORA M. BIBBY .. .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. 7
†PETER SHARP .. .. 4	†LOUIS WILLDERS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\*250th peal. †First of Stedman.

Rung for the conductor's birthday.

BELFAST.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(Northern District.)

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, DUNDALA,

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

RODNEY STRINGER .. .. Treble	*WILLIAM A. PATTERSON .. 5
HARRY BROWN .. .. 2	REV. JOHN J. FIELDING .. 6
JEAN STEWART .. .. 3	PHILIP H. WHITAKER .. 7
WILLIAM HALL .. .. 4	JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HARRY BROWN.

\*First peal of Treble Bob Major. First of Treble Bob on the bells.

Rung for the dedication of the extension to St. Anne's Cathedral, Belfast.



**BELPER, DERBYSHIRE.**  
**THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.*  
*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES W. WALKLATE .. Treble	*MICHAEL BLORE .. 5
*EDWIN WALKLATE .. 2	*CLIVE W. WALKLATE .. 6
WM. ARNOLD MORLEY .. 3	GORDON A. HALLS .. 7
MRS. G. A. HALLS .. 4	HAROLD TAYLOR .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by MRS. G. A. HALLS.

\* First peal in the method. First of Surprise on the bells.  
Rung for the birth of a son (Neil Hamilton), for Robin and Margaret Turner.

**BIRMINGHAM.**

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**  
*On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.*  
*AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,*

**A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt, 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

HENRY H. FEARN .. Treble	*JOHN PINFOLD .. 5
DIANA J. PERRINS .. 2	†JOHN G. PUSEY .. 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 7
ANTHONY AGER .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by WM. BARTON. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

\* 750th peal. † First in the method.

**BORDEN, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.*  
*AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

GEORGE KENWARD .. Treble	GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. 5
JOHN T. MANNERING .. 2	STANLEY V. RAYFIELD .. 6
JOSEPH GRENSED .. 3	TERENCE BARTON .. 7
*COLIN DRING .. 4	†KENNETH WILLIAMSON .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

\* First peal 'inside' of Grandsire. † First on eight bells. George Kenward has now 'circled the tower.'

A birthday compliment to Cynthia Elizabeth, daughter of the conductor.

**CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(Preston Branch.)

*On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.*  
*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

J. J. Parker's One-part.	Tenor 12 cwt.
*REV. C. ROY GEORGE .. Treble	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. 5
JOHN H. GARTSIDE .. 2	†GERALD WILSON .. 6
†KENNETH BONEHILL .. 3	†ARTHUR RIGBY .. 7
THOMAS BARKER .. 4	*KEITH MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

\* First peal. † First in the method.

Rung to mark the mayoralty of Cdr. Miss E. J. Cunliffe, who is a prominent worker of this church.

**COLERNE, WILTSHIRE.**

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

(Bath Branch.)

*On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.*  
*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,*

**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

MRS. DORA EVANS .. Treble	CEDRIC J. A. BROWN .. 5
ROGER O. FRY .. 2	WILLIAM H. HURFORD .. 6
*HAROLD L. PARKREY .. 3	GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. 7
S. ARTHUR READ .. 4	PHILIP W. WEEKS .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

\* 50th peal.

**CRAYFORD, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.*  
*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS.*

**A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH T. PACK .. Treble	PERCY STONE .. 5
EDWIN BARNETT .. 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT .. 6
SHEILA M. DOBBIE .. 3	WALTER H. DOBBIE .. 7
GLADYS MANCHIP .. 4	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

To commemorate the 25th anniversary of a peal in the same method by the youngest band to ring an 8-bell peal, in which the ringers of the treble, 5th, 6th, 7th and tenor, and sister of the ringer of the 4th, took part.

**DARESBUURY, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.*  
*AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

CHRISTOPHER JONES .. Treble	DOUGLAS LOWE .. 5
CECIL RADDON .. 2	HAROLD WORRALI .. 6
MRS. D. LOWE .. 3	HENRY PARKER .. 7
JOHN RYDER .. 4	DENNIS MADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by J. NICOL. Conducted by HENRY PARKER.

**EAST MARKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.*  
*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,*

**A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt, 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.

MARGARET A. SWANN .. Treble	G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 5
MARY C. PAYNE .. 2	RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 6
JOHN F. PEARSON .. 3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 7
*PETER SHARP .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. Louis Willders, of Lincoln.

**HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(Sheffield and District Society.)

*On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.*  
*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*PAULINE EYRE .. Treble	DAVID FRENCH .. 5
GORDON K. CHADDOCK .. 2	LEONARD GOODALL .. 6
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 3	H. DAVID HOLLAND .. 7
JOHN S. SEAGER .. 4	CYRIL RUSBY .. Tenor

Composed by IAN M. HOLLAND. Conducted by H. DAVID HOLLAND.

\* First peal.

A 72nd birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Taylor, of the local company.

**HERNHILL, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**

*On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.*  
*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.*

**A PEAL OF 5086 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In six methods, comprising 1,440 each London and Rutland, 768 Bristol and 480 each Yorkshire, Cambridge and Superlative, with 116 changes of method.

ROBERT COLLINS .. Treble	*†IAN H. ORAM .. 5
RALPH BIRD .. 2	*STANLEY JENNER .. 6
*DORIS E. COLGATE .. 3	*COLIN A. TESTER .. 7
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

\* First peal of six-Spliced. † 50th of Surprise Major.

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## KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Thomas-a-Becket,

## A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

PATRICIA M. BOURN .. Treble	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 5
*JILL MAYES .. .. 2	*PETER J. COLES .. .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	EDWIN G. BUCK .. .. 7
GEORGE A. SPENCER .. 4	JACK S. DEAR .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY.

\* First peal in the method. First of Surprise Major as conductor.

## LYNDHURST, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's transposition.

DANIEL T. MATKIN .. Treble	JAMES E. DANIELS .. 5
WILLIAM T. GODFREY .. 2	MICHAEL J. BEST .. 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3	FRANK L. HARRIS .. 7
*JOHN VERITY .. .. 4	LEWIS F. COBB .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

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

A compliment to Mr. D. T. Matkin on the 40th anniversary of his first peal.

## NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas.

## A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

*JOHN ROBINSON .. Treble	CAROL FERNLEY .. 5
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 2	JOHN R. KENNETH .. 6
EILEEN M. FEARN .. 3	PETER LAFLIN .. 7
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by F. CLAYTON.

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

\* First peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Bernard Groves.

## CAMBRIDGE.

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tues., April 21, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew-the-Great,

## A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

H. NEIL (St. Catharine's) Treble	M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. Hall) .. 5
FRANCES SECKER (Girton) .. 2	J. R. TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s) .. 6
C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn) .. 3	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) .. 7
P. H. LANGTON (Trinity) .. 4	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') Tenor

Arranged by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by H. NEILL.

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

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. and Mrs. D. E. R. Knights, who were married on April 4th.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## BONVILSTON, GLAMORGAN.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 16 six-scores Plain Bob, six six-scores (six callings) and ten twelve-scores (seven Morris's and three Pitman's) Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ROGER HAVARD .. Treble	JEFFERY W. WALLACE .. 4
*JOHN B. GARRETT .. 2	ANTHONY M. COOMBS .. 5
ADRIAN F. R. HARTLEY .. 3	*ROYSTON T. ESCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY M. COOMBS.

\* First peal. † First of Doubles.

Rung as a birthday compliment to B. D. Coombs, brother of the ringer of the fifth.

## OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Mon., March 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr.

JEREMY A. M. SALTER .. Treble	RICHARD A. JACKSON .. 4
*ROBERT W. WINSTANLEY .. 2	*ROBIN G. ELLIOTT .. 5
JEAN M. ADDICOTT .. 3	JAMES H. PAILING .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.

\* First peal of Minor.

## NEWBURN-ON-TYNE, NORTHUMBERLAND.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

*FREDERICK ROSS .. Treble	KENNETH ARTHUR .. 4
†ERIC N. HARRISON .. 2	GEORGE S. DEAS .. 5
CHARLES N. LEA .. 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

\* First peal of Minor. † 100th peal. First peal on the bells for 24 years.

## STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES

Being 98 individual plain course methods in 42 spliced extents, viz.: (1) St. Edmund's and St. Simon's; (2) Plain Bob and Candlesby S.C.; (3) Astleham Alliance, Ashford, Twyford and Greenford Little Bob; (4) Plain Bob and Boxford; (5) Dorney, Bisham and Barkham Alliance, Laleham Little Bob; (6) Rev. Canterbury and Raveningham S.C.; (7) Coulsdon, Langley and Marsworth Alliance, Greenford and Laleham Little Bob; (8) Reverse Canterbury and Dorton; (9) Perivale and Lockinge Alliance, Lathbury, Twyford and Littleton Little Bob; (10) Plain Bob, Candlesby S.C.; (11) Shepperton Alliance, Stanwell, Kempton and Hanworth Little Bob; (12) Plain Bob and Boxford; (13) Horton Alliance, Hampton, Ickenham and Northolt Little Bob; (14) Plain Bob, Boxford and Candlesby S.C.; (15) Chalvey Alliance, Clewer, Spital and Dedworth Little Bob; (16) Reverse Canterbury and Dorton; (17) Forncett, Funderhall, Itchingfield S.C., Knaption, Oakley S.C., Ockham S.C., Intwood, Haddiscoe, Chipstead S.C., Ellingham, Broughton S.C. and Chesham S.C.; (18) Plain Bob and Boxford; (19) Bethnal, St. Alphage, Rev. St. Edmund's, Datchet, Tandridge and Rev. St. Simon's; (20) Plain Bob and Boxford; (21) Reverse Shipway's Place, Canterbury, St. Sebastian, Rev. Bob and Rev. All Saints; (22) Reverse Canterbury and Dorton; (23) Hascombe S.C., Longford S.C., St. Remigius, St. Nicholas, Thornborough S.C. and Winchendon Place; (24) Plain Bob and Candlesby S.C.; (25) Merton S.C., Slapton S.C., Coxwell Place, Rugby S.C., St. Botolph and Stedman S.C.; (26) Plain Bob and Boxford; (27) Longworth, Braywood, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Welford and St. Osmund; (28) Plain Bob and Boxford; (29) Bedingham, Harpley, New Bob, Huntspill, Lyng and St. Vedast; (30) Plain Bob and Boxford; (31) Hascombe S.C., Longford S.C., St. Hilary, Westminster II, Thornborough S.C. and Blackburn Place; (32) Plain Bob and Candlesby S.C.; (33) St. Andrew's Place, Rev. St. Martin's and Rev. Huntspill; (34) Plain Bob, Boxford and Candlesby S.C.; (35) Shipway's Place and Colnbrook S.C.; (36) Plain Bob, Boxford and Candlesby S.C.; (37) St. Gregory, Rev. St. Osmund and Rev. Huntspill; (38) Plain Bob and Boxford; (39) Datchet, Rev. St. Osmund, St. Julian and Rev. St. Remigius; (40) Plain Bob and Boxford; (41) Uffington, Rev. St. Simon's, Union and Rev. St. Nicholas; (42) Plain Bob and Boxford: with 321 changes of method. No bobs or singles called throughout. Tenor 13½ cwt.

MALCOLM G. LANE .. Treble	ANDREW D. GRANT .. 4
CHRISTOPHER B. FYNES .. 2	CHRIS. G. V. BURGESS .. 5
	DAVID G. PICKETT .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER B. FYNES.

First attempt for all at a peal of multi-Doubles. Most Doubles rung for the Association and at the tower. Average age of band 17.

Rung as a 17th birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

## OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*JOHN DREWITT .. Treble	*SHEILA CAMERON .. 3
EDWARD VENN .. 2	ROY H. JONES .. 4
ALEC GAMMON .. Tenor	

Conducted by EDWARD VENN.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First 'inside.' First as conductor.

## MISTLEY, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HEATHER STEWART .. Treble	ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD .. 4
*JOHN F. FELGATE .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 5
GEORGE WATERMAN .. 3	*WALTER R. FELGATE .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal of Minor.



**STAVERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.**  
**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Fri., April 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.**

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.  
 ERNEST G. ORLAND .. Treble | STANLEY F. WEBB .. 4  
 PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 2 | PETER M. GILES .. 5  
 MICHAEL F. AMOS .. 3 | EDWARD M. THRESHER .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD M. THRESHER.

First peal as conductor.

Rung for the bicentenary of George Frederick Handel.

**BALDERTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**  
**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(Newark Branch.)

*On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.**

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb.  
 BERYL REED .. Treble | ELEANOR ROSE .. 4  
 LAVINA HULFORD .. 2 | GRACE BURCHNALL .. 5  
 \*PAMELA CLARKE .. 3 | KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. Tenor

Conducted by GRACE BURCHNALL.

\*First peal 'inside.' First peal for the Southwell Guild by a band of ladies.

**BRISTOL.**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.**

*On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours.*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT WITHOUT.**

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Wavertree College, College, St. Clement's College, Childwall Bob, Thelwall Bob, Double Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

\*J. ANTHONY BENNETT .. Treble | \*JANE K. A. COOK .. 4  
 DAVID HEIGHTON .. 2 | †PATRICK J. BIRD .. 5  
 \*BRIAN J. WYLDE .. 3 | \*FRANK D. MACK .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

\*First peal in seven methods. †First in seven plain methods. The conductor's 100th peal (also now 'completed the circle').

**CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.**

**THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET.**

**A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) and (2) Oxford, Kingston, Capel, London Scholars' Pleasure and Sandal T.B.; (3) Kingston, Capel, London Scholars' Pleasure and Sandal T.B.; (4) Capel, London Scholars' Pleasure and Sandal T.B.; (5) Capel and Sandal T.B.; (6) Kent T.B.; (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

EILEEN M. FEARN .. Treble | JOHN R. KENNETT .. 4  
 BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2 | ROBERT B. SMITH .. 5  
 \*CHRISTINE MACNAIR .. 3 | WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

\*First peal in seven methods. In memoriam William Willett.

**CROPTHORNE, WORCESTERSHIRE.**

**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.**

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 21 extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and 21 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

GORDON T. BROWN .. Treble | LEONARD MILLS .. 4  
 ROBERT W. COLE .. 2 | HAROLD E. RAXTER .. 5  
 \*DOUGLAS H. BOIT .. 3 | COLIN B. LONGMORE .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

\*First peal.

**FRECKENHAM, SUFFOLK.**  
**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.**

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.  
 \*MRS. W. IVINGS .. Treble | \*JOHN GENTLEMAN .. 3  
 †JOHN IVINGS .. 2 | †HENRY IVINGS .. 4

ANTHONY R. MANN .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. MANN.

\*First peal. †First 'inside.' First of Doubles as conductor.

**FORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

**THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.**

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Consisting of 21 six-scores each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

\*ANN TYLER .. Treble | HAROLD ROBERTS .. 4  
 ELIZABETH ROBERTS .. 2 | G. ARNOLD MOORE .. 5  
 ALBERT LAWTON .. 3 | WILLIAM TALBOT .. Tenor

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.

\*First peal. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. T. Lawton, of Weston Jones Farm, Newport.

**WAPLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thurs., April 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.**

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

(Ten callings.) Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN FERRIS .. Treble | FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 3  
 \*JOHN D. HUNT .. 2 | HENRY TAYSON .. 4

HERBERT T. FERRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. FERRIS.

\*First peal of Doubles. First on five bells by all except the ringer of the third. First recorded peal on the bells.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Patricia Adelene Wynne, daughter of the Rector, to Alan Robert Stewart; also for St. George's Day.

**HUTTON, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.**

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being four extents of Reverse St. Bartholomew, eight each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's and All Saints', four of Plain Bob and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt.

\*NEIL D. DAVIES .. Treble | HARRY TURNER .. 3  
 †CHARLES E. HILL .. 2 | †WILLIAM T. HILL .. 4

†RAYMOND G. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

\*First peal. †First in six methods on an 'inside' bell. ‡First in six methods.

Rung to celebrate the restoration and enlargement of the church.

**OXENDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.**

**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.**

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being four six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and April Day, and 30 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 lb. in A.

\*CYNTHIA M. HUNT .. Treble | †JILL M. PUTNAM .. 3  
 CHARLES W. BROWN .. 2 | ARTHUR J. MILLWARD .. 4

DEREK E. GRIFFIN .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. GRIFFIN.

\*First peal. †First 'inside.'

Rung as a birthday compliment to Arthur J. Millward.

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## EVERTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Treble	GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. 4
VALERIE WATERFIELD .. .. 2	HAROLD DENMAN .. .. 5
ALEC WILSON .. .. 3	RICHARD HOBBS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.

## PENGE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

JOHN R. COOPER .. .. Treble	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 4
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. .. 2	IAN H. ORAM .. .. 5
RALPH BIRD .. .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

Quickest peal on the bells.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## BECCLES, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., April 14, 1959, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes.

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CAMPANILE OF THE CHURCH OF

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings).

Tenor size 18 in G.

TERENCE G. PAGE .. .. 1—2	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 3—4
E. CHARLES BAILEY .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.

A coming-of-age compliment to Mr. Michael G. Papworth, of Caister-on-Sea.

## HARROW, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Thurs., April 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT 170, HEADSTONE LANE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 KENT &amp; OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Worcester variation.

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

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

JOHN HILL .. .. 9—10

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

\* 100th peal together. † 100th peal. First of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Royal by all the band.

## SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 21, 1959, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes.

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,680 each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. R. RENDER .. .. 1—2 | KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 3—4

JOHN POTTS .. .. 5—6

Conducted by JOHN POTTS.

## ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 22, 1959, in 1 Hour and 36 Minutes.

AT 17, QUEEN STREET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor size 10 in A.

\*GERALD PENNEY .. .. 1—2 | GEOFFREY DODDS .. .. 3—4

\*†JOYCE DODDS .. .. 5—6

Conducted by JOYCE DODDS.

\* 25th peal 'in hand.' † 50th peal. First of Minor in three methods 'in hand' by all.

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## LOUGHBOROUGH

### The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS



# QUARTER PEALS

**ARLEDON, CUMBERLAND.**—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Tembey 1, H. Wilson 2, W. Daniels 3, S. Richardson 4, J. Butterfield 5, C. Ford 6, T. T. Jones (cond.) 7, H. Borrowdale (first quarter) 8.

**BADSEY, WORCS.**—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Brazier 1, A. Reed 2, W. B. Pomeroy 3, H. Wheatley 4, Sheila Kevie 5, H. E. Raxter 6, C. B. Longmore (first on eight as cond.) 7, D. H. Bott 8. First of Triples for 3, 5 and 8. For Confirmation service.

**BILTON, WARWICKS.**—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Rushall 1, W. E. Burnell 2, J. Nicholls (cond.) 3, L. W. Whewall 4, P. C. Taylor 5, A. Campden 6. For patronal festival.

**BINFIELD, BERKS.**—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Tomlinson 1, Muriel Longhurst 2, C. Stopps 3, Ann Longhurst (first quarter) 4, Mrs. D. Stopps (first in method as cond.) 5, F. Tomlinson 6. In honour of St. George's Day.

**BRECON.**—On April 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: G. P. Davis 1, W. Chick 2, M. M. Peterson 3, W. G. Smith 4, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 5, D. Stokes 6. In honour of the golden wedding of Major and Mrs. J. D. D. Evans.

**CANNINGTON, SOMERSET.**—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Webber 1, L. Pople 2, F. Fackrell 3, H. Pople 4, W. Stevens (cond.) 5, W. Hayward 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Knight.

**CAPE TOWN.**—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Sheppard 1, L. Hewitt 2, W. Abraham 3, R. Law 4, W. Smith 5, R. Stickley (cond.) 6, O. Lamb 7, J. Ernsten 8. For Evensong, and a tribute to the Rector (the Rev. Mr. Cumming) on leaving the parish.

**CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.**—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Bradbrook 1, H. J. Eldred 2, M. Soper 3, A. M. Stacey (cond.) 4, C. King 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, C. Ward 7, W. Langley 8. For Evensong, and as a compliment to H. J. Eldred, a former Barnet member.

**CORSLEY, WILTS.**—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Moody 1, P. Poyner 2, L. Hawkins 3, N. Knee (cond.) 4, T. Mallard 5, D. Hollis 6. For the induction of the new Vicar (the Rev. J. Talente).

**EUSTON, SUFFOLK.**—On April 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Peck 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, Miss D. M. Reeve 3, H. Fuller (cond.) 4, H. Ivings 5. For Matins.

**FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.**—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. E. G. Smith 1, Felicity Marshall (first 'inside') 2, Rosemary E. Smith 3, Rev. C. Marshall 4, J. W. Owen (cond.) 5, R. M. Virgin (first quarter) 6.

**GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.**—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Heather Bonner 1, Jill Cook 2, Mrs. E. D. Poole 3, D. A. Cornwall 4, S. M. Bailey 5, E. Dennis Poole (cond.) 6, R. E. Dean 7, L. J. Young 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Ralph W. Atkins.

**HANDSWORTH, WARWICKS.**—On April 26th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire): Jane M. Yardley (first of Doubles) 1, Ann Cook 2, D. J. Harrabin 3, I. D. Thompson 4, M. F. Hall (first as cond.) 5, J. Burt (first quarter) 6. First in more than one method 1, 2 and 3. A compliment to Robert H. C. Johnson on the occasion of his engagement to Miss Jacqueline Ewbank.

**HINTON BLEWITT, SOMERSET.**—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. H. Andrews 1, R. J. Gray 2, Miss S. Hunt 3, D. J. Purnell (cond.) 4, D. Uphill 5. For St. Mark's Day, and as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of 2.

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On Mar. 29th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Ruth Blackshaw and Doreen Armstrong 1, B. Mills 2, J. Meredith 3, M. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley 6. For evening service. Also on April 5th, 1,440 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob): Ruth Blackshaw 1, B. Mills 2, J. Meredith 3, Doreen Armstrong 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley 6. For evening service. Also on April 12th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bob): Ruth Blackshaw 1, Doreen Armstrong 2, J. Meredith 3, F. Bradley and B. Mills 4, B. Mills and A. Larkin 5, B. Buswell and F. Bradley 6. Conducting shared by B. Buswell and F. Bradley. For evening service.

**KENWYN, CORNWALL.**—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Carveth (cond.) 1, Miss P. R. Hasken 2, Miss V. M. Matthews 3, Miss M. A. Birch 4, Miss M. Cork 5, A. F. Burley 6, H. Harper 7, R. A. Southwood 8. A welcome to the Rev. A. J. Vincent, newly instituted to the benefice.

**KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.**—On Feb. 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss G. Graney 1, Miss W. Picton (first of Major) 2, K. Waples (first of Major 'inside') 3, Miss E. Erik 4, R. W. R. Picton 5, R. J. Picton 6, D. J. Goodman 7, B. M. Barker (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

**LANGHAM, RUTLAND.**—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. E. Hubbard 1, Miss V. J. Hubbard 2, R. J. Hubbard 3, R. F. Hubbard 4, J. F. Hubbard (cond.) 5, R. S. Revell 6. For Evensong, and a farewell to Mr. A. E. Hubbard, who is returning to Nigeria.

**LEVERINGTON, CAMBS.**—On April 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Bush 1, M. R. Reed 2, H. J. Reeve 3, L. Bush 4, G. Coleman 5, G. J. Mann (cond.) 6. For the christening of the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Pilkington, grand-daughter of the Rev. K. Sandberg.

**LONDON.**—On April 26th, at the Church of St. Clement Danes, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: I. H. Oram (cond.) 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, Mrs. N. Bagworth 3, G. Goodman 4, C. J. Champion 5, N. Bagworth 6, A. Bagworth 7, F. R. Scott 8, G. P. T. Peters 9, A. Farndoe 10. For Evensong. Also on April 12th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss F. C. Brown 1, Mrs. E. Denereaz 2, J. Mudd 3, J. Tomsett 4, R. Trebilcock 5, G. Harvey 6, F. Ranson 7, F. Mead 8, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 9, E. J. Peet 10. First of Caters by 1 and 2. For morning service. Also on April 19th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: Mary Andrews 1, I. H. Oram 2, R. Woodcock 3, P. A. Lawrence 4, S. J. Woodcock 5, W. S. Deason 6, F. R. Scott 7, D. A. S. Hawkins 8, R. G. Leale (cond.) 9, A. P. Cannon 10. First quarter of Surprise on the bells.

**NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.**—On Mar. 29th, at SS. James and Basil, Fenham, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Errington (first quarter) 1, E. N. Harrison (cond.) 2, Mary Prophet 3, Mrs. J. Smith 4, N. H. Hewitt 5, T. M. Cox 6, J. A. Ainsworth 7, K. Arthur 8. For the afternoon children's service.

**NORTHMOOR, OXON.**—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Trinder 1, N. Leslie 2, V. Clifton 3, A. Cantwell 4, M. Edney (cond.) 5, D. Leslie 6. A 75th birthday compliment to Mr. C. Bowsher, who has been a ringer here for over 60 years.

**PENISTONE, YORKS.**—On April 25th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Stainrod 1, H. Chant 2, C. Rusby 3, H. Rusby 4, T. Tarbatt 5, N. Moxon 6, K. Park 7, W. Moreton (cond.) 8. To mark the golden jubilee of the Barnsley and District Society.

**SILSOE, BEDS.**—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): Elizabeth Dear 1, Ann Culpin 2, B. A. Martin 3, D. R. Brazier (cond.) 4, D. Kitchener 5, B. V. Hart 6. Also on April 21st, 1,260 Doubles (240 Plain Bob, 1,020 Grandsire): Jacqueline Wilkinson 1, Ann Culpin 2, B. V. Hart 3, T. P. Harris (cond.) 4, D. Kitchener 5, B. A. Martin 6. In honour of H.M. the Queen's birthday.

**PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.**—On April 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Grandsire and Plain Bob): Judith M. Cwilt 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, R. E. Tallis (jun.) (cond.) 3, M. C. Hughes 4, R. E. Tallis 5, Vivienne A. Neal 6. First in four methods by all the band. For Matins. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Helen M. Thacker 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, J. K. Foot 3, R. E. Tallis (jun.) 4, M. C. Hughes (cond.) 5, T. E. Myatt (first quarter) 6. First of Grandsire for all except 3. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Foot, parents of 3.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.**—On April 19th, 1,344 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss M. Mills 1, I. Tilling 2, Mrs. N. Chaddock 3, Miss E. Wardill 4, Miss S. Chaddock 5, J. N. D. Chaddock 6, D. G. French 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. First quarter by 2 and 7. Rung by the Sunday service band for Evensong.

**SHARNBROOK, BEDS.**—On Mar. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Forder 1, Miss B. Parsons 2, Miss M. Lovell 3, H. Gayton (cond.) 4, T. Bragg 5, B. Makeham 6. Being the 51st anniversary of a peal conducted in this church by the conductor. Also on Mar. 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Forder 1, Miss B. Parsons 2, T. Bragg 3, P. Starr 4, B. Makeham (cond.) 5. For morning service. Also on April 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Forder 1, Miss B. Parsons 2, T. Bragg 3, J. Gudgeons 4, P. Starr 5, B. Makeham (cond.) 6. On the occasion of the marriage of Miss Susan Lovell (tower secretary) and Mr. E. Blundell. Also on April 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Forder 1, Miss B. Parsons 2, Miss M. J. Lovell 3, J. Gudgeons 4, T. Bragg 5, B. Makeham (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.**—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Freda Phillips (first quarter on eight) 1, K. Prime 2, P. Hull 3, G. Salmon (cond.) 4, D. Lee 5, H. Smith 6, V. Roberts 7, A. Kingston 8. For St. George's Day service.

**SHOREDITCH, E.**—At St. Leonard's Church, on April 26th, 1,275 Grandsire Cinques: Mrs. R. F. Deal 1, Miss M. Harte (first on 12) 2, A. R. Ling 3, C. A. Hughes 4, Miss V. K. Hester 5, R. Tomlin (first of Grandsire Cinques) 6, F. E. Hawthorne 7, R. F. Deal 8, C. Willmington 9, B. F. Baker 10, T. H. Francis (cond.) 11, F. J. Matthews 12. For Evensong.

**SLOUGH, BUCKS.**—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Ward (first quarter) 1, Pamela M. Jervis 2, Janet Adamson 3, Linda J. Kew 4, B. Lister 5, D. K. Walters (cond.) 6, J. Birt 7, D. Livingston 8.

**STANWELL, MIDDLEX.**—On April 12th, 1,300 Plain Bob Doubles: J. R. Boyd 1, Dawn Evans (first 'inside') 2, C. G. V. Burgess (cond.) 3, K. Hawthorn 4, M. G. Lane 5, D. J. Evans (first quarter) 6. For afternoon service.

**STOKE, COVENTRY.**—At St. Michael's Church, on April 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Sibley 1, Mrs. P. Wright 2, W. A. Stote 3, D. Ellender 4, R. Robinson 5, N. Haile 6, A. Wright (first in method as cond.) 7, R. Hart (first on eight) 8. For Evensong.

**SUTTON-ON-THE-HILL, DERBYS.**—On Mar. 30th, 1,272 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 552 Kent Treble Bob): J. F. Murfin 1, C. Walklate 2, E. Walklate 3, M. Blore 4, R. J. Stretton 5, D. Walklate (cond.) 6.

**TEWIN, HERTS.**—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. J. Garrod 1, D. S. Harris 2, G. W. Edwards 3, R. C. F. Wooster 4, W. T. Holmes (cond.) 5, C. H. Geeves 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Mary Garrod, mother of ringer of 1.

**UPHILL, SOMERSET.**—On April 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: A. D. Leach (first quarter) 1, Jennifer M. Lang (first 'inside') 2, H. Collings 3, H. Banwell 4, D. C. Jackson 5, M. V. White (cond.) 6.

**WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.**—On April 26th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: P. D. Chapman 1, R. J. Chapman 2, A. J. N. Boyack 3, F. Sykes 4, W. Dowler 5, B. Downes 6, D. Hewitt 7, T. Hawking (cond.) 8. First in the method for all. For Evensong.

**WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.**—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. W. E. Bird (first of Triples) 1, G. Walford 2, D. North 3, G. Salter 4, G. Gammon 5, C. Webber 6, P. Bird (cond.) 7, C. Baker 8.

**WENTWORTH, YORKS.**—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Thomson 1, T. Coldwell 2, S. Boulton 3, T. Grant 4, M. Meadows 5, T. W. Senior (first as cond.) 6. First quarter for all except conductor. In honour of the 50th year of the Barnsley and District Society.

**WOBURN, BEDS.**—On April 11th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Helen Nevill 1, Jennifer M. Davies 2, Angela Grainger 3, Anne E. Amor 4, K. Wakefield 5, J. B. Long 6, R. L. Piron 7, B. Pattison (cond.) 8.

**WILLINGTON, BEDS.**—On April 27th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. R. G. Corby 1, L. E. Duffield 2, J. H. Edwards 3, R. Harrison 4, F. White 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6. First quarter in method for 1, 2, 4 and 5.

**WIMBLEDON, SURREY.**—On April 26th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Susan Rawlings 1, Anne C. Garnett 2, Susan Jacobs 3, A. Bagworth 4, A. Bishop 5, M. H. Sinden (first in method as cond.) 6. First of Cambridge for all except 2 and 6, and first of Cambridge on the bells. For Evensong.



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Bells will be heard prior to the evening service to be broadcast on Trinity Sunday, May 24th, at 7.48 p.m., from Bradford-on-Avon Parish Church, Wilts. It will be conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. F. Osborne.

To those confused over the peal recorded on April 24th at St. Werburgh's, Derby, we are informed that it was rung at Spondon.

Did anyone see the letter in the 'Radio Times' of April 24th, from Mr. H. J. Hazell, of Enfield, who, after stating he was an experienced ringer, referred to Triples as an odd-bell method rung on 5, 7, 9 or 11 bells?

As the peal at Llanfagan neared its end the cord supporting the oil lamp was seen to be slowly scorching through, and the band would like to feel that the footnote, 'Fastest peal on the bells,' was fully justified.

The quickest peal on 10 tower bells was rung on April 13th at the Bell Foundry in 2 hours and 24 minutes. It was 5,120 Little Bob Royal. The previous record was 5,040 Cambridge Surprise Royal in 2 hours and 25 minutes on December 17th, 1949, conducted by Harold J. Poole.

Mr. E. Billings would like to thank Major Bragg and the ringers of Aldershot and Mr. C. W. Denyer and the ringers of Farnham for the wonderful welcome he received at their practices and friendship extended to him during his stay in Aldershot, while completing his National Service with the Royal Army Service Corps.

The quarter peal credited to Newmarket on page 280 was rung at Exning. It would save the Editor's time if copy of quarter peals for publication were written in the form they appear, viz.: Place, including county, date, method, and ringers' names. The same comment applies equally to peals. Some copy staggers imagination!

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. A. R. Pink, who conducted the first peal at Carbis Bay on the new bells in 1946, was happily on holiday in the parish and was able to conduct the last peal on the bells in the tower in its present state. Although surrounded by scaffolding, ready for building operations to begin to complete the tower, ringing was still possible. It is hoped that the next peal will be on the augmented ring of ten.

'Marmalade Cannon,' whose passing was recorded last week, was the cat of Mr. A. P. Cannon.

The Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild will hold their next meeting on May 30th at St. Edmund's, Northampton, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the bells.

The quarter peal at Hoole, Cheshire, on March 30th (see page 234) was rung for the 27th wedding anniversary of Mr. E. C. Crewe and not as printed.

Miss Elizabeth Jackson, who rang in a quarter peal at Blewbury, is a member of Bristol University Society and not as stated on page 268.

When the Rev. A. J. Vincent, a well-known change ringer in the Truro Diocesan Guild, was instituted on April 24th to the parish of Kenwyn, Truro, he rang the tenor bell (which had been left up after the ringing previous to the service) sixteen times, to signify that he had taken possession of the living.

In connection with the Manchester Unity Odd Fellows' A.M.C., at Scarborough, May 23rd to 30th, there will be a special service on Sunday afternoon, the 24th, at 3 p.m., at St. Mary's Church. Odd Fellows and Railwaymen ringers will be sure of a very cordial welcome from Mr. Bert Sutton, leader at St. Mary's, to ring for the service. He will give details of practice night and other ringing.

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## L'ISLE VERTE

**GUERNSEY**—l'île verte—was the destination of the newly-formed International Ringing Association for the weekend April 3rd-5th, during which Alderney was also visited.

At 4.15 on the Friday afternoon the writer met Bill Deason, Ernest Munday and John Rock at Victoria, and it was not long before we picked out Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cannon's smiling faces in the large hall at Gatwick Airport. After luggage weighing and ticket checking we were ready to enter our plane when, ominously—'B.E.A. The Guernsey flight will be delayed for technical reasons.' These reasons later resolved into 'congestion in the London Control Area,' and we were in the aircraft by 6.20, though take-off was further delayed until 6.54.

Although three of the party had flown before, none had done so to take part in ringing, and this first flight provided much to delight the romantic side of our natures, particularly the view of Bournemouth below us—a delicate white spider's half web speckled with coloured dew, the centre being a veritable blaze of colours. Our landing at Guernsey Airport was uneventful.

### NO TIME FOR BREAKFAST

The Yacht Inn faced east across St. Peter Port harbour towards Castle Cornet, and the writer woke before 6 a.m. with the sun warm on his face, which indicated that flying conditions should be ideal, as indeed they proved. There was no time for breakfast as the airport bus left the town church at 8 a.m., and at 9.5 we were sitting in the Rapide 'Alares' at the end of the runway.

Alderney presented memorable details which emphasised its isolation as we came in to land 14 minutes later—seagulls floating on the sea and massed on the southern rocks like snow, and some disused gun emplacements on the cliffs—to mention but a few. Robin met us at the airfield, and we were enjoying sandwiches and coffee in the Rose and Crown when the Rev. H. Le Page called to see us, accompanied by his charming wife and daughter Bridget. Conversation ranged over many things—the great 56 cwt. bell of St. Helier, the presence of an iron smelting works on the island, Mr. Le Page's recognition of John (the and John's father administered neighbouring Herefordshire parishes), and the Church of St. Anne with its palm trees in the churchyard.

The church was gutted during the occupation and used as a store—indeed, the rim marks left by cans are still visible on the chancel steps. There is a 100-years-old flag in the north aisle, used during Queen Victoria's visit in 1854, but all windows are new for the old ones were shattered by gunfire.

The bells are a new ring by Taylors, installed in 1953, and of course we were anxious to hear them. They hang in a new wooden frame in a fine-tower roomy enough for 12, and the only adjustments needed were to the tail-ends. 'A junior Inveraray' was one comment, and these magnificent bells inspired us to ring an excellent peal of Cambridge Surprise—a most rewarding experience.

Lunch at the Rose and Crown was most satisfying, again in the company of our new friends, and soon after our goodbyes had been said we were sunbathing on the airfield, awaiting 'Alares' return. Our climbing plane passed over the churchyard, and we could see a coffin being laid to rest as we banked towards Guernsey, which we reached at a quarter-to-four. A quick visit to our hotel to tell Mrs. Cannon of our success (limited accommodation had prevented her from coming with us to Alderney), a brief souvenir hunt, and we were off to the north of the island, the Clos du Valle.

### THE SECOND PEAL

The Church of St. Michel du Valle, usually known as the Vale Church, was once only accessible at low tide, as the Clos du Valle was cut off from the rest of the island by a channel, the Braye du Valle. Of the original church only the chancel remains, where a row of sedilia may be seen, but ruins of an early priory may still be noted. We ascended the tower by the curious (nautical?) staircase on the outside to find that the bells were installed by J. Warners, Bell Founders to Her Majesty, in 1891.

We had expected to find a 15 cwt. ring requiring not a little physical effort to ring, but we discovered that the frame and fittings needed no attention although all ropes were adjusted and one replaced. Eventually the tenor was raised and measured, Pat finding to his disappointment that the maximum diameter was 34 inches—indicating a weight of 7½ cwt. only! However, the bells were soon tapping round merrily and another very good peal was scored in seven methods. The bells encourage fast ringing but, due to the absence of a quarter of the wheel rim, the tenor cannot be rung much faster without the rope slipping off. After descending the tower we were congratulated by Mrs. Cannon and the local ringers, and following a late evening meal (enlivened by the expulsion of a drunken sailor—'What shall we do with . . .') were soon away to bed. The ropes were re-adjusted after morning service on Sunday and we then met the Rev. L. Streetley, the priest in charge, and admired the Easter tableau.

### THE LAST COURSE

After a celebration lunch Pat and Mrs. Cannon (who were staying on to visit Jersey) were taken on a tour of the island by Mr. Streetley, whilst we made ready for our departure at 4 p.m. Mr. Marquis and his wife were at the airport to wave goodbye, and our sincere thanks are accorded to him for his help at St. Michel du Valle, for his assistance with the arrangements, and for his generosity in acting as our chauffeur on several occasions.

Fittingly, we flew over St. Michel's and St. Anne's at the commencement of our return flight, and before landing at Gatwick in 61 minutes picked out Ryde, Bognor Regis and Chichester, Selsey Bill Airport and the sharply-defined northern slopes of the South Downs. The writer's bag received a cursory inspection at the customs desk, and the presence of a 'strange rope' aroused suspicion until it was explained that we were English members of an annual Indian rope-trick convention—the colours of the sally seemed to add confirmation to the quite plausible explanation!

In conclusion, I would like to express the thanks of the party to the incumbents and ringers, and also to Robin, who unobtrusively and effortlessly planned such a successful and enjoyable weekend. **CALLIGRAPH.**

### RECORD ATTEMPT FAILS

The attempt for the extent of Plain Bob Major at the Bell Foundry last Saturday failed after ringing for eight hours and accomplishing 16,000 odd changes,



Top: St. Anne's, Alderney, and St. Michel du Valle, Guernsey. The peal band (left to right): John D. Rock, William S. Deason, Philip Mehew, Robin G. Leale, A. Patrick Cannon and Ernest J. Munday.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### Rochester District

On April 11th more than 60 ringers and friends from different towers in the Rochester and District east and west of the River Medway attended a District meeting held at St. Helen's, parish church of Cliffe-at-Hoo. This tower is within sight of the South Bank of the Thames and contains a very good-going ring of eight bells. Good use of these bells was made, under the guidance of Mr. W. A. J. Knight, until the Ringing Master (Mr. C. S. Jarrett) arrived. A short ringers' service was conducted by the newly-appointed Rector (Rev. J. W. Henderson), who in his address welcomed the Rochester and District ringers. The singing was ably led by Mrs. J. W. Henderson, the Rector's wife, as organist.

Tea was served in the Co-op Hall by local ladies, and the short business meeting was presided over by the Rector. The only business raised was by Mr. G. Butcher, Mr. A. Dunk and Mr. W. A. J. Knight, with regard to peal booking fees. Upon a vote, the District was in favour of a fee in aid of the Belfry Repair Fund. A comprehensive vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. T. Beaumont. Before leaving the hall, handbells were rung by C. S. Jarrett, H. S. Audsley, G. J. Butcher and P. F. Borer.



## COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD RINGERS' RALLY

**H**OLY Trinity Church, Stratford-on-Avon, was the mecca of over 238 ringers and friends on April 11th, when the second Ringers' Rally of the Coventry Diocesan Guild was held. By the number of bands entered it proved to be as successful as the first in 1957.

Ringling commenced at 1.30 p.m., and the first band in was Stratford-on-Avon, who opened with Grandsire Caters. Perhaps it was stage fright, but their striking was not up to their Sunday service standard. They were followed by the young band from St. Nicholas', Warwick, who rang Grandsire Triples, and showed what could be done in twelve months: it was indeed a good effort. Whitnash, a six-bell band, rang call changes on ten—rather ambitious, but a very good effort and a credit to their conductor. Studley came in next with some good Grandsire Doubles with 768 covering. This again is a new band, and their handling of much heavier bells than their own was very good.

They were followed by some good Grandsire Doubles by the Kenilworth band, and Grandsire Triples by the Leamington Spa band was as you would expect it with Mr. Burt in charge. Call changes by the Hatton band was followed by more Grandsire Triples by Rugby. They could have rung Stedman or Double Norwich as confidently. Why not?

St. Mary's, Warwick, were due to follow, but as the ten ringers took over the ropes, most of them seemed to belong to the local band. Much had been expected of St. Mary's band, so this effort (or lack of it) was disappointing. Newbold-on-Avon rang Bob Minor on the back six very well; the difference in weight did not seem to worry them. Brilles, a new band to the Guild since their bells have been rehung, rang call changes on the back six, making it obvious that they were enjoying what they were doing, and making light of it.

Dunchurch, with the aid of Richard Speed, did justice to the back six with more Grandsire, and appeared to enjoy the ringing. Stoke St. Michael's, Coventry, changed the tune to Bob Major, and very well they rang it. Harbury were next and trotted out the old favourite, Grandsire Doubles, but why not Bob Minor or Cambridge, which they could have rung quite easily?

Bulkington were ambitious enough to try Stedman Triples and made a good job of it. Allesley were next, and much to my SURPRISE opened up with Bob Major, and with a slight change of the band followed this with a course of Bristol Surprise. This was without doubt the best ringing of the day. However, they blotted their copy book near the end, but quickly recovered to make a good ending. Then came Chilvers Coton, one of the three ten-bell bands in the Guild, who rang Stedman Caters as you would expect them to. This finished the afternoon's programme, and served as the service touch.

The Guild service was taken by the Vicar, Canon T. Noel Prentice. The Lesson was read by Canon H. A. Hayden, Vicar of St. Nicholas', Warwick, and the address was given by the Lord Bishop, the Right Rev. C. K. N. Bardsley, who said how delighted he was to be given the opportunity once again to meet

the bellringers of the diocese, and what a pleasure it was to see so many of them there.

Referring to the large number of lady ringers present, he said it was a sign of the times to see so many ladies taking up what was at one time looked upon as a male occupation. He was pleased to see it as they brought grace and charm to the ringing chamber, and he hoped they would continue to do it.

At the reception in the Town Hall, the Mayoress, in her welcome, explained that the Mayor had been ill and was unable to be there to welcome them, but sent his best wishes. The Mayoress and the Bishop were introduced to many of the ringers present, and to the leaders of the bands taking part.

After tea, ringing was resumed under very difficult conditions. Stratford ringing chamber has never had so many ringers in at the same time before. The Ringing Master did his best to cater for all tastes in methods as well as rounds for the learners. Ringing continued until about 9 p.m., when a halt had to be called at St. Nicholas'. Warwick, to try out the new ring. During the afternoon Clifford Chambers bells were put to good use.

I would like to quote from a letter just received: 'We cannot let this opportunity pass without expressing the feelings of our Rally band for the excellent arrangements at the tower of Holy Trinity, Stratford, last Saturday. We enjoyed every minute of it, and greatly appreciated the controlled flow of ringers to and from the ringing chamber. The timing was perfect. It was a great thrill not only to handle that beautiful ring, but to watch the expert Caters and Royal bands in action. The service, the Bishop's address, the reception, everything made up a magnificent experience which we shall never forget.—J. L. Garner Hayward.'

## LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL BELLS AND SOUTHPORT VISIT

*In connection with the visit of the Central Council to Southport this Whitsuntide, Liverpool Cathedral bells will be available at the following times:*

*Saturday, May 16th, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m.*

*Sunday, May 17th, from 1.50 to 2.50 p.m.*

*Monday, May 18th, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2.30 to 5 p.m.*

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## RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD IN LONDON

**A** FULL programme was arranged for the third annual meeting of the Railwaymen's Guild held in London on April 25th. Proceedings started with a visit to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, and a cordial welcome from Mr. A. A. Hughes. Many rings of bells were seen in preparation, including three twelves—for Salisbury Cathedral, Southern Rhodesia, St. Mary-le-Bow and Great Yarmouth.

Ringling commenced at 12 noon at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, whilst 'the heavy men' went to Southwark Cathedral. All met again at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, with its peculiarity—it is said—of ringing the tower also, or the tower ringing you.

Mrs. N. Davies and her helpers served tea in the Fan Makers' Hall for a company of 65, whilst another 20 were taking part in ringing.

The Master, Mr. Harold Walker, presided at the business meeting, and among those present were the Rector of St. Botolph's (the Rev. Hubert H. Treacher), Mr. O. J. F. Whitaker (secretary, joint committee); Mr. J. E. Topless; Mr. and Mrs. C. S. McLeod and Mr. J. A. McIntosh (Staffs Association); Mr. J. A. Madeley (area welfare officer, Crewe); Mr. T. H. Taffender (Master, London County Assn.), and members from York, Leeds, Goole, Darlington, Newport, Mon., Swansea, Swindon, Stoke-on-Trent, Leicester, Kent, Somerset, Crewe, and the Home Counties.

Welcomes were extended to the company by the Master and the Rector of St. Botolph's.

The financial statement and auditor's report, submitted by Mr. J. Brough (Nantwich) showed for the first time a balance. Three new members were elected, including an associate member, Miss Nancy Kempell, of Nutfield.

There were changes when it came to the election of officers. The Master (Mr. Harold Walker) felt that the honour should go round, and Mr. W. Bernard Kynaston, of Swindon, was elected his successor. Mr. W. Frank Stenson reminded the meeting that he took on the job of hon. secretary and treasurer in 1956 on the understanding that he would be released on reaching 70, the retiring age. The meeting very reluctantly did so, and Mr. J. Arthur Hoare, of Swansea, was elected to the office.

The Regional Ringing Masters and/or representatives were re-elected, with the addition of Mr. Michael N. Bland, for the Eastern Region. The Rev. F. S. Gentry was re-elected chaplain, and also the hon. auditors, Messrs. J. Brough and R. D. Langford. Mr. O. J. F. Whitaker, secretary, joint committee, British Railways Staff Association completed the committee.

The 1960 annual meeting will be held at Birmingham on May 14th, and the autumn meeting at Bristol on September 24th.

Mr. Stenson gave notice of motion 'to restore the words of the Guild's original constitution, the Guild shall be open to railwaymen church bellringers everywhere.'

The retiring Master and hon. secretary were thanked for their services during the founding and establishing of the Guild; and an omnibus vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting was carried with acclamation. The hon. secretary said he would like to place on record the valuable assistance he had received from the London Associations.

The grand finale and tit-bit of the day was an hour's ringing on the famous St. Clement Danes' new and magnificent ring of ten.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### 'UNADULTERATED BALDERDASH'

Dear Sir,—For sheer unadulterated balderdash, the resolution to be submitted to the Central Council, requiring all record attempts to be clearly audible outside the tower, and forbidding the ringers to partake of any refreshment whatever, would be hard to beat.

Can anyone tell us of an incumbent of a church or trustee of a secular tower in his right mind who would knowingly condemn the residents within earshot of the tower to 24 hours or more of continuous ringing? I say 24 hours or more because 50,000 or more changes of Caters or Royal is probably quite possible to our present-day composers. The fact must also be considered that the organiser and ringers of a peal longer than the present record run a risk of prosecution for committing a public nuisance, if such attempt was made on bells 'clearly audible outside the tower.'

With regard to refreshments, personally I see very little sense in the present rule that no ringer in a record attempt shall have food handed to him, and less in the proposal that he shall not partake of any food or drink. It makes it possible for an umpire to stop an attempt because a ringer sucks a sweet. It only needs a Central Council resolution that Pat Cannon must eat no raisins during a 5,000 to make the whole thing ridiculous. To my simple mind a peal, whether of 5,000 or 50,000 thousand changes, is purely a test of the ringing ability of the ringers taking part, not a test of physical stamina.

In conclusion, I wish success to those taking part in the attempt at the extent of Bob Major, and hope the catering officer lays on a good feed. It's austerity with a capital 'A' from Whitsun onwards if Scrooge, Marley and Co. get their way, etc.

A. H. KEMP.

Hawkhurst, Kent.

### WEST RETFORD BELLS

Dear Sir,—Whilst greasing the bells of West Retford recently, I copied the inscriptions and was very surprised when I came to the tenor to find it had only the following and no names of benefactor or founder, etc.:

IESVS BE OUR SPEED. 1619.

Could anyone provide me with any information regarding the likely founder of this bell?

It occurs to me that the fifth is also by the same founder. The bell was recast in 1884 by J. Taylor and Co., and bears the inscription:

FILI DEI MISERERE MEI. 1620. RECAST 1884.

Incidentally the fourth is also quite a remarkable bell, it being one of the few recast by T. Hilton, of Wath, and was cast in 1810.—Yours sincerely,

R. HOBBS.

Retford.

### EVERCREECH BELLS

Dear Sir,—In answer to your correspondent Mr. Wm. Sheppard, may I say that of course the line should read 'for a period of over 400 years,' as it did in the original writing. I regret that this error occurred in the transcript published in 'The Ringing World.' I must confess I did not spot the mistake myself. The 500-year period, is, of course, concerning the tower.—Yours faithfully,

H. J. SANGER.

Evercreech.

### THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES AND RINGING

Dear Sir,—May I please be permitted to comment on some of the points which have been made in letters to your columns, following the publication of my letter on April 3rd.

First, in reply to the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow's encouraging letter on page 239, I would emphasise that in my view lectures should be given even in colleges where ringing is at present flourishing. 'Here we have no continuing city'—when the students at present engaged in instruction leave college there may or may not be others with sufficient experience and knowledge to take their places. Regular annual lectures given by capable persons, appointed by the Diocesan Guilds or the Central Council, would ensure continuity. Here may I say how much I agree with Mr. Paul Birkett's comments. This matter *must* be approached on a nation-wide scale, with authoritative backing. Has the Central Council approached the Central Council for Training for the Ministry? If not, I urge those responsible for the report on Sunday service ringing to do so.

I am grateful, too, for Mr. Chaddock's letter. From my personal knowledge of Mr. Chaddock and what he does for ringing, I am thankful that he is so deeply involved in this matter, and I shall await his committee's report with interest and confidence.

I am sorry if one point in my previous letter was not quite clear. Mr. Graham is, of course, quite right; one cannot generalise in the matter of how often ringers might reasonably be expected to attend church. In some country districts it involves great hardship and rush for farmers and farm workers to get time off to ring on a Sunday morning, let alone attend service as well, and one must not under-estimate the value of their service as ringers. Again, in several of the large cities I know of many ringers who give generously and willingly of their time and money to ring at two and sometimes three different churches on a Sunday, thereby ensuring that bells that would otherwise hang silent do proclaim a living and vigorous faith.

But ringing can never be a substitute for worship at a church service, and one might reasonably expect officers of the church to put in an appearance from time to time. My deepest concern is for those ringers who hardly ever set foot inside a church for corporate worship; and one does meet such people, Mr. Graham.

In my own parish church at Twerton-on-Avon, Bath, there has never been (and I hope there never will be) a hard and fast rule that ringers shall attend every service for which they ring. But one may attend any service there on a Sunday and be sure of the company of a great proportion of the band. Come to think of it, quite a number of the ringers spend more time in church on a Sunday than do the parish clergy, without any apparent ill effect!—Yours sincerely,

ROGER O. FRY.

The Theological College,  
Salisbury.

### ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Association was held in the Hunts District on Easter Monday. The day dawned fair, and just before 10 o'clock at Eynesbury, the first ring of the day, about 60 ringers were gathered, and the little belfry was packed, with others waiting up the stairs and outside. Half an hour later the St. Neots fine ring was available and was put to good use. Great Paxton (5) and Buckden (5) followed, and then five miles away the sixes at Great Staughton and Spaldwick and the heavy five at Leighton Bromswold. These were followed by the light five at Winwick, Alconbury (6), Brampton (5), and the delightful eight at Godmanchester. At St. Mary's, Huntingdon, a slight delay was incurred over a wedding.

Finally came the service at All Saints' (6). The Hunts District president, Rev. J. M. E. Bagley, officiated, with Mr. M. J. Dyer at the organ. About 200 people attended the service, and the singing was a joy to listen to. Tea at the All Saints' Hall was served by local ladies, and whilst we were crowded out with many standing, a good tea was provided.

Before the business meeting visitors were told that the three local towers were open, and many availed themselves of this. At the meeting, with the Rev. J. M. Bagley in the chair, Mr. W. J. Ridgman resigned as general secretary, and Mr. T. S. Peacock was elected to succeed him. The Central Council members for the 24th session were elected as follows: Messrs. J. G. Gipson, D. E. R. Knights, E. H. Mastin, H. S. Peacock. Mr. F. N. Lack did not seek re-election.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded by Mr. F. W. Lack to all who helped to make the day a success.

### JOINT MEETING AT HACKNEY

A joint meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the London County Association was held on April 11th at St. John's, Hackney, and despite the inclement weather a goodly number attended. It was remarked by those who remembered the old eight that the present ring was a great improvement. A wedding curtailed ringing, but the happy pair had the unexpected pleasure of being rung in and out.

Ringling in the evening took place at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, and enabled some younger ringers to perform on 12 bells for the first time. Ringling was of quite a good order in a variety of methods, and included Plain Bob and rounds for the learners.

Mr. P. N. Bond, Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, and Mr. T. H. Taffender, Master of the London County Association, who were joint Ringing Masters, expressed their pleasure at having an enjoyable meeting.

### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN

At the Chew Deanery quarterly meeting at Wrington on April 18th, with Mr. H. W. Knight in the chair, two members from St. Andrew's, Clevedon, were welcomed back into the Association. Four new members from Yatton and one each from All Saints', Clevedon and Wrington, were elected. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Bernard Lee), the tea fully maintained Wrington's reputation and the ringing was in methods up to Cambridge Royal.

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## NEW LEADERS FOR LEICESTER GUILD

FOR some few weeks it had been obvious that the 1959 annual meeting would prove to be an interesting and exciting event. The reasons were that two general officers were retiring after many years of service; that there was to be an election for several vacancies in the officers; and that controversial alterations to rules were to be discussed. All these factors resulted in a larger attendance than usual, both at the tea and afterwards.

### PRESENTATIONS

After tea came what was probably the most pleasant part of the proceedings. Mr. Arthur Rowley, who had been treasurer of the Guild since it was formed in 1946 (and in office in the former Loughborough and Hinckley Districts of the original Midland Counties Guild for many years previous) was not seeking re-election this year. To mark his retirement the president (Mr. Paul L. Taylor) presented him with a picnic set. Mr. E. Charles Turner, a vice-president of the Guild since 1948, chairman of the Hinckley District and a Central Council representative, was also not seeking re-election. To mark his retirement, the president presented him with a propelling pencil. Both Mrs. Rowley and Mrs. Turner were presented with bouquets by Rosemary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

The secretary's report recorded with pleasure another increase in membership. On December 31st the membership figure stood at 689. (In addition there were 79 who failed to pay the 1958 subscription.)

### 20 TOWERS NEED ASSISTANCE

The Leicester Diocesan Guild is regarded throughout the country as being the leading Guild in peal ringing and in social activity, but there is one part of our work—that of improving the quality of our Sunday service ringing—where we are not as good as we ought to be. In response to a request from the Central Council we went to not a little trouble and expense to carry out a survey of the Sunday service ringing. This survey showed that out of a total of 136 towers the ringing is only regarded as completely satisfactory in 54 of them and 20 towers are in need of assistance.

The treasurer reported that the general fund had a credit balance of £15 17s. 2d. during the year, which increased the balance in hand to £93 16s. 1d. Other balances were: Bell Repair Fund £150 14s. 3d., Catering Reserve Fund £7 2s. 5d.

The total of 181 peals were rung during the year—150 on tower bells and 31 on handbells. This was 10 less than 1957. Methods rung for the first time were Childwall College Bob Major, Kibworth Surprise Major, Uplyme Surprise Royal, and Wye Surprise Maximus. Thirty people rang their first peal and three their first as conductor. The leading conductor was the general secretary, who called 50 peals, followed by Mr. B. S. Payne and Mr. P. J. Staniforth, who each called 12. There were 44 different conductors. Personal milestones included Mr. E. Morris' 1,800th peal, Mr. B. G. Warwick's 550th peal, Mr. J. A. Acres' 500th peal, Mr. B. S. Paine's 150th peal, Mr. A. Disney's and Doreen Dutton's 100th peal, Mr. R. H. Cook's 50th peal. The report ended with a warning that, as there had been three false peals rung during the year, it was advisable for conductors to have more than one competent opinion on the truth of any new composition or variation of the use of an existing one.

### NEW OFFICERS

Special voting papers had been printed for the elections. Miss Claire Dillamore and Miss Linda Richardson, of Lincoln, acted as tellers—a most thankless task which was appreciated very much. The result of the voting showed that Mr. Paul L. Taylor, who had been president since the death of the first president, Mr. Harold J. Poole, in 1955, was displaced by

Mr. Peter J. Staniforth, the voting being 53 to 70.

There were three candidates for the two vice-presidents—Messrs. P. L. Taylor (107 votes) and F. K. Measures (85 votes) were elected. The unsuccessful candidate was Mr. H. B. Bowley, who had 39 votes.

The general secretary (Mr. B. G. Warwick) was re-elected (without a ballot). Both Mr. Ernest Morris and Mr. John A. Smith were found willing to tackle the vacant office of treasurer. 'Uncle' Ernest received 65 votes and John Smith 58 votes. It is interesting to recall that Mr. Morris was general secretary and treasurer of the original Midland Counties Association until it was disbanded in 1946. Mr. Shirley Burton was re-elected peal secretary, and Messrs. J. P. Fidler and C. Harrison trustees. This year we were also to elect four Central Council representatives to serve for three years from January 1st, 1960. There were six candidates, and the voting was as follows: Peter J. Staniforth 109, S. Burton 105, B. G. Warwick 97, Ernest Morris 71 votes. Unsuccessful were John A. Acres 59, and H. B. Bowley 45 votes.

### VOTING POWERS FOR YOUTH

The discussion on the proposed alterations to rules proved long and interesting. The proposal by the general secretary, seconded by Mr. F. K. Measures, that nominations for general officers and for Central Council representatives (when applicable) should be received by the quarterly meeting held on the second Saturday in February instead of one month before the annual, was carried unanimously. Greater interest came in the second proposal that senior members only should be allowed to vote at any meeting (i.e., those who pay the full subscription). This was proposed by Mr. E. C. Turner and seconded by Mr. W. A. Lacey, of Anstey.

The proposer had stated that he was 'only firing the bullets for someone else.' The main argument for the motion was that youngsters should not be allowed to sway the voting at any meeting through the influence of their Ringing Masters, who (it was alleged) instructed them how to vote. It was pointed out that at most meetings, if this was carried, matters would be decided by a handful of members and would be a discouragement to the youth. Eventually the question was put, the voting being 10 for and 114 against.

The third proposal, that peals rung on the afternoon or evening of quarterly or annual meeting days should not be recognised unless sanctioned by the general committee, was proposed by Mr. H. B. Bowley, seconded by Mr. H. Poyner. This led to a lively discussion and was eventually defeated (after two recounts) by 33 votes to 34.

In conclusion Mr. E. C. Turner gave details of the annual dinner, which would be held at the Co-op Safe, High Street, Leicester, on November 7th. The Lord Bishop of Leicester would be the chief guest. Tickets would be available shortly from the general secretary (price 11s. each).

The president moved a vote of thanks to the local Leicester District secretary, Mr. J. P. Kesterton, for making the arrangements.

B. G. W.

## WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH

On a wet, miserable Saturday afternoon about 20 people attended the first Andover quarterly meeting at Ampot to sample the unusual six with the rope circle hanging in the centre of the church. Mr. A. W. Alliston presided at the business meeting and presented a report on the executive committee meeting. The next meeting, a joint one with the Basingstoke District, was fixed for June 20th at Kingsclere, Sydmonton and Burghclere.

## A DAY OF QUARTERS AND TOWERS IN SOMERSET

A day's ringing tour in Southern Somerset, expertly arranged by 'J. B.' took place on April 11th when the party, representing towers in Bristol and the Bridgwater and Chew Deaneries in Somerset, met at Shepton Mallet and rang a quarter peal of 1,312 Double Norwich Major: B. A. Shackleton (first of Double Norwich) 1, Monica Horseman (first 'inside') 2, R. D. Short 3, D. E. Cobb 4, M. J. Horseman 5, J. Brain 6, D. J. Hunt 7, R. G. Hooper (first as conductor) 8.

Various Minor methods were rung at Bruton, and after a sandwich lunch we were joined by Gwylm Salmon and Mr. Sanger and Tony at Evercreech, where 1,299 Stedman Caters were brought round in 49 minutes: D. J. Hunt 1, B. A. Shackleton (first of Stedman Caters) 2, Monica Horseman 3, R. G. Hooper (conductor) 4, A. J. Sanger 5, G. Salmon 6, M. J. Horseman 7, J. Brain 8, D. Cobb 9, H. J. Sanger 10.

The party were met by Mr. W. Osborne at North Cadbury, with its well-kept belfry and churchyard, and a course of Surfleet was successfully rung. After tea at the Catash Inn (kindly arranged by Mr. Osborne) the light eight at Castle Cary were visited, again in a beautifully-kept belfry, and Mr. Creed, who welcomed and rang with us, said modestly it was all due to having 16 lady ringers in his band.

The final quarter peal was on the famous octave at Ditchat, where 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung: B. A. Shackleton 1, R. G. Hooper 2, Monica Horseman 3, D. J. Hunt 4, M. J. Horseman 5, D. Cobb (conductor) 6, J. Brain 7, G. Salmon 8.

Finally, a short visit to the six at Pilton, where ringing was not up to standard, although Spliced Plain and Little Bob and Oswald Delight Minor were on the menu here. A call for refreshments concluded a most enjoyable day.

M. J. H.

## EYE TENOR'S LAST NOTES

The Miles Graye tenor at Eye Parish Church finished its 319 years on April 19th, when 832 Cambridge Surprise Major was rung for Even-song. The ringers were Arthur Hume, Frank Ruffles, Muriel Page, William J. Button, Charles W. Beecroft, Walter Miller, Walter Ruffles and Leslie G. Brett (conductor). A recording of some of the ringing was taken by Dr. J. Shackleton Bailey, of Eye.

The following day the bells were dismantled by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Although the tenor had quite a good note and hum to the end, writes Claude Rush, the crown had a long crack in it and it was felt to be the wrong policy to rehang it as it was. It is sad to think that we have to smash up and boil this old servant who sounded out over the countryside in the reign of Charles I. Nevertheless, we look forward to the result of the bell-founders' skill and the christening of another (?) 300-years-to-be.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at North Bradley on April 4th. Despite the very wet day 30 ringers attended, with visitors from Bristol. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Mr. Shaw) and the choir was in attendance. Mr. P. Harding read the lesson.

The business meeting was presided over by the chairman (Mr. A. Weeks). All present stood as a token of respect to the memory of Mr. G. Oram, of Bishops Cannings, and Mr. A. Angel, of Melksham, who had passed away. Two new ringing members were elected from North Bradley and St. James', Devizes. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and the ladies for providing the tea. All present were the guests for tea of the North Bradley ringers.



## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

WHEN the Bishop of Gloucester, Dr. W. M. Askwith, joined the members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association at their A.G.M. at Cheltenham he was making his first acquaintance with the Association, of which he is joint president with the Bishop of Bristol. Everyone was impressed with his friendliness and lack of formality.

At tea he spoke of his great pleasure in being able to meet so many ringers (there were 200 present), and stressed the importance of ringing in the life of the Church. He said that it distressed him to discover that there were still many towers in the county which had either bells which were unringable or no ringers to ring them.

In the address at Evensong the Bishop related the story of the rehanging of Sherborne Abbey (Dorset) bells during the time of his incumbency there in the early 1930's. He related with gusto the story of how the tenor bell was pulled from the station to the church by some 300 schoolboys. All the ringers present felt that here was a Bishop who had a sincere interest in ringers and their work, and many welcomed the opportunity of hearing him preach for the first time.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Hugh Evan Hopkins, who has recently come to Cheltenham from St. Mary-le-Bow. He also was making his first appearance at a ringing meeting in this area. His help and co-operation in making arrangements for the meeting was greatly appreciated.

The Mayor of Cheltenham was unable to attend the service owing to the indisposition of the Deputy Mayor, but after tea he gave the ringers a hearty welcome to the town, remarking that even the weather had been specially ordered, for indeed it was a day of brilliant sunshine.

The ringers found the facilities of the Town Hall ideal for such an occasion. It is rare that ringing meetings are held in such spacious surroundings. The daffodils which had graced the tables at tea were afterwards sent to the local hospital for elderly people.

The Master, Mr. W. H. Truman, in his annual report, congratulated members of the Stow-on-the-Wold Branch, which had been reformed. With the rehanging of the Moreton-on-Marsh and Bourton bells there were three good eights in the district.

Mr. W. F. Scudamore, general hon. secretary, reported that, although there had been a drop in numbers of some branches, membership still stood over 1,000. There had been 111 meetings within the branches during the year.

Mr. S. G. Riches, the hon. treasurer, reported that expenditure had exceeded income by £17; senior membership had increased from 855 to 870; junior membership had dropped from 185 to 172. The total worth of Association funds had risen from £405 to £416.

Mr. F. Skidmore was elected the new Master and Mr. Charles Rouse the hon. general secretary. Mr. S. G. Riches was re-elected hon. treasurer. Elected to the Central Council were Messrs. W. Kynaston, L. Barry, Cyril Wratten and R. G. Hooper.

Notice was given that it was intended to put forward a motion at the next A.G.M. that the desirability of dividing the Association as it now stands in two separate societies should be discussed. This suggestion provoked an indignant outburst from many members, but the Master reminded members that this was only notice of intention to put forward a motion. So great was the indignation of some that they wanted to make a proposition there and then that the motion be not accepted, but this was ruled as out of order by the Master.

## OBITUARY

### CANON C. R. APPLETON

On the last night that Canon Appleton spent in the Rectory at Chester-le-Street last October, the bells rang out in a farewell peal of thanksgiving for his ministry in Chester-le-Street from 1940-1958. The hope that he might enjoy a well-earned retirement was unhappily not fulfilled, and early this year he returned to the parish as a patient in its general hospital. There his health continued to decline, and he died in hospital on April 21st.

The funeral service on April 24th was conducted by the Lord Bishop of Durham, the Archdeacon of Durham and the Rev. G. Scott. The congregation, including many clergy and representatives of various organisations, filled the church to capacity, and loud speakers relayed the service to those outside.

Canon Appleton had always been very proud of his bells and his ringers at Chester-le-Street, and those bells and those ringers paid their last tributes with half-muffled ringing for the funeral and a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples during the evening. D. A. B.

### MISS C. E. SPARSHOTT

The death took place on April 24th at Christchurch, Hants, of Miss Caroline E. Sparshott, aged 79 years.

Miss Sparshott was for over fifty years a regular ringer at the Christchurch Priory Church, and had taken part in several peals. She was one of the first women in the country to take up ringing. She was well known to the many visitors to the tower.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN

### Northern Branch

The quarterly meeting was held at Wymondham on April 18th. The Vicar (Rev. J. G. Tansley Thomas) conducted the service, and in his address spoke of the spirit of fellowship amongst bell-ringers, and thought the world would be a better place if more of that spirit existed. He thanked the local band for their staunch support of the church, and congratulated Messrs. W. Clover and H. Tooke on ringing their 200th peal together. Mrs. Tansley Thomas was the organist and the lesson was read by the president (Mr. F. N. Golden).

The attendance of Branch members was disappointing: including visiting ringers, 29 sat down to tea. At the business meeting the chairman (Mr. A. G. Bason) proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. Tansley Thomas, and to Mr. H. Tooke for arrangements made. Gordon K. Drew, of Wymondham, Miss Susan Cowell and Roy Wiles, of Hethersett, and Edward Walker, of Marham, were elected ringing members.

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## A DEVON TOUR

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The first stop was at Coryton, a tiny village with an equally tiny church containing a ring of five bells, tenor about 6 cwt. It was our intention to attempt a peal here, and we were delighted to welcome into the band the Rev. John G. M. Scott. It was all due to the conductor calling a bob at a plain lead that the attempt came to grief after about forty minutes' ringing. After suitable remarks had been said concerning the capabilities of this particular gentleman, we proceeded to amuse ourselves until midday, when we were joined by Mr. Paul Field from Langport, Somerset, and 'Perce.'

After allowing Paul to grab this tower—his 1,493rd—we proceeded to Marystowe (6, tenor 10 cwt.), with its rather peculiarly timed bells, where we received a welcome from the Vicar and enjoyed well-struck touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Then on to Lamerton (6, tenor 11 cwt.), where, after refreshment, we enjoyed ringing on the pleasant bells. On then to Lydford (6, tenor 9 cwt.), famous for its castle and gorge. Here we were welcomed by the Vicar and some of the local ringers, and succeeded in ringing a course of Cambridge Minor. Lew Trenchard (6, tenor 8 cwt.) has a rather curious ring with a fourth that goes 'klunk' at hand. Here we indulged in Paul Field's method of fast tower grabbing, consisting of raising in peal, straight into a six-score of Grandsire, down again in peal and on to the next tower. Here was a lovely little six, tenor 9 cwt., at Stowford, followed by a visit to ring on the bells of the neighbouring parish of Thruselton (6, tenor 9 cwt.).

Dusk was drawing in as we reached the next tower, Broadwood-Widger (6, tenor 10 cwt.), and the bells were about the best six visited. We could not let the day finish without a visit to a tower where the bells are locally reputed to be unringable—the five (tenor 5 cwt.) at Germansweek. It was obvious, on entering the tower, that these bells had not been rung for a considerable time, as the rope on the fourth was an absolute mess. The sally was where the end should have been, and no tail end below it. A large knot prevented passage of the rope through the guides. This was remedied by pulling the rope up and dropping it down again outside the guide. As we started to rise in peal we were all astonished at the wealth of music and harmony poured out by these five little bells. The 'go' was perfect, and we all considered it would be difficult to find a better ring of the same weight, the only fault being the condition of the ropes. We hope soon to take a set of ropes and attempt a peal at this tower.

We would like to express our thanks to the incumbents, and hope that Paul will very soon 'grab' his fifteen hundredth tower.

R. A. S.

## LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

The isolated Church of St. James, Oaks-in-Charnwood, which was dedicated on the same day as the Battle of Waterloo, and is situated in the centre of Charnwood Forest, was visited by between 40 and 50 members for the Loughborough District meeting on April 18th. A shortened evensong was conducted by the District chairman, the Rev. F. R. S. Byfield, and a sumptuous tea, prepared by local ladies, was served in the Church Hall.

Various Doubles and Minor methods were rung, including Lightfoot Surprise, Sandal and Kingston Spliced. A good fall in peal concluded a happy day.



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### MEETINGS

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**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Barlborough (6), Saturday, May 9th, 3 p.m. 4310

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Chiddingstone (8), Saturday, May 9th. 4281

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 9th. Ickleton, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 4293

**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. 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. 4258

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Old Woking, Saturday, May 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. 4252

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Meeting, Bishop's Stortford, Saturday, May 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 4288

**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.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4236

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The restored bells of St. Mary's, Sellindge, near Ashford, will be rededicated by the Archdeacon of Maidstone on Saturday, May 9th, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing after service. All welcome.—C. T. H. 4278

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 9th, St. Mary's, Leyton, 3.15 p.m. Business 4.30. Tea—own arrangements. St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, 6.30 to 8.30. Practice meeting, Monday, May 4th, 7.30 p.m., St. Mary's, Lambeth. Everyone welcome. 4294

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—N. and E. District.—Meeting, St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, not Holloway, Saturday, May 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5, followed by business meeting and ringing until 8 p.m. 4276

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 9th, Goring (8) and Streteley (6). Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service at Streteley 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. L. G. Haines, Whyteleaf, Elvenden Road, Goring-on-Thames. 4280

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—May 9th. Please note correction. Ringing at Ightfield 2.30 to 4.15 p.m., Calverhall 6.15 onwards, and not as previously published. 4338

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

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Godshill, May 9th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. Guy, 16, Cypress Road, Newport. 4336

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting, All Saints', Clevedon (5), May 16th. Bells 5 to 7.30 p.m. Evensong 6 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 4330

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—Meeting Saturday, May 16th. Westoning bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Vicarage.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 4313

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Diddleston on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Please notify Mr. J. Hughes, Chapel Stores, Diddleston, near Chester. All requiring tea by first post Wednesday, May 13th.—Henry O. Baker, Hon. Sec. 4284

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 16th, Newton Hall (St. James'). Bring own food. 4311

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Meeting at Holywell (6), Saturday, May 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 4325

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Meeting at Shere, Saturday, May 16th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Bells available afterwards with Albury (6) from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, 12th, to Mr. J. L. Newman, School Cottage, Shere. 4309

**HAWKHURST GUILD.**—Meeting, Smarden Saturday, May 16th. Names to E. A. Fellows, 9, Blacklands, Sedlescombe, Battle. 4333

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting at Wheathampstead (6), May 16th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mrs. M. A. Coburn, 3, Lea Road, Harpenden.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 4322

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Egerton, May 16th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 4316

**LADIES' GUILD.**—The Annual General Meeting at Southport on Saturday, May 16th. Committee meeting 1 p.m. Service, Christ Church, 3.30 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

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Market Harborough District.—Meeting at Foxton, May 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at Shoulder of Mutton.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 4320

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Syston District.—Humberstone, Saturday, May 16th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m., for those sending names by previous Thursday to Ernest Bagworth, 36, Averil Road, Leicester. 4317

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—By-meeting, Saturday, May 16th. St. Anne's, Highgate, 2.30 to 3.30. St. Stephen's, Hampstead, 4 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30. Names, please, to Mr. T. Bevan, 184, Malden Road, Kentish Town, N.W.5. Further ringing till 8 p.m. Practice meeting, May 27th, West Ham, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Please note time. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Sec. 4334

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.W.—Meeting at St. Leonard's, Heston, May 16th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business and further ringing. Special method: Oxford Bob Triples.—E. R. Gotham, Dis. Sec. 4324

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Hurst on May 16th at 6 p.m. Special method for practice: Yorkshire Surprise Major.—B. C. Castle. 4321

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Meeting at Cotton (8), May 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential by May 14th owing to catering difficulties.—B. Chilvers, Cotton, Stowmarket. 4306

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Practice meeting at Hartfield (6), Saturday, May 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turners Hill. 4327

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Seaford (8), Saturday, May 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Tuesday, May 12th.—George North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 4314



**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Annual meeting at Cawthorne, near Barnsley, May 16th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea in the Parish Hall 5 p.m. Names to Mr. H. Rusby, Darton Road, Cawthorne, Barnsley, by previous Wednesday. Hoylandswaine bells (6) will also be available. New reports will be ready. Buses to Cawthorne from Barnsley bus station at 5 past and 20 past each hour.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 4328

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting at Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday, May 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4337

**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 9.45 to 10.30 a.m. and from 7 to 8 p.m.: Brentwood (8), Great Dunmow (8), Rayleigh (8) and Witham (8); from 3 to 6 p.m.: Galleywood (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Great Baddow (8), Danbury (6), Sandon (6), Little Baddow (5), and from 6 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

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual festival, Whit Monday, May 18th, will be held at Berrington, Shropshire. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15, followed by meeting. Names for tea before Wednesday, May 13th, to Mr. W. H. Lloyd, King Street, Belton, Cross Houses, Shrewsbury. Towers available from 11 a.m.: Wistanstow (8), Church Stretton (8), Count (6), Stokesay (6), Conover (6), Atcham (6); and St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, from 7 till 8.30 p.m.—H. G. Thomas, Sec. 4295

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Louth (8), May 23rd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by May 20th to Mr. Avery, 18, Broadbank, Louth. 4323

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Radyr, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles. 4335

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held in Norwich on Saturday, May 23rd. Service St. Peter Mancroft Church 4.15 p.m. Tea, Chantry Hall, 5. Business meeting 5.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Cromer Road, Norwich, not later than Wednesday, May 20th. Ringing arrangements, 1.30 to 4 p.m.: St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. Giles' (8), and St. George's, Colegate (6). Bells will be available after business meeting.—W. Love, Gen. Sec. 4315

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting at Chertsey on Saturday, May 23rd. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Please notify for tea, J. Money, 77, Wallingford Road, Cholsey, Berks.—A. E. Lock, Branch Sec. 4318

**BOSTON, Lincs.**—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. B. Dawson 1, Mrs. P. Reynolds 2, A. Freeston 3, J. P. Morris 4, P. Reynolds 5, F. Leggett 6, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 7, J. Petch 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Dewey. Mr. Dewey has been a regular service ringer at this church for the last 44 years.

## QUARTER PEALS

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**—At the Church of the Good Shepherd, on Mar. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Cherie Paine 1, J. W. Reynolds 2, C. W. Riddlestone 3, H. Stalham 4, H. Woolven 5, A. W. Bond 6, S. E. Armstrong (cond.) 7, F. J. Lewis 8. Rung for the first visit to the parish of the Bishop of Chichester for Confirmation.

**BRISTOL.**—At St. Michael's (City) Church, on April 19th, 1,272 mixed Kent and Oxford Treble Bob: D. R. M. Heighton 1, J. C. Baldwin 2, Doreen M. Gibbons 3, R. Blackler 4, P. J. Bird 5, B. J. Wyld (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob for 2 and 3. For Evensong by members of U.B.S.C.R. Also on April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Clarke 1, Jane Cook (first of Grandsire) 2, M. J. Austin 3, B. J. Wyld 4, P. J. Bird (cond.) 5, M. Taylor 6. By the U.B.S.C.R. for Evensong.

**CAERLON, MONS.**—On April 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob): N. Lamping (first quarter) 1, R. V. Hughes 2, G. R. Marchant 3, J. D. Woodman 4, W. J. Goodfellow (cond.) 5, A. W. Smith 6. First in four methods by all except 3. Rung to mark the departure of Philip J. C. Goodfellow to his new teaching post in South Devon.

**ELTON, DERBYS.**—1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. H. Paulson (cond.) 1, J. F. Smallwood 2, M. H. Paulson 3, H. E. Taylor 4, P. Taylor 5. First of Stedman on five bells by all.

**EXNING, SUFFOLK.**—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss H. Cross 1, A. Benstead 2, Miss A. Severs (first quarter) 3, W. J. Couperthwaite 4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5. A birthday compliment to H.M. the Queen.

**HOVINGHAM, YORKS.**—On April 18th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 540 Plain Bob): Mrs. C. N. Lea 1, E. N. Harrison 2, E. P. Crowdy 3, G. S. Deas 4, C. T. Lamb 5, C. N. Lea (cond.) 6.

**HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.**—On April 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (with 4, 6, 8, covering): D. Robinson (first quarter away from covering bell) 1, S. W. Brown 2, H. Brown 3, A. Walsh (first in method) 4, Joyce Walsh 5, R. Melville (first quarter) 6, George Mansbridge (first in method) 7, M. Wooldridge 8. Harry W. Brown conductor. For St. George's Day.

**RAVENSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.**—On April 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. Clues (first quarter) 1, E. C. Orland (cond.) 2, A. J. Hobley 3, W. Lake 4, E. A. Gautrey 5. For Evensong.

**RAYLEIGH, SUSSEX.**—On April 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Ward (first in method) 1, R. Tomlin 2, H. Worboys 3, F. May 4, W. Ellis 5, M. Hallett 6, R. House (cond.) 7, E. Blower 8. For Evensong.

**RUSHALL, STAFFS.**—On April 16th, 1,260 Doubles (one Morris' and one Piman's 240, 300 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): A. J. Strathdee 1, Janet Morgan 2, M. W. Fairry 3, J. B. Webb 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5. First in two methods for 2 and 4. Rung on the 'Major' five.

**STANMORE, MIDDLEX.**—On April 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Muntion (first quarter) 1, J. Wilcockson 2, T. Carless 3, L. North 4, R. Stoddard (cond.) 5, R. Lambert 6.

**SWINTON, LANCS.**—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire): D. Leah 1, G. Barbara Cooke 2, K. W. Cooke 3, Margaret Wheat 4, A. Sharples (cond.) 5, G. Wheat (first quarter) 6. For Evensong on Palm Sunday. Also on April 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire): D. Leah 1, G. Barbara Cooke 2, Margaret Wheat (first as joint cond.) 3, A. Sharples (joint cond.) 4, K. W. Cooke 5, H. M. Breary 6. For Evensong, and as an 86th birthday compliment to Mr. D. Holland.

**WEST HADDON, NORTHANTS.**—On April 3rd, 1,260 Doubles: (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Mary Spring (first quarter) 1, M. Bailey 2, J. Goddard 3, E. Gautrey 4, E. M. Thresher (cond.) 5.

**TWYNING, GLOS.**—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hawkes 1, F. Hawkes (cond.) 2, M. Hawkes 3, A. Halling 4, W. Williams 5, D. Williams 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Sam Healey.

## THE LADIES' GUILD

### North-Eastern District

The sixth annual meeting of the North-Eastern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. George's, Jesmond, on April 4th. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. G. Piercy), and an excellent tea, prepared by the local ringers, was enjoyed by 20 members and friends.

At the business meeting Miss D. M. Kilingley was re-elected vice-president and Mrs. C. N. Lea hon. secretary. The vice-president, from the chair, proposed re-election of Mrs. K. Arthur and Mrs. K. Lawson to the Central Committee: Mrs. M. A. Ainsworth, Mrs. D. A. Bayles, Miss M. Jennings and Miss J. Robson were elected members of the District Committee.

After the business meeting members adjourned to the tower, where ringing was resumed until 8.30 p.m.

### Midland District

Upwards of 30 members were present when the Midland District held its annual meeting at Hucknall on April 11th. Ringing included Bob Major, Grandsire, Kent, Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge. The Vicar (the Rev. K. M. Thompson) conducted the service, the ladies of the church provided an excellent tea, and at the business meeting the officers and committee were re-elected, with Mrs. Paling, of Nottingham, filling the place of Mrs. Poole. Five new members were elected. At the invitation, of Mr. and Mrs. A. Rowley, the next meeting will be at Ibstock on June 6th.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Between 40 and 50 ringers attended the meeting of the South Western Division at Dagenham on April 11th, but there were absentees. Mr. Crampion was otherwise engaged at Exeter Cathedral, and Prutlewell ringers were seeing Peter Kerry and Mary Jeffrey getting married. Best wishes to all and also to David Beard, who is being married this month.

The Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Patterson) joined the company at tea, and Mr. Willmington thanked him for his welcome and for conducting the service. There was also a welcome for the oldest and youngest members present—ten-year-old Tony from Orsett and 85-year-old Mr. Reeve from Fobbing. Mr. Gant presided, and Mr. Chalk announced that he had invited Mr. Ernest Morris to be their guest at the Essex Association annual dinner.

## ESSEX TOWER ARRANGED A WEEK-END TOUR

Enterprise has been shown by the ringers of St. Mary Magdalene, Harlow Common, Essex, by holding their first week-end tour. Southampton was reached at 10.30 a.m. and 90 minutes' ringing enjoyed at the newly-built Church of St. Mary. Lunch was at Sheffield English, where the light eight were rung, and also at Downton and Fordingbridge. After tea, Wimborne Minster and Ringwood were visited, and the day ended with a perfectly struck course of Superlative.

The Avon Hotel, Ringwood, provided good accommodation for the night. Sunday morning was spent at Bournemouth—ringing at St. Peter's and St. John's—and the afternoon at the six-bell towers of South Damerham and Martin. The tour concluded with service ringing at St. Thomas's, Salisbury. For the varied and careful programme the company express their sincere thanks to Mr. Bill Chester, of Ringwood.



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### QUARTER PEALS

**HEADINGTON, OXON.**—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Angela Miller 1, Linda Foreword 2, Cherry Withel 3, R. Trebilcock 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, J. Cruickshank 6. A 21st birthday-compliment to Linda Foreword and Robin Trebilcock.

**KEYMER, SUSSEX.**—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Peckham 1, G. E. Harniss 2, P. C. Hollingdale 3, P. N. O. Robinson 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. For the wedding of Miss S. Malsch and Mr. A. Eaton at Clayton Church earlier the same afternoon.

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