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SOUTHPORT

BREATH-TAKING seems to be the only word to express the cordiality accompanied by generous hospitality that made the 62nd meeting of the Central Council at Southport so memorable. Twenty-seven years have elapsed since the Council last visited Lancashire, when the meeting was held at Liverpool. There was complete co-operation by all who have an interest in those who ring bells to give them a really happy week-end. The representatives of the Guilds and Associations left Southport with a tremendous sense of uplift. The progress of ringing has been along a long and stony path. For the humblest of Church workers to receive the recognition accorded them at Southport was an inspiration.

There are so many facets that come to mind. The gathering had a sense of feeling that the Bishop of Liverpool, who played such a big part in the welcome, was just one of us. He knew through trials and tribulations while at Plymouth what most of our readers have passed through in learning the elementary principles of handling a bell. He spoke to us, giving that sense of vocation. During the week-end there were four occasions where Dr. Clifford Martin made personal contact with members of the Council. He preached at Christ Church on Whit Sunday and made a special reference to our visit; he was guest of honour at the dinner given by the Lancashire Association to members of the Council and told of his pupilage at Plymouth under Mr. Tom Myers; he celebrated at the Communion Service on Whit Tuesday, attended by over 100 members of the Council; finally he joined with the crippled Mayor of Southport in the official welcome that preceded the meeting.

When Mr. F. Dunkerley rose at the end of the Council meeting at Dublin and extended an invitation to visit Lancashire for the next meeting, few of the members realised what was in store. To many the immediate picture was the teeming populations of Liverpool and Manchester. It is doubtful if any member present visualised Southport, or the programme that was to follow. True, the magnificence of Liverpool Cathedral and its masterpiece of bell mechanism was included in one of the sights, and there was also ringing at Manchester; but tours were arranged away from industrialism and in country towers there was many a joyous ring.

The Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith, president of the Lancashire Association, and Mr. Fred Dunkerley, the hon. secretary,

were the most genial of hosts. At the headquarters, Mr. Dunkerley's private secretary, Miss P. Grimm, and Mr. S. L. Parry were installed to attend to the visitors. Never before have the members of the Council and their ladies been entertained to dinner by an Association; it seemed as if the very generous impulses of Dublin were more than being repeated. The speeches were witty; the vice-president of the Council was at his brightest. Really, after the challenging comparisons between Great Yarmouth and Southport there must be a visit of the Council to the Queen of the East!

As to the business of the Council, it involved three sessions—an evening assembly being necessary after the members had been hospitably entertained to tea by the Corporation of Southport. 'The Ringing World' was the main theme of the morning session. Briefly, the turmoil in the printing industry might possibly add £1,000 a year to the cost of production of the journal. It was suggested that this could substantially be met by two means—a levy of sixpence a rope on peals rung, which was not accepted by the Council although the voting was very close, and a successful circulation drive. The latter would be defeated by an increase in the selling price. A ringing journal is not an economic proposition. It can only be run, as Mr. A. H. Pulling told the Council, as a hobby by everyone concerned with its production—committee, editor and accountant. The onus for increasing sales has been placed on the Guilds and Associations.

A very comprehensive report was submitted on the survey of Sunday ringing, involving a tremendous amount of detailed work. Particulars were furnished of 2,719 towers, and of these 14 per cent. are unringable. Bells are rung regularly in 40 per cent. of the towers, with 28 per cent. of these ringing call-changes only. Much attention is to be given to a closer contact between ringers and clergy—a booklet or leaflet is to be written on belfry organisation, recruitment, and the best methods of establishing a band where none at present is in existence. The main avenue for work must be the Associations. To this energetic committee there was later in the meeting given another responsibility—the work on courses in ringing. Much has been learnt from the Essex Association and Dillington House. One left Southport with the firm conviction that the drive for an improvement of Sunday ringing, the main purpose of our art, is not mere lip service; and the various affiliated bodies, by the personal example of their leaders, will ensure that the ringer is a faithful officer of the Church.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter, Mancroft,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

ROBIN G. LEALE Treble	C. MICHAEL ORME 7
TONY PRICE 2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON 8
DAVID A. S. HAWKINS 3	BERT GOGLE 9
FREDERICK R. SCOTT 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE 10
WILLIAM S. DEASON 5	PHILIP MEHEW 11
MICHAEL J. PALMER 6	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 52 Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 40 cwt. 10 lb. in B.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Treble	ARTHUR G. MASON 7
PATRICIA M. BOURN 2	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD 8
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 10
FRANK OSBALDISTON 5	BRIAN HARRIS 11
WILLIAM H. DOWSE 6	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

TEN BELL PEALS

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, Southwark,

A PEAL OF 5091 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 48 cwt.

MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. Treble	MICHAEL P. MORETON 6
DENNIS RANDALL 2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL 7
ALAN ROGERS 3	STEWART F. KIMBER 8
JOHN ARMSTRONG 4	FRANK E. DARBY 9
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS .. 5	RAYMOND G. BURTON .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT. Conducted by MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT.
Rung in honour of the consecration and enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Arthur Mervyn Stockwood, D.D., as Lord Bishop of Southwark.

BEDFORD.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Mon., May 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Paul.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

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

C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.) .. Treble	M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. Hall) .. 6
P. H. LANGTON (Trinity) .. 2	S. E. DARMON (John's) 7
G. C. GALLEY (Queens') .. 3	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) .. 8
*FRANCES SECKER (Girton) .. 4	J. R. TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s) .. 9
*D. J. ROAF (Trinity) 5	H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by C. M. P. JOHNSON.
* First peal on ten bells. † 50th peal. First of Yorkshire Royal for the Guild.

STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., May 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. Treble	† ROBERT J. WARRILOW 6
* K. PETER JONES 2	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW 7
BARNABAS G. KEY 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 8
* GEOFFREY DAVIES 4	EDMUND MALIN 9
* CHARLES A. S. WEBB 5	† DAVID W. FRIEND Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by DAVID W. FRIEND.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Plain Bob Royal. First on ten as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HUGH NEILL Treble	JOHN G. GIPSON 5
CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. 2	† PETER H. LANGTON 6
* JANET K. SECKER 3	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 7
† FRANCES A. SECKER 4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by HUGH NEILL.

* First peal of Major. † First of London Surprise Major.

OATLANDS PARK, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 3 Hours.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 12 cwt. 12 lb. in G.

* COLIN N. CHINNERY .. Treble	JOHN F. M. MAYBREY 5
GEORGE TALBOT 2	† ROY COLLINS 6
JOHN KING 3	† E. JOHN WELLS 7
† JOAN A. SMITH 4	§ DAVID GEORGE Tenor

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal of Triples. † First in the method. ‡ 25th peal together. § First peal.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Swithin,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

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

CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. Treble	* J. MARTIN THORLEY 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT 2	* HAROLD F. GIBSON 6
* J. IVOR SMITH 3	JOHN G. AMES 7
* DENNIS A. SMEDLEY 4	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD (3505).

Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

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

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18½ cwt.

EMILY B. P. CHEAL .. Treble	STANLEY RAYFIELD 5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL 2	ALBERT DUNK 6
* RUTH A. HIGHLEY 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 7
CYRIL S. JARRETT 4	JOHN CLARK Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

* First peal of Triples 'inside.'

Rung as birthday compliments to the ringers of the treble and tenor. Also a thankoffering for the safe recovery of Diana Southam, a member of the local band.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

* PAUL MARTIN Treble	G. HARRY BRAY 5
† CHRISTOPHER L. POWDRILL .. 2	TERENCE I. ROPER 6
A. JAMES POYNOR 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS 7
PATRICIA A. WARDLE 4	BRIAN G. WARWICK Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal. † First of Major.

Rung in connection with a thanksgiving week-end at St. Thomas.

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WITHERIDGE, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.			Tenor 25 cwt.
GEORGE LUXTON Treble	GEORGE SKINNER 5		
FREDERICK SANGWIN 2	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL 6		
*SIDNEY SKINNER 3	FREDERICK WRE福德 7		
ARTHUR T. TRUMAN 4	THOMAS KINGDON Tenor		

Conducted by JOHN L. S. GLANVILL.

* 75th peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., May 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5056 BIDDENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.		Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	*GORDON A. HALLS .. 5	
*ERNEST MORRIS 2	*†JOHN A. ACRES 6	
DEREK P. JONES 3	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 7	
JOSEPH W. COTTON 4	*G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor	

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal on this bell. No bobs called.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 6, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 LAKENHAM IMPERIAL COLLEGE BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
ARTHUR G. BASON 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 6
GEORGE SAYER 3	BERT GOGLE 7
GEORGE P. ADAMS 4	ALLAN C. HAINEs Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method, which is:—

3 : 1 : 5 : 3 : 7 : 125 : 7 : 1.e. 127; bob 147; single 12347.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-APOSTLE.

A PEAL OF 5024 GOUDHURST SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

CELIA F. WHITEFIELD .. Treble	JOHN R. MAYNE 5
ALICK CUTLER 2	VERNON GREEN 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method by all the band.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Seaman on the birth of a son, Roger Martin.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Fri., May 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

IAN TILLING Treble	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 5
SUSAN CHADDOCK 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 6
MILTON C. FOWLER 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7
HOWARD SCOTT 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

First peal in the method as conductor.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 8, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in E.

*PHILIP A. RICHARDSON .. Treble	DENNIS A. SMEDLEY .. 5
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 2	DENNIS COOPER 6
*WALTER DAVIS 3	†GEORGE E. HANCOCK .. 7
JOSEPH SAXTON 4	*ALBERT TURNER Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Plain Bob Major.

Arranged and rung to welcome Robert George Hancock, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hancock, born on May 7th, 1959.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 3 Hours.

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

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

RICHARD A. JACKSON .. Treble	*DAVID T. DARBY 5
*JEAN M. ADDICOTT 2	*ROBIN J. ELLIOTT 6
*JEREMY A. M. SALTER .. 3	DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 7
JOHN G. PUSEY 4	JAMES H. PAILING Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON.

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

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

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Elizabeth Goddard, and a welcome to Neil Hamilton Turner.

COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

*HARRY HARPER Treble	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 5
*LESLIE L. WILLIS 2	GORDON H. LANE 6
*DONALD L. HOOPER 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
WILLIAM C. RHODES .. 4	ROLAND BENISTON Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal in the method.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*O. LESLIE WARNER .. Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 5
†DONALD A. KIRK 2	COLIN A. HOPPER 6
*TOM PAGE 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. 7
E. JOHN WELLS 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in the method. † First of Major. First of Major on the recast bells, and since 1927. The conductor's 60th Surrey tower for a peal.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5088 EWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

RAYMOND I. F. PARSONS .. Treble	DENNIS KNOX 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	JOHN HILL 7
DAVID E. PARSONS 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JOHN HILL.

First peal in the method.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 24 cwt. in E.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. <i>Treble</i>	WALTER TOMLINSON 5
*JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 2	JOHN WALDEN 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE 7
JOHN FREEMAN 4	JOSEPH SAXTON <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

KINVER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*MARTIN FELLOWS .. Treble	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. 5
*YVONNE EDWARDS 2	DEREK J. WATSON 6
HAROLD J. SHUCK 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
WILLIAM H. COOPER .. 4	*JAMES HANDLEY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.

* First peal. Quarterly peal for the Guild.

EWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—14—58—16—34—38—34.16.78.

2nds place lead-end. 4ths place bob. Tipler's B 34/3.

Composition: Pitstow's traditional peal of Superlative.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

*WENDY BIRD Treble	IVOR GOULTER 5
DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 2	DAVID STAPLES 6
†SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 3	†CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 7
REV. JOHN B. T. HOMFRAY 4	DAVID BEACHAM Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.
*First 8-bell peal. †50th peal together. First in the method as conductor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. David W. Beard and Miss Sally Barker, who were married at this church earlier in the day.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	ALAN F. THIRST 5
ALAN J. FROST 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 6
GILES C. GALLEY 3	PETER BORDER 7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
First peal of London Surprise Major in the county.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5024 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. Treble	*MARGARET E. BEAMISH .. 5
*JESSIE M. KIPPIN 2	*TOM CHAPMAN 6
*ROBERT C. KIPPIN 3	*MAURICE J. BUTLER .. 7
ADRIAN J. TUMBER 4	*R. ROGER SAVORY Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.
*First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

TIVERTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 74 lb. in D.

RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. Treble	†D. JOHN HUNT 5
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN 2	JOHN H. GILBERT 6
ARTHUR H. REED 3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY .. 7
*PHILIP N. TUBBS 4	FRANK D. MACK Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.
*First peal in the method. †First of Surprise. First of Yorkshire on the bells.

Rung for Ascensiontide.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. A. DISERENS Treble	FRANK W. LEWIS 5
REGINALD W. REX 2	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON .. 6
ALBERT DISERENS 3	RONALD H. BULLEN .. 7
RONALD F. DISERENS .. 4	NOEL J. DISERENS Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.
First peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 13 cwt. in F.	
*ALAN SMITH Treble	†BRIAN KINGSTON 5
WILLIAM H. HARFORD .. 2	†DAVID J. LLEWELLYN .. 6
*NIGEL LAMPING 3	WILLIAM DARE 7
WILLIAM J. GOODFELLOW 4	THOMAS YEOMAN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM DARE.

*First peal. †First of Triples.

SIX BELL PEALS

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

IVY ROE Treble	HAROLD STEVENSON .. 4
WILLIAM L. EXTON 2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER 5
DENNIS SIMPSON 3	*MARK W. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

*25th peal, and has now 'circled the tower.'

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents: 1,440 Grandsire, 1,440 Plain Bob, 1,080 April Day, 1,080 Reverse St. Bartholomew. Tenor 8½ cwt.	
DEREK BRISCALL Treble	HARRY CALLWOOD 4
BRIAN SCHOFIELD 2	ERNEST PIMLOTT 5
ROBERT BARRATT 3	*NIGEL RYDER Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.

*First peal.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Newton, married at Chelford on April 25th, 1934.

CLOWNE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in B flat.	
IAN A. RICHARDSON (12) Treble	DENNIS A. SMEDLEY .. 4
*PHILIP A. RICHARDSON (14) 2	LESLIE W. BACON 5
S. LESLIE BARLOW 3	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

*First peal 'inside.'

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) Kingston, (4) Sandal, (5) Capel, (6) London Scholars' Pleasure and (7) Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.	
M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY .. Treble	IVOR JENKINS 4
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON .. 5
*BRIAN SCHOFIELD 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

*First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Richardson.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's: (1) Norfolk Surprise, (2) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, (4) Childwall and Thelwall Bob, (5) Plain and Double Bob, (6) Oxford T.B., (7) Kent T.B. Tenor 10 cwt.	
WALTER ARNOLD Treble	ALAN R. SYDER 4
*MARIAN H. MILLS 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
*IVAN COOPER 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

*Most methods to a peal.

POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being extents of Primrose, Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Beverley, Surfleet, Bourne and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt.	
WILLIAM J. BRUNT Treble	THOMAS BIRD 4
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK .. 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS 5
SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT .. 3	GEORGE N. ORMAN Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

STAUNTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In two methods, being ten extents of Plain Bob, 30 six-scores of Grandsire (ten callings) and one 240 Morris's. Tenor 9 cwt.
 *WILLIAM E. SPIERS... .. Treble CHARLES PHILLIPS 4
 *JOY SMITH 2 *W. DUDLEY WILSON 5
 REGINALD G. POWELL .. 3 †THOMAS BOURNE Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

* First peal in two methods. † First peal.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 six-scores each of Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 9 cwt.
 G. ARNOLD MOORE .. Treble †CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 4
 *PETER JONES 2 ERIC YOUNG 5
 ALBERT LAWTON 3 WILLIAM WATKIN Tenor

Conducted by ERIC YOUNG.

* First peal of Doubles. † First in three methods. First as conductor.
 Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. G. B. Frith and Norman Bennett (a former ringer).

BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., May 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. in G.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 4
 *MARY C. PAYNE 2 *DENNIS A. SMEDLEY .. 5
 *PETER A. SHARPE 3 LOUIS WILLIERS Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Wed., May 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.
 FRANCES SECKER (Girton) Treble M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. Hall) 4
 *A. GRIFFIN (Trinity) .. 2 P. H. LANGTON (Trinity) .. 5
 D. J. KIRBY (Selwyn) .. 3 J. R. TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s) Tenor

Conducted by P. H. LANGTON.

* First peal.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.
 *RICHARD VERRIL .. Treble *STANLEY W. BROWN .. 4
 CECIL LONGHURST .. 2 †HERBERT W. WOOVEN .. 5
 *HARRY W. BROWN .. 3 †W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON Tenor

Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method. ‡ First of Minor in the method.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

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

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

*JOHN COATES .. Treble GEORGE CHALLANS .. 4
 JOHN H. BLUFF .. 2 HAROLD DENMAN .. 5
 VALERIE WATERFIELD .. 3 RICHARD HOBBS .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.

* First peal at first attempt. First in the method for all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

Rung on the eve of Ascension Day; also as a farewell to David Emmerson, a ringer at this church, who is joining Her Majesty's Navy.

DUNKERTON, NEAR BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
 (Bath Branch.)

On Thurs., May 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six six-scores each of Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Grandsire and Reverse St. Bartholomew. Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

EDWARD F. CONNOCK .. Treble CEDRIC J. A. BROWN .. 4
 ALAN F. LEE 2 HAROLD L. PARFREY .. 5
 GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. 3 ALBERT F. BUTT .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

First peal in seven methods of Doubles by all the band.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

MARION ARCHER .. Treble H. DAVID HOLLAND .. 4
 ELIZABETH A. WARDILL .. 2 CYRIL RUSBY .. 5
 LEONARD GOODALL .. 3 IAN M. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Association. The conductor's 100th peal, and 50th of Surprise.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

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

Being seven 720's: One each of Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ANNE E. AMOR .. Treble CHARLES E. BLACK .. 4
 CECIL WADE 2 DAVID STAINSBY .. 5
 DEREK STAINSBY .. 3 JAMES W. HAW .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

Rung to mark the induction of the new Rector, Rev. A. Stainsby.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble JOHN H. BLUFF .. 4
 *RICHARD HOBBS .. 2 *HAROLD DENMAN .. 5
 GEORGE CHALLANS .. 3 LOUIS WILLIERS .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.

* 25th peal together.

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**EASTINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Fri., May 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,*

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three different extents of Kent T.B. and four different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

G. FRED TERRY Treble	†RONALD R. WARFORD .. 4
HORACE S. MORLEY 2	A. HARRY HAWCROFT .. 5
EDWARD PHILPOT 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

* First peal in two methods.

In memoriam Mr. J. Palmer Powls, Eastington.

SEAL CHART, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Childwall Bob, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ROY PANKHURST Treble	*†STANLEY JENNER 4
*MARGARET A. LADD 2	ROBERT COLLINS 5
DORIS E. COLGATE 3	ERNEST J. LADD Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal in seven methods. † 50th peal. First in seven methods as conductor.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

*JOHN K. SMITH Treble	*DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 4
ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 5
DAVID W. FRIEND 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First Surprise peal.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(The Leeds and District Society.)

On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*BARRIE DOVE Treble	*ROBIN BROWN 4
ARNOLD COLE 2	FREDERICK SEAGER 5
RONALD H. DOVE 3	IRVIN SLACK Tenor

Conducted by IRVIN SLACK.

* First peal. The ringer of the third has now 'circled the tower.'

HANDBELL PEALS

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION

AND

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Thurs., May 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Guild of Undergraduates Union,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor size 12 in F.

*ALEX SIMPSON 1—2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 3—4
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*PAUL W. WEBB 5—6

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal on handbells. First on handbells for the Society.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

At 170, HEADSTONE LANE,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

JEAN A. DARMON 1—2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 5—6
*JOAN BERESFORD 3—4	JOHN R. MAYNE 7—8

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of Surprise on handbells.

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The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

QUARTER PEALS

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On May 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Christine Wakefield 1, Patricia Wardle 2, C. Bray 3, C. Powdrill 4, A. Poynor 5, T. Roper 6, Rev. P. Blackman 7, R. Morris (cond.) 8. For Rogation Sunday Evensong. Also on May 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Patricia Wardle 1, P. Martin 2, C. Powdrill 3, A. Poynor 4, Christine Wakefield 5, Rev. P. Blackman 6, R. Morris 7, G. Bray (cond.) 8. For Ascension Day Evensong.

BENEFIELD, NORTHANTS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss T. Lovell 1, Mrs. A. B. Clarke 2, A. Wills 3, A. B. Clarke 4, C. L. Page 5, A. Pywell 6. First quarter in method for 1, 3, 5 and 6. For Confirmation service.

BOLTON, LANCs.—On May 17th, at Holy Trinity Church, 720 Cambridge Minor: J. Thornley 1, S. Wainley 2, T. Barker 3, B. A. Tomlinson 4, P. Crook 5, B. Threlfall (cond.) 6.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, NORTHANTS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Longland 1, C. Brockwell 2, F. Atterwell 3, R. Jones 4, P. Jones 5, A. R. Jones (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of George Care (sen.), former ringer at this church.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of Great St. Mary, on May 14th, 1,260 Bob Royal: J. Wilkins (first on 10 bells) 1, P. H. Pigg 2, D. Stubbings 3, A. R. Heppenstall 4, D. J. Roaf 5, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 6, T. R. Dennis 7, G. Pratt (first on 10 bells) 8, J. R. Taylor 9, H. F. Brown 10. A welcome to the new Vicar before his induction service, also as a birthday compliment to P. H. Pigg and E. G. Hibbins.

CATTISTOCK, DORSET.—On May 16th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: R. V. Vardy 1, Mrs. A. J. Slade 2, J. W. Rose 3, G. J. W. Abbott 4, A. J. Slade 5, F. B. Stedman 6, H. J. Ford (cond.) 7, J. G. Corinck (first quarter) 8. A welcome to the Rector.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, R. Jarvis (cond.) 2, S. Pulker 3, B. Morley 4, J. Harris 5, A. Leech 6, J. Benfield 7, C. Tompkins 8. For Confirmation service.

CLERKENWELL, E.C.—On May 17th, at St. James' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Prockson 1, G. Parsons 2, G. Harvey 3, W. Prockson 4, H. Andrews 5, H. Clark 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, E. Peett 8. Rung for Whitsun festival.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. C. Chaplin 1, F. V. Gant 2, T. East 3, J. Carrot 4, T. Grainger 5, C. Deem 6, L. S. Woods (cond.) 7, A. Gargrave 8. For morning service.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.—On May 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Lawson (first quarter) 1, W. Wall 2, J. C. Ford 3, V. Forshaw 4, N. M. Newby (cond.) 5, T. Metcalfe 6. A farewell to D. Lawson, who is leaving the district after national service.

DUBLIN.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. G. Buchanan 1, B. K. Lunn 2, H. W. Jones 3, W. H. Wilson 4, D. Vokes 5, T. McMorran (cond.) 6, J. A. Atkinson 7, R. I. George 8. For the 21st birthday of the ringer of 5.

DUNHOLME, LINCs.—On May 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Smith 1, J. Godfrey (first quarter) 2, P. Burton (first quarter) 3, W. S. Smith (first as cond.) 4, B. W. Smith 5, D. Fox (first quarter) 6. For Choral Eucharist.

FAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Pimian 1, L. Bolt 2, W. Harding (first quarter) 3, G. West 4, C. Savage (first as cond.) 5, F. Snow 6. For Evensong.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On May 17th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent and 540 Plain Bob): Janet Godfrey 1, Amy Coburn 2, R. Newson 3, A. Day 4, F. C. Jacklin 5, J. D. Painter (cond.) 6, L. G. Coburn 7 (cover). For Whit Sunday.

HEILMDON, NORTHANTS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. H. Yates 1, W. J. Chester 2, Mrs. G. Shellard 3, M. Saunders 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5, G. Shellard 6. A second wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Shellard.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On May 15th, 1,340 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Drury 1, D. Pugh 2, Miss P. Drury 3, J. Martin 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5, D. Wright 6. A birthday compliment for the ringer of 2.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Tapley 1, W. Insley 2, H. B. Whitney 3, P. Newing 4, M. Stephens (cond.) 5, F. Plummer 6, M. Orme 7, R. Churchill 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. H. Holmes, churchwarden.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. H. Dowse 1, Dorothy Stafford 2, Margaret Mackay 3, B. F. L. Groves 4, F. Osbaldison (cond.) 5, A. Osbaldison 6. For the Rogation service.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Robinson (cond.) 1, H. Turner 2, A. Best 3, P. Hamlin 4, S. Thompson (first 'inside') 5, S. Wills 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of 4.

NETHERBURY, DORSET.—On May 14th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Dyer 1, R. Selway 2, M. Turner 3, S. White 4, J. Barrett 5, W. Turner (cond.) 6. First in the method for 1 and 3.

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas' Church, on April 26th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): Jean M. Addicott 1, J. A. Pailing 2, J. G. Pusey (cond.) 3, A. N. Stubbs 4, R. S. Elliott 5, D. T. Darby 6. Also at St. Mary Magdalen, on May 1st, 1,259 Doubles (seven methods): R. W. Winstanley 1, J. G. Pusey 2, D. H. Niblett 3, R. A. Jackson 4, R. J. Elliott (cond.) 5. Rung for the induction of the Rev. R. J. Hooper as Vicar.

RANMORE COMMON, SURREY.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Lloyd (first quarter) 1, Mary Munt 2, F. Oakshott 3, Ethel Clear 4, E. G. L. Coward 5, Rev. C. Munt 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, B. Read 8.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with cover bell): R. R. Hobbs 1, Miss A. J. Knight 2, M. D. G. Northway 3, M. L. Northway 4, C. M. White 5, A. W. Fry (cond.) 6, H. J. Page 7. For Ascension Day.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On May 13th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. P. Darvill 1, K. J. Darvill 2, Mrs. J. Dodds 3, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 4, R. W. Darvill 5, G. Penney 6, F. Ellis 7, M. D. Frost 8. First in method for 1 and 2. For Confirmation service.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.—On May 10th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor: S. Hardy 1, F. Gorringer 2, R. Beard 3, F. G. Wheller 4, B. Aldridge 5, P. G. Braund (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also on May 17th, 1,440 Minor (720 Canterbury Pleasure, 720 Plain Bob): S. Hardy 1, F. Gorringer (cond.) 2, R. Beard 3, F. G. Wheller 4, P. Braund 5, B. Aldridge 6. For Matins.

SIDBURY, DEVON.—On May 9th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: H. A. Hodge (first of Oxford Bob) 1, K. T. Clarke 2, C. Webb 3, E. E. Retter 4, A. Holway 5, E. Summers 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, W. Webb 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On May 17th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): K. Ward (first quarter of Doubles) 1, Valerie Hoby 2, Janet Adamson 3, W. Birmingham 4, J. C. Birt (cond.) 5, D. Livingston 6. For the Whitsun festival and to celebrate the birth of a daughter (Elizabeth Sarah) to Audrey and Jeffery Birt. Also on May 20th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: A. Diserens (cond.) 1, W. F. Butler 2, E. J. Munday 3, F. R. Scott 4, Linda J. Kew 5, Pamela M. Jervis 6, D. K. Walters 7, A. J. Glass 8, W. Birmingham 9, D. Livingston 10. First of Stedman Caters for 5, 6, 7 and 10. For Confirmation service by the Lord Bishop of Oxford.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Smith 1, R. K. Stretton 2, Valerie Green 3, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 4, A. J. Poynor 5, P. Norman 6. For Civic service. Also 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. M. Jelley 1, R. K. Stretton 2, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 3, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 4, R. Jelley 5, A. E. Bodycott 6, E. J. Jelley 7, B. Smith (first on eight) 8. Rung to welcome the Archdeacon of Sheffield (a former vicar, who was instrumental in getting the bells rehung in 1950), who preached at Evensong. Also on May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Smith (first of Minor) 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, E. Morris 3, C. L. Powdrill 4, R. K. Stretton 5, A. J. Poynor 6. For Ascension Day.

STAINES, MIDDLEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Williams (first quarter) 1, D. Pickett 2, M. Lane 3, R. I. Shepherd 4, E. Skipsey (first in method) 5, M. J. Palmer (cond.) 6. For a concert of sacred music.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Scriven 1, Mrs. B. M. Burton 2, S. Bellfield 3, R. Bickerton 4, J. G. Burton (cond.) 5, A. Howe 6. First quarter for 1, 3, 4 and 6.

SUCKLEY, WORCS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Cale 1, P. Cale 2, C. Bowers 3, J. Ranford 4, F. Merrick (cond.) 5, J. Walker (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Lucy Yeld, buried that day.

SULGRAVE, NORTHANTS.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. J. Chester 1, M. Saunders 2, W. A. Yates (cond.) 3, L. E. Wootton 4, G. Shellard 5, C. Hinton 6. For the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wootton.

TALGARTH, BRECONS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Smith 1, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 2, W. G. Smith 3, W. Chick 4, B. H. Davies 5, E. Pugh 6. A 71st birthday compliment to Mr. E. Pugh. Also on May 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. James 1, W. Chick 2, S. V. Edwards 3, W. G. Smith 4, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 5, J. Parry 6. Rung as a compliment and in honour of the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Powell.

TINGEWICK, BUCKS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. J. Spraggett 1, Miss D. Williams 2, A. E. R. Walker 3, F. W. Hutt 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

UBLEY, SOMERSET.—On April 9th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Gay 1, Miss R. A. Barr 2, A. Simpson 3, W. W. Rich 4, P. W. Webb 5, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 6. Rung on the Birmingham University Society's Tour, being the first quarter of Surprise for the Society.

WEST LAVINGTON, WILTS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. G. Grant (cond.) 1, Mrs. M. Trotter 2, A. T. Weeks 3, M. Bailey 4, W. Beaven 5, F. Nutland 6. A wedding compliment to Diana Daniells and Keith Cooper. The bride is the daughter of Mr. T. Daniells, captain of the tower, and Mrs. Daniells, who celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary the same day.

WHITTLEBURY, NORTHANTS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. R. Truman (first quarter) 1, R. L. Payne 2, C. E. Truman 3, R. Hinton 4, T. E. Roberts (cond.) 5.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On May 12th, 1,260 Doubles (360 St. Martin's, 360 St. Simon's, 360 Plain Bob, 180 Grandsire): D. Culham 1, Miss E. Cansdale 2, B. Gibbons 3, E. Leggett 4, A. Cansdale (cond.) 5, F. Warner (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled to commemorate a lifetime of faithful service to the church by the late Mr. E. Eldred, interred this day.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Womack 1, Valerie Waterfield 2, C. Scott 3, R. Hobbs (cond.) 4, D. McNeil 5, D. Emmerson 6. For Evensong and as a farewell to David Emmerson, who is joining H.M. Royal Navy. Also on May 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Angela Womack (13. first quarter) 1, Valerie Waterfield 2, R. Hobbs (cond.) 3, Margaret Womack (first 'inside') 4, D. Jackson 5, D. McNeil 6. Rung before Sung Mass on Whit Sunday.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Mansfield 1, L. A. Smith 2, C. E. Truman (first in method) 3, G. E. Green 4, F. C. Case 5, E. F. Eyden 6, T. E. Roberts (cond.) 7, G. Foddy 8. In memoriam Mary Elizabeth Hoskin.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKS.—On May 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Morrison 1, Pamela M. Turner (first as cond.) 2, M. C. Hughes 3, P. S. Bennett (first of Doubles in method) 4, J. K. Foot 5, T. J. Lamb 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. Rung of the christening of Simon James Lamb, son of tenor ringer.

WOITON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Ewers 1, Miss M. Rand 2, L. J. Gregory (first as cond.) 3, L. R. Gregory (first quarter) 4, H. G. Rand 5, W. Ayris 6.

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New president of the Ladies' Guild is Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, who was elected to the office at Southport at Whitsun. With Mrs. Staniforth as president of the Ladies' Guild, and Peter, her husband, president of the Leicester Guild, old heads are being scratched to remember when husband and wife were respective presidents of their separate organisations.

Bath has been suggested for the next annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild.

The attempt by members of the Central Council to ring a peal of Spliced Surprise Major (silent) on Whit Monday broke down after 30 minutes.

Who was the young wife who told her husband that the bells would not be opened until he had finished the house decorations? Will there not be feverish activity to get the work completed by July 17th?

Extracts from the Oxford Diocesan Guild's comprehensive survey of Sunday ringing have been reproduced in the Oxford Diocesan magazine. The survey was a sermon theme at a recent meeting.

Miss Hilda Snowden and Mr. A. P. Cannon have both visited Liverpool Cathedral during Whitsun. Hilda rang the tenor (with a strapper) but thinks she could have managed it herself, while Pat was on the 11th, which was, on this occasion, a slow starter.

Scout Christopher Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, of Isleworth, has been chosen to represent West London in the Scout World Jamboree to be held in the Philippines in July and August this year. Christopher is a Sunday service ringer at Isleworth and was a member of the team that won the handbell cup of the London County Association.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

The sympathy of all Oxford ringers is extended to the relatives of Mr. Frank Barratt. His tragic death in a motor-cycling accident has removed from Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, a most promising ringer who had started conducting. The funeral was last Wednesday.

Emmanuel, Southport, on Whit Sunday provided Mr. E. H. Lewis with his 800th tower. His first was 60 years ago, at the end of 1900.

St. John's, Hanley, practice night is to be changed from Tuesday to Thursday, starting the first week in June.

In connection with the meeting of Masonic ringers on June 6th at Manchester, any brethren desirous of participating in a peal attempt in the morning are asked to communicate with Mr. P. Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

Mr. Peter Bond is shortly to be admitted as a lay reader in the Diocese of Rochester. We shall be having another lay readers' peal shortly.

The College Youths' band who rang the peal of Stedman Caters at Southwark Cathedral on May 9th would like to associate with it the names of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Lewis, whose golden wedding anniversary fell on April 29th. Mr. Lewis was Master of the Ancient Society in 1936 and 1937 and thus enjoyed the honour of presiding over the Society's tercentenary year.

Recordings of the bells of Painswick, Stinchcombe, Marshfield and Cirencester will be heard in 'The Faith in the South Cotswolds,' a magazine programme, on Sunday, June 7th, at 9.45 a.m. in the West Home Service, about the part played by the Christian Church in this area of the West Country. The programme is edited and presented by Martin Willson.

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BISHOP'S TRIBUTE TO RINGERS—MR. E. H. LEWIS' GIFT TO COUNCIL—DEDICATION SERVICES FORM — 'BEGINNERS' HANDBOOK': BIG INITIAL SALE — CRITICISM OF CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCAST RESENTED — COMMITTEE AND CO-OPTION POWERS DEFINED

THE 62nd annual meeting of the Council, held in the Palace Hotel, Southport, opened in the customary manner, with greetings from the host Association, the civic authorities and the Church. The Mayor of Southport (Cclr. R. Wood) arrived, accompanied by the Bishop of Liverpool, and was received by the president of the Lancashire Association (the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith).

The Lancashire Association president said it was a pleasure to them to welcome the Central Council to Lancashire after an interval of 27 years, the last meeting being at Liverpool. 'We are proud to welcome the Central Council here and to make the necessary arrangements.'

In welcoming the Mayor of Southport, the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith thanked the civic authorities at Southport for their great help.

The Mayor, in reply, said he had read with interest the reports of the various committees of the Council and tried to memorise some of the terms used in bellringing. He spent his early life in the country, where they looked forward to Sunday morning beginning with the ringing of church bells.

'SERMONS IN SOUND'

'I am glad to think that in these days, when music of the type you present is not generally popular, the call you give by the sermons in sound reminds us in these days, when the claim of the material seems to be drowning it, of our higher nature. I hope that your art and profession will succeed in this day and generation.'

The Bishop said that it was fitting that a welcome should be given by the Mayor and the Bishop, because bellringers served both Church and State and did it very well indeed. In the past the church bells in some towers had been under the control of the town and not the Church.

During the war church towers were put under the State and ringers were forbidden to ring, being held in readiness to ring in the event of invasion or other emergency. When the war was over it was appropriate that the ringers should send out a glad some peal giving thanks to God for deliverance and victory.

Bellringers, the Bishop went on, served to give expression of their deepest emotions of joy and sorrow. People returning from abroad appreciated above all the village church with its bells reminding them of the great events of the Church year.

Ringers were a band of good Church men and women who loved their Church and served it. Often the good service they were giving went unregarded, possibly because they were out of sight when they did their work. The wonderful service in Christ Church, when over 100 assembled to start the day with the service of Holy Communion, emphasised what he said, that they were good churchpeople rendering their service unto the Lord.

Mr. Frederick Sharpe, the president of the Council, thanked the Lancashire Association and the Mayor of Southport for 'a most wonderful welcome.' In thanking the Bishop for conducting the service that morning, the president said it was one of the most beautiful services of Holy Communion that the Council had been to.

GOLDEN WEDDING & PRESENTATION

The proceedings of the Council started with the president reading a letter from Mr. E. H. Lewis conveying to the members of the Central Council his appreciation and thanks for their congratulations and good wishes on

the occasion of his wife's and his golden wedding.

Mr. Lewis, advancing to the platform, expressed his personal thanks for the kind message sent by Mr. Barnett on behalf of the Council on the day of happiness, April 29th. Their president had with him a weapon of some service in the shillelagh, presented to the Council last year. It was his wish, however, to present a weapon more suitable for their meetings and he had much pleasure in presenting to the president a gavel.

Receiving the gift, Mr. Sharpe thanked Mr. Lewis on behalf of the Council for his gift. The head was a delightful representation of a bell with a Doncaster head and other embellishments. It was inscribed 'E. H. L. 1930-57.'

THE ATTENDANCE

Life members: Messrs. F. Sharpe, E. A. Barnett, F. W. Perrens, E. H. Lewis, G. W. Fletcher and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.

Honorary members: Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Messrs. J. P. Fidler, F. I. Hairs, D. Hughes, C. K. Lewis, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. W. A. Osborn, A. J. Pitman, A. H. Pulling, E. C. Shepherd, R. F. B. Speed, P. L. Taylor and T. W. White.

Ancient Society of College Youths: Wing Commander J. S. Mason, Messrs. J. F. Smallwood and W. Williams.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Messrs. D. Hoare, H. J. Sanger and Miss N. G. Williams.

Bedfordshire Association: Mr. S. Fokett. Cambridge University Guild: Mr. B. D. Threlfall.

Chester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. W. Allman, J. W. Clarke and A. J. Martin.

Coventry Diocesan Guild: Mrs. D. E. Beamish and Mr. H. Windsor.

Derbyshire Association: Messrs. A. Mould and W. L. Robinson.

Devon Guild: Mr. J. L. S. Glanvill and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

Dudley and District Guild: Mr. H. J. Shuck.

Ely Diocesan Association: Messrs. P. Border, J. G. Gipson, F. W. Lack and H. S. Peacock.

Essex Association: Messrs. J. H. Crampion, F. B. Lufkin, L. S. Woods and Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Association: Messrs. A. L. Barry, T. Boreham, W. B. Kynaston and F. Skidmore.

Guildford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. A. C. Hazelden, G. S. Joyce, H. N. Pitstow and W. H. Viggers.

Hereford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. C. J. Lewis and W. F. Moreton.

Hertford County Association: Messrs. W. Ayre, R. G. Bell, G. W. Critchley and E. Edmondson.

Irish Association: Messrs. F. E. Dukes and J. T. Dunwoody and Miss J. Stewart.

Kent County Association: Messrs. J. R. Cooper, T. Cullingworth, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher and Mr. T. E. Sone.

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

Lancashire Association: Messrs. P. Crook, F. Dunkerley, J. Ridyard and the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith.

Leicester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. S. Burton, P. A. Corby, A. E. Rowley and P. J. Staniforth.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Messrs. G. E. Feirn, J. Freeman and J. A. Freeman.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Mrs. D. J. King and Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association: Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers and Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association: Messrs. F. T. Blagrove and T. J. Lock.

Midland Counties Guild: Mr. J. W. Cotton.

National Police Guild: Mr. E. C. Birkett.

New South Wales Association: Mr. P. M. J. Gray.

North Staffordshire Association: Mr. R. S. Anderson.

Norwich Diocesan Association: Messrs. H. W. Barrett, N. V. Harding and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild: Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker and Mr. A. E. Lock.

Oxford University Society: Mr. R. B. Meadows.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Messrs. P. I. Chapman, G. W. Jeffs, E. Nobles and E. G. Orland.

St. David's Diocesan Guild: Mr. C. H. Hawkins.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham: Messrs. G. E. Fearn and F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Messrs. G. H. Harding and G. S. Morris.

Sheffield and District Society: Mr. N. Chaddock.

Shropshire Association: Mr. F. H. Bennett.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Messrs. P. N. Bond and F. E. Hawthorne.

Southwell Diocesan Guild: Messrs. B. M. Buswell, J. D. Clarke and J. Segar.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society: Messrs. B. G. Key and G. W. Hughes.

Suffolk Guild: Messrs. J. W. Blythe, L. G. Brett and C. W. Pipe.

Surrey Association: Messrs. A. P. Cannon, F. E. Collins and W. F. Oatway.

Sussex County Association: Messrs. R. G. Blackman, F. H. Dallaway and H. Stalham.

Swansea and Brecon Guild: Mr. G. I. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild: Messrs. W. C. Boucher, D. Burnett and H. Miles.

Universities Association: Miss M. R. Cross.

University of London Society: Dr. D. N. Layton.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Messrs. C. H. Kippin, G. Pullinger and F. W. Rogers.

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

Yorkshire Association: Messrs. G. Benfield, W. E. Critchley and L. W. G. Morris.

Cumberland and North Westmorland Association: Mr. G. McKay.

North Wales Association: Mr. D. H. B. Millward.

REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP

The hon. secretary reported that 55 Associations were affiliated to the Council, entitled to 153 members. The rules provided for 24 honorary members and there were seven life members, making a total membership of 184. There were two vacancies among representative members and three among honorary members. All subscriptions had been paid.

APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION

The hon. secretary said that two applications had been received. The first was from the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association and the second was for the re-affiliation of the North Wales Association. The Standing

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CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

Committee recommended that these two applications be granted.—Agreed on the proposition of Mr. L. W. G. Morris, seconded by Mr. J. P. Fidler.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Miss M. E. Snowdon, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, A. A. Hughes, C. W. Roberts, L. Stillwell, A. Walker, J. Willis, Mrs. J. G. Steeples, Messrs. S. G. Coles, F. Ainsley, W. N. Park, J. E. Hobbs, C. A. Bassett, J. Bray, T. H. Taffender, F. W. Goodfellow, J. R. Mayne, N. J. Golden, W. Butler, Dr. D. H. Niblett, W. C. West, R. St. C. Wilson, G. H. Cross, F. J. Cullum, R. Overy, T. G. Myers and the Rev. A. S. Roberts.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT

New members presented to the president were Messrs. D. Hoare, H. Windsor, J. L. S. Glanvill, L. S. Woods, C. H. Hawkins, J. W. Blythe, G. McKay and D. H. B. Millward.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The Standing Committee recommended that Mrs. Barnett, Messrs. F. I. Hairs, C. K. Lewis, W. A. Osborn and A. J. Pitman be re-elected honorary members, and Mr. H. L. Roper be added to the list of honorary members.

The president said Mr. Roper had done invaluable work in compiling the index of 'The Ringing World' and other statistical work for the Council.

This was adopted on the propositions of Mr. A. D. Barker and Mr. E. A. Barnett respectively.

LOSSES OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH

The Council stood in remembrance of the following members and former members of the Council, whose deaths had been reported:

Messrs. L. J. Butler (Essex Association), John L. Morris (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), Henry Dew (Chester Diocesan Guild), Percy J. Johnson (Yorkshire Association), Herbert Knight (Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford), who had died since the last meeting. Also the following, whose deaths had not been previously reported to the Council: Messrs. William Bedwell (Kent County Association), Samuel James Hughes (Dudley and District Guild), H. H. Palairot (Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Richard Stredwick (Sussex County Association), Arthur Smith (Salisbury Diocesan Guild) and the Rev. J. B. Frith (North Staffs Association).

TRIBUTES

Mr. J. H. Crampion, in a tribute to Mr. L. J. Butler, of the Essex Association, said he was one of the most lovable of men whom he had met, and held active offices in the Essex Association for many years.

Mr. Peter W. Bond of Mr. John L. Morris: 'One of our younger ringers and composers of outstanding ability.'

Mr. J. P. Fidler of Mr. Henry Dew: 'He did a lot of teaching and will be missed at Bishop's Stortford.'

Mr. E. H. Lewis of Mr. Dew: 'When I first came to Lancashire I rang with him. He had great zeal in teaching beginners.'

Mr. D. Millward of Mr. Dew: 'He trained the first band at St. Matthew's, Borthwick.'

Mr. L. W. G. Morris of Mr. Percy J. Johnson: 'He joined the Yorkshire Association in 1901 and was a member of the Council for

46 years. He was most forthright. If members did not agree with his views they respected them.'

Mr. F. J. Smallwood of Mr. P. J. Johnson: 'We all knew of his obsession of these gatherings of discovering red herrings. We shall miss his stentorian tones and his great sincerity. He was a Cockney, born at Bethnal Green, and I always referred to him as the Cockney Yorkshireman.'

Mr. B. G. Key of Mr. Herbert Knight: 'A fine ringer and a Christian who was always in his place on Sunday mornings for 42 years.'

Mr. R. S. Anderson of the Rev. J. B. Frith: 'Most devoted to ringing in North Staffordshire.'

Mr. E. H. Lewis of the Rev. J. B. Frith: 'A personal loss. At Charterhouse he succeeded me as head monitor of my House. He did not take up ringing early in life.'

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The hon. secretary reported that the minutes had been printed in 'The Ringing World' and circulated to all members. He proposed their adoption; Mr. W. Ayre seconded.—Agreed.

REPORT OF THE HON. SECRETARY

Mr. E. A. Barnett reported:—

The past year has been a particularly busy one, and among the non-routine matters which have arisen the following seem worthy of mention:—

Form of Dedication Service.—Fairly frequent inquiries are made as to whether the Council publishes a form of service suitable for use at the opening of new or recast rings of bells. I have asked the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow if, in consultation with other clerical members of the Council, he would draw up something suitable of which copies could be run off and issued gratis. I understand he has this in hand.

Barron Bell Trust.—A copy of the Trust Deed was obtained from the Charity Commission for information purposes.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award.—At the suggestion of Mr. A. Rigby, of Chorley, and with the support of the secretary of the Training Committee of the Army Cadet Force Association, correspondence was initiated with the secretary of the Award on the possibility of including ringing in the 'Pursuits' Section. In consultation with M. W. G. Wilson, suggested standards for the first, second and third series of tests were compiled and forwarded. The outcome is not at present known.

Boy Scouts' Badge.—Mr. R. I. Shepherd, of Staines, asked if the Boy Scouts' Association could be persuaded to introduce a ringers' badge corresponding to that of the Girl Guides. The Association informed us that such a badge is being incorporated in a list of new badges to be introduced this year and that details will be sent when published.

Gramophone Record of Five Spliced Surprise Major Methods on Handbells.—Discussions were begun and are proceeding, through Mr. C. W. Woolley, one of the band at Bushey, who made this historic record over 20 years ago, on the possibility of a re-issue. The matrix has, miraculously, been preserved by the Decca Company, according to information received from the original recording engineer.

Composition of Extent of Grandsire Caters.—Mr. W. H. Hewett kindly lent a leaflet containing this curious composition by James

Hewett (no relation). Some photostat copies were made and one handed over to the library, which does not possess an original.

Mr. Woolley reports that the work of revising the 'Stedman' book has continued, but that he would welcome some help and advice at the present stage. If any member (or other ringer) would like to assist I should be pleased to put him in touch with Mr. Woolley.

During the year I was able to meet enthusiasts from South Africa and America, and have continued an occasional correspondence with ringers in Australia. These contacts are very pleasurable and are, I think, welcomed by those concerned.

Thanks are due yet again to Mr. W. G. Wilson and Miss C. L. Groves for typing and duplicating these papers; also to Mr. W. N. Park for preparing the accounts of 'The Ringing World.'

Finally, my gratitude to all who sent copies of reports and other publications.

The hon. secretary said that since the report was written he had received notification from the secretary of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award that a church bellringers' test would be included.

Mr. C. W. Pipe expressed his views against a set form of dedication service, 'I like to hear something different,' he said.

Mr. J. P. Fidler: 'As one who has attended a few thousand dedication services, I must agree with Mr. Pipe. . . . I do not think it is necessary for the Council to go to the expense of a special form. Each parish has its own form.'

The President: 'Many years ago the Council did draw up a specimen form of service. There are still a few of these in the library.'

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow thought it was probably worth while. The idea, he said, was not to produce a stereotyped form which everybody used, but to produce an indication. The form would have elasticity as one of its main features.

Mr. A. E. Lock asked if the secretary had acquired any knowledge of the Barron Bell Trust that he could pass on.

The hon. secretary said if any member desired to know the terms they could get in touch with him. He knew the name of the present trustee.

The report was adopted.

CARTER'S RINGING MACHINE

The report of the trustees stated that during the year the machine had been demonstrated three times. In July to Mr. Gordon Thwaites, who had undertaken the repair of the Woodhouse machine; in November, 1958, to Southampton University Guild; in February, 1959, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Keifer, of Ithica, New York, U.S.A.. Mr. Keifer with Dr. Robert Walker had produced an electronic change ringer at Cornell University, about which an article appeared in 'The Ringing World.'

On the last occasion an electrical fault was causing two bells to strike together when ringing 12. The demonstrator does not anticipate much difficulty in putting this right. Thanks were expressed to Mr. Douglas Hughes for demonstrating the machine.

Mrs. Staniforth said that arrangements were made the previous night for a demonstration in September.

The report was adopted.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.**REPORT OF THE HON. LIBRARIAN**

Mr. F. W. Perrens reported:—

First and foremost I must record the deep debt of gratitude the Exercise owes to Mr. Frederick Sharpe for his work as our librarian since 1953. Our thanks are also due to Miss Elizabeth Sharpe for managing the sales section of the library during the first half of this year.

Taking into consideration the fact that no new publications were issued by the Council this year, sales have been about normal, with 'Village Bells' easily the 'best seller,' 'Change Ringing on Handbells' second and 'Doubles Methods' third.

By far the greatest demand for what we have not got is for a collection of Minor methods and we have also had a number of requests for a book on tune ringing on handbells. Towards the end of the year 'Change Ringing on Handbells' was reprinted and 1,000 copies added to our stock.

In July I was able to collect the books presented to the library by Mrs. W. D. Turner. These included ten volumes of 'London Ringers and Ringing' and two volumes on 'Surprise Major Methods,' all of which are beautifully written and illustrated by J. A. Trollope. We tender our sincere thanks to Mrs. Turner for these valuable books.

We tender a most hearty 'thank you' also to the following: Mr. E. C. Shepherd for a copy for the library and 150 copies for sale of 'A Handbook of Grandsire Caters.' Mr. F. T. Blagrove for a copy each of 'Campanalogia—Little and Alliance Doubles Methods,' 'Campanalogia—Surprise Methods, 1821-1850,' 'Campanalogia—Triples Methods,' and also for having a dilapidated copy of W. Sottan-stall's 'Elements of Campanalogia' rebound. Mr. F. E. Dukes for copies of 'The Irish Bell News.' Mr. J. Segar for copies of 'Blue Line System.'

Where there are more than two copies of any book in the library printed since 1850 I recommend that they be offered for sale. Previously authority was given to dispose of copies in excess of three.

Quite a large number of orders have already been received for the 'Beginners' Handbook,' which we hope will be on sale early in 1959.

Finally, I most heartily thank Mr. R. F. B. Speed for his willing co-operation and for managing the sales section of the library during the latter half of the year in such an efficient manner. We are indeed grateful to him and his wife for housing such a large stock of publications.

During the year the library sold 1,158 books. Best sellers were 'Village Bells' 243; 'Handbell Ringing' 137; 'Doubles Methods' 123; 'Preservation of Bells' 114.

Mr. F. W. Perrens, in moving the adoption of the report, called attention to the request to dispose of more than two copies of any book in the library. Mr. Speed had already sold 3,250 copies of the 'Beginners' Handbook.

The Standing Committee recommended that the report be adopted and the librarian be given power to dispose of copies in excess of two. Also that the Council record their thanks to Mr. Perrens and Mr. and Mrs. Speed for their work during the year.

The report was adopted.

BROADCASTING AND TV FEATURES

The report of the Broadcasting and Television Committee, of which Mr. H. J. Sanger is convenor, stated:—

Our report this year must begin with mention of the excellent coverage given the visit of the Central Council to Ireland by Radio Eireann. Among other things, the President of the Council (Mr. Frederick Sharpe) gave a short talk on the visit of the Council and answered questions put by Mr. John Ross, of Radio Eireann. Mr. Barnett gave a review of his visit and commented on the bells of Ireland, the standard of ringing, and the terrific enthusiasm of the Irish ringers. There were other mentions of the visit during the weekend programmes, including an interview with Mr. J. Atkinson in 'City Feature.'

CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS

We are very pleased to be able to include news of considerable progress in the North Region with the B.B.C. We have had a very friendly exchange of letters with the Religious Director in which the subject of bell broadcasts has been well ventilated, and at his request we have submitted a list of towers in the area suitable for broadcasting.

In the Midlands, a programme based on the Bull Ring and changing Birmingham included a chat on St. Martin's bells between John Pinfold and Frank E. Haynes. There are also signs of a revival of interest in ringing in this area by the B.B.C.

In the East, the casting of three of the bells for Great Yarmouth Parish Church was the subject of a broadcast item from the White-chapel Bell Foundry. This was of additional interest in that it was within a week of being the centenary of the casting of Big Ben there. In response to their request, the B.B.C. were supplied with a short list of East Anglian towers suitable for broadcasting.

REGRETTED DENIAL

From the London area the most notable event was the rededication of St. Clement Danes', Strand. After the considerable publicity given this event, it was a very great disappointment to all ringers to be denied the pre-service ringing, which was of a very high standard.

In the West we have co-operated very fully with the Religious Director in selecting towers for the winter series of The Faith in the West. Whilst the period of ringing heard from each tower was short, it was well presented and gave many rural ringers the opportunity to show what they are capable of.

From Northern Ireland we are happy to report continued excellent co-operation with the B.B.C.

We hear from Mr. Fred Dukes of a number of broadcasts of bells by Radio Eireann during the year in addition to those mentioned above. These included the bells of Christ Church and St. Patrick's Cathedrals, Dublin, and St. George's, Dublin.

RINGING QUITE FAIR

The standard of Sunday service ringing heard in broadcasts has as usual varied considerably, but in the main has been quite fair. A general improvement would, however, be very welcome. The Christmas broadcast has again been the subject of comment in 'The Ringing World' by an anonymous critic. We consider this to be in poor taste; the whole spirit of the broad-

cast is the presentation of the bells, giving forth the Christmas message of goodwill. The thing we do regret is the very short period on the air given each tower. We hope to discuss this point with the B.B.C. and suggest some ways of making improvements. After some correspondence, we have been able to arrange the issue of advance information of programmes from A.B.C. Television to the Editor of 'The Ringing World.'

'THE ARCHERS'

A listener to the B.B.C. programme 'The Archers' has written to tell us that he noticed a technical error in the New Year broadcast of Ambridge bells, and had pointed this out in a letter to the B.B.C. We feel that if more ringers were as observant as this and took the trouble to point out similar mistakes to the producers concerned, only good would result.

Finally, and perhaps not precisely within our sphere, a delightful film, 'Bachelor of Hearts,' a skit on life in Cambridge, has as a background for a considerable part of its run the bells of St. Andrew's. Quite a number of other bells also are heard in it, some probably faked with tubular bells.

Moving the adoption, Mr. H. Sanger called attention to the excellent leading article by Preb. Martin Wilson.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow seconded.

Mr. J. W. Blythe asked how the list of East Anglia towers supplied to the B.B.C. was selected.

Mr. Sanger: A list of towers has been submitted and they are extremely brief. It has not been our policy to publish it.

CRITICISM OF CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCAST

Mr. G. W. Pipe disagreed that the criticism of the Christmas broadcast was poor taste. He thought it was a good thing. It was there was any poor ringing, people should know.

Mr. Sanger: The paragraph refers to the Christmas message of goodwill. The towers were a general selection and the ringers did their best. We thought it was poor taste for an anonymous critic to offer his criticism in the way it was offered.

Mr. F. E. Dukes said a few years ago they had up before them the question of anonymous letters, and now they had anonymous criticism of the ringing on Christmas Day. What he would like to know was who was the critic and who appointed him? The criticism reminded him of a little boy who stood behind a tree and threw mud at people dressed in their Sunday best. He thought the Council should deplore this criticism. Criticism should be published openly and by someone who knew what he was talking about.

A member: I say that any criticism which is anonymous is no criticism.

The report was adopted.

ELECTION OF AUDITORS

The hon. secretary said that under their constitution they should have two auditors. They were Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. F. W. Perrens. Mr. Perrens was now an officer of the Council. The Standing Committee recommended that Mr. Harold Pitstow be asked to become the second auditor. He moved this and Mr. Perrens seconded. This was agreed to.

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POWERS OF CO-OPTION REPORT

Mr. E. A. Barnett and Mr. W. B. Cartwright reported:—

At the Dublin meeting we were instructed to consider the question of co-option powers and to report on the necessity or otherwise for altering the Council's rules. It will be recalled that the legality of co-opting a member to 'The Ringing World' Committee in pursuance of powers purporting to have been given in 1951 was challenged on the grounds that the rules as amended in 1955 made reference to co-option to the Standing Committee only, and Mr. W. B. Cartwright expressed the view that the action taken in 1951 was, in fact, ultra vires.

had been taken on one or two previous occasions. Thus the Peals Collection Committee in 1945 was granted power to co-opt additional members, and the committee reported in 1946 that they had co-opted Mr. C. W. Woolley, and in 1947 Mr. E. A. Barnett. Therefore, if the action of 'The Ringing World' Committee was ultra vires, then these appointments were also wrong.

The point to be considered, therefore, is as to whether or not the rules should be altered to give committees (apart from the Standing Committee) power to co-opt.

One objection to the practice is that a committee can maintain its strength or add to its numbers by this means without the matter coming before the Council in the normal way. As the rules do not lay down the number of members of any committee except the Standing Committee, it is open to the Council at any meeting to appoint additional members to committees. It would appear that there is nothing to stop a committee from going outside its ranks to obtain advice or information on a particular point. If a committee desires to avail itself of the services of a member of the Council who is not on that committee there is no reason why it should not do so, and should it subsequently wish to add that member to its ranks, permission could be sought at the next Council meeting. This procedure has been followed on a number of occasions in recent years.

Our view is, therefore, that no real need exists for committees generally to be given co-option powers, and our recommendation is that, apart from the Standing Committee, who have the power to co-opt under Rule 11 (ii), committees should not be given co-option powers. If this is agreed no amendment to the Rules is required.

The hon. secretary said, in short, they felt that no change in the rules was necessary. In other words, the Standing Committee would retain its powers to co-opt up to two members but other members would not have power to co-opt. There was nothing to stop a committee going outside its ranks to obtain information and advice. He moved the adoption of the report. Mr. Cartwright seconded.

Mr. W. G. Wilson congratulated Messrs. Barnett and Cartwright in writing a report and saying what he said last year at Dublin. He was very pleased that they had come round to the right way of dealing with it.

Mr. Cartwright: 'I don't think we have come round in any way.'

The report was adopted.

(To be continued)

RECORD LENGTH FAILURE

We are informed that the attempt for a peal of 9,568 Spliced Surprise Major at Over, Cheshire, on May 23rd, failed after 5,920 changes had been rung because of a broken rope. A further attempt will be made in the near future.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION'S HOSPITALITY

Council Entertained To Dinner

THE eve of the Central Council meeting was made memorable by the dinner given by the Lancashire Association at the Palace Hotel, Southport. The president of the Association (the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith) and the secretary (Mr. Fred Dunkerley) welcomed the company of 220 members and lady friends. Included in the guests were the Bishop of Liverpool (the Rt. Rev. Clifford Martin), the president of the Council and Mrs. Sharpe, the vice-president, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin J. Lewis and the hon. secretary (Mr. E. H. Barnett) and Mrs. Barnett. The gathering and hospitality were amongst the happiest in the annals of the Exercise. The president, who presided, gave the toast of 'The Queen.'

The president of the Council in proposing 'The Church and the Exercise' said the toast was most appropriate for such a happy occasion. The Church existed solely as a means of spreading the Gospel of Christ and as a means of obtaining salvation of souls. They all had their duty to do, not only in the belfry but to bring the knowledge of God to those with whom they came in contact.

THE SATURDAY MEETINGS

The Exercise came in in bringing the knowledge of God to their fellow men. Every Saturday afternoon up and down the length and breadth of the country there were some 20 or 30 gatherings of ringers—first to ring, then to attend a church service and afterwards to sit down to the fellowship of a meal. It combined everything they needed in exercise, fellowship and service to God, and they proclaimed the Gospel of Christ in a way that at times must make people think.

The best results in their belfries was when the clergy took an active interest in the ringers, and this applied to their Diocese, where the Bishop was a ringer. This was a great asset to any Diocese. They also had another clergyman as the president of their Association, and he always thought it was better to have a clergyman at the head of their Diocesan Guild than a layman.

As he travelled around the countryside he saw many different churches. He had examined the bells in 2,000 churches and seen 2,000 incumbents and heard their story and also the stories of 2,000 captains of ringers. Sometimes one was able to pour oil on troubled waters. To-day they saw a far greater interest in the Church than in his early days, because he had lived through the period of the Church going into decay and was witnessing its revival because greater interest was being taken in spiritual things now than 10 or 15 years ago. Their secretary was a example of a fine layman and a member of the Exercise and they appreciated what he had done for their Association, the Exercise and the Central Council. (Applause.)

The Bishop of Liverpool, in his reply, said he did not want them to put much emphasis on his ringing. 'I can just about ring in rounds. I know all the trials and troubles and the humiliation of getting your bell to stand. I know what happens when your bell comes down on you, and I have been rescued once or twice.'

THE BISHOP'S BELL

The Bishop recounted that he learned to handle a bell at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, under Mr. Tom Myers. When the news came through that he was leaving they pushed him through and he received his certificate of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. At one tower he rang at they asked him which bell he would take. He replied 'No. 5.' After he had rung they put up a little tablet inscribed 'The Bishop's Bell.'

The Church was not like the building at the corner of the street but consisted of all of them who were admitted by baptism. They were all the great family of God and if people would only get that idea into their minds the Church would be stronger than it was to-day.

The job of the Church was not just to keep the machinery of it going or the Exercise going; the job was to make its message known far and wide. 'You ringers have to see that the message is known widely; let the bells be heard. Our task is to help people to understand what it is all about. It is because people did not know that they got the wrong end of the scale about their religion and look at it from the popular Press.'

RINGING PROGRESSING

Proposing the toast of 'Our Guests,' Mr. Fred Dunkerley said they would all have recognised by now what a human bishop they had. He was loved by all in Lancashire.

It was a great pleasure to the Lancashire Association to have the visit of the Central Council; their last visit was 27 years ago and they were all deeply conscious of the honour, and they were doing their best to make the visitors happy while they were there.

'Make no mistake, the art of campanology is rising to a greater height than ever before. This is evident in Spliced Surprise. In that direction I would like to mention the name of Pitman. He is a very unassuming man but it is due to his skill that we have progressed.'

Mr. Dunkerley concluded by expressing the hope that the Council would return to Lancashire in the not too distant future.

ARCHBISHOP'S INTEREST

The Rev. Gilbert Thurlow, who replied, said he would like to give the Bishop full marks for his extremely fine article in 'The Ringing World.' He recalled the interest of the two Archbishops in ringing, how the Archbishop of York said that gramophone bells were the invention of the devil, and how the Archbishop of Canterbury insisted on visiting the ringers in the belfry and saying 'Thank you' to them.

Among the stories told by the Vicar of Great Yarmouth was of a certain public house in the West Country known as 'The Cock.' A certain diocesan bishop stayed there a night and they were so thrilled by his visit that they asked the Bishop if they could change the name of the inn and call it after him.

The Bishop agreed, and when he next passed the inn he noticed the newly-painted sign 'The Bishop of So-and-So' and then underneath 'This is the old Cock.' He thanked the Lancashire Association for a memorable week-end with its unsurpassed hospitality.

On the Tuesday morning the Bishop of Liverpool was the celebrant at Holy Communion in Christ Church, which was attended by about 100 members of the Council. Assisting in the service were the Revs. R. D. St. J. Smith and A. G. G. Thurlow.

Gratefully Acknowledged

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Yorkshire Association's Healthier Financial Position

THE annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association took place in glorious weather at Selby Abbey on May 9th, and attracted a large attendance representative of each of the four Districts. The fine ring of bells was at the disposal of members during the afternoon and evening, and methods rung ranged from Grandsire Caters to Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

A brief service was held in the Abbey at 4.15 p.m., conducted by the Vicar, who welcomed the Association to Selby and spoke in appreciative terms of the services rendered by the ringers to the Church.

Following tea at the Hawdon Institute the business meeting was held, when the chair was taken by Archdeacon C. O. Ellison, president of the Association, supported by Mr. L. W. G. Morris, hon. general secretary, Mr. G. Benfield, hon. treasurer, and Mr. W. E. Critchley, hon. peal secretary. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. G. S. Lee, B. Sutton, P. Birkett and H. Chant.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, arranging the service and providing facilities for the meeting was moved by the general secretary, who spoke of the warm welcome the Association always received at Selby, and the arrangements made for their convenience and comfort merited their greatest thanks. Mr. J. Gibson seconded, and the motion was carried with applause. A similar vote of thanks to the local company for the excellent arrangements made and to the ladies who had so kindly officiated at the tea tables was accorded on the motion of Mr. L. M. Woodhead, seconded by Mr. E. Hudson.

128 NEW MEMBERS

In presenting the 83rd annual report, the president drew attention to a welcome increase in membership—128 new members having been admitted during the year which included 89 resident members. The increased subscription rate had had the desired effect, and had been loyally accepted by the great majority of members, resulting in the hon. treasurer's accounts being the best he has been able to report for many years. A word of warning was given, however, that although the accounts showed a bigger balance, there were certain heavy printing expenses looming ahead.

The past year has been unfortunately marked by the death of old and valued members in the persons of Mr. P. J. Johnson, Mr. J. Hardcastle, Mr. J. Stott and Mr. W. Allwood. Mr. Johnson joined the Association in 1901, and had throughout his ringing career been a staunch and loyal supporter of it, having held the offices of general secretary (16 years) and vice-president (25 years) with distinction. He had also represented Yorkshire ringers on the Central Council for no less than 46 years, being one of the longest serving members of that body. The death of Mr. J. Hardcastle, of Bradford, severed the last link in a ringing family which commenced in the 18th century, for both his father and grandfather were prominent ringers, the former being for many years the conductor at Bradford Parish Church—now the Cathedral. He was in his 88th year and had been a member of the Bradford Cathedral company for 60 years and secretary of the company for 40 years. He would perhaps be best remembered for his great work in connection with the restoration of the Cathedral bells in 1921—acknowledged by common consent to be one of the finest rings of ten in existence.

Mr. Hardcastle was one of the party which toured Australia in 1934 under the organisation of the late Mr. W. H. Fussell, and took part in the one and only 12-bell peal ever rung on the Australian Continent, this being Grandsire

Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, Victoria, conducted by the late Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

The death of Mr. J. Stott, of Thirsk, removed a stalwart who had rung at his parish church for over 60 years. He was a great churchman and his example to and encouragement of young ringers ensured a band was maintained at Thirsk during his long connection with the belfry. Although not resident in the county, Mr. W. Allwood was an active member in the Southern District, and had taken part in many peals in that area.

The peal secretary's report showed that 140 peals had been rung during the year—124 on tower bells and 16 on handbells, and the conducting was shared by 39 conductors. Thirty-eight members had rung their first peal and three members their first handbell peal. Glasgow Surprise Major, Gainsborough Surprise Major and Dorchester Surprise Major figured in the lists for the first time. Mr. W. Barton had passed his 300th peal and Mr. R. H. Dove had reached his 100th peal for the Association during the year.

The balance sheet recorded a gain for the year of £52 6s. 10d. The report concludes by expressing thanks to the principal officers, District officers and all who have given liberally of their time to the welfare of the Association during the past year. The report was unanimously adopted on the motion of Mr. J. Seager, seconded by Miss M. E. Wilkinson.

GENERAL SECRETARY FOR 21 YEARS

The president announced that the general secretary had now completed 21 years' tenure of office, and he felt conscious, as he was sure they all did, of the very great debt of gratitude the Association owed to Mr. Morris for the very faithful and able service he had rendered over such a long period. Mr. Morris had often expressed his desire to relinquish the office, but appreciating that the Association had not yet completely emerged from a difficult phase through which it was passing, had indicated his willingness to once again accept nomination, as he felt that at the moment it would be an unfair burden to place on the shoulders of a new and inexperienced successor.

The committee had been pleased to accept the offer and had unanimously decided that Mr. Morris should be their nominee. On the motion of Mr. S. H. Steel, seconded by Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton, Mr. Morris was unanimously re-elected to serve for the next triennial period. Mr. W. E. Critchley was also unanimously re-elected peal secretary coupled with thanks for the exacting work the office demanded, requiring not only skill but close attention to detail.

For the next meeting, due on September 19th, Mr. W. Barton extended a kind invitation to visit Pudsey, where the bells had been recast and rehung since the Association's last visit. This was seconded by Mr. N. Chaddock and unanimously accepted. The president reminded members that the Snowdon dinner this year would be held at York on October 24th by kind invitation of the York Minster Society, when the committee hoped to once more rely on the loyal support of the general membership and so ensure its success.

On the motion of Mr. W. E. Critchley, seconded by Mr. V. Bottomley, the following out-county members were elected: Mrs. R. M. Cook, Mrs. E. Silcock, Messrs. N. Tompkins, M. Phipps and M. S. Birdsall. This concluded the business, following which further ringing was enjoyed on the Abbey bells.

LETTERS

LAYMAN'S APPRECIATION

Dear Sir,—During a recent (unsuccessful) peal attempt by the local band at Folkestone, a visitor unexpectedly called at the Vicarage and presented the following poem which he had written while listening to the bells. The second line is as originally written.

'Ringing from those mighty bells

Praises which forever tells
Peace of mind for all within
Casting off the cloak of sin;
House of beauty unsurpassed
Built by men of craft to last
Through the centuries of time
Ravaged but by Nature's clime:
Let the bells ring loud and clear,
Thank the Lord that you are here,
Enter in His house divine;
Peace be unto thee and thine.'

In view of the recent correspondence about bells it is pleasant to know that there are still a few 'laymen' who appreciate our efforts.—Yours faithfully,

Folkestone.

J. R. HOUGH.

RINGERS RECEIVING MAUNDY MONEY

Dear Sir,—Mr. John H. Conquest, a ringer at Leighton Buzzard Parish Church, and Mr. Tom Scott, an old Hertfordshire ringer, both received the Royal Maundy money from Queen Elizabeth II in St. Albans Abbey in 1957.—Yours sincerely,
H. B. WHITNEY.
Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.

PUTNEY RINGERS' OUTING

On May 9th Putney ringers and their friends set out for their annual outing, blessed by their usual fine weather.

The first stop was at the pleasant six at Bearstead, near Maidstone, a fine ring for its great age. At Charing (6) the bells, unfortunately, were not in keeping with the splendid church. In the fine Norman tower at New Romney (8) the bells go well, but the tenor seems to be very flat. This anti-clockwise ring especially delighted our Kingston friends! We then struck across Romney Marsh to Lydd (8), where the bells, the welcome and the church were all of the highest order. At Rye (8), after tea, we enjoyed the rehanging ring at this magnificent church. Then came the pleasant six at the small church at Beckley. The last stop was made at Rolvenden (8), a good octave but one which, unfortunately, seems to be rarely used.

Ringing, to suit all abilities, ranged from rounds to Surprise.
A. C.

FIFTY YEARS AGO FROM 'THE BELL NEWS'

May 29th, 1909

Peals recorded: Grandsire Caters 1, London Surprise Major 1, Superlative Surprise Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 2, Double Norwich 2, Treble Bob Major 5, Bob Major 2, Stedman Triples 5, Grandsire Triples 5, Minor 4, Doubles 1. Total 27.

In course peals of Double Norwich Major by Joseph W. Parker occupies two and a half pages.

In a letter, R. A. Daniel has this to say: "Campanology" is a Double Bastard. Originally it was "Campanalogy," which Mr. Hall will probably admit to be a trifle less barbarous. But in neither form has it ever, among sensible people, been used to express the exercise of ringing. It has been observed that it would be as reasonable to call dung "Stercology" or to describe a butcher as a "Carnologist." As for "Bellology" I thank heaven I have never heard of this term before, and I hope never to hear of it again.

In these days of fancy names, 'anyone any bright ideas?'

OBITUARY

MR. FRANK BARRETT

With deep regret we report the tragic death of Mr. Frank Barrett, a well-known ringer of St. Aldate's, Oxford. He was killed in a motorcycle accident on May 15th.

Frank had been a ringer at St. Aldate's since his father, the late Albert Barrett, first started to teach him to ring some six or seven years ago. He learnt quickly and soon became a most able and skilled ringer. At the time of his death he had rung 97 peals and had been trying in the last few weeks to bring this up to the round 100 before his 18th birthday—an event which was celebrated by the ringing of a peal by some of his friends at Garsington on April 18th.

'His death is all the more tragic to us,' writes Mr. J. Venn (tower captain), 'as he had been helping to decorate the ringing chamber of our tower after the rehangings of the bells and before the rededication of the bells, and was looking forward to calling the first peal on them—the first to be rung at St. Aldate's for very many years. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his mother and brother in their sad bereavement.'

MR. GEORGE BAKER

We regret to learn that Mr. George Baker, formerly of Brighton, and recently living with his daughter in New Zealand, passed away in his sleep on May 14th in his 92nd year.

While at Christchurch he was visited twice by Mr. Sloan, the secretary of the Christchurch Cathedral ringers. He also had the pleasure of taking tea with Mr. and Mrs. Sloan, and was thrilled to be able to see and handle the late Mr. Jas. S. Wilde's beautiful set of handbells, which he bequeathed to Christchurch Cathedral.

Mr. and Mrs. Sloan are now on their way to England to attend the Oxford ringing festival.

MRS. L. A. WHITE

With deep regret we record the passing of Mrs. Lilian Ada White (nee Willson), which occurred on May 11th after a long illness. She was the eldest of four daughters of the late William Willson, of Leicester.

In her younger days she was not only a brilliant pianist (A.R.C.M.) but a talented ringer, having rung some 30 or 40 peals for the old Midland Counties Association, one of which—Kent T.B. Major—she conducted. The methods she rang included all the standard methods and the better-known Surprise, but the outstanding performance was to be included in the first ladies' peal ever rung. This was on July 20th, 1912, when she rang the third at Christ Church, Cubitt Town. She was also in the first peal of Surprise by an entire Leicester band—Superlative, at St. John-the-Divine's, where in later years her father gave the two treble bells to make them one of the finest rings of ten in the Midlands.

At the end of 1915 she married the late T. Henry Hardy, also a very fine ringer and singer, and the present writer was 'best man' for that occasion. Harry was badly knocked about in the first Great War, and died suddenly in 1922, just before the first peal on the newly-augmented 12 at St. Margaret's, Leicester, was due to be rung. He was to have taken part in this, but instead it was rung half-muffled to his memory, his father-in-law, William Willson, taking his place. They had one son, Ronald Willson Hardy, who is now a school teacher in Leicester. Many years later Lilian married Mr. Bert White, but owing to failing health was not able to take an active part in ringing, although her interest in the art remained.

E. M.

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BIRTH

BIRT.—On May 7th, 1959, at Old Windsor Hospital, to Audrey and Jeffery Birt, a daughter, Elizabeth Sarah—a sister for Nigel Graham. 4402

DEATH

WHITE.—On May 11th, 1959, at the Leicester Infirmary, Lilian Ada, eldest daughter of the late William Willson, aged 66 years, a founder member of the Ladies' Guild and participant in the first ladies' peal at Cubitt Town. 4438

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. D. Beacham is now 74, Prestbury Road, Cheltenham, Glos. 4425

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FOUR good second-hand Pritchard's bell ropes wanted, length 50 feet; heaviest bell 6 cwt.—Box No. 4426, 'The Ringing World' Office, Onslow Street, Guildford. 4426

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Summer tour, to be held from July 12th to 22nd, in Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, cycling and youth hostelling. Will anyone who is interested please contact as soon as possible Miss M. Ross, Langdale Hall, Victoria Park, Manchester, 14. 4407

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS.—Tour, July 25th to August 15th: Shrewsbury, Bristol, Stratford-on-Avon—second notice. Will members and anyone interested please contact Miss Carol Eustace, 26, Vicarage Road, Rugby, for details. 4435

GREAT YARMOUTH PARISH CHURCH.—Civic Charter thanksgiving and blessing of bells by the Dean of Norwich prior to their hanging in tower, Sunday, June 21st, at 3 p.m. (Ringing opening October 31st.) All welcome. 4442

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, May 30th, 6 p.m. Ringing at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 4 p.m. 4394

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Meeting, St. Nicholas', Hereford, 3 p.m., Saturday, May 30th Service 4.30 p.m. 4400

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting, Warehorne (6), Saturday May 30th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. T. H. 4433

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Wouldham, Saturday, May 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 4368

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 30th, at Feltham, Ringing, 3 to 5 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., in Parish Hall, followed by business meeting and further ringing till 8 p.m. Church near Feltham Station (S.R.). Nos. 117 and 237 buses from Hounslow, 90b from Hayes or Richmond. Gentlemen cordially invited. 4392

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, May 30th, at Biggleswade (8). Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 4386

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, June 1st, 7 p.m. 4413

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, June 3rd, 6.30 p.m. Visitors welcome. 4417

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Dean on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, business meeting and further ringing. Please do not fail to notify me by Wednesday if tea required. Owing to poor bus service, will those with spare car seats and those needing transport please contact me as soon as possible.—R. L. Piron, Dis. Sec., 8, Bowhill, Bedford (Bedford 61835). 4437

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Bishop's Itchington, on Saturday, June 6th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. Names for tea to P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa. The bells of Burton Dassett will also be available from 6 to 8 p.m. 4405

DEVON GUILD.—Annual festival, Exeter, Saturday, June 6th. Service, St. Mark's, 3.15 p.m., addressed by the Bishop of Exeter. Tea and meeting at St. Mark's Parish Hall. Numbers for tea to Rev. C. G. Poulton, St. Mark's Vicarage, 36, Polsloe Road, Exeter. Ringing arrangements: The Cathedral, 1.30 to 3 and 7.30 to 8.30; St. Thomas', 1 to 2.30; St. David's, 2 to 3; St. Mark's, 2 to 3.15; Heavitree, 6.15 to 7.15; Newton St. Cyres, 7.30 to 9 p.m. 4385

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, Saturday, June 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 3rd, to Mr. R. A. Gofton, 18, Elmwood Road, Whitley Bay, Northumberland. 4431

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Harston (6), on Saturday, June 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 4430

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Crusader meeting, North Ockendon, Saturday, June 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. Bailey, 8, West Road, South Ockendon. 4397

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Tortworth (6), Saturday, June 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notify by June 3rd Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 4428

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—St. Paul's, Walden, Saturday, June 6th, 5.30 p.m. Special method: Norwich Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 4419

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, All Saints', Whitstable, Saturday, June 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss H. Palmer, 37, Clare Road, Whitstable. 4401

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Penshurst, Saturday, June 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names for tea, with cash, please, by June 2nd to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 4377

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Bicker, near Donington, Saturday, June 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Monday, June 1st, to Mrs. A. Richardson, Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. 4380

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Ibstock, Leics, Saturday, June 6th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 4th to Mrs. A. E. Rowley, 3, Penistone Street, Ibstock, Leics. 4423

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Ribchester on Saturday, June 6th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 4408

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Singleton, Saturday, June 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea kindly provided by Vicar and Ladies' Committee.—John F. Turner. 4436

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Practice meeting at Kirkby Lonsdale, Saturday, June 6th. Ringing 2.30 to 8 p.m. Names for tea to E. Proctor, 7, Greenside, Kirkby Lonsdale, Westmorland.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 4436

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting, Waddington (now augmented to six bells), Saturday, June 6th. Tea for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 4398

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Joint meeting with Hertford County Association at All Saints', Harrow Weald, on Saturday, June 6th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing at St. John's, Stanmore.—D. T. C. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4418

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Marchington on Saturday, June 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, June 3rd, to W. H. Appleby, The Rise, Marchington, Uttoxeter, Staffs.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 4439

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Shenley, on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by May 30th R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 4387

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Summer meeting at Witney (8) on Saturday, June 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Prayers 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by June 4th to David Smith, Merryfield, Witney. 4415

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—Meeting, Hazelbeech, Saturday, June 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to E. Thresher, 22, Watson Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 4425

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Yetminster, Saturday, June 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Visitors welcome. Please notify by June 3rd R. N. Longridge, Bourton Vicarage, Gillingham. 4403

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Bratton (6), Saturday, June 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea to E. J. Hitchens, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 4406

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Cup contest meeting at Old Whittington, 3 p.m., Saturday, June 6th. Names for tea to Mr. G. Newman, 54, Brearley Avenue, New Whittington, Chesterfield.—J. Seager, Sec. 4416

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A District meeting will be held at Rougham (6) on Saturday, June 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All are welcome, but names for tea, please, to L. Wright, Dis. Sec., 5, Horringer Road, Bury St. Edmunds. 4421

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Advanced practice meeting, Kingston-on-Thames, 7 p.m., Saturday, June 6th. Surprise methods only will be rung.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 4380

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Horsham (8), Saturday, June 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday, please.—I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turners Hill. 4427

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting at Christchurch on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available: Hinton Admiral (5), from 2.30 p.m.; Christchurch (12), from 5.30 to 8 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. The Priory Restaurant, Christchurch. Meeting in belfry. Names for tea by June 4th to W. T. Godfrey, Pinehurst, Shorefield Way, Milford-on-Sea, Lynton, Hants. 4404

BEDS AND HERTS ASSOCIATIONS.—Summer festival at Hertford on Saturday, June 13th. Service at All Saints' 4.30 p.m. Tea at St. John's Hall (adjoining) 5 p.m. Ringing at Great Hornead (6) 9.30 to 11 a.m.; Braughing (8), 10 a.m. to 12 noon; Standon (6), 11 to 12.30; Much Hadham (8), 11.30 to 1 p.m.; Widford (6), 2 to 3 p.m.; Hunsdon (8), 2 to 3.30; Ware (8), 2.30 to 4; Bengoe (8) and St. Andrew's (8), 3 to 4 p.m.; All Saints' (10), 3 to 4.30; St. Andrew's, 6 to 7.30; Bengoe and All Saints', 6.30; Hertingfordbury (6), 7 p.m. Names for tea essential by previous Wednesday to Mrs. H. V. Frost, 43, Leyland Avenue, St. Albans. 4432

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Felsted, Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Boote House Café by arrangement only. Numbers must be sent by Wednesday, 10th, to Mrs. M. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking, Braintree. Business meeting in Old Schoolroom. 4409

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The summer festival will be held in the Guildford District on Saturday, June 13th. Service, Cranleigh, 3.30 p.m., addressed by the Archdeacon of Surrey. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, June 9th, to Mr. D. A. Kirk, 30, The Drive, Cranleigh. Ringing arrangements: Haslemere, 10.30 to 11.30; Witley, 11 to 12; Godalming, 11.15 to 12.30; Hascombe, 1.30 to 2.30; Dunsfold, 1.30 to 2.30; Ewhurst, 2 to 3.15; Cranleigh, 2.30 to 3.30. Service and tea: Bramley, 5.45 to 7; Wonsersh, 5.45 to 7; Shalford, 6.30 to 7.30; Albury, 7.30 to 9; Shere, 7.30 to 9 p.m.—D. A. Kirk, Dis. Sec. 4420

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, Llantwit-Major, Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea, please, by June 8th.—J. S. King. 4422

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Newton, near Folkingham, Saturday, June 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Bring own food—cups of tea provided. Folkingham bells available in the evening.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 4440

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davertry Branch.—Meeting, Staverton, Saturday, June 13th. Names for tea by Monday previous to Mrs. C. Hall, Church Street, Staverton, Daventry.—F. W. Hancock. 4424

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Annual meeting at St. David's, Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carmar. 4412

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Ellesmere, Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. Whitehead, 2, Beech House, Ellesmere. No names no tea. 4434

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Nottingham District) and **LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD** (Loughborough District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, June 13th, Bunney (6), 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Thursday, June 11th, to S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington. 4414

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Godstone, Saturday, June 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. A. K. Wood, 18, White Cottages, Holland, Oxted. 4411

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—Annual dinner at the Guildhall, Chelmsford, Saturday, October 10th, 1959. Further details later.—F. V. G. 4441

QUARTER PEALS

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Cooper 1, J. Murphy 2, E. Whiting 3, R. F. Baker (cond.) 4, J. W. Allen 5. For St. George's Day.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On May 12th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Grandsire and 1,020 Plain Bob, with 1, 2 leading): Christine Meade (13) 1, Carole Lewis (14) 2, S. Rush (14, first quarter) 3, Mrs. F. D. Belson 4, N. Belson 5, G. W. Limmer 6, G. Gilbert (cond.) 7, Brenda Stainthorpe (15) 8. Longest length by 1 and 2. For Confirmation service.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Norris 1, Mrs. N. Norris 2, C. Cook 3, H. Hodgetts 4, T. Ashby 5, J. Rootes 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, D. Cobb 8. For Whit Sunday Evensong.

BUSHLEY, WORCS.—On May 9th, 1,260 Chase Bob Doubles: A. Hawkes (first quarter) 1, J. V. Temple (first in method) 2, M. Hawkes (cond.) 3, P. D. Warren 4, E. W. Penn 5, A. Halling (first in method) 6.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.—On May 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Duesbury 1, Miss A. Pryke 2, I. Cooper 3, J. Felgate 4, W. Rouse 5, W. Felgate 6, S. Leach 7, U. Wildney (cond.) 8.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On May 12th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Martin's, All Saints and Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): C. E. Hill 1, W. T. Hill 2, R. G. Jones 3, H. Turner (cond.) 4, H. J. Olivier 5. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jones.

KILBURN, N.W.—On May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Bradburn (first quarter) 1, Audrey Barker 2, Gillian Poplewell 3, Ruth How 4, J. Clark-Maxwell 5, D. C. Birkinshaw (cond.) 6.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie P. Colegrove 1, Joan M. Cheney 2, J. R. Haycock 3, W. C. Budd 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, T. J. Frodsham 6. A farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. C. T. P. Powell), who is to become Rector of St. Laurence's Church, Lighthorne, Warwick. Rung by the Sunday service band.

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