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OUR HOSTS THIS WHITSUN The Llandaff and Monmouth Association

IN 1893 the Diocese of Llandaff covered a very large geographical area comprising the whole of Monmouthshire and the greater part of Glamorgan. There was at that time a ring of ten bells, at St. John's, Cardiff, eleven rings of eight and quite a number of sixes and fives scattered over the Diocese. Change ringing bands were limited to four or five at the most.

This was the situation on October 13th, 1893, when, mainly through the efforts of Mr. Evan Davies, of Caerleon, a meeting was held at Llandaff to consider the advisability of forming an association. The Bishop of Llandaff presided, and the minutes record that a large number of ringers attended. The Bishop was elected president, Evan Davies the first Master, and the Rev. Minor Canon Downing the first secretary. Evan Davies was a schoolmaster at Caerleon and did a great deal of work to further the interests of change ringing in the area. He collected a band together at Caerleon, where there were then six bells, and taught them change ringing. Later he had two additional bells cast and hung them in the tower himself.

Canon Downing was succeeded as secretary in 1895 by the Rev. D. H. Griffiths, of St. John's, Cardiff. In this year the bells of St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, were increased from six to eight and on June 7th, 1898, the first peal on ten bells, Grandsire Caters, was rung for the Association at Cardiff. Mr. Griffiths resigned in 1899 and his place was taken by Mr. J. W. Jones and Canon Price, who acted as joint secretaries. From the start Mr. Jones did all the work and became the sole secretary a couple of years later. He remained in office for 46 years, until his retirement in 1945; his yeoman service and leadership enabled the Association to make great progress both in membership and in the spread of change ringing. He was succeeded in 1945 by Mr. F. J. Hannington, of Cardiff, who has nobly continued with the good work up to the present time, but intends to hand over his duties immediately after the Central Council meeting. It is a fitting climax to his seventeen years of hard work to be the prime executive in arranging for the Central Council to visit Wales this year. Mr. Hannington has been a most regular ringer for almost 40 years despite the handicap of having lost an arm in an accident shortly after the First World War.

A study of the peal book in the early years is interesting; in the first seventeen years to 1909 only 69 peals were rung, giving a yearly average of four. From 1910 to 1913 the bell hangers were active in the area and new rings of eight were installed at Radyr, Caerphilly, Llanbradach and Pontypridd, whilst Marshfield and Machen were augmented to eight. This gave an impetus to peal ringing and the years 1911-1914 produced 131 peals. The early peals were all of either Grandsire or Plain Bob and the first peal of Stedman was not recorded until 1911; after that peals of Stedman and Treble Bob were fairly frequent. Miss Ethel Pacey was the first lady member to score a peal, at Rumney on December 13th, 1913.

The year 1914 saw the Association in quite a flourishing state with nearly all the eight- and six-bell towers having their regular Sunday Service change ringing band. The First World War then had its effects, depleting many of the bands. Several ladies were recruited to fill the gaps and a complete band of lady ringers was established at Rumney. Only ten peals were rung during the war years,

In 1913 St. Woolos', Newport, bells were augmented to ten and a further augmentation in 1939 gave the Association its first and only ring of twelve bells. Llandaff Cathedral bells were increased to ten in 1920, making three rings of ten at that time.

During 1921 the new Diocese of Monmouth was created and the question arose as to the splitting up of the Association. It was decided to continue as one Association, but to alter the title to its present form, the Bishops of the two Dioceses to act as joint presidents. Many years later, in 1953, two Branches were formed within the Association, each covering a Diocese.

In the early 1920's Mr. Fred Chamberlain was the leading conductor in the area, most of his peals being of Grandsire or Stedman Caters. Unfortunately a railway accident cut short his ringing career. On July 27th, 1922, a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung at St. Peter's, Pentre, by the local band. This band was the first in the area to advance beyond the four standard methods and they later achieved peals of Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major.

From 1925 onwards Mr. A. J. Pitman, of Aberavon, was busy with his compositions and, with him in the band, many of his new compositions were rung on the delightful eight at Bridgend. These included the first peal of Spliced Triples (Union and Grandsire), and the first of London Bob Triples. Peals of Grandsire, New Grandsire, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and St. Iltyd's were rung in various combinations. During the years 1919-1939 517 peals were rung, an average of 26 peals per year.

Llandaff Cathedral was very badly damaged by enemy air action during the war, but the bells were not destroyed; they had to await the restoration of the tower before ringing again in 1953. The whole building has been rebuilt and is well worth a visit. At the present time there is a very youthful and enthusiastic band making steady progress on both tower- and handbells.

Probably the most musical ring of ten is that at Abergavenny and this was installed in 1948, and a further ring of ten has been installed at Chepstow. Here the old eight were removed and, with two added bells, most of the work of rehangings was carried out by local craftsmen. Post-war augmentations included a handy ring of six at Sully, and a light eight at Newton Nottage.

Immediately after the war very few peals were rung by resident bands, but since that time there has been a steady stream of new recruits of both sexes. In 1952 the first peal on twelve bells by a resident band was rung at St. Woolos', conducted by Jack Worrall, whose keenness and ability at that time produced many peals, including the first on handbells.

Very recently a further peal of Surprise Major, Yorkshire, has been rung by a resident band and the young lads at Llandaff have made rapid progress in handbell ringing to peal standard. During the past ten years an average of thirty peals a year have been rung and the total number of peals is now 1,191.

The membership of the Association now totals 250. Like many other Associations we have far too many silent towers and others are only partly manned, but it is encouraging to note that there are several bands making very good progress, and some of the younger ringers are already showing signs of developing into the conductors required for the future. There is a very real responsibility on the shoulders of the members to ensure that this rising generation of ringers is given every encouragement and not allowed to be wasted,
M. J. P.

A Welcome to Wales

By the REV. I. J. RICHARDS,

Hon. Treasurer of the Llandaff & Monmouth Diocesan Association.

We are looking forward with the greatest pleasure to the visit of the Central Council to the capital of Wales. We can assure the members of a warm welcome in the city which over the years has entertained thousands in its sporting arena and which can provide many facilities for ringers within a short distance of its centre.

We hope you will visit Llandaff Cathedral, most beautifully restored after its severe bombing during the war, reminding us of its long history of witness to the Christian Faith from the earliest centuries.

The Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist stands in the centre of the city, its tower dominating the busy streets, and nearby there is the Castle, which you cannot fail to see. We hope, too, that you will like the civic buildings, some of the finest of their kind.

This is the second time you have been invited to Cardiff. On the first occasion the meeting was cancelled owing to the outbreak of war in 1939. We are very happy to renew the invitation and wish members of the Council to know that it is no less sincere than it was almost a quarter of a century ago.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

West Lindsey Branch

A new bell left to the church by the late Rev. B. H. N. Nugent Wilson, who was Vicar of Upton for 27 years, made the Upton meeting of the West Lindsey Branch on May 18th of special interest as at the service, attended by Guild members and parishioners, the new bell was dedicated.

Afternoon ringing was on five bells and prior to the service local ringers took over and rang down. During the service the new treble was dedicated by the Rev. Hugh Mansfield-Williams, who is himself a ringer and a Guild member. Immediately afterwards the local band raised the six and the criticisms and remarks of the listeners can well be imagined!

Fifty-four members sat down to an excellent tea, provided by ringers' wives, and the business meeting followed.

More ringing then took place with members who had to depart early eagerly trying the fresh ring before making for their cars or the bus stop. The general verdict was that Taylors had done a good job and Upton now has a useful ring of six, besides having a permanent memorial to a loved vicar and friend.

Elloe Deaneries Branch

Good use was made of the bells of Moulton Parish Church, where the quarterly meeting of the Elloe Deaneries Branch was held on May 19th. The new Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Cory) conducted the service, and a substantial meat tea was provided in the old Grammar School building.

Mr. R. E. Noon presided at the business meeting, when two new members were elected and donations of one guinea each sent to Melbourne Cathedral and Kilifi, Kenya. appeals. Mr. J. G. Ames proposed an omnibus vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting. Future events: Evening meeting, Quadring, June 30th; quarterly, Fulney, July 14th.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

SINCE its formation in 1899, the Lincoln Diocesan Guild has held its annual meeting on the last Saturday in April and, traditionally, Lincoln has been its venue. The 1962 annual meeting followed this established pattern and some 140 members, together with visitors from as far afield as Cambridge, gathered.

During the morning ringing took place at Branston, Waddington and Washingborough, and in the afternoon in Lincoln at the Churches of St. Botolph, St. Peter-at-Gowts and St. Giles and at the Cathedral.

Many members attended Evensong in the Cathedral, and this was followed by tea in the Tithe Barn. Once again the Guild was indebted to ringers' wives for their efforts in providing the tea.



Normally, at the annual meeting, one seems to be faced with purely routine matters, but this year was an exception, for the meeting had to consider three items of some importance. First, the meeting was to see the results of the efforts instigated at the annual meeting in 1961 to provide a suitable memorial to the late John A. Freeman; second, to receive and consider an annual report, with fuller information than previous ones had contained; and, last but by no means least, to consider a resolution calling for increased annual subscriptions, amongst other things.

MASTER'S BADGE OF OFFICE

At the annual meeting in 1961 a sub-committee was appointed to give consideration to the acquisition of a badge of office for the Master as a memorial to John A. Freeman. A fund had been opened and a total of £81 16s. 3d. had been received not only from members but also from friends and other ringing Societies. This had allowed for the purchase of a handsome badge of office from Messrs. Thomas Fattorini Ltd., of Birmingham, who not only executed the work but also submitted the design.

The jewel, supported by a ribbon, is made in silver gilt with a dark red enamel facing, surmounted by a gilt bell, bearing the arms of the Diocese of Lincoln. It bears the words 'The Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers' and is suitably inscribed on the back to the memory of John A. Freeman. The supporting ribbon carries four name bars, also

in hallmarked silver gilt, upon which are inscribed the names of the Masters and the year of their coming to office. They are: H. Law James, 1899; R. Richardson, 1933; J. A. Freeman, 1947; and J. Bray, 1961.

The fund had also covered the cost of a bronze plaque which is now affixed to the wall in the ringers' chapel at the Cathedral, bearing the words:

'In affectionate memory of John Ashley Freeman, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers, 1947-1961.'

Following the re-election of Mr. Jack Bray to the office of Master, the president, the Dean of Lincoln (the Rt. Rev. D. C. Dunlop), dedicated the badge of office and invested Mr. Bray with it.

Arising from a discussion in 1961, a sub-committee was appointed to consider the contents and layout of the annual report, and the result of their labours was presented to the meeting. The report, 74 pages long, contained, in addition to the information given in previous years, a report by the honorary secretary and a list of towers throughout the Diocese, giving the number and 'go' of the bells, the weight of the tenor and the name and address of the tower correspondent. The honorary secretary stated that the list was not as full nor the information as complete as might be wished, but he expressed the hope that what was included in this year's report would form a satisfactory foundation upon which to build up a more complete picture in ensuing years. The report, which included details of 152 peals, was approved by the meeting.

FINDING MORE REVENUE

The item which provoked the most interest was a resolution proposed by Mr. John Freeman, and seconded by Mr. J. L. Millhouse, that subscriptions should be increased and a peal booking fee imposed to improve the finances of the Guild.

The proposer and seconder outlined the circumstances which had led to the proposal, pointing out how, in 1961, it had been necessary for the honorary secretary and treasurer to levy a sum from each of the six Branches at the rate of 4s. per member to meet the expenses of the Guild. As this amount equalled the amount of the annual subscription, it meant that, in 1961, the Branches had had to conduct their affairs at a loss.

The effect of the proposal would be to increase the ringing members' annual subscription from 4s. to 5s., that of honorary members to a minimum of 5s. and the subscription of non-resident life members from 5s. to 10s. In addition a peal booking fee of 6d. per person taking part in peals would be levied.

After some discussion and an amendment that the subscription for non-resident life members should remain at 5s. had been defeated, the motion was carried. The peal levy came into operation with effect from May 1st, 1962, and the increased subscriptions will operate from January 1st, 1963.

The secretary submitted an appeal from Mr. George Pye, on behalf of the St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, for funds for the restoration of the twelve bells, and it was resolved to give the sum of £6 6s.

The Dean of Lincoln was re-elected president, Mr. Jack Bray Master, and Mr. John Freeman honorary secretary and treasurer.

50 Years Ago

'R.W.' June 8th, 1912.—

Peals of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus are few and far between, and this makes the peal at Cripplegate, recorded in our last issue, all the more interesting. The previous peal of Oxford Maximus, so far as we can ascertain, was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on August 2nd, 1897. At the time it was claimed, and the claim was not disputed, to be the first peal of Oxford Twelve with the big bells in plain course order for 95 years; the previous one having been the 7,104 by the Royal Cumberland Youths at St. Saviour's, Southwark, in 1802, conducted by George Gross, junior.

O.U.S.C.R. EASTER TOUR

THIS year the tour was favoured by magnificent weather, heralded on Easter Sunday morning by the dawn chorus, which started at 4 o'clock and carried up the slope to our hotel in Malvern, with unimpaired clarity and volume. It took us several days to get used to this, varied as it was by solos for cuckoos, chiming bells, owls, etc.

At least early rising on Sunday was left in no doubt. Our party split up for service ringing at Leigh, Ledbury and Colwall. So full of vigour were certain members that at the last named tower a course of Cambridge started with a whole pull and snap by the treble ringer. We tied the rope ends together and completed the course as a service touch.

A little energy was worked off by a climb to Malvern Beacon before the afternoon tower grab. The notes of the well-hung eight in the yellow stone tower of Upton-on-Severn tend to merge together, and merged they were, even more than usual in the first of some very strange touches of Stedman. We were then joined by Wilf Moreton and Hugh Neill, and the convoy of cars, having failed in an attempt at a formation three-point turn, moved on to Hanley Castle. Here we encountered the first of the 'funny fourths,' which marred a number of the six-bell rings we were to visit, but these were likeable bells for all that.

St. Peter's, Powick, has a good heavy six, but also a drive which has one of those dead obvious entrances you are bound to miss; this started a break-up in the convoy system and as we eventually reached Worcester at random intervals, the sight of John Pusey leaning despondently on a bollard and recognising each car just too late to guide it down the road to St. Swithun's was one to bring a pang to the heart of any tour organiser. While each driver, now inextricably in the wrong section of the city traffic system, sought parking space by the Cathedral, St. Swithun's remained regrettably without a band.

At the Cathedral we were met by David Beacham, and essayed cautious touches of Caters and Cinques, as even with reinforcements our 12-bell band was out of practice. Indeed, a point of the tour was the disinclination of all taking part to lose touches by being over adventurous.

THE 'ON-OFF' PEAL

In the evening, a much relieved organiser informed us that the coach company had accepted our last minute cancellation (in view of the small size of the party) without antagonism. We were free to proceed by car, which was very fortunate in view of the glorious weather. However, he was now faced with much more delicate negotiations, as he had been rash enough to plan a peal for the morrow, and such things are just not popular on O.U.S. tours these days. The issue was in constant doubt until 9.30 a.m. on Monday, when a statesmanlike compromise was reached and a quarter of Bristol duly rung on the light eight at Eardisland.

Those not in the quarter gained by having the chance to try these excellent bells before going on to Pembridge, where the 16 cwt. five is hung on a detached wooden candle-snuffer campanile. The party reunited for ringing at the isolated Church of St. Stephen, Old Radnor, before going on to Presteigne for a good course of Yorkshire and an even better packed lunch.

Navigational errors notwithstanding, we were still together at Clun, where the growling eight needed a deal of pushing along; but the non-scheduled consumption of tea meant that forces were divided again at Ludlow. Group 'B' arrived in time to hear what was taken to be the conclusion of another interesting touch of Stedman, but was in fact the result of the fifth rope breaking!

At Leominster, however, things went much better. The Church of SS. Peter and Paul was greatly admired, and the 22 cwt. ten seemed to encourage a good performance. Nobody would call these bells the best ten they knew, but while some of our party negotiated their first touch of Caters with success, others produced a really good rhythm in a half-course of Cambridge.

In the evening Group 'B' made up for missing Ludlow by ringing at Malvern Link, and brought back a glowing report on the tone of the eight there.

THIRD VISIT TO CHELTENHAM

Tuesday saw the arrival of reinforcements and resultant touches of spliced at Bishop's Cleeve, before the O.U.S. paid its third visit to St. Mary the Virgin, Cheltenham. The light twelve sound a shade inadequate in the ringing room, but have much more body outside.

No such reservations could be had about the twelve at Painswick, where we stood amongst the yew trees in the churchyard, listening to sounds like well-tuned cymbals of the 150th Psalm.

The ten at St. Lawrence's, Stroud, were a little disappointing, as something among the fittings of the tenor made a noise like a glass jug filled with halfpennies, which ruined the sound close to the tower. The day finished at Gloucester; first, at St. Mary-de-Lode, we tried our hand at another 'funny fourth,' which was most marvellously slow at back. We then waited at the Cathedral, and were admitted to the tower staircase, unfortunately converted into a fume chamber by a leaking stovepipe. Our coughing was short-lived, as the ringing room, an open floor level with the lower set of louvres in the tower, has no ventilation problem. All the breezes can enter at will, and also all the noise, and in these circumstances we made very hard work of a ten which seemed heavier than its 25 cwt. The final blow to our morale came when, at 7 p.m., the hour was struck on 'Great Peter,' which has its frame on the same floor. Shaking visibly, we lowered the bells and departed.

A DAY OF LOSSES

Our organiser had succeeded in arranging a peal of Yorkshire at Ross on Wednesday, and as this started the tiny remnant of the party visited Ledbury and Ruardean, returning to Ross for coffee, to listen to the peal and to write letters to 'absent friends.' At lunch, however, the peal band met them with news of an abandonment, and in the resulting mood of disappointment transport arrangements nearly went awry.

It was discovered at Lugwardine that one member of the party had apparently been left in Ross, causing much earnest discussion about whether to call first the police or the fire brigade. However, at the end of some ragged 'first-tower-after-lunch' ringing it was found that everyone was present after all.

We were next doubly fortunate in being able to try the bells of Hereford Cathedral, and then to be entertained by Canon and Mrs. Moreton to a fine ringers' tea. The Cathedral bells were found to be not of the sort which can be struck well on the basis of a casual acquaintanceship, although the array of pillars in the ringing chamber was less disturbing than might be thought. At tea, there was a period of temporary excitement, caused by the disappearance of Wilf Moreton's small son, at which Canon Wigg christened the occasion 'The Day of Losses.' Alas, this title proved to be prophetic of the fate of a handbell peal commenced while others rang the eight of All Saints, Hereford.

Thursday began more auspiciously at Withington, where the 16 cwt. six could hardly be improved upon. The only untoward event

occurred when one of our clerical members was nearly unfrocked while enthusiastically turning in the tenor. Eight-bell ringing followed at Burghill and then at Clifford, where once the lesson had been learnt that the thickest rope might well be on the treble, some good Rutland was rung.

After lunch in Hay-on-Wye we revelled in an afternoon of involved navigation through superb countryside. At Abbey Dore the little anti-clockwise six have a quaint tone, almost like clock bells, which suits the atmosphere of this fascinating church. The day finished with two modern Taylor sixes at Clodock and Linton.

A DAY OF DWINDLING NUMBERS

Friday, our last day, saw not too serious ringing, while John Pusey toiled to prevent the transport disappearing faster than the ringers, and the ringers faster than the number of bells remaining. We just made it in both respects, thanks to the fact that we were joined once again by George Morris and John Slater.

At Elmley Castle the treble was found to be a semitone flat, an irregularity which gave rise to some very soulful music, particularly in Stedman Doubles. Next the eight at Hinton-on-the-Green were to shatter the rule of thumb built up during the tour that striking could be improved by pushing along a little faster than the rate you first thought of. Chastened, we went on to lunch in Evesham, and then to Broadway.

Here, sad to relate, our organiser fell straight into the standard trap laid for visiting ringers: on entering the village he espied a solid-looking tower and sallied forth to find the key. Ten minutes later he discovered he was at the wrong church. We reached the Church of St. Eadburga without more ado, however, and although we were greeted by another 'funny fourth' and strange looking wire guide frame, we were not daunted.

The band had dwindled to six when we arrived at our final tower, Church Honeybourne. The 19 cwt. five are bells of good tone, but their hanging leaves a little to be desired. Strong men who, earlier in the tour, had mounted Cathedral tenor boxes with light hearts, now wilted visibly after two minutes of rounds. Eventually we achieved a course of Original Minimus, with two men on tenor covering.

Our thanks go to all incumbents who gave us permission to ring their bells: to those who met and rang with us, and to our organiser.

TONBRIDGE RINGERS' ANNUAL SERVICE

On May 27th, Evensong at SS. Peter and Paul's, Tonbridge, Kent, took the form of the annual ringers' service. Ringing on the eight bells preceded the service, which was conducted by the Rev. J. F. Morris.

The Rector of Godstone, the Rev. K. G. Hoare, gave the address, and handbells were rung during the service in the nave, firstly a course of Grand sire Triples, as the anthem, by Mrs. O. Barnett 1—2, E. A. Barnett 3—4, W. H. Dobbie 5—6, Mrs. S. M. Dobbie 7—8, and secondly a course of Grand sire Caters as the vesper, by Mrs. O. Barnett 1—2, Mrs. S. M. Dobbie 3—4, E. A. Barnett 5—6, W. H. Dobbie 7—8, W. Rogers 9—10. The lessons were read by Miss H. Swallow and Mr. R. A. Large.

After the service, members of the congregation were invited to the belfry to view the ringing and given the opportunity to try their 'hand' at 'backstroke.' There were a venture some few and it is hoped this initial interest may lead to them becoming recruits.

Ringling continued for about an hour; the Tonbridge ringers and their visiting friends from Crayford and Tunbridge Wells were then entertained to an excellent supper by Canon T. F. C. Bewes and his wife.

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Big Muster Say 'Thank You' to East Devon Chairman

IN the centre of this picture is Mr. G. C. Woodley, of Sidmouth, who at the annual meeting of the East Devon Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, retired from the office of chairman. Now at the age of 80, and having been ringing for 67 years, he is retiring. An appreciation of his work as chairman was proposed by Mr. Colin Turner, seconded by Mr. W. Webb, who remarked that members were sorry he was retiring, but realised his age was to blame. Mr. Woodley has been able to see an increased interest in ringing. The Branch has a higher membership than ever before of 160, and the proportion of boys and girls augurs well for the future of the art in East Devon.

During the meeting six proficiency certificates were presented to performing members. The new team of officers is: Chairman, Mr. J. Sage (Luppitt); vice-chairman and Ringing Master, Mr. Colin Turner (Ottery St. Mary); hon. secretary, Mr. W. Webb (Honiton).

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. D. Holden), and there was an attendance of about 80. Ringing was in standard methods.

(Photo by 'The Express and Echo,' Exeter.)



ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

The summer meeting (in more wintry-like weather) was held at St. Bartholomew's Church, Penn, situated in a pleasant residential district of Wolverhampton.

The Society's form of Evensong, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. L. H. Townsend, who, at tea afterwards, said how pleased everyone at Penn was to welcome visiting bellringers. This was proved by the splendid meal which followed, and we thank Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eyre and their helpers for all the hard work they must have put in.

The secretary asked members to note that the annual meeting is on June 23rd at Lichfield, when, in addition to the usual business, members will be asked to consider whether there should be a series of regular Saturday evening Society practices held, and whether future annual meetings should always be held in Lichfield, as in the past.

The following new members were elected: Miss Margaret Essen (Birmingham), David J. Ovledge (Wincanton) (both peal ratifications), the Misses P. Garbett, A. Biddulph and G. Griffiths, and G. Griffiths, all of Penn.

Ringling under the Master, Mr. John Eastwood, continued on the light Gillett and Johnson ring of eight, in a variety of methods to suit all tastes, a course of Yorkshire being tape recorded.

Our thanks to Penn who so obviously welcomed us.

C. M. S.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The District meeting of the Cary Branch, attended by ringers from 17 towers, including Ferndown and Hersham (Surrey), followed the traditional form. The Vicar (the Rev. P. S. Thomas) took the service, assisted by the Branch chairman (the Rev. G. S. Robinson). Mrs. Sawtell was the organist.

Tea at the Three Old Castles Hotel, Keinton Mandeville, was followed by the business meeting, at which a new member was elected from Castle Cary, two from Maperton and three from Templecombe. A Branch practice meeting will be held at South Cadbury at the end of June.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD North Berks Branch

An attendance of 110 members and friends assured success of the annual meeting at Appleton, where election of 28 new members, including nine from Little Wittenham (5 bells), was encouraging proof of Branch progress. It is hoped that other towers will soon emerge into the light of Guild fellowship.

The Branch is indebted to Appleton parish for such warm hospitality, to the Vicar for an unforgettable service, to Frank White and the Appleton ringers for making arrangements so easy and to Norman and Mrs. Randall, of the Plough, for their hard work in supplying a bumper tea.

G. W. B.

VICE-PRESIDENT OF C.C. A CANON

Members of the Central Council, we are sure, will desire to congratulate their vice-president, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Vicar of Great Yarmouth, on his appointment as a Canon of Norwich Cathedral.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

Officers elected at the annual general meeting of the University of London Society on May 5th were: President, P. M. J. Gray; vice-presidents, Dr. D. N. Layton, Dr. J. Armstrong, D. J. R. Martin; Master, P. Cattermole; secretary, N. J. Davis; treasurer, Diana Lawless; committee, Mary S. Taylor, P. J. Bushell, J. C. Eisel. The annual reports for the previous year were available—an unprecedented event. Thanks are due to the editor, M. P. Barton.

Ringling took place at St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, and St. Olave's, Hart Street. During the morning the attempt for the Society's 100th peal was lost at Beddington after 1½ hours' good ringing. The service at St. Olave's was conducted by the Rector.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Mr. J. Blythe was elected Ringing Master of the North East District when they met at Halesworth on May 19th. He succeeds the late Mr. J. Bailey, who died before Easter. A short silence was observed at the beginning of the meeting to his memory.

Elected probationary members were: Jacqueline Ellis and James Read (Halesworth) and Andrew Carter, Edwin Warren and Frederick Carter (Aldeburgh).

The service was conducted by the Rev. E. J. Button, and the address was given by the Rev. Mr. Phillips.

Next quarterly meeting: Southwold, August 18th; practice meeting, Peasenhall and Yoxford, July 21st.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RING IN THE NEW

Dear Sir,—The letter by Mr. Paul Birkett draws attention once again to the lack of bells or towers capable of carrying them in new churches. It will be remembered that this was the subject of a motion passed by the Central Council at Stoke-on-Trent last year. Arising from this, the Towers and Belfries Committee were requested to go into the matter and I believe they are to present their recommendations in the form of an article or report in appropriate church and architectural publications.

An article on the subject, written early last year, was published in 'Church Buildings Today,' a new architectural magazine. In it was proposed a cheap, basic tower which, using voluntary labour, could be built for less than £500 and which would carry a very light ring of bells costing just over £500—a tower and bells for about £1,000!

This would satisfy ringers and many outlying parishioners from the pro-bells point of view and some of the Church Council from the cost aspect. In my experience, the rest of the Council would have to be convinced that, in this day and age, with clocks in every home, their church still needs bells at all and the adjacent parishioners, naturally preferring their Sunday peace and quiet to be shattered only by their own telly, motor bikes and do-it-yourself hammerings, would have to be convinced that properly installed, sound controlled bells can sound very pleasant even around the churchyard. Very few of our established rings are so installed or sound at their best from there.

Lastly, assuming the new parishioners have formed a community spirit and have agreed on the need for bells, the architect may have to be persuaded to provide a suitable tower, rather different from the current architectural fashion of an openwork, scaffolding-type mast, perhaps carrying loudspeakers and looking more like a kind of 'Early Warning' system.

It is all very well deploring the lack of new church bells, but who could touch off the spark of enthusiasm required in a new parish? Surely this could come from the local ringing Guild or Association, who could introduce a new 'Aim' into their rule books:

'To encourage the creation of new and the restoration of disused rings of bells, and to ensure that all church bells are fully manned for service ringing.'

Their committee should note any proposed new church in their area and tactfully approach the appropriate diocesan committee, the local incumbent of the mother church and any active local ringer. They could offer advice, perhaps based on published information and practical help, if possible. This should be followed up right through the design and building stage by talks on ringing and an article or two in the local press, giving emphasis on new ideas on bells and belfries rather than overstressing the historical aspect.

Tune ringing on handbells by a neighbouring team of ringers, especially at Christmas, may discover many lovers of bells who should then be encouraged to speak up for bells in their own church. No matter how much ringers from outside may press for a tower and bells, the real demand must come either from the parishioners themselves or from a local benefactor, i.e. from those who will pay for them and listen to them. If success is achieved

and bells are provided, then the local Association—and that means the ringers living in the area—should provide assistance in training the new band.

In this way, may we hope to find many more new churches with rings of bells, but it is up to us, through much patient work, to persuade these parishes and the authorities that bells are necessary to prevent our new churches from outwardly proclaiming a dumb and silent faith.—Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY DODDS.

St. Albans, Herts.

* 'Bells for the New Churches' by G. Dodds. Church Buildings Today, No. 4, October, 1961.

ST. PETROCK'S, EXETER

Dear Sir,—It is always a pleasure to read articles from the pen of my old friend, William Shepherd, and his article on the bells of St. Petrock's, Exeter, was no exception.

Two years ago, while on business in Exeter and having a couple of hours on my hands, I called on the Rector of St. Petrock's and made inquiries about the bells and was fortunate in getting permission to see them the same day.

The Rector had just then received a quotation from a firm of bell hangers, who operate from Wembley, Middlesex, to supply and fix a new set of chiming ropes, to replace the old set, which apparently had been gnawed away by rats. I expressed surprise that it should be necessary to go to the expense of getting a man from London just to fit chiming ropes, when I felt sure that contact with the Cathedral ringers would have found a volunteer to carry out the job.

On visiting the church during the afternoon, I climbed the stairway to the bells. I found the bell chamber surprisingly clean after so many years and the fittings generally appeared to be in good order. The wheels seemed to be quite firm and the bells were still tight on their headstocks, as no slackness was felt when moved both ways briskly by the stays.

In the half light of the shuttered bell chamber it was not possible to make a good examination of the supporting beams, but I came away with the opinion that, with a little voluntary labour, some use of spanner and oilcan, the bells would still be ringable. The six ropes, complete with their sallies, hang down into the church, beneath the S.W. tower.

The Rector said in conversation that he hoped that the bells would be able to be rung again and I feel that an approach with this end in view would be well worth while.

St. Edmund's bells have been visited by Mr. N. Mallett during the past year and I understand they are entirely derelict, and the church is closed. I believe a new home for the bells has been already been mooted.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM SIMMONDS.

Torquay.

BOWELL'S FOUNDRY

Dear Sir,—Could any reader tell me whether the late Mr. Alfred Bowell kept detailed records in connection with his bell founding business in Ipswich. I am trying to ascertain the whereabouts of any such records.—Yours sincerely,

PETER J. CAME.

Danbury, Essex.

THE RINGERS' MAGAZINE

Dear Sir,—May I through your columns offer an apology to the readers of the Ringers' Magazine. My colleague who types and duplicates the material has informed me that owing to pressure of business he will not be able to carry out this work any longer. I have endeavoured to find an alternative means of production, but have been unsuccessful.

Thus there will be no more issues. I would like to thank all those people who have subscribed during the past five years and again offer my apologies.

Advance subscriptions will be returned in due course.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM BUTLER.

19, Longcroft Road, Thatcham.

'OLD PALS' REUNION

Dear Sir,—Once again the time is almost here for the annual old pals' reunion and no doubt many members of the Central Council are busy counting up their peal and tower totals in anticipation of another record breaking Whit-weekend.

It is about time that the Central Council realised its responsibility to the Exercise and got down to some work for a change. Too much time is spent gallivanting over the countryside tower grabbing, time which could well be spent in the council chamber doing something a little more constructive and beneficial to us all.—Yours faithfully,

F. R. SCOTT.

St. Mary's, Slough.

Note.—Perhaps if reader Scott attended a session of the Central Council he would form a different opinion.—Ed.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

The Newark District held the Crawford Cup competition on May 19th at Barnby-in-the-Willows. It was a really cold, miserable, wet evening, and those listening to the ringing huddled inside the church. Perhaps the weather or the teams found the light six a little tricky to handle, but the ringing was not of such a high standard as the previous year. No team challenged last year's winners, Whatton-in-the-Vale, with 74 faults. Sutton-on-Trent came next, with Newark 'B', followed closely by Newark 'A'. Balderton unfortunately rang out. The judges, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bradley, made one or two criticisms, which, it is hoped, everyone took to heart. After a little general ringing the bells were lowered.

Ringling during the afternoon was on the five bells at Coddington, where Sunday service ringing has recently been restarted. Three of the band were made members at the business meeting. Tea was served in the Village Hall, kindly organised by lady ringers and helpers.

Next meeting: July 1st, North Collingham, with South Scarle and Harby open in the evening.

The many friends of Mr. W. Iball, of the Mansfield District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, will regret to hear that his doctor has barred him from ringing for three months, owing to thrombosis in the left arm, and wish him a speedy recovery. Nevertheless, he still faithfully attends his tower and meetings, using the period to help learners.

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THE SMITHS

THE STORY OF A RINGING FAMILY

By I. N. QUICK

(Continued from page 339)

The story of the Hexworth band on the Guild outing is continued. Characters include Joe Smith, head ringer; Annie, his wife; Phyllis and John, his daughter and son.

At the appointed time the bells were lowered and everybody made towards the two buses, which were drawn up outside the church gates. The conscientious ones took their seats and the inevitable business of checking began, a business that was subsequently repeated several times during the day. Whatever the occasion, be it an outing, excursion, tour, ramble, parade, meeting, congress, conversation, conclave, gathering, dinner or what you will, there will always be people who are five (or ten) minutes behind everyone else.

Edward Lee was a wise man of pretty equable disposition and stolid temperament; he expected to have trouble collecting his flock together on these outings and they for their part wouldn't dream of disappointing him. To his eternal credit it may be said that he had never left a passenger stranded yet, although it can't be denied that he frequently had had the inclination to do so, or the justification.

Their journey to Sleaford, where lunch had been arranged, took them through the outskirts of Lincoln and as Joe caught a glimpse of the mellow fabric of the mighty Cathedral, bathed in the morning sunlight, he experienced the thrill of wonder and excitement that he always felt when he saw this most magnificent of buildings. Mr. Challen could be heard explaining to the twins all about the great limestone belt that ran north-east across the country from Gloucestershire into Lincolnshire, and its influence upon church buildings. He enlarged upon the architectural features of the Cathedral itself, commenting upon the screen-like facade of the west front, with the three great Norman caverns biting into it; its two attenuated towers, great perpendicular twins, rising somewhat abruptly above and he pointed out; the exquisite proportions of the central tower.

As the buses described a great arc on the outer fringes of the city, giving them vantage points that varied roughly from west to south, a succession of architectural wonders was revealed, each with its own peculiar charm that seemed to penetrate even the more mundane-minded — and not every ringer, thought Joe to himself, is a repository of noble thoughts or lofty ideals.

After Lincoln had been left behind out came the handbells. There were no real 'experts' among them and Joe and Mr. Challen were the only two who had ever rung a peal 'in hand.' Both John and Phyllis could 'do a bit' and, in fact, John, had he been able to obtain sufficient practice, would have been an excellent handbell ringer.

Each change of team led to a kind of musical chairs, without music, so that four seats could be had together, two each side of the gangway. John Chappell rang his bi-annual course of Grandsire Triples on 3-4, the other course being at the annual Guild dinner. Considering his lack of practice he managed this quite well until he reached the last lead when, as exponents of Grandsire well know, the two bells part company. This most unfair development explains why the last lead of the course, when rung on handbells, sometimes contains more mistakes than the first and has been the undoing of more than one ringer.

Joe had seen various little comedies enacted upon this particular theme. What usually happens is that the handbells are produced by A (who is always a proficient performer), with the intention of filling a gap at a meeting or dinner. Often, of course, where the occasion is of some importance, the team will be hand-picked, and B, C and D (plus E, if Caters is contemplated) will already have been chosen. Even this arrangement has been known to come unstuck when, for instance, B, or C, or D (or E), has been included because he is a person of some importance, or has put in a lot of work in order that the function may

be a success, or for some other reason, but who is not really equal to the task, something with which each member of the team, himself excluded, is cognisant.

So long as he confines his activities to the trebles or the tenors, all will be well, but he has been known to pick up 3-4 (he avoids 5-6 — or in Caters 7-8 as well — like the plague), and then refuse to budge in the hope, presumably, that when he reaches the last lead one of two things will happen: (a) a miracle will take place and divine inspiration will enable him to ring the last lead faultlessly (a contingency which, it may be remarked, has hitherto eluded him), or (b) he will be excused the errors he makes in the last lead, seeing that he has rung the others reasonably well. In either case he hopes to shine in the reflected glory of the whole performance.

Of course the event might be a much less formal affair and A, after a muffled and hurried consultation with the chairman, or whoever he thinks is likely to agree with him, removes the handbells from the container. This may be a box, a carpet bag, an attaché case, or the boot of a car, from which, in the latter case, they are borne into the room like strings of beads, the handle of one through the loop of another, and dumped, jangling discordantly together on the nearest table.

Then A surveys the room inquiringly.

B, C and D (there is rarely an E on these occasions) gather round A and his handbells and make a few tentative inquiries about the programme. A, with the indifference of one who is confident of his superior accomplishments, shrugs his shoulders and says, 'I don't mind what you ring.' B picks up 1-2, and, being fully aware that neither C nor D will attempt anything but Grandsire Triples, asks, 'What about Plain Bob?' and being rewarded by the looks of dismay on their faces adds, 'Treble Bob, if you like!' and then assumes the attitude of one who rings a touch of Spliced Surprise double-handed every morning before breakfast.

C and D both make a grab for the tenors, but C is the nearer of the two. He picks them up and says, 'Grandsire Triples!' Poor D looks disconsolately at 3-4 and 5-6 lying on the table and A asks him which pair he would like. He takes 3-4 and prepares for the worst. Then he tinkles the bells to make sure he has them the right way round and they set off. The first 'round' comes up 12435678! D is tone-deaf.

Just before they reached Sleaford, Rene, one of the twins came across to Joe.

'Mr. Smith,' she said, 'do you think that Alice and I will be able to have a "touch" of Plain Bob when we arrive at Sleaford? We have learnt the Bobs and Singles!'

'I think it can be arranged,' replied Joe with a smile. 'You had only rounds and call changes at Gainsborough, didn't you? I ought to have thought about it then. I'm sorry. Never mind, we will try and repair the omission.'

He knew they were both anxious to ring their first 'touch.'

Sleaford was reached about 12.30 p.m. and after lunch, which had been arranged at an hotel not far from the church, the bells were raised and set going to a course of Cambridge Surprise Major. This 'pleasant eight,' as Mr. Challen described them, which are rung from the ground floor inside the west door, were soon, if we may be allowed to borrow a phrase from Raymond Smithson's vocabulary, 'bouncing along nicely!'

As usual, John Chappell took charge and saw to it that everyone had a fair share, including the 'young 'uns,' some of whom, being used to ringing in belfries which had the ceiling just above their heads, found the longer draught and springier ropes somewhat awkward to manage.

Joe had a word with John Chappell.

'Could we have a touch of Plain Bob Minor for Alice and Rene, please?'

'Of course, I'll fix it up when the next touch is over. Do you want anyone to stand behind them?'

'No, I'll see to them,' Joe replied. 'We'll have them both together, one of the 2nd and the other on the 3rd, then I can watch them both. I think they will be all right, but see that they have a fair chance.'

By which he intimated that it would be wise not to have too many learners in at the same time. John nodded. When the touch which was in progress had finished, he arranged his team in the manner of an experienced Ringing Master, which, of course, he was.

'George,' he said to the old Hexworth ringer, 'will you ring the treble to Plain Bob Minor?' Raymond, ring the tenor, please: David (of Whetherton), would you take hold of the fourth?'

He, himself, took the fifth.

Joe had a word with the twins before they began to ring.

'Remember to pull well down from the backstroke; further (if anything) than you do when ringing Hexworth bells. If you find them springy at first, don't panic, you will soon get the "feel" of them. Keep a tightish rope and you will be all right.'

He stood near them for the first few rounds, but they managed quite well and having made sure they were all right he sat down and when they went off into changes watched them carefully. Once he rose quickly, when Alice missed her sally, but she righted herself before he could intervene. He repeated his advice about 'keeping a tightish rope' and sat down as the touch sailed along once more.

When it came round the twins beamed with delight and Joe offered a word of congratulation; it was a long time, he thought to himself, since he had seen such a picture, nay two pictures, of uninhibited happiness.

Joe was always careful when 'standing behind,' to make sure that he was not over-riding the conductor. Some, he knew, preferred to make their own corrections and if at any time he was correcting a mistake made by another ringer and the conductor began to overshoot him he immediately dried up. On the other hand he knew of others who, knowing there was a weak link in the chain, would ask, 'Do you mind standing behind the 2nd (or whichever bell it might be)?' which seemed to Joe a sensible idea.

There was, Joe contended, nearly as much concealed skill in 'standing behind' as there was in most other branches of bellringing activity. One must be careful, by a curious blend of intuition or anticipation, to deliver the necessary instruction or command at the precise moment, and what was perhaps more important, to know when to keep quiet. Sometimes only an odd word at intervals was required; little purpose could be served by telling the learner, bell for bell, what he had to do; he (or she) must be made to work mentally as well as physically.

'You're leading—hunt up—pass treble in 4-5—dodge 5-6 down—give her a decent pull and wait for the 6th—' gradually reducing the information required and keeping it to a minimum in any case. Occasionally, if the thread was lost, each bell could be enumerated, 'Take the 2nd, now the 4th, now the 5th; a little quicker as you come down from the back—' or if the skein became even more unravelled, 'Set your bell at handstroke: wait for the 5th; now! you dodging 3-4 down with the 5th—'

Several touches were rung ranging through Minor, Triples and Major. The Williams, father and son, rang side by side in an excellent touch of Grandsire Triples which was conducted by Mr. Challen, who seldom called but when he did gave an impeccable execution which, like himself, was always prim, proper and precise.

The time to depart arrived, as it always does when the ringing is good, all too soon, the bells were lowered and soon the buses were heading Spaldingwards.

To be continued.

A stranger to method ringing was standing with a ringer outside the belfry door at Bradstone, Devon. After a while he turned to his companion and said, 'That chap called Bob, is making a lot of mistakes. Every few minutes the man shouts out his name.'

MR. RICHARD KENDALL

Luton Parish Church has lost a most faithful and valuable servant by the death on May 25th, at the Luton and Dunstable Hospital, of Mr. Richard Kendall.

Born at Barton-le-Clay in 1890, he served his country in the First World War and was severely wounded. In 1916 he married a Norfolk girl, Miss Kate Hubbard, at Tivetshall, and later the couple settled down in Luton. For some months his health had been failing and an operation failed to save his life.

The funeral service at Luton Parish Church on May 28th was attended by a large gathering of relatives and friends, including most of the local ringers. The Vicar (the Rev. H. E. Frankham) paid a very sincere tribute to a great ringer and churchman. The sympathy of all who knew him is extended to Mrs. Kendall in her great loss.

A. E. R.

AN APPRECIATION

Week by week the bells ring out from the steeples of Britain, and of the faithful body of people who keep them sounding was Richard Kendall.

Possessing many fine qualities and gifts, he was remarkable for his organising ability and his wonderful memory. He never forgot a face or a name.

A most reliable ringer, he joined the Ancient Society of College Youths in May, 1913, and for many years has been a very well known member of the Bedfordshire Association. A 'natural' bell handler, he first became acquainted with a bell rope at the early age of three years, when he helped his grandfather to toll the tenor bell at Barton, for the passing of the Duke of Clarence.

His first interest, and this he regarded as a sacred duty, was Sunday service ringing, though he rang many peals, too, but mostly in his earlier years. He mastered many methods, but remained a lover of Grandsire Triples, and it was in this method that

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his fellow ringers rang a memorial quarter peal at his beloved Luton Parish Church on the day of his funeral.

God grant him a safe lodging, a holy rest and peace at the last. A. E. R.

**MR. MARK FARNISH HATCH
AN APPRECIATION**

The sudden and untimely death of Mark Hatch (24), the only son of Rev. G. W. Hatch (Rector of Rayleigh) and Mrs. Hatch, has come as a great shock to all who knew him. He was a sergeant in the Royal Dragoons, and died in an accident while on duty in Singapore on May 23rd.

A member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mark learnt to ring at Duffield, where he was a regular ringer until he joined the Army. He had been attached to the Rayleigh band since 1956, where he rang at every available opportunity. His service career took him into towers all over the country.

Mark's last peal was at Downham on April 27th, 1961, where he conducted Plain Bob Minor, just prior to his departure for Singapore and Malaya.

A memorial service was held in Holy Trinity Church, Rayleigh, on Friday, May 25th, to coincide with the military funeral held in Singapore.

All his ringing friends extend their deepest sympathy to his family. G. D. J. S.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on May 20th, 1.260 Stedman Triples: S. Penfold 1, A. H. Worboys 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, A. Grainger 5, J. Fowler 6, T. East (cond.) 7, F. G. Richardson 8. Rung for Matins by the Hornchurch band, and as mark of esteem and affection for Caleb Fenn, who died on May 17th, R.I.P.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

At the annual meeting of the Executive Council of the Irish Association, held at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on May 19th, with Mr. A. F. Bogan, the president, in the chair, it was decided to increase the annual subscription to 2s. 6d. per member, and 1s. 3d. for school children under 17 years.

The question of the types of leads which should be permitted in cup competitions led to a lengthy discussion, due to the attitude of several towers in the Southern District, who found it very hard to break with tradition in that area. A compromise was agreed to whereby call change ringers may elect to ring either 'the open handstroke' or 'cartwheel' leads, providing they advise the Ringing Master in advance of the type of lead they propose.

It was agreed to make a special effort to increase the capital of the Bell Restoration Fund to at least £200, to enable larger grants to be made out of interest in answer to appeals. A notice is to be sent to each tower asking for donations of £10 or at least £5 per tower. It was also thought that there might be others outside the country who might like to be associated with this effort. Contributions to the general secretary will be gratefully acknowledged.

Deaths remembered with respect were: The Very Rev. E. H. Lewis-Crosby (Dean of Christ Church), the Very Rev. R. Stevenson (former Dean of Waterford), Mr. S. McClelland (St. Thomas', Belfast), Mrs. G. Dukes (honorary member) and Mr. Ernest Morris.

Officers elected were: President, Mr. A. Fred Bogan, Cork; vice-presidents, Rev. E. G. Parke (Belfast), Messrs. H. H. Johnson (Bray), S. Nagle (Doneraile); general secretary, Fred E. Dukes (Meadow Cottage, Julianstown, Co. Meath); Ringing Master, J. T. Dunwoody (Holywood); librarian, W. H. Wilson (Dublin); badge secretary, J. T. Dunwoody; auditors, W. Bovenizer and J. N. Dolan; representatives on Central Council, F. E. Dukes, J. T. Dunwoody and Mrs. F. E. Dukes (vice Mrs. J. Jeffery resigned).

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Will Messrs. Cannon and Woolven, who have both previously failed to ring the tenor at St. George's, Bristol, to a peal, please note that, with the peal of Bob Triples at this tower on May 17th, the 'West Country Tenor King,' Cecil Mogford, becomes the only ringer to ring this tenor to more than one peal and now holds the record for the fastest peal on the bells.

The time taken in the peal of Major rung at Shepshed on May 19th (see page 363) was 2 hours and 53 minutes.

Will the bride who, in the midst of her happiness, thought of the Editor and sent him some wedding cake, please accept his sincere thanks and best wishes.

Congratulations to Mr. Alick Cutler, of Harlesden, who is the first person to ring peals in 200 different Surprise Major methods. This total was reached with a peal of Staining Surprise Major at Willesden on May 24th.

Five of the local band who rang for service at the village of Hagbourne, Berks, on Sunday, May 26th, were all conductors of the five methods—Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich.

Peals to commemorate the consecration of Coventry Cathedral were rung at Dunholme (Lincs), Dunchurch, Harpole (Northants), Atherstone where Warwickshire Surprise Major was rung, Hambleden (Bucks), Exhall, Honiley, Chilvers Coton and Ashton-under-Lyne (Lancs).

Mr. E. W. G. Ballinger, Hereford's 581st Mayor, saw the ringers of St. Nicholas' Church, Hereford, ringing on May 24th in honour of his installation as Mayor. Two of the ringers, Mr. A. J. Williams and Mr. M. V. Powell, work with the Mayor, who is an engineer with the G.P.O.

We hope one day to read more 'Reminiscences' from a certain London ringer and to hear at first hand of his adventure at Chertsey on the Chelsea ringers' outing. During a touch of Grandsire he and his teeth parted company. Despite this distraction the touch came round and the teeth were later retrieved from beneath the grating in the church floor.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Presiding at the annual meeting of the Irish Association executive, Mr. A. F. Bogan said his mother gave him the name of Fred which means 'Peaceful ruler' and that was the way he intended to act. We know of another Fred, who we trust will try to emulate the Irish president this Whitsun.

At Bristol a quarter of Coventry Delight Minor was rung in honour of the consecration of Coventry Cathedral.

Among other letters received on Sunbury Court Place is one from Mr. Hugh N. Evans, of Shirley, Southampton, whose conclusions are similar to those of Mr. H. Chant.

It seems as if Bristol's Cupid has gone to Manchester. A peal and a quarter peal have been rung in honour of the engagement of the secretary of Manchester University Guild (Miss Nancy J. Robins) to the immediate Past Master (Mr. J. H. Soanes).

Mr. Henry Statham, of Brighton, who is now 90, has rung two 10-bell peals in three weeks. Ringing with him in the peal recorded this week was Mr. Reuben Sanders, who is now 88½ years old and has approximately 550 peals to his credit.

Mr. Thomas Roache, from 27, Hall Avenue, Norman Park, Brisbane, writes: 'I hope the bells at Shortlands, near Bromley, are still ringing. May it give the ringers there encouragement to know that a boy of 15 was sitting by the roadside in Den Road one Sunday in 1905 and felt the power of sweet influence coming from those bells, a very sermon I have never forgotten.'

Fourteen Slough ringers participated in two quarter peals on May 20th to celebrate their Rector's installation as a Canon of Christ Church, Oxford, on May 19th. Canon Perkins is chairman of the local Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Both conductors were 16-year-olds. Had they read of the Saxilby, Lincs, ringers' two six-bell 'quarters' with different bands a little earlier, they would have emulated their example by bringing in two more local ringers to make two eight-bell bands! Perhaps some other tower will do so now.

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Tenor 36 cwt.

GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Treble	†BRYN A. TAYLOR .. 6
*EDMUND J. R. HARTLEY .. 2	†ROGER KING 7
†PETER J. SHIPTON 3	ROGER G. HAVARD .. 8
†NIGEL K. LAMPING 4	†DAVID J. LLEWELLYN .. 9
†ADRIAN F. R. HARTLEY .. 5	GERALD C. HEMMING .. Tenor

Composed by J. SHAW.

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

* First peal on ten. † First of Kent Royal. ‡ 50th on tower bells.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 12, 1962, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 22 cwt. 23 lb. in E flat.

MICHAEL ARMSTRONG .. Treble	W. NORMAN PARK .. 6
ROBIN G. TURNER 2	ROLAND PARK 6
J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 3	GEORGE S. DEAS 8
ALAN R. PATTERSON .. 4	ERIC N. HARRISON .. 9
WILLIAM G. WILSON .. 5	BRYAN PATTISON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, Rev. J. E. Jameson, inducted the previous week.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1962, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 18½ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL .. Treble	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 6
HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 2	REUBEN SANDERS (88½) .. 7
FRANK I. HAIRS 3	HENRY STALHAM (90) .. 8
ALBERT W. BOND 4	JOHN W. EUSTON 9
ANGELA GRAINGER 5	*BERNARD STONE Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by JOHN W. EUSTON.

* First peal on ten bells.

In memoriam Ernest Morris.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1962, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE NORMAN TOWER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 30 cwt.

HILARY MUIRHEAD (New) .. Treble	*A. S. HUDSON (Clare) .. 6
*H. E. BISHOP (Selwyn) .. 2	*M. L. J. JORDAN (Tr. Hall) 7
†J. W. McCLENAHAN (Christ's) 3	*J. R. HOUGH (Jesus) .. 8
†D. J. MUNDY (Peterhouse) 4	B. D. THRELFALL (Trinity) 9
*L. R. H. SMITH (Queens) 5	*H. C. LEWIS (Fitz.) .. Tenor

Composed by J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s). Conducted by H. C. LEWIS.

* First peal of Royal. † First on ten bells. First as conductor.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1962, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

KENNETH W. PRICE .. Treble	*RAYMOND BENFIELD .. 6
PETER MARRIOTT 2	DAVID W. PARKIN .. 7
*ROBIN E. DAY 3	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 8
*DAVID J. ORLEDGE 4	DEREK P. JONES 9
*ROY R. TIFFIN 5	DAVID EAMES Tenor

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters 'inside.'

A 17th birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

GATESHEAD, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 9, 1962, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, consisting of 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 London, 1,216 Cambridge and 1,344 Superlative; with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

M. ELAINE MURCOTT .. Treble	*GEORGE S. DEAS 5
ROBIN G. TURNER 2	KENNETH ARTHUR 6
*ALAN R. PATTERSON .. 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 7
*ERIC N. HARRISON .. 4	†BRYAN PATTISON Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. † 200th peal (100th of Surprise). First of Spliced Surprise Major as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to Marion and Alan Ainsworth on the birth of a daughter, Elva Ruth.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 12, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*MAURICE G. INGRAM .. Treble	†DAVID R. INGRAM .. 5
JEFFREY B. WEBB 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 6
†BERNARD J. TOWNSEND .. 3	DEREK P. JONES 7
CLIVE M. SMITH 4	GORDON H. LANE Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Surprise 'inside.' ‡ First in the method.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 14, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE WATCH TOWER,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

NICHOLAS I. WRIGHT .. Treble	ERIC N. HARRISON .. 5
GEORGE S. DEAS 2	BRYAN PATTISON .. 6
KENNETH ARTHUR 3	ROBIN G. TURNER .. 7
KENNETH CHEESEMAN .. 4	ALAN R. PATTERSON .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by ALAN R. PATTERSON.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

D. JOHN HUNT .. Treble	ANTHONY R. KENCH .. 5
*GILLIAN M. HUSSEY .. 2	*REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 6
†JACQUELINE A. REASON .. 3	*BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON 7
*MICHAEL J. HOBBS .. 4	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON.

* First peal of Plain Bob Triples. † First of Triples. First of Bob Triples on the bells.

Rung for the induction this day of the Rev. John Baker as Vicar of All Saints', Battersea Park.

DRAYTON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., May 19, 1962, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.

Pritchard's.	
*JOHN R. CAWOOD .. Treble	*MICHAEL D. ATFIELD .. 5
CHRISTINE B. CLAYTON .. 2	MICHAEL V. ROSE .. 6
DAVID A. H. BENNETT .. 3	JOHN E. CAMP 7
CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR .. 4	JOHN G. PUSEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN G. PUSEY.

* First peal on eight.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1962, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5152 HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*DEBORAH A. YEATES .. Treble	BRYAN PATTISON .. 5
WILLIAM G. WILSON .. 2	GEORGE S. DEAS .. 6
ERIC N. HARRISON .. 3	ALAN R. PATTERSON .. 7
ROBIN G. TURNER .. 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* First peal of Major. First in the method.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING SURPRISE MAJOR

E. W. Tipler's F12/9.

38 x 58.14.58 x 58.16 x 12 x 58 x 16 x 78

L.-e. 14263857. F.c.e. 24365.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ebbe,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Grove's variation of Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE <i>Treble</i>	*MICHAEL W. COLEMAN .. 5
*MRS. J. THURMOTT .. 2	BRIAN W. HALL .. 6
EDGAR J. SMITH .. 3	BRIAN R. WHITE .. 7
FREDK. W. SODEN .. 4	CHARLES COLES Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN R. WHITE.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5120 STAINING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. <i>Treble</i>	DENNIS KNOX 5
*THOMAS J. LOCK .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 7
ALICK CUTLER .. 4	†JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* 700th peal. † 500th of Surprise. First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 25, 1962, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF 5024 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,184 Bristol, 1,280 each London, Cambridge and Superlative; 110 changes of method, and all the work for each bell.

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

CYRIL S. JARRETT <i>Treble</i>	TREVOR A. CROSS 5
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 6
DORIS E. COLGATE .. 3	DENNIS BERESFORD .. 7
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN (C.C.B. 13).

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 25, 1962, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

ERIC SUTTON <i>Treble</i>	*W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. 5
LESLEY J. BLADON .. 2	A. TERENCE COLLINS .. 6
*WALTER H. TRUEMAN .. 3	*†ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 7
VICTOR GRIFFIN 4	BRIAN BLADON Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by BRIAN BLADON.

* First peal of Major in the method. † 50th of Surprise. First in the method as conductor.

Rung by a resident branch band.

ARLECDON, CUMBERLAND.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh obs.).	Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F.
HAROLD TEMBEY <i>Treble</i>	JAMES BUTTERFIELD .. 5
GEOFFREY TEMBEY .. 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 6
*JOSEPH LING 3	ALAN CAPSTICK 7
*ALEX FORSYTH 4	STANLEY RICHARDSON .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CAPSTICK.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Capstick.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1962, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Six-Part (No. 2).	Tenor 18 cwt. in E.
MARGARET ROSS <i>Treble</i>	†DAVID J. BAKER 5
EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. 2	DEREK J. MARSHALL .. 6
*JANET WARWICK 3	DAVID W. JAMES 7
†MARY BROWNE 4	IAN W. GOLDTHORPE .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

Rung in honour of the consecration of Coventry Cathedral; also to congratulate Miss Nancy J. Robins and Mr. John H. Soanes on their engagement.

STAINING SURPRISE MAJOR

56-34.6.58-58.36-14-3.16-16.3.

8ths place 1.e. 13527486. 4ths place bobs.

ATHERSTONE, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5056 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in A.

JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. <i>Treble</i>	HUBERT G. SUMMERS .. 5
DAWN V. ELSON 2	EDGAR J. SMITH 6
D. KAY ADKINS 3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 7
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR .. 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal in the method by all the band.

Specially arranged to celebrate the consecration of Coventry Cathedral on the previous day.

DEDDINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

*WILLIAM H. MINNEAR .. <i>Treble</i>	BARRY J. DAVIES 5
MARK W. SAYERS 2	MICHAEL W. COLEMAN .. 6
EDMUND E. PEARSON .. 3	WILLIAM IVINGS 7
ROBERT A. REEVES .. 4	CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE.

* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Edmund and Betty Pearson.

EPPING, ESSEX.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1962, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM S. DEASON <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 5
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 2	DAVID J. TAYLOR 6
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 3	J. KEITH WARD 7
DAVID P. HILLING 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by J. KEITH WARD.

FELMERSHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1962, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

*BOB WHITWORTH <i>Treble</i>	COLIN M. PAYNE 5
*ANN E. CHETTLIE 2	†A. LESLIE PRIESTLEY .. 6
*JOHN M. CLIFTON 3	JOHN E. SKERRITT 7
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE .. 4	MURRAY A. COLEMAN .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by MURRAY A. COLEMAN.

* First peal. † First of Major. First in the method as conductor.

First in the method on the bells.
Rung as a welcome to Lynda Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Clifton; also as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Edna Marsh, a local ringer.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*HENRY C. FOSTER <i>Treble</i>	T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 5
†DENNIS E. PEPPER 2	JOHN G. GIPSON 6
COLIN JOHNSON 3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. 7
DONALD F. MURFET .. 4	GEORGE E. THODAY Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Surprise Major 'inside.'

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1962, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

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

BASIL JONES <i>Treble</i>	ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. 5
EDWARD SHUTTLEWORTH .. 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 6
GILES B. THOMPSON .. 3	PETER LAFLIN 7
HAROLD C. LONYON .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

BRIAN BLADON <i>Treble</i>	*CHRISTOPHER F. MEW .. 5
*RONALD K. RUSS 2	REGINALD F. CROOK .. 6
REGINALD W. REX 3	ARTHUR SAYERS 7
ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 ZELAH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.
DAVID S. M. JONES .. Treble .. 5
E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 2 .. 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 3 .. 7
ROBERT WAKE .. 4 .. Tenor
Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.
First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band except the conductor.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's. Tenor 15½ cwt.
JOHN FREEMAN .. Treble .. 5
*NORMAN B. FOVARGUE .. 2 .. 6
*BERYL N. REED .. 3 .. 7
WALTER TOMLINSON .. 4 .. Tenor
Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † 350th peal.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.
GEORGE H. SPICE .. Treble .. 5
MRS. P. A. CORBY .. 2 .. 6
*JANET H. BUSS .. 3 .. 7
REV. PETER T. ROBBINS .. 4 .. Tenor
Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 65).
Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal in the method.

WATTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 26, 1962, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5056 HELMINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble .. 5
ERIC EDMONDSON .. 2 .. 6
PETER D. BEEDIE .. 3 .. 7
PETER J. COLES .. 4 .. Tenor
Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Guild.

WESTBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 26, 1962, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 35 cwt. in C sharp.
ARCHIBALD T. KNIGHT .. Treble .. 5
REV. ROGER KEELEY .. 2 .. 6
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING .. 3 .. 7
NORMAN G. N. KNEE .. 4 .. Tenor
Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FREDERICK S. SLATFORD.
Rung to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Guild.

WHITTLESEY, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 26, 1962, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt.
HERBERT GOAKES .. Treble .. 5
*CHRISTOPHER BELL .. 2 .. 6
*RAYMOND DAW .. 3 .. 7
CLIVE CALTON .. 4 .. Tenor
Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.
* First peal of Bob Major. 100th as conductor.
Rung for the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Goakes.
This composition was also chosen as a tribute to that great ringer and composer, Ernest Morris.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 11, 1962, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven spliced extents in 12 methods, viz.: (1) Netherseale, Light-foot and Wearmouth; (2) Chester and Munden; (3) London, Wells and Cuncastre; (4) Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and York; (5) Durham and York; (6) London and Wells; (7) Beverley and Surfleet.
Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

*CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER Treble .. 4
*TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 2 .. 5
*†PETER S. BENNETT .. 3 .. Tenor
Conducted by CHARLES B. PEMBERTON.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Minor. † 25th peal.
A wedding compliment to Miss Sheila Thomas and Mr. Maurice E. Rhodes.

STANTON HARCOURT, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Fri., May 11, 1962, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.
JOHN R. CAWOOD .. Treble .. 4
MICHAEL D. ATFIELD .. 2 .. 5
*HOWARD K. NICHOLS .. 3 .. Tenor
Conducted by JOHN G. PUSEY.
* First peal 'inside' and first of Minor.

DUNHOLME, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 25, 1962, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in four methods, viz.: (1) St. Clement's, (2 and 3) Kent Treble Bob, (4 and 5) Plain Bob, (6 and 7) Single Oxford.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.
G. ANGUS DIXON .. Treble .. 4
PETER BURTON .. 2 .. 5
W. STANLEY SMITH .. 3 .. Tenor
Conducted by G. ANGUS DIXON.
Rung to commemorate the dedication of the new Cathedral at Coventry.

EXHALL-BY-COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 25, 1962, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in B flat.
DAVID HARRISON .. Treble .. 4
*KEITH GARDNER .. 2 .. 5
GEORGE P. HAMMOND .. 3 .. Tenor
Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung in honour of the consecration of the new Coventry Cathedral, which took place this day.

HONILEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 25, 1962, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 extents of Plain Bob and 22 of Grandsire.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.
A. CHARLES MORRIS .. Treble .. 3
CHRISTINE MORRIS .. 2 .. 4
DOUGLAS HARRISON .. Tenor
Conducted by A. CHARLES MORRIS.
Rung for the consecration of Coventry Cathedral.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 25, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Norwich, (2) London, (3) Bourne, (4) Beverley, (5) Surfleet, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in A.
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. Treble .. 4
*PHILIP G. ERITH .. 2 .. 5
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 3 .. Tenor
Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
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THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Double Oxford, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN E. GODDARD Treble	KENNETH D. PERKINS 4
ERIC BILLINGS 2	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN 5
MICHAEL R. BENNETT 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

Rung for the consecration of Coventry Cathedral.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being 720 of York, London, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ERIC COOK Treble	*PATRICIA BUSS 4
*FRED PEARSON 2	RONALD KENRICK 5
*MARTIN SNAPE 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal of Minor.

HAMBLEDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 25 lb.

DAVID A. CORNWALL .. Treble	*JOHN YOUNG 4
*JOYCE I. BARTON 2	ROYSTON BLACKLER 5
ROGER G. HAZELL 3	†E. DENNIS POOLE Tenor

Conducted by ROYSTON BLACKLER.

* First peal of Minor. † 100th peal.

Rung to mark the consecration of Coventry Cathedral.

HARPOLE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being six extents each of St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Southrepps Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Seighford and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

ROGER W. SMITH Treble	GRAHAM C. PAUL 3
ALAN A. PAUL 2	RICHARD J. DANBY 4

MICHAEL R. HARVEY Tenor

Conducted by GRAHAM C. PAUL.

Rung for the consecration of Coventry Cathedral the previous day.

KIRBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. Treble	G. ALAN METTERS 4
*RONALD MUNROE 2	WILLIAM WALL 5
JAMES E. DICKINSON .. 3	DENNIS ELLISON Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS ELLISON.

* First peal 'inside.' First as conductor.

A silver wedding compliment to the conductor's parents.

SHAW-CUM-DONNINGTON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

REGINALD A. CROOK .. Treble	RONALD K. RUSS 4
CHERRY WHITE 2	CHRISTOPHER F. MEW 5
REGINALD W. REX 3	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

HUNTINGDON.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 28, 1962, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

JAMES A. HOWES Treble	RAYMOND H. DAW 4
ALBERT J. DAVY 2	MICHAEL J. DYER 5
CLIVE R. CALTON 3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD S. PEACOCK.

Rung as a golden wedding compliment (May 27th) to Mr. W. H. Clayton (churchwarden of All Saints) and Mrs. Clayton.

HANDBELL PEALS

DURHAM CITY.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wed., April 18, 1962, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,

IN THE COLLEGE OF THE VENERABLE BEDE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

ROBIN G. TURNER 1—2 | ERIC N. HARRISON 3—4

BRYAN PATTISON 5—6

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

AND

THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

On Fri., May 11, 1962, in 1 Hour and 33 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

MALCOLM D. BARSBY 1—2 | DAVID F. MOORE 3—4

B. STEDMAN PAYNE 5—6

Conducted by MALCOLM D. BARSBY.

First peal as conductor.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

ALSO

On Fri., May 18, 1962, in 1 Hour and 28 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

MALCOLM D. BARSBY 1—2 | B. STEDMAN PAYNE 3—4

RUPERT A. CLARKE 5—6

Conducted by RUPERT A. CLARKE.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sun., May 20, 1962, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,

AT CLARE COLLEGE MEMORIAL COURT.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

HILARY MUIRHEAD 1—2 | ANDREW S. HUDSON 3—4

MARTYN L. J. JORDAN 5—6

Conducted by MARTYN L. J. JORDAN.

First peal as conductor.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 21, 1962, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT 83, COLLEGE ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

CYRIL S. JARRÉTT 1—2 | TREVOR A. CROSS 5—6

BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3—4 | MARTIN L. HOWE 7—8

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

First peal of Major 'in hand' by all the band except the conductor.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 22, 1962, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT 51, DOVER ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

GEORGE J. BUTCHER 1—2 | BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5—6

TREVOR A. CROSS 3—4 | CYRIL S. JARRÉTT 7—8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

ALTRINCHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 23, 1962, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT 52, WELLINGTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

ROBERT B. SMITH 1—2 | JOHN WORTH 5—6

C. KENNETH LEWIS 3—4 | WILLIAM H. DOWSE 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

On Thurs., May 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

IN THE UNIVERSITY UNION.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor size 10 in A.

*SABRE SULLIVAN 1—2 | †DAVID W. JAMES 3—4

EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. 5—6

Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.

* First peal. † First 'in hand.'

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Nancy J. Robins. Guild secretary.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 25, 1962, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT 170, HEADSTONE LANE.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

THOMAS J. LOCK 1—2 | *CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 5—6

*GERALD PENNEY 3—4 | JOHN R. MAYNE 7—8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

HALF PEALS

NEWPORT, MON.—On May 19th, at St. Woolos' Cathedral, 2,520 Plain Bob Triples: P. M. Saunders 1, D. Taylor 2, J. F. James 2, P. Mason 4, M. Edwards 5, D. G. Clarke 6, D. Pike (cond.) 7, J. L. Fitzgerald 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Barbara M. Williams, a Cathedral ringer, and E. Trehanne.

THRYBERGH, YORKS.—On May 26th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Crossley 1, F. Brunt 2, C. Ashton 3, M. Meadows 4, T. Cutts 5, B. Heppenstall (cond.) 6. Rung to commemorate the restoration of the church roof.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. F. Wilcox 1, I. Munro 2, A. Carr (first quarter) 3, Miss M. Marshall 4, D. Wilcox 5, R. Pike (cond.) 6. First of Bob Minor by all except conductor.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. S. Woods 1, A. W. Beard 2, J. Carrott 3, A. H. Worboys 4, F. V. Gant (cond.) 5, S. E. Holgate 6, C. E. Willmington 7, H. Sherwood 8. In memoriam Caleb Fenn, for many years Master and tower keeper at St. Margaret's, who was interred earlier in the day.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On May 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Ward 1, Miss B. Bolzer (first quarter) 2, Miss B. Foster 3, Miss J. Cox 4, Miss M. Andrews 5, S. J. Woodcock (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.—On May 8th, 1,440 Minor (Plain Bob, Oxford Bob): P. Lockwood 1, C. Sutton 2, Mrs. C. B. Pemberton 3, M. Roscamp 4, F. Cliff (cond.) 5, C. B. Pemberton 6. First quarter 1 and 2. For the wedding of Miss Sheila Thomas (Bidston) and Maurice Rhodes (Neston).

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on May 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Audrey M. Evans 1, Jean Warner 2, Angela Grainger 3, C. W. T. Riddleston 4, G. Horritt 5, B. J. Stone 6, W. A. Riddington (cond.) 7, B. G. North 8, S. E. Armstrong 9, A. W. Bond 10. First of Royal 1, 2, 5, 6 and 8. For Evensong.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's, on May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Hooper 1, D. L. Gore 2, Jacqueline A. Reason 3, B. A. Shackleton (cond.) 4, F. J. Sampson 5, A. C. Baker 6, M. J. Hobbs 7, D. J. Hunt 8. Also on May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. A. Shackleton 1, A. Caines (first 'inside') 2, R. G. Hooper 3, D. L. Gore 4, Gillian M. Hussey 5, M. J. Hobbs 6, A. Bennett (cond.) 7, F. R. Hussey 8. Rung to welcome the Rev. R. C. H. Saunders, who was inducted to the living of St. Ambrose's, Bristol, this day.

BROADHEMBURY, DEVON.—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Real 1, S. Trim 2, A. Hodge 3, D. Salter 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, J. Radford 6.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDS.—On April 24th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. T. Winkate 1, Jacqueline S. King 2, W. E. Thompson 3, G. T. Cousins 4, W. Blake 5, P. G. Morgan 6, W. F. Moreton (cond.) D. J. King 8.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On May 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Canterbury and Plain Bob): R. Padbury 1, T. Padbury 2, L. Penfold 3, G. Charlton 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. Birthday compliments to the conductor, Robin Padbury, Janet Sherlock and Hazel Portch.

CAERLEON, MON.—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Rosemary Greenway 1, Diane Edwards 2, G. R. Marchant 3, P. H. Stafford 4, D. Pike (cond.) 5, M. Steed 6. First quarter 1 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Tom Dowle, vergar at this church for 14 years.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Gasson 1, Miss R. Stevens 2, S. Brown 3, H. Brown 4, J. Jeffrey 5, R. Johnson 6, F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, G. Gasson 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Gasson, a ringer at Bolney.

DEAN PRIOR, DEVON.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. B. Prior 1, A. L. Bennett 2, Rev. P. Angold 3, Rev. P. Dowling 4, W. G. Lavers (cond.) 5. First in the method 1, 4 and 5. Rung after meeting short for Plain Bob Minor.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. Haycock 1, G. Wright 2, D. Loake 3, A. E. York 4, B. Haycock 5, B. Yeomans 6, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 7, Mrs. A. Loake 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Fred Kilborn, ringer for 55 years.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—At the Abbey, on May 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. A. H. Betts 1, Margaret E. Thewlis 2, Barbara M. Butler 3, J. R. J. Dyke 4, Helen J. Butler 5, P. A. Sharp (cond.) 6, D. H. Exon 7, Susan J. Howes 8. For Matins.

DYMOCK, GLOS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: Joy Smith 1, W. E. Spiers 2, L. Smith 3, E. D. Wilson 4, R. Chew (cond.) 5, T. Stevens 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. J. H. Cam Tackwell, for many years churchwarden and lay reader.

QUARTER PEALS

FINDON, SUSSEX.—On May 26th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's St. Martin's Plain Bob and Grandsire): Joan E. Elliott 1, Elizabeth Brown 2, Mrs. D. K. Dale 3, V. J. C. Dale 4, H. G. Goddard (cond.) 5, J. R. Maple 6.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, NORFOLK.—On May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. C. Cooper 1, Miss N. B. Smedley 2, A. W. Fulcher 3, S. F. High 4, W. B. Duncan 5, A. W. Bird (cond.) 6. Rung for Confirmation service.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. B. Fernyhough 1, J. Lambert 2, H. Hall 3, C. Hall 4, G. Atkins (cond.) 5. For Sunday school anniversary service.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. White 1, G. W. Bishop 2, J. H. Napper 3, L. F. Cox (first of Stedman 'inside') 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop 6, T. F. East (cond.) 7, W. Corderoy 8.

HEREFORD.—At All Saints' Church, on April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. T. Cousins 1, A. T. Winkate 2, M. V. Powell 3, R. G. Powell 4, P. G. Morgan 5, T. E. Wood 6, F. Reed (cond.) 7, L. Quartermaine 8.

HOLBEACH, Lincs.—On May 27th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent T.B., 540 Plain Bob): Miss J. Vellam 1, Mrs. D. A. Davis 2, K. R. Davey 3, G. Johnson 4, R. D. Bailey 5, R. B. Sanders (first as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On May 27th, 1,260 New Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Smith 1, C. Webb (cond.) 2, H. Colcombe 3, J. Martin 4, J. King 5, Miss P. Drury 6. First in the method by all. For afternoon service.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On May 20th, 1,260 Bob Doubles (Reverse Canterbury and Plain): F. L. Weller 1, J. Nelson 2, A. Monks (first in two methods) 3, C. Godfrey 4, W. L. Weller (cond.) 5. Congratulations to Miss S. A. Richardson and Mr. B. Dibben, on their engagement.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On May 22nd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Miss J. Brewer (first quarter) 1, R. J. Elliott 2, E. R. Venn 3, D. Bennett 4, B. R. White 5, W. F. Judge 6, F. A. White 7, C. M. P. Johnson (cond.) 8. Rung on the 63rd anniversary of the record 17,024 of Double Norwich, which was rung in this tower.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. G. Powell 1, Mrs. E. C. Chandler 2, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 3, A. T. Winkate 4, L. Evans 5, L. Quartermaine 6. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Mr. F. Jaine, interred earlier this day.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Northrepps Pleasure Bob Doubles: N. D. Kirk 1, M. J. Kirk 2, Thelma E. Staples 3, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 4, J. A. Harrison 5. First in the method by all and on the bells. Rung before sportsmen's service.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. J. Lightfoot (first of Minor) 1, A. C. Morris 2, M. Lawrence 3, T. Gwilt 4, J. L. Lightfoot 5, P. Warren (cond.) 6. Rung for induction of new Vicar.

LAKENHEATH, SUFFOLK.—On May 18th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor: G. Miller 1, Miss F. A. Negus 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, H. Fuller 4, N. Watson 5, J. W. Paul (cond.) 6.

LAVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. Sanders 1, W. J. Marlow 2, B. Garrett (cond.) 3, Canon F. A. Sanders 4, M. S. Holbrook 5, R. Hassell 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Viscountess Portal.

LECHLADE-ON-THAMES, GLOS.—On May 25th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Rosemary Lee (first of mixed methods) 1, Gillian Walsh (first in four methods) 2, A. P. Law (first in four methods) 3, G. W. Land (cond.) 4, G. Pluckrose 5, W. E. Gearing (first quarter) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss B. Hardasty.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On May 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss P. Fox (first in method) 1, Mrs. B. Mitchell 2, C. Hughes 3, R. Smith 4, Miss J. Cook 5, J. Crampion (cond.) 6, J. Armstrong 7, A. White 8. For Evensong.

LUTON, BEDS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Cheney 1, G. Hawkins 2, J. Herbert 3, A. J. Smith 4, L. A. Goodenough 5, H. Wood 6, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 7, H. R. C. Mann 8. In memoriam Richard Kendall, for many years ringer and tower secretary at Luton.

LYNEHAM, WILTS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. F. Godwin (first away from cover) 1, G. E. Wheeler 2, M. D. Penny 3, Miss S. H. Little 4, G. Pluckrose (cond.) 5, Miss J. R. Keniston (first quarter) 6. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Godwin.

MARSHFIELD, GLOS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. L. Gore 1, Myra J. Wilkins 2, I. G. Smith 3, H. Taysom 4, Jacqueline A. Reason (first as cond.) 5, M. J. Hobbs 6, A. W. Gibbs 7, B. W. Metcalfe 8. First on eight 3 and 8.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): H. Hardwidge 1, J. Yeates 2, P. Blake 3, L. Derrick (cond.) 4, Mary Powell 5, Olwen Quint 6.

NETTLEBIRD, OXON.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Sadler 1, Mrs. F. Belson 2, R. Hope 3, R. Cummins 4, N. Nelson (cond.) 5, R. Smith 6. Rung half-muffled on the evening of the interment of a faithful chorister. Also on May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Sadler 1, Mrs. F. Belson 2, R. Hope 3, R. Cummins 4, N. Nelson (cond.) 5, R. Smith 6. Rung for the induction of the new Vicar, Rev. P. Wilkinson.

NORTON-IN-HALES, STAFFS.—On April 24th, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: Ruth Talbot 1, Mary Keay 2, W. Talbot 3, Doreen Godwin 4, G. A. Moore (cond.) 5, G. Simon 6. First quarter 1, 2, 4 and 6. For golden wedding of Mr. Frank Crewe, churchwarden for 40 years.

OLDHAM, LANCs.—On May 20th, at St. Thomas' Church, Moorside, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. P. Partington 1, G. Newton 2, H. Armstead 3, D. Butterworth 4, M. D. Fishwick 5, D. Haworth 6, I. Kay (cond.) 7, G. Haigh 8. First for 6 and 8. For the 90th anniversary service.

OLD SWINFORD, WORCS.—On Good Friday, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Pauline Bill 1, F. J. Vallender 2, J. A. Tandy (cond.) 3, J. C. Eisel 4, C. R. Tandy 5, P. Bill 6. Rung half-muffled for evening service.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On May 20th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Roberts 1, A. Waller 2, B. Branstons 3, G. Davis 4, G. Cowlin 5, M. Parker (cond.) 6. Rung for morning service, also as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of 3.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Tomlin 1, Miss E. Hatch 2, M. Sinden 3, F. May 4, W. Ellis 5, M. Hallett 6, G. Sandwell (cond.) 7, A. House 8. For evening service and in memory of Mark Farnish Hatch, a ringer of this tower, who died in an accident while on duty in Singapore on May 23rd.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Roberts 1, P. Bill 2, I. Darby 3, W. Butler 4, J. A. Tandy (cond.) 5, G. H. Chiswell 6. First quarter for 1, 3, 4 and 6.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Blower 1, Joy Smith 2, R. Poston 3, W. Jones 4, W. Dudley-Wilson 5, L. Edwards 6, J. J. Webb (cond.) 7, H. Meek 8. A wedding compliment to Yvonne M. Meek and Robert Williams, married at this church this day.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Holloway (first quarter) 1, Mary Marshall 2, A. Stacey 3, R. Rex 4, W. Butler (cond.) 5, A. Christopher 6. Also on March 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Crook 1, Mary Marshall 2, D. Papworth 3, W. Butler 4-5, A. Sayer 6, R. Rex (cond.) 7, A. Christopher 8. Rung after meeting short for Stedman. Also on May 20th, 1,280 Spliced Doubles (18 methods): R. Holloway 1, A. Stacey 2, Mary Marshall 3, R. Pike 4, W. Butler (cond.) 5, A. Christopher 6. First in 18 methods by all except the conductor.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On May 24th, 1,280 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): M. J. Young 1, C. M. Heawood (first in two methods 'inside') 2, G. W. Elmes 3, Judith A. Harding 4, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 5, C. A. Bull 6. First in two methods for 1 and 3. Rung on Commonwealth Day.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Stamper (first quarter) 1, W. L. Ratcliffe 2, A. T. Bailey 3, R. W. Winstanley 4, I. F. Taylor (cond.) 5, G. Butler 6. For Confirmation service. Also on May 20th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: Miss V. Potter (first quarter) 1, R. W. Winstanley 2, A. T. Bailey 3, W. L. Ratcliffe 4, I. F. Taylor (cond.) 5, J. Miller (first quarter) 6. For evening prayer, and farewell sermon by Rev. Walter Johnson.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On May 20th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 each London and Ipswich): J. A. G. Hopkins (first of Treble Bob) 1, L. W. G. Skinner 2, J. E. Cannell 3, R. R. Crossland 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, J. D. Faircloth 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On May 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Vanessa Rodrigues (first quarter) 1, Susan Rawlings 2, Anne Garnett 3, R. Mayes 4, K. Newman 5, C. Walters (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WORMLESDON, SURREY.—On May 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): J. Collier 1, R. Tickner 2, Susan Rawlings 3, F. Cherrymann 4, C. Slyfield 5, K. Newman (cond.) 6. R. Jordan 8. For Matins.

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CONWAY.—On May 30th, 1962, to Colin and Margaret (nee Parker), a son, Julian John. 338

ENGAGEMENT

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 7th. Arrangements as follows: 9.45 a.m. Corporate Communion in St. Aldate's Church; 11 a.m. festival service in Christ Church Cathedral; 12 noon business meeting in the Chapter House; 1.30 p.m. lunch in the dining hall of Christ Church. Application for tickets (6s. 6d. each), accompanied by remittance, must reach Mr. A. D. Barker, 'Cambridge', Church Lane, Wexham, Slough, Bucks, not later than Tuesday, June 26th. Ringing arrangements as on Agenda.—M. R. Cross.

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL.—Preliminary notice.—Open Day, August 18th. Ringing 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m., also St. Nicholas' (J. R. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport. 328

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COVENTRY CATHEDRAL QUARTER PEALS

BILTON, WARWICKS.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Bernice Frodsham 1, Phyllis Tole 2, Janet M. Caust 3, A. Campden 4, J. A. Tole (cond.) 5, W. E. Burnel 6.

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's Church, on May 25th, 1,320 Coventry Delight Minor: C. M. Foster 1, Dorothy Stafford 2, D. M. Sawyer 3, C. Tyndale-Biscoe 4, A. R. Kench 5, L. C. Maycock (cond.) 6. First in the method by all the band.

CORLEY, WARWICKS.—On May 25th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: H. Darling 1, Valerie Long 2, Barbara Long 3, J. H. Darling 4, A. R. Guy (cond.) 5. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 4.

HOLT, WILTS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Harding 1, J. Nibbs 2, J. Stillman 3, R. Humphries 4, D. Stillman (cond.) 5, K. Jones 6.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Webb (first of Minor) 1, Christine Morris 2, C. Royal 3, C. Morris 4, D. Harrison 5, C. Sweeney (cond.) 6. For family service, and as a welcome back to active ringing to the ringer of the 4th after a long spell in hospital. Also on May 25th, 1,259 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): P. Bourne 1, J. Royal 2, C. Royal 3, C. Sweeney (cond.) 4, J. Webb 5, A. Webb 6. First of Mixed Doubles by all.

KERESLEY, WARWICKS.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Allport 1, H. Folwell 2, Miss T. Bowcutt 3, R. Robinson 4, R. D. Hart (cond.) 5.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On May 27th, at the Cathedral Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Hoodless 1, Capt. A. Lawrey 2, Miss S. Smith 3, J. A. Haile 4, A. A. J. Buswell (cond.) 5, B. J. Dixon 6, N. Haile 7, A. R. Carter 8. Also for Evensong.

STAFFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. White 1, V. B. Hunt (cond.) 2, J. A. Print 3, L. Hallett 4, R. C. Chapman 5, J. L. Findon 6, C. R. Steed 7, G. Ingram 8.

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SILCHESTER, HANTS.—On May 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Papworth 1, C. Ostler 2, P. Waus (15, first of Bob Doubles and first as cond.) 3, D. Cox 4, J. Roberts 5. For Evensong on Rogation Sunday.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Davis 1, Miss J. Horton 2, R. J. Chacksfield 3, R. C. Blackman 4, Rev. P. R. Blackman (cond.) 5, Miss J. Morton 6. For Evensong, and for the christening of Martin John, son of the ringer of 3.

STRETTON GRANDISON, HEREFORDS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): E. Andrews 1, L. Walters 2, J. Lane 3, J. Ward (cond.) 4, C. Biggs 5, G. Gwyne 6. For morning service.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Kathleen S. Fuller 1, J. M. Swift (first of Plain Bob) 2, A. R. Baklock (cond.) 3, Christine M. Fuller 4, D. R. Fuller (first of Plain Bob 'inside') 5, G. M. FitzHugh (first of Plain Bob) 6.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On April 13th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Iris Thompson 1, Deborah Yeates 2, M. Elaine Murcott 3, M. Fromm 4, K. Cheeseman 5, G. S. Deas 6, F. Ross 7, B. Pattison (cond.) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of 3. Also on April 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Maughan 1, G. Lusk 2, M. Elaine Murcott 3, M. Fromm 4, N. I. Wright 5, A. R. Patterson 6, G. S. Deas (cond.) 7, F. Ross 8. For Parish Communion.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, on May 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Ann M. Cox 1, M. J. Best 2, Myrtle A. Williams 3, P. N. Tubbs 4, A. R. Carter 5, D. J. Forder 6, D. B. Brown (cond.) 7, C. S. Williams 8. For Evensong.

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