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CHANGE RINGING ON TELEVISION FROM NEWCASTLE

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(Hon. General Secretary, Durham)

IN November last year in an interview on B.B.C. television's "Look North" programme, Miss Jennie Armstrong complained about the interference with the curfew by peal ringers at Morpeth's Watch Tower and she said that the public did not understand or appreciate change ringing. I immediately wrote to the B.B.C. and suggested that this statement should be seen as a challenge to them to do something to enlighten the public about change ringing. A discussion followed in which the idea was favourably received but action was deferred until filming conditions were more favourable.

Discussions were resumed in March and filming was arranged for Saturday, March 27th, at Newcastle Cathedral. This tower was chosen because it has a spacious ringing chamber, a compact arrangement of the ropes in its "middle eight," audible and good quality bells and, last but not least, people in charge who are good friends. The B.B.C. team was most co-operative and took great pains to ensure a successful outcome. The final result was seen on Thursday, April 8th, in the North East and Cumberland version of "Look North," with an item on change ringing lasting about seven and a half minutes.

Mike Neville gave a topical lead into the item by referring to the reports in the local Press of the divergent views about the bells of Houghton-le-Spring, where the patrons of the Golden Lion could not abide the sound, but those of the Red Lion liked the sound so much that they had sent £5 to help to keep the bells ringing! George House reported for the B.B.C. and gave an introduction outside Newcastle Cathedral with Stedman Triples in the background. As he concluded, the camera moved up the tower to the ringing chamber window to bear out his remark on the need for good lungs and good legs in any prospective ringer at this cathedral. He entered the ringing chamber somewhat breathless as the bells ran round and came over to introduce me as secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, using a peal board as his teleprompter for our full title. We talked about the two ways of making a bell sound and I demonstrated chiming and ringing, in each case shots being given of what was happening in the bell chamber.

To demonstrate change ringing, the plain hunt on four bells was rung twice and I gave a commentary on this. I remained out of view at this stage and the camera retained a steady view of only the first four bells. The treble was made conspicuous by having a lady ringer, Miss Iris Thomson, while Messrs. K. Arthur, J. Crowther and W. Davidson manned the other three. Before ringing commenced I emphasised the two important points—(i) the two distinct strokes, handstroke and backstroke, and these were demonstrated by the treble, and (ii) that all bells complete one stroke before any proceed to the next stroke. I pointed out that although eight bells were in use, only the four in view would be changing their order and the unseen 5, 6, 7 and 8 would retain their order throughout. (The four covering bells helped the striking and slowed the action slightly for the commentator.)

I returned to the fifth for a final chat with George House, the main topic being the names of methods. Then George thanked us all and left us to resume ringing. For a short item the plain hunt on seven was selected and some of this ringing was heard while shots of ringers, moving ropes and swinging bells were seen in turn on the screen.

The item ended with the emergence of George House in the street below, where he pointed out that twelve ringers starting at that time could ring continuously on the twelve bells until about 2003 A.D. before all the possibilities would be exhausted. He reassured those who do not like bells by passing on the ringers' admission that they themselves would be exhausted much sooner.

Many people who saw the programme have commented very favourably on it. The majority of the comments that I have heard were from people who are not ringers and from these comments it would seem that the objective of trying to give the general public some insight into the mysteries of change ringing had been achieved.

I am very grateful to all those who co-operated in this venture—the B.B.C., the Newcastle Cathedral authorities and my fellow ringers, including those who were only heard and not seen. In the early discussions Mr. Alder, of the B.B.C., emphasised the desirability of physical demonstrations rather than too much talk or diagrams if interest were to be maintained. While we tried to adopt this idea we did not appreciate quite how far this thirst for demonstration could go and I hear that we sadly disappointed one young viewer in Chester-le-Street. It was not enough for him to hear about the disastrous consequences of keeping hold of the sally, he wanted to SEE THEM!

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION'S SOUND POSITION

GUESTS of honour at the annual meeting of the Kent County Association, held at Canterbury on Easter Monday, was Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, K.C.M.G. and Lady Knatchbull-Hugessen. Sir Hugh's father was the Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen, the founder of the Association, who was the general secretary from 1880-1889.

The meeting was largely attended and the service was held in the choir of the Cathedral. The Archdeacon of Canterbury (the Ven. A. Sargent) prefaced his sermon by a welcome to the Association from the Dean and Chapter. The lesson was read by the general secretary (Mr. P. A. Corby).

During the service the following deaths which had occurred since the last meeting were remembered:

Practising members.—L. Cook (Harrietsham), A. Dunk (Stockbury), W. Everett (Ashford), H. R. French (Canterbury), E. Harrington (Hever), W. F. Jenkins (Canterbury), J. W. Unwin (Canterbury), F. Watts (Burmarsh), J. Wallis (Maidstone), A. F. Wellington (Tunbridge Wells), F. C. W. Knight (Ramsgate). Non-resident.—E. M. Atkins (Teignmouth), L. Fidler (Hitchin), W. Hodgetts (Bushey), A. A. Hughes (Whitechapel), A. R. Macdonald (Poole), F. W. Rogers (Portsmouth), H. T. Wilson (Brentwood).

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The luncheon was served in the Drill Hall, and there were many distinguished guests for the chairman (Mr. John Willis) to welcome. These included the Dean (the Very Rev. I. H. White-Thomson), whom he recalled was for some years Vicar of Folkestone and while there was a very good friend of the ringers. Although the Mayor was unable to attend, he had sent a very good substitute in the Sheriff of the City (Cclr. Wilson) and Mrs. Wilson. Others welcomed were the Archdeacon of Canterbury and his sister Mrs. Moule, the Precentor (the Rev. Guy L'Estrange), Canon and Mrs. A. H. Waddams, Mr. Stephen Crisp (deputy organist), Rev. F. Mason (principal of Christ Church College) and Mrs. Mason, the Archdeacon of Maidstone and Mrs. Strutt, Dr. G. Templeman (vice-chancellor of Canterbury University), whose daughter is a ringer, and Mrs. Templeman.

The Dean, who replied to the welcome, said he knew a little about ringing and used to see a good deal of the ringers at Folkestone. It was a great work bellringers did and he was glad to see that so many ringers reached old age. Despite the years, they were still able to get into the belfries and ring for hours. He was talking to a ringer in the belfry who said he was ringing in 1904. It was wonderful to think that some young people sitting in front of him had 65 years of steady ringing ahead of them.

Replies were also made by the Sheriff and Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen.

BUSINESS MEETING

The business meeting followed, and apologies were received from Messrs. B. F. L. Groves, T. E. Sone (in bed with bronchitis), G. H. Spice, A. Fry and the Rev. S. M. Evans (recovering from influenza).

In the secretary's annual report the membership of the Association was given as 1,193 resident, 72 associate; towers in union 164, not in union 51. Districts membership was: Ashford 225, associates 32; Canterbury 286, 28; Lewisham 176, 3; Maidstone 157, nil; Rochester 187, 9; Tonbridge 162, 3.

RESTORATION WORK

"A most heartening increase in this most important sphere," commented the report. Cuxton Church had a very satisfactory six, the old five having been rehung and a treble added. Excellent reports had been received of Pluckley, where the six had been recast, rehanging in a new frame, and a new ringing room provided. Both jobs were completed during the year by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who now had in hand the rehanging in a new frame of the six and the addition of two trebles at East Malling, and a similar job at Brabourne. In addition work was in hand



Mr. John Willis, the popular chairman, who told the meeting: "Easter Monday is a great day for me and many of you."

on a new frame at Ashford, although it was not proposed to add new trebles at the moment.

At Mersham, where the founder, the Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen, was Rector, the bells had been sent to Whitechapel pending the restoration of the tower, after which a new bell frame will be installed and the eight bells retuned and rehung. At Sevenoaks an order had been placed for a new iron frame, the sixth to be recast and the remainder tuned. This work could commence in July.

The F. M. Mitchell memorial, which will take the form of a bronze tablet to be placed at the base of the tower at Milton-next-Gravesend and the investment of a sum of money to provide interest for the purchase of bell ropes for this church, was still open for further donations. A generous contribution had been received from the Ancient Society of College Youths, of which Mr. Mitchell was Master in 1932.

PLEA FOR LESS EXPERIENCED

Mr. P. A. Corby concluded his report with the following general comment. Membership had remained steady after the serious decline reported last year. The Association still had a great purpose to fulfil and must have the support of every ringer in Kent. In these days of easy transport and greater affluence, a great deal of ringing activity was organised independent of the Association. This in many ways was a good thing, but the temptation must be avoided for more experienced ringers to concentrate exclusively on their own pleasure ringing to the complete neglect of the needs of the less experienced. "Our aim and purpose must be to ring the bells of all our churches regularly, Sunday by Sunday. We can achieve this best by strengthening our fellowship through the Association."

Mr. Corby moved and Miss M. Andrews seconded the adoption of the report. A protest was entered by Mrs. Robbins: "We cannot adopt a report we have not read." Nevertheless, the majority present voted for adoption.

Presenting the accounts Mr. B. M. May said the income and expenditure account showed a balance carried forward of £201 11s. 8d., against £177 8s. 5d. From the Benevolent Fund four grants aggregating £40 and Christmas gifts of £14 had been made and the balance reduced from £253 14s. 1d. to £217 5s. 1d. Belfry Repair Fund at £238 2s. 3d. had made grants of £20 to Cheriton, Cuxton and Pluckley. The assets of the Association at market value on

December 31st were £1,209, with £31 15s. 9d. in the Tenterden Bell Fund. He moved the adoption and Mr. A. S. Richards, honorary auditor, seconding said there was £14 to £15 to be added as interest.

Mr. C. T. Hillis questioned collections and donations of £47 standing in the account of the Maidstone District and £32 from the Rochester District. It was explained that these arose from the summer rally and dinner. The report was then adopted.

PEAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Ian H. Oram, the peal secretary, reported 143 peals in 1964, which were four less than last year. There were no twelve-bell peals, and two rung outside the county, of which one was the only handbell peal. St. John's, Erith, and Frindsbury headed the list of towers with nine peals each. Three royal births were honoured by two peals each, and one peal was especially named and rung for the 90th birthday of Sir Winston S. Churchill. There were 37 conductors headed by Bernard F. L. Groves, with 28, followed by Stanley Jenner and the peal secretary both with 19.

The adoption was moved by the peal secretary and seconded by Mr. Stanley Jenner.

Mr. C. T. Hillis said he noticed that first pealers were down by two. Of the 26 first pealers, 15 were from the Ashford District, where there was an increase. He suggested that there was something seriously wrong in other Districts. He thought they should "buck their ideas up" with regard to first pealers. It was all right concentrating on new methods, but they must bring their first pealers along. The report was adopted.

Over the elections Mr. Hillis had a comment. He took exception to Canon N. M. G. Sharp, Vicar of Ashford, being elected a vice-president personally. The vice-presidency was conferred on the Vicar and not the individual in the same way as the other dignitaries. Other non-clerical vice-presidents elected were Messrs. E. A. Barnett, A. G. Hill, B. J. Luck, E. S. Ruck, G. H. Spice and J. Willis.

The retiring officers were re-elected with thanks for their services: Mr. P. A. Corby, honorary secretary; I. H. Oram, peal secretary; B. W. May, honorary treasurer; and A. S. Richards, honorary auditor.

ONE DAY RINGING SCHOOL

The general secretary reported that the arrangements were in an advanced state except that they were still looking for one more lecturer. The response was stupendous and they had to restrict the entry to 85. There were to be three lectures on elementary subjects—learning change ringing, learning a method and practical demonstrations. Also a lecture by Mr. Waddington on building up and maintaining a Sunday service band. In the evening there would be general ringing at Leeds, but in view of the large numbers they would get another tower. It was also suggested that a panel of people should be formed who would go about the Districts talking about change ringing.

A ringers' rally was being organised by Mr. L. Mitchell at Rainham on July 10th, and the numbers would be limited to 150. A dinner was being organised in the Rochester District at Sittingbourne by Mr. Mitchell and helpers. Tickets 13s. 6d.

Under other business, the Rev. Peter Robbins suggested that consideration should be given to new arrangements for the annual meeting. A meeting in the afternoon would be followed by service and tea. He thought it would be better than the present arrangement for Easter Monday. The chairman promised consideration by the committee, and the secretary said he would send notice of the proposal to District secretaries so that it could be discussed at District level.

In the votes of thanks the chairman especially mentioned the services of Mr. T. Phillimore, honorary secretary of the Canterbury District, who was responsible for the arrangements and a presentation was made to Mrs. Phillimore. The concluding vote of thanks was to the chairman proposed by Mr. E. A. Barnett.

Analysis of Peals rung during 1964

Handbell peals are in brackets.

Ancient Society of College Youths.—
Maximus 2, Cinques 6, Royal 2, Caters 2,
Major 4, Triples 5, Minor 1 (1). Total:
22 tower (1). 23.

Anzab.—Caters 1, Major 2. Total: 3.

Bath and Wells.—Royal 4, Caters 3, Major
35 (1), Triples 10, Minor 21, Doubles 20.
Total: 93 (1). 94.

Bedfordshire.—Royal 2, Caters 1, Major 35
(1), Triples 3, Minor 15. Total: 56 (1). 57.

Cambridge University.—Maximus 2, Cinques
2 (1), Royal 1, Caters 2 (1), Major 5 (1),
Triples 1, Minor 1. Total: 14 (3). 17.

Chester Guild.—Maximus 3, Royal 7 (1),
Caters 1, Major 51 (8), Triples 6, Minor 24 (3),
Doubles 7. Total: 99 (12). 111.

Cleveland and North Yorkshire.—Nil.

Cumberland and North Westmorland.—Major
3, Triples 1. Total: 4.

Coventry Guild.—Maximus 1, Royal 3,
Caters 2, Major 18, Minor 26 (1), Doubles 4 (1).
Total: 54 (2). 56.

Derby Diocesan.—Royal 3, Caters 5, Major
30 (3), Triples 2, Minor 9 (3), Doubles 5.
Total: 49 (11). 60.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers.—Maximus 1,
Cinques 2, Royal 1, Major 22, Triples 6, Minor
10, Doubles 8. Total: 50.

Dudley and District.—Minor 1. Total: 1.
Durham and Newcastle.—Royal 2, Major 25,
Triples 1, Minor 4 (3). Total 32 (3). 35.

East Grinstead.—Major 1, Doubles 1. Total:
2.

East Derbyshire & South Leicestershire.—Nil.
Ely Diocesan.—Cinques 1, Royal 1, Major
21, Triples 1, Minor 22, Doubles 4. Total: 50.
Essex.—Maximus 2, Royal 3, Caters 3, Major
35, Triples 5, Minor 38 (1), Doubles 2. Total:
88 (1). 89.

Gloucester and Bristol.—Maximus 2, Cinques
4, Royal 7, Caters 3, Major 42 (1), Triples 2,
Minor 16 (10). Total 76 (11). 87.

Guildford.—Major 17, Triples 1, Minor 6,
Doubles 2. Total 26.

Hereford.—Royal 1, Major 2, Triples 1,
Minor 10, Doubles 13. Total: 27.

Hertford.—Maximus (2), Cinques 1, Royal
2 (2), Caters 2, Major 41 (28), Triples 4, Minor
34 (16), Doubles 1. Total: 85 (48). 133.

Irish.—Maximus 1, Royal 2, Major 7, Minor
5, Doubles 1. Total: 16.

Kent County.—Royal 9, Caters 1 (1), Major
82, Triples 3, Minor 39, Doubles 8. Total:
142 (1). 143.

Lancashire.—Maximus 8, Cinques 2, Royal
13, Caters 2, Major 75 (1), Triples 12, Minor
35 (3), Doubles 9. Total: 156 (4). 160.

Leicester.—Maximus 4, Cinques 4, Royal
11 (2), Major 69 (15), Triples 6, Minor 44 (2),
Doubles 28. Total: 166 (19). 185.

Lincoln.—Maximus 2, Cinques 10, Royal 8,
Caters 3 (1), Major 54 (1), Triples 2, Minor
63, Doubles 3. Total: 145 (2). 147.

Llandaff and Monmouth.—Cinques 3, Royal
2, Caters 7, Major 12, Triples 7, Minor 6 (2),
Doubles 11. Total: 48 (2). 50.

London County.—Royal 7, Caters 4, Major
1, Triples 3. Total 15.

Middlesex County.—Royal 2 (1), Caters 4,
Major 41 (18), Triples 5 (1), Minor 6 (3).
Total: 58 (23). 81.

Midland Counties.—Royal 1, Caters 1, Major
17, Triples 2, Minor 7, Doubles 4. Total: 32.

National Police.—Triples 1. Total: 1.

North Staffordshire.—Royal 1, Caters 2,
Major 8, Triples 4, Minor 5, Doubles 3.
Total: 23.

North Wales.—Major 1. Total: 1.

Norwich.—Cinques 1, Royal 2, Caters 2,
Major 33, Triples 3, Minor 26, Doubles 7 (2).
Total: 74 (2). 76.

Oxford Diocesan.—Maximus 2, Cinques 2,
Royal 4, Caters 7, Major 78, Triples 29, Minor
42 (3), Doubles 13, Minimus 1. Total: 178 (3).
181.

Oxford Society.—Royal 1, Caters 1, Doubles
1. Total: 3.

Oxford University.—Maximus 1, Major 5,
Minor 3 (1). Total: 9 (1). 10.

Peterborough.—Cinques 1, Royal 2, Major
42, Triples 3, Minor 32, Doubles 14, Minimus
1. Total: 95.

St. David's Diocesan.—Major 2, Minor 2,
Doubles 1. Total: 5.

St. Martin's Guild.—Maximus 24, Cinques 1,
Royal 21, Major 32, Triples 2, Minor 1.
Total: 81.

Salisbury.—Maximus 1, Major 14, Triples 3,
Minor 8, Doubles 10. Total: 36.

Scottish Association.—Major 1. Total: 1.

Sheffield and District.—Major 1. Total: 1.

Shropshire.—Royal 1, Major 6, Triples 2,
Minor 8. Total: 17.

Society of Royal College Youths.—Cinques
1, Royal 3, Major 12, Triples 1. Total: 17.

Sherwood Youths.—Major 11. Total: 11.

South Derbyshire & North Leicestershire.—
Nil.

Southwell.—Cinques 1, Royal 2, Caters 2,
Major 20 (1), Triples 6, Minor 41, Doubles
46, Minimus 1. Total: 119 (1). 120.

Stafford Archdeaconry.—Maximus 1, Cinques
2, Royal 5, Caters 3, Major 12, Triples 7,
Minor 15, Doubles 9 (1). Total: 54 (1). 55.

Suffolk.—Royal 3, Caters 1, Major 31,
Triples 3, Minor 27, Doubles 4 (1). Total:
69 (1). 70.

Surrey.—Cinques 1, Royal 4, Caters 6, Major
15, Triples 5, Minor 15, Doubles 2. Total: 48.

Sussex.—Royal 6, Caters 1, Major 52, Triples
8, Minor 17, Doubles 9. Total: 93.

Swansea and Brecon.—Royal (2), Major
9 (22), Minor 12 (73), Doubles (1). Total
22 (100). 122.

Truro.—Cinques 1, Royal 2, Caters 2, Major
10, Triples 7, Minor 5, Doubles 3. Total: 30.

Universities.—Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 7 (1),
Minor 1 (1), Doubles (1). Total: 10 (3). 13.

University of Bristol.—Cinques 1, Caters 1,
Major 3, Minor 4. Total: 9.

University of London.—Major 10, Minor
4 (1). Total: 14 (1). 15.

Winchester and Portsmouth.—Maximus 1,
Cinques 1, Royal 11, Caters 4, Major 34 (3),
Triples 11, Minor 11, Doubles 23. Total:
96 (3). 99.

Worcestershire and Districts.—Maximus 3,
Cinques 1, Royal 3, Caters 2, Major 50, Triples
4, Minor 19, Doubles 8. Total: 90.

Yorkshire.—Maximus 3, Cinques 2, Royal
22 (2), Caters 6, Major 91 (5), Triples 7, Minor
69 (1), Doubles 6, Minimus 1. Total: 207 (8).
215.

Other Societies and Universities.—Cinques 2,
Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 15 (2), Triples 1,
Minor 15 (1), Doubles 4. Total: 39 (3). 42.

Grand Totals: Tower- 3,064, Handbell 272.
3,336.

W. AYRE,
for Peals Analysis Committee.

Methods in which 10 or more peals were
rung in 1964 are as follows:

Maximus.—Cambridge 34, Yorkshire 14.

Cinques.—Stedman 49.

Royal.—Cambridge 47, Yorkshire 36, Lon-
don 28, Plain Bob 37.

Caters.—Grandsire 50, Stedman 37.

Major.—Spliced Surprise: 12 methods 11,
8 methods 19, 7 methods 11, 6 methods 12,
4 methods 22; Bristol 78, Cambridge 139,

Lincolnshire 55, London 98, Pudsey 25,
Rutland 52, Superlative 32, Yorkshire 172,

Kent and Oxford T.B. 12, Kent T.B. 43,
Oxford T.B. 14, Double Norwich 73, Plain
Bob 266.

Triples.—Grandsire 114, Stedman 63, Plain
Bob 12.

Minor.—Over 20 methods 26, 14-20 methods
27, 10 methods 14, 8 methods 15, 7 methods
186, 6 methods 15, 5 methods 40, 4 methods
78, 3 methods 49, 2 methods 47, 1 method 417.

Doubles.—42 methods and more 11, 21-30
methods 19, 14-20 methods 18, 7 methods 26,
5 methods 17, 4 methods 16, 3 methods 14,
2 methods 32, 1 method 131.

QUEEN CAMEL, SOMERSET. — On April 3rd,
1,440 London Surprise Minor: R. G. Beck 1, E. J.
Targett 2, D. Targett 3, E. J. Chivers 4, A. P. Beck
(cond.) 5, R. E. Beck 6.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Higher Subscriptions and Peal Fees

THE Ely Diocesan Association held its annual general meeting in the Cambridge District on Easter Monday. From 12 o'clock onwards members and friends toured the villages and rang at Sawston, Meldreth, West Wrating, Great Wilbraham, Orwell, Horningsea, Ickleton, Bottisham, Duxford (where more than 60 rang), Bourn, Whittlesfield, Cherry Hinton, Foxton, Haslingfield, Stapleford, Melbourn Little Shelford, Harston and Trumpington. The weather was varied, brilliant sun, snow, sleet and hail, and a violent wind with occasional lightning and thunder. The Rev. D. Maddox conducted the service at Trumpington, and over 100 sat down to an ample tea in the Village Hall.

The Rev. D. Maddox took the chair for the business meeting. Canon A. L. Woodard and the Bishop of Ely had sent their apologies. Elections: General secretary and treasurer, H. S. Peacock; peal secretary, G. Pearson; auditor, A. J. Davey. Mr. T. R. Dennis wished to resign after an outstanding record of service. He has been general secretary, 1912-13; Central Council representative, 1914-29 (broken only by war service); auditor from 1921 to the present meeting; and treasurer, 1927-29. The Central Council representatives are J. G. Gipson, E. H. Mastin, D. F. Murfet and H. S. Peacock. Rule 9 was altered to read that these representatives should, as far as possible, be one from each District. The vice-presidents are W. W. Cousins, W. J. Ridgman and T. R. Dennis. The Diocesan Committee consists of these officers together with R. F. Baker, E. W. Bullman, M. W. Carter, C. Cousins, H. Foster, B. Horrell and M. R. Reed.

The "Boundaries Commission" recommended the rearrangement of two towers in different Districts, March to the Wisbech District, and Swaffham Prior to the Ely District, and this was approved. As expected, the next item was the most controversial—the committee recommended an increase in subscriptions.

THE LAST INCREASE WAS IN 1946

After considerable discussion, under topics ranging from improvements in the annual report District secretaries' expenses and Central Council representatives' expenses to birth certificates, it was decided that the resident members' subscription should be 3s. instead of 2s. 6d., non-resident life members' subscription to be 10s. instead of 5s., and the peal booking fee increased to 1s. per rope. These alterations would come into effect in 1966, but peal fees are to be paid direct to the peal secretary, not to the District secretaries and this comes into effect immediately.

The next A.G.M. will be in the Wisbech District on Easter Monday. Local elections and votes of thanks completed the meeting, and members adjourned to ringing at Trumpington, St. Andrew's and St. Benet's, Cambridge, and Chesterton.

J. S.

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Letters to the Editor

ST. SIDWELL'S, EXETER

Dear Sir,—The news that the tower is not to be rebuilt and the bells sold comes as a great shock to the writer, who was born in the parish, baptised and confirmed in the church, was a chorister, bellringer, chimier and church worker in the 19th and present centuries.

The Shepherd family were builders (opposite the church) and from our front windows the church tower could be plainly seen, where for 118 years a Pack and Chapman octave called faithful people to service. In 1891 Mears and Stainbank added two trebles, making a fine ring of ten, the tenor scaling 23 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. The 1942 blitz cut the tower in half, and my uncle, Edwin Shepherd, who was "churchwarden emeritus," was in favour of restoration, but not by using explosives. However, the remaining half was demolished by explosives and soon the cry was: "Exeter will rise again." During many visits to my native city, "Ever Faithful," one willingly subscribed to the restoration fund, but now I read that "the church considers that there are better uses for £60,000 than building a new bell tower to the restored church." The tower was dedicated and formed part of the church, and those who decided on the better uses for restoration money would do well to have second thoughts before being retrograde. St. Sidwell's with one ting tang! Oh no!

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES BACKWARDS

Dear Sir,—Could you please give me your advice on a peal we are going to attempt shortly?

We are going for a peal of backward Grand-sire Triples, which has only been rung once, years ago, at Midhurst, Sussex. We are starting with the last change of a peal and working back. The bell in the hunt will make 3rds to come out (bob) and the bell that is 4-5 up will double dodge 4-5 up and go in the hunt, etc. (Bell in hunt courses in front of treble.)

Our problem is whether a peal starting at backstroke is valid. Starting this way all leading will be right.

If we start at hand, all leading will be back and hand, which will be rather difficult for a whole peal.

Perhaps you could let me know which way the Midhurst ringers started and which way would be correct for reversing the method.—Yours sincerely,

IAN W. HALL.

Kettering, Northants.

APPEAL NOT IN VAIN

Dear Sir,—The smiles are back on the faces of the boys of St. Wulfram's Secondary Modern School, Grantham, for they now have a set of 15 handbells (G—C plus two F sharps and one B flat).

A Nottingham paper's editor saw our appeal in the Diocesan Leaflet, sent along a reporter and photographer, published our tale of woe and as a result we now have an almost new set of bells on long-term loan from a Mrs. Proctor, of Nottingham.

Once more the school corridors resound with the sound of "Evans bells" and with new hearts, new bells (three more than the returned set) and new tunes, the boys look forward to many happy hours of ringing. —Yours sincerely,

V. P. EVANS.

Grantham.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to Rodney Yeates on his interesting account of the early history of bells at St. Nicholas', Newcastle upon Tyne.

I regret he made no mention of the vital role which the Newcastle Cathedral Guild of Change Ringers has played during the 53 years since its foundation, and is still playing, in being the Guild to whose practices aspiring ringers over a wide area come to learn good ringing and striking. In my experience of the past 16 years I know that if the ringing has not been good at the Cathedral those in charge have fully realised the fact.

Rodney also criticises the Cathedral Guild for the small number of people who have been taught the elementary stages of ringing. This is a matter open to discussion and I would welcome comments concerning whether it should be incumbent upon a Cathedral Guild to train its own band or whether it should rely on experienced ringers who move into the area and by honouring ringers from other churches in the diocese by inviting them to join the Cathedral company.—Yours sincerely,

J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

Halesowen, Birmingham.

SPlicing WITH FIRING!

Dear Sir,—Judging by his letter to "The Ringing World" (page 260), Mr. H. Michael Williamson is obviously not aware that this method called "Firing" is being spliced with everything these days! Most peals include a few leads of it while some others consist entirely of the method with the exception of a few things called "rounds" at the start and finish of the "peal."

This peculiar method is much in evidence at meetings up and down the country—in fact it is rung nearly all of the time at these gatherings, also on outings and/or tours; people actually look it up I believe.

I hope Mr. Williamson will not feel offended if I point out to him that it is not considered to be quite "nice" to question this method called "Firing"; neither is it considered decent to raise the question of the standards of striking. You simply must not do it, old man!!

You see, Mr. Williamson, the whole idea is to start off with rounds (as many as you like) then you crash and bang around for about three hours, get the bells back into rounds and say "Stand"! And there you are—one true and complete peal; nothing could be easier really.—Yours, etc.,

Bethersden, Kent.

WILFRED W. RING.

P.S.—By 1965 standards it is considered to be the correct thing to make a mistake as soon as possible after the conductor has said "Go"—in some areas a prize is presented to the lucky first offender!—W. W. R.

OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—I have been racking my brains finding Q sets and am blur-eyed with P blocks vainly trying to discover a peal—or even a quarter peal—of Oxford Bob Triples. I would be grateful if readers would oblige me with a true full extent. An original one would gain from me similar admiration to that which the Exercise had for John Holt.—Yours hopefully, almost frustratedly,

EDWARD MARTIN.

Market Harborough.

LONG LENGTH ATTEMPT AT BIRMINGHAM

Dear Sir,—At the request of the Provost of St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, the Rt. Rev. George Sinker, the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham will attempt to ring a long peal at St. Philip's Cathedral as part of the celebrations to mark the 250th anniversary of St. Philip's being made the Cathedral of the Diocese.

The attempt will take place on Saturday, May 15th, 1965, starting as soon as possible after 8.30 a.m., and will be for 33 courses of Cambridge Surprise Maximus in an endeavour to pass the record of 29 courses set up by the Lancashire Association at Ashton-under-Lyne on August 5th, 1929.

The band will consist of ten members of the regular St. Philip's peal band, Messrs. Shallcross, Purnell, Goodman, Fellows, Fellows, Fearn, Eisel, Border, Barron and Ainsworth, and Messrs. Jones and Smith from Cheshire.

Mr. Roderick W. Pipe has produced the following composition, and has kindly agreed to act as umpire; Mr. Peter Border has checked the composition.—Yours sincerely,

J. ALAN AINSWORTH,

Ringing Master.

17,424 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

By Roderick W. Pipe.
23456 9ths M W H

46532	—	—	2
43265	2	—	—
24365	3	—	—
32465	3	—	—
56423	—	—	—
423756	2	—	3
524736	—	2	—
64523	—	—	2
25346	—	—	—
43652	—	—	—
34256	—	2	2
45236	—	—	—
432765	2	2	3
234567	—	—	—

INSTRUCTIONAL ARTICLES

Dear Sir,—The three articles by Edgar C. Shepherd published on September 18th and 25th and October 2nd, 1964, were fascinating and most instructive. They have taught me a tremendous amount about Grandsire and inspired me to "have a go" at conducting. No doubt this applies also to very many other ringers.

Could you please discover two other authors to produce similar articles on Plain Bob and Stedman? At suitable intervals, of course, to allow the information to be absorbed.—Yours faithfully,

G. J. L. READ.

Knightsbridge.

Note.—Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd has promised us a series on Stedman.—Ed.

MR. WOOLLEY'S QUESTION

Dear Sir,—Everyone has a right to his own opinions; but I should now like Mr. A. W. Jeffs to explain why he considers it better to donate 10s. (as he has done), rather than to include this amount in his annual subscription? He will now have paid £2 12s (the equivalent of 1s. per copy), which, if done by all, would, I believe, make the paper solvent. I trust Mr. Jeffs is a postal subscriber.—Yours sincerely,

C. W. WOOLLEY.

Bushey Heath.

Note.—And instead of 5,600 readers there would be less than 5,000 if another 10s. was put on the subscription forthwith.—Ed.

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Cowbridge Grammar School on Tour

OUR two cars bore modest placards, back and front: "This car carries the Cowbridge Grammar School Bellringers..." the temptation to turn the establishment into a "Grabber School" for the week having been resisted. There were eight of us all told: Old Boy Paul Evans, now of Birmingham University; Ellis Thomas, David Barrington, Chris Ricketts, Paul Morgan, John Alexander, Robert MacPherson and myself. It was the morning of Wednesday, April 7th, and we were off on our band's first ringing tour.

The destination was Birmingham, but we had two towers to visit on the way—the six (10 cwt.) of Redmarley D'Abitot and the six (10½ cwt.) at Wychbold. After a raise here we rang an extent of Wychbold Doubles, a plain course of Kent, 120 Stedman and some call changes. This was a fairly representative cross-section of our ringing during the tour when not reinforced by local ringers.

Our host and benefactor for the tour was the Rev. David Sansum, Vicar of Stechford, who is, of course, a ringer himself. The way he coped with the invasion (four boys, for example, camping in his drawing room!) was a marvel, a proof of his kindness and of the camaraderie of the Exercise; the same, incidentally, may be said of the friendly welcome we received everywhere.

Thursday, April 8th, was a full day. We began with the six (10½ cwt.) at Castle Bromwich, the last bells to be recast by Gillett and Johnston. At Kingsbury the 16 cwt. six have a long draught, and a microphone system operates to make the bells audible below. In case of bad striking one is advised to switch off! Luckily this was not necessary. We were joined here by David Ingram, of Aston, son of the Master of the St. Martin's Guild, and he, like David Sansum, was a most welcome addition to the band during the tour.

The 12 cwt. six at Shustroke are tuned as the inside bells, 2 to 7, of an eight. After lunch came the first eight of the tour, at Coleshill (13 cwt.). Unfortunately our ringing on this anti-clockwise octave with the blue sallies reached only a poorish standard. At Bicken Hill (six, 9½ cwt.) the tenor could not be freed from its chimer, so we rang Doubles on the front five.

The light eight (6½ cwt.) at Packwood were a most pleasant surprise. For the first time ever, all eight of our School band stood in for a raise together. Something clicked; the raise was wellnigh perfect. Then, with David Sansum in, we rattled through some touches of Grandsire Triples and courses of Bob Major. After some good call changes we ended with a creditable lower and a "catch in Queen's" which was Queens. Then came the fine 16½ cwt. six at Berkswell, where the ropes come down behind the organ: what a pity these bells at present lack a full local band. The light six (5½ cwt.) at Barston ended the afternoon.

The evening brought us a wonderful and unexpected climax to the day. David Ingram asked us to the practice on the glorious 25 cwt. 12 at Aston, and in that great swaying tower with its historic peal boards going back to

the 18th century we all had a pull; and our three boffins, Paul, El and Chris, actually had a bit of Plain Bob Royal.

Friday, April 9th, began with the (in our opinion) best, and best-going, bells we have ever struck—the 12 cwt. eight of Tanworth-in-Arden. Here again our raise was good, and we particularly like the memory of Tittums struck fast and true in call changes afterwards. Two 10 cwt. sixes, at Lapworth and Wootton Wawen, followed, then the heavier (14 cwt.) six of Aston Cantlow. The fifth at the last-named tower, dated 1410, was an old bell even when William Shakespeare's parents-to-be were married in this church. The afternoon's two towers, Snitterfield (six, 16 cwt.) and Honiley (five, 6½ cwt.), were separated by a visit to Stratford-on-Avon for tea. We also rowed up and down the river in a large boat, with El, Chris and David ringing touches of Bob Minor on our handbells.

That evening, while waiting for our order in a Chinese restaurant in Birmingham, we formally instituted the Cowbridge Grammar School Society of Change Ringers, open to past and present members of the School, with Ellis Thomas as its first Ringing Master.

We had done well for ringing already, but on our way home on the Saturday we were invited to join a day's outing to the Cotswolds, organised by David Sansum, and we enjoyed ringing with his party at Winchcombe (six, 12 cwt.), Toddington (six, 6½ cwt.), Stanton (a hard-working 11 cwt. six), Broadway (six, 18 cwt.), Dumbleton (six, 11 cwt.), Childswickham (six, 12 cwt.) and lastly Hinton-on-the-Green (a very pleasant 10 cwt. eight). The last course of the day was Cambridge Major, in which El and Chris took part.

Our gratitude and thanks go to incumbents and ringers who met us and to Paul Evans for his organising and David Sansum for his hospitality. I.D.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Dedication of Memorial Tablet

On April 11th a short service was conducted by the Dean of Llandaff in the ringing chamber of the Cathedral to dedicate the memorial tablet to those members who lost their lives in the two world wars.

The original tablet was installed in the Cathedral in 1920 but had to be removed during the recent rebuilding as the Cathedral was badly damaged by a land mine in World War II. The Association decided to add to the memorial the name of John Bloxham, of Cadoxton, who lost his life while serving with the R.A.F. during World War II.

Both the design of the additional stone-work and the execution of the work was carried out by a ringing member of the Association, Mr. Trevor M. Roderick, of Porthcally, mainly at his own expense.

In addition to members of the Association, the service was attended by the mother, sister and other relatives of John Bloxham.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual General Meeting

TRURO Diocesan Guild held its annual general meeting on March 27th in Truro. Welcoming the company, the chairman, Mr. Alan Carveth (Guild president), reminded them of the objects of the Guild as laid down in the rules, namely:

(a) The promotion of a spirit of loyalty to the Church by the ringers and a reverent feeling for their sacred office;

(b) A spirit of brotherhood amongst the ringers of all churches in the diocese;

(c) A recognition of the belfry as being an integral part of the Church;

(d) Advancement in the art of ringing;

(e) Recognition by the Church authorities of the ringers as a band of church workers.

The secretary, the Rev. A. J. Vincent, conducted prayers, and silent tribute was paid to the memory of Messrs. W. G. Hiscott (a vice-president), A. Hitchens, A. Couch and J. Green, who had died since the last meeting.

After apologies had been received and the minutes signed, the secretary read a letter of thanks from the secretary of the Central Council for the hospitality of the Guild when the Council met in Truro at Whitsun. The design of a long-service certificate and the nature of proficiency awards were approved. The treasurer, Mr. S. Robinson, reported a favourable balance in the general fund despite the expenses incurred in entertaining the Central Council, and the accounts were formally adopted.

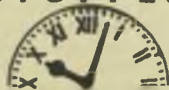
The Ringing Master, Mr. D. Burnett, and the Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. W. C. Boucher, reported on the Guild's activities in 1964, drawing attention to the success of the various festivals, the Council meeting and the unity of the Guild. An important event had been the ringing of the Guild's first 12-bell peal, Grandsire Cinques, at Buckfast Abbey. Mr. D. Docking, the peal secretary, reported a total of 30 peals including a first on eight bells as conductor and several first peals.

All the Guild officers were re-elected except the Rev. A. J. Vincent, who did not seek re-election due to pressure of work. He was thanked for his services by the president and was appointed a vice-president. Mr. A. J. Davidson (Tyneholme, Barrack Lane, Truro) was elected to succeed him as general secretary. It was agreed to accept the invitations to hold the Summer Festival at Manaccan on July 7th and the 1966 annual general meeting at Callington.

Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram, a vice-president, moved that Branch secretaries be urged to place notices of festivals in "The Ringing World" and to notify vice-presidents of such festivals. This was agreed to. The Guild accepted with gratitude Col. Jerram's offer to present the Guild with a copy of "The Sound of Bells."

An excellent tea was provided by the lady ringers of Truro, after which the ringers kept their hands in at Kenwyn and on the rehung Cathedral bells.

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ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF MINOR METHODS

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"F"

FARLEIGH ALLIANCE

34.16 x 36.14 x 14.3. 6ths 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

FARNLEY DELIGHT

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 3. 6ths 65243.

FELKIRK DELIGHT

See Felkirk Treble Bob.

FELKIRK SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 16 x 12 x 16.34 x 14.5. 2nds 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

FELKIRK TREBLE BOB

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 16.34 x 34.5. 2nds 65324.
Often rung in the past as **Felkirk Delight**.

FENCHAMPSTEAD DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 123 x 14 x 5. 2nds 54632.
Single change method.

FINCHLEY ALLIANCE

x 16 x 36.12 x 12.3. 6ths 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

FLAMSTEAD SURPRISE

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 123 x 12 x 1. 6ths 42635.
Single change method.

FLOUCH DELIGHT

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 16.34 x 34.1. 6ths 65243.

FORGET-ME-NOT

See Symphony Hunt.

FOTHERINGAY (CASTLE) DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 5. 6ths 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

FOUNTAINS (ABBEY) DELIGHT (I)

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 3. 2nds 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1931. Also called **Langland**.

FOUNTAINS (ABBEY) DELIGHT (H)

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 16.34 x 12.5. 4ths 64235.

FOXGLOVE TREBLE BOB

See Cotswold Treble Bob.

FRAMPTON SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 14 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 5. 2nds 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

FRANCIS GENIUS DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 1. 2nds 56342.
Tulip in C.C. Collection, 1907. Sometimes called **Tulip (Modernised)**.

FRANCIS GOODWILL

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 1. 6ths 46532.
A note in C. D. Potter's notebook: "First rung February 2nd, 1749, at Brambleton Church, Suffolk." See also **Wellington**.

FREISTON SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 14 x 12 x 36.12 x 12.5. 2nds 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

FRIEZLAND PLEASURE

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 56 x. 6ths 62345.
Asymmetrical in A. Nash's notebook.

FRIEZLAND SURPRISE

See Mirfield Delight.

FRODSHAM BOB

36.14 x 36 x 5. 2nds 35264.
No name in C.C. Collection, 1907.

FRYERNING SURPRISE

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 123 x 12 x 3. 2nds 35264.
Single change method.

FUCHSIA TREBLE BOB

See Chiltern Treble Bob.

FULBECK BOB

x 16 x 16.34.5. 2nds 56342.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

FORWARD

34 x 34.16. 241635.
A Principle condensed from Major.

FULMER ALLIANCE

x 16 x 16.34 x 12.5. 2nds 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

FULMER DELIGHT

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 123 x 14 x 1. 2nds 42635.
Single change method.

FULSTOW DELIGHT

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 16.34 x 34.1. 2nds 36245.

FYFIELD SURPRISE

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 123 x 34 x 5. 2nds 36245.
Single change method.

SUFFOLK GUILD

The spate of weddings requiring ringers on April 10th resulted in the attendance being smaller than usual at the quarterly meeting of the N.W. District at Newmarket. The presence of Messrs. G. W. Pipe, A. Beckworth and R. Whittle was a great help to ringing, both in the afternoon and evening. An interesting service was conducted by the Rev. K. Child and the organist was thanked for his stirring tunes.

At the meeting, five new ringing members were accepted. Mrs. Janet Rogers, a recent bride from Yorkshire, was warmly welcomed and three young Rougham ringers were elected (Mervin Rose, Derek Rose and Johnny Bull). Young Derek (aged 11) rang his first 720 last week. Mr. A. Deering, of Freckenham, was also elected a member.

There was some discussion about publicity in the hope of fostering more interest in ringing and obtaining recruits.

No meeting was fixed for May as it was hoped that Mendlesham's new treble bell would be dedicated that day and the Rougham ringers' outing was in June, but evening practices would be arranged for other evenings than the second Saturdays.

More ringers joined in the evening ringing and methods included London and Cambridge Surprise, Stedman, Grandis, St. Clement's, Kent, Double Court and Plain Bob.

Mr. G. Pipe proposed the vote of thanks to the Rector, the organist, Mr. A. Balham (District secretary) and the Newmarket ringers.

G. R.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION Chesterfield District

Some 25 members and friends from ten towers were present when the monthly ringing meeting of the Chesterfield District was held at Scarcliffe on a rather showery April 10th. Under the supervision of the District Ringing Master, Mr. C. J. Hughes, a wide variety of Doubles methods was rung before tea on the pleasant 10 cwt. five, which were augmented from an old three in 1962.

Following an excellent tea, the Vicar (the Rev. D. Prewer) gave the company a special welcome on the occasion of their first meeting there. A brief discussion took place at the meeting about the Association annual general meeting in Derby on April 24th. Messrs. F. Riley and B. Field (Scarcliffe), K. Saxton (Bolsover) and C. Longden (unattached) were elected members.

The final of the Association's striking contests will be held at Horsley on May 22nd. The District chairman, Mr. D. Cooper, closed the meeting with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, local company and ladies for providing the tea. Further ringing was then enjoyed at Scarcliffe and later at Bolsover.

Next meeting: Clowne, May 8th—Ringing Contest. M. P. P.

ESHER RINGERS IN EAST ANGLIA

APRIL 10th, the first Saturday in the financial year, was selected by Esher bell-ringers for their fifth annual outing. A prompt start was made at 8 a.m. in miserable weather. The coach having already picked up friends from Horton and Hersham on its way from Staines, the organiser found that he had forgotten to allow for his own three children, so with raincoats, handbells and spare ropes (to guarantee that no ropes would break at the towers to be visited during the day) the coach was filled to capacity.

Good time was made through London to the first tower, Barkingside, a pleasant light eight in a fairly new church (1933). While the non-ringers in the main walked to Gants Hill roundabout for coffee, the remainder soon had the bells going to Stedman. Several other methods were rung and we finished with half a course of Yorkshire with one of the local ringers, which unfortunately went wrong in the fourth lead and "Stand" had to be called. We said goodbye to the Vicar, due to whose labours the bells had been installed over the years since the church was built, and had another long run to the small village of Felsted. Here we did not do justice to the bells.

At Braintree, en route for Great Tay, we were held up in heavy traffic, consequently we were a little late and could not spend as much time as we would have liked with this easy-going medium-weight octave.

An excellent lunch was served at the White Horse, East Bergholt, by Mrs. Rose, and as we left the inn we could already hear the famous bells of St. Mary's, East Bergholt. Local ringers met us. These bells are rung without ropes and wheels in a bell-cage in the churchyard. We went inside and looked at the five bells (tenor 25 cwt.) and then, when we had all stationed ourselves outside again, watched them ring call changes for some ten minutes in amazement. The changes were called by hand signals and the striking was well nigh perfect; we wished we could always ring on five bells of that weight as perfectly with ropes and wheels. We inquired how long it took to learn, and were told as ringers we should be capable of learning in three months, practising a couple of hours a week.

Reluctantly we moved on to Higham, where Walter Bailey met us, and Cambridge Minor, amongst other methods, went with a swing. The rain had stopped and the sun came out when we went on to Stoke-by-Nayland. The Rector (the Rev. Mark Wells), a theological college colleague of our Rector, is having the church completely renovated, and a very fine job it will be when it is finished. The bells, a heavy eight (tenor 22 cwt.), certainly compare very favourably with Lavenham, but what has happened to the seventh? It is so slow at hand as to be unbelievable; as a result, although a capable striker always rang the seventh, the other ringers found it difficult to estimate the gap and the striking was not as good as we would have liked.

Approaching Assington, we watched the sky darkening as a storm approached. St. Edmund's Church, Assington, is on the top of a small exposed hill in the middle of a field, the nearest road being a good 400 yards away. As we arrived so did the storm and though everyone tried to be Robbie Brightwell we were all very wet by the time we reached the church. By the time we left the rain had stopped and we could pick our way slowly and carefully over the muddy puddles.

We had tea at Bures before ringing on the fine anti-clockwise eight of St. Mary's Church. Double Norwich was among methods rung and we finished with Yorkshire, which we did manage this time with the help of Mr. Mills. Then a long run to Fryerning, where after ringing for half an hour on the delightful six we adjourned to the Woolpack to fortify ourselves for the journey home. Esher was reached at 10.30 p.m. Our best thanks to incumbents and the ringers who met us, especially those at East Bergholt. J. F. M. M.

OBITUARY

MRS. A. C. HAZELDEN

Mrs. Lucy Hazelden, widow of Mr. A. C. Hazelden, of Guildford, died very peacefully in a sleep on April 22nd. After suffering much pain for some months, she entered hospital at the beginning of April. An internal operation was found necessary, but she died nine days later.

A native of Kent, Mrs. Hazelden came to Guildford in the 1890's. There she met Charles Hazelden, who also came from Kent, attracted by the good ringing to be found at St. Nicolas' in this days.

Before the first war, Mrs. Hazelden took up handbell ringing, and rang four peals before she turned to tower bells to help when more men left for active service. At this time she and her husband belonged to Holy Trinity, Guildford. After the war they transferred to St. Nicolas', where they were active members for some 40 years, till age made it impossible to climb the belfry stairs.

When women came forward to take the place of men ringers during the 1914-18 war, Mrs. Hazelden did all she could to encourage them, often cycling 10 or 20 miles to ring with one of the pioneers in her own tower. In 1919 she formed the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild, and was its first secretary, and later she was vice-president for several years. Mrs. Hazelden was also a founder-member of the Guildford Diocesan Guild in 1927.

She had a record of 60 peals rung. The first was Holt's Original on handbells on November 14th, 1914, conducted by A. H. Pulling, and the last the same in January, 1944, in answer to a challenge from A. H. P. to see if she could still do it! There were 23 handbell peals, and on tower bells two of Royal, eight Caters, 16 Major and 11 Triples.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazelden were the first married couple to ring both handbell and tower bell peals together. They rang in the first peal by four married couples, with Mr. and Mrs. R. Whittington, Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, at Epsom Common in 1920. In November, 1829, they rang in the first peal in which every member of the band was celebrating his silver wedding that year (Mrs. Hazelden was the only lady and it was her and her husband's 50th peal together). The same band rang for their 30th wedding anniversaries in 1933; and would have repeated the performance five years later but Mr. J. S. Goldsmith had to break the circle as his wife died before the date fixed.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazelden celebrated their diamond wedding in 1963, and he died 50 days later. She lived to keep her 90th birthday at home, and among the many greetings a beautiful spray of flowers from the Guildford Diocesan Guild gave her special pleasure, as did the peal attempt. She was greatly interested in all the ringing news to the last.

Y. L. E.

MR. STANLEY W. COPLING

With deep regret we report the passing of Mr. Stanley W. Copling, of Loddon, Norfolk, on March 30th, at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, after a very short illness. He was 64 years of age.

Stanley became a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association on June 1st, 1925, on which day he rang in his first peal, one of Minor in seven methods at Hapshipburgh. He had an unbroken membership of the Association from then until his death, and in all took part in 239 peals, many of which were rung on the well known Redenhall bells, and it was at this tower that he first met the lady, Miss Alice Chaney, who was to become his wife.

He was a quiet, unassuming personality, dedicated to the art which was his only hobby. He seldom refused a request to help neighbours in ringing for services or to teach beginners, and cycled many miles in all kinds of weather for this purpose.

Many ringers attended the funeral service held at Loddon Church on April 3rd, conducted by the Vicar, Canon C. R. Ninham.

MR. HERBERT LANGDON APPRECIATION

On Monday, April 12th, with sadness but with pride, I mustered with many well-known ringers at Westminster Abbey to pay my last respects to Herbert Langdon. There were, to my knowledge, at least two others at the service who knew and had rung with him for over 50 years, and although superlatives are often misused, I feel that if I used a sporting term it would be correct to say Langdon was one of the "all greats." For years he was the centre of London ringers, especially with the College Youths, and he was undoubtedly a law unto himself, and although having perhaps extremist ideas over some things, he was nevertheless a lovable and kind man.

All the years that I knew him I never knew Bert tell a deliberate lie, although we often used to laugh at his long explanations so as to avoid a direct answer. He would never say "This is all" unless perfectly satisfied a peal was legitimate. He was one of the last of the College Youths who were ringing before the First World War; the only one I can think of now in London is Ernie Fenn. It is remarkable to think that the conductor of Mr. Langdon's first peal, George Symonds, is still with us, and he must share my feelings over the passing of so great a ringer.

His name will live in the Exercise. R.I.P.
W. H.

MR. J. NEWICK

With the death of Mr. Jack Newick the ringers of Wadhurst, Sussex, have lost a good friend. Jack learned to ring in 1947, when he became verger, and although over 50 years old he progressed enough to ring an inside bell and stood in a couple of quarters.

Indifferent health and church duties soon caused a semi-retirement from the belfry, but he remained a faithful and efficient steeple-keeper, and will be best remembered in Wadhurst for the impeccable way in which he kept the church and churchyard.

On April 7th Jack's bicycle was in its usual place when the ringers arrived for practice, but as he had not appeared when the bells were lowered, I went to look up the church and found him lying dead in the south aisle.

On Tuesday, April 13th, he was buried with full parochial honours and in the evening the local band rang the bells half-muffled to his memory.

C. A. B.

MRS. ADA WALL

The death occurred on April 14th at the home of her sister, of Mrs. Ada Wall (formerly Wolstencroft), youngest sister of the late Walter W. Wolstencroft.

She joined the band of lady ringers at St. Peter's, Auston-under-Lyne, formed by her brother in 1915. She was a regular ringer at St. Peter's for many years and rang several peals.

At the Armistice in November, 1918, she rang the fourth bell at St. Peter's as a member of the only complete band of lady ringers in the country to ring on that occasion.

As the cortege entered the precincts of the church a touch of Grand sire Triples and the "whole pull and stand" were rung by former colleagues of his early ringing days.

Following the interment a course of Grand sire Triples "in hand" was rung at the graveside by Messrs. Walpole, Barrett, Goate and Goodman.

An in memoriam quarter peal of Plain Bob Major was rung by: G. Howlett 1, I. Margetts 2, N. P. J. Cossey 3, G. Walpole 4, H. Fuller 5, E. R. Goate (cond.) 6, R. Bickers 7, H. Barrett 8.

Stanley was a good friend and a dedicated member of the art. We shall miss him and we offer our sincere sympathy to his widow, daughter Janet and her husband, Tony Roberts.

H. W. B.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Ely Diocesan Guild has decided to increase the peal booking fee to 1s. per rope. There was only one in opposition—a leading peal ringer.

We have received news from Australia that Mr. Jack Cummins, of St. Mary's Basilica, Sydney, rang his 200th quarter peal at Burwood on April 11th.

Mr. Frederick Sharpe is attending the St. David's Guild annual competition at St. Florence on May 8th and is bringing his handbell ringers to give a recital that afternoon.

Comments a reader sending a quarter peal with a 6s. postal order: "This is not a 'charitable contribution' but a donation towards expenses. Increased price is not the solution as the time comes when this curtails sales."

A tip to road users, especially Central Council members. Avoid coming through Baldock on the A.1 and A.505. Mr. J. S. Dear, of 47, Park Drive, Baldock, is pleased to send alternative route details in a s.a.e. Despite this, visitors are welcome at Baldock Church.

The peal on the excellent eight at Ely on Easter Monday was specially arranged as a compliment to Mr. J. W. Pickett, the tower captain, and his wife on their golden wedding anniversary. The band would like to thank Mr. Pickett for his most generous hospitality. The band also greatly appreciated the excellent meal that he had laid on for them after the peal.

LATE NEWS

ANOTHER 1,000 PEALER

Mr. Peter Border, of Coventry, rang his 1,000th peal on April 22nd at Birmingham Cathedral by calling 10 courses of Cambridge Maximus with 10 singles. He is the 28th ringer to gain this distinction.

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ST ALKMUND'S, DERBY, TWO-DAY INQUIRY

There have been frequent references in our columns to the demolition of St. Alkmund's Church, Derby, to make way for a ring road and its erection on a new site acquired by the Corporation, nearer the centre of the parish in Kedleston Road. The Parochial Church Council have lodged an appeal against compulsory orders and demolition and the hearing of their case was recently the subject of a two day inquiry by the Ministries of Housing and Local Government and Transport. It was then stated that the Bishop, the Archdeacon of Derby, the Vicar of the parish and the diocesan officials were in favour of demolition.

An independent objector, Mr. W. T. West, said that he thought it was shocking and horrible that the guardians of the oldest established church in the town should not only fail to oppose its demolition but advocate it.

A petition, bearing about 750 names, deploring the decision to pull down the church with its fine ring of bells and organ, was presented by Mr. Neville Grimshaw, a sidesman and P.C.C. member, who said that Mr. John Betjeman, in a letter to him, had described St. Alkmund's as "a handsome church." Mr. Grimshaw regarded the demolition as "vandalism and sacrilege," and would mean the desecration of the graves of many once prominent citizens of Derby.

The Vicar (the Rev. Hector Bywater) said the church had a capacity of 450, yet only about 15 communicants and congregations of upwards of 50. It was far too large nowadays, and an estimate of the amount required on repairs for the church had been £50,000. The decisions of the Ministries will be announced at a later date.

BEDESMEN AT CANTERBURY

The ancient office of bedesmen, instituted in 1540 by King Henry VIII, has been revived in Canterbury Cathedral and four have been admitted. The statutes prescribe that there should be 12 bedesmen, "poor men, depressed by poverty and afflicted by penury, or crippled and maimed by war, or worn down with age." As far as their infirmities allowed, they were to be at divine service every day, to attend prayers and wait upon priests when about to celebrate. They were to help light and put out lights in winter, and if strong enough ring the bells. The bedesmen wear black gowns, and also carry white staves of office.

EXCAVATIONS AT WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

Morgan's Magazine, the journal of the Morgan Crucible group, has an interesting article on the excavations last year, in the precincts of Winchester Cathedral, of a 10th century bell foundry. The article originally appeared in the Foundry Trade Journal. The team of experts who made the investigation was led by Mr. Martin Biddle, and among them were Messrs. D. W. Brown (Morgan Crucible Company), Douglas Hughes (Mears and Stainbank) and Frederick Sharpe.

The site has been dated 970 A.D. The presence of "burnt" clay and fragments of bell metal encouraged further investigation which was most fruitful. The clay formed part of the cope of a bell mould. Winchester had bells in the 10th century, and these were associated with St. Ethelwold. Probably this spot was where the bells were cast.

CREATING A SENSE OF OCCASION

Concerned at the poor attendance at Derby District meetings, a new policy has been worked out, explains Mr. G. A. Halls, the District chairman, in "Belfry News." He is hoping to introduce a sense of "occasion" at District activities based on the following five points:

(i) Saturday meetings to be held less frequently, in fact every other month is the aim.

(ii) Evening meetings will take the place of the cancelled Saturday meetings. But attention will be paid to the attractiveness of the tower and its accessibility.

(iii) Quarter peals for those who warrant it are to be arranged.

(iv) To continue with specially organised outings such as those to quarterly meetings in the Peak District.

(v) Inexperienced ringers to be given more encouragement to participate in activities. Here we depend on the more experienced ringers to engender enthusiasm and to use persuasion to bring them into the scope of the Association activity.

RINGERS RECEIVE MAUNDY MONEY

Maundy money was distributed this year by H.M. the Queen at Canterbury Cathedral. The recipients included four veteran Kent ringers, viz.: Messrs. J. Stockbridge (St. Dunstan's, Canterbury), H. S. Humphrey (New Romney), E. Woolley (Hothfield) and F. Boorman (Stockbury).

Another recipient was Mrs. Mary Ann Dobbie, of Milton Regis, Sittingbourne, who is 100 years. She is grandmother of Mr. Walter Dobbie, the secretary of the Tonbridge District of the K.C.A. Her doctor thought it was inadvisable to make the journey to Canterbury Cathedral. The bounty, we understand, has been sent to her.

LIFE RINGING MEMBERSHIP

Leicester Diocesan Guild is anxious to encourage life ringing membership for a single sum of five guineas. So far the total amount in the fund is £54 13s. 6d., which includes Defence Bonds and cash at bank.

With the subscription remaining at the present rate, a member aged 20 would save £5 15s., aged 30 £3 5s. and aged 40 15s. If the subscription increased the saving would be automatically larger.

The advantages to the Guild are that the money invested provides interest equal to a member's subscription and also provides the Guild with some financial stability.

WORK NEEDED AT DENBY

An inspection of the fourth and fifth bells at Denby, Derbyshire, has revealed that the plain bearings are very badly worn and the bells are in need of rehangings on ball bearings. Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, have confirmed this and have made proposals for carrying the work out. The iron frame has space for two more trebles and it is hoped that advantage will be taken of the overhaul to augment to a ring of eight by the addition of two trebles. According to "Belfry News" a P.C.C. meeting is to be held to decide on whether to go ahead with the proposals and means of raising the money.

FINDING RINGERS FOR GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

Guildford Guild are making progress with their arrangements for ringing the ten bells at the Cathedral, which will be dedicated on Monday, May 17th, at 8.15 p.m. Until a resident band is formed and trained, all members of the Guild capable of ringing 10 bells reasonably well are invited to apply for membership of a Cathedral Society, and volunteer for Sunday service ringing. Times for ringing will be at 9 a.m. for the Sung Eucharist at 9.45, and following that for Matins at 11.15. There will also be ringing for Evensong from 5.45 to 6.30.

Applications for membership should be made to Mr. C. W. Munday, general secretary of the Guild, of 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell, as soon as possible. Applicants should state how often they are prepared to attend, e.g., weekly, fortnightly, monthly, and if they are prepared to ring for all three services or mornings or evening. They are particularly anxious to get bands fixed for the first three Sundays (May 23rd and 30th and June 6th). If more members volunteer a selection will be made so volunteers should not attend on those days unless specifically asked to do so.

SERVICE AND OPEN DAY

Eighty seats have been allocated to the Guild for the dedication service. These are in the gallery in the south transept. Members who cannot obtain tickets for the service from their parish master builder or incumbent are asked to apply to the general secretary with a stamped, addressed envelope not later than May 7th. In the event of applications exceeding the allocation tickets will be distributed as widely and fairly as possible.

The following Saturday (May 22nd) is to be an open day with the bells available from 11 a.m. until 5.45 p.m., when Evensong will be held in the Cathedral at 5.45. A meeting to form the Cathedral Society will be held that day in the belfry at 2.30 p.m., and those who have made applications for membership are invited to attend. A secretary to the Cathedral Society will be elected at that meeting. Practices will be held every Friday from 7.30 to 9 p.m. and a Surprise Royal practice will be held on the second Friday of each month. There will be a practice at St. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, on May 1st from 6.30 to 9 p.m.

CLERICAL GUILD AT NOTTINGHAM

This week the Clerical Guild are in the midst of their annual ringing week which is centred on the Fourways Private Hotel, West Bridgford, Nottingham. The peal attempt was fixed for Thursday, April 29th, at Greasley.

Acceptances for the week have been received by the honorary secretary, Preb. J. H. B. Andrews, from the following: The Revs. N. F. D. Coleridge (Tatworth), K. C. Davis (Tadley), Canon K. W. H. Felstead (Southampton), D. E. Ford (Porthcawl), J. B. T. Homfray (Staverton), R. N. Longridge (Okeford Fitzpaine), C. J. B. Marshall (Long Sutton), I. J. Richards (Llanarth), P. T. Robbins (Charing), Canon F. A. Sanders (Overton), J. Shephard-Walwyn (Westleigh), R. D. St. J. Smith (Darley), H. F. Warren (Exford), E. B. Wood (Mapledurham), and for part of the time D. G. Goodman (Chilwell), M. C. C. Melville (King's Lynn), Canon A. G. G. Thurlow (Norwich).

Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Wood and Miss Homfray will accompany the party.

TOWER BELL PEALS**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**

CLIVE, Shropshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

*On Easter Mon., April 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Consisting of seven different extents.

Tenor 25 cwt. 9 lb. in D.

Edward V. Rodenhurst .. Treble	Harold Worrall 4
Adrian Hough 2	Christopher Jones 5
Richard E. Morris 3	Harry W. Howard Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

Rung with best wishes of the band to celebrate the engagement of Christopher Jones and Diana Bentley, both of Knutsford.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ELY, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

*On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Donald F. Murfet .. Treble	Geoffrey Pearson 5
Jane K. A. Cook 2	C. Martin Press 6
Alan M. Barber 3	Philip J. Rothera 7
Susan Funnell 4	Kenneth J. Hesketh Tenor

Composed by Edwin Timbrell.

Conducted by Alan M. Barber.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pickett, of Ely, on their golden wedding anniversary.

Tenor 17 cwt. 25 lb. in E.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

GREAT HOLLAND, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

*On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES**

Tenor 15 cwt.

*Leslie Ward .. Treble	*Brian J. Vaughan 5
*Peter G. Pitt 2	†Walter Arnold 6
*Neil V. Avis 3	Frank B. Lufkin 7
*Stephen D. Humphrey .. 4	‡Geoffrey H. Isgar Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard.

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* First peal of Triples. † First of Bob Triples. ‡ First peal.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CIRENCESTER, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. John.

*On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Walter F. Judge .. Treble	†W. Bertram Kynaston .. 7
Rev. Roger Keeley .. 2	Edward R. Venn 8
*††Victor Griffin 3	R. Kingsley Mason 9
†§Gordon W. Land 4	D. John Hunt 10
Brian Bladon 5	Robert C. Kippin 11
*Cyril A. Wratten 6	†Peter Wakefield Tenor

Composed by John Carter.

Conducted by Walter F. Judge.

* 50th peal together. † First peal on twelve. ‡ 25th peal together.

§ First peal in the method. Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob.

*On Sat., April 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E flat.

Maurice A. New .. Treble	John C. Slater 5
Elizabeth A. G. Bowden .. 2	Edward R. Venn 6
Peter Bridle 3	Victor Griffin 7
James R. Taylor 4	Stephen Ivins Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by Stephen Ivins.

OLVESTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

*On Good Fri., April 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

Gillian M. Hussey .. Treble	†Cliff Richards 5
*Diana M. Chapman .. 2	Giles B. Thompson 6
Alan Tubb 3	Peter Bridle 7
John H. Taylor 4	†D. John Hunt Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* First of Surprise. † 50th peal together. Rung half-muffled.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. George.

*On Sun., April 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt.

John H. Taylor .. Treble	Peter Bridle 5
Giles B. Thompson .. 2	D. John Hunt 6
Alan Tubb 3	Roland H. Cook 7
Malcolm E. Wade .. 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by A. Craven.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

First of Yorkshire on the bells.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Kingsdown.

*On Tues., April 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 22 cwt.

Gillian M. Hussey .. Treble	D. John Hunt 5
Cliff Richards 2	Malcolm E. Wade 6
Alan Tubb 3	Roland H. Cook 7
Giles B. Thompson .. 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

First of Surprise on the bells.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Ambrose.

*On Tues., April 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5056 ZURICH SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

John C. Slater .. Treble	Peter Bridle 5
Diana M. Chapman .. 2	Giles B. Thompson 6
Malcolm E. Wade .. 3	Roland H. Cook 7
*Gillian M. Hussey .. 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

* Has now completed the Surprise Major alphabet. First peal in the method for the Association, on the bells and by all the band.

BUTCOMBE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.

*On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

Andrew Howard .. Treble	John H. Taylor 4
Geoffrey H. Pullin .. 2	Hugh N. Evans 5
Alan Tubb 3	Francis C. Mogford Tenor

Conducted by Hugh N. Evans.

Rung as a welcome to Richard J. Cox, son of Ronald and Joan Cox, of Dursley, Glos.

UPPER CAM, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. George.

*On Sat., April 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Ronald Cox .. Treble	John H. Taylor 4
*E. Norman Martin .. 2	Hugh N. Evans 5
Alan Tubb 3	Giles B. Thompson Tenor

Conducted by Hugh N. Evans.

* First peal.

LECHLADE, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

*On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 15 cwt.

H. Raymond Hayden .. Treble	William E. Gearing 4
Gillian S. M. Walsh .. 2	Hugh N. Evans 5
Alan Tubb 3	Giles B. Thompson Tenor

Conducted by Hugh N. Evans.

WARMLEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Barnabas.

*On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents (four callings).

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

*Christopher Gibbs .. Treble	Anthony W. Gibbs 4
*Edric Ovens 2	*William Lampard 5
*Kenneth G. Weeks .. 3	*Derek M. Smith Tenor

Conducted by Anthony W. Gibbs.

* First peal. Rung by a local band.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

CLIFFORD, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

*On Sun., April 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES**

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

*W. John Clayton .. Treble	Robert A. Hatcher 5
*Julie A. V. Caligari .. 2	Austin T. Wingate 6
George T. Cousins .. 3	Colin A. Lewis 7
W. John Hope 4	Danzy Watkins Tenor

Composed by Benjamin Annable.

Conducted by Colin A. Lewis.

* First peal of Triples.

Rung for the Festival of Easter.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

NORTH MYMMS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

*On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt.

Christopher F. Mew .. Treble	*Martyn J. Marriott 5
Alison M. Mann 2	*Michael J. Uphill 6
Kathleen A. Rivett .. 3	Thomas J. Lock 7
Anthony H. Smith .. 4	Alan R. Patterson Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivins.

Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.

* First peal of Yorkshire.

GREAT BERKHAMSTED, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of

St. Peter.

*On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

C. Valerie Mills .. Treble	H. George Hart 5
Elsie K. Hart 2	Kenneth R. Dunstan 6
Brian M. Barker 3	W. Kay Adkins 7
Eric Edmondson 4	Christopher W. Woolley .. Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox.

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEYWOOD, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Sun., April 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 1 Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 21 cwt.	
John P. Partington Treble	Richard Parker 5
Jeffrey Kershaw 2	John B. Pickup 6
Margaret E. Fort 3	Derek Butterworth 7
Tudor P. Edwards 4	Richard Starkie Tenor

Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

BOLTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Middleton's 12-Part. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.	
Thomas Hobson Treble	Fred Brownlow 5
Christopher Lomax 2	John Ashcroft 6
James Cunliffe 3	Albert Greenhalgh 7
Joseph Thornley 4	William Tyson Tenor

Conducted by John Ashcroft.

Rung to celebrate Holy Easter and as a farewell to the Vicar of Bolton, Canon R. G. Norburn, who becomes Rector of Edgbaston. Also to Canon Roger Davison, Vicar of St. Augustine, Tonge Moor, Bolton, who becomes Vicar of Higham Ferrers, Diocese of Peterborough. Both priests are Canons of Manchester.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

OADBY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.	
*James Palmer Treble	†Arnold S. Goad 4
*Michael Tunneycliff 2	†Raymond H. Martin 5
†Ivor Bentley 3	Edward W. Martin Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

WASHINGBOROUGH, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. John.

On Tues., April 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.	
Jack L. Millhouse Treble	Harold F. Gibson 5
Joyce M. Gurnhill 2	Peter A. Sharp 6
A. Robin Heppenstall 3	Geoffrey Paul 7
Edward W. Colley 4	Geoffrey R. Parker Tenor

Composed by John R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand.

On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt.	
Jennifer Seeny Treble	Giles R. Shedden 6
Peter D. Chapman 2	William Birmingham 7
Michael J. Uphill 3	Norman V. Harding 8
William Birmingham, jun. 4	Wilfrid G. Wilson 9
Edward S. T. Farr 5	John W. Euston Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd. Conducted by Wilfrid G. Wilson.

A birthday compliment to Mr. Edwin Barnett ("Young Teddy"), 80 on April 14th.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

WALSALL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.	
*D. Kay Moore Treble	Kenneth J. Darvill 7
*Marilyn C. Smith 2	Edward W. Colley 8
J. M. Hadley Hunter 3	R. Mark Damerell 9
Claire Dillamore 4	*Michael W. Fairry 10
Vivian Nutton 5	Christopher H. Rogers 11
Andrew S. Hudson 6	S. Clarke Walters Tenor

Composed by Hadley Hunter. Conducted by Vivian Nutton.

* First peal on 12 bells. First on 12 bells as conductor.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to S. Clarke Walters.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the R.C. Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs.

On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in D.	
S. Clarke Walters Treble	Stewart F. Kimber 5
Jean L. Lavender 2	Philip Mehew 6
Christopher H. Rogers 3	Ralph G. Edwards 7
Alan E. Bagworth 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 16 cwt.	
Howard Howell Treble	Barnabas G. Key 6
G. Arnold Moore 2	*David J. Midgley 7
*T. Leslie Walley 3	Dennis J. Pitstow 8
*Anthony Howell 4	Andrew Thompson 9
Ian Friend 5	Raymond J. Ballard Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights.

Conducted by Howard Howell.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Michael Brown and Miss Janet Heath, on the occasion of their wedding.

KINGSLEY, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Werburgh.

On Sat., April 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: Ipswich, Bourne, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.	
Christine Birks Treble	Harold Dowler 4
Norman Sherratt 2	*Dennis Latham 5
Paul J. Atkins 3	Charles A. S. Webb Tenor

Conducted by Dennis Latham.

* 50th peal.

Rung with best wishes to Walter Sherratt and Dorothy Dowler, on their engagement.

SWYNNERTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Mar. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents of Stedman, 18 of Plain Bob, 14 of Grandsire and two 240's. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.	
G. Arnold Moore Treble	*Caroline Stuart 4
Leslie Walley 2	David Midgley 5
*Lesley Kinson 3	William Watkin Tenor

Conducted by G. Arnold Moore.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Pye.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EAST DEREHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Mar. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.	
*Sidney Marshall Treble	Roger D. Bailey 5
*George P. Adams 2	*Kevin S. Hohl 6
*Shelagh R. Collins 3	*Timothy G. Pett 7
Rev. Malcolm C. C. Melville 4	Brian J. Woodruffe Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal in the method. First of Rutland Surprise Major on the bells.

FORNCETT ST. PETER, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Mon., Feb. 8, 1965, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being one extent each of Winchendon Place and St. Nicholas, and eight each of Plain, St. Simon, St. Martin, Grandsire and Reverse Canterbury. Tenor 13 cwt.	
Charles H. Blake Treble	Robin R. Churchill 3
C. Frank W. Phillipps 2	Frank C. J. Arnold 4
H. William Barrett Tenor	

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

A wedding compliment to Alice, eldest daughter of treble ringer, and Maurice Land, who were married on February 6th.

INTWOOD, Norfolk.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, being 14 extents each of St. Simon's Bob (six callings), St. Martin's Bob (eight callings) and Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 6½ cwt. in B flat.	
Richard A. J. Bower .. Treble	Roger B. Lubbock 3
Leslie F. Bailey 2	Thomas E. Spight 4
Peter M. Adcock Tenor	

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

LONG STRATTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford and St. Clement's, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.	
Charles H. Blake Treble	Frank C. J. Arnold 4
Wilfred G. Saunders 2	Roger B. Lubbock 5
Charles R. Catchpole 3	Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

The conductor's 50th peal for the Association.

Rung for the Festival of Easter.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Tues., April 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

John R. Insley Treble	David R. Ingram 7
Jennifer M. B. Cook .. 2	*M Roger Ashmore 8
Michael J. Fellows .. . 3	Norman J. Goodman .. . 9
George E. Fearn 4	Martin D. Fellows 10
John C. Eisel 5	David Beacham 11
*James Insley 6	J. Alan Ainsworth .. . Tenor

Arranged by Peter Border.

* First peal of Maximus.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., April 8, 1965, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Martin D. Fellows .. . Treble	Christopher H. Rogers .. . 7
Norman J. Goodman .. 2	John C. Eisel 8
Hadley Hunter 3	George E. Fearn 9
Kenneth J. Darvill .. . 4	Michael J. Fellows .. . 10
Roderick W. Pipe 5	J. Alan Ainsworth .. . 11
Edward W. Colley 6	Peter Border Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 10 extents each of All Saints', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire, and Morris 240. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*Percy Whale Treble	K. Barry Osborne 4
†Richard S. Fisher (aged 15) 2	Derrick P. Bailey 5
Pamela A. Osborne .. . 3	Paul A. Barrett .. . Tenor

Conducted by Derrick P. Bailey.

* First peal first attempt. † First peal in four methods.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWARK-UPON-TRENT, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 31 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

Anne E. Bateson .. . Treble	Geoffrey R. Parker .. . 6
*Joyce M. Gurnhill .. . 2	Harold Stevenson .. . 7
Jack L. Millhouse .. . 3	†John R. Pratchett .. . 8
Harold F. Gibson .. . 4	Peter A. Sharp 9
Frederick G. Hooper .. 5	Geoffrey Paul Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby.

* 100th peal. † 25th peal.

BARTON-IN-FABIS, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. George.

On Tues., April 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 13 methods: (1) London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, Kingston, Capel and Kingston T.B., (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Kent T.B., (4) Killamarsh T.B., (5) Norwich Surprise, (6) College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury and Ockley T.B., (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr.

Elizabeth J. Foster .. . Treble	Peter R. Humphrey .. . 4
Christine L. J. Mills .. . 2	R. Brian Mills 5
Michael Poppleston .. . 3	Simon Humphrey .. . Tenor

Conducted by Peter R. Humphrey.

First as conductor.

BLACKWELL, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Werburgh.

On Tues., April 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents: (1-8) Castle Hill; (9-16) Cliff Hill; (17-24) Nest Hill; (25-32) Boar Hill; (33-42) Kirkby. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

George Allcock Treble	Martin J. Kirk 3
Elizabeth J. Foster .. . 2	John A. Harrison .. . 4

E. Andrew Harrison .. Tenor

Conducted by E. Andrew Harrison.

First peal in the methods.

GOTHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Tues., April 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5400 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Forty-five extents, being five each of nine bob and single variations, viz.: Allestree, Gotham, Copeland, Daffodil, Bluebell, St. Gregory, Newborough, St. Helen and Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 5 lb. in G.

Ruth M. Blackshaw .. Treble	George A. Dawson .. . 3
Margaret E. Chilton .. 2	Maurice W. Harrison .. 4

John R. Pratchett .. . Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

A farewell to James Heaps, of Holme Pierrepont, who has left for Great Carlton, Louth.

Gotham is Grandsire with Antelope bob and All Saints' P.L. as single. Copeland is Grandsire with Antelope bob and Grandsire single.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

DEBENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sun., April 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 DEBENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.

Sandra E. Goodship .. Treble	George W. Pipe 5
Roger L. K. Whittell .. 2	Lawrence R. Pizzey .. . 6
Alice E. J. Lester .. . 3	Roderick W. Pipe 7
B. Gillian Schofield .. 4	Frank C. Price Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves.

First peal in the method.

Rung for the Easter Festival.

HENLEY, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Tues., April 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

Margaret Egglestone .. Treble	Andrew T. Beckwith .. 5
*Stephen J. Hammond .. 2	*Roy C. Groom 6
Alice E. J. Lester .. . 3	Colin F. Loke 7
Lawrence Pizzey 4	Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. Cross.

* First peal.

WICKHAM SKEITH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

John R. Prentice .. . Treble	K. W. Whittell 4
Harry B. Fuller 2	Thomas W. Lockwood .. 5
Harry D. Lister 3	Raymond F. Taylor .. . Tenor

Conducted by Harry D. Lister.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

HORSHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Mar. 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

Diane M. Mullins .. . Treble	David D. Smith 5
Leonard Stilwell .. . 2	George Francis 6
Thomas G. Fox 3	Ronald F. Diserens .. . 7
Edgar R. Rapley 4	W. Leslie Weller .. . Tenor

Composed by E. A. Barnett.

Conducted by W. Leslie Weller.

Rung in honour of the visit by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, to Horsham, to lay the foundation stone of the new church school.

EASTBOURNE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Wed., April 21, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Betty Percy Treble	Simon Humphrey .. . 5
Rosemary Earl 2	Thos. M. Barlow 6
Janet M. Percy 3	Ian V. J. Smith 7
*Harold G. F. Reynolds .. 4	Alan R. Baldock .. . Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.

* First peal of Surprise. First in the method by all the band and on the bells. First of Surprise Major as conductor.

Rung for the 39th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

SHELLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of Emmanuel.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: Violet, Duke of York, Woodbine, London Scholars', Kingstone, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt.

Hedley Burton	Treble	Peter Carbutt	4
Elizabeth Peace	2	J. Walter Buxton	5
Susan Peace	3	Trevor Tarbatt	Tenor

Conducted by Trevor Tarbatt.

FINDON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Tues., April 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of York, Durham, London, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge and Norwich. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr.

Michael Wake	Treble	Leonard Stilwell	4
Patricia Diserens	2	Robert Wake	5
Ronald F. Diserens	3	W. Leslie Weller	Tenor

Conducted by W. Leslie Weller.

Rung to mark the birth of a son, Andrew David, to Jane and Dereck Sibson.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Mon., April 12, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5472 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, being 1,024 London, 832 Bristol, 800 Watford, 640 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 512 Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative and 352 Lincoln, with 125 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Roderick W. Pipe	5
James Insley	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
John R. Insley	3	Martin D. Fellows	7
Clifford A. Barron	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Tues., April 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

Arlene Smith	Treble	Alan Sheppard	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	A. Barry Sullivan	6
Frances Fairbank	3	David Smith	7
John F. Bryant	4	J. Henry Fielden	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

HEMINGBROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Good Fri., April 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent T.B. and five extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr.

J. Barbara Hingley	Treble	Alan Sheppard	4
*William T. Stoker	2	John Potts	5
Melvyn A. Rose	3	G. Frederick Terry	Tenor

Conducted by G. Frederick Terry.

* First peal "inside."

Rung at the Vicar's request.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The St. George's Guild, Jesmond.)

JESMOND, Newcastle upon Tyne.—At 22, Castleton Grove.

On Tues., April 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*Roger H. E. Askew	1—2	Rodney A. Yeates	3—4
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Andrew G. Craddock (cond.) 5—6

* First peal.

JESMOND, Newcastle upon Tyne.—At 22, Castleton Grove.

On Wed., April 14, 1965, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*B. Peter Richardson	1—2	Rodney A. Yeates	3—4
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Andrew G. Craddock (cond.) 5—6

* First peal.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.

On Fri., April 2, 1965, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In six methods, being one extent each of Wells, Durham, Norwich, Cambridge, London, York and Cambridge. Tenor size 15 in C.

Thomas J. Lock	1—2	Christopher W. Woolley	3—4
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John R. Mayne (cond.) 5—6

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.

On Mon., April 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 16 methods, comprising 320 each of Aldenham, Bristol, Cambridge, Ealing, Eastcote, Elford, Leatherhead, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Painswick, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Watford and Wembley, with 139 changes of method. Tenor size 13 in E.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1—2	Roger Baldwin	5—6
John R. Mayne	3—4	*Gerald Penney	7—8

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

* First peal of 16 spliced.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.

On Wed., April 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 18 methods, comprising 320 each of Aldenham, Bristol, Ealing, Eastcote, Elford, Hitchin, Langley, Leatherhead, Lindum, London, Rutland, Uxbridge, Watford and Wembley, and 160 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Painswick and Superlative, with 139 changes of method. Tenor size 13 in E.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1—2	Roger Baldwin	5—6
John R. Mayne	3—4	*Gerald Penney	7—8

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

* First peal of 18 spliced. First of 18 spliced on handbells for the Association.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

All at SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—At Mor-Awelon, Lon Derw, Tycloch.

On Thurs., Mar. 25, 1965, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CONISTON COURT BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way	1—2	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.)	3—4
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J. Arthur Hoare 5—6

First peal in the method.

On Mon., April 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LOCH LOMOND BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 18 in G.

Hazel Way	1—2	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.)	3—4
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J. Arthur Hoare 5—6

First peal in the method.

A wedding compliment to Alan McFall and Pamela C. Baker, married at Marple, Cheshire, on April 3rd.

On Fri., April 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

Penelope J. Welch	1—2	Hazel Way	5—6
Brian J. Woodruffe	3—4	J. Arthur Hoare	7—8

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

A compliment to Kathleen M. Watkins and Roger Carter on their engagement.

On Sun., April 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 27 in E.

Edmund J. Morris	1—2	J. Arthur Hoare	5—6
Hazel Way	3—4	Brian J. Woodruffe	7—8

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

First peal on the bells, the largest set of handbells rung to a peal.

CONISTON COURT BOB MINOR:

34, 16, x 1236 x 16. 1.h.=16 —52364.

5,127 STEDMAN CINQUES

By JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM

5 6 19 2314567890E

213456	6,7,8,10S,12,13,15S,16,18S
3 — 2 314256	
3 — 2 412356	

21465378E90	= 1S,2,6,15S,19
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— 2 213456	A
— 2 314256	
— 2 412356	
S 2 413256	
— 2 312456	
— 2 214356	= 5S,7,8,9S,10,11,13S,15S,19

A	214563
	214365

4125638709E	= 2,6,13S,15S,19
— 2 413265	
— 2 312465	
— 2 214365	

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On April 18th, 1,440 York Surprise Minor: Carol Cousins 1, Katharine M. Macve 2, Wendy Wallace 3, Margaret C. Godfrey 4, A. M. Macve 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. Also 1,440 Annable's London Surprise Minor: Katharine Macve 1, Carol Cousins (first in method "inside") 2, Margaret Godfrey 3, A. Macve 4, C. H. Macve 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6.

BALDUCK, HERTS.—On April 18th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Buck 1, C. Harwood (cond.) 2, D. Sutcliffe 3, L. Hughes 4, R. Castledine 5, P. Flack 6, E. Buck 7, J. Dear 8. Also 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: A. Buck 1, D. Sutcliffe 2, L. Hughes (first of Yorkshire) 3, L. Scoot 4, R. Trebilcock 5, J. Dear 6, E. Buck 7, R. Castledine (cond.) 8. Both rung for the Easter Festival.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Mary, on April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pratt (first on eight) 1, A. R. Millidge 2, R. J. Cooles 3, W. Shanks (first on eight) 4, A. R. Patterson 5, D. P. Smith 6, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 7, F. A. Benn 8. To the Glory of God, and in loving memory of Dr. W. L. Presswood, B.A., Ph.D., headmaster of Sir Walter St. John's School, Battersea, who entered into rest on April 11th, aged 54. Rung half-muffled.

BINSTED, HANTS.—On Easter Monday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Read 1, K. Sansom 2, Valerie Rushforth 3, Lesley Read 4, D. Hughes 5, B. Walton 6. First non-conducted for all the band and believed first for the Alton and Petersfield District.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Sangwin (cond.) 1, R. Hill 2, W. Cholwill 3, R. Pearce 4, C. Shepherd 5, F. Bowden 6, H. Stacey 7, C. Cholwill 8. For Palm Sunday.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On April 8th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): T. Fagg 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, Miss A. Rayner 3, Miss E. Todd (first of Kent "inside") 4, Mrs. R. Wratten (cond.) 5, R. P. Brotherson 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (Julian Brian) to Yvonne and Brian Watts, both ringers at this church.

BURWOOD, N.S.W.—On April 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: F. Batushill 1, Lyn Love 2, W. Watson 3, L. Bruce 4, P. Davis 5, J. Cummins (200th quarter peal) 6, Enid Roberts (cond.) 7, R. Bampton 8. Rung half-muffled for the Burwood Anzac commemoration service.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—At the Cathedral on Feb. 6th, 1,276 Grandsire Cinques: Jane Everitt 1, Rosemary Frith 2, Edna Frith 3, L. J. Clark (cond.) 4, P. Rothera 5, A. Everitt 6, J. Crawley 7, M. Cowling 8, P. Brown 9, P. Eves 10, I. Panton 11, C. Jaggard 12. Rung for the annual service of the Friends of the Cathedral.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. C. Parker 1, Ann Galloway 2, Jennifer Payne 3, P. Lane 4, D. C. Manger (cond.) 5, C. Rowe 6. For Evensong.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On April 4th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Davies 1, F. E. Mitchell 2, K. Taber 3, A. Brown (first of Stedman) 4, N. D. Brown 5, R. G. Abbott 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, M. Parry 8.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Kent and Plain Bob: Carol Kemp 1, Yvonne Murray 2, E. W. Roast 3, J. West 4, I. J. M. Saunders 5, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 6. Also on March 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Murray 1, Yvonne Murray 2, A. Spurgeon 3, E. W. Roast 4, J. West 5, I. J. M. Saunders (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Christine Murray.

DENHAM, BUCKS.—On March 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): G. Barratt (first quarter) 1, M. Damerell 2, S. Udell 3, A. Fortin 4, R. Snack (cond.) 5, G. Harris 6, H. Baldwin 7, B. C. Collins 8. For Mothering Sunday, and to celebrate the birth of a daughter to B. C. and A. E. Collins.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. White 1, G. W. Bishop 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, J. H. Napper 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop 6, A. H. Webb (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8. For Easter Eucharist.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, on the back seven: Linda Wilkinson 1, Anne Parry (first quarter "inside") 2, Mary C. Poyner 3, J. M. Gow 4, D. A. Whetton 5, H. C. Poyner (cond.) 6, J. A. Coates 7.

EXHALL, WARWICKS.—On March 21st, 1,260 Minor (in five methods): H. D. Harrison 1, K. F. Gardner 2, J. Webb 3, R. D. Hart 4, I. P. Unsworth 5, D. J. Allen (cond.) 6. Also on April 4th, 1,260 Single Oxford: H. D. Harrison 1, I. P. Unsworth 2, J. Webb 3, R. D. Hart 4, K. F. Gardner 5, D. J. Allen (cond.) 6.

FISHTOFT, Lincs.—On April 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob: P. J. Kilner 1, Miss J. Gilbert 2, A. Pearson 3, H. Harper 4, A. Goldsmith (cond.) 5, A. E. Flatters 6. For family service.

FRAMPTON, Lincs.—On April 18th, 720 Cambridge and 540 Plain Bob: P. J. Kilner 1, J. Green 2, B. Hunt 3, R. Brown 4, G. Burrell (cond.) 5, A. E. Flatters 6. For Evensong.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Titherly 1, Wendy Locker (first quarter) 2, Ammette Bradbury 3, Laura M. Beeny 4, E. E. Breed (cond.) 5, H. Goldsmith 6.

HARTEST, SUFFOLK.—On April 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. W. Garwood 1, Janet I. Rogers 2, P. J. Payne 3, R. S. Seabrook 4, H. Clarke 5, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 6. For Evensong on Palm Sunday.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.—On April 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss V. I. E. Relf 1, M. French (first "inside") 2, Mrs. E. Stewart 3, L. Sweatman 4, G. Stewart (cond.) 5, J. Burden 6.

HUNTINGTON, YORKS.—On April 14th, 1,320 A. Saints' Doubles: A. N. Pearce (first attempt) 1, Jennifer Pearce (first in method "inside") 2, Susan E. Thompson 3, C. J. Groome 4, A. C. Banton (cond.) 5. Rung immediately after the dedication of a peal board. Believed to be the quickest quarter on the bells.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): A. W. Childs 1, R. Spicer 2, B. J. Harris (cond.) 3, P. J. Crane 4, A. A. F. Peters 5, F. J. Robinson 6. For Evensong.

LANGAR, NOTTS.—On March 6th, 1,260 All Saints' Doubles: J. Dawson 1, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 2, D. Surman 3, M. W. Harrison 4, R. C. L. Brown (first in method) 5. 25th quarter together 2 and 4.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On April 10th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: H. Miles 1, Vicky Presswood 2, Marion L. Lidgley 3, A. P. Smith 4, F. M. Bowers 5, Ruth Aston 6. Ringers of 1 to 5 conducted an extent in turn and then repeated the performance, each with a different calling. H. Miles called "That's all" after the plain course. Rung to mark the birthday of H. Miles, the tower captain.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—On April 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: S. C. Walters 1, Marlene E. Townsend 2, Marilyn C. Smith 3, D. Kay Moore 4, C. T. Collins 5, C. W. Bowen 6, F. Hale 7, L. E. Monk 8, J. B. Webb 9, M. W. Fahey (cond.) 10. First in the method for 3, 4, 7 and 8.

LONDON.—At St. Vedast's Church, on March 14th, 1,248 Carlisle S. Minor: Yvonne Edwards 1, R. D. Bailey 2, A. H. Smith (cond.) 3, R. E. J. Dennis 4, T. G. Pett 5, R. O. Humphries 6. For morning service by U.L.S.C.R.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Mothering Sunday, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Stannard (cond.) 1, D. J. Reeve 2, T. Chinery 3, V. Ambrose 4, G. W. Bloomfield 5, D. W. Reeve 6, W. Goodship 7, O. G. Ballard 8. A compliment to Mr. T. Chinery, 77 years and still ringing.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile, on March 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, A. J. Davey 2, R. F. Baker 3, H. S. Peacock 4, L. B. Jefferies 5, P. E. Wells (cond.) 6.

LYE, STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On March 14th, 1,292 Cambridge Surprise Minor (tenor covering): P. J. Brown 1, M. D. Fellows 3, M. Irene Ellsmore 4, J. C. Eisel 5, M. J. Fellows 6, G. Westwood 7, J. Warr 8.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Grandsire and Plain Bob): W. Moore 1, A. Palmer 2, D. Peck 3, P. H. Langton 4, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, M. Hart 6. Rung prior to Morning Prayer on the occasion of the Easter Festival. First of four Doubles methods by a March Sunday service team.

MILLAND, SUSSEX.—On Easter Monday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Rushforth 1, Rosemary Walton (first "inside" non-observation) 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, D. Hughes 4, Lesley Read 5, K. Tipper 6.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—On April 11th, at St. Nicholas' Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. W. Leighton 1, Miss I. Thomson 2, E. N. Harrison 3, M. Maughan 4, F. Lee 5, J. Hedley 6, W. Davidson 7, J. Crowther 8, J. A. Ainsworth (cond.) 9, G. S. Deas 10. For Evensong.

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BIRTH

HOLLAND.—To Ian and Marion, of Dronfield, on April 6th, 1965, a daughter, Alison. 6750

ENGAGEMENTS

FOSTER-SNELLING.—The engagement is announced between Martin, second son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Foster, of 52, Woodstock Road North, St. Albans, Herts, and Christine, elder daughter of Cdr. and Mrs. D. J. R. Snelling, of 126, Mount Park Avenue, Purley, Surrey. 6720

JONES-BENTLEY.—The engagement is announced between Diana, elder daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. G. Bentley, of 8, Egerton Square, Knutsford, and Christopher John, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Jones, of 8, Northwich Road, Knutsford. Congratulations from both families. 6708

PERSONAL

"And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son."—1 John v, xi.

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MISCELLANEOUS

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL.—From Sunday, May 9th, Cathedral ringing altered to Sundays 10.30-11, 3.15-3.45; practices Thursdays 7.30. Verification afternoon ringing advised from J. Walden, 50, Cecil Street (Tel. 26915) or G. Paul (hon. sec.), 170, Wragby Road, Lincoln (Tel. 27847). 6749

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—St. Mary's, Southampton Ringers.—Service on Sunday, May 2nd to mark the end of the golden jubilee year of the bells of St. Mary's. Services: Matins 11 a.m., Evensong 6.30 p.m. Ringing one hour before and after each service. All visitors most welcome. 6732

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A joyful occasion to which all are invited. Dedication of a new treble at Mendlesham, May 8th. Service 3 p.m., followed by tea in the Village Hall for all who apply by May 5th to Mrs. A. Godfrey, 2, Fleece Cottages, Mendlesham, Suffolk. 6696

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, May 3rd at 7 p.m. 6724

STOURPAINE, DORSET.—Rededication of rehung and augmented ring (6) on Friday, May 7th at 7 p.m., by the Bishop of Salisbury. All ringers welcome. 6756

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The new ring (10) at Guildford Cathedral will be dedicated at 8.15 p.m. on May 17th. Admission to the service will be by ticket only; arrangements are being made to distribute a limited number of tickets to members of the Guild. There will be an "open day" on Saturday, May 22nd, from 11 a.m. until 5.45

p.m. Refreshments can be obtained at the Cathedral Rectory. Evensong will be at 5.45 p.m. Bands wishing to ring at the Cathedral on their outings and those wishing to attempt peals should apply to Mr. D. A. R. May, 15, Rydes Close, Old Woking, Surrey.

SPALDING, Lincs.—Visitors to tulip fields and parade on May 8th/9th are invited to ring at Parish Church on Saturday (10.30 onwards) and Sunday (9.30 a.m., 2.30 p.m.) and view district from top of tower.—Mrs. J. Noon, Tower Sec, 13, Pennygate. 6713

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MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Saturday, May 1st. Towers open: Kempston, 10.15-11.15; Elstow, 11.15-12.15; Milton Ernest, 1.30-2.30; Bletsoe, Sharnbrook, Odell, 2.3-15; Pavenham, Oakley, Stevington, 2.45-4; Biddenham, 3-4; Bromham, 3.45-4.15. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting 4.45. Bromham, 8.45; Biddenham, 8.30. Tickets for tea, price 3s. each, must be obtained from Association Secretaries or Mr. R. Fowler, taries or Mr. R. Fowler, 24, Oakley Road, Bromham, enclosing s.a.e. 6702

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Chippenham, Saturday, May 1st. Evening only. Bells (6) 6 p.m. until 8.30 p.m. 6771

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting on Saturday, May 1st, at Burnham—not Tollesbury as previously announced. Bells and striking competition 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to J. P. Brandon, 424, Baddow Road, Chelmsford (72100). Visitors welcome. Special method: Killamarsh. 6676

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—Quarterly meeting at Aston Ingham, Saturday, May 1st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—J. J. Webb. 6740

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting at Walkern, Saturday, May 1st, at 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 6691

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Aldenham, May 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Mission Room, Letchmore Heath. Names, please, to C. Evans, 20, Watling Street, Radlett, Herts. Tel. Radlett 5879.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 6698

To reduce Parish Church beetle debt.

MAY DAY FESTIVAL,

KIMPTON, HERTFORDSHIRE,

Saturday, May 1st.

Bells (6) 3-8 p.m. Decorated Church.

Teas. Service 6 p.m.

May Queen Procession 2 p.m. Maypole

and Morris Dancing. Archery, Soap

Box Derby, etc. 6682

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Western District.—A meeting is to be held at Christ Church, Crewe (10), on Saturday, May 1st. Ringing 3 to 5 and 6 p.m. onwards. Nearby cafes for tea. Gentlemen friends very welcome.—H. L. Horn, Dis. Sec. 6690

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting at Sharnford, Saturday, May 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Striking competition after business meeting.—V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 6759

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Christ Church, Southgate, on Saturday, May 1st. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business in Walker Hall to follow. To ensure tea, give notice to Mr. S. G. Peck, 20, Merryhills Drive, Enfield, Middlesex. Ringing: Southgate 2.30 p.m. and evening; Enfield (St. Andrew's) 2.30 to 3.40 p.m.; Wood Green 2.15 to 3.30 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec. 6640

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice at Twyford, Saturday, May 1st. Bells (6) from 6 p.m.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gullesborough Branch.—Meeting at Oxendon on Saturday, May 1st. Tea arranged.—J. E. Goddard. 6719

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 1st, Sutton Bonnington (5), 3 to 5 p.m. Kingston-on-Soar (6) 6 to 8 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Smith, 18, Greendale Gardens, Aspley, Nottingham.—S. Adams. 6700

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Ipswich, Saturday, May 1st. St. Clement's (6), St. Matthew's (6), St. Nicholas' (5), all 2.30-4.15 p.m.; St. Mary-le-Tower (12), 2.30-3.30; St. Lawrence's (5), 4-4.30. Service in St. Lawrence's Church at 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting. St. Mary-le-Tower, 6.30-7.30; St. Mary-at-Quay (6) and St. Margaret's (8), 7-9 p.m. Names for tea to Andrew T. Beckwith, 8, Lansdowne Road, Ipswich (Tel. 75647). (Please note change in ringing arrangements.) 6662

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Reigate, Saturday, May 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Also Kingswood and Redhill towers open 2.30-4 p.m. 6726

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting, Sherfield-on-Loddon, May 1st. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to John Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 6709

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Kirkheaton, nr. Huddersfield on Saturday, May 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Please bring food.—J. M. Buxton. 6739

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Monthly practice at Ilton (6) on Saturday, May 8th at 6.30 p.m.—J. T. Locke, Local Hon. Sec. 6768

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Quarterly meeting at North Wootton on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (3) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting, Pilton. Bells (6) after meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, 4th, please.—P. Hull, Hon. Sec., Dinder, Wells. 6760

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Evening meeting at Henlow on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (6) available 5.30 p.m. onwards. Everyone made welcome. Final outing details.—K. Fleming. 6733

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting at Rise (5), Saturday, May 8th from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. W. Gray-Nicholson, Hind's House, Park Farm, Rise, Skirlaugh, by previous Thursday. 6744

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Meeting at Harbury on Saturday, May 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: St. Clement's Bob Minor and Norwich Surprise Minor. Names for tea to P. F. Bennett, College Farm, Bearley, Stratford-on-Avon. 6775

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Striking contest at Clowne (6) on Saturday, May 8th. Draw at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, *without fail please*, to Mr. G. Hunt, 9, East Street, Clowne, nr. Chesterfield, by May 6th. All ringers welcome.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 6734

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting on Saturday, May 8th at Ickleton. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Vicarage 5 p.m.—B. D. Threlfall, Dis. Sec. 6742

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting on May 8th at Brinkworth (6). Names for tea to Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 6764

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Honiton on May 8th. Bells (St. Michael's (6)) from 2.30, (St. Paul's (8)) 4.15 for 4.30 service, and later. Numbers for tea to W. Webb, Millhead Road, Honiton (phone 521), by May 5th. 6701

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South-West Branch.—Spring meeting, Walkhampton, May 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Ringing Meavy (6) after meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 5th, please, to me at Crelake Mews, Tavistock.—Mrs. M. A. Bould, Dis. Sec. 6704

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Quarterly District meeting and Striking Competition, May 8th, at Leatherhead. Service 2.30 p.m. Competition 3 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting at approx. 4.45 p.m. and normal ringing afterwards. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 5th, to A. J. Smith, 25, Hilley Field Lane, Fetcham, Leatherhead.—Adrienne Gibson, Hon. Sec. 6723

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Sarratt (5) on Saturday, May 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Petts, "Pinnaroo," Dimmocks Lane, Sarratt, nr. Rickmansworth. 6753

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting on Saturday, May 8th at Benington. Ringing from 3 p.m., service, tea, etc., 4.30 p.m. More ringing in the evening. 6688

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Ulcombe on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. N. R. Archibald, "Wheelspin," The Street, Ulcombe. Please note change of tower.—M. L. Howe, Dis. Sec. 6727

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Joint meeting and ringing competition with the Rossendale Branch at Helmsshore, on Saturday, May 8th. Competition 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., followed by results and judges' comments. Business meeting and general ringing afterwards.—Brian A. Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 6773

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, May 8th at Crosthwaite. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. *Please note no tea arrangements made.* Please bring own teas.—T. F. Metcalfe. 6772

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. John's, Tuebrook on Saturday, May 8th. Ringing 3-5 p.m. and 6.30-7.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.—G. Howlett, Branch Sec. 6747

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston and Lancaster Branches.—Joint meeting at Scorton on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. A6 road, buses 130, 150, alight at Hamilton Arms. Names for tea to Mr. S. Anderton, Springfield Farm, Scorton, Preston, Lancs.—L. Walmsley and P. Handley. 6725

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at St. Thomas', Helmsshore (8) on Saturday, May 8th. Joint meeting and striking competition with Blackburn Branch. Bells available from 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—Philip A. Mason, Branch Sec. 6748

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting on Saturday, May 8th. Ringing at Ratcliffe and Cossington 2.30-3.45 p.m., Sibley 3.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, May 5th, to Mr. M. White, 97, Swan Street, Sibley, Leics.—M. D. Barsby, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6754

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Nash on May 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Refreshment at hotel. Names, as soon as possible, please.—J. S. King, Cedar Tiles, High Beech, Chepstow.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting on Saturday, May 8th at Christ Church, Southgate, N.14, at 3.15-4.30. Meeting at St. Andrew's, Enfield, at 6. Ringing 6.30-8. Own tea arrangements.—V. E. Dupre, Hon. Sec. 6680

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Annual general meeting at St. Paul's, Burton on Sat., May 8th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 6731

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Brown Edge on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. R. M. Bourne, Willfield Farm, Willfield Lane, Brown Edge, Stoke-on-Trent.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 6741

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Norwich on Sat., May 8th. Service at St. Peter Mancroft 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Chantry Hall. Meeting to follow. Bells available: St. Peter Mancroft 3-4.10 p.m. and after the meeting; St. Giles' (8) 2-3.45 p.m.; St. Miles' (8) 2-3.45 p.m.; evenings on both these if necessary; St. George's, Colegate (6) 2-3.45 and 7-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich (Nor 57N), by Wednesday, May 5th.—H. Wm. Barrett, Gen. Sec. 6745

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Meeting at King's Sutton on Saturday, May 8th. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. J. Barker, Astrop Road, King's Sutton, Banbury. —A. E. R. Walker, Sec. 6767

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual competition at St. Florence, Pembs, on Saturday, May 8th at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to the Rector, St. Florence, nr. Tenby, Pembs. —R. Warburton, Hon. Sec. 6737

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Guild Festival, Sherborne, Dorset, Saturday, May 8th. The annual general meeting in St. Aldhelm's C. of E. School at 2.15 p.m., when a welcome will be given by the Chairman of the Sherborne U.D.C. The festival service will be held at the Abbey Church of St. Mary, 4 p.m., conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon S. B. Wingfield-Digby. Address by the Ven. David Rokeby Maddock, M.A., Archdeacon of Sherborne. All clergy attending the service are invited to be robed. High tea in the school at 5.30. Tickets 7s. 6d. Members under the age of 17—6s. Tickets obtained from the Assistant Hon. Sec., Mr. F. Slatford, 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook, near Trowbridge, before May 4th. Bells available: Sherborne Abbey (8), between 1 and 2 p.m. and during evening; all below available between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and 630 to 9 p.m.: Gillingham (8), Mere (8), Bourton (6), Childe Okeford (6), Iwerne Minster (6), Maiden Bradley (6), Okeford Fitzpaine (6), Lillington (6), Shroton (6), Thornford (6), Yetminster (6), Shaftesbury St. James (6), Shaftesbury Holy Trinity (6), Hazelbury Bryan (6), Horningsham (6), Buckhorn Weston (6), Shillingstone (6), Bradford Abbas (6), Silton (5), Compton Abbas (5), Kingston Magna (5). Not available between 12 and 2: Sturminster Newton (6) and Marnhull (6).—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham, Wilts. 6697

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting at Sherburn-in-Elmet on Saturday, May 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea (moderate charge) 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. J. Potts, North Sweetmings Farm, Lennerton, South Milford, before May 6th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 6751

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Newport on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Talbot, Meadow Estate Stores, School Ground Lane, Newport, Salop, by Wednesday, May 5th. Ringing after tea until 8 p.m.—E. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6728

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at East Bridgford on Saturday, May 8th. District round Crawford Contest. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday previous, to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton. 6746

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Odsall on Saturday, May 8th. Tower open 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. C. Poyner, 9, Richmond Road, Retford, by Thursday, May 6th. 6752

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting at Great Barr on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (6) available 3-4.25 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 5th latest, please, to Miss J. White, 5, Grove Hill, Orchard Hills, Walsall, Staffs (Walsall 28875).—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 6729

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting and ringing festival. Chichester on Saturday, May 8th. Ringing arrangements: Route 1: Slinfold (6) 10-11. Itchingfield (5) 10.30-11.30, Wisborough Green

(6) 11.30-12.30, Kirdford (6) 12-1, Petworth (8) 1.30-2.30; Route 2: Thakeham (6) 10-11, Washington (6) 10.30-11.30, Storrington (6) 11-12, Pulborough (8) 11.30-12.30, Fittleworth (6) 12-1; Route 3: Findon (6) 10-11, Heene (8) 10.30-11.30, West Tarring (6) 11-12, Goring (6) 11.30-12.30, Angmering (6) 12-1, Lymminster (6) 1.30-2.30, Felpham (6) 2-3, Chichester (8) 2-3.30; Route 4: Amberley (5) 11.30-12.30, Arundel (8) 12-1, Bosham (6) 2-3. After meeting, Chichester, Arundel and Walberton will be available. Service in Chichester Cathedral at 3.30. Tea at 5 o'clock in Council Chamber, followed by business meeting. Seating accommodation limited to 120, essential to send names for tea in good time. Any queries re ringing to Mr. B. E. Mathews, 4, Romilly Street, London, W.1. Names for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. 6673

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—A.G.M. on Saturday, May 8th. Afternoon ringing. Service 4.30 p.m. at St. Olave's, followed by tea and meeting in St. Olave's Vestry. Names for tea to Hon. Sec., Miss Y. Edwards, 11, Wedderburn Road, Hampstead, N.W.3. 6634

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Practice meeting on May 8th at Buriton (6), 6.30-8.30 p.m. 6762

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Alphington, Saturday, May 15th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Meeting following. Bells before and after. Cathedral Practice 6 p.m.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Thorpe-le-Soken on Saturday, May 15th. Striking competition before tea. Service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea. General ringing afterwards. Names, please, to Mr. W. Downs, Church Cottage, Thorpe-le-Soken, Clacton-on-Sea. 6743

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Fyfield on Saturday, May 15th. The meeting will start with the District heat of the ringing competition at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and further ringing. Names for tea to J. S. Godfrey, 1, Hall Cottages, Cannons Lane, Fyfield, Ongar. 6757

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Lympne on Saturday, May 15th. Bells (6, 12 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Good attendance specially requested. Names for tea to Mr. H. P. Yates, "Long View," Berwick Lane, Lympne, by previous Thursday.—C. T. H. 6770

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (North Lindsey Branch) and **LADIES' GUILD.**—Joint meeting at Bigby on Saturday, May 15th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—C. A. H. 6760

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Algarkirk on Saturday, May 15th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify H. Barsley, Woad Lane, Algarkirk, Boston, by Monday, May 10th. 6718

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Haxey on Saturday, May 15th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. Special methods: Old Oxford and Bob Minor.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel.: 2623. 6717

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Bunwell on Saturday, May 15th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 12th to Mr. C. F. W. Philpotts, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich. NOR O1X. 6735

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Quarterly meeting at Framlingham (8) on Saturday, May 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 12th, to Mr. W. E. Maulden, 14, Market Hill, Framlingham, Woodbridge, Suffolk.—T. N. J. B. 6716

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD OF BELL RINGERS

ANNUAL MEETING at LONDON on

SATURDAY, MAY 15th, 1965

Programme:

St. Giles', Cripplegate (12) 11 a.m. to 12 noon
St. Vedast's, Foster Lane (6) 12.15 to 1.15 p.m.
Lunch. Make own arrangements.
St. Leonard's, Shoreditch (12) 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Tea at St. Botolph's Hall (Fan-makers Hall) at 3.30 p.m.
Followed by a Business Meeting.
St. Olave's, Hart Street (8) 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
St. Andrew's, Holborn (8) 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.
For those arriving on Friday evening, Ringing at St. Luke's, Chelsea.
Names for tea to:
Mrs. Davies, 3, The Old College, Dulwich, London, S.E.21. 6722

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting at Kingswood (6) on Saturday, May 15th. Bells 2.30-3.30 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss G. Gartell, "Ochiltree," Copley Way, Tadworth, by Wednesday previous. —K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 6761

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WARWICK.—At St. Nicholas' Church on Good Friday, 1,260 Grandisle Triples: Christine Smith 1, Clare Dolphin 2, P. C. Randall 3, Gillian Browne 4, E. J. Gower (cond.) 5, Susan Smith 6, J. L. Garner-Hayward 7, G. W. Randall 8. First in the method 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6. Rung half-muffled. The band wish to express their thanks to Mrs. D. Randall and Joan Smith for standing down.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On April 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Lesley Eames 1, W. Cooper-Bailey (first "inside") 2, Vanessa Rodrigues 3, Elizabeth Zass 4, Hilary Johnson 5, A. Bagworth (cond.) 6. Also on April 11th, 1,263 Stedman Triples: Deborah Hopkins 1, A. Bishop 2, Hilary Johnson 3, Vanessa Rodrigues 4, G. Reynolds 5, M. Bangham 6, A. Bagworth (cond.) 7, W. Cooper-Bailey 8. Also on April 18th, 1,260 Grandisle Triples: Marion Baulkwick 1, A. Bishop 2, Deborah Hopkins 3, M. Bangham (cond.) 4, Vanessa Rodrigues 5, Rosamund Rawlings 6, A. Bagworth 7, R. Goodman 8.

LATE NOTICE

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Practice meeting at Coalpit Heath, Monday, May 3rd. Bells 7.30. —A. W. Gibbs, Sec. 6778

QUARTER PEALS

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—At the Cathedral, on April 11th, 1,282 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: Gillian M. Webb (first on 10) 1, J. M. H. Hunter 2, Claire Dillamore 3, K. J. Darvill 4, A. S. Hudson 5, R. W. Powell 6, V. Nutton 7, C. H. Rogers 8, J. B. Webb 9, S. C. Walters (cond.) 10.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On April 18th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Miss E. D. Mason 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, Miss J. E. M. Hills 3, S. D. Holdaway (first in five "inside") 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6. Rung for Easter Sunday.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Easter Day, 1,299 Stedman Caters: A. Holroyd 1, Miss T. Hollis 2, Mrs. E. Chaddock 3, Miss S. Chaddock 4, N. Donovan 5, D. Nichols 6, N. Chaddock (cond.) 7, S. Armeson 8, J. N. D. Chaddock 9, P. Walker 10. Rung for Evensong.

TOTTENHOE, BEDS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. G. Sear 1, Christine Smith 2, R. Stripp 3, R. J. Scott 4, A. G. Stripp 5, J. W. V. Sinfield 6, J. L. Cloughton (cond.) 7, W. F. Gladman 8. For Easter Day morning service.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—On Easter Day, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: L. D. Duguid 1, Mrs. K. Baldwin 2, A. Page 3, A. Cope 4, A. Burbridge 5, W. Cope 6, T. R. Taylor (cond.) 7, R. Baldwin 8. Rung for Evensong.

WELLAND, WORCS.—On April 10th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. Haylings 1, Anna Sadowska 2, D. Price (50th quarter) 3, L. Dovey (first of Surprise) 4, M. Hawkes 5, J. Clements (cond.) 6.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, on April 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Collins 1, P. G. Davies 2, E. E. Speake 3, Miss E. Timmins 4, M. Griffiths 5, R. J. Lees 6, G. Hughes (cond.) 7, J. D. Holden 8. Rung in honour of the institution and induction of the Rev. Francis William Cocks, C.B., M.A., as Rector of Wolverhampton the previous evening.

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