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THE TEAM

WHAT is the peculiar fascination about ringing?

Many people have attempted to essay an answer to that question. At Trowbridge the other week, when the Salisbury Diocesan Guild held their festival and did honour to the long and faithful service of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards as their secretary for 37 years, Canon R. L. Pelley, the Rector of that historic church, endeavoured to supply the answer.

He viewed the Exercise as an outsider and, perhaps because of his lack of practical knowledge and the inner workings of ringers in general, was able to view the question from an independent angle. His first suggestion was the delight in working together in rhythm in which each man pulled his bell at the right moment. 'The sense of rhythm in movement that makes it delightful,' he said. We in the Exercise have a word for that 'good striking.' Why is it that we find enthusiastic bands bubbling over with energy and getting the maximum enjoyment from their ringing and willing to make almost any sacrifice to be present? The answer is that their ringing has reached a sense of perfect rhythm by each subordinating himself to the whole.

This free orderly discipline, the secret of all good ringing, has a lesson for the world at large. Canon Pelley elaborated the theme in an appeal to pull together. 'If only we could get America and Russia, Labour and Conservative, husband and wife, to pull together, there is the answer to the world's problems of to-day.' But pulling together in the belfry is not the end of a ringer's duty. There must be a pulling together in the Guild or Association. The greatest danger confronting the Exercise is from those individuals who cannot take the lesson of the belfry into the affairs of the Guild. We deny no man or woman individual freedom, but we ask the minorities to give way to the majorities even if it is at the cost of individual pride. It is the secret of true democracy; at times it is hard and irksome, but it is the only true basis of successful administration.

Another point made by Canon Pelley read as follows: 'You bellringers are members of the Church and you are a part of the whole congregation. You play your part in

ringing the bells, but too often the bellringers are separated from the rest of the congregation and there is not the effective all pulling together. . . . Many of the ringers are found in their places at the church services; some are not and in so far as they are not they are spoiling the effect of the whole team. The congregation needs the ringers for the very reason that in the belfry you have the very secret of the Christian religion—of working as a team. We want you to bring that down into the nave.'

Next Sunday is one of the great festivals of the Church, Whitsunday, when we, as Church men and women, commemorate one of the great gifts bestowed by Christ on His followers. In it we are teamed as one with Him, and also with each other in His Church. A valued correspondent has directed the Editor's attention to the challenge that such an occasion as the birthday of the Church should make to each individual ringer. He suggests that all ringers should co-operate in two ways: (1) by endeavouring to see that every ring of church bells in the land be rung for at least 30 minutes before one of the services on that day; (2) that each ringer should dedicate this his service to God by attending at least one Church service on that day.

The purpose of this call he elaborates as follows: (1) To direct the art of change ringing to its most noble height—the service of God; (2) To encourage closer co-operation between the Church and its ringers; (3) To demonstrate the unity of ringers as a Christian fellowship; (4) To exhort ringing organisations to pursue their chief aims; (5) To set a new and more coherent standard for ringers.

Sunday service ringing has always been the primary aim of Guilds and Associations in affiliation with the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. Like all primary aims, there is a danger at times of it becoming secondary to the more intricate organisation and fabric of the science or art. In most ringers' hearts there is a very strong sense of obligation and duty to the Church, but there are some who are indifferent to this responsibility. To them we pass on the message—be one of Christ's team this Whitsuntide and put the gift and the privilege which have been placed in your hands unreservedly at His disposal and for furthering the work of His Church.

TEN BELL PEALS

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C sharp.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE PRESCOTT ... 6
ALLEN MORGAN 2	F. CECIL MOGFORD ... 7
GEORGE E. LARGE 3	CYRIL TANSELL 8
LEONARD DERRICK 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS 9
REGINALD WOODYATT ... 5	H. WILLIAM KINGCOTT... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by WILLIAM KENT.

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 9, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

ERNEST G. SHORTING... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR G. BASON 6
F. CHARLES GOODMAN... 2	GEORGE BAILEY 7
GEORGE SAYER 3	BERT GOGLE 8
*GEORGE P. ADAMS 4	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 9
HENRY TOOKE 5	NOLAN GOLDEN <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by HARRY G. MILES.

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Caters.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Swithun,

A PEAL OF WEMBLEY SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

MARGARET A. SWANN ... <i>Treble</i>	ARCHER T. LOWMAN ... 6
BETTY BROWN 2	RAYMOND F. SMITH ... 7
*CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	FREDK. W. STOKES ... 8
JOHN FREEMAN 4	K. LESLIE PASK 9
WALTER TOMLINSON ... 5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* 300th peal. This is the first peal of Royal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 72 lb. in E.

CHARLES E. G. BANHAM <i>Treble</i>	VINCENT R. OVENS ... 5
*JOHN S. BARNES 2	†TONY OWEN 6
WALTER J. FORD 3	GEORGE P. ADAMS ... 7
HERBERT F. LASKEY ... 4	BERT GOGLE <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by BERT GOGLE.

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

DOWNHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF CAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5064 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... <i>Treble</i>	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 5
NORMAN V. HARDING ... 2	ARTHUR ROLFE 6
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 3	ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 7
JOHN E. COX 4	CLAUDE COUSINS <i>Tenor</i>

Composition LANCASHIRE HANDBOOK. Conducted by E. H. MASTIN.

First peal in the method by all and for the Association. A wedding compliment to Jean, eldest daughter of Stanley G. Elsey.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

JAMES W. GROUNDS ... <i>Treble</i>	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 6
REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 7
FRANK W. PERRY 4	DAVID VINCENT <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ALAN J. BROWN.

Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.

All are Master Masons. To celebrate the inauguration of Masonic ringers' meetings.

HULL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

*LEONARD RODMELL ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 2	GEORGE DOBBS 6
JACK BRAY 3	PHILIP BARNES 7
*PHILIP H. SPECK 4	*CHARLES BARKER <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Surprise on the bells. Believed to be the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in the East Riding.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E.

ERNEST J. LADD <i>Treble</i>	ROBERT COLLINS 5
CHARLES A. BASSETT ... 2	ALBERT RELFE 6
FRANK H. HICKS 3	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... 7
DORIS E. COLGATE 4	ALEC E. RICHARDSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 8, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*ALFRED WILKINSON ... <i>Treble</i>	HARRY W. HOWARD ... 5
ERIC HORNBY 2	HAROLD WORRALL ... 6
DOROTHY C. OSBORN ... 3	HENRY PARKER 7
DAVID SMITH 4	CECIL RADDON <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.

* First peal. A wedding compliment to Mr. S. Booth (a local ringer) and Miss A. Grounds.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original. Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM R. WHITE ... <i>Treble</i>	ROBERT B. BLOND ... 5
HENRY L. BISHOP 2	BERTRAM L. J. BROWN... 6
GEORGE W. BISHOP ... 3	ALFRED H. WEBB 7
JAMES GORDON 4	JACK C. NAPPER <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JAMES GORDON.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Six-part (C.C.C. No. 13). Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

WILLIAM RANFORD ... <i>Treble</i>	CYRIL TANSELL 5
WM. H. A. COMPTON ... 2	CHARLES J. CAMM 6
GEORGE E. LARGE 3	SIDNEY T. HOLT 7
REGINALD WOODYATT ... 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

An 81st birthday compliment to William Ranford.



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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Transposition.

Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

REGINALD ALEY Treble	FRANK BROWN 5
CLEMENT GLENN 2	FRANK BRADLEY 6
J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF 3	WALTER NICHOLS 7
FREDK. A. SALTER 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS ... Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt 1 qr. 15 lb.

*BRIAN J. HOWARD ... Treble	WILLIAM PERRY 5
*VICTOR W. GRIMWADE ... 2	†PETER J. KING 6
BERNARD SADLER 3	DONALD COOMBS 7
FREDERICK SOUTER 4	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. BARKER. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal, both aged 15 years. † First peal away from treble, aged 16 years. Rung half-muffled in memory of Walter D. Taylor, ringer of Prittlewell.

WOOD GREEN, WEDNESBURY.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., May 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

*BERNARD C. BICKNELL ... Treble	†J. NORMAN HADLEY 5
†JAMES S. EASTWOOD ... 2	EDWIN J. TYLER 6
EDGAR MARLOW 3	HOWARD HOWELL 7
GEORGE W. HUGHES 4	MAURICE G. TURNER ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal in the method and of Major. † 50th peal for Society. ‡ First peal in the method. First peal in method as conductor.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

ALFRED BALLARD Treble	JOHN R. SMITH 5
*EDWARD SOWMAN 2	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON ... 6
SHIRLEY BURTON 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 7
HERRICK B. BOWLEY 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First Surprise peal.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

WALTER J. LEMON Treble	ALFRED G. HILL 5
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 2	RALPH BIRD 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 3	FREDK. J. CULLUM 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by F. J. CULLUM.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 12, 1950, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY 5
*FRED DUNKERLEY 2	ERIC J. GILBERT 6
HENRY O. BAKER 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 7
WALTER ALLMAN 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of London.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 3 Hours,

At the DEANEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

HENRY PRATT Treble	GEORGE SAUNDERS 5
ALBERT CATTERWELL 2	JOHN WARNER 6
FRANK CLAYDON 3	WALTER ARNOLD 7
RONALD SUCKLING 4	HARRY MILLATT Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

In memoriam Mr. Ernest Bowhill, for many years a regular service ringer at Earl's Colne, who passed away in the tower after ringing for morning service on Sunday, May 7th.

BOYNE HILL, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At the Church of ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr.

E. DENNIS POOLE Treble	WILLIAM WALKER 5
GEORGE MARTIN 2	WILLIAM WELLING 6
MRS. E. D. POOLE 3	*JOE YOUNG 7
JESSE ELDRIDGE 4	ERNEST E. GOSLING ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SINGLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*LEN D. MILLARD Treble	*ALBERT FLEET 5
*HAROLD SMITH 2	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 6
*MISS M. R. JAYCOCK ... 3	*CYRIL A. BURGESS 7
*MISS R. TABRAHAM 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal. First peal in method on the bells.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Middleton's.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

REGINALD WOODYATT ... Treble	ALLEN MORGAN 5
*CLAUDIA A. HARDING ... 2	†GEORGE E. LARGE 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	CYRIL TANSELL 7
*R. GEORGE MORRIS 4	†THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † 300th peal. ‡ 300th peal for the Association.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

EDGAR C. PIZZEY Treble	FRANK L. FISHER 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 2	JAMES G. RUMSEY 6
JAMES M. BAILEY 3	ALBERT E. WHITING 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

At the Church of ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE N. ORMAN Treble	EDWARD E. DAVEY 5
ALAN R. ANDREWS 2	EDWARD B. SMITH 6
GEORGE A. ANDREWS 3	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD ... 7
RONALD G. BUGG 4	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... Tenor

Composed by H. L. JAMES (49). Conducted by U. W. WILDNEY.

Birthday peal and 50th peal for R. Bugg. The conductor's 150th peal.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.		Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.	
MRS. C. C. MARSHALL ... Treble	A. HOLWAY ...	5	
A. G. BETTS ... 2	J. SALWAY ...	6	
A. TAPLEY ... 3	W. REEKS ...	7	
D. CALLARD ... 4	W. ASHDOWN ...	Tenor	

Conducted by W. REEKS.

A wedding compliment to Miss Queenie Pring and Mr. George E. Retter.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 12½ cwt.	
JAMES W. WILKINS ... Treble	ROLAND BIGGS ...	5	
IAN S. BIGGS ... 2	JOHN KAPE ...	6	
F. DONALD BOREHAM ... 3	PERCY NEWTON ...	7	
ANTHONY E. COX ... 4	NORMAN CORNWALL ...	Tenor	

Conducted by PERCY NEWTON.

A compliment to the treble ringer, who was 87 on May 11th.

LONGWOOD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.	
*ARNOLD ROTHERY ... Treble	GEOFFREY CROSSLEY ...	5	
SIDNEY H. BARRON ... 2	*GEOFFREY GEE ...	6	
GORDON TURNER ... 3	JOHN PEARSON ...	7	
*DEREK SHARPLES ... 4	ALBERT W. BOND ...	Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.

* First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples on the bells. To celebrate 'Old Folks Day.'

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.		Tenor 10 cwt.	
*PERCIVAL W. GRICE ... Treble	HAROLD TAYLOR ...	5	
DENIS R. CARLISLE ... 2	JACK BAILEY ...	6	
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	SIDNEY H. JONES ...	7	
JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 4	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ...	Tenor	

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

* First peal of Surprise.

MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.			
JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... Treble	JACK BAILEY ...	5	
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	ALFRED MOULD ...	6	
EDWARD F. GOBEY ... 3	*SIDNEY H. JONES ...	7	
DENIS R. CARLISLE ... 4	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ...	Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

* First peal in the method

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

A. J. Trollope's Four-part.		Tenor 16½ cwt.	
*HAROLD HUGHES ... Treble	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ...	5	
†MARJORIE JAMES ... 2	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW ...	6	
A. EDWARD REEVES ... 3	WILLIAM A. FARMER ...	7	
HENRY O. BAKER ... 4	JOHN N. LINDON ...	Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM A. FARMER.

* First peal of Major. † First peal. To mark the 80th birthday of Mr. John Hughes, Ringing Master at this church for 60 years.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Transposition.		Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.	
KATHLEEN BURCHNALL ... Treble	SIDNEY BRIGGS ...	5	
CLEMENT GLENN ... 2	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ...	6	
GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	WALTER NICHOLS ...	7	
FREDK. A. SALTER ... 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS ...	Tenor	

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Mon., May 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.			
MRS. J. E. TURLEY ... Treble	GEORGE S. LEE ...	5	
SHIRLEY BAMPTON (16) ... 2	NORMAN CHADDOCK ...	6	
*STEPHEN WRIGHT (15) ... 3	JOHN E. TURLEY ...	7	
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 4	GORDON C. BRIGGS ...	Tenor	

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

PAPANUI, CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND.

THE CHRISTCHURCH CATHEDRAL SOCIETY OF BELLRINGERS.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 8 extents of St. Simon's, 14 extents of Plain Bob and 20 extents of Grandsire.		Tenor 6 cwt.	
C. HOLLOBON ... Treble	C. WARD ...	3	
N. SLOAN ... 2	N. F. REEVE ...	4	

A. J. LANCEFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by A. J. LANCEFIELD.

First peal of Doubles by all except conductor. First peal in three methods for the Society. First peal on the bells.

YASS, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.

THE N.S.W. ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 4 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 8040 CHANGES;

Being 20 extents of Old, 30 of Antelope and 17 of Plain Bob, 4 callings of Old, 3 of Plain Bob and 6 of Antelope.		Tenor 7 cwt.	
W. HARRY SHORT ... Treble	RONALD S. ROWE ...	3	
ROBERT W. FERRIS ... 2	JOHN DUNCAN ...	4	

WILLIAM M. ROWE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. M. ROWE. Referee: EDMUND J. FOWELL.
Greatest number of changes rung to Doubles in Australia, and claimed to be the greatest number of changes rung to Doubles recorded with the Central Council.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.		Tenor 9 cwt. in B.	
*ALAN BUTLER ... Treble	*PETER NEWING ...	4	
†EILEEN S. WYLES ... 2	*THOMAS H. HOLMES ...	5	
WILFRED S. PALIN ... 3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ...	Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal of Minor. First peal in three methods and quickest peal on the bells. For the 17th birthday of Peter Newing.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.		Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.	
PETER BEALS ... Treble	ROBERT ALCOCK ...	4	
*DONALD PEGG ... 2	FREDERICK H. BEALS ...	5	
JACK S. WILLIAMSON ... 3	TONY OWEN ...	Tenor	

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

* First peal.

SHORE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*JACK LEE Treble	J. ALWYN TAYLOR 4
†KEITH ABBOTT 2	ALLAN SMITH 5
IAN TAYLOR 3	JAMES TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by ALLAN SMITH.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First peal of Minor on the bells. A welcome to the Rev. E. D. Williamett, who was inducted Vicar on April 29th.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE OLD CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G sharp.

CYRIL TANSELL Treble	ALLEN MORGAN 4
GEORGE E. LARGE 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT 5
REGINALD WOODYATT 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 50 methods in the following extents: (1) Oxford, Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Wath, Pontefract, Donottar and Carisbrooke Treble Bob, (2) Plain Bob, Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Canterbury, Fulbeck, College Single Reverse, St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Wavertree, London Bob, Lytham, Windermere, Frodsham, Cumberland, Killarney, Horsmondon and Ennerdale, (3) Single Oxford, Single Court, Hereward and Double Court, (4) Charwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby Treble Bob, (5) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV. and Willesden Treble Bob, (6) Beverley, Surfleet, York and Durham Surprise, (7) Chester and Munden Surprise.

Tenor 10 cwt.

G. STANLEY GARDER ... Treble	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ... 4
SAMUEL A. MARTIN 2	JAMES W. BOWLEY 5
C. WILLIAM HALL 3	ROLAND BENISTON Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

First peal in 50 Minor methods by all the band and for the Guild.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Primrose and Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

BETTINA A. DUFFY ... Treble	KENNETH W. DUFFY ... 4
WILLIAM DUFFY 2	FRED BRIGHTMAN 5
ERNEST BRITAIN 3	FRANK TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

DURLEIGH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 8, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 9 cwt.

FREDERICK W. SWEET ... Treble	CECIL T. CLARKE 4
RONALD D. SHORT 2	WILFRED R. KENT 5
*ERIC M. NORMAN 3	OLIVER POLE Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED R. KENT.

* First peal. First peal on the bells, recently rehung and augmented. A compliment to the ringer of the 3rd on his engagement.

TITCHFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*A. GORDON LEAHY ... Treble	PATRICK PAGE 4
†NELIA M. LEAHY 2	*JOHN H. HUNT 5
*ALEXANDER PAGE 3	TOM PAGE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First peal of Cambridge Minor. ‡ First peal on six bells. Rung as a celebration of the fifth anniversary of V.E. Day and as a 77th birthday compliment to Miss M. Hewett, for 66 years a voluntary worker at the above church.

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On Wed., May 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Oxford, two of Kent and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	J. WRIGHT ... 4
MISS M. REAY ... 2	J. ASHCROFT ... 5
J. GROUNDS ... 3	A. GREENHALGH ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

BOUGHTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising ten six-scores of Antelope, eleven of April Day, ten of Grandsire and eleven of Plain Bob. Tenor 5½ cwt. in C.

GEORGE CARE ... Treble	*HORACE RINGROSE ... 3
PERCY AMOS ... 2	KILBY R. HOLTMAN ... 4

PHILIP JONES ... Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP JONES.

* First peal. A compliment to H. Ringrose, who is leader of the local band, upon the recent birth of a son.

SNAITH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MRS. J. J. TAYLOR ... Treble	JOHN J. TAYLOR ... 4
*WILLIAM GRAVES ... 2	*RONALD COLDWELL ... 5
CHARLES WM. KING ... 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

* First peal in the method.

ASH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores, ten callings, and 6 240's, three callings. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*WALTER J. PARSONS ... Treble	HARRY J. GARLAND ... 4
JACK W. DREW ... 2	WALTER TILEY ... 5
FREDERICK ANDREWS ... 3	LESLIE WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Tiley.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, London and Wells. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

GEORGE W. ASHDOWN Treble	GEORGE F. NEWTON ... 4
ROBERT T. SIMPSON ... 2	THOMAS COOKE ... 5
RICHARD BUSBY ... 3	W. NORMAN PARK ... Tenor

Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 13 methods spliced into seven extents as follows: (1) Ockley and Norbury Treble Bob, (2) College Exercise and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob, (3) Wragby and Charwood Delight, (4) St. Albans and Neasden Delight, (5) Capel and Kingston Treble Bob, (6) Sandal and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bob; 41 changes of method. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR TAYLOR ... Treble	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON ... 4
JAMES A. MILNER ... 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
WILLIAM SMITH ... 3	GEORGE ASHMORE ... Tenor

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

MONTGOMERY, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 40 six-scores, ten callings, and one 240. Tenor 12 cwt.

GRAHAM LEWIS ... Treble	ALFRED A. G. OWEN ... 4
EDWARD W. COLLEY ... 2	CHARLES E. EDWARDS ... 5
RICHARD F. DAVIES ... 3	*ERNEST F. WILCOX ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. EDWARDS.

* First peal. First peal in Wales by all the band.

NOCTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Single Court, Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

RONALD APPLEWHITE ... Treble	*FRED REDSHAW ... 4
BERTIE BEE ... 2	AMOS INGALL ... 5
LOUIS WILDERS ... 3	MOSES BILLINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

* First peal.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 4
†PRUDENCE LAMBERT ... 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 5
WILLIAM KITCHENSIDE ... 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

* 200th peal. † First peal. A first birthday compliment to Susan Jenkins, granddaughter of ringer of the tenor.

STOKE-UNDER-HAM, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores, ten callings, and six 240's, six callings. Tenor 17 cwt. 15 lb.

JACK W. DREW ... Treble	*HERBERT WARR ... 4
REGINALD BEALE ... 2	THOMAS J. OSBORNE ... 5
WILLIAM WARR ... 3	HARRY J. GARLAND ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD BEALE.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

EVEESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

THOMAS HARRIS ... 1-2	JOHN THOMAS ... 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3-4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

No. 34. Tenor size 17 in A.

ALBERT H. WARD ... 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3-4	JAMES E. DANIELS ... 7-8
MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 9-10	

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

TARRYTOWN, N.Y., U.S.A.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 10, 1950, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,

AT 217, HIGHLAND AVENUE, PHILIPSE MANOR,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Stedman, eighteen of Grandsire and twenty-two of Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.

BERNARD H. SWINSON ... 1-2	ROLAND PARK ... 3-4
IRENE PARK ... 5-6	

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

To commemorate the centenary of the first peal rung in the U.S.A., a peal of Grandsire Triples at Philadelphia, Pa., on June 9th, 1850. Believed to be the first handbell peal in the U.S.A., the second peal in that country and the fourth peal on the North American Continent. The band have now rung peals on both the North and South American Continents.

BRASTED, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT MOORCOCKS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

*ROBERT COLLINS ... 1-2	EDWIN H. LEWIS ... 5-6
FREDK. W. BUDGEN ... 3-4	DORIS E. COLGATE ... 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by EDWIN H. LEWIS.

* First peal of Major in hand.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Nicholas on May 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Janet E. Dicks (first of Minor) 1, Mrs. A. E. Lock 2, M. Angela Carter (cond.) 3, J. R. Allen 4, A. E. Lock 5, H. A. Treadgold 6. A welcome to the ringing of the 4th on demobilisation.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On May 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. N. Pitstow 1, P. R. Layton 2, A. E. Cheesman 3, A. F. Spooner (first of Major) 4, H. Smerdon 5, T. Norman 6, N. Hobden 7, A. J. Adams (cond.) 8.

BOURNE, Lincs.—On May 3rd, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 York and 720 Spliced Cambridge and Ipswich): W. Fayers 1, A. Scott 2, J. Haw (first of Surprise) 3, C. Wade (cond.) 4, F. W. French 5, W. Oldman 6. For the recovery of the Vicar (Rev. Charles Horne) from a serious illness.

BROOKFIELD, LONDON.—At St. Anne's on May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. F. Carter 1, Jillian Brierley 2, D. J. Gay 3, F. A. Barker 4, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 5, P. G. Foot 6, T. Bevan (Senior Steward, Royal Cumberland Youths) 7, J. T. O'Dell 8. Half-muffled, in memoriam George W. Steere.

CAMBRIDGE.—At Great St. Mary's on May 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. R. Guy 1, G. A. Smith 2, P. T. Robbins 3, A. S. Watt 4, A. B. Stockdale 5, T. R. Dennis 6, C. W. Smith 7, G. Dodds 8, J. W. R. Quinney (first as cond.) 9, B. D. Threlfall 10. First quarter of Caters for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 10.

CARDIFF, GLAM.—On May 7th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: T. Yeomans 1, F. Hannington 2, G. B. Grover (first of Caters) 3, W. A. Theobald (first on ten as cond.) 4, J. Davis 5, W. Heath 6, F. Rowsell 7, J. Evans 8, W. Dare 9, S. R. Barker 10.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—At the Annunciation Church, on May 6th, for May Day festivities, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. R. Packer 1, J. L. Morris 2, I. Emery 3, J. Lyddiard 4, H. D. Ford 5, P. Spice 6, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 7, R. H. Barker 8. First of Triples 1 and 8.

QUARTER PEALS

CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. John the Baptist's on May 7th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Davies 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, E. Razzell 3, D. Cooper 4, H. G. Pratt 5, R. Abbott 6, G. H. Humphries 7, F. E. Collins (cond.) 8.

CRANHAM, GLOS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Griffiths 1, Miss C. Griffiths 2, K. Lewis (cond.) 3, Miss M. Thomas 4, A. Griffiths 5, Rev. H. M. Thomas (first quarter) 6. Farewell to conductor before joining the Forces.

DOWNHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. J. Elsey 1, D. Clarke 2, G. Johnson 3, A. V. Bowen 4, S. G. Elsey 5, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 6.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Lovell (first quarter) 1, Miss D. Tomlinson 2, Wm. Martin 3, L. Woodburn 4, H. Rowley 5, S. Martin (cond.) 6.

HUNTINGDON, HUNTS.—On May 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob: H. B. Bull 1, R. Peacock 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, C. H. J. Gravette 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

KEMPSEY, WORCS.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. P. Higgins 1, F. J. Cubberley 2, F. Salter 3, F. A. Rea 4, E. F. Cubberley (cond.) 5, G. H. Derrington 6. Half-muffled, in memoriam J. I. Blizzard, an old member of the band.

LAUGHTON, SUSSEX.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Brett 1, F. R. P. Booth 2, Daphne J. Smith (first quarter) 3, R. P. Hughes 4, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 5, B. Booth 6. A farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. G. R. Thornton.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On April 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. D. Williams 1, A. H. Winch 2, A. J. Smith 3, H. V. Young 4, C. Smart 5, G. Peters (first of Royal as cond.) 6, E. A. Gosling (first of Bob Royal) 7, A. Harman 8, A. H. Smith 9, B. Hawkins 10.

LLANTRISANT, GLAM.—On May 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Yeoman 1, T. Coles 2, F. Bailey 3, W. Heath 4, F. Rowsell (first as cond.) 5, J. Evans 6, W. Theobald 7, W. Dare 8.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. B. Hunt 1, J. Netley 2, G. H. Lee 3, H. Shepherd 4, E. Treagus (cond.) 5, T. Wells 6.

LYDNEY, GLOS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Charles 1, O. Thomas 2, J. C. Goulding 3, W. H. Harris (cond.) 4, J. W. Davis 5, H. Christie 6. A 65th birthday compliment to O. Thomas and J. C. Goulding, who have been performing members in Lydney tower for 45 years.

NORTON, HERTS.—On May 7th, 1,296 Plain Bob Triples: J. Collings (age 12) 1, F. E. Putwain (age 13, first 'inside') 2, M. A. Collings (age 13) 3, H. E. Werrett 4, W. D. Pooley 5, E. G. Buck 6, R. V. Webb (cond.) 7, J. S. Dear 8.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Mary's on May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Haw (first quarter) 1, Miss I. Thompson 2, Mrs. J. W. Niblett 3, J. W. Niblett 4, C. Barnes 5, C. Glenn 6, W. Nichols (cond.) 7, A. E. Hoodless 8.

PENISTONE, YORKS.—On May 2nd, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob: J. Whitehead 1, A. Champion 2, R. Crossland (cond.) 3, E. Stainrod 4, H. Broadhead 5, G. Bashford 6. Fully muffled, in memoriam Jim Tinker.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's Church on April 23rd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. W. Debenham 1, B. C. Johnson (first in the method as cond.) 2, A. Dale 3, C. F. Sayer 4, F. J. Spicer 5, W. J. Southam 6, T. W. Southam 7, H. V. Frost 8.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At the Cathedral Church on May 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Vokes 1, W. C. Lampard (cond.) 2, T. Parrott 3, A. Goulding 4, H. Cook 5, T. Toccock 6, J. King 7, P. Bullen 8, G. Noice 9, C. Haines 10. After the service of dedication of the Royal Hampshire Regiment War Memorials.

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LATE NEWS.

The first peal of Bristol Surprise Maximus
was rung at Leicester Cathedral last Monday
in three hours and 42 minutes. It was con-
ducted by Mr. H. J. Poole.

The peal at St. John the
Baptist, Worcester, was a
well-deserved tribute to
Mr. William Ranford, of Suckley, for his 81st
birthday. 'Father,' as he is affectionately
known to his ringing colleagues, has over 50
years' membership of the Worcestershire Asso-
ciation and has been a member of the com-
mittee for some 20 or more years. This peal
brings his total up to 495, and his friends hope
he will continue in his usual good health and
spirits to complete 500 peals.

Mr. Edwin C. Birkett, of Liverpool, rang his
100th peal on April 22nd at Sefton, Lancs.
Congratulations!

Mr. James W. Wilkins walked from his home
a distance of four miles to Hughenden Church,
Bucks, to ring in a peal for his 87th birthday.
And many more birthdays!

Another peal (the second in just over a year)
has been rung at East Farndon, where the bells
were spoken of by some as 'unringable.' Greasing
of the bearings and a general over-
haul of the headstock nuts is all that has been
done to make them ringable, thanks to the
ringer of the 4th, who also took part in the
previous peal.

Mr. E. J. Ladd has circled the tower of
St. Mary's, Salehurst, Sussex. Mr. Ernest
Brittain that of Deeping St. Nicholas, Lincs,
Mr. Arnold Rothery, St. Mark's, Longwood,
Huddersfield.

Mr. George Cecil, of Haywards Heath, a
former Master of the Ancient Society of College
Youths, has been elected Master of the Sussex
County Association. Mr. F. I. Hairs, the re-
tiring Master, announced that there was no
immediate probability of his returning to the
county. Life membership was conferred on
Mr. and Mrs. Hairs. A report will appear in
our next issue.

BELFRY GOSSIP

'Ringing Towers,' the
journal of the New South
Wales Association, for
March, contains an amusing story of ringing a
quarter peal of Minor in six methods in the
Yass tram. To prevent disturbance the ringers
gave their tickets to one of their number, who
unfortunately fell asleep. The conductor of
the tram arrived demanding tickets. The
quarter peal conductor nodded wildly to the
ticket holder asleep in the seat opposite. The
tram conductor took the hint and aroused the
sleeper by shaking him violently by the foot.
Strange to relate, the quarter peal was suc-
cessful.

With the new floor put in the belfry at
Thorpe Bay, Essex, we hope (writes a cor-
respondent) that the band will once more get
together after two months of inactivity.

Visitors to London this Whitsuntide are in-
vited to participate in the Whit Sunday ring-
ing at St. John's, Leytonstone, at 10 a.m. and
5.30 p.m. The church is just outside Leyton-
stone Tube Station.

By ringing the 2nd to a peal of Plain Bob
Minor at Horsmonden on May 14th, Miss
'Prudence Lambert becomes the first lady of
her native village of Brenchley to ring a peal.
Great credit is due to her on the way in which
she struck her bell. A distant relative of the
family of Lamberts, of Horsmonden, she hopes
one day to take part in a peal of all Lamberts.

Five ringers from the Worcester area in
co-operation with local friends rang two peals
in Somerset during a recent week-end. One
attempt of Stedman Triples at Weston-super-
Mare was lost after 1½ hours' ringing, after
which the following note was handed in: 'I
don't know who you are or where you come
from, but congratulations on some very nice
striking this morning.—Edna Bedford.'

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SALISBURY GUILD HONOURS RETIRING SECRETARY

REV. F. LL. EDWARDS' 37 YEARS IN OFFICE PRESENTATION OF CHEQUE AND TESTIMONIAL
MASTER REPORTS PROGRESS IN CHANGE RINGING AND FAITHFUL SUNDAY SERVICE

THIS year's festival of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, held at Trowbridge on May 13th, was a landmark in the Guild's history. The Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, who for the past 37 years had been hon. general secretary of the Guild, laid down the reins of office. As an expression of the Guild's appreciation of his long service he was presented with a testimonial and a cheque for £45.

The Master (the Rev. C. C. Cox) presided, supported by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. W. C. West (assistant secretary), Canon R. L. Pelley (Rector of Trowbridge) and Mr. E. Hughes (chairman of Trowbridge Urban Council).

A civic welcome to the Guild was given by Mr. E. Hughes, chairman of the Trowbridge Urban Council, who said they welcomed the music of their bells and they liked to picture the long line of ringers who through the centuries have pealed them for joyful occasions and called them to worship. There were few things that expressed more the spirit of our native land than bells.

Thanking Mr. Hughes for his welcome, the Master said Trowbridge had always been a hive of industry, and the Trowbridge mark on cloth was highly esteemed in Manchester and London. There were two other industries associated with the town—brewing and bacon curing. Trowbridge still considered that it was virtually the capital of Wiltshire, but Salisbury claimed to care for the souls of the county and to see to the hangings, and Trowbridge the drains (laughter).

Arising from the minutes, the secretary reported that the committee had decided not to alter the date of the annual festival. He had received letters of thanks from the incumbents of the parishes the Guild sent grants to last year.

THE PRESIDENT.

The Guild would remember, the secretary stated, that they decided to send a letter of congratulation to their president (the Earl of Shaftesbury) on his 80th birthday. He was ill at the time, but later he replied thanking the Guild for its good wishes and stating that owing to advancing years he had had to give up a good many commitments and regretted that since his illness he was informed that he would never be able to pull a bell again. He also tendered his resignation. The committee passed a resolution expressing the hope that he would continue in office. The Earl replied, 'Very many thanks. I shall be glad to continue, but I am afraid I shall not be able to discharge any duties.'

The Master, in his address, expressed the hope that the Earl would remain in office for some time, and upon his suggestion the meeting decided to send a letter to him thanking him for continuing in office.

As a Guild they would like to offer their congratulations to some towers—particularly St. Paul's, Salisbury, Piddihinton and North Bradley on their augmentations and rehanging. He was also glad to state that Little Cheney, Dorset, would have an octave, as two new bells had been presented to the parish.

GOOD RECORD FOR SUNDAY SERVICE.

Looking back on the records of the Guild, they had every reason to be satisfied with its progress and particularly in the development of change ringing, which had reached a high standard in many districts. They were grateful to those enthusiastic leaders and diligent instructors who had brought in fresh blood and many young ringers. There should be few places where the incumbents were not satisfied that the main object of the Guild, that of ringing the bells for Sunday service,

was not fulfilled. The Guild had a good record for that.

They had lost by death some valuable members: The Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett, who at one time occupied the Master's chair; Canon Coleridge, a great man, a great personality and a fine ringer; Mr. J. E. Figgures, who was actively associated with the Salisbury Branch; and recently Mr. B. J. Jewell, captain of St. Thomas'. There was also Mr. Robert H. Legg, of Melksham, who was a ringer for 75 years and a life member. He learnt to ring on the curfew bell at Lyme Regis and had a fine life and was a splendid ringer. Then there was the Rev. C. A. Phillips, who had been secretary of the Wimborne Branch for 48 years. He did everything possible to encourage the progress of that branch, and his generosity was amazing.

The meeting stood in silence to their memory.

A FINANCIAL WARNING.

The Hon. Secretary presented the statement



REV. F. LL. EDWARDS.

of accounts, which showed that the Guild started the year with a balance of £135 0s. 5d. Receipts amounted to £98 13s. 8d. and expenses £126 14s. 4d., leaving a balance of £106 19s. 9d. There were two rather exceptional expenses. For the Dorchester meeting they had to pay for the hire of the hall and also its furnishings for tea, and the meeting of the Central Council at York was also very expensive. He felt it necessary to issue a note of warning that the Guild spent £28 more than it received. The accounts were adopted.

Amid applause the Rev. C. C. Cox was re-elected Master. He promised to carry out his duties to the best of his ability.

THE HON. GENERAL SECRETARY.

The Master said the committee had received with very great regret the resignation of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards as hon. general secretary. He had held that office for 37 years. The Master said he would like to look back a bit and make a mental picture of Mr. Edwards as a young and sprightly man who travelled here, there and everywhere in search of ringing. He threw all his energies into the Salisbury Guild, which when he became secretary was comparatively young. Mr. Edwards was still energetic; he arranged that big meeting, joined their clerical ringing week at Chester and was still able to handle a bell rope. His decision

was unalterable and they regretted it very much. If any testimony was needed for his untiring labour and work for the honour and prestige of the Guild one could only say, 'Look around you.' Look around the counties of Dorset and Wilts; look around the diocese; the fruits of his labours were manifest. Mr. Edwards could have no greater gratification than that of knowing that the present position of the Guild was the outcome of his genial, businesslike and affectionate piloting (applause).

'I am sure,' continued the Master, 'that no Guild could possibly have had a more worthy secretary or one in whom the Master and members could place more confidence. And so we find with extreme regret that the moment has come for his retirement from office, and I want in the name of the whole Guild to offer him our warmest gratitude for all he has done and to express the deep sense of our loss on his leaving the helm. But it is some consolation to us that he is deeply rooted in Dorset and we are not parting with him as a ringer.'

The Master then asked Mr. Edwards to accept, as a small token of the Guild's gratitude and regard, a cheque for £45, and a testimonial expressing the Guild's heartfelt regret at his resignation as hon. general secretary after 37 years of faithful service (applause).

MEMORIES OF 37 YEARS.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards said the gift came to him as an overwhelming surprise. I thank you very much for this very practical and substantial expression of your satisfaction of the service I have been able to render to you during the past 37 years. Words entirely fail me to express my gratitude, and I very much value the way this gratitude has been expressed in this delightfully-worded testimonial.

'I look back to the year 1912 when I first took over the office of secretary. The Guild was then a great deal smaller than it is now. It then had six branches; since then two new branches have been formed. One interesting occasion during my secretaryship was the celebration of the jubilee of the Guild. On that occasion we could not find any hall large enough for this gathering and we had to use a large marquee in the Palace grounds at Salisbury.'

'At the time I took office there was comparatively little change ringing in the diocese, but gradually change ringing has spread and we have now some very fine teams of change ringers. A very large number of rings of bells have been rehung or augmented and a large number of young ringers instructed.'

'It is with very great regret that I lay down the office. The fact is that I very often suffer from rheumatism in my right hand and for that reason I have resigned the office of secretary. I am sorry I am a back number. Unhappily I am an old-fashioned Dorset person who does not drive a motor-car and in consequence I have been unable to attend all the meetings. You will have the advantage of a new secretary who will be up to date and able to get about. I thank you for your generous expression of satisfaction for my work for the Guild, and I hope I shall have a few years left to take part in the activities of the Guild as a private member' (applause).

The Master then proposed the election of Mr. Edwards as a vice-president.

Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart (a former Master), seconding, said it had been a great privilege and pleasure for him to work with Mr. Edwards

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Salisbury Guild—cont.

for the greater part of the time he had been secretary. The Guild had always been fortunate in its officers. He was associated with Mr. Edwards in the restoration of Wimborne bells. It was difficult because one of the bells was cast by an itinerant founder and was of great value from an antiquarian point of view, but of little or no musical value. Thinking about it afterwards, he thought that bell ought to have been preserved as an antique.

Acknowledging his unanimous election, Mr. Edwards said when he took office they had no rings of ten in the Guild. They first had Wimborne and then Trowbridge, which later was augmented to 12.

OTHER OFFICERS.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards proposed Mr. W. C. West (Melksham) as hon. general secretary. This was seconded by Mr. F. Precey and carried.

Mr. F. Slatford, of North Bradley, was elected assistant secretary, and Mr. J. S. Weekes (Devizes) and Mr. C. F. Andrews (Melksham) hon. auditors. Mr. R. H. True (Poole) was elected to the committee. Mr. C. Pretty (Holt), Mr. G. Osborne (Upwey) and Mr. W. Hart (Westbury) were elected life members.

The committee recommended that with the object of encouraging membership certificates should be presented free.

Mr. H. A. Mitchell questioned the wisdom of the action and asked if it meant that certificates were to be issued ad lib.

The Master explained that the certificate required a qualification, and Mr. West said that the holder had to be able to ring 120 changes on the treble on tower bells or 'in hand.'

It was agreed that the certificates would be available free for one year.

In regard to Guild badges, Mr. West said they had disposed of the first quota. There was another £20 worth on order, and when received would be placed in the hands of the branch secretaries.

NEW GRANTS.

Grants of three guineas each were approved to Hazelbury Bryan, Dorset, where £600 was to be paid to put the bells in order; to St. James', Devizes; Southbroom, and Preston, Dorset, for a restoration and the addition of two trebles, estimated to cost £1,000.

It was decided to donate 2 gns. to the Bournemouth Festival, also one guinea from the collection at the service to the fund for the renovation of the spire of Salisbury Cathedral.

The financial position of the Wimborne Branch was discussed following the death of the late secretary, and it was agreed to authorise the Guild officers to make a loan to them if they were in difficulties.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rector of Trowbridge, the incumbents for the use of bells, and to Mr. Harding and Mr. West for the efficient arrangements for the meeting.

THE SERVICE.

The Guild service followed in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. L. Pelley). To the large congregation that filled the body of the church he asked, in the course of his sermon, what was the fascination of ringing. He thought it was the delight in working in rhythm, in which each one felt he must come in at the right moment in co-operation with the others. It was an example of perfect freedom and order. That freedom and order were wanted in the world to-day.

The Nunc Dimittis was followed by the ringing of a touch of Stedman Caters 'in hand' by the Lyme Regis band.

A company of 240 attended tea in the Co-operative Hall, at which the Master presided. A large number of churches in the area were available for ringing during the day.

OBITUARY OF THE WEEK

MR. CHARLES H. MARTIN.

We regret to record the death on May 9th, at the age of 83, of Mr. Charles H. Martin, of Hendon, Middlesex, where he had been a ringer for 70 years and captain of the band for 60 years.

Mr. Martin was one of the original members of the Middlesex Association when it was founded in 1897, and held the office of Ringing Master of the North and East District from that date until 1907, when he asked to be relieved from that office owing to the responsibilities of an increasing family and to make way for a younger and more active member.

Although not a prolific peal ringer, he had rung peals in most of the standard methods, several of which he conducted. He took part in a peal of Superlative Surprise Major at Barnet in 1898, when peals in Surprise methods were a rarity and had rung in a number of handbell peals of Bob Major.

Mr. Martin was also the composer of many peal compositions. The first report of the Middlesex Association contained no less than eight of these and included one of Bob Major, two of Double Norwich, including the extent with the tenors together, one of Treble Bob Major, three of Superlative Surprise and one of Treble Bob Royal.

Several members of the Middlesex Association attended the funeral on May 14th, including Messrs. T. J. Lock, E. E. Pratchett, J. Hawkins and E. E. Pryor. In the evening the whole pull and stand was rung half-muffled at Hendon Church by Messrs. R. W. Green, A. W. Coles, R. Charge, F. A. Barker, E. E. Pratchett and R. H. Begrie. This was followed by other ringing, including an extent of Bob Minor, in which the following also took part: Messrs. L. Tubb, P. Blake, A. W. J. Butler, T. Bevan and R. J. Pitman, E. C. S. T.

MR. W. D. TAYLOR.

Mr. Walter D. Taylor, of Prittlewell, who died in hospital on May 6th, aged 39 years, had been a ringer for 28 years, learning in his native town of Topsham, Devon.

Moving to Prittlewell in 1934, he joined the local company and was a regular and consistent ringer until he joined the R.A.F. during the war. Soon after his discharge he contracted T.B. and faced his sufferings with a cheerful and Christian spirit. He was very keen on all church work and took a great interest in the choir.

His body was received into the church on the evening of May 11th, before which a peal was rung half-muffled by the local company. A good Christian and a good friend, he has been missed in the belfry for several years.

MR. E. A. BOWHILL.

The Earls Colne company have suffered a heavy loss by the death of Mr. Ernest A. Bowhill, which occurred with painful suddenness in the belfry of St. Andrew's Church on Sunday morning, May 7th, at the age of 68. He had taken part in a touch of Double Norwich and appeared to be in his normal health. A few minutes afterwards without the slightest warning he collapsed on the floor and passed away before medical aid arrived.

Mr. Bowhill came to Earls Colne about 40 years ago and was employed as a gardener. Although he had had some experience of five and six bells, it was not until about 16 years later he joined the local company. He then made good progress in Major methods and took part in 10 peals.

Mr. Bowhill was of a very jovial disposition and highly respected by all who knew him. He was a prisoner of war for 12 months during the 1914-18 war and during the last war served in the Royal Observer Corps. He leaves a widow and one daughter, with whom the deepest sympathy is felt.

The funeral took place on May 11th. The local company were represented by Messrs. W. Arnold, F. Claydon, F. Ridgwell, C. Saywood, Miss H. G. Snowden (District Master) and Mr. C. Snowden (Halstead), Messrs. A. L. Dixey and R. Lyon (Colne Engaine), B. Webb, H. Webb and E. Piper (Great Tey).

On the following Sunday the church bells were rung half-muffled for morning and evening services.

MR. CHARLES FAIRLEY.

Manchester Cathedral has lost one of its most conscientious workers and ringers by the death on May 12th of Charles Fairley, aged 82.

The funeral service was held in the Cathedral on May 16th. The bells were rung half-muffled with the whole pull and stand as the mourners entered the Cathedral. Interment was in the family grave at St. Paul's, Kersal.

In an address at the service Canon H. F. Woolnough paid a very great tribute to Mr. Fairley's long service to the church. He started as a Sunday School scholar and teacher. At the age of 14 he learnt to ring, and throughout his long life was a regular attendant at the belfry for service ringing until a week before his 82nd birthday.

Along with the family mourners were members of the Lancashire Association, including the secretary (Mr. W. H. Shuker) and Messrs. A. Barnes, F. R. Williams, H. Barlow, P. H. Darbyshire. The Police ringers from the Town Hall and the Cathedral ringers and a good number of the Cathedral congregation also attended.

On the Wednesday evening 1,295 Grandsire Caters was rung with the bells half-muffled by the following band: F. R. Williams 1, F. Barraclough 2, H. Hollingworth 3, Mary Walshaw 4, H. Longden 5, A. Ridyard 6, W. Pye 7, B. Walshaw 8, R. Longden (cond.) 9, G. Longden 10.

QUARTER PEALS

BURFORD, OXON. — On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. J. Westmacott 1, H. Parker 2, M. C. F. Collett 3, J. G. Collett 4, B. S. Nichols (composer) 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon (cond.) 7, L. Jewell 8.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—On May 7th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Forster 1, W. Warner 2, G. Walpole 3, D. Fenn 4, S. Fenn (first as cond.) 5, E. Long 6. First of Treble Bob for 1 and 2.

WROTHAM, KENT.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Edna M. Sills 1, Margaret H. Baker 2, Tom Saunders 3, L. Honess 4, R. Palmer (cond.) 5, W. R. Manser 6, P. C. Wright 7, C. East 8. For the wedding of C. R. Day and Miss R. A. Powell Jones.

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ST. GEORGE COLEGATE BELLS, NORWICH

We fortunately often read nowadays of the reopening of bells for ringing. We do not so often read about the use of the very ancient office of hallowing a bell before it ascends the tower, nowadays. The ancient service was revived in most impressive manner at St. George Colegate, Norwich, on May 6th, partly for the sake of the service and its meaning, partly to give the general public an opportunity of seeing and hearing bells at close quarters.

The arrangement of the service combined features traditionally used for centuries with one or two new and unique features. Following ancient precedent, the Litany was first sung—by the choir of King Edward VI. School—going in procession round the church to the chancel, where the six bells hung most impressively on two rolled steel joists between the choir stalls. Six choristers, not in the procession, lovingly gripped each a plumber's hammer (rubber headed!).

The Vicar then briefly indicated the meaning of the service, speaking of the power of bells to bridge all gulfs of time and space, indicated by the varying dates of the bells around him, from 1459 to 1950, and the fact that these bells, unlike any human being, would be equally at home in both America and Russia.

The Bishop of Thetford, in cope and mitre, then blessed water and oil, and sprinkled all the bells with water, praying that they might ring God's praise for many centuries, even as one had served here for five centuries already. He then solemnly anointed each bell with oil, making a cross on its shoulder. The treble, the ancient Sanctus recast as the clock bell in 1740 and now recast as the treble, he renamed the Sanctus.

The President of the Norwich Diocesan Association then offered the 2nd as a gift from the Association, and the Bishop named it Gabriel, to remind men of the message brought by Gabriel from Heaven.

A representative of the donors of the 3rd offered it as a memorial to Arthur Godfrey Howlett, Sheriff of Norwich in 1909, and the Bishop hallowed it to his memory and named it George, after the name of the church.

Lastly the three oldest bells were re-hallowed. The 4th, cast by John Brend, of Norwich, in 1637; the 5th, cast by Brasyer, of Norwich, in 1459 and now recast owing to a crack, he renamed after blessed Michael. The tenor, the oldest surviving bell, having been cast by Brasyer when the tower was new in 1459, he renamed Katherine.

The boys with their hammers had already taken their places, and each bell, as it was hallowed, had been solemnly struck three times. Now came a climax in the service. Two psalms had already been sung during the hallowing, and now Psalm 150 was sung to the setting by Stanford, the theme of which goes perfectly on six bells of this weight.

The chant was grandly and slowly played over on the back five, thus, 3, 5, 3, 2, 3,; 3, 2, 4, 3, 5, 6. Two verses of the psalm were sung unaccompanied; then the bells made a grand interlude; next came two verses; the bells accompanied 'Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals; praise Him upon the loud cymbals,' and finally made a grand accompaniment for the Gloria. The sermon was followed by prayers for the bells, the craftsmen who made them and those who will ring them. Followed a ringers' hymn by the Rev. W. G. Bridge, later 'Unchanging God' and the Blessing.

After the service the large congregation was shown a film taken by the Vicar only a few days before at the Whitechapel Foundry, showing in clear detail the furnaces, casting these bells, also tuning and other processes connected with other bells, foundry stamps



Members of the band of SS. Philip and James, Holywood, winners of the first competition for the Cunningham Cup offered to towers in the Northern District of the Irish Association.

Left to right, standing: John Savage, H. Brown, R. Smyth, J. Lewis, N. Savage, B. Armstrong, John T. Dunwoody, J. Edgar and R. Bruce.

Seated: W. Pratt, Rev. E. S. Barber (Rector), Master J. Brown, Rev. W. B. B. Magill (curate) and W. V. Heasley.

and other details. Thus a memorable evening closed, and work immediately began at top speed to get ready for the opening a fortnight later.

Needless to say, the Vicar's new book on St. George Colegate and its bells (2s. 6d.) sold like hot cakes—or, rather, like his previous book.

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WOLVERTON, HANTS.

The Rev. D. L. Board, Rector of Wolverton and captain of Wolverton ringers, is to be congratulated on the successful completion of a very large effort, namely, the recasting of the tenor bell and the complete rehanging of the ring of six in a new cast iron bell frame, which job has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. The recast tenor bell weighs 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

On Sunday, May 7th, at an afternoon service, the Rt. Rev. Bishop L. H. Lang dedicated the completed work and highly praised those who had given and those who had carried out the work. The service was very impressive and the solemnity of the occasion seemed to be increased by the subdued lighting, the church being lit by candles.

The opening ringing was carried out by the local ringers under the vice-captain, Mr. D.

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Dedications

PORTHKERRY, NEAR BARRY.

A long-awaited day came on May 13th, when two new treble bells were dedicated at Porthkerry by the Rt. Rev. R. W. Jones, Assistant Bishop of the Province of Wales. There was a large congregation, and as the church holds less than one hundred, many people followed the service from the churchyard, where brilliant sunshine, the fresh green of the trees, and the sparkling waters of the Bristol Channel, provided a lovely setting for the little church.

The bells are in memory of the late Mr. Henry Gethin Lewis and his wife, of Porthkerry, who, with their family, have been closely associated with the church for many years. As recorded on the bells, these are the gift of their surviving children.

During the dedication service the six were heard for the first time rung in rounds by the following: 1. J. Malings 1, H. Green 2, F. Way 3, R. Curtis 4, S. Jones 5, D. Dimond 6. After the service the first touch was called by that veteran of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association, Mr. J. W. Jones.

A number of visiting ringers were present, and after tea the bells were kept going until almost nine o'clock, concluding a day which will be long remembered by those connected with the dedication.

The new bells weigh 2½ cwt. and 3½ cwt. respectively. The inscription reads: 'To the Glory of God and in memory of Henry Gethin Lewis and Ann Lewis, his wife, of Porthkerry, died 1945. The four bells were rehung and

two treble bells added by Mary Gwenda Langman, Margaret Llewellyn Meggitt, Henry Gethin Lewis, Godfrey Lewis.'

At least once before in its history Porthkerry tower had two new bells together—in 1695: these were cast by Evan Evans, of Chepstow. Another of the existing bells is believed to be by Thomas Gefferies, of Bristol, and the probable date is between 1500 and 1550. The tenor is a recasting in 1879 of an older bell and weighs 7½ cwt. These four older bells have been rehung, the cost of the work being borne by the Lewis family. The work has been carried out by Mears and Stainbank.

A final footnote: one of the donors, Mr. H. G. Lewis, has just learnt to ring, and was able to take part in rounds on the great day.

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Cane, who is to be congratulated on the youngsters he has around him. We wish him every success. Many visiting ringers were present, amongst whom was Mr. J. P. Fidler, of Loughborough.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On May 7th, 1,320 Kent and Oxford: H. W. Pratt 1, S. Shipp 2, W. Ransom 3, A. Clements 4, C. Goodyear 5, F. Warrington (cond.) 6

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

BIG ATTENDANCE AT ANNUAL MEETING TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF 1,346 REMARKABLE YEAR FOR PEAL RINGING RIVALS FOR THE PRESIDENCY QUESTION OF A SUBSCRIPTION

FULL use was made of the bells of Leicester during the afternoon of May 6th on the occasion of the annual general meeting of the Guild. The eight bells of St. Peter's at Belgrave were available before lunch. From 2 until 4 the six bells at All Saints' and the two twelves at the Cathedral Church of St. Martin and St. Margaret's were available for all comers.

A large number of ringers, their families and friends then assembled in St. George's Church, where the Vicar (the Rev. J. Adams) conducted the service. Lay Canon H. J. Poole, president of the Guild, read the lesson.

The Assistant Bishop, the Rt. Rev. F. S. Hollis, in his address, expressed his great pleasure in meeting such a large number of members of the Guild. In his last diocese—Labuan and Sarawak—there were only single bells. He spoke of his experiences and told of his first night sleeping under a row of human heads suspended above him. As a contrast, he spoke of the large Confirmation services he had held there before leaving. The robed choir was augmented by visiting ringers.

A company of 170 enjoyed an excellent tea in the nearby St. George's Hall. At the 'top table' were the Lord Bishop of Leicester, the Rt. Rev. Guy Vernon Smith, D.D.; the Ven. W. J. Lyon, M.A., Archdeacon of Loughborough; the Very Rev. H. A. Jones, B.Sc., Provost of Leicester; the Rev. J. Adams, Vicar of St. George's; the president, Mr. H. J. Poole, and the general officers, supported by the chairman and hon. secretary of each of the six districts of the Guild.

The business meeting was opened by the president saying how the Guild was honoured by the presence of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, who was looking forward to taking the chair. The President spoke of the very great interest of the Lord Bishop in the Guild and its progress. With the exception of the Archdeacon of Leicester, who was unable to come, all the leading dignitaries of the diocese were present.

The Lord Bishop expressed his welcome to all ringers and said it was his custom, if at all possible, to meet the ringers on his visits to country churches. The primary purpose of ringers should be service to the Church expressed, in part, by their ringing.

GENERAL PROGRESS CONTINUING.

Mr. W. A. Wood, hon. general secretary, then gave his report for 1949. He said the general progress of the Leicester Diocesan Guild continued to be very satisfactory as would be realised when the hon. peal secretary and the hon. treasurer gave their reports. Reports from each of the six districts showed increasing interest in the work of the Guild, and the relations between the districts and the adjoining guilds continued to improve. Joint meetings helped to bring new friendships and to cement old ones. They added interest to the meetings.

The influx of new members continued, but there was some wastage due to lapsed membership. Much of this was due to many waiting for a meeting in their own tower before paying their subscriptions. A much better way and one followed by a number of towers was to appoint someone to collect all subscriptions due and to send them to the district secretary. Resident members numbered 802 and, with the 544 non-resident members, the grand total was 1,346. This figure was arrived at after weeding out lapsed members.

Members would appreciate that the hon. peal secretary had a colossal job. As well as being strong numerically, the Leicester Diocesan was at the top of the peal ringing totals—both in

number and quality—for the year 1949. These results had not been achieved without hard work by the many who had the welfare of the Guild at heart.

On the social side, for which the Guild was noted, a very successful festival was held at Loughborough. This, in the opinion of the many present, was the 'best yet.' Several districts now organised socials and dances. One dance, arranged by the Hinckley district, raised over £30, which was handed over to the Market Bosworth Bell Fund. This was in addition to £21 granted from the Guild Repair Fund to this church.

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS.

There were one or two special personal achievements to note. The president, Mr. H. J. Poole, rang 143 peals in 1949; these included 484 'firsts.' To do this in one year was no mean feat, and the president was to be congratulated on his remarkable achievement.

Mr. A. Ballard, of the Hinckley District, during the year rang 118 peals without in any way neglecting the work of the Guild. He attended every monthly meeting in his own district as well as all general quarterly and committee meetings. He also attended all practices in his own tower as well as organising special practices in other towers. Even without the peal ringing this was a record few members had equalled.

PEAL RECORD.

Mr. Shirley Burton, hon. peal secretary, reported that 1949 was an outstanding year of remarkable peal ringing activity. The total rung was 267 and the variety of methods showed good progress on all numbers of bells from Doubles to Maximus. Minor peals in 19 and 20 methods and two of Surprise Minor in seven methods were the first in the county. Two long peals of Bristol, 9,344 and 10,976, had been rung with 6th place bobs. Eight members rang four Surprise peals in one day, comprising Superlative, London and Bristol Major and, with two additional members, Cambridge Royal. This was followed by four members taking part in three Surprise peals in one day—Major, Royal and Maximus. Mr. A. Cattell rang two tower bells to a peal of Minor for the first time in the county.

Peals in new methods rung for the first time were Bedford and Wigston Maximus, Aldenham and Leicestershire—both Royal and Maximus and Lindsey Royal. There were 37 first pealers, 655 first in the method, 36 different conductors and 58 first as conductors in the method.

The next item, the auditor's report, was given by Mr. H. G. Jenner, who, after certifying that the books were correct, complimented the hon. general secretary on his work and his excellent system, which made the work of the auditors easier.

GRANTS OF 50 GUINEAS.

Mr. A. E. Rowley, hon. treasurer, reported that the funds of the Guild were in a healthy position, and although the number of new members was slightly less than in 1948, the members' subscriptions showed a marked increase. This was largely due to the increase in subscriptions from 1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d. The general fund balance had increased from £74 6s. 11d in 1948 to £132 13s. 4d. in 1949. A portion of this balance was earmarked to pay for the 1948-49 report. The Bell Repair Fund now stood at £165 18s. 10d. even after making grants during the year totalling 50 guineas to various churches. Recalling that the old M.C.A. had never been able to make grants on this scale, Mr. Rowley thought the Guild should be very proud to be able to do so

He appreciated the steady income for the fund from the collections at the monthly meetings.

The adoption of the balance sheet was proposed by Mr. A. Disney and seconded by Mr. H. Wayne and duly agreed to.

Mr. F. K. Measures' proposal that the next general quarterly meeting be held at Earl Shilton on July 15th was seconded by Mr. A. Ballard and this also was agreed.

The President then gave an account of recent general committee decisions. Mr. J. Norton, of Billesdon, on the application of the Syston District, was placed on the hon. life members' list. The question of new service forms was to be gone into; the next stage would then be to submit them to the Lord Bishop for his approval. District secretaries were to test the feeling at their meetings in order to gauge the demand for badges.

THE PRESIDENCY.

All the foregoing had been gone through swiftly and without discussion. It was plain to all that the next item on the agenda held the chief interest of all present, especially as a fairly large number of people had joined the meeting after tea, led by Mr. T. C. Belton and Mr. Walter P. Whitehead, both of Barwell.

The Lord Bishop then announced the names of the two nominees for the office of president—Mr. H. J. Poole, the retiring president, and Mr. T. C. Belton, of Barwell. The question was asked from the floor whether or not the voting could be by paper ballot, as it was felt that those who voted would be embarrassed if others present knew for whom individuals voted.

Mr. E. C. Turner, vice-president, stated that the General Committee's decision was that the voting should be by show of hands or, in the case of a very close vote, that the individuals should then stand and declare themselves.

The nominations were then put to the vote and resulted in 89-50 in favour of Mr. H. J. Poole. The nominations for Mr. Poole were from five districts and for Mr. Belton from the Syston District.

The election of Mr. Poole was greeted with acclamation, and he assured members in a very short speech that he would do all in his power to further the wellbeing of the Guild. He hoped Mr. Belton would not regard his loss of the election as a defeat and that he would help to carry out the proposals he had outlined in his circular to the towers. If he would do so, Mr. Poole said he would be one of Mr. Belton's strongest supporters.

The remainder of the general officers were re-elected, there being no other nominations: vice-presidents, Mr. P. L. Taylor and Mr. E. C. Turner; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. E. Rowley; hon. peal secretary, Mr. Shirley Burton; hon. general secretary, Mr. W. A. Wood.

The confirmation, en bloc, of 10 non-resident and 18 resident members was, on the proposition of Mr. E. C. Turner, seconded by Mr. P. L. Taylor, agreed to. The Lord Bishop hoped the new members would take up the duties and responsibilities of membership of the Guild.

At 'Any other business,' Mr. Belton arose and thanked his helpers. He enquired why members in H.M.F. had not been enabled to vote. He also cast doubt on the propriety of the Hinckley District nominations.

Mr. F. K. Measures, hon. secretary of the Hinckley District, replied that nominations had been overlooked at the meetings, but had been sent in by individual members as a district meeting could not be convened in the necessary time.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PAPANUI, NEW ZEALAND

Dear Sir,—The existing Church of St. Paul in the parish of Papanui, a northern suburb of the city of Christchurch, was erected in 1876, although the present tower was not constructed until 1912, when the original structure became practically unsafe as a campanile.

At this point the parishioners, desirous of keeping their bells in use, set to work to build anew. The result is that Papanui boasts of a unique wooden tower, neat, yet of no apparent dignity; strong, yet of no apparent support, veritably 'shivering in every timber' as the bells their merry circle swing.

It is indeed an involuntary reminder of the story that is told of a little ship, creaking and groaning in every timber, battling against the fury of a West African storm, until, at last, beneath a gigantic wave, she splits asunder and sinks into the deep, taking with her to their graves her complement of crew and a ring of five bells intended for this parish.

Luckily the cargo was insured, and in 1890 the present five musical bells (Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, London) were installed, and since that time have seldom ceased—according to local history—to say aloud the inscribed words on the tenor bell, 'We sing the Lord's song in a strange land.'—Yours, etc.,

ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.

174, St. Asaph Street, Christchurch, N.Z.

NOTE.—A peal of Doubles in three methods, the first peal on the bells, is recorded in our peal columns this week. Congratulations to the ringers.—EDITOR.

SURPRISE METHODS

Dear Sir,—May I ask the hospitality of your columns in order to thank all those who have so kindly written during my recent illness, and to convey my apologies for being unable in the circumstances to write to each of them individually?

From the announcement in the advertisement columns it will be seen that the long-delayed issue of 'Surprise Methods' is at last on the eve of publication. It has been necessary to reduce further delay by dividing the projected issue into two parts, the second of which will appear, I hope, at the end of June.

There are not many left of the small edition first printed of the Royal and Maximus Surprise methods. This I propose to reprint when it is possible to carry out the Methods Committee's recommendations on the subject of extensions—a thorny subject admittedly, but one which the Exercise must tackle some time. In view of the increase in the number of Surprise methods on 10 and 12 bells which have been rung since the twenties and thirties—an increase still being steadily maintained—it can certainly be said that the urgency of the matter is growing.—Yours sincerely,
Bitton, near Bristol. A. J. CORRIGAN.

LEICESTER GUILD—continued

SUBSCRIPTION POINT.

Mr. Measures then asked Mr. Belton whether he had paid his subscriptions during the past two years, as he, the district secretary concerned, had not received any from Mr. Belton. Mr. Belton then claimed to have handed his subscription for 1949 to Mr. Measures last November. Mr. Measures reiterated, definitely, that he had received no such payment from Mr. Belton. (A later search of the audited books failed to reveal any payment from Mr. Belton during the year 1949.)

The rule relating to the non-payment of subscriptions was read out, and, there being no further comment, the Lord Bishop closed the meeting with his blessing and wished the Guild success in the coming years.

The tables were then cleared away and the company settled down to enjoy a social evening arranged by the popular secretary of the Hincley District, Mr. F. K. Measures.

FIRSTPEAL OF MINOR AT MARKSBURY

Dear Sir,—Re the peal at Marksburry, Somerset, published in 'The Ringing World' on April 21st, in which the footnote states 'Believed to be the first on the bells,' the first peal on these bells was Bob Minor, rung for evening service on Sunday, October 16th, 1910, and was conducted by the late A. E. Seers.—Yours, etc.,
A. J. COUSINS.

Bath.

LARGEST PARISH CHURCH

Dear Sir,—Mr. R. S. Hunt is indeed correct in saying that upon the question of England's largest parish church there is much divergence of opinion. There are, in fact, few topics which provoke more heated argument among those who attend churches which are larger than the average.

I do not intend to state which is our largest parish church, nor do I care to express any personal opinion on this point. The answer to this much discussed question could only, I think, be provided by a thorough survey of claimants to the title.

This, however, I would say, that among the larger of these claimants ranks the Parish Church of Royal Leamington Spa. Dedicated to All Saints, this church, standing on the site of an old Saxon chapel, was built between the years 1843 and 1902. The architects were the Rev. John Craig, M.A. (Vicar), who was responsible for the erection of the eastern portion, and Sir Arthur Blomfield, who designed the western nave and tower. The approximate dimensions are: Length 220ft.; width across transepts 100ft.; width of nave 60ft.; height to centre of nave arches 80ft.; height of western tower 150ft.; height of transeptal clock tower 100ft.—I am sir, Yours, etc.,
ANTHONY RANDLE.

Hostel of the Resurrection, Leeds.

THE DIRECTORY OF CHURCH BELLS

Dear Sir,—Apart from your recent editorial on Mr. Dove's book, the only comments so far made by readers have drawn attention to microscopic errors. Although a tyro among ringers, I have some experience as a writer and reviewer, and it will be readily conceded by anyone who has had the task of compiling records that the adjective we must apply to this book is 'monumental.'

It is clear that the utmost care has gone into its preparation, and for my part I am amazed that there are so few errors in the first edition of a work of this nature. One ringer with records of 850 towers has found one omission; my personal notes cover churches in 17 counties, but all of mine are there! To have achieved an accuracy of over 99 per cent. at the first attempt denotes an ability for pains taking research I would fain possess.

Congratulations, Mr. Dove; I should like to meet you.—Yours faithfully,

EDWARD G. CAPLE.

Clevedon, Somerset.

A PIONEER OF SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to correct one sentence of your report on the George Williams Commemoration Dinner at Bournemouth, which, no doubt, will cause surprise as it stands. I refer to the part of my speech which states that Mr. Williams rang his first peal of Surprise in the year before the last war. George Williams was, of course, a pioneer of Surprise methods ringing, and in his life rang nearly 400 peals in various methods, chiefly Superlative, out of his grand total of over 1,500. What I actually said was that in the year before the war, and at the age of over 80, he rang his first peal of *Spliced Surprise* and apparently commented afterwards that there was nothing in it!—Yours sincerely,
K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

Winchester and Portsmouth

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

In brilliant sunshine the first quarterly meeting of the year for the Portsmouth District was held at Swanmore on May 13th. The bells of Bishop's Waltham (8) and Swanmore (6) were available during the afternoon and evening, and the service in St. Barnabas', Swanmore, was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. E. McCaig). A company of 33 partook of a sumptuous tea in the Parish Hall.

The business meeting was presided over by the district chairman (Mr. W. Linter). The election as a non-resident life member of Mr. E. Treagus, of Bognor Regis, was ratified, and Joan Dudman, Rona Gale, both of Soberton, and Ruth Ball, of Wickham, were elected ringing members.

The next meeting will be at Catherington on August 5th.

A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. Macey to the Vicar, organist, Mr. Ainsley, and all who had helped to make the meeting a success.

Towers represented were Alverstoke, Fareham, Hambledon, Lyndhurst, Portsea (St. Mary's), Shedfield, Soberton, Southampton (St. Michael's), Swanmore, Titchfield and Wickham.

MR. JOE HARDCASTLE

Mr. Joe Hardcastle, the well-known Bradford ringer, spent his 80th birthday in Bradford Royal Infirmary. We regret to learn that his days as a practising ringer at Bradford Cathedral, where he has served with great faithfulness for over 60 years, have come to an end.

About 15 weeks ago he had a fall and broke his thigh bone high up. Since then he has had trouble with his right leg, which has been amputated above the knee.

Mr. Hardcastle was one of the band, now unfortunately getting less, who toured Australia for the Melbourne centenary celebrations.

A LOSS TO ABERAVON

A fraternal bond after 40 years with St. Mary's ringers, Aberavon, was broken on Sunday, April 14th, when for the last time 'Ernie' (Mr. E. Stitch) helped to lower the bells in peal for evening service. He was leaving for Wolverhampton the following day.

We cannot forget to pay tribute to the work he did in constructional alterations in the belfry. His sense of duty was a ritual.

A presentation, fitting to the occasion, was made to him by Mr. Jack Pitman in the form of a hymn book, autographed by the Vicar, wardens and ringers of the church, also a fountain pen.

Mr. Leonard Hughes takes his place as captain of the ringers.

AN AUSTRALIAN RECORD

The peal of Doubles, 8,040 changes, at Yass, N.S.W., Australia, was an attempt on the unofficial record of 10,080 changes of Doubles rung some 128 years ago in England. The attempt was for 100 extents of Doubles, but at the end of the 67th extent the conductor called 'Stand' because of the inability of one of the band to continue. The peal was, however, far above the original Australian record, and gave some satisfaction to the otherwise disappointed ringers.

On the treble was Mr. W. H. Short, son of Mr. William Short, of Birmingham, who on December 26th, 1901, conducted the record peal of 11,111 of Stedman Cinques, which took 8 hours and 2 minutes to complete. No. 2 was R. W. Ferris, who conducted his first peal five days prior to the attempt. It was his fifth peal. No. 3 was Mr. R. S. Rowe, who scored his second peal. No. 4 was Mr. J. Duncan, who scored his sixth peal. The conductor, Mr. W. M. Rowe, rang the tenor. It was his seventh peal, six of which he has conducted.

RINGERS OUTINGS

ST. MARGARET'S, LEICESTER.

On May 13th, the St. Margaret's, Leicester, ringers and friends, numbering forty, set out on the long journey to Selby and York. In glorious weather the countryside looked at its best. A brief stay at Thorne, where some of the party visited the church and were kindly invited to ring if they wished, but time would not allow. Thence on to Selby, where at the famous Abbey the grand ring of ten (tenor 25½ cwt.) was rung to touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Kent Royal and Double Norwich. The 'conductor' renewed acquaintance with the bells which he had called to a peal in 1918 for the Canonry of the late Vicar. It was with the deepest regret that he heard of the passing of that local celebrity, Frederick Cryer, who took part in that far off peal, and who had died only that morning at the age of 91. From Selby on to York, where we had the privilege of ringing for evensong. While the ladies and others visited 'Great Peter' in his tower, the rest rang touches of Cinques, Caters and Royal on the heavy twelve (tenor 60 cwt.), and despite the long pull and heavy bells, the youngsters acquitted themselves with honour and rang splendidly.

'Ernest' again renewed old friendships, for he had dwelt two years in York during the first World War, and conducted at the Minster the Armistice ringing on November 11th, 1918. It was a delight to meet Messrs. Horner, Rickett, Atkinson and Walker. After an all too brief look around the city walls, the Shambles and ancient gates, an excellent tea was partaken of. Thence the return journey, with a brief stop at Scrooby, brought a most happy and pleasant day to a close—in the words of one, 'the best yet.' Our thanks are due to Messrs. Silk and Morley, of Selby; Horner and Walker, of York, and to the authorities for permission to ring. E. M.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

This took place on May 13th and went with the precision and success connected with everything Nolan Golden arranges. It was a most happy affair, lasting from 7.30 a.m. until 1 a.m. The motor-coach duly left Mancroft and picked up other friends on the way.

The first tower was Long Sutton, where Mr. Smith met us, and the grand eight in a very fine Early English tower made a good start with various methods.

Then to Pinchbeck, where Superlative, Double Norwich, etc., sounded very nice on a good eight (tenor 18 cwt.) in a lovely stone tower—the fine stone towers of Lincolnshire are the envy of those who have to keep in repair the flint towers of East Anglia. Mr. Richardson made us at home here.

At Surfleet Mrs. Richardson welcomed us, and there was much reminiscing about old times. The light twelve (tenor 12 cwt.) went very well as soon as people had got used to the trebles. Mrs. Richardson had lunch with us.

At Heckington, where Mr. Dixon met us, the grand eight (tenor 19 cwt.) in one of the finest 'Decorated' towers in England, attached to a glorious church of similar date, were rung to Superlative, Double Norwich, etc. Boston Stump was easily visible from here.

At Ewerby we had the pleasure of meeting Mr. John Freeman and other members of the Lincoln Guild, who were having a district meeting, and who most kindly allowed us to ring. A very nice ten (tenor 14 cwt.) were made good use of. Tea was served at Sleaford, where Mr. and Mrs. Wray and others were most kind to us; a ring on the eight here (tenor 19 cwt.) was enjoyed. A glorious finish to the day was provided by the grand ten at Grantham (tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.), where Mr. Thorpe and several other kind friends made us most welcome. Deep gratitude to all the kind friends who welcomed us, and most of all to Nolan Golden for his superb organising. A. G. G. T.

FINCHLEY.

Finchley ringers' outing on May 13th was most enjoyable, the party consisting of 16 practical exponents of the art and 11 wives.

By 9.15 the ringers were warily crossing a field inhabited by horses to Knebworth tower, where methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to Oxford Bob Triples. Here they were met by the 84-year-old veteran, Mr. Ferns.

Early 'elevenses' followed, and before lunch at the Swan, Biggleswade, there were touches at Hitcham. After lunch Mr. R. Newman expressed the thanks of the party to Mr. Fred Barker for arranging the outing.

Biggleswade and Bromham towers were visited during the afternoon. Tea was served at Turvey, with Mr. T. Bevan as an able waiter. At Turvey tower the whole pull and stand was rung to the memory of Mr. C. H. Martin, of Hendon, who died the previous Monday. Finchley was reached at 11.15 after a day which will be remembered by all for a long time to come.

STOKE GOLDINGTON, BUCKS.

On April 29th the ringers of Stoke Goldington, Bucks, accompanied by their popular Rector and several friends from nearby towers, spent a very enjoyable afternoon visiting six towers in the Northampton district. Ringing started at Harlestone with its heavy but well going ring of six, tenor 20 cwt., and then the party moved off to Long Buckby, where the delightful ring of five (tenor 15 cwt.) was made good use of. Unfortunately an already damaged stay on the second came adrift and we rang for the next half an hour minus its stay.

The party then journeyed to West Haddon, another ring of five with a 12 cwt. tenor. After tea a move was made to Guilsborough, where the light ring of six with a very short pull was rung for about half an hour. At Naseby, the next tower, the ringers found a somewhat disgusting ringing chamber. After a little first aid had been applied to the ropes the bells were raised and several well-struck touches brought home. The bells, a ring of five with a 15 cwt. tenor, were rather noisy in the ringing chamber, and bird debris from above rained down on the ringers. Apart from this, the bells went passably well and sounded quite musical from outside. The final tower was Maidwell, where the light six and spacious well-kept ringing chamber were a joy to all. O. G. W.

TUNE RINGING

Dear Sir,—I thank Peter Laffin for his information about a publication in the nineties instructing how to ring 109 bells. I must enquire for it. But I cannot undertake to travel about with a 13ft. table and half a dozen blankets to put the bells on!

I thank John R. Brearley for telling us Yorkshire is the real home of handbell ringing. I hope he does not infer that no other county must touch a handbell. In 1890 tune ringing on a padded table was done in Exeter by the Shepherd family. My team were all Northamptonshire bred and born, including myself. If required we could have rung by picking up on a padded table. I frequently did solo ringing by this method. But we preferred four in hand, which made for mobility when suddenly called upon for fetes, socials, concerts, church services with or without organ and voices, ringers' quarterly meetings and services, carol ringing indoors and out, etc.

Both methods work well according to the circumstances, which must decide which is better. J. M. TURNER.

Washfield Rectory, Tiverton.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On April 30th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: L. Stowell (cond.), 1. E. R. Ropley 2, Audrey M. Trott 3, R. P. Wood 4, C. Longhurst 5, S. A. Paice 6, J. Branch 7, C. Denyer 8. First in method for 2, 3 and 5.

NOTICES

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PERSONAL

Will you pray for PETER TYNDALL ROBBINS, to be ordained Deacon on Trinity Sunday (June 4th) by the Lord Bishop of Manchester, in Manchester Cathedral, and to be licensed to St. Paul's, Bury. Future address: 98, Bell Lane, Bury, Lancs. 7063

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

HOLLAM, DULVERTON, SOMERSET, is a well-known beauty spot for holidays in peace and pre-war plenty on the borders of Exmoor. Fishing and shooting available. Good train and bus services. Terms 1 guinea per day.—Miss M. S. Churchill, Dulverton 41. 7055

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. F. WHITE is removing on June 2nd from 142, Stephens Road, Tunbridge Wells, to Culverden, 68, Stratford Road, Luton, Beds. 7061

PUBLICATIONS

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price.

'THE ART AND SCIENCE OF HANDBELL RINGING,' illustrated, by J. M. Turner, Washfield, Devon, late president of N.E. Devon Guild of Ringers and broadcaster. 3s. 6d. post free from the Author. 6787

No better pen picture of early ringing societies has been published than J. Armiger Trollope's 'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' illustrated, 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd. Guildford.

MEETINGS

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at All Saints', Harrow Weald, Saturday, May 27th, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names to Mr. H. G. Hart, Woodside, Uxbridge Road (Tel. Grimsdyke 609).—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 7006

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Spaldwick, Saturday, May 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea and cakes available at 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 7033

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, May 27th, Ellesborough (6) 3. Monks Risborough (6) 6.30. No tea.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 7034

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Toddington (6), May 27th, 3 p.m. Train from Cheltenham. St. James', 2.30. Return trains 5.58, 7.39, 8.39. First Association meeting at Toddington. Learners especially welcome.—Charles Rouse. 52, St. George's Drive, Cheltenham. 7038

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Duffield, May 27th. 2.30. Bring food, cups of tea provided.—J. F. Wilkinson, Hon. Sec. 7042

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Toddington meeting, May 27th, cancelled.—Charles Rouse. Cheltenham. 7073

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday, May 29th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7032

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Chelmsford, Whit Monday, May 29th. Service in the Cathedral 11 a.m.; preacher, the Very Rev. C. K. Waller, M.A., Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. Lunch at the Cathedral Hall at 1.30 p.m.; members 2s. 6d., non-resident members and non-members 3s. 6d. Tea will be served as a running buffet in the Cathedral Hall from 4.30 to 6 p.m. at 1s. 6d. per head. Bells available: Cathedral (13 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 3 to 9 p.m.). The following are available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Great Baddow (8), Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Galleywood (8), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6).—Robert C. Heazel, Hon. Gen. Sec., The School House, Wimbish, near Saffron Walden, Essex. 6991

DEVON GUILD.—Annual at Ottery St. Mary, Whit Monday, May 29th. Service in Parish Church at 12 noon; preacher, Rev. W. H. Smale, Rector of Petrockstowe. Luncheon at 12.50 p.m. in the Church Institute; price per head 4s. 6d. Business meeting follows the luncheon. Towers open are Sidmouth (8), Sidbury (8) and Honiton (6 and 8).—Fredk. C. Smale, Hon. Sec. 6986

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Wicken on Whit Monday, May 29th. Committee meeting in the Schools 2.30. Guild service with address by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough 3.15. Tea on Vicarage lawn (schools if wet) 4.30. No name no tea; this is definite. Bells available: Newport Pagnell (8) 10.30 to 12 noon; Stony Stratford (8), Towcester (6), 11 to 1; Buckingham (8), Passenham (5), 1 to 2.45; Wicken, 1 o'clock onwards; Cosgrove (6), Paulerspury (6), Olney (8) and Hanslope (6) after meeting.—R. C. Noon, Guild Sec., 3, Denton Road, Brafield, Northants. 7022

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting of the joint branches at Crosthwaite, Keswick, on Whit Monday. Bells available 12.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to 14, Greta Hamlet, Keswick, Cumb.—J. W. Brownrigg, Hon. Sec. 7069

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—Rededication of the rehing ring of eight at the Parish Church, tenor 13½ cwt., by Lord Bishop of Lewes, Wednesday, May 31st, 7 p.m., followed by ringing. All ringers cordially invited to attend.—Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. 6903

DUDLEY GUILD.—Meeting at Kinver, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Numbers, please, by May 30th to F. Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 7031

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Hernhill, Saturday, June 3rd, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 1s. 9d. per head. Names for tea, with cost enclosed, must reach me Wednesday, May 31st.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 7035

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Lakenheath, June 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve, Hockwold. 7050

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Newport Pagnell, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by May 29th. Other towers available in the evening, Chicheley (6), Great Linford (6).—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 7037

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Benenden (8) on June 3rd, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5s. Names for tea not later than May 31st to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge. 7044

LEICESTER GUILD (Melton District) and **SOUTHWELL GUILD** (Nottingham District).—Joint meeting at Bottesford, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5s. Names to Mr. C. H. Yallands, Bottesford, Notts, by June 1st latest.—J. H. Cook and W. Thornley. 7046

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Sible Hedingham (8), Saturday, June 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Castle Hedingham (6) bells available in the evening.—H. A. Pratt, District Sec. 7049

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Crusaders of the S.W. Division.—Meeting at South Benfleet (6), June 3rd, 3.30 p.m. Meeting essentially for learners, rounds upwards. Everybody welcome. Names for tea to C. L. Matson, Elm Tree Cottage, St. Mary's Road, South Benfleet. 7051

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Longbridge Deverill, June 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 7072

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Fairwarp (8), Saturday, June 3rd, at 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise by May 31st G. T. Jennings, 5, Malt-house Road, Crawley. 7084

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.—Ringing anniversary will be held on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Everybody welcome.—V. Ambrose. 7083

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—The Exeter Branch meeting arranged for June 3rd is cancelled.—E. J. Ryall, Hon. Sec. 7089

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly business meeting will be held at Bridekirk on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Bring own food.—Miss R. M. Haill, Branch Sec. 7087

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster and Furness and Lake District Branches.—Joint meeting, Silverdale, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea W. Bolton, Birkmeade, Silverdale, Carnforth.—J. Woods and N. M. Newby, Branch Secs. 7088

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Old Woking, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to D. Munday, 92, High Street, Old Woking, by Wednesday, 31st.—F. Hawthorne. 7080

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Penwortham, Saturday, June 3rd. Light refreshments provided.—L. Walmsley. 7075

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, June 3rd, St. Matthew's (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. No ringing after tea. Notify A. Bennett, 5, Lancaster Street, Redfield, Bristol 5. 7071

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Lutterworth (8), June 3rd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Misterton (6) open after tea. Names by June 1st to E. W. Tipler, 47, Baker Street, Lutterworth, Rugby.—J. R. Smith. 7068

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Whitechurch (8), June 3rd. Tea for those who notify J. A. Hill, Maisley, Highbury Road, Anne Valley, Andover. 7060

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Bottisham, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7062

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rickmansworth (10), June 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 7024

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—West Hartlepool, St. Aidan's, June 3rd, 2.30. Tea for all who notify Mr. T. W. Dobson, 181, Oxford Road, West Hartlepool, by June 1st. Method, Kent, among others.—W. F. Sheraton. 7058

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Bradfield on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. A. King, Bradfield Vicarage, near Sheffield. Bus leaves Malin Bridge Terminus at 2.30.—J. E. Turley. 7066

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Marchington, Saturday, June 3rd. Train departs Stoke 1.3 p.m.; departs Marchington 5.42, 6.28, 8.50 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Wainwright, Malt House, Marchington, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 7059

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Summer meeting at Sandhurst (6) on June 3rd. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Notify by May 27th.—B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 7056

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn and Rossendale Branches.—Joint meeting at Holy Trinity, Blackburn, June 3rd. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 7053

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at St. Briavels (8 bells), Saturday, June 3rd. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 31st.—J. C. Goulding, 27, High Street, Lydney, Glos. 7057

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Singleton on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. James Wilson, 20, Church Road, Singleton, not later than Wednesday, May 31st.—J. H. Foster. 7090

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Corscombe, Saturday, June 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting follow.—C. H. Lathey. 7054

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Long Sutton, Saturday, June 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Harrison, Roman Bank, Long Sutton, before June 3rd. 7067

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davertry Branch.—Meeting, Great Brington, Saturday, June 10th. Names to me for tea not later than Saturday, June 3rd.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 7070

MARKSBURY, NEAR BATH, SOMERSET.—Annual ringers' service, June 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea essential.—W. A. Prescott, Timsbury, near Bath. 7074

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Crawford Cup contest and meeting, Tuxford (6), Saturday, June 10th, at 3 p.m. All names for tea to Mr. W. Brett, 1, Ashvale, Tuxford, Newark, by June 6th. Bells open for all after contest.—H. Denman. 7076

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham and Guildford Districts.—Combined meeting at Worplesdon (8) on Saturday, June 10th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea by June 7th to Mr. S. Petter, The Laurels, Fox Corner, Worplesdon.—G. S. Joyce and E. T. Lee, District Secs. 7077

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Abergavenny, Saturday, June 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea and business to follow. Tea 1s. 6d. per head to those who notify by June 5th Mr. George Ward, 69, Park Crescent, Abergavenny.—F. J. Hannington. 7078

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Meeting at Southwold, June 10th, 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. R. S. Payne, 63, Pier Avenue, Southwold, by June 7th. 7081

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting at St. Paul's, Cross Stone, June 10th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss H. Bell, 5, Cooper Street, Halifax Road, Todmorden.—V. Wilson Sykes, Hon. Sec. 7092

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Llandudno, June 10th. Bells (8) 2. Service 3, followed by business meeting and tea. All those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, June 7th.—W. Catherall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 7091

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, June 10th, Pentrich (5). Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5. Business after tea. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, June 7th, to Mr. H. B. Walters, 139, Lowes Hill, Ripley, Derbyshire. 7081

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Queenborough (6) on Saturday, June 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea, which is by kind invitation. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 6th, to Mr. S. Rayfield, 35, Stanley Avenue, Queenborough. 7085

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HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting and six bell prize contest, June 24th, at Lindley. For teas please notify Mr. G. Gee, 92, Wellington Street, Oakes, Huddersfield, by June 10th. Entrance fee (10s.) to A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Roughtown, Mossley, Manchester, by June 10th if possible. 7047

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—Preliminary notice. — The 327th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 24th. Details later.—L. E. Pitstow. 7045

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — Outing to Cambridge, Saturday, July 8th. Ringing at Bishop's Stortford and four Cambridge towers (6, two 8's, 12). Cost £1. Only a few seats left. Orders with a deposit, please, to P. Hutchings, 20, Hayter Road, S.W.2. 7065

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual shield contest at Wentworth, July 10th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Closing date for entries June 3rd. Names for teas not later than June 3rd to Mr. G. West, 25, The Square, Wentworth, near Rotherham. — D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 7086

CHRIST CHURCH, FRIEZLAND.—An open six-bell contest will be held at the above tower on Saturday, August 5th. Entrance fee 10s. per team, to be returned to each company completing 120 changes of test piece of 600 changes, any method. Draw to take place at 12.45 p.m. For full particulars and entry form please write Mr. L. Dawson, 28, Shaw Hall Bank Road, Greenfield, Oldham, Lancs. 7011

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary notice.—The first post-war annual dinner has been arranged for Saturday, October 21st, at the Lion Hotel, Guildford. Further details later.—W. Viggers. 7079

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