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THE SERVICE

AN integral part of most ringers' meetings is the service. It is a subject which in the past has received much attention from the clerical members of the Exercise and there have been various attempts to devise a service that is equally applicable to any body of ringers, whether they be urban or rural, Low or High Church.

Probably the most comprehensive attempt to achieve uniformity was in the publication of 'A Manual for Ringers,' drawn up for the Oxford Diocesan Guild about May, 1914, and published by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. A feature was the wide measure of approval this form of service received, and it is still in use by some branches of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Among those who approved were the Revs. C. D. P. Davies (then secretary of the Central Council), A. H. F. Boughey, A. T. Beeson, H. A. Cockey, C. C. Cox, E. V. Cox, F. J. O. Helmore, H. Law James, T. Lewis Jones, Maitland Kelly, C. E. Matthews and H. E. Tilney Basset. Between them they represented some eleven Guilds, but there never seems to have been a universal acceptance of the manual, although many Guilds have extracted appropriate portions to incorporate in their own services.

It seems evident that the compiler of the manual was not only a ringer but a peal ringer. Before attempting a peal was suggested the following prayer: 'O God, Who hast given unto men the power to glorify Thy Holy Name; bless, we pray Thee, this our endeavour, and, if it be Thy will, grant to us good success; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.' If the peal was successful the manual prescribes: Let all raise their hands in an attitude of praise, and say, 'All glory be to God most high,' followed by the conductor saying, 'The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. . . .' Some of our members might regard this act as having been copied from another body. A rather appropriate collect had been selected for the conductor to say if the peal proved unsuccessful: 'O God, forasmuch as without Thee we are not able to please Thee; Mercifully grant that Thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.'

At the present time a number of Guilds and Associations have under review their form of service. A liaison has been established by Mr. G. Sidney Joyce, of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow,

hon. secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association, to devise a common form of service that would be acceptable to both Guilds and both Bishops. Already a large measure of agreement has been reached and an invitation is extended to other Guilds who may desire to join in. Such an action is prompted by economic necessity, as the cost of new service papers can be more than halved if a number of Guilds are willing to join forces. The idea has our strong commendation with the prevailing cost of printing.

We have had the privilege of examining the proposal forms of service and feel that it is outside the province of a layman to express an opinion. This we do emphasise—that most people do not like to change their form of service; men or women invariably have a strong affection for the religion of their youth. Critics will immediately chide us with a lack of appreciation of the circumstances of the present age, its thoughts and aspirations—and perhaps even its theology. A point frequently overlooked is that with the many added powers given to the laity by the Church Enabling Act and the formation of Parochial Church Councils no power is vested in them as to the form of services to be employed. The incumbent might seek the opinion of his Parochial Church Council or listen to any representations they might make, but the onus of responsibility is his, subject to innovations meeting the approval of his Bishop. Thus we feel that in the preparation of any form of service which is likely to be extensively employed, its acceptability rests not with the laity but with the clerical members who have to perform the office.

This last week the Editor was reading some words written by his own Rector—the Provost of Guildford. The latter wrote: 'We must make our churches human places, homes, where people can laugh as well as weep, be glad as well as sad, become strong, as well as knowing their own weakness.' To the ringer a church is probably more of a human place than to most members of the congregation, and those who have been associated with the belfries over many years have seen youth and maid develop physically and mentally through the exercise they receive. We like to think that the whole of their development has not been in a physical sense; perhaps even the ringers' service has had its influence upon them in moulding their lives to find a real and living Christ.

FESTIVAL PEALS

The following peals were rung to mark the opening of the Festival of Britain:—

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., May 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL Treble	ALAN ELSMORE 6
J. NORMAN HADLEY 2	JOHN LUCK 7
ALBERT D. COLLINS 3	ARTHUR S. WILLIAMS 8
ERNEST STITCH 4	MAURICE G. TURNER 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 5	ERIC CRADDOCK Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

Also for Ascension Day.

BERKELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
 AT ST. MARY'S CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt.

*MARY DREW Treble	GEORGE MORRIS 6
JACQUELINE EVANS 2	*WILLIAM RICHINGS 7
*JOAN BUSSEY 3	DAVID KING 8
*DONALD CLARKE 4	LESLIE BARRY 9
*CHARLES ROUSE 5	*JOHN SIMS Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal of Caters. A compliment to William Lewis, 50 years a ringer.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB ROYAL
 Consisting of 2,520 changes in each method, with 180 changes of methods.

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

ARTHUR B. COOPER Treble	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 6
STANLEY SLANEY 2	SAM SCATTERGOOD 7
WILFRED L. ROBINSON 3	CYRIL WRIGHT 8
FREDERICK FLINT 4	GEORGE L. CHAMBERS 9
HERBERT T. ROOKE 5	GORDON C. BRIGGS Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

First peal of Spiced Royal by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

FULHAM, LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	REUBEN CHARGE 6
DAVID E. PARSONS 2	REUBEN SANDERS 7
WILLIAM H. HIBBERT 3	RICHARD F. DEAL 8
ALFRED B. PECK 4	JOHN PHILLIPS 9
WILLIAM H. COLES 5	H. SHUTT Tenor

Composed by W. T. ELSON.

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 27½ cwt. in D flat.

FRANK BLONDELL Treble	GEORGE C. GOODMAN 6
ALFRED H. PULLING 2	G. WILLIAM MORRIS 7
HERBERT G. ANDREWS 3	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH 8
GEORGE W. MASSEY 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 9
WALTER SPARROW 5	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE Tenor

Composed by F. HOLDEN.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 31½ cwt. in D.

JUNE BRINDLEY Treble	ERIC E. SPEAKE 6
DENNIS BERESFORD 2	*ERNEST ELTON 7
FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK 3	WALTER J. COPE 8
J. DENNIS HOLDEN 4	GEORGE E. OLIVER 9
JOAN BERESFORD 5	MARK N. CULLING Tenor

Composed by JAS. E. GROVES.

Conducted by JOAN BERESFORD.

* First peal on ten bells. First peal as conductor on ten bells. A compliment to the conductor on her 19th birthday.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

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

MRS. J. D. NIBLETT .. Treble	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF .. 6
FREDK. A. SALTER 2	*GEORGE H. CLIFT 7
GEORGE E. PADGETT 3	†JOHN E. T. WISEMAN .. 8
CLEMENT GLENN 4	WALTER NICHOLS 9
*JOHN D. NIBLETT 5	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS .. Tenor

Composed by B. JEALOUS.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters 'inside.' † First peal in the method.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5031 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

DONALD G. CLIFT .. Treble	WILLIAM J. SOUTHAM .. 6
CHARLES F. SAYER 2	*EDWIN G. BUCK 7
HAROLD V. FROST 3	*JACK S. DEAR 8
DONALD C. PRICE 4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 9
HELEN Y. GARDNER 5	FRANCIS KIRK Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by HAROLD V. FROST.

* First peal on ten and in the method.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. Treble	CLARENCE R. STEED .. 6
C. ARTHUR MANNING 2	FRED C. LYME 7
*GERALD C. HEMMING .. 3	*HAROLD HUXLEY 8
REGINALD C. CHAPMAN .. 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 9
FREDERICK G. NURDEN .. 5	*LEONARD KINCHIN Tenor

Composed by W. KENT.

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of ten bells. Also a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Manning, daughter of the ringer of the 2nd.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF 5056 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Gabriel eight.

Tenor 19 cwt. 55 lb. in F.

*RALPH SITCH Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	ARTHUR G. BASON 6
ERNEST G. SHORTING .. 3	BERT GOGLE 7
*WILLIAM LOVE 4	GEORGE SAYER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method.



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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
 (Lancaster Branch.)

On Thurs., May 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

*MARJORIE BRAITHWAITE .. Treble	FRANK POSTLETHWAITE .. 5
GEO. E. BRAITHWAITE .. 2	BETTY SCHOFIELD .. 6
†DOROTHY SCHOFIELD .. 3	*ROLAND ECCLES .. 7
FREDRICK SCHOFIELD .. 4	‡BRIAN SEDAN .. Tenor

Composed by F. CLAYTON. Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' ‡ First peal.
 First peal of Major for the branch.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY and THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 4, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.
*PATRICIA S. GATTY .. Treble	JAMES CARTER .. 5
BESSIE A. CARTER .. 2	JAMES B. ROBINSON .. 6
JOAN CARTER .. 3	DEREK OGDEN .. 7
ROBERT H. WIMPENNY .. 4	CHARLES CHEETHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

* First peal.

EXETER, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
 On Fri., May 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 15 cwt.
*MARIELLA MUNDY .. Treble	FREDERICK WRE福德 .. 5
JOHN HOSGOOD .. 2	*GEOFFREY H. FARTHING .. 6
CHARLES P. YATES .. 3	EDWARD W. BIFFIN .. 7
WILLIAM A. WILLS .. 4	*REGINALD WILLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD W. BIFFIN.

* First peal.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
 On Fri., May 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Morris's Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 11 cwt.
RHODA HEMMINGS .. Treble	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 5
WALTER G. SOAR .. 2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 6
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE .. 3	SIDNEY H. JONES .. 7
JOSEPH H. BRITTAN .. 4	WILLIAM H. CURSON .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY H. JONES.

AN OFFICERS' PEAL.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
 On Fri., May 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

HARRY P. FLOYD .. Treble	EDMUND E. PEARSON .. 5
CYRIL H. KINCH .. 2	*DOUGLAS O. WILKS .. 6
EDWIN G. MOORE .. 3	EDGAR J. SMITH .. 7
*DAVID WOODLEY .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method. Rung also for the Feast of the Ascension.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
 On Fri., May 4, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES J. JACKSON .. Treble	THOMAS MARSHALL .. 5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH .. 6
ARTHUR MAWDSLEY .. 3	NORMAN HEAPS .. 7
RONALD KENRICK .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
 On Fri., May 4, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

*HAROLD S. JORDAN .. Treble	†THOMAS B. SONE .. 5
CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 2	BERNARD V. COLLISON .. 6
*KEVIN S. HOHL .. 3	ERNEST J. LADD .. 7
DORIS E. COLGATE .. 4	ROBERT COLLINS .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal of Major. † 300th peal of Major.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 18 cwt.

ALLEN MORGAN .. Treble	DONALD J. POTTER .. 5
GEORGE E. LARGE .. 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. 6
CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. 3	FREDERICK CRUMP .. 7
ARTHUR J. MARTIN .. 4	JAMES F. NASH .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*C. WILLIAM BOND .. Treble	JACK BAILEY .. 5
JOHN W. GLEW .. 2	EDWIN WILLIAMS .. 6
*PERCY DUDLEY .. 3	WILLIAM LANCASTER .. 7
WALTER STEEN .. 4	ALFRED MOULD .. Tenor

Composed by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

* First peal in the method.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
 On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF CHARITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

CYRIL S. JARRETT .. Treble	GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE .. 2	GEORGE KENWARD .. 6
EILEEN S. WYLES .. 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE .. 7
WILFRED S. PALIN .. 4	ERIC NAYLOR .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

First in the method for the Association and all the band. Birthday compliments to the wife of the 6th ringer and father of the treble ringer.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 19½ cwt.

*DONALD SALISBURY .. Treble	SIDNEY PENFOLD .. 5
JOAN PEACOCK .. 2	COLIN E. WRIGHT .. 6
JAMES CARROTT .. 3	THOMAS EAST .. 7
FRANK V. GANT .. 4	CHARLES E. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by COLIN E. WRIGHT.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstan's Four-part. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

GERALD DARE .. Treble	SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. 5
HAROLD ARMSTEAD .. 2	†JAMES BROOKS .. 6
*AUDREY T. SEVILLE .. 3	IVAN KAY .. 7
FRED MELLOR .. 4	†MAURICE MITTEN .. Tenor

Conducted by IVAN KAY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

WELFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.		Tenor 12½ cwt.
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. Treble	MICHAEL E. BROWN .. 5	
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 2	JOHN HILL .. 6	
*SHIRLEY BURTON .. 3	JOHN BRAMLEY .. 7	
†ERNEST ORLAND .. 4	*PETER J. STANFORTH .. Tenor	

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First of three peals of Cambridge in one day—Major, Royal and Maximus. † First Surprise peal. Rung for the 21st birthday of the ringers of the 2nd.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 29 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in D flat.

JAMES W. GROUNDS .. Treble	RONALD KENRICK .. 5
JAMES S. WEBB .. 2	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY .. 6
MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. 7
JOHN ASHCROFT .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

FITZHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.	Tenor 12 cwt.
*MICHAEL COMMINS .. Treble	HARRY COMMINS .. 4
FRANK BRANCHFLOWER .. 2	CLAUDE TARR .. 5
ARTHUR VENTON .. 3	WILLIAM COMMINS .. Tenor

Conducted by CLAUDE TARR.

* First peal.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge.	Tenor 14 cwt.
CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. Treble	WM. H. A. COMPTON .. 4
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. 2	ALLEN MORGAN .. 5
GEORGE E. LARGE .. 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eleven methods: (1) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Bourne Surprise, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Single Court, (7) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

MOSES BILLINGS .. Treble	†RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 4
*BERTIE BEE .. 2	JOHN E. COOK .. 5
LOUIS WILLERS .. 3	WILLIAM R. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

* First peal in eleven methods. † First peal 'inside' in eleven methods.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Clifford Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury, Kennington. Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire.

*MICHAEL J. STONE .. Treble	FREDERICK W. SWEET .. 4
CECIL T. CLARKE .. 2	RONALD D. SHORT .. 5
ERIC M. NORMAN .. 3	*PETER J. LANCASTER .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD D. SHORT.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal in seven methods by all and on the bells.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 17 extents of Plain Bob and 25 extents of Grandsire.

WILLIAM A. WOOD .. Treble	*THOMAS EARBLY .. 4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 2	ERNEST F. PAYNE .. 5
FREDERICK WATSON .. 3	DAVID BISHOP .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. PAYNE.

* First peal.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's.	Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.
*GLADYS RICHARDSON .. Treble	†STEPHEN W. G. RENNY .. 4
MARGARET E. WHITE .. 2	WILLIAM A. SMITH .. 5
JAMES A. MILNER .. 3	ALEX. RICHARDSON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. SMITH.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

GODSHILL, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (C.C.C. Nos. 28, 29, 48, 49, 50, 51, and 54).

SIDNEY MOODY .. Treble	*IAN A. JACKSON .. 4
FRANK S. TAYLOR .. 2	WILLIAM UPTON .. 5
*COLIN J. CHAMPION .. 3	LESTER BAILEY .. Tenor

Conducted by LESTER BAILEY.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor

LANGHAM, ESSEX.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.
*GEOFFREY PAGE .. Treble	*GEORGE W. BARNES .. 4
*RAYMOND TALBOT .. 2	*MAX PAGE .. 5
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 3	PETER G. BARNES .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER G. BARNES.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Birthday compliment to Geoffrey Page.

TRYSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, three extents of Kent Treble Bob and two extents of Plain Bob.

ALAN ELSMORE .. Treble	J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 4
*ARTHUR G. NEWMAN .. 2	HOWARD HOWELL .. 5
EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 3	MAURICE G. TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal of Minor in three methods.

WONSTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.
WILLIAM H. HARRISON .. Treble	*HARRY D. BUCKINGHAM .. 4
LESLIE A. TREMEER .. 2	JACK A. C. KING .. 5
*RICHARD M. CURRIE .. 3	PETER N. BOND .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER N. BOND.

* First peal.

More Festival Peals next week.

OTHER PEALS**TWELVE BELL PEALS**

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., May 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5000 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING Treble	FRANK W. PERRENS 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 2	HENRY H. FEARN 8
FRANK E. PERVIN 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 9
ALBERT WALKER 4	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 10
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 5	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 11
JOHN PINFOLD 6	H. JAMES TURNER Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. CHILCOTT. Conducted by G. WM. CRITCHLEY.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., May 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

FRANK E. HAYNES Treble	LEONARD TREVOR 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON 8
ALBERT WALKER 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 9
FRANK E. PERVIN 4	HENRY H. FEARN 10
JOHN PINFOLD 5	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 11
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 6	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

A birthday compliment to Albert Walker.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5075 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON 8
ALLAN SHORT 3	HENRY H. FEARN 9
ALBERT WALKER 4	JOHN PINFOLD 10
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 5	GEORGE E. FEARN 11
FRANK W. PERRENS 6	FRANK E. HAYNES Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Specially arranged, composed and rung in honour of Albert Walker's 75th birthday.

TEN BELL PEAL

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE Treble	*JOHN J. MORRIS 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	S. ANTHONY JESSON 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 3	JOHN HILL 8
*WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 4	TERENCE A. THORNER .. 9
HARRY G. WAYNE 5	COLIN HARRISON Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Royal in the method. A 21st birthday compliment to S. Anthony Jesson.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

SKETTY, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 5 lb. in F.

EDMUND MORRIS Treble	ALFRED HANNINGTON 5
J. ARTHUR HOARE 2	TREVOR RODERICK 6
EDWARD PHILLIPS 3	ROBERT E. COLES 7
JOHN T. WILLIAMS 4	GWYN I. LEWIS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

First peal of Major on the bells. Rung in honour of the first anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, Rev. H. Williams, who was instrumental in having the bells rehung.

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UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	FRANK L. FISHER .. 5
R. JOHN MUNNINGS .. 2	CHARLES E. FISHER .. 6
ERNEST W. PYE .. 3	F. WILLIS BETTS .. 7
GEORGE W. PIPE .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE .. Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.
ENID LONNEN Treble	KENNETH SNELLING .. 5
PATRICIA HOLMES 2	BASIL W. WHITE .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 3	DANIEL D. COOPER .. 7
ERNEST TREAGUS 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Holmes, parents of the ringer of the 2nd, who were for many years residents in Arundel.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. Treble	BRIAN HARRIS .. 5
NORAH M. BIBBY .. 2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 6
FREDERICK H. BIRKS .. 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 7
JOHN W. BEST .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY .. Tenor

Composed by J. MORGAN.

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

The first peal in the method by all.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF 5024 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

WILLIAM G. COOK .. Treble	*FREDERICK W. BUDGEN .. 5
EDWIN BARNETT .. 2	GEORGE H. CROSS .. 6
*JAMES W. EDEN .. 3	FRANK I. HAIRS .. 7
*MARJORIE JACKSON .. 4	JOHN O. WELLER .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

*First peal in the method. A birthday peal for Jean F. Barnett, granddaughter of the ringers of the second and seventh.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).	Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.
*EDWARD T. GREGORY .. Treble	J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 5
*FREDERICK LEECH .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 6
HOWARD HOWELL .. 3	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 4	JOSEPH CAPPER .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

*First peal in the method away from tenor. †First peal in the method 'inside.'

NEWHAM-ON-SEVERN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).	Tenor 17 cwt.
*YVONNE C. PORTER .. Treble	CHARLES ROUSE .. 5
DONALD G. CLARKE .. 2	LESLIE BARRY .. 6
WILLIAM HARRIS .. 3	DAVID J. KING .. 7
JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. 4	JOHN J. SIMMS .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.

*First peal on eight. First peal as conductor. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss D. Barbara Varnam, of Nottingham, and also a 15th birthday compliment to John E. Morgan, of Chepstow.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

VERNON SYKES .. Treble	CHARLES CLEGG .. 5
STEPHEN LL. PARRY .. 2	*PHILIP H. TOCOCK .. 6
ARTHUR HIBBERT .. 3	JACK CLEGG .. 7
*DAVID J. GAY .. 4	SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by SELWYN H. DEARDEN.

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

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

*DOREEN M. JONES .. Treble	THOMAS W. HAMMOND .. 5
†JULIA M. PRESTON .. 2	†WILLIAM E. COURT .. 6
JOHN ROBERTS .. 3	ERIC J. GILBERT .. 7
†ROGER C. PRESTON .. 4	FRANK VARTY .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

*First peal on eight bells. †First peal in the method. Rung to mark the occasion of the birth of a daughter (Rosalind Clare) to Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Spice.

RAMSGATE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

ALAN E. BUTLER .. Treble	†CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 5
*JOHN A. HILTON .. 2	FREDERICK R. WELLER .. 6
GILLIAN A. SMITH .. 3	THOMAS H. HOLMES .. 7
PETER NEWING .. 4	WILLIAM BOTTRILL .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

*First peal of Major 'inside.' †First peal of Major. Rung to mark the engagement of John A. Hilton and Miss Gladys M. Burville, both ringers at St. Lawrence's.

TWYFORD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 12 cwt.
*MRS. H. SMITH .. Treble	*WALTER HUNT .. 5
*HAROLD SMITH .. 2	*ARTHUR J. N. RANCE .. 6
ROBERT WAKE .. 3	BERNARD C. CASTLE .. 7
MRS. A. J. N. RANCE .. 4	*STANLEY G. DAY .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD C. CASTLE.

*First peal of Stedman. First of Stedman as conductor.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

HENRY T. WILSON .. Treble	CHARLES E. WILMINGTON .. 5
THOMAS G. FOX .. 2	HARRY TURNER .. 6
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. 7
*DENIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

*First peal in the method. In memoriam Thomas Lincoln, ringer and towerkeeper at Writtle for over 50 years.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF 5152 LEAMINGTON BOB MAJOR

Being 52 courses.	Tenor 9 cwt. 72 lb. in G.
RAYMOND G. LOFTY .. Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN .. 2	WILLIAM CLOVER .. 6
F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 3	BERT GOGLE .. 7
HENRY TOOKE .. 4	GEORGE SAYER .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

The first peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS

ABSON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.*On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ANNE CLARKE Treble	*JOHN FERRIS 4
ERIC SUTTON 2	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 5
GILBERT SPRULES 3	WILFRED F. WEBB Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED F. WEBB.

* First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor. A birthday compliment to G. Sprules.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.*On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

*KENNETH W. MUTTOCK .. Treble	*RONALD E. BURT 4
*FRANK C. ARNOLD 2	*T. CHARLES BROWNE .. 5
*FRANK PEARSON 3	†FRANK C. PHILLIPPO .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK C. PHILLIPPO.

* First peal in six Minor methods. † First peal 'inside' in six Minor methods. First peal as conductor in six Minor methods.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

CHARLES C. FENNELL .. Treble	*MICHAEL W. MASON .. 4
*MRS. W. M. WHITE .. 2	*ALBERT FLEET 5
ROBERT N. ELLIOTT .. 3	DENNIS J. MASON .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT FLEET.

* First peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells by a local band. A wedding compliment to the Rector's son, who was married the previous Saturday.

HORTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

AGNES E. PRICE Treble	FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. 4
*JANET S. BAILEY 2	TONY PRICE 5
*PETER A. LAWRENCE .. 3	RICHARD E. PRICE .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

* First seven-method peal.

ROSTHERNE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 720's rung thus: (1) Spliced Capel, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and Sandal Treble Bob, (2) Spliced Capel, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and Sandal Treble Bob, (3) Capel, (4) Kingston, (5) London Scholars' Pleasure, (6) Sandal, (7) Oxford. Tenor 22½ cwt.

*J. NEVILLE HAILE Treble	DEREK OGDEN 4
M. JULIAN BRIERLEY .. 2	RONALD BARLOW 5
SYDNEY SAGE 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.*On Sun., Apr. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and one extent of Reverse Canterbury.

Tenor 11 cwt. in F.

*GEORGE S. HILL Treble	ARTHUR J. MARRIOTT .. 4
†LEONARD WARREN 2	PETER MARRIOTT 5
TOM J. MARRIOTT 3	WALTER G. SOAR Tenor

Conducted by WALTER G. SOAR.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal of Minor as conductor, who has now 'circled' the tower.

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Mr. F. E. Dukes writes expressing his thanks
for the information concerning the bells of St.
Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. He thinks what he
heard was a broadcast of the bells of St. Pat-
rick's Cathedral, Dublin, relayed over a foreign
station.

The response to ring for
the Festival of Britain was
amazing. We have made
a valiant attempt to give in this issue an in-
dication of the ringing. Only a few of the
peals are published and some of the quarters
received before May 7th.

The Bishop of Guildford will dedicate the
restored bells of St Mary's, Guildford, next
Sunday evening.

Will those who submit peals and quarter peals
please observe the style employed in 'The
Ringing World'? Each item should be written
on a separate sheet of paper.

The Central Council has purchased the stock
of 'Village Bells.' Copies can be obtained
from Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School,
Tring, price 9d., three copies 2s., post free.

Mr. S. H. Dearden 'completed the circle' of
Milnrow (Lancs) tower with a peal of Cam-
bridge Surprise Major on April 28th. This was
the 25th peal together by Messrs. Charles and
Jack Clegg, Vernon Sykes and S. H. Dearden.

Her friends in the Middlesex Association
send their congratulations to Miss Edna Bed-
ford on the occasion of her marriage on April
21st, at St. Peter's Church, Staple Fitzpaine,
Taunton, to Mr. Andrew Knox, of Staple Fitz-
paine.

From the 'Hull Daily Mail,' May 3rd, 1901—
50 years ago: 'At the last meeting of Hull
Markets Committee, a member complained of
the ringing of Holy Trinity Church bells on
Saturday, and the inconvenience caused to the
stallholders. A representative of the Town
Clerk to-day reported that the bells had been
rung by order of the churchwardens on the
Saturday to give some gentlemen from a dis-
tance an opportunity of exercising their skill
on bells. An undertaking had been given that
this would not occur again.'

BELFRY GOSSIP

Commenting on the
broadcast of the bells of
Oxford, a Middlesbrough
correspondent writes: 'At last a programme of
ringing that is well-informed and contains good
ringing. I must not say too much lest I be
accused of undue partisanship by members of
the educational establishment in East Anglia.'

The Irish Association propose to publish a
quarterly magazine with Mr. F. E. Dukes as
editor.

Mr. Albert Walker's 75th birthday was cele-
brated by three 12-bell peals. A small dinner
party in his honour was held on Saturday, May
5th. Mr. F. J. Smallwood made the journey
to Birmingham specially for the peal at Aston
and for the evening celebration.

Practically all the quarter peals rung on May
3rd were not only for the Festival of Britain
but also for the great Church Festival that co-
incided with the service at St. Paul's, As-
cension Day. In order to condense reports this
additional line has been omitted. We trust that
this acknowledgment will suffice because we
yield to no one in our faithfulness to the
Church.

Mr. B. W. May, Rochester District secretary,
Kent County Association, has received a letter
from Mr. C. Millard, of 2,820, Heath Drive,
Victoria, B.C., enquiring whether he is still a
non-resident member of the Kent County As-
sociation. Mr. Millard rang 13 peals before
he left England in 1924 and now rings at Christ
Church Cathedral, Victoria. Here the company
ring Grandsire and Stedman Triples. He sends
his greetings to (if still alive) W. J. Walker
(Rainham), G. Mabbs and W. Kitchingham
(Hartlip), the Spice family, C. Bishop and E.
Boaks (Upchurch), E. and S. Dobbie (Sitting-
bourne), G. Kenward (Milstead), W. Nye (Teyn-
ham), W. H. B. Wilkins (Sheerness, who rang
in his first peal, April 26th, 1913) and T. Jull
(Newington).

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FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN RINGING SURVEYED

CAMBRIDGE FROM MINOR TO MAXIMUS RUNG IN A DAY — A QUARTER IN EVERY TOWER ATTEMPTED — YOUNGEST AND OLDEST RINGERS

MOST spectacular ringing for the Festival of Britain took place in Leicestershire where Cambridge from Minor to Maximus was rung by six of the band on May 5th. Those taking part in the four peals were:—John R. Smith (Leicester Cathedral), Terence A. Thornber (St. John-the-Divine, Leicester), Alfred Ballard (St. Mary's, Hinckley), Herrick B. Bowley (Leicester Cathedral), William J. Root (Leicester Cathedral) and Harold J. Poole (Leicester Cathedral). They rang in that order for Minor and in the same order on the back six bells in each of the other peals.

Reveille was at 5.30 a.m. for the 'B' twins, Ballard and Bowley. Promptly at 7 a.m. the peal of Cambridge Minor was started at Groby and the peal was brought round in 2 hours 21 minutes.

The journey to Thurcaston was without incident. The bells were all ready and so was Gus Warwick and Tony Jesson who made up the band for Major. The peal took 2 hours and 31 minutes. Mr. Bindley made arrangements for the peal and the party was joined by Peter J. Staniforth, Shirley Burton and Ernest Rawson. Tony Jesson left with best wishes for Stedman Caters at St. Margaret's, Leicester, and Winifred Burton was taken to Loughborough to join the All Saints' band who were also attempting Stedman Caters.

Promptly on schedule the foundry ten were set off in Cambridge Royal and, without incident, the bells ran into rounds 2 hours and 35 minutes later.

A very welcome tea had been arranged near Leicester Cathedral. The extra ringers included Mrs. H. J. Poole, Dorothy Udale and Kathleen Tilley. Cambridge Maximus was completed in 3 hours 31 minutes, making the aggregate ringing time for the day 10 hours 58 minutes and thus, for the Leicester Diocesan Guild, was achieved the success of Cambridge Surprise Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus, to be rung for the first time in one day.

Peter J. Staniforth and Shirley Burton rang in a peal of Cambridge Major at Welford during the morning and in taking part in the Royal and Maximus, rang in three peals in the method during the same day.

It was with great regret that the party learnt that the two attempts of Stedman Caters at St. Margaret's and All Saints' were not successful and they tender to both bands best wishes for success in the next attempt.

QUARTER PEAL ATTEMPTED IN EACH TOWER

The next 'mass' attack we learn of was in the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, where on May 5th an attempt was made to ring a quarter peal in each tower in the District. There are 13 towers possessing a ring of bells in the Farnham District but in one case, at Frensham, the bells were away at the founders undergoing a complete overhaul.

An attempt was made in each one of the 12 towers, starting at 9.30 at Ash. Aldershot, Farnborough and Farnham, followed at 11.15 at Worplesdon. After lunch, at 2.15 p.m., Bentley, Bagshot, Grayshott and Pirbright joined in with Hawley and Crondall at 4.15 p.m.: Yorktown at 7 p.m. and finally Seale at 7.45 p.m. Quarter peals were rung in every tower except Worplesdon, where a trip occurred after about 30 minutes' ringing and the bells were called round.

The bands were composed of local ringers as far as possible and 61 of the District's membership of 149 took part in the ringing during the day. Twelve members rang their first quarter and, in addition, there were eight firsts in the method or on the number of bells. The methods rung were Grandsire Triples, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Reverse

St. Bartholomew, the aim being to produce the best possible striking rather than a show of advanced methods.

ELECTRICITY CUT

A Festival of Britain peal which was attempted at Goring-by-Sea, Sussex, on May 3rd, came to grief after 2 hours and 25 minutes owing to an electricity cut. Only three six-scores of a peal of Doubles remained to be rung when the lights went out. The superstitious regarded Norman J. Smith as the Jonah of the band, as he was attempting his 13th peal.

Miss Joan Beresford celebrated her 19th birthday by calling the Festival of Britain peal at Lichfield Cathedral. It was her first peal as conductor on ten bells.

From Wembdon, Somerset, we hear that the local band rang their first peal in seven methods for the Festival.

YOUNGEST AND OLDEST

The youngest ringer to ring a peal for the Festival was probably John Thorsley, aged ten, who rang the treble to a peal of Minor in three methods at Carlton-juxta-Snaith, Yorkshire. John is thought to be the youngest ringer to ring a peal for the Yorkshire Association.

Probably the oldest ringer to participate in a peal for the Festival was 83-year-old Frank Blondell, who rang the treble to Stedman Caters at Kingston, Surrey. The peal was a second attempt, the first being lost after 45 minutes. Frank, therefore, rang 4 hours and 5 minutes.

We feel certain that Mr. F. V. H. Sinkins, of Slough, was the oldest to ring a quarter. He is 86 and rang for a service attended by the Mayor.

The band that rang the Festival peal at St. Thomas', Exeter, and St. Peter's, Derby, were the regular Sunday service bands.

Mr. Robert Collins 'completed the circle' of St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, by his Festival peal.

A DISAPPOINTING START

For the past ten months the bells of All Saints', Benhilton, Surrey, have been silent whilst war damage to the church and tower has been made good. To celebrate the resumption of ringing and the Festival, a quarter peal was planned for May 3rd. This was not to be. After 20 minutes of ringing a loud crash in the bell chamber was followed in silence from the tenor. Investigation showed that the clapper had snapped in two. The company hope for better luck next time.

Mr. Thomas S. Brown rang his first peal for 50 years at Angmering, Sussex.

The peal at Clare, Suffolk, was the first peal on the bells by a Sunday service band. Miss Rosemary Seabrook, who participated, is the first lady to ring a peal on the bells.

Conducted by Mr. John A. Underwood a peal in 51 Minor methods was rung at Markfield, Leicestershire, for the Festival.

The Festival peal at Hornchurch, Essex, was the first on the bells for 17 years by an entirely local band.

At Corston, near Bath, the Festival quarter was rung by the regular band, the first occasion since the bells were hung in 1917.

FROM IRELAND

Northern Ireland is numbering its peals during 1951 as Festival of Britain series. The sixth peal in the series was rung on May 5th at Hollywood, Co. Down. It was also a birthday compliment to one of the Central Council representatives, Mr. John Dunwoody, and to his baby son, Mervyn. In Eire, a peal was rung 'in hand' in honour of the Festival at Drogheda on May 4th, conducted by another of their Central Council representatives, Mr. F. E. Dukes.

The Thorley family rang a quarter peal of Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob) for the Festival on May 3rd, at Thorne, Yorks. They were:—John 1, David 2, James 3, Ernest 4, J. Martin 5, Charles (conductor) 6.

THREE PEALS IN A DAY

Three members of the Essex Association rang three peals on May 5th. They were Messrs. F. B. Lufkin, Victor W. Grimwade and Donald Coombes. The towers visited were Great Wakering, Leigh-on-Sea and Thorpe Bay.

Between the second and third peal a tea party was held at Leigh, where 17 sat down, including the Rector, his assistant curate and churchwarden. It was a very happy occasion with Prittlewell and Leigh ringers together. Host of the party was Mr. William Perry, of Leigh, who has been a regular rmger at Prittlewell for 25 years.

SIXTY YEARS A COLLEGE YOUTH

On May 2nd a band of College Youths met at St. Luke's Church, Bromley Common, at the invitation of Mr. Isaac Emery, an old and respected member of the Ancient Society, to ring a peal with him in honour of his attaining 60 years of membership.

The peal band included the Master, secretary, treasurer and steward of the Society and the conducting was done by Mr. Herbert Langdon, of St. Paul's Cathedral, in his usual capable style.

Isaac Emery, or better known to his ringing friends as 'Ike,' was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths prior to ringing a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, on May 2nd, 1891, and for the past 60 years has been one of its staunch and loyal supporters.

The methods chosen for the 60th anniversary peal was again Stedman Triples and 'Ike' proved to the rest of the band that, in spite of his 80 years of age he was still as conversant with Stedman as ever.

At the conclusion of the peal Mr. Emery entertained the band and everyone wished him many more happy years of membership and good ringing.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION Market Weighton New Bells Tested

The Spring meeting of the Eastern District was held at Market Weighton on April 28th and was attended by about 36 ringers representing 18 towers. The recently recast ring of six bells were rung during the afternoon and evening in various methods, ranging from Cambridge Surprise to Plain Bob.

The service in church was conducted by the Vicar (Canon Marsh) who welcomed the Association to Market Weighton. Mr. Fox was the organist and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells.

An excellent tea was served in the Londesborough Arms Hotel and was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the vice-president, Mr. A. H. Fox, who asked the meeting to stand in memory of the late Mr. Dan Meadley, of Hull. Three new members were elected:—Messrs. F. Darbourne, of York, F. E. Darby, of Croydon, and D. J. Cox, of High Wycombe, the last two out-county life members. An invitation to hold the next meeting at Patrington, in June, was extended by Mr. L. Rodwell and was unanimously accepted.

The usual votes of thanks followed and further ringing took place, all agreeing that Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. had made a splendid job in rehanging and recasting the bells.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Earl of Shaftesbury's Welcome

THE annual meeting of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild at Wimborne on April 28th was well attended. The meeting took place in the Church Hall with the Master, Canon C. C. Cox, presiding. The Earl of Shaftesbury, president of the Guild, opened the meeting with a welcome to the company, saying how pleased he was to see such a large gathering in Wimborne. He also said he would like to thank all those concerned with the peal which was rung at Southwark to commemorate the passing of his 80th milestone. He was sorry to say that age now debarrd him from handling a rope.

The Bishop of Salisbury sent a message of greeting and good wishes and Mr. L. J. Lockyer, chairman of the Wimborne Branch, welcomed the visitors and thanked all who had helped with the arrangements.

The Master, in reply, thanked Mr. Lockyer for his welcome and for the effort he had made on behalf of the Festival. He congratulated Camborne and Litton Cheney on the restoration of their bells. 'Looking round the Diocese,' the Master continued, 'we can say that the Guild is very much alive and I hope we can take it for granted that all towers will do something to mark the Festival of Britain.'

The statement of accounts was presented and adopted. To help offset a drop in the Guild's credit balance and to help with the rising cost of printing the annual report, it was decided to introduce a small peal booking fee of 6d. per ringer, this to be sent to the assistant secretary.

The following officers were re-elected:—Lord Shaftesbury, president; Canon C. C. Cox, Master; Mr. W. C. West, secretary and treasurer; Mr. F. Slatford, assistant secretary; the Guild Committee and the representatives on the Central Council were also re-elected.

Two honorary life members were elected—Mr. Brown, 50 years, and Mr. G. Swaffield, 36 years—as ringers. Both have been members of the Guild for 26 years.

Unfortunately, the Guild reported the loss by death of several members, including Mr. W. Hart, of Westbury, late chairman of the Devizes Branch, and probably the oldest ringer of the Guild, aged 91; Mr. Jimmy George, aged 97; Mr. G. T. White, of Dorchester, a ringer for over 50 years; Mr. L. Harris, of Salisbury, vice-chairman and Ringing Master of that branch.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. T. W. Page-Phillips, in the Minster, the Lesson being read by Canon Cox. During the service a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by the Lyme Regis band.

Ringing continued throughout the evening.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Five branches of the Guild were represented when the Crewe branch held their monthly meeting at Goostrey on May 5th. In spite of many Festival peal attempts in Cheshire, 45 ringers from 16 towers enjoyed ringing, from rounds to London Surprise, on the six bells. The Vicar, who conducted the Guild service, gave a very interesting address, his subject being 'The Bells and their Inscriptions.'

A feature of the meeting was that there were almost as many ladies present as gentlemen.

Special mention must be made of the band of schoolboys and girls from Wrenbury, who were present with their teacher, Mr. H. Overton.

GIRL GUIDES AS BELFRY RECRUITS

AN interesting incident was staged at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, recently, when a Girl Guide underwent her test for the 'Bell-ringer Badge Test,' syllabus of which is as follows: (1) Be able to ring rounds correctly. (2) Be able to raise and lower a bell, preferably in peal. (3) Be able to ring two standard methods: (a) Grandsire or (b) either Plain Bob Doubles or Plain Bob Minor preferred. (4) Be able to explain the technical terms used in ringing in her own tower. (5) Describe the parts of a bell and how it is hung. (6) Demonstrate ability to splice a rope and show how she understands the importance of rope maintenance.

The test, which took place at St. Mary Redcliffe, was the Change Ringing Test, in which she rang a six score of Grandsire Doubles and



Edith Brocklehurst passing her Girl Guides ringer's test at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol. [Photo: 'Evening World,' Bristol]

108 changes of Plain Bob Minor, without a hitch and well struck.

The name of this Girl Guide is Miss Edith Brocklehurst, aged 14 years, who was taught to ring at the Gloucester and Bristol School for Ringers, at St. Johns-on-the-Wall, Bristol, and the mastery of the bell and her rope action leaves nothing to be desired, which reflects great credit on the instructors at the School, who put in a lot of hard work, and have turned out some recruits who are a credit to the Exercise.

Miss Brocklehurst is one of three in a family who have all been taught ringing at the school and are now regular Sunday service ringers at St. Mary's, Stoke Bishop, Bristol. This young lady has the ability and should go far; and I commend this way of instruction to other associations who have the opportunity to get a central place where they can carry on their instruction.

F. S.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On April 28th the South and West District held a successful meeting at Feltham, Hounslow being unobtainable temporarily. Many methods were rung, ranging from rounds up to Spliced Surprise. It is a curious fact that striking always seems better, the harder the method.

In the evening, the lovely old 'church of the two peacocks,' Bedfont, was opened and the light and noisy six were set going to many Minor methods. After this, those still not satisfied went on to Stanwell, a heavier and slightly tougher six. Upwards of 25 ringers were present.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

Mr. F. W. Perrens the New Master

THE annual meeting of the Coventry Diocesan Guild took place at Warwick on April 21st, 80 members and friends taking tea at the Warwick Restaurant. Ringing on the fine ten at St. Mary's occupied the afternoon and part of the evening while a number took advantage of the chance to visit Sherbourne to ring on the pleasing six there amid rural surroundings.

The president (the Rev. R. R. P. Rigby, Vicar of Chilvers Coton) took the chair at the business meeting. The general hon. secretary's report gave the number of resident members as 173, non-resident 215, with 30 new members having been elected during the year. Twenty-eight peals were rung with two ringing their first peal and 37 their first in the method. 'Firsts' for the Guild were Bob Royal on handbells on June 23rd and Spliced Surprise in

four methods on tower bells on December 9th. Worthy of mention were the peals of London and Superlative Surprise at Chilvers Coton and of Bob Major at Bulkington, both by respective Sunday service bands. The funds of the Guild benefited by £9 9s. 6d. as a result of the social held at Coton. Losses through death during the year were those of Mrs. L. Lewis (mother of the hon. secretary), an honorary member, and Mr. H. Price, of Stratford, an active ringing member. The balance sheet showed a balance of £8 16s. 9d., the low figure being accounted for by the fact that there had been heavy expenditure on the reports and also on the badges, although half the badges bought were in stock for sale to future members. The Bell Repair Fund stood at £15 9s. 8d.

The officers were re-elected en bloc with the exception of the Master, Mr. F. W. Perrens being elected in place of Mr. A. H. Beamish. The next meeting was fixed for Salford Priors on July 14th.

New members elected were: Mr. and Mrs. D. Carpenter (Allesley), Mrs. M. Middlemiss and F. Smith (Southam), E. Smith, H. Wagstaffe, R. Morris, A. Abbott and B. Abbott (Exhall).

A discussion arose regarding the division of the Diocese into districts. There were three diverse opinions—those who wished the area to remain in three districts, those who wished to divide into three independent branches with ringing masters and hon. secretaries, and those who wished to dispense with districts and revert to the former method of administration under the Master of the Guild and general hon. secretary. It was left with the General Committee to discuss the matter and report at the July quarterly meeting.

Sympathy was expressed to Mr. A. Roberts, of Coventry, a life member and former Master, on the loss of his wife, who had always taken the keenest interest in the affairs of the Guild.

A VETERAN OF LAST CENTURY

Mr. Thomas Groombridge, sen., rang his first peal at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on December 24th, 1891, and his 96th on December 1st, 1900. On his 80th birthday, October 9th, 1947, he rang his 800th peal at St. Peter's, Notting-ham.

Mention has already been made in this series of his fourth peal which he conducted on April 15th, 1893, at Tonbridge, and which Mr. Lambert claimed as his first. Mr. Groombridge reminds his friend that they rang a peal together previously at Staplehurst on August 13th, 1892.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BLISTERS

Dear Sir,—With regard to the correspondent who wants to know how to ring peals without getting blisters, tell him not to grab the rope so tightly.—Yours sincerely, F. E. COLLINS.
Thornton Heath.

CONSULT A DOCTOR

Dear Sir,—May I suggest to your correspondent, 'Blistered,' that the effect of glycerine on soft skins is to keep them soft. To prevent blistering it would be more reasonable for him to try and harden the skin of his hands by the application of a surgical spirit or its better-known brother, methylated. I should add that if your correspondent's hands continue to blister easily, he would be well advised to consult his doctor and so ensure ensure that no skin disease or sensitivity is present.—Yours faithfully,
Chelsea. J. HARVARD.

TEETH AND BLISTERS

Dear Sir,—I was interested in the letter in last week's 'Ringing World' from someone who signs himself 'Blistered.'

Three years ago I was in the same plight, my hands blistered even in a quarter peal. I tried glycerine, resin and everything that might help, without effect.

After going on a ringing tour in Devon, in 1948, in which I was only able to take part in five peals, I came home feeling really ill and went to my local doctor, who was quite at a loss to diagnose the cause. He suggested that I went to my dentist in case it was something to do with my teeth. Although my teeth were quite good outwardly, and I had not had toothache, the dentist found, after X-raying them, that they were poisoning my system. I had them taken out and I have not had a blister since. Perhaps this may be a help to 'Blistered,' but if he has already had his teeth out, the only other thing to try is a length of chamois leather to fit over the end of a bell rope.—Yours sincerely, W. ROGERS
Rotherfield, Sussex.

RINGS OF BELLS IN BATH

Dear Sir,—I notice that the peal rung at Lyncombe, Bath, is published in 'The Ringing World' as Lyncombe, Somerset. Dove's 'Guide to the Church Bells of Britain' is rather misleading as, under the heading of Bath, there appears only 'The Abbey, 10' and 'St. Michael, 8.'

The other rings in the city come under—Bathwick, St. Mary's, 8; Lyncombe, St. Mark's, 6; Walcot, St. Saviour's, 8; Walcot, Christ Church, 8 (unringable); Widcombe, St. Matthew's, 6. These places are parishes in Bath and would not be found on any, other than a very large-scale, map. Two other rings should come under the Bath heading, Twerton-on-Avon (8) and Weston (6), both being in the city boundary, but are separate postal districts, so not-quite as confusing.

Apart from this, I think the 'Guide' is a marvellous piece of work.—Yours sincerely,
Bath. GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

VARIATION AND TRANSPOSITION

Dear Sir,—Mr. J. E. Cook has obviously misunderstood some of the statements made in 'Variation and Transposition' by J. A. Trollope. Mr. Trollope states that it is possible to determine the total number of methods, of a particular type, possible on a given number of bells. The two independent variables in the formula would be: (a) number of bells, (b) number of rows per lead.

In a given case all the possible methods could be written out, but the selection of those suitable for change ringing is principally a matter of trial and error. With a few exceptions the number of rows per lead would be twice or four times the number of bells.—Yours faithfully,
Bicester. PETER N. WHITE.

ST. IVES AND ST. IVE

Dear Sir,—If Father Trehwella will look at the list of corrections to the 'Ringer's Guide,' he will find that I had already corrected the unfortunate mistake concerning the above—a mistake which I discovered when I fell into my own trap!

Concerning the weight of the tenor at St. Ives—the weight published, 13½ cwt., was calculated from the measurements of the bell and it is more likely to be reliable than local repute which is, as a rule, notoriously exaggerated.

During the compilation of the 'Guide,' I collect only one instance, Cudham (Kent), where local repute under-estimated the weight of the tenor, but cases of over-estimation were legion.—Yours faithfully, R. H. DOVE.

HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT

Despite the inclement weather there was a good gathering to try the stately ten, with tenor 30 cwt., at Mirfield St. Mary's on May 5th.

The bells were kept going from 2 till 9 p.m. with breaks for the service conducted by the president (the Rev. A. L. Minns), the tea, and business meeting. Methods included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain and Little Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Treble Bob Royal. There were also Minor and rounds. Although the striking was far from good on these difficult bells, the best touches were rung in the evening.

At the business meeting 14 new members were elected. Brighouse was selected for the meeting on June 30th and the local company were thanked for their co-operation. Handbell ringing in five methods followed. Good experience was gained by the younger members at this meeting. A. W. B.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Secretary Completes 28th Year in Office

The Society held its 60th annual meeting at Leeds Parish Church on April 28th. Owing to various activities in the church the bells were not available before 5 p.m.; the waiting members soon had the bells (light eight only) going in fine style.

The business meeting was held in the tower at 7 p.m. Mr. F. W. Hutchinson presided and members were present from Armley, Batley, Burley, Drighlington, East Ardsley, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Chad's), Huddersfield, Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Ossett, Otley, Pudsey, Queensbury, Rothwell and also visitors from Snaith (Mr. G. Pickering), Hereford (Mr. Rock) and Mr. E. Theobald, of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. One new member, Mr. Geoffrey H. Sandham, of Idle, was elected.

Officers elected were:—President, Mr. J. W. Benten; vice-presidents, Messrs. S. Barron, F. Hutchinson and T. W. Strangeway; Ringing Master, Mr. W. Dixon; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Lofthouse.

The secretary's report and balance sheet were read and approved. The main items in the report were membership 221, compiled as follows: paid-up 135, honorary 17, Forces 3 and 66 in arrears. The secretary voiced an old slogan, 'Those who are not with us are against us,' and further stated there was no half way; if members were not attending the meetings they were letting the Society down. The life of the Society depended on each member. The financial side showed a slight improvement; the gross worth of the Society being £22 10s. 8d., which must be considered satisfactory in view of the fact that the subscription was maintained at the original price of 6d. per annum.

The secretary drew attention to a number of peals which had been rung in the Leeds District with non-members taking part, thereby losing the peal to the Society. He appealed to conveners to make sure that the visitors were made members; the year's subscription, he added, would not add seriously to the cost of living.

The next meeting was due to be held at Batley on May 26th.

IRISH ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Irish Association was held in Dublin on April 28th, with the president (Mr. William Pratt) in the chair.

Officers elected were as follows:—President, Mr. William Pratt; vice-presidents, Messrs. William Rogan, Samuel J. Evans and J. Ernest Harris; Ringing Master, Mr. Robert S. F. Murphy; general secretary, Mr. Fred E. Dukes, 26, William Street, Drogheda; librarian, Mr. R. S. F. Murphy; auditors, Messrs. W. D. Graham and W. Bovinizer.

The annual report recorded the restoration of the bells at St. Comgall's, Bangor, rehanging of Kilbroney bells, Rostrevor, and the major overhaul at Christ Church, Bray.

Ten handbell and eleven tower bell peals had been rung and three ringers rang their first peal. The membership of the Guild was: Practising 244, life 10, honorary 7, N.R.L.M. 97. The attention of all towers was directed to the insurance of ringers. For general guidance, the Church of Ireland has a scheme whereby all ringers between 16 and 65 are covered.

It was decided to publish a magazine quarterly which would contain items of interest and instructions on bell-ringing and methods. Mr. F. E. Dukes was appointed editor.

The question of printing the annual report was referred to the three district secretaries to ascertain what levy could be imposed upon the members in view of the high cost of production.

A proposal that towers should be inspected and advice given, provided that necessary expenses were paid, was passed unanimously.

The president, in his address, paid a high tribute to the work of the general and district secretaries. He also thanked the various representatives for their co-operation and attendances at meetings.

Two new life members were elected, for services rendered to ringing in Ireland, viz.—Mr. R. F. Hewson, Adare, Co. Limerick, who paid for the restoration of the Limerick Cathedral bells and also presented a daily service bell; Mr. J. A. Hayden, Limerick, who for many years has been a ringer at the Cathedral.

After the meeting the competition for the Murphy Cup took place at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. The three teams, the finalists from each District, were: St. Saviour's, Arklow (Eastern), St. Donard's, Belfast (Northern) and St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick (Southern), holders. The judges were Messrs. J. T. Dunwoody and F. E. Dukes. The long draught of rope, viz., 75 feet, told on all teams, especially the 'babes,' St. Donard's, who 'packed in' after seven minutes. St. Saviour's, Arklow, also had great difficulty and finished with 626 faults. The greater experience of the holders, Limerick, stood the test and they were declared the winners with 424 faults.

OBITUARY

MR. C. F. GOOD—AN APPRECIATION

All who have the welfare of village bands of ringers at heart will share with Charing, Kent, the great loss of Fred Good, the late leader of that tower. He was captain for the last nine years, succeeding his father in that office and in his 45 years of ringing taught well over a hundred ringers. The effects of his teaching were far reaching and invaluable. He was 'father' to the band at Egerton, having started them on their change ringing course in 1926.

Although capable of ringing higher methods he had little opportunity to practise them. He rang few peals but took part in a large number of quarter peals and 720's for Sunday service ringing, in the practice of which he resolutely disowned discouragement and kept the bells going.

In his devotion to the church and tower and in his loyalty to the Association, he was a model for us all. We shall ever be grateful for his quiet patience and brave cheerfulness and will try to live up to his example and help others as he would wish. A. W.

NORTHPREPS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

DENIS A. CHAPMAN Treble	BERT GOGLE 4
F. CHARLES GOODMAN 2	WALTER C. MEDLER 5
GEORGE SAYER 3	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Golden. of Northpreps. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

WATLINGTON, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*DOUGLAS CLARKE Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON 4
CLAUDIA A. HARDING 2	EDWARD BARKER 5
STANLEY G. ELSEY 3	†ERNEST H. MASTIN Tenor

Conducted by CLAUDIA A. HARDING.

* First peal in seven methods. † 100th peal for the Association. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

WITHINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 23, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

*CLEUDYN JENKINS Treble	LESLIE EVANS 4
†REV. BERNARD AP IVOR 2	†F. ERIC ROBERTS 5
WILFRID F. MORETON 3	LESLIE QUARTERMAIN Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Doubles. Rung for St. George's Day and as a compliment to the ringer of the second on his birthday.

BRANDON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of Plain Bob, St. Simon's and Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt.

*JOHN ELMER Treble	†DORA M. REEVE 4
KENNETH L. BROWN 2	†GERALD MILLER 5
†EDNA M. PECKETT 3	*HAROLD E. GLAISTER Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH L. BROWN.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720's as follows: (1) Stonehouse, Bramfield, Harmondsworth, Lamberhurst, Wordsley, Blaxhall, Ringstead, Iver, Hayes, Ellacombe, Mitcham, Sharnbrook, Stanhope, Stratton, Buxton, Little Bob, Crayford Little Court (17 methods, by A. G. Driver); (2) Poynton, Elsham, Bennington, Denton, Dunholme, Bassingham, Chelford, Langton, Candlesby, Bigby, Freiston, Frampton, Alford, Butterwick, Tattershall and Bastow Little Court (16 methods, by C. K. Lewis); (3) Mendip, Barham, Waterford, Kentish, Beeston, Berwyn, Berkeley, Melandra, Oswald, Edinburgh, Leasowe, Pembroke, Peveril (13 methods, by A. G. Driver); (4) Capel, Oxford, Sandal, Carisbrooke, Ockley, Donottar, Wath, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of Norfolk, Pontefract, Kingston, College Exercise, Norbury (13 methods, by C. K. Lewis); (5) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Hummer, Willesden, Braintree, Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal, Morning Star, Elston (15 methods, by A. G. Driver); (6) Nelson, Bourne, Ely, Skipton, Knutsford, Chepstow, Rostherne, Fotheringay, Hull, Bogedone, Balmoral, Wilmslow (12 methods, by A. G. Driver); (7) Double Bob, Windermere, Plain Bob, Canterbury, St. Clement's, Killarney, Childwall, London Bob, College, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Wavertree, Reverse Bob, Cumberland, Frodsham, Ennerdale, Lytham, Fulbeck, Horsmonden (19 methods, by C. K. Lewis): 215 changes of methods. Tenor 10 cwt.

STANLEY R. GARDNER 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 105 methods in seven extents on tower bells. Figures as published in 'The Ringing World,' July 25th, 1947.

IFFLEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being four callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*LAWRENCE H. W. BUSBY Treble	FRANK P. WRIGHT 4
KENNETH M. GRAYSON 2	*THOMAS S. BOWLES 5
*DAVID WOODEY 3	EWART H. EDGE Tenor

Conducted by EWART H. EDGE.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

BROAD BLUNSDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one 720 of Spliced Kent and Oxford and two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*WENDY D. PEAKE Treble	ANTHONY R. PEAKE 4
MARGARET E. RICHARDS 2	WALTER H. TRUEMAN 5
BRIAN BLADEN 3	IVOR H. TRUEMAN Tenor

Conducted by IVOR H. TRUEMAN.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung on the eve of the conductor's 21st birthday.

ISLIP, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Bob, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

CYRIL H. KINCH Treble	CHARLES A. BASSETT 4
*EDMUND E. PEARSON 2	EDGAR J. SMITH 5
*ERNEST J. LADD 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in eight Minor methods.

KEMPSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of York, Durham, London, Wells, Ipswich, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

WM. H. A. COMPTON .. Treble	ALLEN MORGAN 4
CLAUDIA A. HARDING 2	CYRIL TANSSELL 5
GEORGE E. LARGE 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

HANDBELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 8, 1951, in 1 Hour and 32 Minutes,

AT 22, YORK STREET, REDFIELD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, six different callings. Tenor size 11 in G.

*REGINALD G. HOOPER 1-2	FREDERICK J. SAMPSON 3-4
JOHN F. PEDLER 5-6	

Conducted by JOHN F. PEDLER.

* 25th peal. First peal and as conductor. Rung for St. Ambrose's Day (April 4th).

CHALFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE GROVE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

JOAN BUSSEY 1-2	LESLIE BARRY 3-4
DORIS SHEPPARD 5-6	

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 1 Hour and 55½ Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent each of Plain Bob, April Day, Grandsire, with St. Dunstan's and St. Bartholomew, two extents of Canterbury, 35 extents of Grandsire and one 240 of Morris's arrangement. Tenor size 13 in E.

F. KEVIN THOMPSON 1-2	GEOFFREY J. LOWE 3-4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE 5-6	

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

The first peal on the 'Peace bells' given to the tower on December 29th, 1938, by the late R. Maclaren Todd.

FESTIVAL QUARTER PEALS

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. C. Ford (first quarter away from tenor) 1, J. H. Hayne 2, H. J. Ford (cond.) 3, W. G. Trevett 4, C. G. Ford 5, M. W. Ford 6.

ARDELEIGH, ESSEX.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on the back six): H. Bacon 1, W. Arthey 2, M. Bantick 3, G. Barnes 4, F. Erith (first quarter) 5, P. G. Barnes (first in method as cond.) 6.

ASH, KENT.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Prescott 1, A. C. Gambrell 2, Mrs. E. Maynard 3, Dr. J. D. Ogilvie (cond.) 4, W. Payne 5, W. C. E. Goldup 6, E. J. Wells 7, A. Kemp 8.

ASHCOTT, BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Bagg 1, Miss Sylvia Dean 2, E. Skinner 3, N. Stevens 4, W. Cavill (cond.) 5, W. Somers 6.

BEARSTED, KENT.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. G. White 1, G. F. Cantrill (cond.) 2, A. W. Bodiam 3, E. F. Harnett 4, M. G. White 5, J. H. R. Betts 6.

BENTLEY, HANTS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Raggett 1, C. Sherfield 2, A. Raggett 3, W. Paice (cond.) 4, J. Gardner 5, A. Sherfield 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 5.

BENTLEY, YORKS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Doubles (480 St. Blaise, 540 Grandsire and 240 Plain Bob): Miss D. Smythe 1, Mrs. E. Wylie 2, D. Wheat 3, Mrs. A. Smythe 4, R. J. Sanderson (cond.) 5.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: B. Bladen 1, W. H. Trueman 2, Miss W. Peake 3, J. Vincent 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, Miss P. Casey (first quarter) 6.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On May 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: E. Grindell (79) 1, G. A. Sutherland 2, R. S. Payne 3, E. J. Thurlow 4, G. H. Wright 5, J. W. C. Blythe (cond.) 6.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—At the Norman Tower, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Kerry 1, A. E. Moore (cond.) 2, C. Stannard 3, D. Rowlands 4, W. Stannard 5, W. Goodship 6, F. Buckle 7, J. W. Banks 8.

BYFIELD, NORTHANTS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. J. Harris (first quarter) 1, S. G. Osborne 2, J. E. Smith 3, D. W. Lewis 4, F. W. Hutt (first quarter as cond.) 5, W. J. Haynes 6.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Stephen's on May 4th, 1,280 Bob Major: H. Rogers (first of Major) 1, Miss M. G. Brockman (first quarter) 2, Miss M. M. Brockman 3, Miss J. Roberts 4, S. Walter 5, J. W. Unwin 6, R. G. French 7, B. J. Luck (cond.) 8.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—At the Cathedral 1,260 Court Bob Triples: F. W. Lewis (first quarter on 8) 1, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 2, Mrs. G. W. Tamplin 3, E. Winifred Keys 4, W. G. Challen 5, H. W. Stoveld 6, R. G. Blackman 7, F. S. Smithers 8. First quarter in method by all except 7th.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. L. Hannam (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 2, L. R. G. Taylor (first of Triples 'inside') 3, Miss B. H. Young 4, E. J. Fry 5, S. G. King (first of Triples 'inside') 6, H. L. Parfrey (first of Triples as cond.) 7, C. J. A. Brown (first quarter) 8.

COUNTERTHORPE, LEICS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Bob Doubles: D. Bray (14) 1, L. E. Chapman 2, B. S. Chapman (16) 3, Margaret A. Elsey (15) 4, R. T. E. Hubbard (first as cond.) 5, P. Immins (15) 6.

COVENTRY, WARWICKS.—At Stoke St. Michael's on May 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Roberts 1, J. H. White 2, C. H. Webb 3, O. J. Hunt 4, R. D. Hayne 5, F. E. Pervin 6, E. H. Sibley (cond.) 7, J. Garner-Haywood 8.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Chown 1, W. Moore 2, M. Chown (first quarter of Triples) 3, V. Perry 4, W. Kilsby 5, S. Ruddledson 6, S. Osborne (cond.) 7, E. Abbott 8.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On May 3rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. E. Deeley 1, I. D. Harris 2, H. H. Alexander 3, W. J. Cross 4, J. S. Walton 5, E. E. Pearson (first in method as cond.) 6. First in method by 1, 2 and 4.

EDINBURGH.—At St. Cuthbert's on May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Diamond 1, Miss M. S. Taylor 2, J. B. Campbell 3, Mrs. E. L. Ross 4, Miss F. E. Hogg 5, D. S. Paice 6, R. St. C. Wilson (first quarter as cond.) 7, K. J. Haytor 8. First quarter for 1, 3 and 8.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. N. Elliott 1, J. Mason, jun. 2, Mrs. W. White 3, A. Fleet 4, C. C. Fennell 5, P. Mason (first as cond.) 6.

GLODWICK, OLDHAM, LANCs.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Fletcher 1, Peter A. Wells 2, A. F. Taylor 3, D. J. Gay 4, G. Taylor 5, F. Pritchard (cond.) 6, Miss M. I. Jagger 7, E. Casterton 8.

GLOUCESTER.—At the Cathedral on May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Cobb (13) 1, S. Romans (83) 2, T. Newman 3, W. Cox 4, L. Barry (cond.) 5, A. G. Waite 6, H. Newman 7, C. Langer 8.

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.—On May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Myers 1, B. J. Ongley (cond.) 2, Mrs. R. Hough 3, R. Hough 4, S. Hough 5, E. L. Ellis 6.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—On May 4th, 2,528 Plain Bob Major: J. Wheat 1, Miss S. P. Lewin 2, Mrs. J. D. Niblett 3, J. D. Niblett 4, H. Lewin 5, J. Bonsor 6, W. Nichols 7, F. A. Salter (cond.) 8.

GREAT GLEN, LEICS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. J. Allen 1, J. Reason 2, S. L. Allen 3, J. Ratnett 4, L. W. Allen (cond.) 5, D. Clarke 6.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On May 4th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: E. Sawyer 1, J. Gordon 2, G. Bishop 3, H. Bishop 4, D. Jordan 5, A. Webb (cond.) 6, W. Corderoy 7, D. Bosley 8.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Evelyn M. Capon 1, M. G. Collins 2, W. M. Stepany 3, G. Beene 4, C. J. Piper (first quarter as cond.) 5, Roy A. Osborne (first quarter) 6.

HERNE, KENT.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob Minor): G. T. Holmes 1, M. Ruck 2, C. E. Hadlow 3, W. E. Ruck 4, T. H. Holmes (cond.) 5, G. E. Hadlow 6.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.—On May 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor, tenor covering: Miss E. Hickling 1, Miss S. Barker 2, G. H. Moore 3, G. D. Elvin 4, E. V. Blake 5, C. H. Moore (cond.) 6, R. G. Lovly 7.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. O. Blackwell 1, O. Payne 2, D. M. Newell (first quarter) 3, W. Wilby 4, C. Underwood 5, A. Wilson (cond.) 6, D. Deighton 7, R. Whiting (first quarter) 8. First quarter peal rung on the rebung bells.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. E. Ford 1, Mrs. J. Naish 2, Mrs. T. W. Kimber 3, John Naish 4, John Brooks 5, Wm. J. Gait (cond.) 6.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.—On May 3rd, 1,264 Bob Major: F. Price 1, F. Leech 2, R. Hazeldine 3, A. M. Hickman 4, T. Price 5, S. Hughes 6, E. V. Rodenhurst 7, W. H. Tyler (cond.) 8.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On May 3rd, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Lake 1, W. D. Ashdown 2, J. Salway 3, E. E. Retter 4, D. Callard 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. R. Retter 8.

KINGSBURY, LONDON.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Russell (first quarter) 1, W. E. Eveleigh 2, Roy Stoddard (15 years) (first quarter as cond.) 3, Miss A. Triscott (first quarter) 4, P. A. Carter (first quarter Doubles) 5, E. Southgate 6, E. H. Eveleigh 7, P. M. Sackett (first quarter) 8. With 4.6.8 covering.

LEWISHAM, LONDON.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Boyce 1, Jean Durrant 2, E. Jones 3, P. Spice 4, W. Packer 5, S. Ball 6, G. Daynes 7, J. Dafters (cond.) 8.

LINCOLN.—At St. Peter-at-Gowt's on May 3rd, 1,260 Minor (360 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 180 Single Court): F. Dixon 1, H. Radley 2, A. Melton 3, F. Crowe 4, V. Briggs 5, H. Hurst (cond.) 6.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On May 5th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: E. Spiller 1, B. Baker 2, F. Hogan 3, L. Mannerling 4, J. Wallis 5, L. Head (cond.) 6, F. Leeson 7, R. Rich 8, T. Grice 9, F. Thwaites 10.

MARSDEN, YORKS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Whitehead 1, D. B. Cater 2, F. Livesey 3, H. Clegg 4, A. Jaime (cond.) 5, J. S. Whitehead 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 4. First quarter peal by a local band since 1929.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. G. Halls 1, P. Wishart 2, G. Worthy 3, E. P. Rock 4, T. M. Cox 5, P. W. B. Semmens (cond.) 6.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (2 extents each of Old, Plain Bob, April Day, St. Bartholomew and 300 of Grandsire): E. Baker 1, J. Yeates 2, L. Derrick (cond.) 3, M. Horseman 4, C. Kortright 5, E. Shearn 6.

NOCTON, Lincs.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Jackson (cond.) 1, J. Day 2, F. Tye 3, B. Bee 4, A. Pygott 5, F. Redshaw 6. First quarter by all the band.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Mayers 1, R. Foreman 2, V. Look 3, G. Hoad (cond.) 4, F. Hoad 5, J. Crouch 6, A. Skelton 7, R. Jenkins 8.

RIPPINGALE, Lincs.—On May 4th, 1,440 Surprise (720 Primrose, 720 Beverley): W. Larkinson (first quarter of Surprise) 1, C. Wade (cond.) 2, R. Wade 3, F. French 4, A. Scott 5, J. Haw 6.

ROCHDALE, LANCs.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. W. Ormerod 1, S. K. Taylor 2, J. Knight 3, F. Appleton (cond.) 4, W. Bamford 5, H. Hamer 6, H. Mills 7, T. Borrett 8.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—At the Abbey on May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 4.6.8 covering: M. Gunner (first quarter) 1, Miss H. Kebby (first quarter 'inside') 2, C. Herbert (first quarter) 3, J. Page 4, M. Aymes (first quarter) 5, K. Jacobs 6, C. T. Drew (cond.) 7, H. Peake (first quarter) 8.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 240 Bob Doubles, 240 Reverse Canterbury, 300 Grandsire Doubles, 240 Spiced Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury and Bob Doubles): G. A. Peck (aged 82) 1, J. G. Underwood (aged 14) (first 'inside') 2, D. J. Pistow 3, C. Underwood 4, R. W. Gibbons (cond.) 5.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Griffiths 1, T. Abbotts 2, V. A. Hemming 3, E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 4, W. C. Dowling 5, T. Gwilt (first quarter on eight) 6, A. Morris 7, T. H. Bartlett (first quarter) 8.

SIDBURY, DEVON.—On May 4th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: F. Southwood 1, M. E. Denner 2, K. Clarke 3, R. C. Woodley (cond.) 4, A. Chown 5, E. J. Summers 6, G. C. Woodley 7, R. Butt 8. First quarter of Oxford by all the band.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On May 3rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. V. H. Sinkins (aged 86) 1, W. Welling 2, F. H. Hicks 3, W. E. Judd 4, W. W. Wolstencroft 5, F. G. Groombridge (first of Caters) 6, J. Ellwood (first quarter) 7, E. L. A. Hudson 8, W. Birmingham (cond.) 9, F. Scott (first quarter) 10.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.—On May 3rd, 1,275 Stedman Caters: W. J. Bowden 1, Mrs. N. A. Tomlinson 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, Miss E. M. Fadden 4, Mrs. N. O. Manchip 5, N. A. Tomlinson 6, S. G. Peck 7, H. Miller 8, S. Wade (cond.) 9, M. Fensom 10.

ST. ATHAN, GLAM.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. I. Kingsnorth (first quarter) 1, H. Green 2, L. Dixon 3, G. I. Collett 4, G. Francis (first as cond.) 5, R. D. Skinner 6.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—On May 4th, 1,260 Bob Minor: T. McKay 1, Miss S. Mitchell 2, H. Wilson 3, G. McKay 4, J. A. Haile 5, S. Richardson (cond.) 6.

ST. LAWRENCE-IN-TANET, KENT.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Burvill 1, J. A. Hilton 2, John L. Hilton 3, T. W. Edwards (first in method) 4, S. J. Gee 5, W. Bottrill (cond.) 6, A. E. Jarman 7, W. Cleaver 8. First quarter 1 and 8.

STONE, STAFFS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7.6.8 behind: R. Smith 1, J. Kane 2, G. Chaplain 3, W. Buckley 4, A. Rowley (cond.) 5, Glenda Purslow 6, A. Purslow 7, S. Slyn 8.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Hurst 1, W. Dillow 2, E. Lambert 3, J. H. Chance 4, E. Yates 5, T. Trasher 6, H. C. Edwards (cond.) 7, A. Yates 8.

SUTTON COURTNEY, BERKS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Mooring 1, W. Webb 2, G. Allum 3, A. Hanks 4, R. Broad (cond.) 5, C. James 6. First quarter for 1, 4, 5 and 6. Also for the thanksgiving service for the restoration of the tower.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Little Bob and Plain Bob Minor: B. Hough 1, N. Moxon 2, Grace Burchall (cond.) 3, Katharine Burchall 4, E. A. Midwinter 5, A. Wilson (first quarter 'inside') 6, R. Sleep 7 (covering).

TRULL, SOMERSET.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Bob Minor: N. Shattock 1, B. Vine 2, R. Shire 3, R. Harris 4, R. Perry 5, H. Churchill (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 1 and 2.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—On May 3rd, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Doubles (480 each Reverse Canterbury and Bob Doubles, 300 Grandsire): F. Sandy 1, A. Wear 2, R. Gardener 3, G. Salmon 4, V. Roberts (cond.) 5, F. Loxton 6.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—On May 5th, 1,315 Grandsire Triples: R. Ellis 1, W. D. Peart 2, E. A. Parish 3, J. R. Cotterill 4, W. A. Partridge 5, W. C. Reynolds 6, J. A. Mills (cond.) 7, W. E. F. Pickering 8.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Elwick 1, C. Haslop 2, J. Waller 3, A. V. Coates 4, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 5, W. A. Breckon 6, H. Short 7, J. A. Alexander 8.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Holland 1, W. Yates 2, H. Ridgway 3, Miss K. Mary Cowley 4, F. C. Case 5, G. E. Green 6, T. E. Roberts (cond.) 7, G. Foddy 8.

WIGTOFT, Lincs.—On May 3rd, 1,260 St. Clement's Minor: F. O. Richardson 1, L. H. Taylor 2, P. Reynolds 3, J. W. Bailey 4, R. J. Toynton 5, R. Padley (cond.) 6.

WILTON, SOMERSET.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Wyatt 1, D. F. Sheldon 2, R. W. Hayward 3, H. E. Causley 4, A. W. Hayward 5, F. Avery 6, S. G. Cole (cond.) 7, W. T. Clarke 8.

WOOL, DORSET.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. G. Williams 1, W. Langford 2, A. Tyers 3, F. Precey (cond.) 4, H. Rynard 5, A. Dorey 6.

WORCESTER.—At the Cathedral, on May 5th, 1,349 Grandsire Caters: H. J. Bentley 1, D. R. Morris 2, P. L. Blissett 3, C. Tansell 4, W. Lewis 5, D. R. Sayers 6, A. E. Humphries 7, J. J. Jeffries (cond.) 8, G. Ambler 9, F. Pugh 10.

STORY OF A GREAT RINGING CAREER

DIARY OF THE LATE MR. W. H. FUSSELL—14

Edited by ERNEST MORRIS

ABOUT this time (1886) Mr. Fussell's attendances at practices, meetings and peal attempts were very prolific and almost daily he records these events, sometimes by just plain statements, sometimes sarcastically, many times amusingly. Most of his time was spent between Slough, Reading and London districts. A typical entry is in January that year, thus:—
'Walked to Windsor, rang quarter peal at St. John's, and a short touch to let Patch have a pull, he being the only one there besides the band, which was all Slough men, and two young boys learning. Left at 9 p.m. and went to the "Horse and Groom" and rang several times on handbells till 10.15 p.m.. The landlord brought us two good pots of best ale. We all rode home by train, ringing tunes while riding.' At an entertainment he records hearing a good song by the name 'The Bells of Rochester Steeple' which went:—

'Gaily rang the bells of Rochester Steeple,
As we sailed down the Medway with the
flow of the tide;
And O! my heart was sad when I heard
the town's people
Declare Polly Jones was the name of the
bride.'

A CHANGE AS GOOD AS A REST

In February he went to Wooburn, reached the church at 3 p.m. and looked over the bells, etc. Started for a peal 3.40 and rang 1 hour 27 minutes when 'Alf' missed his sally and broke the stay—the bell going over. They went up and drew the third rope right again, regreased the tenor's bearings and started again. After ten minutes the treble slipped wheel. A third attempt proved successful with Holt's Original in 3 hours 7 minutes. He goes on to say: 'It was after nine o'clock when we finished—altogether we were in the tower nearly 5½ hours before completing the peal Band:—Newson 1, A. Fussell 2, W. H. Fussell 3, A. Greenaway 4, W. Wilde 5, J. Barry 6, W. George 7, J. Woolford 8. I rang third without a stay. After ringing about 1 hour 20 minutes Woolford let Perryman take the tenor from him as he was done up. Perryman continued to ring it throughout the peal and put her along at a good pace. Towards the end of the peal the 5-6-7 began to tell on the men after so much pulling all the evening—Wilder got quite exhausted ringing the fifth, which was worse than the others, and had to jack up. I knew Woolford could ring the treble or tenor so told Newson to let him take the treble; then Newson at once took the fifth off Wilder and we finished the last five leads of the peal with good striking. We were fortunate in having two tenor men and again in the fact that Woolford was able to ring treble, or we would have lost the peal.

'After the second breakdown, we knew we should be unable to catch the 8.45 train home—the last. On setting the bells we went over the road to the pub where Newson, Wilder, my brother and his little girl, whom he brought with him, slept the night. Greenaway and Woolford walked to Maidenhead and Perryman and I walked home to Slough, leaving Wooburn about 10 p.m. and got to Slough ten past midnight. The night was very dark—Hedsor Hill seemed very long and tedious—a lot of loose gravel had just been put down to make up the road—it was rough travelling. Perryman had borrowed a stick at Wooburn which helped him a great deal and, for an old man turned 60 years, after getting up at 6 a.m., going to work, this eight-mile walk home after the ringing, I must say he is a good old brick, and he walked remarkably well.

To show Mr. Fussell's enthusiasm for bells is to quote how the next day, Sunday afternoon, on the way to Ruislip, he heard them clanging

at Ickenham, as he was going over the fields. So he hurried on and arrived in time to chime three bells for afternoon service—the tenor of the three being about 4½ cwt. Then on to Ruislip where, after the service, he rang the tenor for the first time to a peal in 2 hours 58 minutes. He says: 'After going to Wooburn and Ruislip so many times for a peal at each tower, it was very satisfactory that I made my way home—two peals rung that had been a great deal of trouble and expense for a long time.'

A few days later he went to London and met a band of Cumberlands at Rochester Row. Newson same late—he had met Penning at Hampstead. They rang a peal of 6,048 Kent Treble Bob Major. After it, 'went to a pub opposite which had a "right-of-way" right through the bar, in lieu of an old passage.... Good fortune seems to follow peal ringing by fits and starts. I have now rung five peals right off, each on a peal of bells I had not rung on before.'

He next went to Reading St. Mary. 'H. White, from Basingstoke, met me and we called at Newell's. Egby and Newman and the Rev. Robinson were in the tower. C. Hounslow and Washbrook came up and we rang a well-struck peal of Stedman Triples..... Washbrook called the peal in a most steady manner. The Rev. Coleridge found the seventh drop a deal and heavy work at the end of the peal. He invited the band to Caversham to dine.'

Mr. Fussell kept up his walking exercises and in March he walked from Slough to Reading (St. Laurence's), starting at 1 p.m. and arriving at 5 p.m., then, after tea, went and rang in a peal of Bob Major in 3 hours 19 minutes. A day or so after he walked to Chertsey, via Datchet, Staines, etc., and, on arrival, had some bread, cheese and ale in company with a mole-catcher, a rag-and-bone dealer, an old tailor and a young man out of work. Left here at 3.30 and walked back by Thorpe Church and on to Egham, over the meads to the Bells of Ousley and through Old Windsor and Datchet, getting home to Slough at 6.15 p.m.—a distance of 22 miles—and had the honour of seeing Her Highness Princess Beatrice and the Countess of Erroll.'

THE COLD SHOULDER!

On one occasion after walking to Windsor with Newson and Jacob they went to see the Vicar of St. John's, but he would not allow them to ring, as strangers, 'in a very rude, ungentlemanly way, closing the door in an unchristian spirit, to our displeasure. However, some of us chimed the eight bells for 11 o'clock service. Then walked back to Slough, arriving back just as the congregation were coming out, and in time to ring two courses of Kent Treble Bob Major, this being the first touch on the eight bells (after augmentation). After dinner we all walked to Datchet, took two boats and pulled down to Old Windsor. Rang at St. Peter's, 720 Kent Treble Bob Major, the Vicar giving permission, for evening service. The behaviour of the Rev. Harwood being a favourable change after the surly and gross manner of that evil-disposed looking Dr. Gee.'

In July he went to the annual festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Abindon and had a good time in the company of such well-known men as Haworth, Proctor, the Rev. Robinson, Field, Hounslow, Betteridge, Vincent and others. Rang at St. Helen's and St. Nicholas', then drove to Drayton for a peal of Stedman. He says: 'The ringing room is on the ground floor open to the church aisle, crowded with neat little peal boards made by the Vicar, and written in black and gold. The ropes are small and good, the bells well in tune and a splendid peal for the weight of metal, in fact one of the best ringing places to be found.'

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MEETINGS

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Twyford, Saturday, May 19th. Bells (8) available 2. Service 4. Tea 5, in Parish Hall. After tea, Double Norwich practice. 8803

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Hope (8), Saturday, May 19th, 3 p.m. Tea obtainable at cafe nearby.—Dennis Scott, Hon. Sec. 8831

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Bagshot (8) on Saturday, May 19th, 6—9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 8828

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, May 19th, Heathfield. Bells (8) 3 p.m. 8823

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Egerton (6), Saturday, May 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea by invitation. This is a Festival meeting.—E. S. John Hatcher, Dis. Sec. 8825

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Sleaford District.—Great Hale and Helpingham (6), Saturday, May 19th. Bells available 2.30. Service at Great Hale 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 8826

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD and **LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD** (Loughborough District).—Joint meeting at Measham, May 19th. Bells (8) 2.30.—G. W. Hall and J. Cotton. 8854

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting, Elmham, Saturday, May 19th. Numbers for tea promptly, please, to Mr. Robert Marsh, High Street, Elmham.—W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec. 8849

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Shiplake, Saturday, May 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Plowden Arms, 4.30 p.m. 8821

SNATH, NEAR GOOLE, YORKS.—Dedication of two new treble bells (Mears and Stainbank) by the Archbishop of Doncaster, Saturday, May 19th. Service 3. Tea 5 (moderate charge) Bells available until 8.30 p.m. 8834

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Woodbridge (8, 25 cwt.), May 19th, 2.30 p.m. C.C. Report. For tea, definitely notify Mr. A. S. Woodward, 44a, Thorofare, Woodbridge.—C. W. Pipe. 8847

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Ringing meeting, Bishampton (6), Saturday, May 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 (6d.). All ringers welcome. 8859

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Ringers' service, Mark, May 26th. Bells (8) 2.30. Divine service 5 p.m. followed by tea in Assembly Rooms. Numbers, by Friday, May 25th, to Mr. B. Comer, Poolbridge Farm, Blackford, Wedmore, Somerset.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 8884

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Crewe Branch) and **SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Joint meeting, Market Drayton (8), May 26th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, for those whose names are received by May 23rd. Write Fred Price, The Grove, Bentley's Road, Market Drayton. Norton-in-Hales bells available in evening.—Richard D. Langford. 8817

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Bowdon, May 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise Miss J. Brown, 30, Priory Road, Bowdon, by May 22nd.—C. K. Lewis. 8880

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Special meeting, Duffield, Saturday, May 26th. Bells (10) 2.30. Tea (2/- or 4/6) 5. Names, by the 22nd, to Maurice Bailey, 22, Borrowfield Road, Spondon, Derby. 8883

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting on May 26th, Lymstone. Service 4.30. Tea after. Names, by May 20th, to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh, Devon. 8836

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Houghton-le-Spring, Saturday, May 26th, 2.30. Names for tea, by May 24th, to Mr. W. F. Sheraton, 27, St. Aidan's Terrace, New Herrington, Philadelphia, Co. Durham. 8866

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, May 26th, Crich (8). Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at Tor Cafe. Crich, 2/6 per head. Names, not later than Wednesday, 23rd, to J. W. Price, No. 1, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross, near Chesterfield.—J. H. Price. 8894

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely and Cambridge Districts.—Joint meeting, Histon (6), May 26th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain. 8892

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A practice meeting will be held at Harlow Common (8) on Saturday, May 26th, at 5.30 p.m. All members are welcome.—G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 8862

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N. Division.—Meeting at Great Yeldham (6), May 26th, 2.30—4.30. Service, tea and meeting afterwards.—H. A. Pratt. 8873

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting at 3 p.m. on May 26th at Tytherington (5). Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea, by May 21st, please, to Noel Denson, 55, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol, 5. 8861

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Tortworth (6), May 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea, by May 22nd, to Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 8869

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Esher, May 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea at various cafes. Business meeting after tea.—F. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec. 8835

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Aldenharn (8), May 26th, 2.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 8858

LADIES' GUILD.—South-Eastern District.—Meeting at Birchington, May 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by May 23rd, to Miss B. Solly, 12, Old Crossing Road, Margate. Gentlemen also welcomed. 8829

LADIES' GUILD.—Wiltshire Branch.—Meeting, Urchfont, May 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5. Names to Miss R. Gibbons, 7, Canon Square, Melksham. 8827

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Next meeting at St. John's, Farnworth, May 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Meeting after tea. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 8863

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, May 26th. Bells from 3. Meeting in tower at 6. A good attendance is requested as important business is to be discussed.—J. Porter. 8864

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—May meeting will be held at Batley on Saturday, May 26th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea arranged (2/- per head) for all who notify, by May 23rd, Mr. H. Wood, Verger, Parish Church, Batley. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Lofthouse Hon. Sec. 8887

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Enderby, May 26th. Bells (8) 3.30. Tea 5.30 at New Inn. Names, please, by May 22nd, to Mr. W. Salt, 53, John Street, Enderby. 8874

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Sleaford (8), May 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Room, but only for those who notify by Tuesday previous, Mrs. D. Wray, 16, Eastgate, Sleaford.—F. Lord, Hon. Branch Sec. 8781

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Nanthorpe (8), Saturday, May 26th. Bells 2. Service 3. Meeting and tea, Red Lion Hotel. Names for tea, by May 23rd, to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 8881

OXFORD GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Horton (6), Saturday May 26th, 6 p.m. No tea.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 8872

OXFORD GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual meeting at Burford (8), Saturday, May 26th. Bells at 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, May 22nd, to C. F. Taplin, 4, Brasenose Villas, Chipping Norton, Oxon. 8876

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Headington on Saturday, May 26th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea, before May 24th, to Mr. T. Smith, 34, Old High Street, Headington, Oxford.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Sec. 8891

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—In connection with the joint meeting with the Chester Guild to be held at Market Drayton on May 26th, Norton-in-Hales (8) will be available during the evening. This by special request of several of our members and the Norton-in-Hales' ringers.—E. J. Rowe, Church House, Broseley, Ironbridge 3324. 8832

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Seal and Seal Chart (both 6) on June 2nd. Service and tea at Seal at 4.30 and 5 o'clock respectively. Names for tea to G. Acott, 2, Zion Cottages, Seal, near Sevenoaks. 8860

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Ash, Saturday, June 2nd. Usual times. Tea at 1/9 per head. Names for tea, with cash enclosed, to me not later than Monday, May 28th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 8886

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Acton, on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (8) 3. Tea, at invitation of the Rector, 5 p.m. Names, by May 31st, please, to Miss D. Liddbetter, 22, Mervyn Road, W.13. Further ringing to 8 p.m. Everyone welcome.—D. E. Liddbetter, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8867

LEICESTER GUILD (Melton District) and **SOUTHWELL GUILD** (Nottingham District).—Joint meeting at Bingham, Saturday, June 2nd. Bells from 2.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Wednesday, May 30th, to Mr. W. Wilson, White Cottage, Nottingham Road, Bingham.—J. H. Cook and S. P. M. Lewin. 8890

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Ranworth (6), Saturday, June 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names or numbers for tea, the latest Wednesday, May 30th, to J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 8865

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Newport Pagnell, Saturday, June 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 28th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 8879

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Warfield on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea at Brownlow Hall 5 p.m. Notify, by May 28th, Mr. L. D. Millard, 4, Appletree Cottages, New Road, Bracknell.—B. C. Castle, Hon. Sec. 8892

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Elveden (8), Saturday, June 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve, Hockwold. 8868

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Quarterly meeting at Southwold (8) on Saturday, June 2nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea essential, by May 30th, to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Holson Road, Southwold. 8885

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Pilgrimage to W. H. Barber's grave, Birmingham, June 9th. Train, Paddington, 9.10 a.m. Coach leaves Snow Hill 11.30. Ringing St. Martin's and Cathedral. Names to Mr. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey. Further details later.—A. B. Peck. 8889

COLTSHALL, ST. JOHN BAPTIST'S, NORFOLK.—Rededication of bells (6) after re-hanging, Saturday, June 9th, by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, 3 p.m. Tea and ringing afterwards, by kind invitation of Rector and churchwardens. Make this a great occasion. Names for tea, by June 2nd, to Rev. W. R. F. Addison, Coltshall Rectory, Norwich. 8870

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Outing to Sudbury District, Saturday, June 9th. Leave Cambridge 7.30—7.45 a.m. A few vacancies. Approx. charge 16s.—H. L. Martin, 60, Birdwood Road, Cambridge. 8888

LADIES GUILD FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN MEETING.—Join West Midland, Midland, Yorkshire and Lancashire Branches, Nottingham, June 16th. St. Mary's bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by ringing and social evening. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, June 13th, to Miss I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham. All ringers and friends welcome.—Jill Staniforth, Hon. Sec. 8875

QUARTER PEALS

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On April 22nd, 1,256 Little Bob Major: A. Richardson 1, F. Barker 2, F. Goodall 3, J. F. Goodall 4, Miss Francis Edgar 5, Phil Blake 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, L. E. Tubb 8. First quarter in peal for 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8. A birthday compliment to the Rev. Michael Ridley (Rector).

GODSHILL, I.O.W.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day. 360 Bob Doubles, 660 Grandsire): E. Westmore 1, E. Thorne 2, C. Callaway 3, C. J. Champion 4, L. Bailey (cond.) 5, C. Morris 6. First in three methods by 1 and 4. A silver wedding compliment to 3rd ringer.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On April 29th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Frank H. Beene (first quarter, aged 12) 1, G. Beene 2, W. M. Stepney 3, B. Stepney 4, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 5, A. Ellis 6.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—At the Festival Church of St. John the Evangelist, Waterloo Road, on April 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. J. Freer 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, E. T. Beauchamp 4, B. A. Richards 5, T. W. Taffender 6, J. Bullock 7, C. W. Ottley 8. The first occasion that the bells have been rung to changes for 13 years.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On April 22nd, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (Rutland, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Bristol): R. Smith 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, T. G. Fox 3, D. W. Beard (cond.) 4, F. W. Housden 5, J. F. Grove 6, C. E. Wilmington 7, J. H. Crampion 8. First of Spliced Surprise for 3 and 6 and first as conductor.

PINCHBECK, Lincs.—On April 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Chenery 1, Miss G. D. Robinson 2, M. Bennett 3, C. H. Whitton 4, W. A. Richardson 5, H. Bennett 6, A. Mills 7, S. E. Bennett (cond.) 8. A 92nd birthday compliment to Mrs. A. M. Wayet, widow of a former Vicar.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On April 15th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Royal: E. R. Rapley 1, P. A. Sadler 2, V. W. Grimwade 3, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 4, D. Coombes 5, C. Wright 6, F. May 7, A. Wiffen 8, E. Furbank 9, G. Baker 10. A birthday compliment to Mr. William Perry.

ST. BRIAVELS, GLOS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7.6.8 covering: C. Addis 1, Wilfred Reynolds 2, L. H. Jones (cond.) 3, D. Smith (first quarter) 4, Walter Reynolds 5, Yvonne Porter 6, J. J. Sims 7, G. Wilce 8. Rung before the christening service of the son of the Rev. and Mrs. H. F. Heal.

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