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MERTON COLLEGE BELLS

THERE are some towers in which the peal ringer and tower visitor take a special pride in writing in their records. Among these is Merton College, Oxford, not because of the special tonal qualities of the bells but because of the curious ringing gallery. This gallery extends round the four sides of the tower above the arches; and the ringers stand, two on each side, behind the balustrades of the gallery. There is an opening in the centre some 20ft. square, and the ringer looks down from the gallery into the chapel some 60ft. below. From time to time references have been made in 'The Ringing World' to the difficulties of peal ringing at Merton with its widely-spaced circle and open centre. The bells, with a 28 cwt. tenor, hang approximately 20ft. above the gallery with only the carved oak ceiling between.

These bells have a long history, and Mr. Frederick Sharpe, in volume iii. of 'The Church Bells of Oxfordshire,' delves into their history very methodically. The present eight were cast by Christopher Hodson in 1680, and they have the unique distinction of being the oldest complete ring of eight in existence by one founder. Each bell retains its canons and has been quarter turned. The massive oak frame made by Messrs. White, of Appleton, is to the pattern of the former century frame.

According to G. C. Brodrick's 'Memorials of Merton College' (1885), these bells were mentioned in the Burser's rolls as early as 1288, and were later increased to five. Some of them were cast when the massive tower was rebuilt in the 15th century. Anthony Wood, who often rang here in the 17th century, mentions that the tenor was reputed to be the finest bell in England. It was during his lifetime that these bells passed through the furnace at the hands of Michael Darbie, an itinerant bellfounder who received the sanction of the sub-warden to recast the five ancient bells into a ring of eight. Wood gives this account of the first occasion on which the bells were rung:—

'1657. May 14th. All the eight bells of Merton Coll(ege) did begin to ring. And he (Anthony Wood) heard them ring very well at his approach to Oxon in the evening, after he had taken his rambles all that day about the country to collect monuments. The bells did not at all please the curious and critical hearer. However, he plucked at them often with some of his fellow-colleagues for recreation sake. They were all afterwards recast, and

the belfry wherein the ringers stood (which was a little below the arches of the tower, for while the five hanged the ringers stood on the ground), being built of bad timber, was plucked down also; and after the bells were put up againe, this belfry, that now is above the arches, was new made and a window was made to give light.'

In another reference Wood strongly condemns Darbie and Dr. Jones, the sub-warden, of stealing metal from the original bells. Writing in December, 1675, he records that his mother and two brothers gave towards the casting of the bells, and adds: 'They being so cast, severall were found to be ugly dead bells for the truth is (that) . . . Darby who cast them stole a great deal of mettle from them (and Jones they say compace with him); and whereas the old tenor was the best bell in England, this is now the worst.'

When Christopher Hodson came to Oxford for the purpose of recasting Great Tom, the Merton authorities engaged him to recast their ring. This took place in 1680, and Hodson received about £300 for his work and some metal. Merton bells, however, are not considered to be of outstanding quality, but Mr. Sharpe suggests that they would not sound so harsh to the listener outside the tower if the belfry windows were properly treated for bell acoustics. Originally in Hodson's days the bells were rung from the ground floor.

Anthony Wood and his contemporary ringers must have had exceptional skill in controlling these bells with a 28 cwt. tenor and 20 cwt. seventh with such a long length of rope and the primitive methods of hanging then in vogue.

Merton was not the only college that Michael Darbie succeeded in persuading to convert their ancient five into eight. At New College, four of his bells remain, the present third, fourth, eighth and tenor. He tried to use his persuasive tongue with the authorities at Magdalen. The ten at Magdalen in Mr. Sharpe's opinion are among the best in the country, and comprise one of the best examples of 'old standard' tuning. The treble, second and fifth are by Abel Rudhall, and the third and fourth by Abraham Rudhall I. The oldest bell in the tower, the seventh, is by William Dawe, of London, circa 1410. The tenor, of approximately 19 cwt., was cast with the sixth in 1623 by Ellis Knight, of Reading, and these are regarded as some of the finest products of this post-Reformation foundry.

TEN BELL PEALS

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

*WILLIAM ALLMAN Treble	ALAN A. POTTS 6
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	EDWARD JENKINS 7
WILFRED STEVENSON 3	PETER LAFLIN 8
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	WALTER ALLMAN 9
JOHN WORTH 5	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Surprise Royal.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 8, 1952, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATER

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*THOMAS YEOMAN Treble	†GEORGE FRANCIS 6
*BRYNLEY J. PARRY 2	FRANK ROWSELL 7
*JACQUELINE S. EVANS 3	*A. RYAN PRICE 8
FREDERICK J. BAILEY 4	*RODNEY B. MEADOWS 9
*DONALD G. CLARKE 5	WILLIAM DARE Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by RODNEY B. MEADOWS.

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

EIGHT BELL PEALS

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 14, 1952, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

JOHN BEARDMORE Treble	ERIC NIXON 5
JUNE MARIE HENSHAW 2	FREDK E. WILSHAW 6
G. ARNOLD MOORE 3	CHARLES H. PAGE 7
KENNETH MACKINTOSH 4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.

DARESBUURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 28, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

WALTER ALLMAN Treble	HARRY PARKER 5
CECIL RADDON 2	*WILLIAM ALLMAN 6
HENRY O. BAKER 3	JOHN E. BIBBY 7
HAROLD WORRALL 4	*HARRY HOWARD Tenor

Composed by H. EARLE BULWER.

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

* First peal in the method.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt.

*J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Treble	*EDMUND P. CROWDY .. 5
MARGARET FIDELL 2	RICHARD A. GOFTON .. 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 3	ROLAND PARK 7
W. NORMAN PARK 4	DENIS A. BAYLES Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

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

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM B. DAWSON .. Treble	JOHN P. MORRIS 5
*PHILIP H. REYNOLDS .. 2	ALBERT H. BENNETT .. 6
DENIS A. FRITH 3	JACK PETCH 7
FRANK DEWEY 4	†WILLIAM E. CLARKE .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

* First peal of Major. † 150th peal.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM R. RICH, Motor Repairer, Maidstone Treble	
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS, Special Traffic, Orpington 2	
*DEREK RILEY, Booking Clerk, Ongar 3	
FRANK BENNETT, Carriage and Wagon Dept., Brighton 4	
MARK S. LANCEFIELD, Loco Erector, Ashford 5	
ERNEST R. WARNER, Passenger Guard, Guildford 6	
LEONARD W. GILES, Carpenter, Tonbridge 7	
CHARLES A. BASSETT, Per. Way Ganger, Wadhurst Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal 'inside' and first of Major. One retired and seven active employees of British Railways.

BROMBOROUGH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Wirral Branch.)

On Wed., May 7, 1952, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

CHARLES B. PEMBERTON .. Treble	A. TREVOR SUTTON 5
STANLEY D. SUTTON 2	H. STEWART BAILEY 6
*CHARLES WILTSHAW 3	DEREK PARRY 7
ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. 4	FRANK T. PARRY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CHARLES B. PEMBERTON.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Joseph Goddard, interred at Bromborough this day.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., May 7, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE A. FLEMING .. Treble	ALBERT E. WHITING .. 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN .. 2	WALTER W. MILLER .. 6
*FRANK RUFFLES 3	ERNEST E. GRIMES .. 7
WALTER RUFFLES 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* First peal of Yorkshire.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., May 8, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5056 CHILTERN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

JOHN S. WALTON Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 5
MURIEL REAY 2	JOHN PINFOLD 6
JOHN R. MAYNE 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

First peal in the method for the Guild, and by all.



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**MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Fri., May 9, 1952, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
*CYRIL S. JARRETT Treble	JOHN BURLS 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 2	VICTOR A. JARRETT .. 6
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 7
GEORGE KENWARD .. 4	THOMAS W. BLEWITT .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal of Triples in the method. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. W. Gorringe, a member of the local band, and Mrs. Gorringe.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

HENRY PRATT Treble	GEORGE SAUNDERS 5
*RONALD BOYKETT 2	JOHN WARNER 6
*ALFRED LITTLE 3	RONALD SUCKLING 7
STANLEY BONES 4	JOSEPH JENNINGS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHT. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* First peal in the method. 100th peal as conductor. Conductor's 50th peal at Bocking.

Rung to mark the 21st year of the Very Rev. Edgar Rogers as Dean. Also 77th birthday compliment to Mr. Farrow, of Felsted.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. Treble	ANTHONY AGER 5
MURIEL REAY 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 6
ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER .. 3	HENRY H. FEARN 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 4	*GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* 100th peal for the Association.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

GEORGE E. FEARN .. Treble	JOHN S. WALTON 5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 6
MURIEL REAY 3	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER .. 7
TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 4	HENRY H. FEARN Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising six methods with 1,728 Bristol; 1,344 London; 960 Rutland; and 384 each Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire with 143 changes of method.

DAVID W. BEARD .. Treble	†JOHN F. GROVE 5
*MRS. R. F. DEAL 2	†CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON .. 6
†FRANK V. GANT 3	†FRANK B. LUFKIN 7
*FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN .. 4	*JOHN H. CRAMPION Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise in six methods. † First peal of Spliced Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor. The conductor's 50th peal.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR F. BALLAM .. Treble	PRESTON G. EVERETT .. 5
WILLIAM STANNARD .. 2	JOHN W. BANKS 6
*FREDERICK H. COOPER .. 3	FREDERICK J. BUCKLE .. 7
*DOUGLAS O. ROWLAND .. 4	PETER C. WRIGHT Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.

* First peal of Major. First peal on the bells since rehanging. To mark the birth of a grandson to the Vicar, the Ven. H. Norton.

LONG CRENDON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.
KEITH F. BIGGS .. Treble	NORMAN CORNWALL .. 5
WALTER LEE 2	HARRY JONES 6
ARTHUR NEWTON 3	ROLAND BIGGS 7
VICTOR HOLLOWAY 4	*SIDNEY YOUNG Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

* First peal.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

J. W. Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 10 cwt.
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. Treble	*FRANCIS R. LOWE 5
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE .. 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 6
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 7
WM. GEOFFREY HAIR .. 4	HAROLD TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH WM. COTTON.

* 125th peal. Rung as a 79th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.
HOWARD HOWELL .. Treble	SAMUEL BIRCH 5
ERNEST STITCH 2	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
*J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 4	RODERICK J. LEES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. Mr. Howard Howell has now completed the 'circle' at this tower.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. Treble	FRANCIS R. LOWE 5
WALTER G. SOAR 2	PHILIP WHITAKER 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3	SIDNEY H. JONES 7
HAROLD TAYLOR 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by F. W. GROCOTT. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 13½ cwt.
MRS. B. C. CASTLE .. Treble	WALTER HUNT 5
*STANLEY G. DAY 2	†CHARLES W. MORTIMER .. 6
†LAURIE HALL 3	BERNARD C. CASTLE .. 7
WILLIAM J. BROOKS .. 4	†ERNEST ALLUM Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD C. CASTLE.

* First peal of Stedman away from tenor. † First peal of Stedman.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

JACK BAILEY .. Treble	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 5
EDWARD C. GOBEY 2	DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 6
MARK J. BARKER 3	WILLIAM LANCASTER .. 7
*W. RODNEY HARRISON .. 4	MAURICE BAILEY Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by MAURICE BAILEY.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. The composition, now rung for the first time, contains the extent of 468 and 678. A farewell to the conductor, who is leaving for service with the M.E.L.F.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WESTON TURVILLE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 19, 1952, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight 120's Plain Bob, four callings, two 240's Grandsire and thirty 120's, ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

*BERNARD COLLINS Treble	HARRY C. JONES 3
†GILBERT R. GOODSHIP .. 2	†ROLAND BIGGS 4
W. LEE Tenor	

Conducted by W. LEE.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch.)

On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

*HILARY MUIRHEAD (15) .. Treble	*C. ANNE MUIRHEAD (17) 4
ROBERT F. FERRIS 2	†JOHN AMER (17) 5
*CAROL F. JONES (16) .. 3	A. J. H. SCOTT (18) .. Tenor

Conducted by ANDREW J. H. SCOTT.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal of Minor on the bells by a band of Eastham service ringers. A compliment to the Vicar, Rev. J. Wright Davies, on his appointment as honorary Canon of Chester Cathedral.

WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in A flat.

*JOHN W. BOLTER Treble	*WILLIAM PEARSON 4
†BRIDGET VASS 2	LAURIE HALL 5
THOMAS C. TILLEY 3	STANLEY G. DAY Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY G. DAY.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung for the induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. C. A. Wilson.

WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Plain Bob, and three of St. Clement's.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*F. A. PORTER Treble	E. FISHER 4
J. W. BAILY 2	†R. J. TOYNTON 5
L. H. TAYLOR 3	†R. PADLEY Tenor

Conducted by R. PADLEY.

* First peal. † First peal in two methods. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar and on the occasion of the birth of his son.

WOOKEY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MRS. H. L. PARFREY .. Treble	*J. WALTER SMITH 4
*SIDNEY G. RICHES .. 2	ROGER O. FRY 5
*HAROLD L. PARFREY .. 3	*WILLIAM J. COOK Tenor

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. First of Stedman Doubles as conductor. First in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. J. Cook.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 5, 1952, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Consisting of one 2,160 and four 720's. Tenor 9½ cwt.

DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK .. Treble	CECIL RADDON 4
ERIC HORNBY 2	HENRY PARKER 5
HAROLD WORRALL 3	HARRY W. HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

MISTERTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 7, 1952, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Kent Treble Bob and Double Oxford. Two extents of St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

*†FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	*PETER J. THOMAS 4
†BERNARD S. PAYNE .. 2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 5
JOHN BRAMLEY 3	†ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal in four methods. † 50th peal together. ‡ 50th peal. Rung in memoriam J. Leslie Willars, of South Wigston. The conductor's 601st peal as conductor.

CASTLE ASHBY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 8, 1952, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of Stedman, St. Simon's, Union, Chase, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*BRIAN S. COPE Treble	GEORGE CARE 3
PHILIP JONES 2	RONALD C. NOON 4
HARRY WOODING Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE CARE.

* First peal of Doubles.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 8, 1952, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 21 cwt. 16 lb.

*RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. Treble	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 4
*REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 2	*WILFRED F. WEBB 5
GEORGE PRESCOTT 3	JACK R. WORRALL Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 10 callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 21 lb. in F.

LEONARD DERRICK Treble	HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. 4
MARJORIE LEGG 2	ERNEST F. SHEARN 5
MICHAEL J. HORSEMAN .. 3	GEORGE PRESCOTT Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD DERRICK.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

BONVILSTON, GLAMORGAN.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

TREVOR M. RODERICK .. Treble	EDMUND MORRIS 4
ALFRED HANNINGTON .. 2	ROBERT E. COLES 5
REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS .. 3	GWYN I. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Gilbert Thomas, Vicar of the above church, who is retiring after 34 years. Believed to be the first peal for the Society in Wales by a band resident in the Principality.

CASTOR, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KYNEBURGH,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's with varied callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM ROSE Treble	*WALTER LONGFOOT .. 4
*LEONARD SHARP 2	HERBERT GOAKES 5
*FRANK SISINEY 3	THOMAS AUSTIN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

* First peal. A silver wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. Longfoot.

**KINGS BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Cambridge, Kent, Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

CLIVE M. SMITH Treble	JOAN BERESFORD 4
PETER BERESFORD 2	WALTER J. COPE 5
DENNIS BERESFORD 3	GEORGE E. OLIVER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

First peal in seven methods by all the band and on the bells.

**MOULTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Ipswich Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 16 cwt.

STANLEY E. BENNETT .. Treble	THOMAS H. CHARLTON .. 4
JOHN G. AMES 2	CYRIL WANDER 5
FREDA OLDERSHAW 3	FRANK TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

Believed to be the first peal in seven methods on the bells.

**NAVENBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents of combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. (No Bobs.) Tenor 13 cwt.

MOSES BILLINGS Treble	PETER MASON 4
BERTIE BEE 2	RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 5
AMOS INGALL 3	LOUIS WILLIERS Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

First peal in the composition by all the band. Believed to be the first in the county and for the Guild.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., May 4, 1952, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

C.C.C. No. 17. Tenor size 15 in C.

ALBERT H. WARD 1-2	MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN 3-4	WILLIAM G. YOUNG 7-8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

EPSOM.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 8, 1952, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT 74, HOOKFIELD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 16 in B.

GILLIAN R. BRITAIN .. 1-2	ALBERT J. ADAMS 5-6
EDWIN J. LINDLEY 3-4	*JANET M. BESANT 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

* First peal.

LONDON, S.E.1.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 9, 1952, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT COUNTY HALL,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 16 in B.

THOMAS J. LOCK 1-2	*WILFRID G. WILSON .. 5-6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3-4	EDWIN J. LINDLEY 7-8

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

* First peal in the method on handbells.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(St. Ambrose Ringing Guild.)

On Sun., May 11, 1952, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT 22, YORK STREET, REDFIELD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

ERIC SUTTON 1-2	JACK R. WORRALL 5-6
FREDERICK J. SAMPSON .. 3-4	*REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 7-8

JOHN F. PEDLER 9-10

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* 50th peal. First peal of Royal 'in hand' as conductor.



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QUARTER PEALS

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On May 4th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: C. S. Aylett 1, Mrs. C. M. Carpenter (first quarter 'inside') 2, J. W. Taylor 3, P. Stone 4, H. G. Summers 5, D. A. Carpenter 6, W. A. Stote 7, J. W. T. Taylor (cond.) 8.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.—On May 4th, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. W. Stone (first quarter) 1, Miss P. S. Gatty 2, Miss B. A. Carter 3, R. H. Wimpenny 4, J. B. Robinson 5, W. Harrison 6, D. Ogden (cond.) 7, P. R. Harrison 8. Also on May 11th, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. Stone 1, Miss P. S. Gatty 2, J. B. Robinson 3, W. Harrison 4, D. Ogden 5, R. M. Edwards (first quarter in method as cond.) 6. First quarter in the method for 1 and 2. Rung for the Sunday School anniversary.

BEDFORD.—On May 5th, at St. Paul's, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Thompson 1, M. Locky 2, Miss J. Pell 3, G. Salter 4, C. E. Jeffries 5, S. J. Woodcock (cond.) 6. First quarter of Plain Bob Minor for 3 and 4.

BERRINGTON, SALOP.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. P. J. L. Purslow 1, Miss E. M. Duppa, P. J. L. Purslow 3, R. Davies 4, R. E. Purslow 5, E. Fox 6, W. H. Lloyd (cond.) 7, A. G. Owen 8. First quarter on the bells. Rung to celebrate the marriage on April 26th of Miss Anne Cherida Holcroft, daughter of Sir Reginald Holcroft, Bt., and Lady Holcroft, to John Dewe Neville Lake.

BLAGDON, SOMERSET.—On May 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. E. Large (cond.) 1, A. Morgan 2, R. Woodyatt 3, G. Prescott 4, T. Kimber 5, C. Tansell 6, T. W. Lewis 7, W. A. Prescott 8.

CARDIFF, GLAM.—On May 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. R. Price 1, R. B. Meadows 2, F. Hannington 3, W. Heath 4, T. Yeoman 5, S. J. Hart 6, F. Rowsell (cond.) 7, J. Evans 8, W. Dare 9, S. R. Barker 10. A farewell to Rodney B. Meadows.

CARLISLE.—At St. Stephen's, on April 24th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss A. Bousfield 1, J. Butterfield (cond.) 2, A. Hodgson 3, J. B. Porter 4 (first quarter 'inside') 4, A. Forsyth 5, C. Lightning 6. Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday. Also on May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Hayward (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Bousfield 2, L. A. Tremear 3, J. B. Porter 4, A. Forsyth 5, J. Butterfield (cond.) 6.

CHARLTON MACKRELL, SOMERSET.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Butler 1, F. G. Sparkes 2, P. Eades 3, T. Look 4, F. J. White (first quarter as cond.) 5, A. E. Bown 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. M. H. Buckland and Miss E. Eades, daughter of one of the local ringers.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—At St. James's, on May 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. L. Morris 1, Miss E. Wise 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, W. D. Prockson 4, G. A. Parsons 5, D. F. Harman 6, R. H. Begrie 7, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 8.

CLEVER, BERKS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Bird 1, Monica Howard (first 'inside') 2, R. Purchase 3, W. Butler (cond.) 4, G. Herd 5, C. H. Vitler 6. Also on May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Monica Howard 1, A. Bird (first 'inside') 2, R. Purchase 3, W. Butler (cond.) 4, G. Herd 5, J. Brooks 6.

COMPTON CHAMBERLAYNE, WILTS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Roper 1, J. Oakley 2, H. Abrahams 3, C. Holly 4, A. Haines (cond.) 5, J. Drew 6.

CRANFORD, MIDDLEX.—On April 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Phillips 1, M. V. Chilcott 2, J. Chilcott 3, J. W. Stephenson 4, J. B. Sansom 5, J. Phillips (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Peter J. Woodger, the local captain, to Miss Joan Sansom.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. John-the-Baptist's, on May 4th, 1,363 Grandsire Cinques: N. Brown 1, R. Davies 2, Mrs. W. Oatway 3, E. Razzell 4, Miss P. Steere 5, C. Parks 6, P. Humphries 7, W. J. Rawlings 8, F. E. Mitchell 9, G. H. Humphries 10, D. D. Cooper (cond.) 11, W. Oatway 12. First quarter of Cinques by 1 and 8.

DENHOLME, YORKS.—On May 11th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: V. Bairstow 1, H. Oglesby 2, J. W. Molyneux 3, J. Windle 4, A. J. Smallbones 5, L. Thompson 6, F. Dalby 7, W. Proctor (cond.) 8. In memoriam John Cooper, of Silsden, a life-member of the Yorkshire Association.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Greenhall 1, H. Woodall 2, Miss M. Tromans 3, A. H. Harris 4, H. Shilcock 5, T. Greenhall 6, L. Cissett (cond.) 7, J. H. Cox 8. A 65th birthday compliment to Mr. J. H. Cox.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On May 7th, 1,300 Doubles (360 Stedman, 400 St. Simon's, 240 Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): C. Hinton 1, W. J. Chester 2, J. Steel 3, M. Saunders 4, W. Yates (cond.) 5, H. Batchelor 6. Rung on the occasion of Mr. H. Batchelor's 70th birthday. He has been a most loyal and regular service ringer at this church for 50 years. The ringers afterwards enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Batchelor.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Dear 1, R. Fuller 2, Miss D. J. Hare 3, P. Meyhew 4, G. Dear 5, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 6.

HERTFORD.—At St. Andrew's, on Mar. 29th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. J. Matthews 1, Miss M. F. Jackson 2, Mrs. T. H. Francis 3, J. R. Kemp 4, A. S. Carter 5, A. Cutler 6, A. J. House 7, T. H. Francis (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method for 3, 4 and 5.

HIGHWORTH, WILTS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. J. Gardner 1, Miss M. J. Skinner 2, Miss H. J. Tesson (first quarter Stedman) 3, B. Bladon 4, W. W. T. Daniell 5, W. B. Kynaston 6, I. H. Trueman (cond.) 7, S. T. Chivers (first quarter) 8. First quarter on the bells since their restoration.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On May 4th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: F. Hayes (cond.) 1, R. Coles 2, Mrs. C. Wilkinson 3, A. Newton 4, P. Baldwin 5, W. H. Plumridge 6, A. Clutton 7, G. R. Goodship 8, R. G. Hunt 9, A. L. James 10.

HURST, BERKS.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. A. Eccles 1, W. Hunt 2, H. Smith 3, C. A. Eccles 4, L. Hall 5, C. W. Mortimer 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, F. Hicks 8. First quarter of Stedman by 1, 4, 5, 6 and 8.

HUTTON CRANSWICK, YORKS.—On May 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Chew 1, T. H. Huddleston 2, J. Davies 3, J. B. Ibbotson 4, J. A. Parker 5, H. Parker (first quarter of Minor as cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 1, 2, 3 and 4. First quarter of Plain Bob Minor on the bells. A 21st wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Huddleston.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, LINC's.—On April 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Bishop 1, A. Young 2, F. Dewey 3, J. Kemp 4, F. Leggett 5, J. Young 6, A. E. Flatters 7, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 8. In memoriam W. A. Batters.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—On April 4th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, P. Devemish (first quarter 'inside') 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, C. W. Outley 6, E. T. Beauchamp 7, J. Bullock 8.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On May 11th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: S. Smith 1, S. H. Symonds (cond.) 2, W. Jarvis 3, W. R. J. Poulson 4, M. T. Symonds 5, A. F. Turner 6, L. Pryke 7, D. A. S. Symonds 8. A birthday compliment to J. W. Symonds, grandson of the second ringer, and son of the tenor ringer.

LEICESTER.—On May 11th, at St. Margaret's, 1,280 Bob Major (heavy 8): Margaret Morris 1, 'Old Joe' Morris 2, E. Morris 3, W. Tanser 4, E. J. Clements 5, G. Olliffe 6, J. B. Bennett 7, J. Bramley (cond.) 8. A farewell to the conductor, joining H.M. Forces.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—On May 5th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Doubles (being one extent each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas's, Original, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Stedman with 60 of Grandsire): A. Ager 1, G. E. Oliver 2, Joan Beresford 3, D. Beresford (cond.) 4, P. Beresford 5, M. R. Knight (first quarter) 6. First quarter in 11 methods by all the band and on the bells. Rung as a 20th birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

LONDON.—At St. Martin-in-the-Field, on April 6th, 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Royal: Mrs. E. E. Davis 1, Mrs. T. H. Francis 2, Miss M. F. Jackson 3, Mrs. R. F. Deal 4, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 5, W. H. Hewett 6, F. J. Matthews 7, A. J. House 8, R. F. Deal 9, T. H. Francis (cond.) 10. First quarter of Royal in the method for 2, 3, 5, 7 and 10.

LYDD, KENT.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Boulden 1, Miss M. Vantom 2, J. R. Cooper 3, Miss O. Boulden 4, R. Swift (cond.) 5, L. Terry 6. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. W. Britton), who retired on April 30th.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On May 4th, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. L. Taylor 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, C. W. Powell 3, H. G. Keeley 4, Canon C. C. Cox 5, G. H. Whitmore 6, R. Keeley 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8.

LYMPSTONE, DEVON.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Pannell 1, Miss J. Terry 2, J. Newton (first quarter) 3, W. Panter (cond.) 4, R. Perry 5, R. Hill (first quarter) 6. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Guest (member of the local band).

MARKET WEIGHTON, YORKS.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Kneeshaw 1, J. Kneeshaw 2, F. Wilkinson 3, Irene M. Hall 4, G. Dowling (cond.) 5, T. Southwick 6. First quarter of Minor for 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Fred Kneeshaw, chorister and ringer at this church for over 30 years.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Uden 1, E. H. Eveleigh 2, Miss B. Harris 3, H. Allen 4, W. E. Eveleigh 5, P. E. Allen (cond.) 6.

NORTON, HERTS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Angela Willis 1, H. E. Werrett (cond.) 2, W. Collins 3, R. Dixon 4, W. Hitch 5, E. Buck 6, J. Dear 7, T. Werrett 8.

OTHERY, SOMERSET.—On May 9th, 1,260 Doubles (being 120 each Southrepps Pleasure and Clifford Pleasure, 240 Reverse Canterbury, 120 each Kennington and April Day, 240 Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): E. Bawden 1, W. Kent 2, C. Clarke 3, R. Short (cond.) 4, F. Sweet 5. First quarter in more than one method by 2; first in 7 methods by 1. Believed to be the first in more than one method on the bells.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. M. Bown 1, E. Bishop, jun., 2, H. Vaughan 3, C. Brasier 4, W. Hibbert (cond.) 5, A. F. Lewry 6, W. Rogers 7, S. T. A. Russell 8.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On May 11th, 1,272 Minor (480 Little Bob, 792 Plain Bob): O. Cripps 1, Miss S. Kilbourn 2, M. Bailey 3, W. Simpson 4, R. Harrison 5, D. Marshall (cond.) 6.

SHILTON, WARWICKS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. C. A. Carpenter (first quarter in method) 1, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 2, Miss M. A. Bailey 3, Miss M. E. L. Beamish (cond.) 4, Miss A. A. Timms 5, Miss M. V. Godderidge 6. Rung for the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

SHOREDITCH.—At St. Leonard's, on Mar. 23rd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: G. H. Cross 1, Mrs. T. H. Francis 2, Miss M. F. Jackson 3, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 4, Miss A. B. Stockdale 5, T. H. Francis (cond.) 6, F. J. Matthews 7, R. F. B. Speed 8. First quarter in the method for 2, 3 and 7.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.—1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major, half-muffled: V. Connell 1, J. Brett 2, E. Brown 3, B. W. Pettit 4, S. Dace 5, O. E. Broyd 6, A. Catterwell (cond.) 7, T. Bird 8. Rung as a mark of respect to the late Mr. William Keeble, of Feering.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On May 4th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: W. O. Noble 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, L. W. Fisher 3, G. Nicholls 4, H. W. Pratt 5, W. Ransom 6, A. Clements 7, G. H. Dunnington 8. Rung at All Saints' in the octave of SS. Philip and James.

STANMORE, MIDDLEX.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. M. Hoare 1, E. C. S. Turner 2, J. Schofield 3, A. Wenban 4, G. Cheshire 5, E. J. Leversuch 6, R. Stoddard (first quarter as cond.) 7, R. Lambert 8.

STOKE-UNDER-HAM, SOMERSET.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. D. Ballard (first quarter) 1, B. Grinter 2, Mrs. E. S. Powell 3, W. Warr 4, J. W. Drew (cond.) 5, J. Bentley 6. Also on May 8th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Miss S. Bishop 1, B. Grinter 2, J. W. Drew (cond.) 3, H. Warr 4, T. J. Setter 5, Miss J. Punnett 6. First quarter in two methods for 1, 2, 4 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Alfred Pester, former ringer at this church.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—At St. Leonard's, on May 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Charge 1, Miss M. Jackson 2, F. J. Mathews 3, R. Sanders 4, T. Welbourne 5, J. Chapman 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, E. Wright 8. Also at Immanuel, on May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. V. Parry 1, N. R. Phillips 2, Miss N. R. J. Noble (first quarter) 3, D. J. Woodhams 4, W. H. Branch (cond.) 5, R. C. Cressey 6.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On April 27th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Stedman Caters: C. J. Gardner (80) 1, Miss P. Manning 2, W. W. Daniell 3, R. Townsend 4, G. Townsend 5, Miss M. E. Richards 6, E. J. Berry 7, H. Bishop 8, T. Townsend (cond.) 9, E. Vincent 10. Birthday compliments to ringers of 1, 4 and 5.

TOITERNHOE, BEDS.—On May 3rd, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Scott 1, M. Hootton (first in method) 2, J. G. Newman 3, D. W. Beard 4, W. Twidell 5, D. Knox (cond.) 6.

UFTON BISHOP, HEREFORDS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. P. Morris (first quarter, aged 15) 1, J. J. Webb 2, E. J. C. Davies (first quarter as cond., aged 16) 3, A. G. Hazleden 4, L. W. Phillips (first quarter 'inside') 5, G. A. Phillips (first quarter) 6.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On May 1st, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: H. Howell (cond.) 1, A. Elsmore 2, J. N. Hadley 3, W. Davies 4, M. G. Turner 5, C. Wallater 6, S. Prestidge 7, A. T. Dutton 8, H. E. Green 9, E. Stith 10, J. S. Eastwood 11, A. S. Williams 12. First of Cinques for 4 and 7. Rung to mark the official opening of the Memorial Gardens.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Davies 1, A. E. Dobb 2, Joan Smith 3, F. Flint 4, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 5, H. T. Rooke 6. Birthday compliments to A. Edward Dobb (15) and Douglas H. Rooke (17).

WATERLOO, LONDON.—On April 20th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Devemish (first quarter away from tenor) 1, J. A. Hales 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, F. L. Blewer 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, E. T. Beauchamp 6, C. W. Outley 7, J. Bullock (cond.) 8.

WIDCOMBE, BATH.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. Fry 1, P. Bate 2, E. White 3, E. Fry 4, H. Newman (cond.) 5, R. Burgess 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. E. Taylor, wife and mother of two of the local ringers.

YAXLEY, HUNTS.—On May 7th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: R. E. King 1, L. Sharpe 2, B. Bell 3, W. W. Longfoot (first quarter) 4, H. Goakes 5, D. T. Austin (cond.) 6.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Lewisham District

Youth predominated at the quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District, held at West Wickham on April 26th, when fifty ringers enjoyed delightful afternoon and evening ringing, directed by Mr. H. Hoverd, Ringing Master.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Canon J. Hough (at whose invitation West Wickham was being visited), and his inspiring address on the joys of being a Christian was much appreciated.

The company were the guests of the local ringers for tea served in the Assembly Hall, the Rector being at the head of the table.

The Rector presided at the business meeting, where seven new ringers were elected.

Mr. J. Dafters read a report of proceedings at the committee meeting, K.C.A., at Ashford on Easter Monday, and, arising therefrom, the need for a supply of service books was again insisted on. A motion was carried urging the general committee to exert itself to the utmost to make sufficient copies available for use at all Association services.

Chelsfield was chosen as the place of the summer meeting, to be held on Saturday, July 26th.

Apologies for absence were read from Messrs. J. Hurrell, P. J. Spice and I. Emery. Mr. Hurrell was that day celebrating his golden wedding anniversary; Mr. Emery was unavoidably detained elsewhere by the demands for his services by his fellow-octogenarians. The district secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Hurrell and send the meeting's congratulations and good wishes on the happy occasion.

Mr. J. Dafters and Mr. E. Barnett referred to the passing of two old and prominent members of the district—Mr. H. Warnett, sen., of Lewisham, and Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., who had created the Lewisham District as known to-day. Tribute was paid to the memory of the two members in the traditional manner.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

THE annual meeting and Ringing Festival was held at Truro on Saturday, May 10th, with the bells of the Cathedral (10), Kenwyn, Kea, Probus (8) and St. Erme (6). Over 150 members were present.

The ringers attended the Cathedral evensong, which was sung by the choirboys and included an anthem. The sermon was preached by the Bishop of Truro and the lessons read by Canon Simcock, the Cathedral treasurer, and Canon Roxby, the Sub-Dean. After his sermon the Bishop presented certificates for long service to ringers who had served in towers of the Diocese for 40 years or more. Over 60 were eligible, and about three-quarters of these were present and went up to the Bishop's throne and received them. The Bishop also had tea with the ringers and signed all the long service certificates as patron of the Guild.

At the meeting all the officers were re-elected and a tribute was paid to Miss Symons, the president, for her splendid work for the Guild, and a vote of sympathy sent to Mr. Southeard, the Ringing Master, who was lying very seriously ill in Truro Infirmary, and expressing hope that he would soon be back.

The treasurer, Mr. S. Robinson, reported a balance of over £51, and the peal secretary, Mr. C. E. Lanxon, that 20 peals had been rung for the Guild in 1951.

Canon Gilbert stated that he had relinquished the secretaryship of the Mid-Cornwall Branch and that the Rev. J. R. Jose had been appointed to succeed him. Mr. Lanxon proposed, and Mr. Lander, of St. Stephen-in-Brannel, seconded, a vote of thanks to Canon Gilbert for all he had done in establishing the Mid-Cornwall Association.

It was agreed to revert to the old arrangement of holding the annual business meeting in February and the Diocesan Ringing Festival in July, the 1953 meeting to be held at Bodmin and the festival at Stratton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD Bicester Deanery Branch

The annual meeting of the Bicester Deanery Branch was held at Ambrosden on May 3rd. The bells of St. Mary's were rung to Grand-sire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Triples. Ringing on this fine eight (tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.) was enjoyed by all.

The Guild service was conducted by the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg) who also gave the address. The Vicar of Ambrosden (the Rev. A. F. Gatehouse) read the lesson.

After tea the Branch president (the Rev. C. Cowland Cooper) presided over the business meeting when the following officers were re-elected:—President, the Rev. C. Cowland Cooper; vice-presidents, Mr. F. Sharpe and the Rev. Hugh Benson; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. H. Kinch; representatives to the Guild committee, Mr. C. Stockley and Mr. W. Baggett. Three new members were elected. Brill was selected for the next meeting on June 14th. It was decided to support the proposed increase in the Guild's subscription to 3s.

The Master addressed the meeting and suggested that, wherever possible, recruits should be found from regular members of the congregation.

The president suggested that a collection should be made at the Branch services as an appreciation of the facilities afforded to the ringers by the local churches.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Master, the Rev. A. F. Gatehouse, the Rev. C. Cowland Cooper, Mrs. E. G. Jones and Mrs. Busby, who prepared the tea, and Mrs. Harper, who presided at the organ.

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The Editorial Committee desire to impress
upon those who ring peals or quarter peals the
importance of a voluntary contribution to help
balance the accounts of 'The Ringing World.'
These contributions are vital.

Mr. H. W. Badger, of
Thame, a well-known mem-
ber of the Oxford Diocesan
Guild, on May 8th was installed Worshipful
Master of St. Mary's Lodge, Thame (No. 1763).
He would be very pleased to attempt a peal
with other members of the craft during his year
of office. Will ringing members of the craft
please communicate with Mr. Badger, North
Street, Thame, giving Masonic details.

The quarter peal at Gorleston-on-Sea on April
22nd was conducted by Mr. M. J. Ling and
not as published.

Congratulations to the Rev. D. Ballard,
Vicar of Stoke-under-Ham, on his first quarter.
Since his bells were augmented and rehung he
has taken a keen interest in ringing and created
a very happy spirit in the belfry.

The peal of Bristol Surprise Major at Chester-
le-Street on May 3rd is noteworthy, as it is
about 25 years since a peal in this method was
rung by a resident band of the Durham and
Newcastle Diocesan Association.

A correspondent asks us to correct two errors
that appeared in the issue of April 11th, 1952,
page 226. The peal of 5,056 Pudsey Surprise
Major was composed by R. F. B. Speed and
not C. H. Martin as submitted to us, and the
peal of 5,088 Superlative Surprise Major by
F. W. Grocott and not H. G. Cashmore.

The peal at Misterton, Leicestershire, carries
with it a rather amusing incident in which the
elderly local church cleaner played the 'leading
lady.' During the first 720 the belfry door was
opened, to the surprise of the band, to admit
the aforesaid lady, who at once commenced
her duties in the belfry, weaving her way
between ringers, collecting buckets, brushes,
soap and other various items and then entered
the body of the church by the only other door
to the much louder melody of buckets, pans,
etc. All this and she never said, 'Good even-
ing.' The band smiled in turn, but carried on.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. S. E. Armstrong,
who for 16 years has been
general secretary of the
Sussex County Association, has been appointed
Master in succession to Mr. G. W. Cecil, who
is leaving the county. Mr. B. W. White is the
new hon. secretary. A report of the annual
meeting at Brighton will appear in our next
issue.

Mr. F. W. Grocott, of the North Stafford-
shire Association, has gone to Trieste.

The bells of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, are
now in order. There will be service ringing on
the second and fourth Sundays in each month
at 5.15 p.m.

Lavenham bells are now in ringing order,
having been rehung on self-aligning ball bear-
ings and fitted with a new set of proportionately
graded clappers. The work, which is most satis-
factory, was carried out by Mears and Stain-
bank. At a special practice meeting recently
everyone present complimented the hangers on
the excellent 'go' of the bells.

Members of the North Staffordshire Associa-
tion who participated in the Easter Monday
peal at Silverdale have a vivid memory of the
last half-hour. There was first an attempt to
break down the door and, this having failed,
attempts were made to stone the ringers through
the open window. The conductor, writes our
correspondent, who was himself well out of
range of the stones, forced the band to continue
the peal and would not allow the striking to
suffer.

Because of damage to the pinnacles at each
corner of the tower of Holy Trinity, Hull, the
bells are not to be rung. This is the first time,
except during war years, that the bells have
been silent on Lord Mayor's Day. Doubt is
expressed whether the repairs will be completed
in time for the bells to be rung for the Corona-
tion.

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SOUTH OF ENGLAND RINGERS' RALLY

ANOTHER POPULAR BOURNEMOUTH GATHERING

THE sixth annual rally and George Williams Commemoration Dinner at Bournemouth on May 3rd proved to be the most successful function of this series so far held. Proceedings started with a ringing tour in the morning and ringing at Christchurch Priory and St. Peter's, Bournemouth, in the afternoon.

Canon A. L. E. Williams, Vicar and Rural Dean of Bournemouth, presided at the dinner at the Devonshire Hotel, attended by a company of 81. Supporting the chairman were the Rev. J. L. and Mrs. Featherstone and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes, of London.

The loyal toast was honoured to a well-structured course of Grandsire Caters.

In a welcome to the visitors the chairman spoke in appreciation of the ringers of St. Peter's, a most loyal band who were also active in the work of the church. He gave a special welcome to Captain E. Samson, a former ringer and server at St. Peter's, Canon R. P. Price, the Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Featherstone and Mr. and Mrs. Hughes.

After referring to the muffled peals rung in memory of the late King, George VI., and to the ringing for the proclamation of the new Queen, Canon Williams said: 'I want to leave this thought with you. You have been ringing for great historic occasions, but may I remind you that you will never ring for a greater occasion than when you call people to worship God on Sundays in God's house. May you all be blessed and inspired in all your work.'

THE MEMORY OF GEORGE WILLIAMS

The toast of the evening, 'The Memory of George Williams,' was submitted by Mr. A. A. Hughes, who said he felt it to be a great honour and privilege to be asked to propose this toast in memory of that great man and ringer who lived to the age of nearly 92—George Williams.

He had known George Williams by sight and by reputation for a great number of years, although his personal contacts with him were few. Unfortunately, he had only rung with him on two or three occasions, but he used to meet him once a year at Central Council meetings.

The last memory he had of Mr. Williams was when the College Youths held a monthly meeting a few months before his death. He remembered Mr. Williams at that great age ringing the third to a course of Cambridge Royal absolutely faultlessly with his bell always in the right place. It showed that even at that great age his mentality was unimpaired.

He did not intend to go through his life history as many of them knew it already. He took part in over 1,500 peals and conducted over 1,000 on tower bells, which even in these days was a great record. His greatest worth, however, was his character. He was a good Christian, a good churchman and a benefactor to the Church. 'I know that to him his Church came before his bellringing,' said Mr. Hughes. 'He also had a very happy, lovable nature; he did his full share of public work, and his high integrity was very well known in his business contacts.'

'SPEAK FOR ENGLAND'

The toast of 'The Bells and Bell-ringers' was submitted by Canon Price, who said they heard very occasionally of certain kinds of friction—perhaps between the parson and the ringers, but that was not the case in their part of the world and they all felt that the ringers were a very real and living part of the family of the Church and as clergy they were very grateful for it.

'The ringers do a great work for the Church and for the national life. They speak for England and I do feel that the church bells do that and the men and women who ring them.'

'We live in a difficult age. A young soldier was stationed at Salisbury and was asked what

he thought of the city. He replied that he saw a "smashing movie" there. Fancy living in the city of Salisbury, beneath the shadow of that great spire, and the only thing you bring away is the remembrance of a "synthetic blonde"! The Church has to try to bring back a truer sense of proportion and we clergy feel that you play a great part in the life of the Church and in the life of England.

'We are united in our admiration and gratitude for the devotion of those who ring the bells. It is good to see in these days in this room so many young people to carry on this great craft. Bell-ringing does help people to keep young, and in that respect I must mention George Preston, who is an inspiration at Christchurch Priory, leading the ringers up to the tower every Sunday and afterwards into the church.'

NON-RINGING WIVES

Mr. W. B. Cartwright thanked Canon Price for proposing the toast, but regretted that he had not read 'The Ringing World's' leading article about ringers' wives. If he had he would certainly have mentioned the ladies who stayed at home when other people went ringing. They owed a lot to those non-ringing wives and they should be definitely included in the toast list.

'The Visitors' was submitted in humorous vein by the Rev. J. L. Featherstone, who said he was deeply moved by Mr. Cartwright's reference to the ladies, which reminded him of the days when Sylvia Pankhurst was fighting for votes for women. She was making an eloquent appeal at Hyde Park Corner and caused amusement by shouting, 'Where would you men be if it were not for us women?' A little Cockney's voice answered from the back, 'In the Garden of Eden, Ma, eating strawberries.' He thanked Mrs. Hughes for her handbell selections, which really brought out the magic of the bells.

Mr. W. G. West, general secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, replied, and he had a special word of thanks for Mr. Arthur Davis and the organising committee for the excellence of the arrangements. The previous day he was looking through the peal records of a Salisbury tower and noted that it was recorded that Mrs. Williams rang 1-2 to a handbell peal. Mr. Williams thought apparently that it was just as well to get the ladies interested.

The high standard of the musical entertainment was a feature of the evening. Songs and duets were sung by Miss Pamela Stone and Mr. Charles Beresford, with Mr. Johnston as accompanist. They are members of the staff of Canford School, Wimborne, where a serious attempt is being made to form a change ringing band from among students at the school. Mrs. A. A. Hughes' handbell selections were exquisite and she held her audience spellbound by her artistry. She played Grieg's 'Solveg Song,' Dvorak's 'Humoresque,' Haydn's 'Brown Birds Singing,' and Elgar's 'Land of Hope and Glory,' with Mr. Johnston proving an expert accompanist on the piano. Bournemouth ringers hope that Mr. and Mrs. Hughes will come again next year. Change ringing on handbells included 216 Spliced Major by W. E. Young, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, W. T. Matkin and R. Hurst, and a course of Grandsire Caters by Mrs. Marshallsay, Messrs. Davis, Matkin, Price and Hurst.

A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, speakers and artistes was carried with acclamation.

THE COMPANY

Those present included Miss K. Barnes (Christchurch), Miss D. Battersby, Mr. M. Bazley, Mr. and Mrs. C. Beresford (Canford), Mr. J. Blatchford (Bournemouth), Mr. M. Buller (Southampton), Mr. P. Cannon (Betchworth), Mr. and Mrs. W. B. and Miss P. Cartwright (Selly Oak), Mr. W. Cheater (Ringwood), Miss J. Chick, Mr. J. Coles, Mr. C. W. Cooper (Stourbridge), Miss J. Cox (Southamp-

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Arrangements For Whitsun, 1952

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WHIT MONDAY

Conducted tours of the Cathedral 11.15 a.m.

Towers available:—

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Standing Committee meeting, Saracen's Head, 6.30 p.m. A room will be available in the evening at the Saracen's Head.

WHIT TUESDAY

Holy Communion in the Cathedral Choir, 8 a.m.

Council meeting, Cathedral Chapter House, 11 a.m. Members are requested to sign the Roll and be in their places by 10.50 a.m. Tea by kind invitation of the Mayor and Corporation of Lincoln, 5 p.m. Admission by ticket to be obtained from Mrs. A. Richardson.

Social evening at headquarters, Lincoln Cathedral (12) available 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. Other towers can be made available.

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ton), Mrs. N. Crofts, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Davis, Mr. B. Dykes.

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Mr. Johnston (Canford), Mr. R. Jordan, Mr. J. Lindeman, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, Mr. R. Marlow (Ringwood), Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. D. Matkin, Mr. Mitchell, Miss J. Oates (Selly Oak), Miss M. Parker, Mr. R. Pike, Mr. G. Preston (Christchurch), Canon R. P. Price (Christchurch), Mr. and Mrs. F. Price, Mr. and Mrs. G. Pullinger (Southampton).

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CROYDON BELL FOUNDER'S WEDDING

Mr. H. M. Howard — Miss R. C. Phillips



A MARRIAGE of great interest to their many friends took place on Wednesday, May 14th, at the Church of St. Barnabas, Addison Road, London, W.14, between Mr. Henry Michael Howard (a director of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston), son of the late Mr. Gilbert Howard and of Mrs. Howard, of Stafford Court, London, W.8, and Miss Rosamond C. Phillips, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Phillips, of Brook Green, London, W.6.

The bridegroom, who is responsible for the tuning of all bells cast at the Croydon Bell Foundry, is becoming increasingly well known to ringers all over the country. He has been exceptionally successful with the number of perfect splices which he has made since the war, and is also learning to ring at Fulham Parish Church under the instruction of Mr. Hugh M. Page.

The bride, who made a charming picture in a figured satin dress with flowered headdress, was attended by five bridesmaids in pale lemon spotted muslin. Dr. John Moor, son of Dr. F. Moor, of Norwich, who is a ringer, acted as best man. The service was fully choral and was attended by a large gathering of relatives and friends of both families, and by many members of the Croydon Foundry staff. Among those present were Brig. and Mrs. H. A. F. Crewdson, uncle of the bridegroom, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Craig (managing director), Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Newson (general manager), Mr. and Mrs. F. C. W. Stevenson (bell sales manager), Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Cannon, Messrs. J. Knight, B. Shallcross, J. Spraget (belltuner), E. Poole and F. Ridge.

Mrs. C. F. Johnston, widow of the late Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, and Mr. and Mrs. G. Dodds were also present.

As there is no ring of bells at St. Barnabas' arrangements were made for handbells (specially cast for the occasion) to be rung outside the church by Messrs. H. M. Page, J. F. Smallwood, H. Belcher, F. W. Goodfellow and J. Chilcott, and a well-struck course of Grand-

sire Caters was rung, to which the bride and bridegroom listened.

About 200 guests were present at the reception given at 96, Cheyne Walk, Chelsea, once the home of Whistler, the artist, and later in the day Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Howard left for the Lake District for the first part of their honeymoon, after which they are going on to Switzerland and Italy.

On May 10th Mr. Howard was presented with a solid silver coffee service as a token of esteem by the staff and employees of Messrs Gillett and Johnston.

THE LATE MR. GEORGE WILLIAMS

Dear Sir,—Through illness I was unable to attend the commemoration dinner held in Bournemouth on May 3rd. I have been a member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild for over 50 years and I should like, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to pay a tribute of respect to that great gentleman and ringer, the late Mr. George Williams.

I enjoyed and valued his friendship for 45 years and our first peal together was rung 39 years ago. His life's work and devotion to our art is finished but the result of that work will live on for many years. His great heart of love and human sympathy, his charming personality and his never-failing courtesy were some of the beautiful characteristics which endeared him to all those with whom he came in contact. Little wonder was it said 'that to know him was to love him.'—Yours faithfully,

FRANCIS S. WILSON.

Lilliput, Dorset.

RUISLIP OUTING

Ringers of St. Martin's, Ruislip, visited the tulip fields of Lincolnshire for their outing on May 10th. Mr. W. Dawson, of Bicker, who met them near Spalding, acted as guide. Ringing took place at Sutterton, Swineshead and Bicker. The day's journey was nearly 250 miles.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

Presentation to Mr. E. Beadsmoore

The spring meeting of the Midland Counties Guild at Ticknall on April 26th was marked by a presentation to Mr. E. W. Beadsmoore, who was that day celebrating his 79th birthday.

This ceremony took place after tea. The secretary (Mr. J. W. Cotton) drew attention to the fact that the meeting coincided with Mr. Beadsmoore's birthday. He recalled that he joined the Midland Counties Association in 1890 and for 62 years had been a stalwart of campanology in the Burton area. During the last 40 years he had been captain of the ringers at Ashby Parish Church.

Mr. Cotton asked the Ringing Master (Mr. S. H. Jones) to present a gift to Mr. Beadsmoore on behalf of all the members of the Guild, and assured him that although the gift was small, it conveyed a host of good wishes.

As the gift was presented the members joined in according musical honours to Mr. Beadsmoore.

Other business at the meeting was mainly formal in character. Two new members from Repton were elected and it was announced that the next meeting would be held at Netherseal on May 24th.

Miss J. Cochrane proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. G. Evans), who conducted the service, the organist (Mr. W. G. Soar, of Ticknall) and the ladies who prepared the tea.

Prior to the meeting a peal was rung at Breedon-on-the-Hill which the ringers wish to associate with the birthday celebrations. On May 3rd, at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Mr. Beadsmoore's native place, a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung by J. W. Cotton 1, E. W. Beadsmoore 2, E. Morris 3, W. G. Soar 4, F. Lowe 5, F. Bailey (conductor) 6, H. Taylor 7, A. Mould 8.

Following a birthday tea, Mr. Ernest Morris, on behalf of the company, wished Mr. Beadsmoore 'all the best' and spoke of their association over the last 45 years in meetings, practices and peals. The most notable of the last-named was the 'Ernest peal,' when eight Ernests rang the composition of another Ernest while yet another Ernest witnessed it. Mr. Beadsmoore seemed to have the secret of perpetual youth as he (the speaker) never knew him to be any different throughout the years. Mr. J. W. Cotton supported this expression to which Mr. Beadsmoore suitably replied.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Salisbury Branch

Some 30 members from 16 towers in the Salisbury and North Dorset Branches on May 3rd enjoyed their first ring on the pleasant light six at Donhead St. Mary since those bells were rehung by Taylors. They had been rededicated in January, and the local ringers had extended a warm welcome to the branch to hold a quarterly meeting there.

The Rector, the Rev. H. D. Peel, R.D., conducted the Guild service, at which the chairman played the organ and the secretary read the lesson. He spoke of the great pleasure which the bells gave to all who heard them, and as the church stands high on the downs the bells are heard over a wide area. After a very generous tea, provided by the local ladies, the short business meeting was held, two new members being elected from the Donhead St. Mary band.

The bells were again put to good use, and many of the ringers also visited Berwick St. John for a ring there before returning to Salisbury.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. A. Chapman (first quarter) 1, W. Lee (cond.) 2, Mary Chapman (first quarter) 3, F. Kirkland 4, R. Eggleton 5, N. Razez 6.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NEW ZEALAND'S APPRECIATION OF MR. A. J. LANCEFIELD

Dear Sir,—By this time Mr. Albert J. Lancefield will have arrived back at his home in Ashford, Kent, after his visit to New Zealand and Australia.

The members of the Christchurch Cathedral Bellringers Society wish me to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for all he has done for them and in the interest of bell-ringing in New Zealand. Through his efforts and conducting, two peals were rung at Christchurch and also one at St. Peter's, Hamilton, for the opening celebrations, these being the first since 1903. In recognition of his valuable service to the Society, we were very pleased to elect him a life member.

It was with regret that we had to say farewell to him, but we know that back in England he will have greater opportunities for his talents and we wish him every success in the future.

Though we have lost the services of Mr. Lancefield, we are very fortunate in welcoming Mr. Fred Savage, of Bristol. He is now settled in his own home and we wish Mr. and Mrs. Savage and their children every success and happiness in New Zealand. We feel sure that all Fred's help and assistance our Society will continue to advance.

I cannot close this letter without mentioning how pleased we are to receive visits from Ray Idle, late of Northants. His place of employment is over 150 miles from Christchurch, but his interest in change ringing is such that whenever anything important is on, he is always willing to travel to Christchurch to assist. We hope that the day is not far off when he will be able to settle nearer our tower.

In conclusion, we send our best wishes to all ringers in England.—Yours sincerely,

G. N. SLOAN, Sec.,
Christchurch Cathedral Bellringers Society.

ANOTHER YOUNG BAND

Dear Sir,—I should like to congratulate the young Essex band referred to by Mr. Peter Came in his letter published in 'The Ringing World' of May 9th.

By coincidence, in May 2nd's issue, there appeared a report of a peal at Little Aston, Staffs, on April 19th, which was not only the first peal there to be rung by a local band, but all who had taken part had learned to ring during the previous 18 months. The average age was 16 years. Four ringers are members of Little Aston choir and three are also servers.—Yours faithfully,

CLIVE M. SMITH.

Little Aston, S. Staffs.

GREAT ST. MARY'S BELLS

Dear Sir,—The bells of Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, are well known throughout the ringing world, and beyond that too, for they have on several occasions been broadcast. It was for these bells that the so-called Westminster Chimes were composed by Dr. Jowett, Regius Professor of Civil Law, in 1793; these chimes were afterwards copied at Westminster and then throughout the world. All the world listens to them every day before the nine o'clock news. Countless people would count it a tragedy if these chimes ceased to sound after 150 years on the bells for which they were composed, but we are advised that we must spend £2,500 on a new frame if the bells are to go on. This is more than it is possible for Cambridge to raise by itself, and with the kind publicity of your paper we would like to make a world-wide appeal for help to preserve the bells. Donations will be gratefully received and acknowledged if sent to me at Great St. Mary's Church, Cambridge.—Yours truly,

G. E. A. WHITWORTH, Vicar.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING

Dear Sir,—Many letters have been published in 'The Ringing World' re Sunday service ringing. This prompts me to write regarding the position of our ringing at Danbury, Essex.

During Spring, 1950, Messrs. E. W. and E. G. Roast formed a band of young ringers, whose ages ranged from 12 to 17 years. By Sunday, May 2nd, 1950, we were experienced enough to ring rounds and call changes for Sunday services.

The bells have now been rung for every Sunday morning and evening service for two whole years without missing a service, and also for early Holy Communion at festivals. Can any other tower record this with so young a band?

The band now numbers 18, and the bells are rung to many methods, namely, Double Court, Double Oxford, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Cambridge.—Yours faithfully,

PETER J. CAME.

Danbury, Chelmsford.

PEAL AT CRANBORNE

Dear Sir,—Owing to a breach of Rule 5, regarding membership, the peal of Stedman Triples rung at Cranborne on Sunday, February 24th, 1952, cannot be accepted by the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and will not be included in the records for that Guild.

W. C. WEST, Hon. Sec.,
Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

Melksham.

HODSONS OF ST. MARY CRAY

Dear Sir,—It is a coincidence that in the same issue of 'The Ringing World' containing the report of the octogenarians' peal, in which it was mentioned that I was born at St. Mary Cray, that there should be a reference in the editorial article to the founders of Great Tom of Oxford, especially the founder of the bell as it is to-day, Christopher Hodson. He must have been a splendid workman. It states that he was of London, and although we know there was a Hodson foundry in London, there is proof that the Hodsons lived at St. Mary Cray and had a foundry there, but I was never able to locate its site.

Stahltsmidt, in his 'Church Bells of Kent,' states that he saw in the baptismal register of St. Mary's Church, Cray, the registration of Christopher Hodson, son of John and Mary Hodson, bell founders of this parish. He goes on to say that after the failure of two other bell founders, the authorities at Oxford sent for Christopher Hodson, of St. Mary Cray, to recast Big Tom, and that he went there and cast it in Christ Church close. I hope to go there some day to see and hear it.—Yours faithfully,

I. EMERY.

Bromley, Kent.

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

Record Number of New Members

FAVOURED by beautiful weather the annual meeting of the Coventry Diocesan Guild was held in Coventry on April 26th. Members to the number of 132 were welcomed by the Provost, the Very Rev. A. T. Howard, in the nave of the ruined Cathedral.

A course of Stedman Caters was rung on handbells by Miss M. Beamish 1-2, T. W. Sheppard 3-4, F. W. Perrens 5-6, F. E. Pervin 7-8, A. H. Beamish 9-10, following which the Provost conducted the party to various parts of the Cathedral giving a very interesting talk on the history and future plans of the building. The party then descended to the Chapel of Unity where a short service was held.

Tea was taken in the Council House at the kind invitation of the Mayor (Councillor H. Weston) but in his absence in Yugoslavia the Mayoress welcomed the visitors.

The business meeting followed in the Council Chamber where the Mayoress handed to the Master of the Guild (Mr. F. W. Perrens) a beautifully-bound book inscribed in gold lettering to be used to record peals rung by Guild members from the year 1950 onwards. The peal book is a gift from the Mayor of Coventry.

After the departure of the Mayoress and the Provost, the business proceeded. The president (the Rev. R. R. P. Rigby, Vicar of Chilvers Coton) was unanimously re-elected, as also were the Master (Mr. F. W. Perrens) and the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mrs. D. E. Beamish). The vice-presidents were elected with the addition of the Mayor of Coventry and Mr. A. Roberts, an 80-year-old stalwart of the Guild since its inception. The hon. District secretaries were duly appointed—Messrs. A. J. Hinde, for Nuneaton District, R. J. Edden for Stratford and Warwick District and J. L. Garner-Hayward for Coventry District. Mr. F. E. Pervin was re-elected as hon. auditor. There was a record number of new members elected—five from Coton, four from Keresley, one from Stoke, three from Kenilworth, three from Bilton, four from Clifton and eleven from Tysoe, making a total of 32. Salford Priors was decided upon as the place of the next meeting in July.

The balance sheet showed a balance at the end of 1951 of £32 17s. 11d, including a £20 Defence Bond. The balance in the Bell Repair Fund was £17 7s. and a collection at the close of the meeting added £4 to this fund. Nine honorary members, two non-resident members and 142 ringing members paid their subscriptions in 1951. Thirty six peals were rung during the year, two 'firsts' for the Guild being Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major on handbells and Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Royal on tower bells.

HANDBOOK PLANNED

According to a decision made by the members at the January meeting it was announced that a handbook was in course of preparation giving details of towers in the Diocese containing five bells and over for ringing, name and address of head ringer, times of Sunday service ringing and practice night, also names of Guild members and towers to which attached. The handbook and the peal book would, therefore, fill the gap made by the withdrawal of the report which was formerly presented every two years.

The members stood, just prior to the end of the meeting, to the respected memory of Mr. L. J. Hinde, of Bulkington, who had passed to higher service in January.

Ringling took place during the afternoon and evening on the bells of Allesley and Stoke churches.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCs.—On May 5th, 1.284 Kent Treble Bob Major: T. Barker 1, J. Charnock 2, I. Jones 3, L. Walsley 4, S. Tuson 5, J. Blackburn 6, C. Crosswaite (cond.) 7, A. Hatch 8. Rung with bells half-muffled in memoriam Edward Ramsbotham.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL MEETING

AN OUTSTANDING YEAR REVIEWED

THE annual general meeting of the Leicester Diocesan Guild was held at Leicester on May 3rd and was well attended. The afternoon was spent ringing at the Churches of St. Mary de Castro, St. John the Divine and St. Margaret's, ringers having the choice of 8, 10 and 12 bells.

Following the Guild service, held at St. George's, where a large congregation was addressed by the Ven. C. L. Matthews, Archdeacon of Leicester, members and friends numbering 150 assembled in St. George's Hall for tea. On the platform were the Lord Bishop of Leicester, Assistant Bishop Hollis, Archdeacon Matthews, the Vicar of St. George's and his organist, together with the general officers of the Guild and members of the General Committee.

Opening the business meeting, the President (Mr. H. J. Poole) expressed his pleasure and that of the gathering at having the Lord Bishop and other high dignitaries of the Diocese with them. He regretted that the Archdeacon of Loughborough was not with them; it was the first annual meeting the Archdeacon had not been able to attend. Mr. Poole welcomed the visitors, among whom were Mr., Mrs. and Miss Beamish, of the Coventry Diocesan Guild. He then invited the Lord Bishop to take the chair for the meeting. On doing so, the Bishop said he looked forward each year to the annual meeting of the Guild. The Guild, he said, was a strong body of loyal church men and women and he rejoiced to hear the bells well rung—as they usually were.

A GREAT YEAR FOR PEALS

The hon. peal secretary (Mr. S. Burton) then gave his report for 1951. Peal activity, said Mr. Burton, again achieved a high standard in both quantity and quality. A total of 251 peals were rung, 58 more than in the previous year. The popularity of multi-method peals was a notable feature. Doubles in 12, 15, 17 and 20 methods were each the most methods rung for the Guild; the three last named were rung by the Syston District.

The 80 method Minor peal of the previous year was surpassed in 1951 by peals of 94, 105 and 126 methods rung by the Loughborough District. The last named was the greatest number of methods ever spliced into nine extents. A peal of 12 Spliced Major methods, rung at Bottesford, was the largest number of Major methods rung for the Guild. Peals of Spliced Surprise Royal in two methods were also the first for the Guild, and one peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus by the Cathedral band was the first ever rung in six methods.

New methods rung for the first time were Kent Treble Bob Fourteen on handbells, Wye Surprise Royal and Braunstone Surprise Major. Methods rung first for the Guild were Premier and Watford Surprise Major, Double Norwich Caters and St. Simon's Doubles. Four peals of Cambridge were rung in one day—Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus. The six ringers of the Minor peal took part in each of the other peals.

Forty-one members rang their first peal and 370 their first in the method. There were 44 different conductors, of whom six called their first peal and 43 called their first peal in the method. Personal 'milestones' were: 550th peal, A. Ballard; 400th, S. Burton; 200th, H. Bowley; 100th, J. Fidler, B. G. Warwick; 50th, C. W. Hall, E. F. Payne, R. Beniston, Jos. Taylor, H. Poyner, B. Austin and W. M. Burton.

Mr. H. G. Jenny, one of the Guild auditors, reported that the books and accounts were drawn up in a very satisfactory manner and that those concerned were to be congratulated on their work.

A DEFICIT OF £47

Mr. A. E. Rowley, hon. treasurer, reported that the General Fund, which included the sum of £88 6s. received from resident and non-resident members, did not meet expenditure by some £47. The expenditure in 1951 had been greatly increased by the high cost of printing the 1950 report and by the reprinting of the rules. It would thus be realised why a report was not being printed this year. The Bell Repair Fund had received, mainly from collections at services held at meetings during the year, the sum of £28 3s. 1d. The amount paid out in grants during 1951 amounted to £31 10s., leaving a balance of £144 2s. A new item, the Catering Reserve Fund, appeared for the first time in the balance sheet. It amounted to nearly £10 and was the accumulation of small surpluses from various occasions. It was hoped to increase this fund as, some time, the Central Council might be entertained at Leicester. There was now an accumulated fund amounting to £231 17s. 3d. in hand, compared with £273 4s. 10d. last year. The report was duly adopted.

The hon. general secretary (Mr. W. A. Wood), in his report for 1951, dealt with the wider activities of the Guild. Quarterly meetings had been held at Syston, Whitwick and St. John the Divine's, Leicester. At the Syston meeting it was decided to alter the date of the 1951 annual general meeting from May 5th to April 28th in order to leave May 5th clear for the Festival of Britain ringing. This was in accordance with the expressed wishes of the Central Council. Many peals, quarter peals and shorter lengths were rung. In many places the ringing was done at intervals during the day.

During the year, Mr. John Grant, of the Cathedral band, Mr. S. Coe, of Earl Shilton, and Mr. J. Needham, of Barwell, were made honorary life members in recognition of long and faithful service to Guild and Church. Oadby tower was, by local request, transferred to the Market Harborough District. Grants towards bell repairs were made from the Bell Repair Fund to St. Mary de Castro, Leicester, and to Swepstone. It was interesting to note that, to the end of 1951, grants totalling 125 guineas had been made from this fund. Already in 1952 a further 45 guineas had been granted, making a total to date of 170 guineas. These grants were additional to local efforts, and letters of appreciation had been received from the various parishes helped in this way.

ENCOURAGING YOUNG RINGERS

The total number of Guild certificates sold or ordered to date numbered 567. All districts continued to make progress, the number of meetings had been maintained and in some districts average attendance had improved. This improvement was mainly due to special attention being given to young ringers and to learners and to arranging ringing to suit their varying capabilities. It had resulted in much lower losses of new young members. One district reported that no members were lost during the year. The regular district outings had been held and there were some additions during the year. Another district was adopting the Hinckley idea of an annual dinner and social. These affairs did much to foster the spirit of friendship among members and their families. Joint meetings were held with the Nottingham District of the Southwell Guild, the Midland Counties Guild and the Peterborough Guild. The Syston and Melton Districts also held a joint meeting.

A most successful Festival dinner-social was held at Market Harborough. It was well attended, especially by the local people, and a first-class dinner was followed by a social that was enjoyed by everyone. The president gave a talk on bells at Walton, a small village in the

Market Harborough district, possessing only four bells. The six local ringers had all joined the Guild. During August, the president organised a special gathering of the veteran ringers of the Diocese. Districts were consulted in order that no one was missed and transport was laid on. A very successful meeting resulted. Ringing took place at two towers; these towers were specially selected. The 26 veterans did justice to an ample tea arranged for them. One band of over 80's rang Grandsire Triples, their total age amounting to 659 years. The oldest ringer was 86 years of age and another had been ringing for 69 years.

The Guild membership was practically the same as last year, although during 1951 80 new ringing members and 23 non-resident members had been received into the Guild. The general secretary drew attention to the comparatively large number who were slack in paying their subscriptions. An increasing number of towers have now fully paid up members and it was to be hoped that the other towers would follow their example. There was no need to wait until asked before paying up; someone in each tower should be appointed to collect subscriptions and remit them to the local secretary. The thanks of the Guild were again due to the local officers and to all who had in any way helped to make the work of the Guild more efficient and who had helped to make the social side of the Guild such a success.

Mr. H. J. Poole was re-elected president, and the two vice-presidents, Mr. P. L. Taylor and Mr. E. C. Turner, were also re-elected, as were the remaining general officers, Mr. A. E. Rowley (hon. treasurer), Mr. S. Burton (hon. peal secretary) and Mr. W. A. Wood (hon. general secretary).

Bottesford, on July 26th, was selected for the next quarterly general meeting.

PEAL BOOKING FEE

The proposition of Mr. A. Ballard, seconded by Mr. H. B. Bowley, that a booking fee of 6d. per person taking part in a Guild peal be charged was, after discussion, carried. It was pointed out that this fee, which would come into force next January, would be of great value in helping to meet the ever increasing cost of printing the report.

Mr. Ken Roe referred to the recent peal of Surprise Royal rung at Loughborough. This peal had been rung under the name of the Guild and had been published in 'The Ringing World' as London Surprise Royal. Mr. Roe objected strongly to the name 'London' in the title of the peal. He, therefore, proposed that the peal should be recorded in the Guild records as a peal of Surprise Royal and not as a peal of London Surprise Royal, as no such method existed. Mr. J. Carter supported the proposition and it was made clear that the objection was to the name 'London' and not to the peal as such or to the ringers taking part. Other members took part in the discussion and the proposition was carried.

The Lord Bishop of Leicester, before ending the meeting with a prayer and blessing, congratulated Mr. Poole on his re-election, to which the president suitably replied and said some of the most enjoyable meetings he had attended were the five-bell meetings. Mr. E. C. Turner, on behalf of himself and Mr. P. L. Taylor, spoke of their appreciation of the honour of being returned again as vice-presidents.

Most of those present then moved to a more suitable room, where a social evening was spent. Games, handbell ringing and dancing were kept going until a late hour and, in the usual words, a good time was had by all.

W. A. W.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Presentation to Mr. W. Lancaster

THE annual general meeting of the Derbyshire Association was held in Derby on April 19th. Between 60 and 70 ringers, including several visitors who had cycled long distances, took advantage of a very warm day and enjoyed ringing during the morning at St. Andrew's (10) and during the afternoon and evening at the Cathedral (10) and St. Peter's (8). Mr. Freebrey, Mr. Glew and Mr. Taylor shared the duties of Ringing Master and the requirements of all were well covered.

The annual service was held in the Cathedral and in an interesting address the Provost, the Right Rev. R. S. M. O'Ferrall, made reference to the Diocesan Jubilee celebrations and gave a short history of the Cathedral with particular reference to the tower and bells. Mr. Heath Gracie was at the organ and the service included 'A Hymn for Ringing Festivals' composed by G. Campbell Grills. The Association treasurer, Mr. E. Fletcher, had gone to considerable trouble to ensure that sufficient copies of the words of the new hymn were available for the service.

A substantial tea was provided in the Diocesan House, adjacent to the Cathedral, by the wives and friends of the ringers of the Cathedral and St. Peter's companies and this was followed by the annual general meeting at which the chairman was the president, the Right Rev. R. S. M. O'Ferrall.

GIFT TO FIRST SECRETARY

After the chairman had given a hearty welcome to members and visitors, a presentation of an eight-day chiming clock was made to Mr. W. Lancaster, who was general secretary from the formation of the Association in 1946 until he resigned in 1951. Glowing tributes were paid to the work of Mr. Lancaster, especially during the early life of the Association. Mr. Lancaster thanked members for their kindness and said how much he and his wife would appreciate the gift.

The annual report was presented by Mr. A. B. Cooper, the Association general secretary. This showed that the Association as a whole had not maintained the very successful activity of the previous year. A special effort was made to mark the opening of the Festival of Britain, but in some Districts there had been a marked decline in Association activities. The Derby District had made considerable progress in peal ringing, particularly in advanced methods, and the members expressed their gratitude to Mr. W. Whitehead, of Hinckley, and Mr. F. W. Grocott, of Stoke, for opportunities offered in this direction.

A total of 49 peals was scored during 1951 as against 68 during 1950, the reduction being entirely due to a falling-off in peal ringing activities in the Chesterfield District.

The financial statement, presented by the treasurer, Mr. E. Fletcher, revealed a loss on the year's working of approximately £10. The largest item of expense was connected with the printing of the annual report and it was reported that the gentleman's agreement to introduce a peal booking fee of sixpence per ringer was likely to go a long way towards reducing the deficit. The treasurer appealed to District secretaries to ensure that all subscriptions were collected within the current year.

Election of officers.—Mr. J. Bailey had indicated that he wished to resign from the position of vice-chairman and Mr. W. Lancaster was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy. The treasurer, Mr. E. Fletcher, and one trustee, Mr. J. F. George, who retired according to Rules, were re-elected.

Alterations to Rules.—In order to ensure that the ringing arrangements at the annual and quarterly meetings should be fully covered it was decided to add the following clause to

the Association Rules:—'The District Ringing Master shall be responsible for the arrangement of the programme for ringing at all meetings held in the District in which he or she is appointed.'

A proposition by Mr. George Freebrey in connection with the recording of peals aroused considerable discussion and after a vote had been taken it was decided to add the following to the Association Rules:—'Conductors of any peal rung for the Association shall, within one month, send full details of the peal, including the composition, to the peal secretary. The Association shall not recognise any peal for which the conductor does not comply with this condition.'

It is hoped that visiting conductors will take note of this addition to Rules.

Insurance of ringers.—Reference was made to the recent tragic fatality at a church in Nottingham and it was decided that an approach should be made to incumbents of churches where members ring to verify the position regarding insurance.

Peal booking fee.—After some discussion it was decided not to amend the Association Rules to include a condition about peal booking fees but to continue the gentleman's agreement to pay sixpence per ringer for each peal rung for the Derbyshire Association.

Vote of thanks.—Mr. F. Adams, the Chesterfield District chairman, proposed a vote of thanks to all who had helped towards a very successful meeting and tea. This was supported by Mr. D. Carlisle and passed with acclamation.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AT BURNHAM

East Berks and South Bucks Branch

SOMETHING of a novelty was introduced at the annual meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch, held at Burnham on April 26th. When it was decided to recast the bells and provide a completely new frame, the whole village rallied round its ringers in an all-out effort to raise the large sum of money required in the shortest possible time. In 1950 and 1951 a procession of decorated vehicles of great length with people in fancy dress and old-time costumes, a veteran as well as a modern fire engine, and, of course, a band, toured the parish and left it the poorer, but the bell fund thereby the richer. All the colour and gaiety of these occasions were filmed, and the large concourse of ringers much enjoyed seeing in colour what a Buckinghamshire village could do in support of its bells and their ringers.

The attendance must have been a record. Following the afternoon ringing was the service, conducted by the branch chairman, the Rev. E. C. S. Lowman, Vicar of Bray. In his address the Vicar of Burnham, the Rev. J. Wildman, spoke of the ringer's duty to God.

At the conclusion of the service the Blessing was given by the Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg. A feature of the service was the number of robed choirmen, all ringers, who augmented the boys from Burnham choir in leading the singing, in which over a hundred ringers joined.

After the tea which followed came the film show and then the business meeting. Before the business began the whole company stood in silence as a mark of respect to His late Majesty King George VI. An apology was received from the Bishop of Buckingham, president of the branch, regretting his absence.

The hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker, then presented his reports. The balance of £24 5s. 7d. reported last year had fallen to £8 4s. 3d., but this was accounted for by a grant of £5 to Fulmer, of £10 to the Canon Coleridge Memorial Fund and a special dona-

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of May 24th, 1912

THE LATE MR. J. PETTIT

The death of Mr. James Pettit has removed a well-known figure from the ranks of the Exercise, one whose gentleness of nature, quiet dignity and personal charm won the affection, as it commanded the respect, of all who knew him. It was with the College Youths . . . that he rang most of his peals, and, as leader for many years of the St. Paul's Cathedral band, in its ranks he occupied a most prominent position. Born on April 25th, 1834, Mr. Pettit [rang his first peal] on December 3rd, 1857, and thereafter he took part in most of the notable performances by the Society, [including] 8,448 Kent Treble Bob Major at Bethnal Green on March 3rd, 1866 . . . while two years later he was one of the band that rang the 15,840 of Kent Major at Bethnal Green, which H. W. Haley conducted.

No one has probably called Holt's Original so many times as Mr. Pettit. . . . On July 27th, 1872, he called the composition at Waterford Cathedral, the first peal ever rung in Ireland, and on October 23rd, 1884, took part in the Original non-conducted at St. Giles-in-the-Fields. On December 10th, 1881, [he called] the first peal on the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral, having previously been appointed conductor there . . . while in 1883 he conducted the then record peal of Stedman Caters, 11,111, in 6 hours 25 minutes, at Fulham on December 8th. He was also the conductor of that memorable attempt for the record peal of Stedman Cinques at Cornhill, when, in a peal of 10,030 changes with only the last two bobs of the coming home course to be called, the tenor man collapsed, after 7 hours 35 minutes' ringing. . .

of £7 10s. to the General Guild. He reported a subscribing membership of over 300, of whom less than 25 were members in 1919! He condemned those people who rang peals in methods not recognised by the Central Council and stressed the fact that the Guild's rules clearly stated that members would abide loyally by the decisions of the Council.

In answer to this, one member stated that unorthodox performances were rung for the members' enjoyment, and would continue to be rung, but that those ringers participating in such peals were perfectly prepared to abide by the Central Council's decisions regarding their publication or acceptance.

Mr. T. J. Fowler, Branch Ringing Master, in his report, said there was always room for improvement, and that there were still far too many slovenly ringers about. He made special mention of the good work done for the branch by Mr. W. Butler (Clewes), and said that the £50 voted by the Guild towards Hughenden's restoration fund was the largest grant yet made.

All the officers were re-elected, viz.: Branch chairman, Rev. E. C. S. Lowman (Bray); Ringing Master, Mr. T. J. Fowler (Cookham); Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. R. Biggs (Hughenden); hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker (Stoke Poges). Mrs. A. D. Barker and Messrs. W. Birmingham, W. Butler, F. Russell, W. Welling and D. Poole were elected to the committee.

The Master addressed the meeting and congratulated the branch on the large number of new members, especially ladies. He hoped as many members as possible would attend the Guild's annual festival at Oxford on July 12th.

The Guild general secretary, Mr. W. Hibbert, had some scathing remarks for those who rang advanced methods and finished there. 'We are always struggling,' he said, 'to get enough ringers to man the bells for our Sunday services. I think that those people who ring peals of Spliced Surprise, etc., should devote more of their time and skill to the teaching of new recruits.'

OBITUARY

MR. JOSEPH GODDARD

The Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild has suffered an irreparable loss by the sudden death on May 3rd of Mr. Joseph Goddard, its oldest life member. Whilst ringing a farewell peal to the Rev. W. J. Allen Price, Rector of Bromborough he collapsed and died on the way to hospital.

Mr. Goddard was 77 years of age and was born at Mottram-in-Longdendale, Cheshire, where he learnt to ring. There he was a faithful member of St. Michael's band until he left the district and came to Wirral in 1922 (circa). At Mottram he participated in a number of peals, all Kent Treble Bob Major, including several long lengths. Early in 1906 he rang 3rd through peals of 8,896 changes, 10,176 changes and 12,000 changes. These were evidently practice peals, for on June 8th, 1906, he rang 3rd in the then record length of 16,800 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, rung at Mottram in 9 hours 40 minutes. In all he rang 56 peals—52 Kent Treble Bob Major and 4 Plain Bob Major. Since leaving Mottram he had been a most faithful ringer at St. Barnabas', Bromborough, and recently was acting as tower captain.

It was his proud boast that he started work as a boy of 13 years as a cotton operative, and throughout all his working life until he retired at the age of 72 years he was away from work only four days. This absence was caused by his removal from Mottram occasioned by his wife's desire to return to her native home.

As he had never suffered a day's illness in his life his death was a great shock to all his ringing friends. The post-mortem examination revealed that his collapse was inevitable and that the exertion of ringing was in no way a contributory cause of his death. Nevertheless, the passing of 'Old Joe' will be mourned by Wirral ringers young and old, and it is hard to realise that never again will his broad Cheshire dialect and hearty laugh be heard at any of our gatherings.

The funeral was at Bromborough on May 7th. The service was choral, and the Rev. — Boulton, Vicar of St. Mark's, New Ferry, officiated. Following the committal handbells were rung at the graveside, and later a half-muffled peal of Plain Bob Major was rung.

Ringers attending were: Messrs. J. Cooke (Wirral branch chairman), A. J. Martin (Wirral branch secretary), H. S. Bailey, F. T. Parry, R. S. F. P. Harris, G. Rixon, G. Pink, D. Melling, Miss P. Owen, Miss T. Owen, Miss D. Minnis and Miss T. Uytendal (Bromborough). Messrs. G. F. Pickthall, A. L. Shepherd, A. J. H. Scott, P. C. Holmes and T. W. Woods (Eastham), C. B. Pemberton, A. T. Sutton and S. D. Sutton (Bidston). Mr. and Mrs. J. Mann and Mr. E. Ash (Birkenhead St. Mary's). Mr. D. Parry (Port Sunlight) and Mr. C. Wiltshaw (Bebington). Messrs. A. L. Shepherd, A. J. H. Scott, A. T. Sutton and S. D. Sutton acted as bearers.

Wreaths included tributes from Wirral Branch and Bromborough ringers.

MR. H. J. FITTER

Mr. Harold Jack Fitter died on May 1st in his 64th year, and by his passing Yardley Parish Church, Birmingham, has sustained the loss of a great stalwart.

He learnt to ring at Solihull Church quite early in life, although he did not progress very far in change ringing. He will be remembered for his work in Yardley tower, where he taught several to handle a bell, among whom was his son, Albert Harold. He was mainly instrumental for the scheme for the transformation of the poor old six bells into Yardley's beautiful modern octave.

'Jack' Fitter will be missed by his friends of the St. Martin's Guild, whose meetings he regularly attended. To the widow and only son the sympathy of his many ringing friends will be extended in their very sad loss.

LIVERPOOL TENOR RECAST

On Wednesday, April 30th, the recasting of the bells of Liverpool Parish Church (Our Lady and St. Nicholas) was completed, and there was a very happy expedition from Liverpool to Loughborough to witness this event. A coach-load of members of the congregation and their wives reached Loughborough in good time for lunch, in spite of having to collect a well-known Cheshire ringer on the way. We were very pleased to have with us the Rector of Liverpool, the Rev. R. Nelson, and at Loughborough we were joined by the Rector's warden, Dr. H. Jasperson, and his wife.

At the Bell Foundry we watched the casting of a dozen or so bells of various sizes, ending up with the 42 cwt. tenor for the new ring of twelve at Liverpool (half-a-crown's worth of which now belongs to the said well-known Cheshire ringer!). In another part of the foundry the front eleven were lined up and waiting for us, fresh from the tuning machine, and here we tried—without very much success—to tap some Grandsire Triples on the middle eight. After inspecting the rest of the foundry and sounding a bewildering variety of notes on the many bells which lay around in great profusion, we made our way to the campanile, well satisfied with our new twelve.

Our efforts on the famous light ten were not wholly successful, but we did bring round most of the touches we attempted. Finally, we said good-bye to the bell foundry with a course of Grandsire Caters out in the road, rung on the St. Nicholas' handbells, which have now been well and truly put in order by Taylor's. We were more at home with the grand ring of ten at the Parish Church than with the 'toys' at the foundry, and we enjoyed more than an hour's ringing here before adjourning for tea. The Rector expressed the thanks of the party to Mr. Taylor for the hospitality he had shown us, and for the excellent job that was being made of the bells.

It is hoped that the bells will be first rung at the consecration of the new church, which is to take place on October 18th. The following Saturday, October 25th, is to be an open ringing day, and we hope soon to publish full particulars of the arrangements.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association

The bi-annual Corporate Communion of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Easton-in-Gordano on April 27th, when the ringers joined the parishioners at the early celebration in St. George's Church.

Ringing commenced at 7 a.m. and continued until service time when the celebrant was the Rector, the Rev. W. J. James.

Ringers from Clapton-in-Gordano, Easton-in-Gordano, Long Ashton, Marksbury, Nailsea and Wrington afterwards sat down to an excellent breakfast in the Parish Hall, despite some little difficulty over boiling eggs!

A return was then made to the tower to ring for the morning service. M. J. H.

MR. S. WARREN STURGIS

The death took place on April 24th at his home, 66, Marlborough Street, Back Bay, Massachusetts, U.S.A., of Mr. S. Warren Sturgis (84), a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

For 44 years he was a master at Groton School and a former teacher of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

After the death of Dr. Arthur H. Nichols, Mr. Sturgis did his best to keep alive the interest in tower-bell ringing, and as recently as Christmas Eve arranged for a group to meet at the Advent Church in Boston. Readers will remember that there was a ring of bells at Groton School.

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MARTIN. — On May 15th, 1952, at St. Mark's Hospital, Maidenhead, Arthur Martin, in his 69th year. For many years a ringer at All Saints' Church, Boyne Hill. 782

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MISCELLANEOUS

LOST from Ringers' Chapel in Lincoln Cathedral on April 26th, green Baracuta mackintosh.—J. B. Nicholson, The Limes, Saxilby, Lincoln. 749

HANDBELL RINGERS.—Two sisters arranging cycling hostelling holiday, Birmingham to Penzance, September 1st to 14th, would like to contact en route any handbell teams. Both are enthusiastic tune ringers and would like to ring with other teams and exchange ideas.—Tromans, 40, Perry Park Road, Blackheath, Birmingham 776

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MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting on Saturday, May 24th, at Manuden (5), near Stansted, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Thence to Farnham (6), near Bishop's Stortford, for tea and further ringing. Visitors are requested to bring own sandwiches, etc.; cups of tea provided.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland, Essex. 911

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Lympham, Saturday, May 24th, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 799

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Carlton-in-Cleveland, 3 p.m., Saturday, May 24th.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 786

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly, Burghill, May 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. 762

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Barkway, May 24th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method. St. Clement's.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 765

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Ashby Folville, May 24th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names to Miss B. Whait, The Leys, Gaddesby. 778

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wainfleet St. Mary, Saturday, May 24th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5. 766

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Netherseale, Saturday, May 24th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Overseale. 772

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Chalfont St. Peter, Saturday, May 24th, 3 p.m.—Barker. 778

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting with Crewe Branch of **CHESTER GUILD.**—Market Drayton (8) on May 4th. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—G. C. Bagley, Hon. Sec. 768

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Godstone May 24th. Bells (8) 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. 719

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting, Earls Croome, Saturday, May 24th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 771

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tuesday, May 27th, 7.15, advanced methods practice, Christ Church, Ealing Broadway; Monday, June 9th, 7.15, general practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth. All welcome. 806

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Arksey, Saturday, May 31st. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5. Names for tea, by May 28th, to Mrs. I. Somerville, 13, Station Road, Arksey, Doncaster.—R. J. Sanderson. 790

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Ickleton, Saturday, May 31st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 795

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting at Alveston, Saturday, May 31st Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Names for tea, by Monday, May 26th, to W. F. Scudamore, 6, Sandringham Avenue, Downend, Bristol. 788

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—St. Andrew's, Chippenham, May 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Names by 27th.—R. Tigwell, 44, King Alfred Street, Chippenham. 793

LADIES' GUILD.—Wiltshire Branch.—Meeting, North Bradley (8) May 31st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Miss R. Gibbons, 7, Canon Square, Melksham. 783

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District.—Annual meeting at St. Nicholas', Nuneaton, on Saturday, May 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—M. Beamish, Hon. Sec. 805

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Guiseley on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea for drinking supplied; members take own food. Business meeting in tower 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12. 800

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting, Gressenhall (6). May 31st. Service 4.30. Tea in Village Hall for those who apply, by 28th, to Mr. G. T. Bunning, Gressenhall Green, E. Dereham, Norfolk.—W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec. 752

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A ringers' meeting will be held at Eye, May 31st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea arranged for those who notify, by the 27th, Supt. Rush, Sunnyside, Castle Street, Eye.—E. E. Cook, Dis. Sec. 779

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Cheriton, Saturday, May 31st. Bells (6) 2. Service 4. Tea 4.45 in Bricklayer's Arms. Names for tea, by previous Monday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 754

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING LINCOLN

Members and wives (or husbands) will be entertained to tea on Tuesday, June 3rd, following the meeting. Will members please apply for tickets before Thursday, May 29th, to Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, when tickets will be forwarded or reserved for them. 767

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday, June 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided (numbers, please).—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 796

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Chelmsford, Whit Monday, June 2nd. Service in the Cathedral 11 a.m., preacher the Very Reverend G. E. Gordon, M.A., Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. Lunch at the Cathedral Hall 1.30 p.m., members 3s., non-resident members and non-members 4s. Tea will be served as a running buffet in the Cathedral Hall from 4.30 p.m. until 6 p.m. at 1s. 6d. per head. Bells available: Cathedral (13) 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. The following bells are available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Great Baddow (8), Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Galleywood (8), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6), Sandon (6), Little Baddow (5). Applications for lunch and tea tickets to the general secretary not later than May 26th, to be prepaid, enclosing stamped addressed envelope for the return of the tickets.—Robert C. Heazel, Hon. Sec., The School House, Wimbish, Saffron Walden. 764

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival and meeting, Coalbrookdale (10), Whit Monday, June 2nd. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15. Annual meeting 5. Bells available 11 a.m.; also Broseley (8), Much Wenlock (8) for parties. Names for tea, by May 29th, to Rev. E. G. Benson, Presteigne Rectory, Rads. 714

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, June 7th, 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards St. Stephen's, Clapham Park.—A. B. Peck. 802

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Claverdon (6), June 7th (Leamington not available.) Names for tea, by Tuesday, 3rd, to Miss H. Purkiss, Deppers Bridge, Southam, Rugby. 785

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—East Budleigh, June 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. 808

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Foxearth (8), Saturday, June 7th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, to H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 798

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Crusader meeting, June 7th, High Ongar (6), 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Impossible to make arrangements for tea. Cafes at Chipping Ongar, short walk or bus. To High Ongar by bus from Brentwood.—F. V. G. 781

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Tirley, June 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by June 3rd, to J. Beech, Hon. Sec., 6, Abbey Terrace, Tewkesbury. Tel. 2308.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Quex Park, Saturday, June 7th, 2.30 p.m. Tour of museum during afternoon. Tea 2s. per head; names, with cash, please, to Mr. J. A. Russell, 40a, Station Road, Birchington, Kent, not later than June 4th. This is definite: no names no tea. Entrance is by the Farm Road, and not in front of the Mansion.—B. J. Luck. 794

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, Lydd, June 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 787

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Cowden (6), June 7th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by June 4th to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge. 804

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual meeting at St. Peter's, Milton-next-Gravesend, June 7th. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by June 4th, to Mrs. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend. Everybody welcome. 792

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be at Halsall on Saturday, June 7th. Please send names to Mr. Maudsley, Post Office, Halsall, near Ormskirk. Branch practice at Ormskirk on Thursday, June 5th, 7.30 p.m. till 9.30 p.m.—W. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 803

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Marshfield, June 7th. Bells 2.30. Service at 4. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 784

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Brize-Norton on Saturday, June 7th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify, by June 5th, Miss Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford. 761

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Newport Pagnell, Saturday, June 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea, please, by June 2nd.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 789

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Damerham (6), June 7th. Bells 2.30. Tea for those who notify me by June 3rd.—Miss Eloie, 81, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 780

SOUTHWELL GUILD (Nottingham District) and **LEICESTER GUILD** (Melton District).—Joint meeting at Melton Mowbray, Saturday, June 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, Colles Hall, 5. Names must be sent to Mr. H. Clayton, 17, Bayswater Road.—S. P. M. Lewin, J. H. Cook, Joint Secretaries. 758

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Bridlington Priory Church, June 7th. Bells (8) available 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Service 3 o'clock; preacher, Ven. C. O. Ellison (Archdeacon of Leeds and president, Yorkshire Association). Tea in Priory Institute. Names, by June 5th, to Mr. J. A. Parker, Higher Waterworks, Mill Lane, Bridlington. 50th anniversary of dedication of bells.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 801

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Shield contest at Penistone, June 14th, open to all members. Entrance fee 10s. per company. All entries must reach me not later than June 7th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 770

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting fixed for June 26th at Esher cancelled. Date for next meeting July 19th. Place announced when notice due.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 797

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