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## ANOTHER IMPRESSION OF LINCOLN

**A**ND all the bells of merry Lincolne without men's hands were rung,' as 'tis said happened at the burial of St. Hugh of Lincoln, whose shrine is still one of the greatest glories of the Minster. Fortunately this anticipation of modern mechanical methods was not in evidence there at Whitsun, when all or most of the bells of merry Lincoln and Lincolnshire were rung, but were rung by the hands of young and old, men and women, boys and girls, hands large and sinewy, hands horny or charming, gathered from the length and breadth of England, and Ireland too, for the Central Council. Lincolnshire stone provides perfect material for towers and spires of many types. The majesty of the Minster towers, the incredibly soaring grace of Boston stump, broach spires like Ewerby, pinnaced spires like Heckington (one of the most glorious early 14th century churches in the world), Grantham, Louth, Newark (Notts), Tattershall and many others, each a palace in which God might reign as King in the hearts of His people, each a place in which the humblest can find nobility.

With hearts lifted up by a week-end in such territory, members were ready for the great day—Whit Tuesday. It began with Holy Communion as is now the custom of the Council—and in what surroundings! The Angel Choir of Lincoln Minster, perhaps the most lovely specimen of the most lovely period of Gothic in the Christian world (don't start a correspondence about this!), the eastern transepts with their divine 'Early English' windows, the noble black oak choir stalls, the shrine of St. Hugh just behind the high altar, all forming a composition as near to the eternal city of God as men can make.

And then to the Chapter House. How one's surroundings affect one's thoughts! And how could anyone make a speech with any motive but sincerity, dignity and peace in such a place? Would that Parliament might have its manners always lifted up the height to which this House must have lifted them in the days of Edward I. The great stone central pillar with its marble pilasters and the vault above like a vast tree-trunk branching out. All the history of England in the storied windows around. The charming speech of welcome by the Bishop of Lincoln, who at once lifted our minds up to the dignity of our surroundings, and who reminded us of how the lions on which his hands rested were once thumped by wrathful Plantagenet kings presiding over Parliament.

We found no time to read the history of England in the windows, for the agenda (the report of which it is no part of the purpose of a leading article to anticipate) proved of interest worthily befitting the surroundings. By far the most moving and indeed historic portion of (the word 'item' seems too diminutive) the agenda was the retirement of George and Kathleen Fletcher from the position which they have held so long and so magnificently on the Council. What a joy it is to know that this retirement has absolutely nothing to do with events usually associated with retirement, age, health and so forth, but is simply because George finds the demands which his service to his fellow-men make on his time are such that he must take this step. Each of us will have personal and delightful memories of the words and deeds of George and Kathleen—mine include George's power to make financial affairs appear crystal clear and Kathleen's joy in punctuality. How good to know that the secretaryship now passes to hands so well loved throughout the Exercise, so competent and so keen. Men come and go, Chapter Houses like Lincoln and the Minster to which it is joined tell of the power which even mortal men have to grasp immortality.

There are many other matters of interest on the agenda. What is and what is not recognisable in Minor ringing, what is and what is not London; these and related subjects provide magnificent opportunity, magnificently grasped, for various charming personalities to charm their audience with more or less effect. Shut your eyes and Lincoln Chapter House gives place in rapid succession to Leicester Magistrates' Court, Leeds Council Chamber, some Oxfordshire debating society—the unmathematically minded, if any such were there, might almost feel with eyes shut that they were in Milton's Hell ('Paradise Lost'), where for 'Others more mild, retreated in a silent valley,' eternal discussion on perplexing subjects was the order of proceedings.

But no! We open our eyes (please, I wasn't asleep) and we are still in Lincoln Chapter House. One could have wished that we had been arranged sitting all around the walls each speaking towards the pillar, the arrangement intended by the builders, and which should make each speaker equally audible to all. However, the arrangement adopted made all England seem close-knit together—not close enough, alas, for us to accept the most kind and generous invitation of Newcastle for next year—but if they are rather too distant in situation, they are indeed close in our hearts, and we look forward to visiting them another year. The joys of Bournemouth will be happily anticipated,



as will the ringing for the Coronation—by the way, what are we doing to instruct the general public in connection with this, the greatest event in England's national and Christian life?

And so our stay draws to a close, and we leave Lincoln full of gratitude to so many people — the Mayor and Mayoress for their hospitality, John Freeman and others for their great kindness in arranging the ringing, the Bishop, the Dean, the President, George and Kathleen and, most of all, the God and Father of us all Who leads us to be friends, Who lifts up our hearts in buildings and in harmony, and Who challenges us to help build His Kingdom on earth.

GILBERT THURLOW.

## TEN BELL PEALS

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 2, 1952, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt.

*J. CATHERINE BROWN .. Treble	*PETER E. PARRY .. 6
*STEPHEN W. J. PENNY .. 2	*A. NEVILLE BROWN .. 7
*M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY .. 3	WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 8
*PHILIP P. CARTER .. 4	DEREK OGDEN .. 9
*BARRY CORBISHLEY .. 5	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

\* First peal on ten bells. First peal on ten as conductor.  
Rung as a farewell to Alan Ward, of Manchester, who recently joined H.M. Forces. Average age of the band is 19½ years.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 2, 1952, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C.

*JACK MUSSELL .. Treble	HENRY G. KEELEY .. 6
JEAN M. HARRIS .. 2	*DAVID R. REED .. 7
†ROGER KEELEY .. 3	FRANK L. HARRIS .. 8
*HERBERT H. ABRAHAM .. 4	THOMAS J. SETTER .. 9
WILLIAM C. SHUTE .. 5	RONALD N. MARLOW .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.  
\* First peal of Royal. † First peal on ten bells. First peal of Royal as conductor.

BRISTOL

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 11, 1952, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*†ROBERT J. STOKES .. Treble	*†GEOFFREY BEYNON .. 6
B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS .. 2	†FRANK D. MACK .. 7
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 3	*†LANCE C. I. WATSON .. 8
JACK R. WORRALL .. 4	IVOR H. TRUEMAN .. 9
ALBERT M. TYLER .. 5	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.

Rung as a farewell to members of the University of Bristol Society who are going down this year.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 16, 1952, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

G. OLDFIELD .. Treble	JOSE TURNER .. 5
HERBERT GOAKES .. 2	DAVID PETERS .. 6
W. H. OLDFIELD .. 3	FRANCIS H. NEWMAN .. 7
W. SMITH .. 4	*NEVILLE BEEBE .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by FRANCIS H. NEWMAN.

\* First peal. Rung for the 70th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hilton and the birth of their great-grandson; also 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Goakes.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 28, 1952, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE .. Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 5
J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 2	JOHN R. SMITH .. 6
PAUL L. TAYLOR .. 3	*T. EDWARD HARROLD .. 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.

\* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Frederick H. Dexter.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. Treble	STANLEY W. COPLING .. 5
CHARLES W. LOOME .. 2	ERNEST WHITING .. 6
GEORGE W. HOWLETT .. 3	WILLIAM J. FLATT .. 7
*CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE .. 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

\* First peal in the method.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

*BETTY M. VIDLER .. Treble	KILBY R. HOLTOM .. 5
M. ANGELA CARTER .. 2	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON .. 6
*AUDREY M. BAILEY .. 3	ROBERT COLLINS .. 7
DORIS E. COLGATE .. 4	†MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. KNIGHTS (K.C.A. 4,130).

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

\* First peal in the method. † 25th peal for the Association.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 28½ cwt.

GEORGE E. FOSTER .. Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 5
WILFRID F. MORETON .. 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. 7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

The first peal in the method on the bells.



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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 1, 1952, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In four methods, being 2,240 London, 1,728 Bristol and 576 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 116 changes of method.

Tenor 12 cwt, 14 lb. in F sharp.

Mrs. C. K. LEWIS .. .. Treble	JOHN WORTH .. .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 6
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 3	WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

ASHFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 2, 1952, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 23 cwt, in E flat.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Treble	MARK W. MARSHALL .. 5
WILFRED W. RING .. .. 2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 6
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 7
*ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER (C.C.C. 12).

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

\* First peal of London. First peal of London on the bells.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 2, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Taylor's Six-part.	Tenor 15½ cwt.
*A. WILLIAM ABSOLOM .. Treble	MICHAEL BISHOP .. .. 5
*FREDERICK S. SMITH .. 2	ROBERT B. BLOND .. .. 6
JAMES GODMAN .. .. 3	FRANK ABSOLOM .. .. 7
JAMES P. BLOND .. .. 4	JACK BERRY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

\* First peal.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 2, 1952, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation.	Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.
ALFRED H. PULLING .. Treble	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 5
FRANK W. PERRENS .. 2	FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. 6
THOMAS R. BUTLER .. 3	JOHN FREEMAN .. .. 7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER .. 4	WALTER AYRE .. .. Tenor

Umpire: EDWIN A. BARNETT.

Rung silent.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 2, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT .. Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
JOHN G. W. HARWOOD .. 2	MAURICE J. LING .. .. 6
ERNEST WHITING .. .. 3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. 7
STANLEY W. COPLING .. 4	CHARLES W. LOOME .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 2, 1952, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*T. W. HOPSON .. .. Treble	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 5
HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. 2	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 6
JACK BAILEY .. .. 3	FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 7
†MARK J. BARKER .. .. 4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. Tenor

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

\* First peal on eight. † First peal of Bristol. First in the method on the bells.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 2, 1952, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Composer's Twelve-part No. 9 in the method. Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

HORACE J. MANSFIELD .. Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 2	ERNEST V. MASTIN .. .. 6
FRED E. DUKES .. .. 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 7
REV. A. G. G. THURLOW .. 4	BERT GOGLE .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Composition contains extent of 4, 5, 6 in 5-6 and all the 7568s; the second and third never above 4ths at a course-end.

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 3, 1952, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Middleton's.	Tenor 24 cwt.
E. ROGER MARTIN .. Treble	JAMES BLACKBURN .. .. 5
G. ALEC DIMMOCK .. .. 2	*LAURENCE WALMSLEY .. 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. 7
ARTHUR HATCH .. .. 4	ERNEST J. GOWER .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. GOWER.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., June 5, 1952, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

**A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

Consisting of 3,200 London, 320 Bristol, and 800 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 110 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in A.	
ANTHONY AGER .. Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 5
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 2	JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 6
HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal of Spiced as conductor. The composition is now rung for the first time.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 5, 1952, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Carte's Odd-Bob (2nd Version).	Tenor 30½ cwt.
*EDGAR C. STACEY .. Treble	EDWARD DALINGWATER .. 5
Mrs. E. WALL .. .. 2	JAMES MCCLUSKEY .. .. 6
RAYMOND C. WESTNEY .. 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 7
*DENIS A. CHAPMAN .. 4	PERCY J. DAWE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

\* First peal in the method. Rung by the local company. In honour of the birthday of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 6, 1952, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

PETER E. PARRY .. Treble	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 5
JEAN C. BROWN .. .. 2	JACK CLEGG .. .. 6
PHILIP P. CARTER .. .. 3	DEREK OGDEN .. .. 7
NEVILLE A. BROWN .. 4	R. GORDON CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

First peal in the method for all but the 6th ringer. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 6, 1952, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*FRANK ABSOLOM .. Treble	JAMES P. BLOND .. .. 5
*JAMES GODMAN .. .. 2	JOHN SEYMOUR .. .. 6
ERNEST G. GARRARD .. 3	JACK BERRY .. .. 7
MICHAEL BISHOP .. .. 4	ROBERT B. BLOND .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

\* First peal of Major.



## ASPENDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 7, 1952, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5392 TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Granta Variation.		Tenor 9½ cwt.	
ROY V. WEBB .. .. .	Treble	FRANK C. CROFT .. .. .	5
EDWIN G. BUCK .. .. .	2	WALTER D. POOLEY .. .. .	6
HORACE WERRETT .. .. .	3	JACK S. DEAR .. .. .	7
JOHN CHURCH .. .. .	4	R. THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by R. THOMAS NEWMAN.

First of Granta Variation by all the band, and rung for the 75th anniversary of the creation of the St. Albans Diocese.

## BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 7, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Pitstow's Transposition.		Tenor 14½ cwt.	
FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. .	Treble	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. .	5
MRS. J. E. TURLEY .. .. .	2	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. .. .	6
WILLIAM J. THYNG .. .. .	3	HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. .	7
SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. .	4	*CYRIL WRIGHT .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\* Completion of tower 'circle.'

## FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SS. James and Basil Guild.)

On Sat., June 7, 1952, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JAMES AND BASIL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).		Tenor 14 cwt. 10 lb. in F.	
*THOMAS SEWELL .. .. .	Treble	THOMAS W. CROWE .. .. .	5
J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. .. .	2	KENNETH ARTHUR .. .. .	6
ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. .	3	JACK ROACH .. .. .	7
†JOHN HEDLEY .. .. .	4	†JOHN HEAL .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

\* First peal on a working bell. † First peal of Grandsire. ‡ First peal.

Rung in connection with the celebrations for the 21st anniversary of the consecration of this church.

## HINGHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 7, 1952, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5088 CRAYFORD LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.	
GEORGE LAND .. .. .	Treble
*DAVID HEIGHTON .. .. .	2
CHAS. E. G. BANHAM .. .. .	3
RALPH SITCH .. .. .	4
JOHN S. BARNES .. .. .	5
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. .	6
ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. .	7
GEORGE SAYER .. .. .	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Major. First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the Association.

## SEATON, DEVONSHIRE.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., June 7, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

## A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.	
*FREDERICK WREFORD .. .. .	Treble
E. MAURICE ATKINS .. .. .	2
HENRY G. KEELEY .. .. .	3
ARTHUR J. SCOTT .. .. .	4
NORMAN MALLETT .. .. .	5
ROGER KEELEY .. .. .	6
HARRY PARKES .. .. .	7
G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.  
\* First Surprise peal. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of the 50th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. F. Llewellyn Elwards.

## WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 7, 1952, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.	
*ALAN PENDLEBURY .. .. .	Treble
*MRS. MARY A. TONGE .. .. .	2
GEOFFREY PEARSON .. .. .	3
NORMAN TOMPKINS .. .. .	4
JOSEPH THORNLEY .. .. .	5
ALBERT GREENHALGH .. .. .	6
PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE .. .. .	7
PETER CROOK, SEN. .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.  
A wedding compliment to Raymond Scott (a Walkden ringer) and Mary E. Venables, who were married at the above church this day.

## WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., June 7, 1952, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.	
WILLIAM DAVIES .. .. .	Treble
MONICA WALKER .. .. .	2
*DEREK TRANTER .. .. .	3
ALFRED C. BOXLEY .. .. .	4
ERNEST STITCH .. .. .	5
STANLEY PRESTIDGE .. .. .	6
J. NORMAN HADLEY .. .. .	7
†MAURICE G. TURNER .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

\* First peal in the method. † 150th peal for the Society. First peal as conductor.

## OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sun., June 8, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's.		Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F.	
C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selw.)	Treble	R. D. EDGE (Queens')	5
W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	2	F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn)	6
E. W. TAYLOR (Emman.)	3	A. R. GUY (Jesus)	7
*D. CLEMENTS (Christ's)	4	P. A. F. CHALK (Selwyn)	Tenor

Conducted by P. A. F. CHALK.

\* First peal of Major.

Rung to mark the ordination this day of M. R. D. Harford and C. G. Woodhead, deacons, and J. B. Rousell, priest, all members of the Guild.

## SIX BELL PEALS

## KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 24, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.		Tenor 10 cwt.	
WILLIAM E. JAINE .. .. .	Treble	CYRIL E. JAINE .. .. .	4
THOMAS C. JAINE .. .. .	2	DENIS F. JAINE .. .. .	5
WILFRED E. BROOKES .. .. .	3	FREDERICK A. JAINE .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. JAINE.

The conductor's 50th peal. Rung as a farewell peal to W. E. Jaime, R.S.M., R.A., who is leaving the country for service overseas.

## BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents called differently.		Tenor 9 cwt.	
DAVID NICHOLLS .. .. .	Treble	RONALD E. BURT .. .. .	4
FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO .. .. .	2	T. CHARLES BROWNE .. .. .	5
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. .. .	3	FRANK PEARSON .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss M. Howlett and in honour of her engagement to Mr. F. C. J. Arnold.

## GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Double Court, Court, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Kingston Treble Bob and Sandal Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.	
GRACE BURCHNALL .. .. .	Treble
KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. .. .	2
GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. .	3
HAROLD DENMAN .. .. .	4
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. .. .	5
HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

## WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents standard callings.		Tenor 12½ cwt.	
REGINALD ROWLEY .. .. .	Treble	WILLIAM C. COOPER .. .. .	4
*ROBERT LEES .. .. .	2	ALFRED W. GLAZZARD .. .. .	5
ALFRED BOXLEY .. .. .	3	JOHN HICKS .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED WILLIAM GLAZZARD.

\* First peal of Doubles. A birthday compliment to ringers of 2, 3 and 4, and also to Mr. John Bass, of Wollaston.

UPCHURCH, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 2, 1952, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.  
\*EMILY P. B. WALKER .. Treble | †GEORGE KENWARD .. 4  
FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. 2 | CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 5  
†PETER F. BORER .. 3 | §EDWARD C. BARTON .. Tenor  
Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal of Doubles 'inside.' ‡ 250th peal. § First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. C. Barton.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.  
\*JOAN COOPER .. Treble | REGINALD T. GOODMAN .. 4  
ROLAND BENISTON .. 2 | †JAMES W. BOWLEY .. 5  
C. WILLIAM HALL .. 3 | †JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. Tenor  
Conducted by JOHN A. UNDERWOOD.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor in the method. First peal of Plain Bob Minor as conductor, who has now 'circled' the tower.

NEMPNETT-THRUBWELL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tues., June 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.  
LEONARD DERRICK .. Treble | †JOHN M. STALLARD .. 4  
ERNEST F. SHEARN .. 2 | GEORGE PRESCOTT .. 5  
\*MARJORIE LEGG .. 3 | HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. Tenor  
Conducted by LEONARD DERRICK.

\* 25th peal. † First peal of Stedman Doubles. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 4, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.  
F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. Treble | \*DAVID HEIGHTON .. 4  
\*ELIZABETH M. BIBBY .. 2 | †H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5  
WILLIAM LOVE .. 3 | ARTHUR G. BASON .. Tenor  
Conducted by ARTHUR G. BASON.

\* First peal in seven methods. † 100th peal for the Norwich Diocesan Association.

OLD CHESTERTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 4, 1952, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.  
JOHN G. GIPSON .. Treble | \*CYRIL A. HURST .. 4  
ERNEST G. HIBBINS .. 2 | \*CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. 5  
T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 3 | PHILIP A. F. CHALK .. Tenor  
Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

CRANFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 5, 1952, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.  
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. Treble | HARRY WOODING .. 4  
GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 2 | ERIC NOBLES .. 5  
RONALD C. NOON .. 3 | C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Tenor  
Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

Rung in honour of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.'s official birthday, and for the Feast of St. Boniface.



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**HANDBELL PEALS**

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.

THE NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

*On Wed., April 20, 1952, in 1 Hour and 26 Minutes,  
AT 15, FIRST AVENUE, FIVE DOCK,***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES**

Four different callings.

Tenor size 13 in F.

JOHN J. CUMMINS .. 1—2 | \*WILLIAM M. ROWE .. 3—4  
\*EDMOND J. FOWELL .. 5—6

Conducted by WILLIAM M. ROWE.

\*Has now rung peals of Plain Bob 'in hand' to Doubles, Minor and Major. First peal as conductor on handbells. First peal of Doubles on handbells for the Association in New South Wales and for the band.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sun., June 1, 1952, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,**AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. FREEMAN, BRANSTON,***A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15.

EDWIN A. BARNETT .. 1—2 | WILFRID H. J. HOOTON .. 5—6  
JOHN FREEMAN .. 3—4 | ERNEST C. S. TURNER .. 7—8

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., June 4, 1952, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,**AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,***A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED MAJOR**

In twenty-two methods: Pulford, Avalon, Painswick, Kidlington, Double Oxford, Pershore, Hereward, Double Norwich, St. Clement's, Crayford College, Richmond, New London, Double, Reverse, Plain, Gainsborough, Wellington, Little Bob, Ashbourne, Spalding, Chesterfield, and Maidstone. 320 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

\*EDWIN A. BARNETT .. 1—2 | JACK BRAY .. 5—6  
GEORGE E. FEIRN .. 3—4 | JOHN FREEMAN .. 7—8

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

\*First peal in 22 methods.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

*On Wed., June 4, 1952, in 2 Hours,**AT 35, MARKET STREET,***A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being six extents each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor size 13 in E.

PETER BERESFORD .. 1—2 | DENNIS BERESFORD .. 3—4  
\*CLIVE M. SMITH .. 5—6

\*First peal 'in hand' and 25th peal. First peal in seven Doubles methods by all the band.

LONDON, S.E.1.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

*On Fri., June 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,**AT COUNTY HALL,***A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED MAJOR**

Being 1,072 Plain Bob, 976 each of Double and Reverse Bob, 732 each of Wellington and Gainsborough, and 512 Little Bob. 371 changes of method. Tenor size 16 in B.

GILLIAN R. BRITAIN .. 1—2 | EDWIN J. LINDLEY .. 5—6  
RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 3—4 | THOMAS J. LOCK .. 7—8

Adapted from B. ANNABLE. Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

First peal in six methods on handbells by all the band.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

*On Mon., June 9, 1952, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,**IN HERTFORD COLLEGE,***A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor size 15 in C.

\*M. ELIZABETH ROE .. 1—2 | MICHAEL SLANEY .. 5—6  
†PETER BORDER .. 3—4 | †FRANK P. WRIGHT .. 7—8

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.

\*First peal of Triples. †First peal of Triples 'in hand.' First peal 'in hand' as conductor.

Rung by four mathematicians of the University of Oxford as a compliment to Dr. W. L. Ferrar, Bursar of Hertford College, and Chairman of the Examiners, 1952.

**John Taylor & Co.****LOUGHBOROUGH****The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS**

# QUARTER PEALS

**ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.**—On June 8th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Wendy Turnbull 1, Mary Brown 2, B. K. Turnbull 3, E. Trusler 4, H. W. Brown 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung for the first official birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. by the Sunday service band. First in the method by all.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.**—On June 6th, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. W. Stone 1, P. E. Parry 2, D. Ogden 3, Miss P. S. Gatty 4, R. H. Wimpenny 5, A. Ward 6, R. M. Edwards (cond.) 7, J. P. Schoolden (first quarter) 8. Rung for the annual Whit-Walks.

**BERE REGIS, DORSET.**—On June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Cheeseman 1, H. J. Sanawyn 2, R. Clothier 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, J. Coombes 5, F. C. Davis 6. A compliment to the Rev. F. L. Edwards (Kington Magna), former general secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild for 37 years, on his completion of 50 years in the Ministry.

**BLOOMSBURY, LONDON.**—On May 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Hawkins 1, Dr. W. R. Winter-ton 2, A. W. Coles 3, F. Barker 4, G. Parsons 5, G. Spencer 6, J. Euston 7, H. S. Ball 8. A welcome to H. S. Ball on a visit from Turley, Glos.

**BRAMPTON, HUNTS.**—On June 1st, 1,260 Doubles (being 240 April Day, 240 St. Simon's, 240 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): J. F. W. Allen 1, Miss Lucy Allen 2, Miss Elizabeth Smith 3, E. Whiting 4, R. F. Baker (cond.) 5. First in four methods for 1, 2 and 3.

**BROOKFIELD, LONDON.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. G. Forre 1, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 2, G. F. Carter 3, J. T. O'Dell 4, R. Newman (first of Doubles) 5, T. Bevan 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Newman.

**BUCKINGHAM.**—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Spokes 1, F. Townsend 2, H. Jones 3, C. Gough 4, G. W. Holland 5, F. Vickers 6, W. Yates (cond.) 7, W. H. Yates 8. Rung for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Pettipher. Just recently he relinquished the office of Vicar's warden after 20 years of devoted service.

**CARRIS BAY, CORNWALL.**—On June 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. Rudwick (first of Minor) 1, Miss E. Symons 3, G. W. Taysom 3, Mrs. A. S. Roberts 4, R. E. Warner 5, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 6. First of Minor on the bells.

**CASTOR, NORTHANTS.**—On June 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: L. Sharpe 1, Miss M. Bell (first quarter) 2, B. Ball 3, F. Sismey 4, D. T. Austin (cond.) 5, J. Coulson 6.

**CHICHESTER, HANTS.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Harley (first on 8) 1, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 2, Joy Gumbrell (first of Triples 'inside') 3, E. Winifred Keys 4, W. G. Challen 5, R. G. Blackman 6, N. J. Smith 7, H. F. Dunford 8. Rung for an Ordination of priests and deacons, and as a token of appreciation of the services to ringing of the Rev. George R. H. Smith, of Chichester Theological College, ordained deacon by the Lord Bishop of Gloucester.

**CHIGWELL, ROW, ESSEX.**—On May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: F. V. Gant (cond.) 1, Miss S. Booth 2, A. H. Worboys 3, R. W. Stannard 4, S. Penfold 5, T. East 6, L. W. Bullock 7, W. Vale 3. First in method for 2, 3, 6 and 7.

**CHURCHSTANTON, SOMERSET.**—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Moore 1, R. Shire (cond.) 2, Miss B. Rowsell 3, G. Salter 4, B. Burstow 5, M. Long 6. Rung for the official birthday of Queen Elizabeth.

**CLAPHAM COMMON.**—On June 8th, at the Redemptorist Church of Our Immaculate Lady of Victories, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Rew 1, Miss M. E. Powell 2, Miss M. Fellows (first quarter) 3, A. J. Phillips 4, P. J. Hutchings (cond.) 5, B. C. Snipe (first quarter) 6. First of Doubles by 2 and 5. Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to the conductor's parents, and as a birthday compliment to his mother.

**FAVERSHAM, KENT.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Jemmett 1, Miss E. S. Wyles 2, C. Eades 3, W. S. Palin (cond.) 4, F. Pack 5, F. Farnsworth 6, P. R. Jemmett 7, N. Jumber 8. To celebrate the 700th anniversary of the granting by Henry III. of Faversham's Charter.

**FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.**—On June 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: T. Sewell 1, Miss K. Soffley 2, K. Arthur (cond.) 3, J. Hedley 4, T. W. Crowe 5, E. P. Crowdy 6, E. N. Harrison 7, J. Roach 8. Rung immediately prior to the service for dedication by the Bishop of Newcastle of the parish war memorial and new chapel.

**FLEET, Lincs.**—On June 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Brumle 1, E. S. Seth 2, Mrs. G. R. G. Butlger 3, R. A. Bennett 4, G. R. G. Butler (cond.) 5, H. Waltham 6. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Mr. George R. Truss, a ringer at this church for many years, who was interred same day at Deeping St. James.

**GODSHILL, I.O.W.**—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): E. Westmore 1, Miss B. Harris 2, L. Bailey 3, C. Callaway 4, C. Denness (cond.) 5, C. Morris 6.

**GUISELEY, YORKS.**—On June 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Cooper (first quarter) 1, J. Armitage 2, R. Crowe (first quarter 'inside') 3, H. M. Heaton 4, G. Dixon 5, A. C. Walsh 6, A. Wear 7, W. Dixon (cond.) 8.

**HALESOWEN, WORCS.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Harris 1, B. E. Woodall 2, L. Clissett 3, A. Greenhall 4, H. Shilcock 5, J. H. Cox 6, T. Greenhall (cond.) 7, T. Cockin 8. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Harris.

**HEENE, SUSSEX.**—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Ashdown 1, D. Smith 2, R. P. Wood 3, H. Weaver 4, S. G. White 5, B. W. M. Cowper 6, J. R. Wilson (first quarter on eight bells as cond.) 7, R. Black 8.

**HENFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On June 1st, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Major: D. J. Parsons (first quarter of Treble Bob) 1, Mrs. C. Crutenden 2, F. E. Crutenden 3, E. Lish 4, F. W. Parsons 5, E. W. Morey 6, E. F. Packham 7, B. W. White (cond.) 8.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. R. J. Poulson 1, J. Hawkins 2, P. Coles (first in method 'inside') 3, F. Day 4, S. Smith 5, S. H. Symonds 6, J. Euston 7, A. W. Coles (cond.) 8.

**LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.**—On Whit Monday, 1,260 Doubles (being 1 extent each of St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Reverse St. Bartholomew, and 2 extents each of Plain Bob and Original, with 300 of Grandsire): A. Isaacson 1, M. Fairey 2, D. Heresford (cond.) 3, C. M. Smith 4, P. Beresford 5, J. N. Fairey (first quarter) 6. First quarter in seven methods by all the band and on the bells. Rung for the Whit-sun Festival.

**LYNDHURST, HANTS.**—On June 5th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. N. Marlow 1, W. Glasspool 2, Miss J. Cox 3, J. Gilbert 4, N. Hayes 5, J. Hartless 6, E. F. Gilbert 7, D. R. Reed (cond.) 8. First quarter of Surprise by 2, 5 and 7. First quarter of Major as conductor.

**MARLOW, Bucks.**—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Silvey (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. D. Poole 2, M. Spracklen 3, J. T. Clay 4, Miss E. Gibson 5, E. D. Poole (cond.) 6, R. E. Dean 7, L. J. Young 8. Rung for Whit Sunday.

**MICKLETON, GLOS.**—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. H. Niblett (cond.) 1, R. Kibblewhite 2, R. Bowld 3, J. W. Kinchin 4, L. Kinchin 5, F. Powell 6. First quarter for 2, 3 and 4.

**MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLEX.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pearl 1, T. Pink 2, Sonia L. Evans 3, M. J. Soper 4, R. Fraser 5, C. Ward 6, N. Tomlinson (cond.) 7, W. Langley 8. A compliment to the Rector (the Rev. L. Nicholls, M.A.) on the 20th anniversary of his ordination.

**NETTLEHAM, Lincs.**—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Jeffery 1, D. Burkit 2, W. S. Hill 3, C. H. Jeffery 4, G. Parker (cond.) 5, S. Care 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6. Rung half-muffled for F. W. Stokes, who was buried this day.

**NEWARK, NOTTS.**—On June 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. E. Elsey 1, Beryl N. White 2, Wm. Stevenson 3, A. E. Chilton 4, W. Neville Brown 5, C. F. Briggs 6, H. Stevenson 7, F. W. Vernon 8, J. W. Ratibby (cond.) 9, W. S. Chandler 10. First quarter in method by 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 and 10. First as conductor.

**NORRURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.**—On June 1st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss M. May 1, R. E. Jones 2, Miss E. Brentnall 3, W. Fernley 4, Miss S. Cain 5, Mrs. J. Fernley 6, B. Jones (cond.) 7, J. Fernley 8. First quarter in method for 1, 3 and 5. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. C. Povall, both local ringers.

**NORTH WINGFIELD, DERRYS.**—On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pamela Smith (first quarter) 1, H. Johnson 2, D. Davis 3, G. Hancock 4, W. Davis (cond.) 5, A. Turner 6. A birthday compliment to Miss Pamela Smith.

**NORTON, HERTS.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: H. Werrett (cond.) 1, Angela Willis (first 'inside', aged 15) 2, R. Webb 3, E. Buck 4, R. Dixon 5, W. Hitch (first quarter) 6, J. Dear 7, T. Werrett 8.

**PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.**—On June 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Doris Walden 1, N. B. Davis 2, A. Tyers (first as cond.) 3, F. C. Davis 4, E. T. P. Field 5, B. Cheeseman 6. Rung in honour of the official birthday of H.M. the Queen.

**POULTON-LE-FYLDE, LANCs.**—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. S. Barrett 1, Miss D. M. Barrett 2, Miss O. W. Barrett 3, Miss J. K. Barrett 4, W. R. Cowell (cond.) 5, B. H. Hall 6. Rung to celebrate the 77th birthday of Mr. W. Lawrenson, also his golden wedding.

**ROMFORD, ESSEX.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7, 8 covering: H. F. Perry 1, Miss S. Booth 3, S. D. Clark (first quarter) 4, R. D. Clark (first quarter) 5, H. Corney 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7, A. T. Langstone 8.

**RUISLIP, MIDDLEX.**—On Trinity Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Turk (first quarter) 1, G. M. Kilby (cond.) 2, Elsie Savory 3, P. Thrift 4, A. Hunter 5, W. Bunce, sen., 6, W. Bunce, jun., 7, W. Pitchall 8.

**SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.**—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Robertshaw 1, Mary Wing 2, F. Terry 3, G. W. Frayne 4, W. H. Barker 5, H. Spencer 6, B. Sutton (cond.) 7, G. Beach 8. A farewell quarter for the ringer of the second on her leaving Scarborough for Greasley (Notts), and to her father, who was the verger at this church.

**SEELY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.**—On May 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Pinfold 1, Enid Roberts (first quarter of Stedman) 2, Ed. Large 3, Wm. B. Cartwright (cond.) 4, K. Haslam 5, H. W. Haslam 6, N. J. Goodman 7, T. Elliott 8.

**SENNE, CORNWALL.**—On June 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Symons 1, Rev. A. S. Roberts 2, Mrs. A. S. Roberts 3, E. W. Roast 4, J. West 5, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 6. First of Minor on the bells.

**SHREWSBURY, SALOP.**—On May 31st, at St. Chad's, 1,231 Grandsire Cinques: C. Golding 1, G. R. Edwards 2, Miss B. A. Carter 3, C. A. Barron 4, B. Harris 5, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 6, J. Butler 7, R. G. Edwards 8, J. N. Lindon 10, W. A. Farmer 11, E. Wilcox 12. First by all.

**SOUTHAM, WARWICKS.**—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Palmer 1, A. J. Hobbly 2, Miss M. Middlemiss 3, P. Thorne 4, H. Windsor (cond.) 5, F. Smith 6. First quarter by Sunday service band. Rung at 6 a.m. Whit Sunday.

**SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.**—On June 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Finch 1, Miss M. Thompson 2, W. Kerrison 3, R. Darch 4, J. Thurlow 5, J. Gibson 6, R. Payne 7, J. Blythe (first of Major as cond.) 8. First quarter Major for 1 and 2. Rung for Trinity Sunday.

**SOWTON, DEVON.**—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. White 1, D. Reeks 2, W. Eveleigh 3, C. Burnett 4, A. Tapley 5, F. Willmington 6, W. Reeks (cond.) 7, J. Dunster 8. First quarter 'inside' for 3 and 4. Also on June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Burnett 1, D. Reeks 2, W. Eveleigh 3, J. Dunster 4, A. Tapley 5, A. G. Betts 6, W. Reeks (cond.) 7, L. Burnett 8.

**STOKE ROCHFORD, Lincs.**—On June 7th, 1,260 Doubles (being one extent each of Canterbury and April Day, four of Plain Bob and 540 of Grandsire): R. P. Armstrong 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, T. W. Charity 3, J. M. Simpson 4, H. R. Woods (cond.) 5. Rung following the wedding of Mavis Newton, daughter of the captain of the local ringers, and Terrence Sheldbourne.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—On May 28th, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Mrs. R. W. Darvill (first of Royal) 1, C. F. Sayer 2, H. V. Frost 3, Miss A. M. Bailey 4, R. W. Darvill 5, B. C. Johnson 6, F. J. Spicer 7, T. J. Southam (cond.) 8, W. J. Southam 9, G. W. Debenham 10. Rung for Confirmation service.

**ST. IVES, HUNTS.**—On Whit Sunday, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. P. Stocker 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, H. W. Pratt 3, G. Nicholls 4, E. J. Parish 5, F. R. Nicholls 6, L. W. Fisher 7, G. H. Dunnington 8.

**ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.**—On May 29th, at St. Mary's, 1,584 Plain Bob Major: S. W. Hawksford 1, Miss J. Harding (first quarter Major) 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, C. H. Harding 4, R. F. Baker 5, F. W. Lack 6, H. S. Peacock 7, R. H. Brooker 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. S. W. Hawksford on completion of 65 years' service at this church.

**STRETHAM, ELY, CAMBS.**—On May 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. W. Butler (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Grain (cond.) 2, H. Sharp 3, H. Collins 4, C. Gimbert 5, R. H. Brooker 6. First quarter of Minor on the bells.

**SYDLING ST. NICHOLAS, DORSET.**—On June 4th, 480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire Doubles: B. Cheeseman 1, N. B. Davis 2, C. Ford 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, H. J. Ford 5. First quarter in two methods 'inside' for 3, and first quarter on five for 3 and 5. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Panter, of Exeter, who were married at Sowton, Devon, on Whit Monday.

**TARRING, SUSSEX.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Black 1, P. Cragg 2, R. Worsfold 3, R. P. Wood 4, C. Chappell (first quarter as cond.) 5, F. Jackson 6. First quarter in the method by 2 and 3.

**WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS, SUFFOLK.**—On May 29th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): Joy Cook (first quarter) 1, C. Fordham 2, K. Brown 3, M. Sharpe 4, E. Bishop 5, A. Cook (cond.) 6.

**WEST HILL, LONDON.**—On June 8th, 1,280 Cambridge Watts: J. Stephenson 1, H. Langdon (cond.) 2, Mrs. Watts 3, H. Miles 4, H. Belcher 5, M. Chilcott 6, R. Deal 7, J. Phillips 8.

**WILESBOURGH, KENT.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Double Bob Minor: R. Newton 1, Miss P. Lawes 2, Miss M. Newton (first quarter 'inside' in the method) 3, A. J. Lancefield 4, R. J. Carlton (cond.) 5, L. C. Smith 6.



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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

With the new half-year commencing with the issue of July 4th, the first of a series of about 36 articles specially designed for beginners will appear. New postal subscriptions (and renewals), 11s. 8d. for six months and 6s. for three months, should be sent forthwith to Mr. J. E. Jeater, 11, Frankswood Avenue, Petts Wood, Kent.

The writer of the Ringers' Roll of Honour, which was so much admired at the Central Council meeting, was Mr. C. Cullen, of Chelsfield Park, Farnborough, Kent, and not Mr. F. Cullen, as erroneously reported in our last issue. We apologise to Mr. C. Cullen. In our next issue we hope to publish an illustration and description of the roll.

Christ Church, Wanstead, has 20 honorary members. Has any tower a better record?

All editorial communications, peals and quarter peals should be sent to the Editor and not to the hon. secretary of the Council.

Mr. J. Frank Smallwood gave a résumé of Central Council proceedings to members of the College Youths at their meeting on June 7th.

'The Parson's Bell' at Bethersden Parish Church, Kent, which dates back to 1661 and has not been used for many years, is to be rung again.

Four Oxford University students rang a handbell peal as a compliment to the chairman of the examiners. And this was before the results were known!

Meeting short for a tower-bell peal attempt at Bradford-on-Avon, five members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild rang a handbell peal in the baptistry of the church.

The Rev. Douglas Hopkins, Weston Favell Rectory, Northampton, asks for a loan of the picture of Henry Penn, the Peterborough bell founder, or any prints of the Bagley family, in connection with an exhibition of Weston Favell relics to be held on June 29th. Henry Penn died while mounting his horse after attending Huntingdon Assizes in 1729. The tenor bell at Weston Favell bears the inscription, 'Henry Penn made me 1707.' The remaining four of this minor five are all by Henry and Matthew Bagley. 1683.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

On Whit Monday, 1951, Mr. Barry Corbishley was involved in a serious accident whilst motor-cycling to Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire, to participate in a peal of Minor.

He is still in the process of recovering, having sustained a broken leg. It gave his friends much pleasure to see him stand up so well to his first peal since the accident, one of Plain Bob Royal at Worsley. With this peal Barry has rung peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

Mr. P. A. Corby, one of our foremost conductors, has lost six out of his last seven peal attempts.

Two members of a Sussex touring band (cycling and youth hostelling) this Whitsun had to clean out a chicken run before leaving their hostel. Was it a penance for the handbell ringing the previous night?

By covering to his first of Stedman at Bolsover on June 7th, Cyril Wright, of the local company, completed the 'circle' of the tower. William J. Thyng, the veteran of 79, also rang in the first peal of Stedman on the bells 48 years ago.

The peal at Doncaster on June 5th, in addition to being rung for the Queen's birthday, was also a farewell to the verger of St. George's, who has been there for 25 years and retires at the end of June, and also to mark the 70th birthday of the tenor ringer, Mr. Percy J. Dawe.

By ringing the tenor on May 31st, Mr. F. Pearson has completed the circle of Bunwell, Norfolk, Parish Church. Mr. Frank C. W. Phillippo has called a peal from each bell in the tower. The peal was in honour of the engagement of Mr. F. C. J. Arnold, a popular Bunwell ringer, and Miss M. Howlett, a local Sunday School teacher.

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# THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AT LINCOLN

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## EXTENSION OF METHODS STILL ELUSIVE—PRACTICAL RINGERS DEFEAT COMMITTEE—MR. C. W. ROBERTS' ADMIRABLE SUMMING UP

### METHODS COMMITTEE REPORT

Apart from the normal way of transacting our business (by post), the Methods Committee was able to meet in London on two occasions during the year. Our work has proceeded on the same subjects as last year. The Plain Major Methods book was finished, the proofs have been corrected and it will be available to the Exercise very shortly. We hope it will be found useful to all ringers. We have investigated Doubles Methods further, and have come to the conclusion that the following departures from the rules laid down for methods on higher numbers of bells are required:—

(a) The working bells need *not* be in the same coursing order at each lead head and end in the Plain Course.

(b) No bell shall strike more than *four* consecutive blows in any one place, such four consecutive blows only to occur when the treble is at the front or at the back.

(c) As far as possible there shall be as many leads in the Plain Course as there are working bells, but this requirement to be relaxed to include single hunt methods which have three leads in the Plain Course.

The first two of these have already been accepted by the Council, and we hope that our recommendation to accept the third will also have its support. We believe these are absolutely necessary if we are to provide sufficient material for 5-bell ringers to ring 42 different 6-scores.

The main part of our work on Extension of Methods has already been circulated to the members of the Council in order that it could be published in 'The Ringing World' and comments invited from the Exercise as a whole. We expect there will be discussion on some points. If our findings are accepted, they will have the following results on methods which have been rung:—

Methods accepted: Albanian (Royal and Maximus), Bedford (Major to Maximus), Belgrave (Major to Maximus), Buckingham (Major and Maximus), Cambridge (Minor to Maximus), New Cambridge (Major to Maximus), Leicestershire (Major to Maximus), Lincolnshire (Major to Maximus), Lindsey (Royal and Maximus), Prittlewell (Royal and Maximus), Pudsey (Major to Maximus), Rochester (Major to Maximus), Solihull (Royal and Maximus), Wigston (Major and Maximus), Wye (Major and Royal), York (Minor to Maximus), Yorkshire (Major to Maximus).

Methods rejected: Aldenham (Royal and Maximus), Bristol (Royal and Maximus), London Royal, Painswick Royal, Rutland (Royal and Maximus), Superlative (Royal and Maximus), Warwickshire Royal, Wembley Royal.

(There may be others we have missed, but in any case we intend to examine all the 'extensions' from the Major which appear in the late Mr. Corrigan's book and to report on them later.)

### RENAMING ADVOCATED

We believe that the above results confirm the essential soundness of our investigation. We recommend that methods which do not conform with our findings should be renamed, if possible by the band that first rang them, if not, by the Council in open session. We would, however, exclude Double Norwich from this recommendation, for although the Royal is not the true extension of the Major, we believe the Exercise would wish to retain their names because firstly, the Royal was rung before the Major and secondly, the latter has been and is rung so frequently that it would hardly be possible to change its name now.

Our opinion has been asked about certain methods which do not conform with the Central Council rules, and we have emphasised that, under the present decisions, they must be regarded as irregular, which presumably means that peals rung in those methods cannot be recognised. We have also had a query on the use of 3-lead course Royal methods used in spliced Royal ringing (i.e., those having second lead-heads of 1795038264 and 1860492735), and our opinion is divided on whether they should be allowed. We feel that this matter should be immediately clarified and ask the Council to come to a decision as soon as possible.

### THE DEBATE

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead said it was proposed that the report be presented in various stages because at various points there were decisions to be made by the Council on the recommendations. First of all there was the non-controversial subject—the publication of the book on Plain Major Methods, and they hoped it would prove useful to the Exercise. They had included in it the whole of the possible Plain and Little Major Methods which had a Plain Bob coursing order in 7-8 and two not in that category which had been rung.

In Doubles Methods they had produced all the methods possible, and they found it necessary to ask the Council to adopt the third recommendation if they were going to get a sufficient number of different methods to allow a peal to be rung in 42 completely different methods. In the past so many methods had been rung which were really the same method and being different only because they had a different Bob and Single. They had produced 42 entirely different methods. They recommended the usual fourth place bob and not a variety, and the three rules they asked the Council to adopt. The first two had been accepted by the Council at Chester, and they asked the Council that day to accept (c) 'as far as possible there should be as many leads in the Plain Course as there are working bells, but requirement to be relaxed to include Single hunt methods which have three leads in the Plain Course.'

If the Council allowed these three rules and allowed methods like Stedman Doubles there would be roughly between 50 and 60 clearly different methods they could put in a little book. He moved the adoption of Rule 3.

Mr. F. W. Rogers seconded and the rule was accepted.

### A 25-YEAR-OLD CONTROVERSY

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead said they now came to a more controversial question, that of extension, which the Methods Committee had thrust upon it a few years ago. They had done their best to tackle a subject which, 25 years ago or a little more when it came before the Council, the latter had shelved the whole issue by passing a resolution that it was not competent to judge.

Members of the Council had some weeks ago a supplementary report on extension. It was hoped that report would be published in 'The Ringing World,' and, owing to a misunderstanding, it was only put in that week.

In the matter of extension they had considered the pivot bells. One thing had been pointed out to him that their report didn't say that they were only considering mathematical extensions and that it was possible to interpret it as applying to 'fiddled' methods as well. He would point out that they only had mathematical extensions in mind and that they had ruled out any that were not.

After last year's meeting they considered the question more particularly of the practical ringer—the man who, when he rang a method, did not know how it was put together but whether it resembled its parent method. They said that unless that mathematical extension resembled its parent it could not be accepted. In considering the question they took up again the question of pivot bells upon which the sequence of a method depended, and they came to the conclusions they had already received.

In the case of methods rejected he was thinking in particular of Bristol, which was ruled out by pivots. In the case of Bristol Royal they had come to the conclusion that because the pivot sequence was not in accordance with that prescribed, that would give the extension in the same order as the original, it should be rejected. He had there the reasons why other methods were rejected. They might have worked on the wrong principle, but they had to draw the line somewhere, else they would get methods with no resemblance from the practical point of view with the parent method. He moved the adoption of the supplementary report. It meant that if the supplementary report was accepted, then automatically the list in the report would go with it.

Mr. E. K. Lewis, seconding, said, in arriving at these conclusions, the Committee had tried to consider all the people who had written to them, and they had read some lengthy treatises and tried to digest them. Some people had written rather more briefly, but they had also been considered. They had tried to reach their basis not from the point of view of the man with a piece of squared paper, but from that of the man at the end of the rope, who rang the Major and then wanted to ring the Royal of the method.

### PRACTICAL RINGERS AND MATHEMATICIANS

Mr. H. J. Poole said he hoped that anything he said would not be taken to reflect discredit on the committee or their efforts to solve method extension. First of all, it seemed to him to be a battle between the practical ringer and the mathematician, and the mathematician had been referred to as the man with a bit of squared paper. They would be in a bad way if they relied on the blue line merchants. He represented the practical ringers, and he wanted to say they did not want the Methods Committee to study them to the exclusion of the mathematician.

The next thing he wanted to point out was what was said in the past—and he referred to the 1950 report. There was much argument—with little attention to views of the ordinary ringer to prove that someone's extension was correct. Was it any use referring this to the ordinary ringer? He suggested that that was not the right and proper approach. They (the committee) said in 1950 they had been unable to reconcile theory and practice. He suggested that it was impossible. In 1950 the Council accepted four rules, deferred No. 5. This was considered in 1951 and is amended to-day.

He felt that the Methods Committee's approach was wrong. They should consider what was possible and not what was desirable. So far as the challenge from the practical ringers to the mathematicians was concerned, if a musical composer wanted to extend a quartet piece of music to a full orchestra he did not consider the opinion or ability of the ordinary violin player or the five finger exercise man at the piano. It was equivalent to putting a left hand

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## CENTRAL COUNCIL — Cont.

glove on a right hand, and the way the Methods Committee suggested was to chop off the thumb of the right hand to make it fit.

### LINDOFF AND DEXTER QUOTED

In 1937 there was a series of articles published in 'The Ringing World' called 'A New Series for Advanced Ringers,' and this was what was said:—

'In placing the methods before the Exercise, Mr. Lindoff has selected only those that conform to the COMMON SENSE rule that places the method.'

In the issue of April 2nd, 1937, when printing Lindoff's No. 61, the following was stated: 'Below we print another Surprise method which is EQUALLY PERFECT on ten bells and twelve bells as it is on eight.' The present rule, as suggested of limited pivot bells, excludes the extensions of that method.

In 1946, I sent to Frederick H. Dexter an extension of a method, received from a ringer and asked for his comments. He wrote: 'Years back . . . and others worried me stiff with their ideas. They will not realise that the true extension of any method is got by correct construction, which, if carried out properly, and the result gives the proper cycle of lead ends, i.e., what we are pleased to call Bob Major lead ends, irrespective of the order in which the lead ends occur, then that will be a proper extension. Bristol will do for an argument. The trouble with everyone who tries to extend Bristol, first try to get a diagram, next extending lead ends, which, to say the least, is all tripe. Some extensions a nitwit can easily produce the answer, i.e., Cambridge, York, Yorkshire, Pudsey and a host of others. All the extensions admitted are of the type the nitwit can produce. Is this progress?'

Could the Council afford to ignore the advice of these people who had years of experience? In Gabriel Lindoff and Fred Dexter they had practical ringers.

'The next point is the desirable against the possible. If you consider what is desirable and not what is possible, do you think there will be any progress? In many cases it means that you are taking the easiest line of resistance. It means in this case you come along with every good intention, but you have limited the scope to what is of the nitwit type, which means no progress either for construction or ringing. If the Fathers of the Council in olden days had ended on this line it would have prevented any Spliced ringing.'

The gateway to Maximus ringing was by Major and Royal. One did not start working from Maximus, but from eight to ten and then to 12. What the committee were doing with this rule was to limit the extension to the easy blue line method and cut out the difficult one like Bristol. The effect of this rule was that the future of the 12 bell methods was going to be confined to the easy blue line methods.

'The case of Bristol. Nobody on this Council can suggest that there is not some relationship in the Major, Royal and Maximus. They may not agree that it is perfect, but they cannot deny that it is related. If this rule goes through you will have three different names, and I think it would be utter chaos to give them different names. If you are going to suggest that Double Norwich is not altered we are entitled to say we have rung Bristol Maximus and that should not be altered. There is no consistency in making a rule and at the same time making an exception to it.

### PLEA FOR 12 BELL BANDS

'This Council is entitled to the loyal support of all the representatives of the Guilds, if we want that support we must be consistent in our judgment. It is easy to make rules, but a lot of people in front of me will say how easy it is to break them. Don't let us stifle the enthusiasm of the 12 bell bands; it will be wrong to confine their activities to the easy blue line methods. We want simple rules which the average man can understand. If you

have read "The Ringing World" this week there are two articles, and if you understand both of them you are a better man than I am' (laughter).

Mr. Poole then moved the following amendment: 'That method extension be controlled by rules accepted by this Council in 1950, and that two or more extensions of the same parent, fully complying with those rules, shall bear the name of the parent and be distinguished by the word "version" prefixed by some further identifying name.'

Mr. A. E. Rowley seconded.

Mr. John Worth: I understand listening to that that we should accept London Royal No. 3 version as well as Bristol Maximus?

Mr. Poole: I am glad of the opportunity of that. You will remember that it was mentioned that they were only dealing with mathematical extension and not methods that had been 'fiddled.' Now you people who know anything about 'fiddles,' know that London is 'fiddled.' The rule has already been accepted, in 1950, which excludes London Surprise Royal. No one has suggested there is a proper extension of London Surprise Royal. What they are doing is to get the nearest. There can be no suggestion that if London goes out, Bristol goes out. Bristol Maximus is the most intricate and the most musical method yet rung on 12 bells and it is the only method affected by this Rule No. 5.

Mr. Leslie Morris: Some years ago they refused to acknowledge London Surprise Major.

Mr. C. J. Sedgley: I see they have Superlative Maximus in this excluded list. An extension was given by Gabriel Lindoff and John Carter. I challenge anyone to produce an alternative. All other methods have alternatives, but there is no alternative to Superlative.

### NO EXTENSION OF LONDON TO ROYAL

Mr. E. A. Barnett said it had always been accepted that there was no extension of London to Royal. Mr. Poole quoted from a series of articles by Mr. Gabriel Lindoff in 'The Ringing World,' and he urged them to accept Mr. Lindoff's representations. He would remind the Council that in 1908 a method was rung at Stepney which was called London Surprise Royal, and that method was subsequently renamed Stepney because it was far from a proper extension of London.

Mr. Eric Critchley: I am a tyro in methods. I presume the Methods Committee should be able to produce an extension. For instance, Aldenham Royal has been rejected. Can they produce Aldenham Royal?

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead replied that there were methods which would not extend and give a legitimate lead end, and that was the case with London. Everybody admitted it was a 'fiddle.' There was a theoretical extension, but it only gave a seven lead course. They had ruled Aldenham out because it would not give a true mathematical extension.

Mr. Critchley: Am I right in assuming that there are no mathematical extensions of the methods named?

Mr. Felstead: We have investigated them and have decided that they are not mathematical extensions.

Mr. Critchley: I would like to press my point and say the Methods Committee should try to produce them.

Mr. Felstead said what Mr. Poole had said had not convinced him in the slightest that the committee had erred in any way in the position they had taken up. It seemed to him that Mr. Poole was concerned over names. It must be Bristol Royal. He could not see why they should not ring those methods under different names. As to the point of Double Norwich they were quite willing to give way. They thought that with such a long history the Council would not stand for it.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said the debate was very involved, and while it might be easy to the figure merchant to the ordinary ringer it was

almost Double Dutch. He suggested that they did not take a decision on this matter, because evidently there was a wide divergence of opinion. He suggested that they deferred consideration and it should come up at the next Council. This was seconded.

### THE THREE HEADINGS

Mr. C. W. Roberts: The main point seems to be that there are a certain number of methods that will extend very easily by merely a continuation of the blue line. Those we all accept. But there is furthermore another group whose extensions are mathematical but do not follow the blue line contour. You will find in the plain course of these methods that the salient features are preserved. There is furthermore another type of extension which Mr. Harold Poole has called rather humorously 'fiddles.' These are extensions devised where no methodical extension is possible to give the Exercise something by keeping the work of the Major as far as possible, and where it is not possible other extension work has been introduced and every endeavour is to keep it to the original. One of these is London No. 3, but it is not a mathematical extension.

A young friend would like the Methods Committee to get out extensions which are not possible. If it has proved impossible to the genius of the Exercise you cannot expect the poor committee to do it.

I would like to suggest method extension under three headings, i.e., simple extensions that conform to the blue line and those which are passed and accepted. Then there are the mathematical extensions, and one of them is Bristol and another Superlative. They are quite good working extensions, and I think they can be incorporated in some form or another with the parent name and some distinction to show which particular version is rung. In regard to the 'fiddles,' I would say, before we can scrap them—although they appeal to the people who ring them—we should try and get some formula which should connect them with the method, although no mathematical extension was possible. In the interest of progress we do not want to throw anything out. What we want to do is to endeavour to get the best out of our ringing.

The amendment was then put and carried by a two to one majority.

Mr. Perrens suggested that Mr. Harold J. Poole be co-opted a member of the Methods Committee, but it was pointed out that the committee had power to co-opt him.

Mr. Felstead said in regard to the query on the use of 3-lead course Royal methods used in spliced ringing that only came before the committee two or three weeks ago, and he was afraid they had not had the time to thrash it out. He had put it in the report in the hope that they might be given a lead.

Mr. Harold Poole moved that it be referred back, and this was agreed to.

Later in the meeting the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead pointed out that Mr. E. A. Barnett, by his appointment as hon. secretary, would not be eligible to serve on the Methods Committee. He asked the Council to appoint Mr. C. H. Kippin as the fifth member and to give the committee power to co-opt others. This was agreed to.

(To be continued)

### ST. MARY MAGDALENE'S, HOLLOWAY

An enjoyable day in the Garden of England and among some of Kent's best known rings of bells was spent by members of the St. Mary Magdalene's Society, Holloway, and their friends on June 7th.

At St. George's, Wrotham, Mr. R. Sills was patiently waiting for the party, then came St. Mary's, Ashford, where Mr. C. W. Everrett welcomed them. Afterwards came the rather heavy eight of Tenterden, where Mrs. V. Relf met the visitors. The ride after tea through beautiful lanes bordered by hop gardens and orchards to St. Nicholas', Sevenoaks, will long be remembered.



# THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

73rd ANNUAL MEETING TELLS OF NO FLAGGING DURING 1951 — DR. P. T. SPENCER PHILLIPS' IMPENDING RETIREMENT AS MASTER — RECORD SUM PAID OUT ON BELL RESTORATION

ON Whit Monday, the 73rd annual meeting of the Essex Association was held at Chelmsford. The service in the Cathedral was conducted by the Precentor, the Rev. J. M. James, B.D., the Master of the Association, Dr. P. T. Spencer Phillips, J.P., read the lesson and the address was given by the Provost of Chelmsford, the Very Rev. G. E. Gordon, M.A.

The new form of service prepared for the Association was used for the first time at the service. Judging by the hearty way in which the congregation joined in the singing of the hymns set to old and well-tried tunes, it can be said that the sub-committee have made an excellent job of preparing the form of service. During the service the names of members who had passed on to higher service during 1951 were read, namely: G. A. Black, James George, Tom Groombridge, Maurice F. R. Hibbert, George Ives, W. G. Lewis, Thomas Lincoln, H. G. Miles, Oliver Sippetts, Esmond Smith, Canon J. T. Steele, T. Wilfred Taffender, the Very Rev. C. K. Waller and H. A. Wright. Their loss leaves the Association much poorer and we remember them with affection.

'SEND ME'

The Provost, who gave an inspiring and heartening address, said: We come to church to worship in order that we may go out and serve God in our daily life. Service without worship is a difficult and useless thing. Worship without service is equally fruitless. You need both in the good life. Your bells call yourselves and others to worship here. You come right into God's presence and you are uplifted. You see the meaning of your own life more clearly and you go out to carry that into daily life.

There must always be that coming and going, out of the world into the house of God, and out of the house of God into the world. The call came to Isaiah and he answered, 'Send me,' not send someone else like his neighbour. All he thought was that this is a call to serve God and live for God. The word apostle means someone who is sent. In our Creeds we say the Church is an Apostolic Church. One of the meanings of that is that we are all in a sense apostles. God wants each one of us to play our part in carrying the Gospel of Christ into the world, the very place where we live.

Every time we come to worship there is a challenge at the end contained in the service, 'Do not keep this Peace in the Church, take it out and carry it with you into your daily life wherever you go. As you set out on another year of work for the Church of Christ as change ringers, will you remember this great thing about worship, that we come to be in God's presence to see the vision of God and to say we realise our sinfulness. When we realise our sinfulness we are cleansed, and when you have the vision of God and hear the cry, 'Who will go for us?' will you answer and help others to answer, 'Here am I, send me?'

The collection taken at the service for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £3 18s. 7d.

## THE BUSINESS MEETING

The Master (Dr. P. T. Spencer Phillips) presided at the annual general meeting, held in the Cathedral Chapter House, supported by the Deputy Master and the officers of the Association. The Master in the name of the Association welcomed the Provost and also extended a hearty welcome to all visitors.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. H. J. Mansfield (vice-president), H. Turner (auditor), B. Burton (Master of the North-Western Division), F. Lufkin, J. Gould and G. Dawson.

The annual report, prepared by Mr. F. V. Gant (hon. secretary of the South-Western

Division) with the co-operation of the other district secretaries, showed that interest in the Association had not flagged during 1951. Ringing membership had increased from 832 to 865 and honorary members from 120 to 163.

The more outstanding meetings of the year had been held at Bures, Harlow Town, Thaxted, Boreham, Galleywood, Dagenham, Epping, Fyfield and Bocking. The report showed that the Association was taking rather more interest than of late in the district meetings. The attendances, especially in the southern districts, showed a marked increase, but there was still room for improvement.

The effects of National Service are still being felt in some towers. Old hands and the fairer sex are keeping the 'ship' going until the young ringers return.

Ringling for divine service had been the aim throughout the year, but it is regretted that some towers still stand silent Sunday by Sunday.

## MEMORIAL TO LATE PROVOST

With regret the report recorded the sudden death of the Very Rev. C. K. Waller, M.A., Provost of the Cathedral. His death came as a great shock to the Association. He took a great interest in ringers and was never happier than when in their company, and the many friends he had in the Hornchurch and Wanstead areas will remember him with undying affection in their hearts. On coming to Chelmsford he threw himself wholeheartedly into the onerous duties of Provost of a busy Cathedral. His fondest wish was to see the restoration and improvement of the interior of the Cathedral Church he loved so much. A memorial fund to his memory has been opened. This fund would be used for the beautification of the South Chapel, and the Association was proud of being permitted to associate itself with the fund.

During the year 74 peals were rung, as against 73 in 1950, an increase of one. This is nearer to the pre-war total. If Surprise method peals are any indication of the Association's strength, then this year has been most successful. Peals of special interest were Stedman Cinques at Chelmsford and Saffron Walden; Pudsey Surprise at Harlow Common; Yorkshire Surprise at Hornchurch; and Rutland Surprise at Leytonstone. Mr. F. Lufkin again headed the list of conductors with 16 peals, with Mr. H. Turner next with 11, and Mr. R. Suckling 8.

Four original compositions have been rung—Pudsey Surprise at Harlow Common composed by R. F. B. Speed; Stedman Cinques at Saffron Walden by H. N. Pitow; and two peals of Bob Major by D. W. Beard.

## 22 FIRST PEALS

For the recorders, 112 rang their 'first' in the method, an increase of 62; 22 members scored their first peal, an increase of 6; there being four 'firsts' as conductors. An innovation in the report this year has been the inclusion of quarter peals. These were included to give something of the trend of service ringing within the Association. Some 134 quarters have been recorded—there may have been more as the list was prepared from 'The Ringing World.'

The band at Hornchurch has done especially well, with 14 'quarters' in 12 methods and each quarter containing a 'first.' For those bands not quite up to Surprise standards, it does indicate what can be done in the realms of Plain methods.

A noteworthy change in the district officers took place in the South-Western District. Mr. J. Chalk (Wanstead) resigned the Mastership and was succeeded by Mr. J. Crampion.

Mr. G. L. Joyce (Hornchurch) spoke on the report generally. He was pleased to hear that Mr. Shadrack had recovered from his illness

and hoped that he would be able to persuade people to do a little more in the way of the library. He mentioned there were several very valuable books in the library and some manuscripts were well worth reading. He proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Gant for all the time and trouble he took in preparing the report. This was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Gant, in reply, said members should inform him of any mistakes or alterations as early as possible, as the draft was more important than the proof. If this was done, the job of preparing the annual report would be made much easier and a far higher degree of accuracy could be ensured.

The hon. treasurer, in presenting the accounts, drew attention to the record sum of £110 paid out of the Bell Restoration Fund to the following towers: St. Peter's, Goldhanger; St. Mary's, West Ham; All Saints', Nazeing; St. Margaret's, Stanford-le-Hope; St. Giles' and All Saints', Orsett; and St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Kelvedon.

The gross income from the districts totalled £106 7s. 7d., and the sum of £41 9s. 9d. had been contributed to the Bell Restoration Fund. Peal fees added a further £12 6s. 2d. net. The balance on the general account at the end of the year stood at £220 18s. 8d., whilst that of the Bell Restoration Fund was £153 19s. 11d.

## TARGET OF 1,000 MEMBERS

Mr. J. Crampion, in moving the adoption of the statement of accounts, said that they must not be too complacent about the situation. No Association ever had too much money; more members were required. The target of 1,000 ringing members was not too high for an Association of the size of the Essex Association.

Mr. Chalk (Wanstead), in seconding, mentioned that the honorary members had contributed £22 towards the fund last year. He was not satisfied that they were getting as many honorary members as we might and quoted figures to the meeting to show how the honorary members could be increased and asked that the strongest endeavours should be made in this direction.

The report was adopted. The Provost expressed appreciation of the Association's gift of £5 to the C. K. Waller Memorial Fund and said that the fund now totalled approximately £500.

It was proposed by Mr. F. V. Gant that Mr. J. Chalk, the retiring Master of the South-Western District, should be elected a life vice-president of the Association. Mr. Gant mentioned the yeoman service that Mr. Chalk had given over many years and that he had always been a pillar of strength in the Exercise. This was seconded by Mr. G. Elliott. The motion, on being put to the meeting, was carried with acclamation. Mr. Chalk, in reply, thanked the Association for the great honour accorded to him, and said that it was an honour to the name of Chalk rather than a personal honour.

The election of officers followed: Master, Dr. P. T. Spencer Phillips, J.P.; Deputy Master, the Rev. C. Scott Little, M.A.; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. C. Heazel; auditors, Messrs. H. Turner and D. Mayle; trustees, Messrs. G. Green, E. J. Runter and H. W. Shadrack.

The following were elected life members: Messrs. G. W. Faulkner (Barking), E. D. Smith (Leytonstone), F. Souter (Prittlewell), J. Newman (Feering), W. Perry (Prittlewell), E. W. Pettitt (Sible Hedingham) and L. G. Pye (Colchester).

## MASTER'S PENDING RETIREMENT

The Master, in thanking the members for their confidence and trust in him, said that this would be the last year in which he would (Continued on next page)





**DEVON BELFRY ROMANCE.**—The wedding of Mr. Wilfred Charles Panter and Miss Phyllis Irene Willmington at St. Michael and All Angels', Sowton, Devon, on Whit Monday was a happy occasion for local ringers. The wedding album contains this picture of their fellow-ringers at Sowton belfry. Left to right: F. Willmington, A. Tapley, H. Willmington, L. Burnett, Bridegroom, Bride, A. G. Betts, W. Reeks, J. Dunster, C. Burnett and D. Reeks.

[Photo: The Courtenay Press, Exeter.]

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Cont.

accept nomination as Master and that he intended retiring at the next annual general meeting. The meeting received this news with much regret. It is interesting to note that in the last 52 years the Association has had only four Masters.

The Deputy Master spoke of the work which had been undertaken during the year and thanked all who had helped him. He said that he and his typewriter together would endeavour to carry on as before.

The hon. secretary and treasurer thanked the members for their continued trust in him and the help given by so many, particularly Mr. Gant in preparing the annual report. He voiced his appreciation of the work the Master and Deputy Master had done. The Deputy Master prepared all the agenda and précis of the meetings and this was of considerable assistance. Mr. Gant and Mr. Joyce were always ready to help him, and the committee—every one of them—were always ready to rally round him.

Mr. F. V. Gant reported that the late Mr. Alfred Brighton's peal book had come into his possession through the offices of Mr. E. D. Smith. He proposed that this should be placed in the Association's library so that it might be available to members. This was accepted with applause, and the secretary was instructed to write letters of thanks to Mr. Brighton's wife and Mr. E. D. Smith.

The Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Provost for the use of the bells and giving the address, and also to the Precentor for taking the service. Thanks were also expressed to the organist, Mr. W. Stanley Vann, for his assistance. The members then adjourned to the Cathedral Hall, where an excellent lunch was well served, the Provost being the chief guest.

During the day the following towers were open for ringing: Chelmsford, Great Baddow, Boreham, Galleywood, Widdford, Writtle, Broomfield, Danbury, Springfield, Little Waltham, Sandon and Little Baddow.

Thus the Essex Association goes forward into the dawn of the Elizabethan era, financially sound, strong in membership and steadfastly looking towards their goal when every peal of bells in the county will be rung regularly for divine service at least once every Sunday.

K. C. S. W.

## THE CRANBORNE PEAL

Dear Sir,—As one of the Cranborne ringers and also churchwarden, I feel I must reply to the letters from Mr. Hunt and Mr. Bond and assure them that we are not jealous of them or doubt their powers as ringers. Mr. Hunt says he feels fed up with the whole business. So did the irritated Cranborne ringers who met them as they trooped out through the church a few minutes before evensong was due to commence; they had been locked out of their own tower. We have to live here and listen to the complaints of the people who live near the church and wish to pass Sunday afternoon in peace. We are trying to raise funds to pay for the new bells from these very people whom the Sunday peal grabbers annoy.

You, Mr. Editor, have no doubt received a letter from our Vicar saying that this team had permission to ring for one hour and no mention was made about a peal attempt to him until a few minutes before they started. It is the way the thing was got about that seems to us to be doing no good to the Exercise. We put our Sunday service ringing before anything, repeat before anything. We like other ringers to share our tower and bells.

We are grateful to the Salisbury Diocesan Guild for all the help they have given us in the past, especially the Wimborne Branch, and we endorse the action taken by the Salisbury Guild in not accepting the peal. We doubt if the Winchester Guild will want it when they understand the way it was obtained.

Our Vicar has been very good and given careful consideration to all requests for peal attempts and ringers on tours to ring here. Now he feels he has had one put over on him and will limit peals to two per year, and can you blame him?

No, I'm sure no one was jealous; we were more hurt than anything, and I as churchwarden felt quite within my rights to tell these people that the bells were not there for their amusement, especially on a Sunday, when I consider all ringers as far as possible should be calling the people to worship in their own towers. For no other purpose than the glory of God are the bells in our towers. — Yours respectfully,

Cranborne.

W. DAY.

## LADIES' GUILD

### Central District's Concern at Clash of Dates

Milton-next-Gravesend was the tower chosen by the Central District for the annual meeting on June 7th, where a very happy, enjoyable afternoon was spent. About forty members and friends were present, and the pleasant light ring of eight was put to good use with methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise. Members of the Guild itself may be said to have covered themselves with glory when the best ringing of the afternoon was voted to be the course of Cambridge rung by an all-ladies band. The service was conducted by the curate, the Rev. K. Stuart, himself a member of the Milton band, whose excellent address was all the more appreciated by the congregation as coming from 'one of themselves' and from one who understands all the difficulties of ringers.

Tea was undoubtedly one of the highlights of the meeting, when one of those repasts for which Milton must assuredly be famous was provided by Mrs. F. M. Mitchell.

A short business meeting followed, the Rev. K. Stuart rising nobly to the occasion and taking the chair. The secretary's report revealed a disappointing year with poor attendances at meetings. This was found to be due to the number of other Association meetings which must of necessity clash with the Ladies' Guild dates, and which resulted in so many members having divided loyalties. It was resolved that secretaries in the London area be approached with a view to co-operation in this matter, as only four meetings of the year are held and they could result once again in revival of some of the old enthusiasm of the Guild.

Mrs. Rawlings was unanimously re-elected president of the district. Owing to pressure of work Miss M. Jackson resigned the office of secretary and her resignation was accepted with great reluctance. Miss A. Bailey was proposed to undertake this office.

The date of the next quarterly meeting was fixed as September 27th, when it was hoped to open towers in the Ealing area.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Stuart and all whose hard work had combined to make the afternoon such a success—in particular to Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, one of the founders of the Guild, at whose invitation Milton had been visited, and whose unfailing energy and enthusiasm was of such value to the Guild.

A. M. B.

## CHELTHENHAM BELLRINGER ORDAINED

On June 8th, Trinity Sunday, Mr. George Robert Henry Smith was ordained a deacon by the Bishop of Gloucester in his Cathedral Church to serve in the parish of St. Stephen's, Gloucester.

Mr. Smith, whose home is at Charlton Kings, near Cheltenham, was an enthusiastic bellringer at the Cheltenham Parish Church until he joined up during the last war. It was during his period of active service in France that he finally decided to seek Holy Orders. After demobilisation he worked for a year in the parish of St. John, Cinderford, as a full-time reader under Canon T. T. Haines, and from there he went to the Theological College, Chichester, to train for the priesthood.

An accomplished organist, he studied under Dr. Melville Cook and Mr. H. Marshall Sowry. As a boy he played at St. Peter's, Cleve Hill, and later was organist at Great Rissington. During his time in Germany he gave broadcast organ recitals on the British Forces Network from Hamburg. Whilst at Chichester he was organist at the Theological College and often assisted as such in Chichester Cathedral.

The Cheltenham Parish Church bellringers honoured the occasion by ringing the Cathedral bells before the ordination service, by kind permission of the Dean, the Very Rev. H. Costley-White.



## SIDELIGHTS ON OUTINGS

### ANDOVER, HANTS

St. Mary's, Andover, ringers for their annual outing on Whit Monday were joined by a contingent from Winchester.

Ringling took place at Bishopstoke (a poor choice to start the day), Fareham (some fair ringing with Mr. Linter); Havant (joined by a young lady recently from Bristol, who was an excellent product of St. John's ringing school); Feltham (the long draught caused some acrobatics); Westbourne (best ringing of the day); Catherington (arrived late due to faulty map reading); Wickham.

Andover was reached at 12.30 a.m. The arrangements were in the hands of the tower secretary (Mr. J. A. Hill).

### DORSET OUTING TO WILTSHIRE

Eight Dorset ringers, from Litton Cheney, Piddlehinton and Sturminster Marshall spent a pleasant although at times wet Whit Monday in Wiltshire.

Ringling took place at Fovant (five, tenor 9 cwt.), long draught and not much room for fat people on the fourth and fifth; Chilmark (six, 14 cwt.), another long draught and ringling from the middle of the church; Wylve (five, 12½ cwt.), rather noisy despite ground floor ringling; Steeple Langford (five, 9½ cwt.), bells sadly in need of attention, long draught, no guides, elastic ropes and a general rumble upstairs; Codford St. Peter's (six, 10½ cwt.), the hour here was far too short; Boyton (five, 6 cwt.), ringling from the porch and with driving rain the ringer of the treble is apt to get wet; Tisbury (six, tenor 16 cwt.), where an extension of the ringling time was possible. Thanks are due to all incumbents and local ringers for providing a happy day. E. T. P. F.

### HANBURY, WORCESTER

A very enjoyable day was spent by the Hanbury bell ringers and friends from the towers of Beoley, Dodderhill and Wychbold on June 7th, when they visited the Bristol area. Touches of Grandsire Doubles, Grandsire Triples, Bob Minor and Stedman were rung at Dursley and Almondsbury before lunch, and after spending an hour in Bristol the party went on to Bitton and Mangotsfield for more ringling, coming back to Bristol for tea, and finishing at Wotton-under-Edge on the return journey. After calling for refreshment the party arrived home somewhat tired, but all agreed that it had been a very pleasant day.

It was generally considered that all the bells went well, and thanks are due to the respective towerkeepers for the warm welcome extended.

### ST. LAURENCE'S, READING

St. Martin's - in - the - Fields, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Southwark Cathedral, Shoreditch, St. Margaret's, Westminster, Putney and Fulham were towers visited on Whit Monday, the occasion of the annual outing of St. Laurence's, Reading, ringers. Their best thanks are due to several well-known friends of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths, without whose co-operation and assistance it would have been a very flat day.

Grandsire, Stedman, London and Cambridge were rung on the various numbers, and ringling all day was of a good standard for an outing.

The writer met many old friends, and members of St. Laurence's were very proud that Mr. and Mrs. H. Langdon spent the 'best' part of the day with them.

We only hope our London friends will be able to be with us when we decide one year to include Liverpool in our towers for the day.

W. H.

### CHELTENHAM

The Cheltenham Parish Church bell ringers were fortunate enough to select one of the best days for their outing. This was June 7th, the day being clear and bright, and Welsh mountains and valleys were seen at their very best.

Leaving Cheltenham in cars, the first stop was Abergavenny, which was reached at 10 a.m. From there the party proceeded to Blaenavon, where they were welcomed by the genial Rev. R. A. Sluman, who joined in a touch of Stedman Triples. The next stop was Ebbw Vale for lunch and a ring on this exceptionally fine eight in a spotlessly clean ringing chamber. The party then proceeded to Cardiff for tea and a pull on the ten. Fortune favoured the party here as the tenor clapper snapped a day or two previously, but the damage had been made good and the clapper refixed just in time.

The last stop was Marshfield, where the Llandaff and Monmouthshire ringers were holding one of their meetings, and thanks are accorded to them for allowing the party to butt in. It is not absolutely true to say that Marshfield was the last stop because this took place at a very convenient pull-in near Lydney, and this and not the ringing of bells—wives, please note—was the sole reason for some of the party reaching home at midnight and some just after.

### WANSTEAD AND WOODFORD

Perfect weather favoured the Wanstead and Woodford ringers and friends on May 24th, when they made a second visit to some of the picturesque parts of Buckinghamshire.

Farnham Royal was the first stopping place, where touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Kent Major and call changes were rung on a good going eight. A short run brought the party to Burnham. All in turn had a 'go' on this 'musical box.' Congratulations to George Gilbert and his keen colleagues for the great work recently accomplished in this tower!

Penn was reached in good time, the 'sixty odd' doing justice to a grand tea arranged and served by the Misses B. and M. Mathieson (Old Woodfordians) and friends, the Vicar and his wife being present. At the conclusion of the much appreciated meal Mr. J. Chalk thanked the hostesses for all that they had done, Mr. B. Petty (Wanstead) for arranging the outing, and Mr. C. Morss (Woodford) for his untiring efforts with the keen young recruits. Mr. G. Browning (deputy churchwarden, Wanstead) and the Rev. — Rowlands (curate, Woodford) added their thanks. The Vicar of Penn graciously replied.

Touches of Bob Minor, Grandsire and Bob Doubles and Kent Minor were rung on the interesting six which grace the ancient church. An interesting talk on the outstanding features of the church was given by Mr. J. Mathieson.

The final halt was made at Holy Trinity, Great Marlow, picturesquely situated beside the Thames, near the suspension bridge. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major were rung on a well-going and tuneful eight.

### A CHANCE OF A PEAL IN HAMPSHIRE

Dear Sir,—I am arranging a few peals in Hampshire during the week August 9th–16th.

If there are any ringers who will be visiting these parts at that time (or, as far as that goes, any time during August) and would like to stand in a peal or two whilst here I shall be only too glad to fit them in if they will write saying when available and giving an indication of their capabilities.—Yours faithfully,

REGINALD A. REED.

135, Chamberlayne Road, Eastleigh, Hants.

### LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society's May meeting was held at Guiseley on May 31st. Most ringers will know from the national Press that the cricket 'War of the Roses' was started on Wet Saturday, but this did not affect the attendance, as ringers were present from 14 towers.

The usual business meeting was held under the guidance of the president (Mr. J. W. Benton), and the normal items speedily dealt with. Three new members were elected: Messrs. N. Scrimshaw, of Calverley, G. F. Bryant and J. H. Fielden, of Halifax (All Souls').

A vote of thanks to the Rector, churchwardens and local company was ably dealt with by Mr. J. Gibson and seconded by Mr. L. Drake. Mr. W. Dixon acknowledged the thanks and volunteered to convey them to all concerned. Mr. C. Walsh, supporting, said that he thought the members should know of the efficient team and staff work put into the Guiseley tower in order that the meeting could be held. Within a week the 2nd bell gudgeon had been removed, repaired and refitted by the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The Society's thanks were accorded them and the item noted in the minutes of the meeting.

The next meeting is due to be held at Idle on June 28th.

### MEMORIAL TO MR. C. T. BENTON

A memorial tablet to the late Christian Thomas Benton, the gift of Mr. Fred Linford, was dedicated by the Rev. F. A. R. Chapman, Vicar, in the belfry of St. Luke's Church, Cannock, Staffs, on June 7th.

In a few well-chosen words the Vicar spoke of Mr. Benton's long service at St. Luke's, having been a ringer there for 68 years, many as head ringer. He was a devoted worshipper and worked hard for the church right up to his death on September 11th, 1950, when he was aged 86 years. As a campanologist his main interest was in good ringing for Sunday service. To visiting ringers his welcome was a welcome indeed, and one never parted without a request to call again. Among his own band he was greatly respected. He joined the Stafford Society in 1891 and was made an honorary life member some few years ago.

After the service an attempt was made for a peal of Superlative, which, unfortunately, failed after two and a half hours' excellent ringling. It was arranged in memoriam Tom Benton and as a farewell to the Vicar, who is leaving for St. Chad's, Shrewsbury.

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Quarter peals.—Brampton 2s. 6d., Copt Oak 2s., Bloomsbury 2s., Spilsby 2s. 6d., Piddlehinton 1s., Sydling St. Nicholas 1s., Godshill 1s., Fleet, Lincs, 3s. 6d., Heene 3s., North Wymondley 2s. 6d., Marlow 2s. 6d., Guiseley 2s. 6d., Donington 3s., Stoke Rochford 2s. 6d., Poulton-le-Fylde 2s. 6d., Faversham 2s. 6d., Buckingham 2s. 6d., Fenham 1s., Tarring 1s. 6d., Southam, Warwicks., 10s., Ruislip 2s.

Twenty-two members of the Leicester Diocesan Guild went to Melbourne, in Derbyshire, on May 31st. Varied methods, ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Major, were rung in the fine old Norman church. After tea in the Vicarage, Bredon-on-the-Hill and Woodhouse Eaves were visited.



## OBITUARY

### MR. S. WARREN STURGIS

#### He Kept Change Ringing Alive in the States

We are able this week to supplement our brief report of the death of Mr. S. Warren Sturgis, of Boston, U.S.A., which appeared in our issue of May 23rd, by the following details which indicate his enthusiasm for change ringing.

Mr. Sturgis died just two days short of his 84th birthday at his home, 66, Marlborough Street, Boston, on April 22nd, and memorial services were held at St. Paul's Cathedral, Boston, and were conducted by Bishop Nash, Dean van Etten, and the Rev. John Crocker, of Groton School.

For 44 years Mr. Sturgis taught Latin at Groton School, where he was head of the department. He retired in 1935 to live in Boston, where he was a director of the United Nations Association and the Henry George School of Social Science. He is survived by a sister, a brother and four children.

He kept careful records of all his special activities, and from his bell-ringing notebook the following facts are culled: His interest in the Exercise started in 1901, when a ring of eight bells was given to Groton School, and he volunteered to learn how to handle them and to instruct the students. He studied under the best known of all American ringers, Dr. Arthur Nichols, of Boston, whose daughter, Mrs. Arthur Shurcliff, is herself both a handbell and tower-bell ringer.

Up to his retirement he taught bell-ringing to succeeding generations of boys at Groton School. He organised groups of them each year to visit the other towers in the region where there were rings of bells, namely, at the Old North Church and the Church of the Advent, Boston, at the Perkins Institute in Watertown and the tower in Hingham. When the ring was installed at Kent School, Connecticut, he interested himself in seeing that the students received good instruction and made frequent trips to ring there.

He was a Charter Member of the Boston Guild of Bell-ringers, formed in 1913, and knew intimately the men, many of them from England, who made up this group. Since his retirement he still kept up his great interest in ringing and organised a band to ring on Christmas Eve every year at the Church of the Advent. His personal set of handbells was never idle for any length of time, as it was his great joy to entertain ringers in his home.

He rang his first peal on handbells at the Hoop and Grapes Hotel, London, January 3rd, 1923, other members of the band being Herbert and Thomas Langdon and Challis F. Winney. He rang several peals since that time in England and it was always a regret that he was never able to carry through a successful peal in the United States of America, although many attempts were made. The longest ring was at Groton School, where once over 3,000 changes of Grandire Triples were accomplished before breaking down.

Besides passing on his knowledge to many of his students, he instructed both his sons, Dr. Somers H. Sturgis and Warren Sturgis, on handbells and in the tower. His daughter, Mrs. George H. Humphreys, also became proficient on handbells, and her two children now ring. He and his sons became members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and through the medium of 'The Ringing World' he kept up with activities of his English ringing friends.

One of the greatest pleasures in his life was to travel in England, and he asked to stand in, on a Sunday, with a band in any neighbourhood where he happened to be. Certainly he loved England, and all his experiences there with the great and good company of ringers.

### MR. A. JAMES HARRIS

A former chairman of the Leicester District of the old Midland Counties Association, Mr. A. James Harris, of Leicester, died on May 31st, aged 65.

Mr. Harris learnt to ring early in the century and for many years rang with the late William Willson at the Church of St. John the Divine. Shortly before the war he joined the band at the Cathedral, where he was a regular Sunday service ringer. After the war pressure of business combined with illness at home kept him away from the belfry except for occasional visits. Finally he became ill himself and was for a time a patient at the Leicester Royal Infirmary.

While not a prolific peal ringer, he took a great interest in the work of the Leicester District and in 1936 was elected to represent the Association on the Central Council.

For his war services with the rescue service Mr. Harris was awarded the British Empire Medal. During the blitz in the Highfields district Mr. Harris' squad rescued 20 people, most of whom were casualties. He was chairman for many years of the advisory committee of the painting and decorating trade at the Leicester Technical College. At one time he was the local president of the Master Painters' and Decorators' Association.

### MISS NORA JOHNSTON

Miss Nora Johnston, Britain's first and only woman carillon player, died on May 2nd at her home at Edgware after a short illness. She was 65. She was the only Englishwoman ever to have gained the diploma of the Belgian National Carillon College, at Malines, completing the three-year course in a year.

She played at the Jubilee of George V. and the coronation of George VI., using a specially-erected carillon in Hyde Park. She also played celebration music for the wedding of the Queen when she was Princess Elizabeth, the silver wedding of George VI. and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, and the christening of Prince Charles and Princess Anne.

Miss Johnston, who was a sister of the late Mr. Cyril Johnston, invented and built a portable carillon, weighing 10 cwt.

## FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of June 21st, 1912  
THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING

Continuing the discussion on the hon. secretary's motion . . . Mr. W. Snowdon said he fully agreed with what the Rev. H. Law James had said on the question of Bob Major lead-ends. . . . It would indeed be a retrograde step if they carried out what Mr. Davies proposed. Stedman gave them College Bob V., but it had irregular lead-ends. In the 1702 'Campanologia' the lead-ends were put right and it was called Westminster. He had never heard of College V. again, but Westminster was one of the standard methods. . . . That went to show that when a method . . . took up legitimate lead-ends, it would stand, and would pass muster for all time. . . . He felt that (Mr. Davies) was wrong in this, and he should vote against the motion.

Mr. Dains pointed out that for over 300 years nothing but methods with Bob Major lead-ends had stood, all the rest had been naturally cast aside. . . .

[The Rev. C. D. P. Davies had moved, 'That it is desirable to reconsider some of the conditions laid down for the legitimacy of methods as stated on page 18 of "Rules and Decisions." 1904.' He wished to cancel altogether the rule requiring all methods to have Plain Bob lead-ends, but this was strongly opposed by the Rev. H. Law James, Messrs. J. A. Trollope, J. W. Parker and the above speakers. No vote was taken.—A similar motion was discussed by the Council at Lincoln this year.]

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### BIRTHS

MAYELL.—On June 11th, 1952, at Brentwood Maternity Home, to Mary and Desmond—a daughter, Susan Anne. 921

MEYER.—On Sunday, May 18th, 1952, to Gwendoline (née Holmes) and Charles Montagu Meyer, of Westminster—a son, Peter Louis Montagu. 922

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### MISCELLANEOUS

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DAVENTRY BRANCH OUTING.—Members taking part please note. Coach will pick up at Staverton 6.35, Byfield 6.50, Charwelton 6.55, Newnham 7.10, Flore 7.20, Harpole Turn 7.25, Lower Heyford via Bugbrooke 7.40, Weedon main road 7.50, Daventry 8.—F. W. Hancock. 931

BECKENHAM, KENT.—Practice night changed to Monday 8 to 9.30 p.m. Sundays 9.45 to 10.30 a.m. and 5.45 to 6.30 p.m. Visitors welcome.—P. A. Corby, 83, Hurstbourne Road, Forest Hill, S.E.23 (FOR 3683). 951

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### MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Burbage (6), Saturday, June 21st, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only.—D. S. Gregory. 905

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, June 21st. Bells available: Essendon (6) 2.30–4.45; Hatfield (10) 6–8.30. Tea at Essendon at 5 p.m.—W. J. Southam, 14, Walton Street, St. Albans. 899

LAVENHAM SUFFOLK.—Ringing Anniversary, Saturday, June 21st. Bells available 2 p.m. till 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. till 8 p.m. All welcome. Tea shop opposite church.—S. H. Symonds. 884

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Christ Church, Southgate, Saturday, June 21st. Ringing, 3.15 till 4.45. Tea locally. Business and further ringing follow.—Boyack. Wanstead 1575. 896

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, Bray, June 21st. Bells 3.30. Names for tea, please, Mrs. C. J. Matthews, Hon. Sec., 177, Engadine Street, S.W.18. 852



**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Leigh, June 21st Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting Henfield (8), Saturday, June 21st. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—B. W. White. 893

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Meeting, Arley, Saturday, June 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Coach from Bell Street (Bell Hotel), Stourbridge, 2.15 p.m.—Bernard C. Ashford. 866

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Annual joint meeting, Wath-on-Dearne, Saturday, June 21st. Bells (8) from 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church House. New reports available.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 909

**ST. MARY'S, SEND, NEAR WOKING, SURREY.**—Ringers' rally and service, Sunday, June 22nd. All ringers and friends welcomed. Bells (6) from 4.30 to service 6.30 p.m. Bring own refreshments. Cups of tea obtainable.—S. M. Strudwick, Tower Sec. 871

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Churchill, Saturday, June 28th, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 945

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Summer Festival, June 28th. Woburn bells 2.30. Tea 5. Service 6. Husborne Crawley bells available during the evening. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. D. Harris, Leighton Street, Woburn, Bletchley. 942

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Knutsford, June 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mr. S. Hough, 12, Hayton Street, Knutsford, by Tuesday, June 24th, without fail.—C. K. Lewis. 948

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Capenhurst (6), Saturday, June 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea provided for those notifying me by 24th at latest.—A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 949

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Ilkeston & Derby Districts.—Joint meeting at Breaston, June 28th. 2.30. Tea 1s. 6d. Names, please, to D. R. Carlisle, 85, Derby Road, Risley. 917

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Old Brampton (6), Saturday, June 28th, 3 p.m. Own food for tea. Cups of tea available.—A. B. Cooper. 947

**DEVON GUILD.**—Berry Pomeroy and Totnes, Saturday, June 28th. Usual arrangements.—Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 927

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting, June 28th, at St. Bartholomew's, Penn. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Numbers for tea, Tuesday, June 24th, latest, to F. Colclough, Acting Secretary, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 908

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting at the Watch Tower, Morpeth, on Saturday, June 28th. Names for tea by June 26th to A. Pegg, 19, Mitford Road, Morpeth. 937

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 28th, at Spaldwick (6). Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock. 941

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Marshfield, Saturday, June 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Names for tea by Monday, June 23rd, to W. F. Scudamore, 6, Sandringham Avenue, Downend, Bristol. 925

**GUILDFORD AND OXFORD GUILDS AND MIDDLESEX AND SURREY ASSOCIATIONS.**—Four Guild Festival, June 28th. Fgahm (8). Staines, St. Mary's (8) from 3. Staines (both towers) and Old Windsor (8) after tea. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 for those who notify, by Wednesday previous, Mrs. D. E. Knowles, 65, The Avenue, Egham.—W. Simmonds, A. D. Barker, F. W. Goodfellow and R. Lathbury, Branch and District Secs. 906

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13 by the Lord Bishop of Wakefield on Saturday, June 28th, at 7 p.m. Bells recast and rehung by Gillett and Johnston. Tenor 28 cwt.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—St. Ippolyts, Saturday, June 28th, 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Great Wymondley afterwards. Special method, Hereward Bob.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 914

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Honiton Clyst, Devon, June 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea essential to Miss E. Lomas, Whimple, Devon. Bells available: Cullompton 11.30–12.30, Heavitree 2.15–3.15, Ilminster 8–9 p.m. Transport available from Bath and Bristol. Details from Mrs. Parfrey, 28, Corston, Bath. 938

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Singleton, Saturday, June 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to J. H. Foster, 58, East Topping Street, Blackpool, not later than Wednesday, June 25th.—J. H. Foster. 946

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Idle on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Members carry own food, cups of tea provided. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12. 918

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Cosby, June 28th (Desford not available). Bells 3. Tea at Blacksmith's Arms 5. Please notify by June 25th Mr. F. Watson, 5, Pochin Street, Croft. 932

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Elsham (6), June 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by June 25th, to Rev. Tindall, Elsham Vicarage, Brigg. 900

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Lincoln District.—Quarterly meeting at Sleaford (8) June 28th. Service 4.15. Tea 5, for those who notify, by Wednesday previous, Mrs. Wray, 16, Eastgate, Sleaford.—C. Brown, Hon. Sec. 904

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Outing, Saturday, June 28th. Approximate cost 20s, including dinner and tea; 12s. 6d. deposit secures seat. Towers: Leeds, Maidstone, Frindsbury, Lewes, Bolney, Brighton. Write: A. F. Udall, The Archway, St. Luke's Street, Chelsea, S.W.3. 878

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury Branch.—Annual, Deddington, Saturday, June 28th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 4. Meeting. Ringing. Evensong 6 (Eve of Patronal Festival). Ringing.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury. 897

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD & WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Combined meeting, Newbury and Basingstoke Branches, Bucklebury (8), June 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by June 25th, to Miss S. Davis, Bucklebury Village, Reading.

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.** Est. 1623.—Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (12) available from 10 a.m. Service 6 p.m. Lunch and tea for those who notify me by 27th.—L. E. Pittow, 23, Highfields. 881

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—Collingtree, June 28th. Names for tea must reach me by June 24th.—E. Nobles, Hon. Branch Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 944

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—Meeting at Lowick, Saturday, June 28th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday, please.—G. W. Jeffis, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 933

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Aldbourne, Saturday, June 28th. Names to T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 929

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Alfriston (6), Saturday, June 28th. Tower open 2.30. Tea arranged—notify by 26th.—P. H. Rollison, 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 926

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Southampton and Winchester Districts.—Combined meeting, Broughton, June 28th. Ringing 2. Service 3.45. Tea at Butchers Arms, Nether Wallop, 5. Wallop towers open after tea. Names for tea by June 25th to J. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 935

**MARKSBURY, NEAR BATH.**—Corporate Communion, Sunday, June 29th. Bells 7.15 a.m. Service 8 a.m. Names for breakfast essential not later than Wednesday, June 25th, to W. A. Prescott, Timsbury, near Bath. 930

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—The new ring of 8 bells at SS. Peter and Paul's, Cattistock, will be dedicated on Sunday, June 29th, at morning service (11 a.m.). Everyone welcome. 924

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Branch.—Fitzhead, July 5th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea. Important business.—A. H. Reed, Mimosas, George Street, Taunton. 928

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting at Youlgrave (8) on Saturday, July 5th, 3 p.m. Names for tea at the Bull's Head to D. S. Gregory, Orchard House, Hillside, Darley Dale, by July 2nd. 940

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.W. Division.—Quarterly meeting, Bobbingworth (6), July 5th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Presentation. Epping-Ongar bus service to Blake Hall Lane, 10 mins. walk. Names for tea to F. Pavitt, 3, Council Houses, Bobbingworth, Ongar. 936

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.E. District.—Meeting at Tendring July 5th. Ringing from 2.30 and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to me by July 1st, please.—R. Duesbury, 5, Clacton Road, St. Osyth, Essex. 919

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A special meeting will be held at Stow-on-the-Wold on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Will those requiring tea contact Raymond Hicks, Claremont, Stow-on-the-Wold, not later than July 2nd? Moreton-in-Marsh and Bourton-on-the-Water bells available in the evening.—Frank Skidmore, Hon. Secretary. 919

**HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting and prize contest at Saddleworth, July 5th. Entrance fee, 10s. per company, to secretary by June 21st, please. For teas and practice notify Mr. J. Hulme, 116, High Street, Upper-mill, Oldham, Lancs. by June 28th.—A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Roughtown, Mossley, Manchester, Lancs. 874

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The quarterly by-meeting on July 5th cannot be held at Sevenoaks (as originally intended) or Cranbrook (where the bells are out of order). See 'Ringing World' for June 27th for place of alternative meeting if it can be arranged. 952

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Annual general meeting, London, Saturday, July 5th. Towers available: St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 2.30–3.30; St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 3.30–5; St. Margaret's, Westminster, 7.30–9. Tea 5 p.m. Service, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 6 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Jackson, 34, Old Devonshire Road, Balham, S.W.12. 923

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Ribchester, July 5th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Meeting in Parish Hall at 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 950

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Deeping St. Nicholas, Saturday, July 5th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, before June 28th, to Mr. F. Taylor, Deeping St. Nicholas, Spalding. 912

**SOUTHWELL GUILD**.—Nottingham District.—Quarterly meeting at Ruddington, Saturday, July 5th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to me by Tuesday, July 1st.—S. P. M. Lewin, 44, Nottingham Road, Hucknall. 943

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD**.—Annual general meeting, Basingstoke, Saturday, July 5th. Meeting 2.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Cottage. Service, St. Michael's, 4.15. Tea ONLY for those who notify Mr. J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke, by Wednesday, July 2nd. All ringers welcome. Towers available: All Saints' (9), St. Michael's (8), Bramley (8), Oakley (6) and Deane (6), from 11.30 till 1.30 and after tea.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 939

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Annual Festival, Oxford, Saturday, July 12th. Service. Cathedral, 11 a.m. (preacher: Ven. Thorndike Shaw). Meeting, Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon. Dining Hall, 1.30 p.m. Tickets 6s. Applications to general secretary, please, by July 6th. Ringing at Cathedral, Merton, Magdalen and New Colleges, St. Thomas', St. Giles', St. Aldgate's, St. Cross, St. Mary Magdalen's, Carfax, All Saints' and St. Ebbe's. Choristers please get in touch with F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants. 901

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