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ARE YOU A GOOD HOUSEKEEPER?

A GOOD housekeeper—what a difference such a one makes to the home. Although we may grumble over the operation known as 'Spring cleaning,' secretly we enjoy its result of extra cleanliness and order from the attic to the cellar. One of the signs of a good housekeeper is shown by the attic and the cellar—not just the room set aside for visitors and thus giving a false impression. Another is the order and method by which her work is done and this means planning.

Would it not be considered an honour to be asked to be the housekeeper at a palace where the upper chambers would be as clean as the throne room. Yet hundreds of ringers are called to be housekeepers of a portion of the house of our God. Are we good housekeepers? Do we plan our work? Are any of the polished corners of the temple under our care? One of the signs of a good steeplekeeper is that he can do any minor adjustment required in his best clothes and come back to the ringing chamber with hands as clean as before he left.

Why not make this year's spring cleaning a start to better housekeeping? First sweep the rafters and beams above the bells with a stiff broom or brush, then clear all the twigs and rubbish away and burn them. Next brush down the walls, and why not a coat of lime wash—it is cheap enough? Wire brush down the frame, the ironwork and the bells. Oh, yes, it is dusty, dirty work for the present, but stick it out. If you want to find out how a good clean improves the tone of bells try it out on the tower handbells—you probably will be surprised. Having swept up all the dust, let us get busy with the scrubbing brush. Plenty of hot soda water and soap—both inexpensive—and scrub all the woodwork and the bells. For what painter would paint over dirt and grease. Where oil or grease still remains on the bells it can be removed by a little petrol. A coat of creosote on the frame if it is of wood will add years to its life, and a black bitumen paint is excellent for all ironwork and steel frames. Now we can start enjoying the results of our labour; shiny black ironwork and limewashed walls make the belfry a far less dismal place than before. Now for that little extra that makes all the difference between a good housekeeper and one that takes a pride in his or her work. The oak wheels, the stays and slide bars as well as the stocks will look much better for a little wax polish, preferably of the kind con-

taining a deterrent to our great enemy—the wood beetle. A brush or soft cloth will work wonders in their appearance as well as helping to preserve.

Floors are places where the steeplekeeper crawls over in attempting to reach the interiors of the bells, so why not give them a good scrubbing? Our modern washing aids will remove grease as well as give us a P—— whiteness. There is only one thing in the belfry that will not benefit from a good washing, and that is the ropes, so on this point just moderate that burst of enthusiasm that comes with spring cleaning your belfry.

In the opening paragraph order was placed after cleanliness. So let us order our work to spread the load of the routine jobs. Only a few hours a month is required. Not much, is it, for the glory of God? Make the first job of every month that of moving the ropes at the garter hole in the wheel an inch or so at a time, lowering in the winter and raising in the summer, and where there are plain bearings they require a feed. Then each month do an extra job, for instance:

January, change the ropes over every third year and inspect ladders for safety.

February, see that galvanised wire netting covers all openings to keep our feathered friends in their place.

March, overhaul the clapper joints. Where there are leather liners to the baldricks, take the joint apart and well grease both the leather and the iron, and do not forget the split pin or wire key to prevent the nuts working loose.

April, sweeping up and washing after March winds have done their worst.

May, polishing and treating for wood worm, and remember that this last job requires three consecutive years to eradicate this pest.

June, overhaul slide bars and grease their pivots.

July, grease all pulleys.

August, tighten all bolts and remember those on the stock, only half a turn at a time until all are tight, and a dab of paint on each after the job is done.

September is time for greasing the clapper joints again.

October, sweep out the belfry.

November, clean out the lead gutters where there is a parapet to the tower, inspect the roof and chase the church authorities until they remedy any defects found.

December, check up on the muffles, for the old year is dying, but a new year is dawning of good steeple-keeping.
G. P. E.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 27, 1953, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Comprising 1,440 of Belgrave and Yorkshire, and 720 each of York, Cambridge and Pudsey, with 90 changes of method. Tenor 25 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE Treble	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 7
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 2	HARRY G. WAYNE .. 8
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 3	*SIDNEY O. CHENEY .. 9
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE .. 10
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5	JOHN HILL .. 11
JOHN R. SMITH .. 6	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. Tenor

Composed by KENNETH A. ROE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* 200th peal.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

ERNEST STITCH Treble	HARRY F. HOLDING .. 7
*EDGAR MARLOW .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 8
HERBERT KNIGHT .. 3	†WILLIAM DAVIES .. 9
*IVOR R. NICHOLS .. 4	SAMUEL BIRCH .. 10
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 5	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 11
GEORGE A. PACKER .. 6	HOWARD HOWELL .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal of Maximus. † First peal of Treble Bob Maximus.
Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Mrs. M. H. Davies, of Walsall (mother of the ringer of the 9th), and an 82nd birthday compliment to Mr. V. C. Rodenhurst, of Hodnet (father of the ringer of the 8th).

TEN BELL PEALS

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt.

ERNEST SIMPSON Treble	JOHN WORTH .. 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 2	WALTER ALLMAN .. 7
WILLIAM BARTON .. 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 8
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 4	JOSEPH WHITTAKER .. 9
JAMES FEARNLEY .. 5	EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

A birthday compliment to R. G. Edwards, and rung on the 40th anniversary of E. Jenkins' first peal at Henley, Suffolk.

LONDON, E.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., May 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 29 cwt. in C sharp.

WILFRED WILLIAMS Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 6
JOHN PHILLIPS .. 2	RICHARD F. DEAL .. 7
SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. 3	CYRIL G. J. WATTS .. 8
THOMAS G. FOX .. 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. 9
GEORGE W. CECIL .. 5	JOHN S. MASON .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. E. COLLINS.

First peal on the bells since the restoration of the church and bells and rebuilding of the tower.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS J. LOCK Treble	JOHN R. MAYNE .. 5
RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 2	ROBERT H. BEGRIE .. 6
ALICK CUTLER .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 18, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation.	Tenor 15 cwt. 11 lb. in F sharp.
T. KELHAM DEACON .. Treble	FRED E. WILSON .. 5
ALFRED BALLARD .. 2	FRANK K. MEASURES .. 6
CECIL E. CARR .. 3	ALAN H. HOUGH .. 7
*ALBERT A. LUCAS .. 4	W. ROLAND PROUDMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN H. HOUGH.

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

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Southern Branch.)

On Tues., April 21, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*MISS E. ROWLAND .. Treble	RALPH HARRIS .. 5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. 2	JOHN THOMAS .. 6
MRS. P. HARRIS .. 3	PATRICK HARRIS .. 7
MRS. JOHN THOMAS .. 4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by PATRICK HARRIS.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Harris.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 21, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER .. Treble	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 2	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 6
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 3	E. ALAN JACQUES .. 7
*HARRY POYNER .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 24, 1953, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Holt's Original.	
JILL HAFENDEN .. Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 5
THOMAS E. SONE .. 2	*FREDERICK W. MITCHELL .. 6
BETTY M. VIDLER .. 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 7
PETER CARTER .. 4	†CHARLES M. CLOEYS .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

HONITON CLYST, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 19 cwt.

*REGINALD C. WOOLLEY .. Treble	FREDERICK WREFORD .. 5
ARTHUR J. SCOTT .. 2	ROGER KEELEY .. 6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 3	HENRY G. KEELEY .. 7
BRIAN PIDGEON .. 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

Rung for the Feast of St. Mark.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

*FRANCIS R. LOWE .. Treble	WALTER G. SOAR .. 5
HAROLD TAYLOR .. 2	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 6
JACK BAILEY .. 3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 7
W. RODNEY HARRISON .. 4	JOHN F. WILKINSON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

* 150th peal.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. E. W. Beadsmoore for his 80th birthday.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

PERCY SWINDLEY Treble	J. BENJAMIN BUDD 5
SHIRLEY GOLDING 2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 6
*CAROL FORSTER JONES .. 3	R. GORDON CORBY 7
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 4	H. STEWART BAILEY Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by R. GORDON CORBY.

* First peal on eight bells.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF 5056 SEDBERGH COURT MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

RAYMOND G. LOFTY .. Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
WILLIAM LOVE 2	GEORGE SAYER 6
ARTHUR G. BASON 3	BERT GOGLE 7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 4	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. George F. Woodhouse, of Sedbergh. The first peal in the method, first published in the 'Bell News,' May 28th, 1910, p. 196, by Gabriel Lindoff and first practised at Sedbergh. The composition, in 12 parts, contains all combinations of 4-5-6 at middle, wrong and home and only those combinations at course ends.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 29, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Davies' Transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor 8 cwt. 88 lb. in G.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT .. Treble	GEORGE SAYER 5
ARTHUR G. BASON 2	BERT GOGLE 6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 3	NOLAN GOLDEN 7
*PETER KINDRED 4	*JOHN W. G. KINDRED .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Triples on the bells.

Rung to welcome the Rev. K. W. Riddle to the Rectory of Pakefield.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Manchester Branch.)

On Thurs., April 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

*JOYCE HALLIDAY .. Treble	*JOHN A. SOMERS 5
†MARGARET J. LLEWELLYN 2	†STANLEY S. LIVESSEY .. 6
BESSIE A. CARTER 3	DEREK OGDEN 7
*ALBERT W. STONE 4	RICHARD B. BENSON .. Tenor

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD.

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major. ‡ First peal of Major 'inside.'

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 30, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5024 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

PETER COXALL Treble	JAMES W. GROUNDS .. 5
*JEAN MARSHALL 2	*ERIC COOKE 6
*DOREEN DUTTON 3	RONALD KENRICK 7
THOMAS MARSHALL .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Amy Barnes, wife of the Vicar of Parbold.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 LEATHERHEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	ROBERT H. BEGRIE 5
THOMAS J. LOCK 2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 6
JOHN R. MAYNE 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

The first peal in the method by all the band.

BERKHAMSTED, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

*WALTER AYRE .. Treble	EDWIN J. UPTON 5
†JOE HOBBS 2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. 6
OLIVE M. MARTIN .. 3	DEREK E. LATCHFORD .. 7
PAMELA A. MARTIN .. 4	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by BERTRAM C. JOHNSON.

* 325th peal for the Hertford County Association. † First peal of Plain Bob Major.

Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. R. S. Brown.

BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 2, 1953, in 3 Hours,

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5152 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.

CHRIS. T. LAMB .. Treble	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 2	ERIC N. HARRISON .. 6
KENNETH ARTHUR .. 3	DENIS A. BAYLES .. 7
W. NORMAN PARK .. 4	ROLAND PARK Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

The first peal in the method on the bells, for the Association and by all except the ringer of the 4th.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*JOSEPH SAXTON .. Treble	†STANLEY SLANEY 5
*CYRIL WRIGHT 2	*PHILIP H. WHITAKER .. 6
HAROLD TAYLOR 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7
DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 4	ALFRED SMITH Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' First as conductor in the method.

DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

MRS. J. E. TURLEY .. Treble	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 5
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 2	HAROLD TAYLOR 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7
FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 4	JOHN E. TURLEY Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.



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ERITH, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., May 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 2,240 London, 1,728 Bristol, 576 Cambridge, 576 Super-
tive, with 116 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt.

MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER .. 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 2	*GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 6
THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7
MARK W. MARSHALL .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

*First peal of Spliced Surprise.

Rung for the first birthday of Nicola Michele Le Saux, grand-
daughter of the conductor.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 18 lb. in F.

ALBERT CATTERWELL .. Treble	THOMAS BIRD .. 5
ROSEMARY SEABROOKE .. 2	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT .. 6
WALTER SCOTT .. 3	ARTHUR J. HAYNES .. 7
JAMES BENNETT .. 4	GEORGE W. PIPE .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except
ringers of 4th and tenor. Conductor's 50th tower for a peal.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

EDMUND MALIN .. Treble	GEORGE DAVIS .. 5
DENNIS BERESFORD .. 2	RICHARD C. INGRAM .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD .. 3	PETER BERESFORD .. 7
J. DENNIS HOLDEN .. 4	GEORGE E. OLIVER .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss J. Beresford.

ST. MABYN, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MABEAN,

A PEAL OF 5472 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

CLEMENT W. JOSE .. Treble	JAMES P. BLOND .. 5
GEOFFREY W. TAYSON .. 2	*A. HUBERT EPLEIT .. 6
V. MARY MATTHEWS .. 3	ALAN CARVETH .. 7
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS .. 4	*REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. Tenor

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

*25th peal together. Longest length yet rung for the Guild. First
peal on the bells.

Rung on the 7th birthday of the treble ringer's son.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

*BERNARD V. COLLISON .. Treble	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE .. 5
FRANK H. HICKS .. 2	ROBERT COLLINS .. 6
HILDA OAKSHETT .. 3	MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT .. 7
DORIS E. COLGATE .. 4	ERNEST J. LADD .. Tenor

Composed by R. T. LAMBERT. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

*First peal in the method.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Herbert Markwell, of St. Peter's
tower.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., May 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 10 cwt.

SIDNEY H. JONES .. Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY .. 5
*MRS. S. H. JONES .. 2	*ERNEST MORRIS .. 6
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE .. 3	PERCIVAL W. GRICE .. 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 4	GEORGE ROOBOTTOM .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

*First peal of Triples in the method. An 80th birthday compliment
to Mr. Ernest W. Beadsmoore.

AYLESTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5152 AYLESTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK E. WILSON .. Treble	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 5
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 2	JOHN R. SMITH .. 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 3	TERENCE A. THORNER .. 7
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

First peal to be rung in this method, which is Tipler's No. A4/10.
First Surprise peal on the bells.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

ROGER LEIGH .. Treble	CHARLES CLEGG .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 2	*NORMAN SMITH .. 6
*PATRICIA M. BOURN .. 3	ERNEST J. GOWER .. 7
†JEAN DAWSON .. 4	VICTOR J. C. WOOD .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by VICTOR J. C. WOOD.

*First peal in the method. †First peal of Double Norwich on an
'inside' bell. First peal of Double Norwich as conductor.

Rung on the 40th anniversary of the augmentation of the bells
(May 6th, 1913) and for the 75th anniversary of the installation of
the back six (April 21st, 1878).

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BARKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent of Double Oxford, two extents of Kent, Oxford Treble
Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

MAX P. PAGE .. Treble	RONALD W. STEWARD .. 4
ALAN FEVER .. 2	ROBERT E. LESTER .. 5
JOHN S. WYBROW .. 3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. Tenor

Conducted by MAX P. PAGE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Page, mother of the
conductor, and to Mr. F. Bowell.

MADELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., April 18, 1953, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble
Bob and Kent Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 26 lb.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Treble	CHARLES H. PAGE .. 4
JOHN BEARDMORE .. 2	O. MICHAEL SLANEY .. 5
CHARLES S. RYLES .. 3	EWART H. EDGE .. Tenor

Conducted by O. MICHAEL SLANEY.

A wedding compliment to Dr. Anthony G. Ackerley and Dr. Sylvia
Woodbridge, whose marriage took place earlier in the year.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., April 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods, 1. York and Durham; 2. Ipswich
and Cambridge; 3. Allandale and Westminster; 4. Netherseale; 5.
Bourne; 6. Hull; 7. Norwich. Tenor 9½ cwt.

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

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

*50th peal together. †First peal in ten Surprise.

OVER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two extents each of
Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

CECIL RADDON .. Treble	HAROLD WORRALL .. 4
ETHEL WISE .. 2	JOHN SCOTT .. 5
HENRY PARKER .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

The conductor's 200th peal for the Chester Diocesan Guild.

PAULERS PURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten different callings. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

*JAMES BOOTH Treble	†PERCY FOSTER 4
†NORA TOMLIN 2	WILLIAM YATES 5
FREDERICK C. CASE 3	*KEITH SHELDON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. C. L. Dunkerley, M.C., M.A., who is leaving the parish.

RAINFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Rung on the front six.

*JOHN R. AUSTIN Treble	STUART W. BRACEGIRDLE .. 4
†FRANCES E. ELLISON .. 2	RICHARD G. LATHAM .. 5
*ERIC ROUGHLEY 3	HARRY BLACKBURN Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BLACKBURN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

JOHN W. BROWN Treble	TERRY L. STOCK 4
TERRY EARLE 2	PETER L. WOOD 5
*ANTHONY B. STOCK 3	ALAN R. SYDER Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. SYDER.

* First peal 'inside.' Average age of band 15 years 5 months.

Rung in honour of the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

TWYNING, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*BERYL HARTELL Treble	*JOAN MILTON 4
FRED HAWKES 2	WILLIAM WILLIAMS 5
DAVID BEACHAM 3	*DONALD WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by FRED HAWKES.

* First peal.

PERRANZABULOE, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PIRAN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

A. HUBERT EPLETT .. Treble	MRS. A. S. ROBERTS .. 4
CLEMENT W. JOSE .. 2	REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. 5
*JAMES P. BLOND 3	†DAVID N. PENROSE .. Tenor

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

A farewell to Instr.-Lt. Dennis Roe, who left a few days previously for the Far East.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(The Bures St. Mary's Society.)

On Tues., April 28, 1953, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*JANET M. SPURGIN .. Treble	*DONALD L. MILLS .. 4
A. EDWARD LEGGETT .. 2	†ALLEN W. CANSDALE .. 5
*MRS. LESLIE MILLS .. 3	LESLIE D. MILLS .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE D. MILLS.

* First peal in more than one method. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.



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HOUGHTON, HUNTINGDONSHIRE. THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 29, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being five extents of St. Simon and 37 extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

*BENJAMIN J. BULL Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON .. 3
*MICHAEL J. DYER 2	*JACK R. G. SPICER .. 4
HAROLD S. PEACOCK Tenor	

Conducted by HAROLD S. PEACOCK.

* First peal of Doubles. A birthday peal to Mr. W. A. Warren (82 years), churchwarden. First peal on the bells.

ARDINGTON, BERKSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

LINDA R. BINNINGTON .. Treble	*CHARLES B. LESTER .. 4
CYRIL P. LAY 2	HARRY WHITE 5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal.
Rung as a farewell to the incumbent, Rev. G. E. Bussell, and in thankfulness for his ministry, extending over the past 6½ years.

CHILTON, BERKSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 8½ cwt. approx.

D. JORDAN Treble	I. GORDAN 4
H. BISHOP 2	*W. CORDEROY 5
J. BOSLEY 3	D. BOSLEY Tenor

Conducted by D. JORDAN.

* First peal 'inside,' and first peal of Doubles by the rest of the band.

HONINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of College Exercise, Spliced College Bob and Single Court, Double Court, Spliced St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Plain and Double Bob, Reverse Bob, combined Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 7 cwt. 53 lb. in A.

STANLEY W. COPLING .. Treble	*WILLIAM LOVE 4
ARTHUR G. BASON 2	GEORGE SAYER 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 3	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in more than seven methods. First peal in twelve methods on the bells.

Rung at the request of the parishioners.

HANDBELL PEALS

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 13, 1953, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor size 15 in C.

LAURENCE E. HITCHINS .. 1—2	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD .. 3—4
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING .. 5—6	

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING.

First handbell peal by all.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT 73, BRAITHWAITE GARDENS,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 18 in G.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER .. 1—2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE .. 5—6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 3—4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 7—8

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Rung silent and non-conducted.

Umpire: WILLIAM WENBAN.

The first silent peal of Surprise on handbells. The umpire checked every lead-end throughout the peal.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

QUARTER PEALS

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grand-
side Triples: T. Petty 1, A. Hoare 2, E. Morris 3,
G. Lewis 4, A. Hannington 5, R. Blick (first quarter
'inside') 6, A. J. Pitman (cond.) 7, T. Roderick 8.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. C. H. Perry, for
many years leader at St. Iltyd's, Bridgend.

BICKER, Lincs.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grand-
side Triples: R. Howard 1, W. B. Dawson (first as cond.)
2, P. H. Reynolds (first quarter) 3, G. R. Dawson 4,
A. T. Randal 5, N. B. Fovogue 6, A. H. Bennett 7,
C. Stubby 8.

BRISTOL.—On April 30th, at the Church of St.
Ambrose, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. M. Ben-
nett 1, V. J. Williams 2, Miss R. A. Clarke 3, Mrs.
N. Dart 4, F. Skidmore 5, J. F. Pedler 6, A. C. Baker
(first of Stedman as cond.) 7, V. E. Lucas 8. First in
method for 2 and 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev.
F. S. Lee, who is retiring after 22 years as Vicar of
St. Ambrose.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.—On May 2nd, 1,260
Grand-
side Triples: Miss J. L. Taylor (first of Triples)
1, H. C. Burge 2, G. Gaylard 3, H. J. Gaylard (cond.)
4, J. C. Taylor 5, G. A. Hartland 6, H. Perry 7, H.
Johnson (first quarter) 8.

DALLINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On April 21st,
1,260 Doubles (480 Grand-
side, 240 each Old, April
Day, 300 Plain Bob): Rev. J. M. Oules (first quar-
ter) 1, R. Old 2, E. Nobles (cond.) 3, M. J. Bushell
4, C. T. Windram 5, C. H. Bushell 6. In honour of
Her Majesty's birthday.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Minor
720 combined Double Oxford and St. Clement's and
540 Plain Bob) J. West 1, R. Gardiner 2, E. W.
Roast 3, P. J. Carn 4, I. J. M. Saunders (first quarter
as cond.) 5, J. E. G. Roast 6. Rung as a birthday
compliment to Mr. G. J. Saunders.

EGHAM, SURREY.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grand-
side Triples: L. Knowles 1, E. W. Butler 2, N. G.
Smith 3, Mrs. D. Hiscock 4, W. A. Peck 5, R. I.
Shepherd (cond.) 6, M. W. Harbott 7, J. Greenough 8.
Rung on the occasion of the Queen's birthday.

FRESHWATER, I.O.W.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Grand-
side Doubles: C. A. Saunders 1, A. W. Green 2,
F. A. Green 3, L. Bailey (cond.) 4, E. F. Ridett 5,
P. R. Stephen (first quarter) 6. Also on May 3rd,
1,260 Grand-
side Doubles: P. J. Smith (first quarter) 1,
A. W. Green 2, S. Moody 3, E. F. Ridett 4, F. A.
Green (first as cond.) 5, C. A. Saunders 6. Rung for
the launching of All Saints' Bell Appeal Fund.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.—On April 15th, 1,260
Plain Bob Major: Cynthia Bibby 1, Elizabeth M.
Bibby 2, W. G. Bibby 3, H. Matthais 4, F. Jackson
5, O. Claybrook 6, J. E. Bibby (cond.) 7, F. Bibby 8.
First quarter for 1 and 4.

FULHAM, S.W.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grand-
side Caters: H. M. Page 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, Janet Bailey
3, H. Belcher 4, R. Charge 5, J. B. Sansom 6, R.
Sanders 7, R. F. Deal 8, J. Phillips (cond.) 9, J.
Chilcott 10. A 52nd wedding anniversary compliment
to Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Langdon.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.—On April 22nd, 1,264 Plain
Bob Major: Mrs. H. W. Moore 1, H. W. Moore 2,
Miss H. M. Snowden (first quarter of Major 'inside')
3, Miss J. S. Starling 4, C. Snowden 5, Miss H. G.
Snowden 6, T. Earle 7, A. R. Syder (first of Major
as cond.) 8. Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLEX.—On April 19th,
1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. K. Fulton 1, Mrs. J.
Niblett 2, S. Warwick 3, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 4, J.
Niblett 5, H. D. Butler 6, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 7,
H. G. Hart 8. Rung for the Bishop of Willesden's
visit to the church. Also on May 3rd, 1,260 Stedman
Triples: Mrs. J. D. Niblett 1, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 2,
S. A. Warwick 3, H. Hodgetts 4, J. R. Mayne (cond.)
5, J. D. Niblett 6, C. C. Mayne 7, H. D. Butler 8.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On April 30th,
1,320 Surfleet Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, F.
Warrington (cond.) 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, W. Ransom 4,
A. Clements 5, H. S. Peacock 6. First in method by
all except conductor.

HESTON, MIDDLEX.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grand-
side Triples: P. Ruck (first quarter) 1, W. W. Webb
2, F. Blondell 3, B. A. Rose 4, J. Moore (first 'inside')
5, W. A. Lewis (cond.) 6, W. J. Winter 7, J. Ricketts 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On May 3rd, 1,260
Grand-
side Triples: T. Baldwin 1, P. Baldwin 2, A.
Clutton 3, F. Hayes (cond.) 4, P. Evans 5, W. H.
Plumridge 6, R. Coles 7, A. L. James 8.

INGRAVE, ESSEX.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grand-
side Doubles: M. R. Jeffery (first quarter) 1, F. R. God-
dard (cond.) 2, F. J. Wood 3, H. G. Goddard 4, D. J.
Crouchman 5. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. G. E.
Porter, who was inducted this day.

KILBURN, N.W.—At St. Augustine's, on April
19th, 1,504 Bob Major: C. E. Lankester 1, Miss D.
Watts 2, S. Pacey 3, Miss A. Barker 4, R. B. Meadows
5, A. H. Catlin 6, T. Dew 7, D. C. Birkinshaw
(cond.) 8.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At St. Margaret's, on
April 19th, 1,260 Grand-
side Triples: E. Barker 1,
Miss C. Harding 2, S. Eley 3, E. Mastin 4, W.
Critchley 5, J. Raper 6, N. Harding (cond.) 7, W.
Rose 8.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On April 21st, 1,260
Doubles (being 360 Grand-
side, 240 Plain Bob, 180
Stedman and 120 each of Norfolk, Reverse Canter-
bury, April Day and St. Simon's): Rosemary Hutch-
ings 1, S. White 2, Muriel Legg 3, Marjorie Legg 4,
G. Prescott (cond.) 5, D. Miller 6. First in seven
methods for 1, 2, 3 and 6. Rung in honour of the
Queen's birthday.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On April 26th, at All Saints',
1,263 Stedman Caters: R. Dornay 1, T. Grice 2, F.
Hogan 3, B. Baker 4, J. Wallis 5, L. Head (cond.) 6,
F. Leason 7, R. Rich 8, L. Mannerling 9, F. Thwaites 10.

NEWTON ST. LOE, BATH.—On April 30th, 1,260
Grand-
side Doubles: J. G. Hobbs (first quarter) 1,
G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, R. O.
Fry 4, E. Naylor 5, J. G. Davis (first quarter) 6.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On May 1st, 1,280
Bob Major: Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox 1, C. J. Turner
2, Betty Smith 3, R. Pike 4, P. Davis 5, G. E. Retter
(cond.) 6, E. Kowe 7, J. Artbury 8. First quarter of
Bob Major on the bells since rehanging.

OXENDON, NORTHANTS.—On May 2nd, 1,260
Doubles (360 Plain Bob and 900 Grand-
side): D. E. Griffin 1, F. C. Arnold 2, C. Swann (first in two
methods) 3, E. Martin (first quarter) 4, A. J. Millward
(cond.) 5. Rung to welcome the Lord Bishop of Peter-
borough to the parish.

PITMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On April 28th, 1,260
Doubles (480 Stedman, 540 Grand-
side and 240 Plain
Bob): A. Hayward 1, J. Summerhayes 2, R. Shire
(cond.) 3, W. Burston 4, B. Burston 5, F. Matravers
6. All six are grandfathers.

PORTSMOUTH.—On April 29th, at the Cathedral
on the occasion of the visit of H.M. the Queen Mother
to a dedication and thanksgiving service, 1,260 Sted-
man Triples: J. D. Harris 1, R. G. Leale 2, H. Nobes
3, L. D. Duguid 4, T. F. Taylor 5, J. W. Meade 6,
F. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, S. J. Harding 8. Also after
the service 756 Stedman Triples.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Sted-
man Doubles: R. Taylor 1, D. Surman 2, C. Rouse 3,
P. Warren (first of Stedman Doubles) 4, B. Dowdeswell
(cond.) 5, F. Pendry 6. A farewell to the Rev. W. H.
Hill, nine years Vicar, on his retirement.

RINGWOLD, HANTS.—On May 2nd, 1,568 Superla-
tive Surprise Major: B. Parker (first quarter of Treble
Bob) 1, Mrs. F. J. Marshall 2, W. C. Shute 3, Miss
K. Fletcher 4, H. Abrahams 5, J. Gilbert 6, R. Marlow
7, W. E. Cheater (first in method as cond.) 8. First
in method on the bells.

ROCHDALE, LANCs.—At All Saints', Hamer, on
April 19th, 1,260 Minor (540 Single Oxford Bob and
720 Double Oxford Bob): A. Taylor 1, K. Abbott 2,
Marjorie Leach 3, I. W. Taylor 4, P. J. H. Hudson
5, J. Taylor (cond.) 6. Rung to congratulate the Vicar
(the Rev. N. Wallworth) and Mrs. Wallworth on the
birth of a son.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On April 29th,
1,260 Grand-
side Doubles: F. Taylor 1, Miss A. Yarde
2, D. I. North 3, Miss M. Hill (first quarter) 4, S. N.
Bristow (cond.) 5, C. J. Stevens 6.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grand-
side Triples: H. F. Perty 1, Miss M. Shearmur (first
on 8) 2, Miss S. Booth 3, Mrs. J. C. Northan 4, H.
Corney 5, A. C. Chaplin 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7,
A. T. Langstone 8. In honour of the Queen's birth-
day.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On April 25th, 1,260 Grand-
side Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): J. L. Webb (cond.) 1,
Mrs. K. Smith 2, Mrs. D. Stafford 3, J. Harper 4,
H. Meek 5, T. Wilce (first quarter) 6, L. H. Jones 7,
R. Weaver (first quarter) 8. A 70th birthday compli-
ment to Mr. Beard, aringer at this church for 50 years.

SALTWOOD, KENT.—On April 24th, 1,260 Plain
Bob Minor: Miss R. P. Longhurst 1, M. J. Martin 2,
G. F. Gray 3, J. E. Chittenden 4, E. J. Walker 5,
C. A. Wratten (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and
3. First of Minor 'inside' for 2 and 4.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's, on April 26th,
1,440 Kent Treble Bob Royal: G. H. Cross 1, Mrs.
R. F. Deal 2, W. Williams (cond.) 3, Mrs. T. H.
Francis 4, A. J. House 5, W. R. Winterton 6, A. R.
Ling 7, T. H. Francis 8, F. E. Hawthorne 9, R. E.
Price 10.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On April 26th, 1,260 Doubles (720
Plain Bob and 540 Grand-
side): N. Stevens 1, D. R.
Brazier (first quarter as cond.) 2, A. W. Allen 3, T. P.
Harris 4, W. P. Billington 5, F. Bunker 6. Rung to
welcome the Rev. G. F. Oakeshott as Vicar to the parish.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grand-
side Triples: Mrs. J. Birt 1, A. D. Rivers (first of Triples
'inside') 2, Miss R. Tabraham 3, F. Scott 4, B. M.
Taylor 5, M. Hatchett (first of Triples as cond.) 6,
J. Birt 7, R. I. Shepherd 8. Rung for Boy Scouts'
and Girl Guides' rally, and as a birthday compliment
to A. Rivers. Also as a wedding compliment to Mr.
W. Butler and Miss A. Ewins.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On April 26th, 1,440
Treble Bob (consisting of an extent Spliced Kent and
Norwich Surprise and extent Spliced Oxford and
Norwich Surprise, change of method made from back
stroke treble lead, Nos. 6 and 5 at back): E. J.
Wakeling 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, J. R. G.
Spicer 3, W. Ransom 4, A. Clements 5, H. S. Peacock
6. First Splice in these three methods by all.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—On April 19th, 1,231 Grand-
side Cinques: H. M. Page 1, H. Belcher 2, Janet Bailey
3, R. G. Lay 4, H. Ellis (first of Cinques) 5, W.
Prockson 6, S. H. Dearden 7, J. Hill 8, R. F. Deal 9,
C. G. J. Watts 10, J. Phillips (cond.) 11, J. Chilcott 12.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Anne's Church, on
April 23rd, 1,260 Grand-
side Doubles: A. Robson (first
quarter) 1, M. Parry 2, E. J. Rowe 3, W. T. Forester
4, H. Howson (first as cond.) 5, W. Coleman (first
quarter) 6.

STANMORE, MIDDLEX.—On April 26th, 1,260
Grand-
side Triples: Miss M. Hoare 1, J. Schofield (first
in method as cond.) 2, Miss A. Bell 3, C. Wenban 4,
R. Stoddard 5, T. Leversuch 6, E. Turner 7, R.
Lambert 8. Rung in honour of H.M. Queen's birthday.

STEEP, HANTS.—On April 28th, 1,260 Bob Minor:
C. Gilbert 1, Mrs. A. Pearson 2, Miss C. Roberts 3,
Mrs. F. Bowden 4, F. Bowden (cond.) 5, H. Gauntlett
6. First quarter Bob Minor by 1 and 3.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On April 26th, at St.
Thomas' Church, 1,260 Grand-
side Triples: F. B. Cook-
son (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, R. Lees 3, F. V.
Nicholls 4, R. Smith (first as cond.) 5, A. D. Fellows
6, D. H. Watson 7, R. Cooper 8. All are service
ringers.

STRATFORD, E.—On April 26th, at St. Mary-atte-
Bow, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Bullock 1, J. A. Hales
2, Miss S. Booth 3, A. C. Chaplin 4, C. W. Outley 5,
E. E. Holman 6, E. D. Smith 7, L. W. Bullock
(cond.) 8.

STROUD, GLOS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grand-
side Triples: P. Riddiford 1, Doris Shepperd 2, P. Prit-
chard 3, T. Price 4, T. Witts (cond.) 5, B. Cattle 6,
W. Dean 7, M. Simpson 8. Rung in memoriam Mr.
J. M. Eagles.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grand-
side Triples: S. H. Green 1, P. Mayne 2, Mrs. C. F.
Miles 3, E. Richards 4, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 5, W. H.
Warc 6, J. Upton 7, A. Kerslake 8. Rung for a service
of Confirmation by the Lord Bishop of Exeter, and as
a welcome home to the treble ringer from his Anti-
podian travels.

TURRAMURA, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.—On
April 26th, 1,260 Doubles in three methods: W. Knight
(first quarter) 1, B. Rainsford (first quarter in three
methods) 2, W. Smith 3, K. Stacey 4, J. Clark 5, J.
Rainsford 6. Rung in honour of Anzac Day, and also
as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Botting, who
have just celebrated their golden wedding (Mr. Botting
formerly rang at Betchworth, Surrey).

WANDSWORTH, S.W.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Sted-
man Triples: J. Phillips 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, Miss J.
Bailey 3, H. Ellis 4, H. Belcher 5, A. J. Phillips 6,
M. V. Chilcott (cond.) 7, H. M. Page 8.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On April 17th, 120 each
St. Simon's, Southrepps, Clifford, Reverse Canterbury,
Kennington, April Day, Plain Bob, All Saints', North-
repps, Reverse St. Bartholomew's and 60 Grand-
side Doubles: O. Pole 1, K. Prime 2, R. Short (cond.) 3,
C. Clarke 4, F. Sweet 5, C. Norton 6. First in more
than one method by 2 and 6; in more than five by 1;
in more than seven by 3, 4 and 5. First in more than
five methods on the bells. A silver wedding compli-
ment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Bawden, and a wedding
compliment to Mr. W. Keirle and Miss P. Morgan.

WICKWAR, GLOS.—On April 15th, 1,440 Minor
(720 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Kent Treble Bob):
Miss J. Barbrook 1, C. Rouse (first as cond.) 2, Miss
D. M. Drew 3, H. Robinson 4, Inspector J. Adhead
(first quarter of Treble Bob) 5, F. Roberts 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On May 1st, 1,260
Grand-
side Triples: Mrs. Watts 1, J. Tomsett 2, R.
Charge 3, R. Sanders 4, C. Watts 5, J. Chapman
(cond.) 6, F. Corfield 7, F. W. Wicks 8. Rung half-
muffled for Lady Caird, who was laid to rest this day.

WOOLWICH, S.E.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob
Major: Miss C. Smith 1, F. Hurrell 2, R. A. Johnson
3, A. Grove, sen. (first of Major) 4, J. E. Warner 5,
T. Culver (first of Major 'inside') 6, W. Rawlings 7,
B. Aldridge (cond.) 8. Rung in honour of the Queen's
birthday. First of Bob Major rung in Woolwich for
many years.

WORDSLEY, STAFFS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grand-
side Doubles: Miss N. Evans 1, Miss S. Banks 2, W.
H. Cooper 3, C. J. Shepherd 4, G. W. Shepherd (first
as cond.) 5, D. A. Shepherd 6. An 18th birthday com-
pliment to the conductor.

WREXHAM, N. WALES.—On April 21st, 1,260
Stedman Triples: A. Hodges 1, E. Webster 2, J. Clut-
ton 3, F. R. Evans (cond.) 4, F. Mitchell 5, J. M.
Capper 6, W. Cathrall 7, C. Pridding 8. Rung to
honour the Queen's birthday.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grand-
side Triples: M. Price (first quarter) 1, D. Vowles 2,
G. K. Westlake 3, L. W. Pullin (first quarter as cond.) 4,
R. H. Brice 5, H. Marshall 6, H. A. Price 7, J. K.
Baker 8.

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LATE NEWS

We regret to announce the death on May
5th of Mr. George Martin, of Maidenhead,
aged 75. He was one of the English ringers
who visited Australia in 'The Great Adventure'
tour.

The visit of the Ancient
Society of College Youths to
Liverpool last Saturday was
a great success. The Master of the London
contingent had a wonderful reception. Apart
from local ringers there were members and
friends present from Derby, Oldham, Runcorn,
Southport, Manchester, Sheffield, Chesterfield,
York, Birkenhead, Wallasey and other places
to greet them. A report will appear in our next
issue.

Ringers of the Leicester Guild will wish Mr.
Shirley Burton many interesting experiences on
his visit to the United States. He returns to
this country in the middle of August.

Mr. J. W. Roberts, of 13, Dimas Road, Llan-
dudno, invites any visiting ringers to North
Wales, during the period June 6th-13th inclu-
sive, to stand in a Coronation peal.

At the six-bell tower of Chilton, Berkshire, a
peal of Doubles was rung on April 30th. It
is believed by those who participated that this
is the first peal on the bells—at any rate there
is no record of a peal in the past 30 years.

The peal at Perranzabuloe was arranged as
a farewell to Instructor Lieutenant Dennis Roe,
who has spent twelve months in Cornwall. Un-
fortunately he left for the Far East a few days
previously. Doubles was substituted for the
proposed Minor, and the conductor's nephew,
David Penrose (aged 15), who is learning his
ringing at Truro, stood in to ring his first peal.

A 5,472 of Plain Bob Major has been rung
for the Truro Guild. This is the first pro-
gressive length ever to be achieved. The band
would like to associate Herbert C. Spencer and
Dennis Roe with the success as they were, re-
spectively, in one and both of two attempts
made recently for the peal.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

The 'ever-young' G.O.M.
of Ashby-de-la-Zouch and
Midland Counties Guild
veteran, Mr. Ernest W. Beadsmoore, was deter-
mined to have a peal for his 80th birthday, but
only got it at the third attempt. Bob Major, at
Repton, ended half-way through a rope break-
ing; Stedman Triples, at Ashby, simply would
not go! But a good peal of Oxford Bob Triples,
at Overscale, was rung successfully and he re-
ceives the congratulations of all concerned.

St. Dunstan's, Stepney, was one of the war
victims. It is gratifying to record, in this his-
toric church, the first peal on the restored ring.

Dallington, Northampton, ringers held a cor-
porate Communion on May 2nd. It is hoped to
continue this corporate service monthly.

The method 'Fortune' was included in the
peal of Doubles in 21 methods rung at Roade,
Northamptonshire, on April 7th.

The B.B.C. have promised to broadcast on
Whit Sunday at 9.30 a.m. the bells of Deane,
Bolton. These bells are shortly to be recast.
Deane is associated with Titus Barlow and Thos.
B. Worsley.

An informal presentation of a small bell, made
from metal from bells cast during the reign of
Elizabeth I., was made on Wednesday last at
practice by the Abingdon ringers to Mr. and
Mrs. A. E. Lock, of 35, East St. Helen Street,
as a small mark of appreciation for the time and
patience spent in teaching them to ring.

Freshwater bells, which are associated with
the poet Tennyson, are to be repaired and
modernised at a cost of £350. A novel cover
design from a scraper board drawing contains
the appeal. Mr. C. A. Saunders is the hon.
secretary of the Appeal Fund. Those who have
spent their holidays on the Isle of Wight would
doubtless like to be associated with this appeal.

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COLERIDGE MEMORIAL DEDICATED

Impressive Service at Oxford

About 250 ringers and friends attended the service in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, on May 2nd, when the Dean of Oxford, the Very Rev. J. Lowe, D.D., dedicated a tablet in the cloisters and the two recast treble bells of Christ Church, Oxford, to the praise and glory of God and in memory of Canon G. F. Coleridge, a ringing member of the Guild from 1881-1949 and Master from 1933-1946.

A glorious and happy service was held and the singing was led by some 40 choristers. The lesson, taken from Ecclesiasticus xlv., 1-15, was read by Mr. Frederick Sharpe, Deputy Master of the Guild, and the inspiring address on the life of the late Master was given by the Master, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, who also conducted the service.

During the singing of the hymn, 'Set them nobly in the steeple', a procession was formed of the choir, clergy, Dean and members of the congregation to the Cloisters.

Standing by the new memorial tablet in the south-east of the Cloisters, Mr. William Hibbert, secretary of the Diocesan Guild, requested the Dean to dedicate the tablet and the recast bells 'to the praise and glory of God, and in memory of His servant, George Frederick Coleridge.'

The Dean then said the dedicatory prayers, concluding: 'In the Faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate these bells and this tablet to the praise and glory of God and in memory of George Frederick Coleridge, priest, in the name of the Father, the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.'

A course of Cinques was then rung by the following members of the Oxford Society: W. F. Judge 1, Miss F. Edgar 2, F. P. Wright 3, Miss M. L. Tutt 4, J. B. Gray 5, P. Walker 6, E. G. Moore 7, C. Coles 8, P. Border 9, J. R. Chaundry 10, F. A. H. Wilkins 11, F. A. White 12.

After the service a few well-chosen words were given by the Master, who, with modesty, told the gathering of the admirable work of the Deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe) in arranging such a grand service in conjunction with the Dean, but the writer and other Guild officers are fully aware of the part the Master had also played in ensuring the success of the day.

Well-known ringers in the persons of Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. E. A. Barnett and Mr. F. Perrens were welcomed, and a letter of apology was received from the president of the Central Council, Mr. E. H. Lewis.

The two recast trebles by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are an admirable match, and the re-hanging, etc., was carried out with the usual efficiency by R. White and Son.

An attractive plaque, placed in the tower by the generosity of the Oxford Society, was dedicated after the service by the Master. W. H.

THE LADIES' GUILD

South Wales Reports Progress

Glorious spring sunshine favoured the meeting of the South Wales District of the Ladies' Guild at Cowbridge on May 2nd. Some 50 ringers enjoyed the bells and ringing ranged from rounds to Surprise Major.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. O. T. Lewis, who extended a hearty welcome to the Ladies' Guild. The lesson was read by Mr. I. Davies, a Cowbridge ringer.

A sumptuous tea was prepared by Mrs. R. E. Coles and her helpers, and Mr. Trevor M. Roderick voiced the appreciative thanks of the company. The secretary, Miss Jacqueline Evans, thanked the Vicar and said the Guild would certainly accept his invitation to visit Cowbridge again.

At the business meeting the vice-president, Mrs. R. Price, presided and ten new members were elected from Aberavon, Sketty, Radyr, Whichurch and Newport. Membership is now 47. Porthcawl was decided upon for the next meeting and the date fixed provisionally for July 18th.



THE LATE CANON G. F. COLERIDGE

STAND AGAINST RECORDED BELLS IN CHURCHES

Action by the Ripon Diocese

The Ripon Diocesan Advisory Committee has taken a firm stand on the installation of recorded bells in churches.

Canon D. M. M. Bartlett, chairman of the Diocesan Advisory Committee, gives the following signed statement in the current issue of 'The Ripon Diocesan Gazette':—

Minute of the Advisory Committee's meeting on March 13th.

NOTE BY THE CHAIRMAN

The full minute runs:

Starbeck Installation of Recorded Bells.

The Vicar attended. The application was not recommended. After a full discussion, not only of this particular application, but of the principles underlying the use of recorded music for church services, it was unanimously agreed, 'That this Advisory Committee, while reserving judgment on particular cases, as a general rule is not prepared to recommend to the Chancellor the acceptance of proposals for recorded bells'; and that a copy of this be sent to the Chancellor, the Diocesan Registrar, and in reply to any such applications received; further that a copy be sent to the 'Diocesan Gazette' for publication, with a note from the chairman setting forth the principles which underlie this decision.

The principles seem clear. Some are as follows:—

(1) 'I will not offer unto the Lord that which costs me nothing'—there must be voluntary human effort and dedication of our God-given faculties behind any acceptable worship. And the work of a bell-ringer (even of one bell) is an opportunity of work for God. And the 'thin edge of the wedge' argument was felt to be very strong here. If mechanical bell-ringing, why not mechanical choir-recording, or indeed mechanical worship altogether? People think they have 'worshipped' by listening-in to the wireless, but, in fact, they have not.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD

Mr. A. Peakman New Secretary

The annual general meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at St. Thomas' Church, Dudley, on April 28th. The attendance was not as good as usual, but practically all towers were represented. Full use was made of the lovely ring of ten. The service in the church at 4.15 was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Keith Murray, who gave an excellent address. Tea was served in the Parish Hall.

The president (the Rev. W. Keith Murray) regretted he was unable to preside at the meeting owing to another engagement. Before leaving he paid tribute to the many years' faithful service rendered to the Guild as secretary by Mr. F. Colclough, who found it necessary to relinquish the office owing to indifferent health. Best wishes were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Colclough for their future health and happiness.

Mr. W. Davies (Ringing Master) presided at the business meeting. The treasurer (Mr. H. J. Shuck) presented the statement of accounts, which showed a credit balance of £16 9s. 8d. The Ringing Master gave his annual report.

The president, vice-presidents and hon. vice-president were re-elected.

Before receiving nominations for the secretaryship the chairman once again paid tribute to the wonderful service given over a number of years by Mr. Colclough; other members also supported the chairman. Mr. Arthur Peakman was elected as secretary.

The Ringing Master, treasurer and auditors were re-elected, and five new members were elected.

Mr. H. J. Shuck was elected Central Council representative (1954).

(2) The art of change ringing offers opportunities of church work, and is a distinctively English art, which should be protected and encouraged. The proposal does the opposite.

(3) Nothing faked should be used in God's service. We rightly dislike artificial candles, flowers, ornaments, etc. To hear a 'ring' of bells from an obvious one-bell turret strikes any thoughtful person as an imposture, unworthy of a church which stands for truth.

(4) It is true there are one or two recorded sets of bells in the diocese. But deeper thought has recently been given, and the Central Council for the Care of Churches, of which Advisory Committees are a part, feels as strongly as we do. Past mistakes should not be taken as precedents, but should be repented of!

(5) The intention behind such gifts is a kind one. But in many cases the replacement of a tinkling bell by a fine-toned one, or perhaps the gift of a clock or some other helpful amenity, would be far preferable.

At the annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association at Selby on May 2nd the President, the Ven. C. O. Ellison, Archdeacon of Leeds, read the statement of Canon Bartlett to the meeting. The Association endorsed the policy of the Advisory Committee, and expressed the hope that it would receive the widest possible publicity.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On April 26th. 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Viggers 1, Shirley Corke 2, B. Batt 3, R. Corke 4, D. Williamson 5, A. Page 6, P. Page 7, T. Pace (first of Kent as cond.) 8.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.—On April 26th. 1,260 Spliced Grandr. Oxford and Hereward Bob Triples: A. Mallen 1, F. Jukes 2, C. Skidmore (cond.) 3, A. Peakman 4, T. Hemming 5, B. Lawton 6, J. Lloyd 7, S. Mallen 8. First quarter in three Triples methods by all.

LONG SUITON, Lincs.—On April 21st. 720 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): A. W. Townsend 1, C. T. Watts 2, S. Mumby 3, W. Berridge 4, G. Coleman 5, H. Harrison (cond.) 6, J. Ball 7. In honour of Her Majesty's birthday.

CURFEW BELL FOR ST. BRIDE'S

First Step in Restoration of Full Ring

THE authorities at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, London, E.C., are now negotiating with Messrs. John Taylor and Co., the famous bell founders, of Loughborough, for the casting of the curfew bell, in keeping with the old tradition of the church.

St. Bride's, now established as the earliest church in London, was one of the four churches in the City authorised to ring the curfew in 1370 and subsequent periods.

This is the first step towards the restoration of St. Bride's historic ring of bells. The curfew bell will be cast from metal recovered from the ring destroyed in the blitz—a ring which contained metal from the bells smashed in the previous Great Fire of 1666.

St. Bride's was the first church in London to have a ring of twelve bells 50 years after the Great Fire, and the two lightest (5.7 cwt. and 5.5 cwt.), provided by the College Youths, the oldest bell-ringing society, bore the inscription, 'Prosperity to all our benefactors. A.R. 1719.' The letters A.R. are the initials of the bell founder, Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester.

Bell-ringers will be delighted to know that St. Bride's authorities are following the old tradition established when Wren rebuilt the church after the Great Fire. A single bell was cast for £38 10s. in 1668 and hung in a 'bell house' above the porch, and for the opening of Wren's church in 1675 it was hung at the west end of the middle aisle. Thirty years later a subscription was started for a ring of bells, and seven years after that the first trial of the ring was made.

The plan to restore the curfew bell first coincides with the dramatic discovery of the massive foundations and part of the north wall of the Norman tower which housed the original single bell in the centre of the long Wren vault in the south side of the church. Over the original floor of the tower has been found a magnificent mediæval floor, made of Penn tiles. This is the first proof that St. Bride's had a Norman tower.

The inscription on the new curfew bell will keep to the tradition of the bells presented by the bell-ringers. It will be as follows:—

Peace and Good Neighbourhood,
God save the Church and Queen, 1953,
Prosperity to England.
Prosperity to all our Benefactors.

Application for a faculty for this bell has already been made.

As after the Great Fire, it may be many years before a full ring can be installed—unless some generous donor presents one—because the excavations which have disclosed earlier churches dating back to the basilica of about 600 A.D. have also revealed that the foundations must be strengthened. As a result, St. Bride's is now faced with an additional unexpected cost of about £20,000 to preserve the earliest church and other archaeological discoveries of outstanding importance as an undercroft and to strengthen Wren's foundations.

With this knowledge, newspaper friends of the church have made the very generous offer to provide a modern Compton carillon, as a Coronation tribute, to follow the tradition of 1923 when the ring of bells was converted to a carillon operated by one man. For twelve years before, it appears, no chimes had been rung on St. Bride's bells.

When the first ring of twelve bells was rung early in the 18th century, one of the gentlemen ringers was Lord Chief Justice Hale, and 'all the ringers were of such estate that they went home in their own carriages.'

The reason for converting the ring in 1923 to a one-man carillon was the difficulty of getting together a regular team of ringers.

The new Compton carillon, made by the well-known organ builders, will be the first of its kind in England, and reproduces the timbre and beautiful texture of actual bells, with the 'swinging' and 'doppler' effects. It can be played by professional carillonniers or by a new form of mechanism.

In 1923 when the St. Bride's carillon was first played it is recorded that 'passers-by raised their eyes to the spire, attracted by the sound of the Old Hundredth.'

It is hoped that a licence will be granted for the use of the Compton carillon for the period of the Coronation celebrations, so that the tradition of St. Bride's old-time loyalty can be followed.

Old records show that peals were rung on notable occasions, such as:—

- 1711—The Queen's birthday.
- 1714—The proclamation of George I.
- 1740—The King's birthday.
- 1741—The King's Coronation.
- 1751—The birthday of Queen Elizabeth.
- 1771—The release of the Lord Mayor from the Tower.
- 1814—The overthrow of Napoleon.
- 1820—The accession of George IV.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Life Membership to be Considered

For the 53rd time members and friends met on 'April Fair' Saturday in the city of Lincoln for the Guild's annual meeting. An attendance of over 150 enjoyed the usual warm welcome from the Guild Master and the city ringers. There was ringing for all tastes on the Cathedral (12), St. Giles' (8), St. Peter-at-Gowts' (6) and St. Botolph's (6).

At the Cathedral choral evensong a short address of welcome was given by the Dean of Lincoln, president of the Guild, who also presided at the business meeting held in the Chapter House.

The Guild report and balance sheet were formally accepted and all the officers re-elected.

The Guild having been in existence over 50 years, the question of life membership for long service members was discussed, and the branches were asked to bring forward suggestions at the half-yearly meeting. Now that the Guild library contains over 50 books, consideration is to be given to the appointment of a librarian.

After the meeting the bells of the city again rang out—another milestone in the Guild's history had been passed.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.

Officers & District Committee Meetings

MORE than 80 members attended the annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild at St. James', Clerkenwell, on April 18th. Full use was made of the bells of the ancient Church of St. Bartholomew, Smithfield, and also of St. James', Clerkenwell, during the afternoon under the supervision of Mr. T. Price, the Association's Ringing Master. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. T. M. Browne, Vicar of Clerkenwell.

The Rev. P. Gough, Rector of Acton and president of the Association, was in the chair for the business meeting and was supported by all the Association's officers.

The meeting stood in silence in memory of the following who had died since the previous annual meeting:—Sir Gilfrid Craig (Hillingdon), the Rev. H. Greatbatch (Ealing) and the Rev. R. Home (Hillingdon) honorary members; Messrs. H. S. Arbin (Hadley), W. J. Baldwin (Barnet), A. W. Brighton (Forest Gate), H. Brooks (Isleworth), J. Cobb (Heston), H. C. Collier (Willesden), R. H. Colver (Pinner) and W. Honor (Hillingdon) ordinary members; H. F. Dawkins, S. J. Hector and W. Keeble, life members.

Mr. E. C. F. Turner, the general secretary, presented the annual report of the activities during 1952. Sixteen District meetings were held as well as four other meetings held jointly with neighbouring Associations. Peals rung during 1952, although not large when compared with some other Societies, included a good variety of peals in advanced methods. Peals in the following ten Surprise methods were rung for the first time by the Association:—Guildford, Leicestershire, Maulden, New Gloucester, Warnham, Acton, Battersea, Edmonton, Middleton and Plymouth. The five latter methods were the first peals ever rung in these methods. Eleven members rang their first peals. The list of conductors was headed by C. W. Roberts with eleven and R. F. B. Speed with nine. The number of quarter peals reported was 123. The Stanwell band recorded 15, Harrow Weald 14.

The accounts were presented by the hon. treasurer, Mr. C. W. Roberts. The General Fund showed a deficit on the year of £2 19s. 8d. and the Bell Restoration Fund a surplus of £10 14s. 9d. It was agreed to donate £5 5s. to St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, and £2 2s. to St. Matthew's, Upper Clanton, from this fund.

Officers elected for the coming year were:—President, the Rev. P. Gough; active vice-presidents, A. W. Coles and W. H. Coles; general secretary, E. C. S. Turner; assistant secretary, W. N. Genna; treasurer, C. W. Roberts; Ringing Master, T. Price; auditor, M. Hodgson; trustees, T. J. Lock, C. W. Roberts and E. C. S. Turner.

A proposition from the Central Committee amending Rule 5 by permitting general officers to attend District committee meetings gave rise to considerable discussion. It was explained that it had been the custom for general officers to attend District committee meetings, but this year one member of the South and West District committee pointed out that the presence of one of the general officers at one of their committee meetings was irregular. The president and several members did not consider that any amendment to the rules was necessary and maintained that it was generally understood that general officers automatically served on all committees. In view of the fact that the matter has now been raised it was eventually decided that the following be added to Rule 5: 'All general officers are ex-officio members of all committees.'

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Clerkenwell.

Votes of thanks to the incumbents, tower keepers, those who had prepared and served the tea, and the organist, concluded the meeting. Further ringing at St. Giles-in-the Fields followed.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World'
May 16th, 1913

PULHAM, NORFOLK

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Thursday, May 8th, 1913, in 3 hours and 5 minutes

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
5.088 CHANGES
Tenor 14 cwt.

*Henry Garnham	Treble
*Edwin Whiting	2
*John Snelling	3
*Frederick Seager	4
*Ernest Whiting	5
*George Snelling	6
Charles T. P. Brice	7
Frederick R. Borrett	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.
Conducted by C. T. P. Brice.

* First peal in the method. First of London in the county by a resident band since the peal at Norwich in 1835—the first rung in the method. [A long interval. The conductor was no stranger to the method, having taken part in many peals of it with the famous band at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row.]

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HEAVIEST FIVE FOR A PEAL

Dear Sir,—In your issue of May 1st Mr. C. Savage inquires whether a full peal has been rung on a heavier five than those at Ogbourne St. George (Wilts), where the tenor is 18 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. On November 28th, 1936, I conducted a peal at Thorncombe, Dorset (tenor 20 cwt. 24 lb.), and on March 20th, 1937, another peal at Kingsdon, Somerset (tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.), on each occasion the tenor-man being that fine heavy bell ringer, the late Mr. Percy N. G. Rainey. The bells at Kingsdon have, since the peal, been augmented to six.—Yours sincerely,

E. T. PAUL FIELD.

Buckland Newton, Dorset.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. C. Savage, of Aldbourne, Marlborough, a peal was rung at Yetminster, Dorset, on August 2nd, 1930, then five bells, tenor 19 cwt.—Yours truly,

E. G. L. COWARD.

Dorking.

Dear Sir,—A peal of Stedman Doubles was rung on December 5th, 1934, on the heavy five at Ludham, Norfolk. The tenor is locally reputed to be 22 cwt., but I regret I have no information as to her exact weight. I should say she is an honest ton of bell metal.—Yours faithfully,

NOLAN GOLDEN.

Norwich.

Dear Sir,—Ogbourne St. George (tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.) is certainly not the heaviest five yet rung to a peal, as queried by Mr. C. Savage. Castle Ashby, Northants, has a ring of five (tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.) which has been rung to several peals. It used to be assumed that this tenor was 23 cwt., but its official weight (as above) was given me a few years ago by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who rehung the bells in 1903.

Peterborough Cathedral undoubtedly possesses the heaviest five (tenor approx. 30 cwt., 56½ in. diameter), but no peal is known to have been rung upon the five. They are the last five of ten cast in 1709; the first five were sold in 1831.—Yours, etc.,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell, Northants.

CHOBHAM BELLS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Shepherd claims that he does not imply that Chobham bells are bad, yet his article stated 'they would require at least five new castings.'

His statement that the parishioners are quite content with their present octave is, like his mention of a clock bell, at least 20 years out of date. I would suggest that when quoting supposed local opinions he should be sure they are true at the time of writing. When I mentioned the improvements to the church it was merely to illustrate that the parishioners are aware of all the needs of their church, including the bells, which will receive attention in due course.

Incidentally, it was at Chobham in 1947 that William Shepherd became the first man to encourage me to break with stoney ringing, for which advice I am still grateful.—Yours truly,

ROY COLLINS.

Chobham.

A YOUNG TENOR RINGER

Dear Sir,—Miss Josephine Green, age 13½ years, who recently rang her first peal on the tenor (5½ cwt.) at Aston Ingham, Herefordshire, is a ringer at Ross-on-Wye. She often rings our tenor to short touches of Triples. This bell is 24 cwt., on plain bearings, hung by George Day and Son, of Eye, Suffolk, in 1881. Is she the youngest lady to ring a bell of this weight?—Yours faithfully,

J. J. WEBB.

Ross-on-Wye.

ST. BRIDE'S, FLEET STREET

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. J. E. Spice, in his letter under the above heading, writes: 'I have no doubt that London ringers have done everything possible to induce the authorities of this church to install another ringing twelve in this historic tower.' The fact is that the London ringers have not done me the courtesy of approaching me in the matter at all. Had they done so, a good deal of misunderstanding would have been avoided.

A start has been made with the replacing of our historic ring, and one fine bell has been ordered. We have made an appeal for funds to restore this church to its former glory, and among the items is included the bells.—Yours sincerely,

CYRIL M. ARMITAGE, Vicar.

NEW DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—Referring to Mr. J. H. Joyner's letter in 'The Ringing World' of May 1st, it seems to me that the 'method' to which the name 'St. Augustine's Doubles' has been given, in which the plain leads are Grandsire Singles and the Bobs Grandsire Extremes, is Grandsire pure and simple, and is not entitled to a special name. Singles and Extremes are standard calls in Grandsire Doubles, and the fact that, by prior arrangement, the singles are taken for granted and not called does not appear to me to constitute a fresh method. SSSE, twice repeated, and its three variants, give four of the 42 six-scores obtainable in Grandsire Doubles, vide Snowden's 'Grandsire,' and I cannot see on what grounds a special name is claimed for them.—Yours faithfully,

G. A. PECK.

Rugby.

NAMES FOR DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—I would like to inform those interested in Doubles methods the names of a few which were rung at Roadc on December 27th, 1952:—

Name	Plain Course	Bob
Walsingham	Winchendon	
Norwich	St. Nicholas	
Mileham	St. Martin	Plain Lead
Shropham	St. Simon	St. Dunstan's
Costessy	R. Canterbury	
Besthorpe	Plain Bob	
St. John	Winchendon	Grandsire Single
St. Luke		Old
St. Thomas	St. Nicholas	Grandsire Single
St. Paul	St. Martin	R. Canterbury
St. Alban.	St. Simon	R. Canterbury

Yours sincerely,

Duston, Northants

E. NOBLES.

A CLAIM FOR ST. AUGUSTINE'S DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—Re the four different extents in Rushall Doubles, the secret is to start with a bob, i.e., have Plain Bob start instead of the usual All Saints' start. Then call a bob every fourth lead in the normal way. This applies equally well to those other methods where the bob takes effect at or after the treble's back-stroke lead. April Day, for example, can have a fourth calling by having a Grandsire start, then ringing the Grandsire Single every fourth lead.

To the best of my knowledge, Mr. Wratten's Edinburgh has been rung for some considerable time at Rugeley, under the name of St. Augustine's Doubles, although it was only rung in a peal for the first time this year.

Mr. C. Savage, of Aldbourne, Marlborough, asks if there has been a full peal rung on a five with a tenor of more than 18 cwt. If my memory serves me correctly there have been at least two peals rung within recent years at Kingsbury, Warwickshire, this being a 20 cwt. tenor.—Yours truly,

CLIVE M. SMITH.

Little Aston, Staffs.

DEANE, BOLTON, BELLS

Dear Sir,—It is with regret that we have to tell you that extensive restoration is required to our old church, which last year celebrated its 500th birthday. A sum of £7,000 is required to complete the job. One of the main items is a complete rehanging and recasting of the bells, most of which have not been recast since 1718.

We think you will agree that in the past Deane has done its share to raise and improve the standard of ringing in our Association, particularly by those two stalwarts, Titus Barlow and Thomas B. Worsley. It is in the minds of the ringers that some attempt be made to commemorate their services by defraying the cost of a bell. This would truly be a fitting and lasting memorial to two of the Association's outstanding ringers. The secretary of our Association has agreed to this appeal being made. Any help, either small or great, will be gratefully acknowledged. Please forward donations to The Chief Ringer, Deane Vicarage, Junction Road, Deane, Bolton, Lancs.

K. M. BISHOP, Vicar.

M. CROOK, Chief Ringer.

REASONS WANTED

Dear Sir,—Almost three months have passed since I asked Mr. Felstead, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' if he would be kind enough to give the REASONS for the Methods Committee's decision to ostracise Minor and Doubles methods with so-called, irregular lead-ends. (Not 'illegitimate' methods, please, Mr. Felstead.)

This letter apparently elicited from Mr. Felstead the tentative suggestion, in a letter to 'The Ringing World' about three weeks later, that he would place such reasons before the Exercise.

No such explanation has so far appeared!

May we interpret this silence as a tacit admission by Mr. Felstead, on behalf of the Methods Committee, that he is unable to produce one valid or cogent reason for the decision. Is he still investigating the possibilities of discovering an antiquated one in the archives of 'The Ringing World' or 'Bell News' of 1912, in which he intimated that the subject had been exhaustively discussed: or is it merely that he prefers to deal with Doubles and Minor ringers and ringing as nebulous, theoretical abstractions?—Yours faithfully,

H. CHANT.

Wakefield.

THREE QUARTER PEALS ON EASTER DAY

Dear Sir,—Please allow me to offer congratulations to the band at Ashcott, Somerset, on ringing three quarter peals of Grandsire Doubles on Easter Day.

With reference to the query of Mr. K. Prime on page 267, at St. John's, Deptford, we have at least on three occasions rung three quarter peals on Easter Day:—

April 12th, 1914, Oxford Bob Triples and two quarter peals of Grandsire Triples; April 23rd, 1916, three quarter peals of Grandsire Triples; April 20th, 1919, three quarter peals of Grandsire Triples; the eight quarter peals of Grandsire being from Holt's Original.

There are other occasions on which we have rung three quarter peals, such as Armistice Day, November 11th, 1918, etc.—Yours sincerely,

Brockley, S.E.4. F. W. RICHARDSON.

Manchester University Guild

The A.G.M. was held on May 3rd, when the following officers were elected:—Ringing Master, W. L. Robinson; secretary, P. P. Carter, Dalton Hall.

Participating in the peal at Kirby Bellars (Leics) on April 25th, rung to commemorate Mr. Joseph Gilson's having completed 60 years as a ringer, was his old friend, Mr. William C. Ward, who has 56 years' to his credit.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Eastern Branch at Winterton

The Eastern Branch held its quarterly meeting on May 2nd at the isolated coastal village of Winterton with its very tall tower and pleasant ring of six bells. After 24 hours' steady rain, the day broke fine and sunny with a blustery north wind. These conditions, coupled with the warm personal greetings given to each ringer by the Rector, the Rev. W. G. Harwood, who conducted the service and presided at the business meeting, created a happy atmosphere.

Ringling ranged from rounds to London, thus suiting all assembled tastes, and the only hitch was when one of the somewhat unique stays dropped out of its socket mounting situated in the centre of the headstock. The stay, a really substantial piece of timber, was quickly replaced and no other untoward incident marred a happy meeting.

Mr. H. Leggett, of Ludham, was elected a ringing member. It was decided the next quarterly meeting should be held at Halvergate on July 4th.

Amongst the items under general discussion was the unfortunate but quite accidental clash that day with the South Norfolk meeting, and whilst the pros and cons of setting a fixed Saturday for each quarterly meeting of the four branches were closely argued, it was agreed such clashes are extremely rare, and it was left to the branch secretary to maintain close liaison with his opposite numbers.

The general secretary (the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow) then sounded the opinion of the meeting as to the desirability of changing the date and possibly the character of the Association's traditional annual dinner and meeting held at Norwich on Easter Monday. Decreasing attendances during the past few years suggested a Saturday half-day meeting and tea might suit most members, and in a free vote all present were in favour of such a change and no one for the retention of Easter Monday as the set date for the annual meeting.

The General Secretary commented that this was most interesting and confirmed what many other guilds had found—that Bank Holidays were not now necessarily the best times to hold ringing meetings.

He further requested the feeling of the meeting regarding the supply of an Association badge possibly of a new design, but only six members expressed themselves in favour, the general opinion being that a definite decision be deferred until further and more precise details were available.

Votes of thanks were unanimously conveyed to the Rector for his great interest, kind welcome and willing help; to one of the members, Mr. E. Purslow, of Beccles, who at the shortest possible notice played the organ for the service, and last, but by no means least, to Mr. R. Woodhouse, the local captain, for the excellent tea arrangements.

North Norfolk Branch

Some 30 members representing 13 towers attended the meeting of the North Norfolk Branch at Aylsham on April 18th. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. W. Martyn), who welcomed the visitors, and tea followed in the Church Room.

The branch chairman presided at the business meeting, supported by Mr. Nolan Golden (Association Ringing Master) and Mr. G. Sayer (Branch Ringing Master) and the Vicar.

Five new members were elected from Aylsham and three from Marsham with two belfry elections.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Martyn and to Mr. Pumphrey for all he had done for the meeting was proposed by the branch chairman.

The next meeting will be held at Mulbarton on June 27th.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS North-East Branch

There was a total attendance of 50 at the North-East Branch meeting at Buckleighton on April 18th, where the Ringing Master (Mr. A. G. Selley) arranged a programme of ringing to suit all requirements.

The Rector (Dr. L. G. Hatch) welcomed the Guild during the service. An excellent tea was provided by local ringers and their ladies.

The branch chairman (the Rev. J. H. Jones) presided at the business meeting, supported by the general secretary (Mr. E. J. Taylor) and the branch secretary (Mr. W. H. Ware). The meeting stood in silence as a last mark of respect to Mrs. E. V. Cox, the wife of the president.

The next meeting will be held, subject to permission, at Morebath on July 4th, when in order to avoid clashes of meetings it will be recommended that meetings of the branch be held on the first Saturdays in January (annual), April (except during Holy Week), July and October.

Four new members were elected and one proficiency certificate awarded. The meeting was voted to be one of the most successful the branch has ever held, and all who contributed to such a happy event were heartily thanked.

Branch Meeting at Cockington

Picturesque Cockington was the venue for the quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch, which was held on April 25th, and the event was quite a success, ringers attending from many towers as well as the president and general secretary.

The bells were kept going throughout the afternoon to touches of Grandshire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor, this being followed by a short service in church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. Roy Chatfield), who gave an excellent address.

After tea at the Drum Inn, Cockington, the usual business meeting followed with Mr. J. E. Lilley in the chair, and the meeting stood in silence as a token of respect to Her late Majesty Queen Mary and Mrs. E. V. Cox.

A certificate of full membership was presented by the president to Mr. C. D. Clarke, of Totnes, and two associate members and five non-resident members were elected.

In accordance with the 1953 programme, a joint meeting is to take place at South Brent on June 27th with the South-West Branch, whilst the next quarterly meeting is due to take place at Widescombe-in-the-Moor and Buckland-in-the-Moor, all subject to the necessary permission being obtained.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar of Cockington for the use of the bells and for conducting the service as well as giving the address, and to the lady organist for her services.

Ringling afterwards took place at Paignton Parish Church, Upton bells not being available on this occasion as previously arranged.

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY

The April meeting was held at Wath-on-Dearne and was a very happy and successful one, and it was very encouraging to see so many young beginners in the tower. Tea was served in Church House and a very nice meal was enjoyed.

The business meeting followed with the president in the chair. Nine new members were elected as follows: H. Birkhead, J. Brook, B. Hepptonstall, R. Turner, B. Turner, Vera Parish and Margaret Cook (all of Wath), G. Smith (Crofton) and F. Brunt (Thrybergh).

The May meeting was fixed for Thornhill. The usual vote of thanks concluded the business and further ringing followed.

HAWKHURST & DISTRICT GUILD Iden of Forty Years Ago Recalled

The Hawkhurst and District Guild assembled at Iden, Sussex, for their April meeting. A small gathering were expected at this out-of-the-way spot, but it was exactly the reverse. Places represented were Hawkhurst, Iden, Benenden, Sedlescombe, Salehurst, Ashford, Lydd, Sutton Valence, Sittingbourne, Brencley, Bexhill; Mr. F. J. Hannington, of St. John's, Cardiff, also was present.

A few facts on the history of ringing at Iden may be interesting. In the closing years of the last century change ringing started at Rye resulting in a strong band being kept going for some years. In those days Iden bells were in bad condition, change ringing being almost impossible. Eventually the Rector of Iden (the Rev. John Lockington Bates) and his family paid to have the tenor rung. The remaining five were similarly treated, Iden parishioners having responded quickly in raising sufficient cash. The restoration was completed a few years before the first world war.

Iden ringers decided to learn change ringing. Instruction was given by Mr. W. Franks (Battledale) and by Mr. G. Billenness (who was then at Rye). Great strides were made and Mr. Billenness and five Iden men rang a peal of Bob Minor in 2 hours and 48 minutes. This was followed by another peal of Minor in four methods (Grandshire, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Oxford Single Bob), the band again being Mr. Billenness and five Iden ringers. Later an all-Iden party rang a peal of Grandshire Doubles with Mr. G. Kenward conducting. Three of the ringers who met regularly at Iden in those days—Mr. George Wood (75), Mr. George Billenness (69) and Mr. George Kenward—were reunited at the meeting and are still going strong.

There is little or no chancinging at Iden to-day, but if Rye and Iden could join forces then there might eventually be a possibility of achieving results like those of over 40 years ago.

But to return to the Hawkhurst and District Guild meeting. The Iden Rector (the Rev. A. D. Wing) welcomed the party and conducted a short service at which M. T. Cullingworth (Ashford) played the organ.

The Master (Mr. W. Gorrington) presided at the meeting and thanked the Rev. A. D. Wing, also Mr. G. Wood for having the bells in readiness, and Mr. Cullingworth for playing the organ. Miss M. Vantom and Miss O. Boulden, both of Lydd, were elected members.

RAILWAYMEN RINGERS AT BRISTOL

A meeting of railwaymen-ringers was held in Bristol on April 25th, and 22 employees of British Railways (Western Region) assembled from a wide area. They came from Bristol, Coalpit Heath, Didcot, Hallatrow, Highbridge, Neath, Oxford, Port Talbot, Reading, Swansea, Swindon, Wellington (Somerset) and Westerleigh; all departments were represented.

Various methods up to Cambridge Major were rung at St. Philip's, where the model bell in the ringing chamber was found very attractive, especially when Mr. F. J. Brown showed how it should be rung! Tea followed at one of Bristol's Civic Restaurants, after which methods ranging from Bob Doubles to London Minor were rung at St. John's.

An informal meeting was held in the tower, thanks being expressed to Mr. W. B. Kynaston for organising the meeting, and to Messrs. E. J. Brown and A. Bennett for their co-operation.

As a considerable number of those present have to work 'round the clock' it was not possible to fix a definite date for another meeting and it was left for Mr. Kynaston to arrange a meeting at Swindon in the early autumn. It was felt that the venture had been well worth while and a goods guard aptly summed up everyone's feelings with the remark, 'If that's railway ringing I'd like some more'!

POINTS OF INTEREST ON OUTINGS

DANBURY, ESSEX

Making an early start at 7.30 a.m. on April 25th, Danbury ringers and friends had their annual outing in Suffolk.

Ringing took place at Helmingham. Debenham (also lunch at the Bridge House). Stowmarket. Lavenham, Long Melford and All Saints'. Sudbury. Danbury was reached at 11.15 p.m.

Grateful thanks were expressed to Mr. P. J. Came for arranging such an enjoyable day and to the incumbents.

Ringing consisted of call changes, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Siedman, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise Major.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS

On April 25th, the Rotherham company of ringers, together with wives and friends, held their annual outing in beautiful spring sunshine. Leaving Rotherham at 6 a.m., the party travelled by motor-coach to the wonderful old cathedral city of Chester, a place of charm and great interest. A halt was called here for breakfast, a very good meal being had at the Bear and Billet Hotel.

Here we were met by the Rev. G. Kingdon (Vicar of St. Mary-on-the-Hill) and Mr. H. O. Baker. Greetings over, those with ringing interest were soon climbing the short steep street to the Parish Church of St. Mary, a fine old church with a good ring of eight bells (tenor 13½ cwt.).

Adieu being said, the journey was continued to Gresford, a pleasant village just over the border in Denbighshire, North Wales. We were welcomed here by Mr. T. R. Griffiths, who introduced us to the very fine old Parish Church of All Saints, with its rich mellow-toned ring of eight bells (tenor 24½ cwt.). A pleasant hour's ringing was enjoyed.

Good-bye once more and we were away again, travelling through splendid Welsh scenery to the small town of Llangollen, a beautiful place with the river running along the roadside through the valley. Crossing the narrow bridge in the centre of the town and along an equally narrow street brought us to the Church of St. Collen, another grand building with a fine ring of eight bells (tenor 17½ cwt.), rehung in ball-bearings in 1951. A hearty welcome was given here by several members of the local company. Ringing was enjoyed by all, a desire by the local people for us to stay longer being much regretted as we were already behind schedule owing to an incident at Gresford (a broken rope). A pleasant greeting from the Vicar and his wife, who said how pleased they were for us to visit the church and expressed a desire for us to call again.

With 'Thank you, Llangollen,' our journey was continued along the beautiful Vale of Llangollen with its road of two miles of bends to the foot of the mountains. Climbing via the Horseshoe Pass (a most wonderful spectacle with the ruins of Valle Crucis Abbey near the foot), we reached the old town of Ruthin.

A splendid tea was had here at the Green-wich Cafe. All satisfied, a move was then made to the Church of St. Peter and its ring of eight bells (tenor 17 cwt.). Our shepherd here was Mr. E. W. Thomas with several others of the local band. These bells proved a rather tough job, especially the two trebles, which proved more than we could manage with any satisfaction, so we satisfied ourselves with the back six. Saying 'Good night' to Mr. Thomas and others, a start was made for home via Mold and Chester, Rotherham being reached at 12.45 a.m.

A most pleasant outing, fine churches, good bells and wonderful scenery. Methods rung throughout the day were Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

A. F.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX

Itchingfield ringers and friends on Easter Monday had a long coach trip to Canterbury. The ringing programme opened at St. Stephen's, Canterbury, and after an hour at the Cathedral the coach was boarded again. Ringing took place at Chartham, Wye (the highlight of the day), Pluckley and Smarden, where ringing included Cambridge and London.

YOUTH AND VETERANS

Buckingham ringers spent Easter Monday in Shropshire and neighbouring counties. Ringing took place at Nuneaton, Broughton, Market Drayton, Hodnet and Coalbrookdale.

During the day some very good ringing was heard, the methods, including Cambridge Surprise Major, Superlative Surprise Major, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples and London Surprise Major. The ringing included youth and veterans, Mr. F. Townsend, genial captain—and an ex-policeman. Mr. W. Yates made the admirable arrangements for the party.

R. H. B.

SOUTHMINSTER AND BURNHAM

On April 11th a mixed party of Southminster and Burnham bellringers, wives and friends spent the day visiting and ringing the bells of various churches around Essex. The first call was at Broomfield, where the mellow tone of the bells gave a fitting start to the outing. The second call was at Great Waltham, where was found the second oldest carillon in the country.

At High Easter it was learned that the bells had not been rung for 22 years. This was soon apparent when watching the straining of the ringers and the dust which occasionally flew down in spite of valiant efforts made by church workers to sweep away years of cobwebs, nests and dust. The ringers decided that with continuous ringing (taken in small doses) the bells would soon be put into trim again.

Even on an outing like this accidents do occur, and one such happened at Hatfield Broad Oak. During a try-out of rounds the fourth rope broke. Later it was learned that the bells had not been rung since before Christmas and that one rope was known to be weak but time had not been found to attend to it. Mr. Deacon, of Burnham ringers, kindly spliced the rope and ringing was continued. Harlow, the next call, was to be recommended for the smart and clean appearance of its belfry.

The last church to be visited was Epping Upland, where the ringers found the oldest bell was cast in 1611 and four were cast in 1707. After tea in Epping the party enjoyed a show at the London Palladium.

Ropes Dedicated at Dallington

On April 26th, during the matins service, at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Dallington, Northampton, the new ropes were dedicated.

The Vicar (the Rev. G. Morgan) conducted the dedication in the belfry with the following:

V. 'Lord be with you.'

R. 'And with Thy spirit.'

'Almighty God, we beseech Thee to bless these bell ropes, which we dedicate to Thee for Thy great glory. Grant that they may be used as instruments, whereby many be called to worship Thee in this Thy house, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.'

The Vicar, turning and handing the ropes to the tower captain (Mr. E. Nobles) said:—

'We entrust these ropes to your care, for the use of all who may ring bells in this tower. Will you promise to use them for the Glory of God and His Holy Name?'

The tower captain replied: 'I will so do. God being my helper.'

Prayers for ringers, the sick and the faithful departed followed.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY Appreciation of Mr. Lofthouse's Secretaryship

The 64th annual meeting was held at Leeds Parish Church on April 25th. Members were present from Armley, Bramley, Calverley, Collingham, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Michael's and St. Chad's), Idle, Otley, Rothwell, Thorne, Wetherby, Woodlesford, Lindley, Ossett and the local company. Visitors were also present from Brighouse, Sussex, Normanton and Doncaster.

Ringing took place before tea, which was early owing to a service in the church, and again after tea with a break for the meeting.

The chair was taken by Mr. J. W. Benten, and the vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was moved by Mr. H. Lofthouse and seconded by Mr. G. Smith. Mr. I. Slack replied. The next meeting is due to be held at Batley on May 30th.

The following officers were declared elected: President, Mr. T. W. Strangeway; vice-presidents, Messrs. S. H. Barron, W. Dixon and J. Gibson; Ringing Master, Mr. L. Drake; secretary and treasurer, Mr. I. Slack; trustees, Messrs. H. Lofthouse and H. Gibson.

The secretary's report showed a membership of 230 and the total worth of the Society as £23 0s. 2d. Thirty-three new members were made during the year. Two members had died and 16 lapsed.

Mr. Drake moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. H. Lofthouse for his work, devotion to duty and interest in all the activities of the Society in his 30 years as secretary. He said they were all sorry to see him lay down his office. Mr. Lofthouse had done much for the Society and he thought that all members appreciated all that he had done. Mr. F. Gibbard seconded, and Mr. T. Hill, Mr. F. Bennett and Mr. Rayment also spoke in support. Mr. Rayment also wished to include Mrs. Lofthouse in the vote of thanks.

It was announced that the two visitors from Doncaster had called in to see the secretary, who had given 30 years' service, to offer congratulations and to thank him for all he had done for ringing.

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Rung at Willesden, November 24th, 1951.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The bi-annual corporate Communion of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Wraxall (8.22½ cwt.) on April 26th.

Ringing commenced at 7 a.m. and continued until 8 a.m., when approximately 25 ringers attended Holy Communion, the celebrant being the Rector, the Rev. W. N. Kempe, assisted by the Rev. W. H. Young from the daughter church of Tailland. The service included several prayers taken from the Association's service paper.

After breakfast at a nearby hotel, ringing was resumed until matins at 11 o'clock. M. J. H.

OBITUARY

MR. CECIL JOHN BAKER

After a short illness Mr. Cecil John Baker died on April 12th at the age of 66 years, and by his death St. Mary's Church, Ilkeston, has lost one of its oldest ringers.

Cecil Baker took up ringing in 1904 after spending a number of his young years as a chorister, and he was a most regular attender.

Although not a prolific peal ringer, particularly in his latter years, he was always prepared to take a rope on important occasions for a peal attempt, and in all had 49 peals to his credit. Sunday service ringing was his main consideration and up to three weeks of his death he could always be relied upon to be prompt and regular in his attendance twice each Sunday.

The funeral was on April 15th, when a service was held in St. Mary's Church prior to cremation at Wilford, Nottingham. Four of his fellow-ringers acted as bearers. A half-muffled peal was brought round successfully on the day following the funeral and the bells were rung half-muffled for both services on Sunday, April 19th, as a tribute to his memory.

MR. WILLIAM CHALK

With the death of Mr. William Chalk, which occurred at Colchester on April 23rd, at the age of 79, the Essex Association, and in particular the St. Peter's, Colchester, band, have lost a loyal and devoted member.

A native of Langford, near Maldon, Essex, Mr. Chalk came of a family very well known and respected in Essex ringing circles, especially in the Maldon and Witham districts, and his father was a founder member of the Essex Association.

His ringing career started at All Saints', Maldon, in 1887 at the age of 13 and it was here, under the tuition of his father, that he rang his first 720 Minor. Together with his brothers and sisters he also learned to ring handbells to both tunes and methods, and in later years often gave performances on these.

He was also an accomplished musician on the double bass and violin, while his fine baritone voice was frequently heard to advantage in local oratorios. A keen cricketer, he won many medals in league and club matches and played regularly until nearly 60 years of age.

Moving to Colchester in the early 1900's, the late Mr. Chalk at once joined the St. Peter's band and became one of its keenest members. A schoolmaster by profession, he was an excellent ringer on both tower and handbells and although handicapped by deafness for the last 25 years of his life he continued his ringing activities until about two years ago when, much against his will, failing health caused him to give up.

An especial joy of his was taking part in an all-Chalk peal of Minor at Witham in 1913, conducted by his brother Fred. There is no complete record of his peals but he rang a considerable number on both hand and tower bells, including London Surprise Major, and conducted several.

At the funeral at Langford, on April 27th, the Essex Association was represented by Mr. H. J. Millatt (Master, N.E. Division), Messrs. J. H. Edwards (St. Peter's, Colchester), H. J. Mansfield, A. Hubble, G. South, S. Easter, S. Linnett (All Saints', Maldon), H. Evers (Witham), P. G. Sayer (Great Totham) and J. Chalk (Woodford).

After the interment, at Langford, four members of the All Saints', Maldon, band—Messrs. A. Hubble, S. Easter, H. J. Mansfield and S. Linnett—rang a course of Triples on handbells at the graveside. Owing to local circumstances it was, unfortunately, impossible to attempt a muffled peal at Colchester on the day of the funeral.

H. J. M.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Salisbury Branch at Dinton

Dinton Church was the rendezvous for some 25 members of the Salisbury Branch and friends from Chippenham, Yetminster and Templecombe, and later from Queen Camel, on April 18th. The church possesses a very pleasant light ring of six and a keen local band of ringers who are training some learners to fill the gaps in their ranks.

The Vicar, the Rev. R. H. B. Campbell, who has for many years been an hon. member and is shortly retiring, conducted the Guild service and gave a short address, after which the company adjourned to the Old School, where the ringers' wives had prepared tea. Dinton has made itself a great reputation for ringers' teas, and Mrs. Baker and her band did not disappoint them!

The short business meeting followed, at which the Vicar took the chair. Three new ringing members were elected: S. Mullins (Donhead), Miss H. Rixon (Tisbury) and B. Morton (Hindon).

The members heard with real sorrow the news of the death of an old friend, the Rev. H. W. Moule, of Damerham, the previous week. Himself a keen ringer, Mr. Moule had taught and encouraged many a young learner during his 30 years' ministry at Damerham. The local ringers had rung a half-muffled quarter peal at the memorial service held in Damerham Church, and the meeting stood in silence to his memory.

The bus service to Dinton being rather sketchy, some members had to hurry away at this point; others stayed on for a while to enjoy further ringing at Dinton before another bus and various forms of private transport took them on to Chilmark, another fine old stone church with a rather heavier ring of six. Close to it the famous Chilmark stone was quarried which was used in the building of Salisbury Cathedral.

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JOINT MEETING AT MADELEY

The Shropshire Association and the Bridgnorth Branch of the Hereford Diocesan Guild arranged a joint meeting at Madeley on April 11th. This again proved to be a successful venture and, as one of the secretaries concerned remarked after a substantial tea, was sure to become a hardy annual.

Local ringers have played a big part in the installation of this new octave, and recently made a further contribution towards pleasant ringing by carrying 100 bags of sawdust up to the tower. The sound is now pleasantly modulated and good striking in standard methods, Double Norwich and Cambridge was heard.

More than forty ringers were present at tea, and towers noted as being represented were Shrewsbury (St. Chad's and St. Mary's), Bridgnorth (St. Leonard's and St. Mary's), Oswestry, Wellington, Broseley, Newport, Coalbrookdale, Stockton, Claverley and Birmingham.

Mr. E. D. Poole, a former Association secretary, received congratulations on the birth of a son.

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FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

HUNT—BALL.—The wedding between John H. Hunt, of Titchfield, and Blanche M. Ball, of Wickham, will take place at St. Nicholas' Church, Wickham, Hants, on Saturday, June 6th, 1953, at 2.30 p.m. 2953

DEATH

MARTIN.—On May 5th, 1953, at St. Mark's Hospital, Maidenhead, George Martin, of Sunnymede, Fielding Road, Maidenhead, in his 76th year. 2596

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The peal secretary, Shirley Burton, 78, Edward Avenue, Braunstone, Leicester, will be visiting the United States from May 14th to the middle of August. Peal booking fees and compositions should still be sent promptly to the above address. Receipts for booking fees will be duly acknowledged by Miss Winifred Burton. 2592

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Outing, Saturday, June 27th. Maximum cost, including dinner and tea, 25s. Deposit of 10s. 6d. will secure seat. Beginners and friends welcomed.—Write A. F. Udall, The Archway, St. Luke's Street, Chelsea, S.W.3. 2616

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Yaxley (6), Saturday, May 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 2563

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Friensham (6) on Saturday, May 16th at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 2551

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Battle, Sussex, Saturday, May 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. 2545

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Kingstone, May 16th. Service 4.30. 2573

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, May 16th, at St. Saviour's Church, Bacup. Bells from 3. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter. 2607

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Ruislip (8), May 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea available locally. Quarterly business. Pinner bells (8) in evening.—F. W. Goodfellow. Hon. Sec. 2585

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting, Necton, Saturday, May 16th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting afterwards. Those requiring tea please write direct to Major Barton, Church Farm, Necton. Special method, St. Clement's. Visiting ringers will be made most welcome.—C. V. Ebberson, Dis. Sec. (pro tem.). 2555

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Clewer, Saturday, May 16th, 3 to 5. Tea at Clewer. Slough 6.45 to 8.30 p.m.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 2569

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Stowmarket District.—Meeting will be held at Cotton, May 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m.; Mendlesham (5), Wickham Skeeth (6), Thornham Magna (6) after 5 p.m. Finningham Station one mile to church. Cups of tea, snack. Notification appreciated.—B. Chilvers. 2562

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Monthly meeting, Bletchingley, May 16th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Look up Double Norwich. 2520

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Little Horsted, May 16th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 2547

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ombersley, Saturday, May 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. 2582

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting, Halesowen (8), Saturday, May 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 2567

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Scarborough, May 16th. Bells (recently restored) from 2.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2578

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Annual meeting at St. Michael's, Ashton (12), on Saturday, May 23rd, at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—E. Walker, Hon. Sec. 2598

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Winscombe (8) May 23rd. Bells 6 p.m. Special ringers' service and meeting. Berrow (6), Saturday, May 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Free tea 5.15 followed by ringing to 9. Please notify me for tea by May 23rd.—E. C. Wickham, Local Hon. Sec., Railway Farm, Cheddar. 2594

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Totternhoe, Saturday, May 23rd at 3 p.m. Please send names for tea (5 p.m.) and look up Kelso Surprise.—Dennis Knox, 17, Woodlands Avenue, Houghton Regis, Dunstable, Beds. 2600

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Ashbourne (8). May 23rd at 3 p.m. Tea (3s. per head) for those who notify, by Wednesday, May 20th. P. H. Whitaker, Highfield Lawn, Highfield Road, Derby. 2603

FLY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Sawston. Sat. May 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea at Vicarage 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 2590

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Shere, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, 20th, to Mr. A. Arthur, Cambria, Crest Hill, Peaslake, Surrey. 2584

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Knebworth, May 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Hereward Bob Major.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 2589

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Yalding (6), Whit Saturday, May 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Everybody welcome. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 2560

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting, Cobham (6), Saturday, May 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham, by Wednesday, May 20th. 2615

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Poulton on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 2608

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Horwich, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. Thornley, Assistant Sec. 2614

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Preston Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at St. John's, Coppull, on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Morris, 3, Betham Street, Coppull, near Chorley.—W. O. Farrimond and L. Walmsley, Branch Secs. 2617

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Claybrooke, May 23rd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea at Village Hall, Ullesthorpe, 5. Please notify, by May 19th, Mr. C. Clarke, The Nook, Ullesthorpe, Rugby. 2605

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouthshire Branch.—Meeting, Abergavenny, May 23rd. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, by May 19th, to G. Ward, 69, Park Crescent, Abergavenny.—Jacqueline S. Evans, Branch Sec. 2571

ST. BEES PRIORY CHURCH, CUMBERLAND.—Rededication of the eight bells after rehanging. Service on Saturday, May 23rd, at 2.30. All ringers welcome. Names for tea, by Thursday previous, to Harold Wilson, 128, Main Street, St. Bees. 2595

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Burwash (8), Saturday, May 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Notify for tea, by May 20th, R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 2599

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Penzance Branch.—Spring Festival, Wendron (6), Saturday, May 23rd. Service 4.30 p.m. Helston bells (8) also. 2.30-4 and 6.30-7.30.—Rev. A. S. Roberts, Carbis Bay. 2591

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Mitcheldever, May 23rd. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Village Hall. Names, by previous Wednesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 2558

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit-Monday, May 25th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2602

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Chelmsford, Whit Monday, May 25th. Service in the Cathedral 11 a.m. conducted by the Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral; preacher the Venerable E. N. Gowing, M.A., Archdeacon of Southend. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. Lunch at the Cathedral Hall 1.30 p.m.; members 3s., non-resident and non-members 3s. 6d. Tea will be served as a running buffet in the Cathedral Hall from 4.30 p.m. until 6 p.m. at 1s. 6d. per head. Bells available; Cathedral (13) 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. The following bells are

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GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Annual Festival, Exeter, Whit Monday. Service, St. Thomas's, 12 noon. Luncheon, Buller Hall, 1 p.m. Meeting 2 p.m. Luncheon tickets, 5s. members, 5s. 6d. non-members, must be paid for in advance; latest date May 19th. Ringing: St. Thomas's 10-11.45 a.m. and after meeting: Cathedral 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Heavitree 10.30-11.30 a.m., 3-5 p.m.; St. Mark's 3.30-5 p.m. For luncheon tickets and particulars of 13 other towers available apply E. J. Taylor, Westhayes, Post Hill, Tiverton. 2548

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting and festival at Ledbury on Whit Monday, May 25th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15. General meeting 5 p.m. Ledbury (8) and Eastnor (6) bells available from 11 a.m.; also neighbouring towers for parties. Names, by May 21st, to Rev. E. G. Benson, Presteigne Rectory, Radnorshire. 2534

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at St. Mary's, Handbridge, Chester, Saturday, May 30th. Service 3.15 p.m., followed by meeting and buffet tea. Will branch secretaries please forward numbers to be expected to Mr. G. E. G. Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester, by Tuesday, May 26th. Towers available: Handbridge, St. Mary's Within, Hoole, Eccleston and Christleton from 1.30 p.m. and after the meeting.—J. Kingdon, Hon. Sec. 2588

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, May 30th. Bells available: Bushey Heath (8) 3 p.m.; Harrow Weald (8) 6.30. Names for tea, by May 27th, to Miss A. M. Bailey, 1, Pleasant Road, Bishop's Stortford. 2601

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, May 30th, St. Mary's, Rotherhithe Street, S.E.16. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea, St. Mary's Institute. Meeting 6. Ringing afterwards. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday previous.—J. H. Lott, Hon. Sec., 152c, Walton Street, S.W.3. 2611

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Helmdon, May 30th. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to W. J. Chester, Helmdon, near Brackley.—W. Yates, Branch Sec. 2606

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Edith-Weston (new 6), May 30th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, May 26th, to E. E. Gibson, Easton, Thistleton Road, Market Overton. 2597

RUSHDEN ST. MARY'S, NORTHANTS.—Restored and augmented ring of eight. Dedication service by Lord Bishop of Peterborough, Saturday, May 30th, 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Bells available until 9 p.m. Names for buffet tea, by Tuesday previous, to A. R. Priestley, 36, Portland Road, Rushden. 2509

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, May 30th. Barford St. Martin (6), 2.30-4.45. Tea, King's Elm, Compton Chamberlayne, 5.10. Bells: Compton (6) and Fovant (5) afterwards. Please send names for tea, by 26th, to Miss Eloic, 81, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 2604

MARKSBURY, NR. BATH.—Corporate Communion, May 31st, 8 a.m. Bells 7 a.m. Breakfast for those notifying me by May 28th.—W. A. Prescott, Timsbury, near Bath. 2612

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