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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AT NEWCASTLE

THE wettest Whitsun for fifty years did not prevent members of the Council from having a most enjoyable time during their stay at Newcastle, and those whose first visit to that city it was must have come away very favourably impressed both with the city itself and the surrounding countryside.

As this was the first session of a new Council, much of the actual meeting was taken up by elections and re-elections. The decision of Mr. Lewis to stand again for the presidency was warmly approved, although he hinted that this must be for the last time. To find a worthy successor will be no easy matter, and much thought will no doubt be given to this problem during the next three years.

Two well-known names were added to the honorary members, Messrs. J. T. Dyke and C. W. Roberts, both of whom had ceased to be representative members and whose services the Council did not wish to lose. Miss P. J. Ayris was also added in recognition of her services in undertaking the sale of publications. Three new names appear on the Standing Committee, where Mr. W. B. Cartwright replaces Mr. Gilbert Debenham as a representative of the legal profession, and Messrs. John Freeman and Fred E. Dukes come in for Alderman Paddon Smith and Mr. Albert Walker. The retiring members deserve the thanks of the Exercise for their many years of valuable service to the Council. The relief of the secretary and his assistant that no ballot was necessary for this committee did not escape notice!

Of the other changes, the main one was the setting up of a separate Broadcasting and Television Committee, which, consisting as it does of four members who already have active contact with one or other of the B.B.C.'s regions, leads one to hope that this may usher in a period of youthful co-operation with that body. The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, who with Alderman Paddon Smith had been a member of the Literature and Press Committee for thirty years, and who had, one noticed by chance, suggested this splitting up of the committee at the 1933 meeting, presented his report for the last time, and he and his colleagues—Mr. Walker being the other—received the thanks of the members for all they have done. Mr. Edgar Shepherd is an admirable choice to succeed him as convener of the committee, and Mr. Fred Dukes, editor of 'The Irish Bell News,' is well qualified to assist him.

Naturally, the meeting was not without controversy; but no worth-while meeting is. After Mr. Harold Poole, in the regretted absence of Mr. J. F. Smallwood for domestic reasons, had presented with his customary efficiency the report of 'The Ringing World' Committee, together with a number of further recommendations (the main one being that the price should remain unchanged for the time being, until the outcome of the present drive for additional postal subscribers can be properly judged), a lively discussion followed on the motion regarding anonymous letters. Eventually an amendment by Mr. G. W. Fletcher, acceptable to both sides, was carried without opposition, the outcome being that it will be left to the Editor to consult the committee when in doubt.

The result of the debate on the report of the Analysis Committee was less satisfactory. The committee could point to the fact that Bob Triples has been officially considered irregular for fifty years, and several members, including Mr. Percy Johnson, who spoke with his usual forcefulness, urged that the decision should be enforced, however belatedly. Against this, however, was the view that to do so without warning, as on a previous occasion, would cause considerable resentment, and eventually the particular section of the report was shelved; but notice was given on behalf of the Standing Committee that in future all peals not conforming to the Council's decisions would be excluded from the Analysis, although—and this is the main point—they will be published in this journal. By this means it is hoped that a grievance felt by a number of ringers will be removed. As has often been said, the Council does not dictate what shall be rung, but does decide what it will recognise.

And so to the close, with the President recalling that he had given the first report of the Towers and Belfries Committee (which had earlier been paid a well-deserved tribute by Mr. J. H. Crampin) at Newcastle forty-one years previously. He asked others present on that occasion to stand up, and the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards with Messrs. A. A. Hughes and P. J. Johnson responded. There were many new faces at the meeting, but many old friends were missing. May the newcomers render to the art of ringing the same service as many of those whom they replaced. They could not do better than keep before them the example of the four whose membership of the Council goes back more than four decades.

E. A. B.

TEN BELL PEALS

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 22, 1954, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt.

SIDNEY PROCTOR Treble	GEORGE W. CREASEY .. 6
FRANK E. PERVIN 2	CLARENCE R. STEED .. 7
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	HAROLD HUXLEY 8
REGINALD C. CHAPMAN .. 4	CHARLES J. CAMM 9
ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY .. 5	FRED C. LYNE Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 29, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt, 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

JOYCE A. ENGLAND Treble	SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. 6
ROYDON DAVIES 2	ALBERT J. ADAMS 7
ARTHUR G. MASON 3	JOHN PHILLIPS 8
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 4	JAMES G. A. PRIOR .. 9
WILFRED WILLIAMS 5	FRANK E. DARBY Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

The first half of this peal was rung in the titmums.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 29, 1954, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21½ cwt.

E. ROGER MARTIN Treble	JAMES BLACKBURN .. 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 2	G. ALEC DIMMOCK .. 7
THOMAS BARKER 3	*NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. 8
*SYDNEY J. PHILBRICK .. 4	ARTHUR HATCH 9
CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. 5	*JAMES E. BURLS Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by E. ROGER MARTIN.

*First peal of Stedman. The first peal of Stedman on the bells.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., May 29, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composer's Circuits C.X. Tenor 16½ cwt.

*BERNARD G. MOORE Treble	*WILLIAM BUTLER 6
ALAN F. THIRST 2	*SQUIRE CROFT 7
WILFRID G. WILSON .. 3	FRANCIS D. BISHOP .. 8
MRS. O. L. ROGERS .. 4	VICTOR GRIFFIN 9
†WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 5	*HAROLD W. ROGERS .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

*First peal on ten bells. †First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

‡First peal of Yorkshire Surprise. §50th peal together. 100th peal for Mrs. O. L. Rogers.

Rung for Ascensiontide and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. B. W. Rogers, the conductor's mother.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 29, 1954, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 37 cwt, 13 lb. in C sharp.

MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT Treble	DAVID G. YEO 6
GILLIAN R. PARSONS .. 2	HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. 7
MRS. H. L. PARFREY .. 3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 8
JOHN E. CHILCOTT 4	WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT .. 9
HAROLD L. PARFREY .. 5	ROGER O. FRY Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by JOHN E. CHILCOTT.

Rung in honour of the christening of Teresa Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kingcott.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 31, 1954, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt, 3 qr. 23 lb.

ALAN A. POTTS Treble	*GERALD FARRER 6
BAZIL JONES 2	JOHN WORTH 7
WILFRED STEVENSON .. 3	*HARRY FARRER 8
NEIL D. LOMAS 4	*HEDLEY WOOD 9
ANNE WORTH 5	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

*First peal of Surprise Royal.

Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Gayse. Mr. Gayse is the leader of the Christ Church company.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5120 FELSTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. Treble	THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 5
RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 6
C. EDWARD JEFFERIES .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	THOMAS J. LOCK Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

This is the first peal in the method by the Association, and by all the band.

BENHILTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 22, 1954, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*WILLIAM PARROTT Treble	JOHN E. CANNELL 5
JEANETTE M. WINCHESTER 2	FREDERICK A. CATTELL .. 6
KATHLEEN E. WELLER .. 3	RALPH BIRD 7
STEWART F. W. KIMBER .. 4	FRANK E. DARBY Tenor

Composed by YORKE GREEN (C.C.C. 169). Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

*First peal of Major.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., May 22, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ROBERT B. BLOND Treble	ERNEST G. GARRARD .. 5
*HARRY W. BADGER 2	CLAUDE CORDEROY 6
FREDERICK S. SMITH .. 3	*FRANK ABSOLOM 7
JACK O. BERRY 4	JAMES P. BLOND Tenor

Composed by JAMES REEVES. Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

*First peal of Kent Treble Bob.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Rev. H. G. Lancaster, Vicar of Dorchester.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 22, 1954, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt, 27 lb. in G.

*NANCIE E. SWANN Treble	*GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 5
*EDWARD W. COLLEY .. 2	FRANK W. LEWIS 6
PHILIP H. TOCOCK 3	ROLAND W. MORANT .. 7
HAROLD P. REED 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

*First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Ronald Ansell, late vice-captain of Highclere tower, who died on May 20th.



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DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRANK E. WALKER Treble	SELWYN H. DEARDEN 5
CYRIL S. JARRETT 2	RALPH G. BIRD 6
ARTHUR G. MASON 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

LODDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

MARGOT B. THOMPSON .. Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	JOHN W. BLYTH 6
STANLEY W. COPLING 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT 7
GEORGE SAYER 4	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5152 SOUTHGATE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

WINIFRED M. BURTON .. Treble	JOHN A. ACRES 5
BRIAN G. WARWICK 2	JOHN M. JELLEY 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
J. FREDERICK MILNER 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the 2nd. First in the method for the Guild.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

NANCY E. MARKLEW .. Treble	MICHAEL E. BROWN 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE 2	HAROLD J. POOLE 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON 3	ALFRED BALLARD 7
S. ANTHONY JESSON 4	*JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 29, 1954, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY .. Treble	ALAN J. BROWN 5
*JEAN C. BROWN 2	PETER COXALL 6
MARGARET E. RIDYARD 3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY 7
REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORD.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

LESLIE EVANS .. Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 5
HAROLD HUXLEY 2	JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD .. 6
CLAUDIA A. HARDING 3	C. ARTHUR MANNING 7
FRANK E. PERVIN 4	FRED C. LYNE Tenor

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 18 cwt. 26 lb. in E.

WALTER KERRISON .. Treble	C. JACK GIBSON 5
MARGOT R. THOMPSON 2	E. JACK THURLOW 6
REGINALD J. DARCH 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE 7
G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND .. 4	*JOE PARLING Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

* First peal. First peal of Bob Triples by all the band.
A 16th birthday compliment to Dennis Gibson, son of the ringer of the 5th.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., May 29, 1954, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being in 42 methods. Containing 192 changes each of Framley, Wembly, Lindum, Radlett, Derwent, Rutland, Eastcote, Lessness, Lindoff's London, Claybrooke and London, and 96 changes each of Tring, Hitchin, Barnsbury, Hanbury, Trowbridge, Watford, Lincolnshire, Falmouth, Aldenham, Uxbridge, Painswick, Shoreditch, Langley, Superlative, Warwickshire, Ramsey, Pudsey, Apsley, Yorkshire, Cherwell, Bristol, Pyrford, Stockport, Jersey, Cray, Cambridge, Dublin, New Gloucester, Deben, Minsmere and Maulden. 158 changes of method.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 lb.

MILTON C. FOWLER .. Treble	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 5
J. FREDERICK MILNER 2	WILFRID F. MORETON 6
GORDON BENFIELD 3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT 7
HOWARD SCOTT 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Umpire: JOHN SEGAR.

The greatest number of Surprise Major methods rung to a peal.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 29, 1954, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

DENIS A. FRITH .. Treble	RONALD RUSSELL 5
FREDERICK W. PINCHBECK .. 2	†PERCY D. BALDOCK 6
WALTER WESTON 3	BERNARD H. DALTON 7
*P.C. H. REGINALD WOODS .. 4	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* 25th peal. † 75th peal.

Rung with the best wishes of the company to Mr. Hugh Langland, a local ringer, and Miss Marion Sentance, whose wedding was solemnised previous to the peal.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 29, 1954, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5056 ICKLETON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F.

MARION GRAIN .. Treble	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN 5
PHILIP A. F. CHALK 2	CYRIL A. HURST 6
MARGARET SWANN 3	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON 7
F. ERIC ROBERTS 4	*PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* 50th peal for the Association. The first peal in the method by all the band, and for the Association.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., May 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

SAMSON WALKLATE .. Treble	FRANCIS R. LOWE 5
ALBERT E. THOMSON 2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD 6
W. RODNEY HARRISON 3	*JOSEPH WM. COTTON 7
WALTER G. SOAR 4	DENIS R. CARLISLE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

* 350th peal.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 29, 1954, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

*RONALD C. NOON Treble	*HARRY NICHOLS 5
*CHARLES C. RAWDING 2	AUBREY D. MILLS 6
*HAROLD BARSLEY 3	*C. HAROLD WHITTON 7
GEORGE R. BUTLER 4	HORACE BENNETT Tenor

Composed by E. H. LEWIS.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Joyce Chenery and Mr. T. Harold Harding, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. Charles C. Rawding.

THATCHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 29, 1954, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 13 lb.

*MICHAEL MASEY Treble	REGINALD W. REX 5
†PATRICIA A. GAUNT 2	GEOFFREY K. DODD 6
NANCIE E. SWANN 3	HAROLD P. REED 7
THOMAS H. TOCOCK 4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, No. 99.

Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.

* First peal on eight. † First peal. 100th peal as conductor.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

ERNEST F. SALMONS Treble	*BRIAN J. LUFF 5
TOWER R. TAYLOR 2	FREDERICK W. BURNETT 6
*ROBIN G. LEALE 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
*ROGER BALDWIN 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Rutland. First peal of Rutland on the bells.

WYE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 29, 1954, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,536 of Yorkshire, 2,208 of Cambridge and 1,344 of Superlative, with 132 changes of method. Tenor 20 cwt. in D.

WILFRED W. RING Treble	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEEP 5
*JOHN R. COOPER 2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD 6
*GEOFFREY PEARSON 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD 7
THOMAS E. SONE 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal in three Spliced Surprise Major methods.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

RAYMOND OVERY Treble	ALBERT E. LAKER 5
JOHN DEARLOVE 2	FRANK H. HICKS 6
ALBERT W. BOND 3	WILLIAM SLAUGHTER 7
LEONARD STILWELL 4	GEORGE JENNINGS Tenor

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY (C.C.C. 110).

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN E. COOKE Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE 2	ERNEST W. RAWSON 6
JOHN A. ACRES 3	S. ANTHONY JESSON 7
HAROLD J. POOLE 4	JOHN R. SMITH Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

A birthday compliment to the composer.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(Officers' Peal.)

On Wed., June 2, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*BENJAMIN G. BURTON, Master, N.W. Division Treble	
EDWARD W. ROAST, Master, S.E. Division 2	
ROBERT C. HEAZEL, Master 3	
HILDA G. SNOWDEN, Master, N. Division 4	
FRANK V. GANT, General Secretary 5	
HARRY TURNER, Deputy Master 6	
HARRY J. MILLATT, Master, N.E. Division 7	
JOHN H. CRAMPION, Master, S.W. Division Tenor	

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal of Major.

Rung to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Essex Association. Founded at Writtle on June 2nd, 1879.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 4, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*JOHN F. BROOKS Treble	FREDERICK C. CASE 5
HARRY SEAR 2	†DONALD J. MEAGER 6
WILLIAM A. YATES 3	ROGER CADAMY 7
FREDERICK J. STONTON 4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major.

Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the North Bucks Branch.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 5, 1954, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE PREBENDAL CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C sharp.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 5
*ANNIE E. HUMBERSTONE 2	T. EDWARD HARROLD 6
KENNETH A. ROE 3	JOHN B. BENNETT 7
*SAMUEL J. HAINES 4	COLIN P. WALKER Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by COLIN P. WALKER.

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

Rung in honour of the marriage of David Curtis Clements and Marjorie Hobbs, which took place, at St. Anne's Church earlier in the day.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 22, 1954, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*ARTHUR A. CHAPLIN Treble	ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD 4
GEORGE N. ORMAN 2	FELIX H. ERITH 5
ROY DUESBURY 3	GEORGE A. BUTTON Tenor

Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.

* First peal.

HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 22, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt.

HENRY P. COLLIN Treble	RONALD RUSSELL 4
RONALD J. HILL 2	*ROBIN J. WORSALL 5
PERCY D. BALDOCK 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal of Plain Bob.

Rung with the best wishes of the company to Mr. John Cooper and Miss Jean E. Barrand, who were married this day at Sleaford Parish Church. Also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

INGATESTONE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 22, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 19 methods, viz.: (i) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob, (ii) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob, (iii) Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall and St. Clement's Bob, (iv) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (v) Fulbeck and Double Bob, (vi) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (vii) Cambridge Surprise.

IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. Treble	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 4
PETER J. CAME 2	JOE E. G. ROAST 5
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE 3	DENIS A. S. SYMONDS .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

First peal in 19 methods by all the bands and on the bells.
Rung as a 78th birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur Bradley, life member of the Essex Association and a ringer at Fryerning.

STAUNTON, NR. COLEFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 22, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 callings). Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*MRS. K. SMITH Treble	EDWIN J. C. DAVIS .. 4
G. WILLIAM HOLLIS .. 2	JOHN J. WEBB 5
*MRS. D. STAFFORD .. 3	*ERNEST J. MALSOM .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN J. WEBB.

* First peal.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 22, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents with 4 callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*TERENCE OWEN Treble	ALAN LAMBERT 4
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 2	CHARLES H. PAGE 5
*SHELAGH K. SEERY .. 3	WILLIAM H. WATKIN .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. E. WILSHAW.

* First peal.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one Morris's 240 and 40 six-scores (ten callings).

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in A.

*CHARLES W. LININGTON .. Treble	*EDNA M. EVEREST .. 3
CHARLES H. WICKENS .. 2	†SHIRLEY A. RICHARDSON .. 4
*KENNETH C. KNIGHT .. Tenor	

Conducted by CHARLES H. WICKENS.

* First peal. † First peal in method. The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung for Ascension Day and a birthday compliment to Miss P. M. Reeves, of York.

WADHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 22, 1954, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*MERVYN LATTER Treble	†WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE 4
CHRISTOPHER PILBEAM .. 2	ALBERT RELFE 5
STANLEY G. PONTING .. 3	†CHARLES A. BASSETT .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES A. BASSETT.

* First peal of Minor. † 75th peal of Minor to complete 'circle.'

‡ 100th peal. The first peal in the method by all and on the bells.

Rung to welcome home the Vicar and his bride from their honeymoon.

WHILTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 22, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Old Bob and ten extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ROGER E. HOLLAND .. Treble	DONALD S. PAYNE .. 4
†RHONA C. A. PEBODY .. 2	RICHARD S. HOLLAND .. 5
MICHAEL F. AMOS .. 3	*PETER L. WESTERMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL F. AMOS.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Richard S. Holland.



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**ABERGELE, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES*

Being four extents of April Day, eight of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

*D. RUSSELL EDWARDS .. Treble	JOSEPH P. GRIFFITHS .. 4
LEWIS S. GRIFFITHS .. 2	ANDREW J. SALISBURY .. 5
L. JOHN EVANS .. 3	STANLEY WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS S. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal away from the tenor. First peal in three methods on the bells.

**BENHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR*

Being an extent each of Double Court, Plain Bob, Ipswich Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

WILLIAM F. SMITH .. Treble	ARTHUR A. LING .. 4
JACK PILGRIM .. 2	NORMAN R. BAILEY .. 5
RAYMOND PECK .. 3	*LEONARD WOOLLARD .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

* First peal in seven methods on a working bell.

**BEXLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR*

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

DENNIS BERESFORD .. Treble	†MARY ANDREWS .. 4
*D. MARY WARD .. 2	DENNIS HALL .. 5
*BEVERLEY A. THOMPSON .. 3	†PETER P. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER P. BROWN.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

**HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES*

Consisting of four 120's each of Old, Norfolk, and April Day, ten 120's of Grandsire and 20 of Plain Bob (14 callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*ANN R. TANNER (18) .. Treble	BENJAMIN STEPNEY .. 4
*LAURA M. BEENEY (14) .. 2	FRANK H. HICKS .. 5
GEORGE BEENEY .. 3	ALBERT ELLIS .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal.

Rung by past and present members of the local band to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. F. E. Goddard, a ringer at this church for over 40 years and captain for 30, and Mrs. Goddard.

**LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR*

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. Treble	D. KAY ADKINS .. 4
*MADELEINE CHAPPLE .. 2	*BRIAN M. BARKER .. 5
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 3	DEREK E. LATCHFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN.

* First peal 'inside' and of Minor.

**BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch.)**

*On Tues., June 1, 1954, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR*

Being seven extents, viz., Alnwick, Chester, Carlisle, London, York, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.

JAMES M. PEMBERTON .. Treble	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. 4
*TERRY OWEN .. 2	CHARLES B. PEMBERTON .. 5
STANLEY D. SUTTON .. 3	FRANK T. PARRY .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES B. PEMBERTON.

* First peal of Surprise Minor.

Rung to commemorate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Pemberton, parents of ringers of treble and 5th.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Wed., June 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MAJOR*

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

ALBERT SAUNDERS .. Treble	JOHN WARNER .. 4
LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. 2	WALTER ARNOLD .. 5
ALAN R. SYDER .. 3	TERRY EARLE .. Tenor

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

Rung to commemorate the first anniversary of the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. June 2nd, 1953; and for the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the Essex Association of Changeringers, June 2nd, 1879.

HANDBELL PEALS

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., May 22, 1954, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT 120, WILTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR*

Tenor size 17 in A.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 1—2	CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. 5—6
DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 3—4	*MAURICE J. BUTLER .. 7—8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN. Umpire: REG. REED.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.' First peal as conductor on handbells. Believed to be the first handbell peal in Southampton.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sun., May 23, 1954, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL*

Tenor size 19 in F.

PETER J. STANFORTH .. 1—2	JOHN A. ACRES .. 5—6
HAROLD J. POOLE .. 3—4	ERNEST MORRIS .. 7—8

RONALD H. BULLEN .. 9—10

Arranged by GEOFFREY DODDS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

HUCKNALL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., May 27, 1954, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,
AT 44, NOTTINGHAM ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR*

Being seven 720's (five callings). Tenor size 14 in E flat.

*S. PATRICIA M. LEWIN .. 1—2	PETER NIX .. 3—4
FREDERICK A. SALTER .. 5—6	

Conducted by PETER NIX.

* First peal 'in hand.' First peal in method as conductor. First peal to be rung in the parish of Hucknall.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Thurs., May 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT 164, VICTORIA STREET, HARTSHILL,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR*

Tenor size 11 in G.

*SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 1—2	FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 5—6
FREDK. W. GROCOTT .. 3—4	CHARLES H. PAGE .. 7—8

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by FREDK. W. GROCOTT.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sun., May 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR*

Tenor size 15 in C.

*MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 1—2	†DAVID HOARE .. 5—6
*DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 3—4	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 7—8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* 350th peal together. † First peal on eight bells 'in hand.'

SOUTHBOURNE, BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., June 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT 9, FISHERMAN'S AVENUE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES*

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 1—2	*DAVID HOARE .. 5—6
DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 3—4	FRED PRICE .. 7—8

Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

* First peal of Triples 'in hand.'

Stonham Aspal, Suffolk

Canon J. J. Raven, in his 'Church Bells of Suffolk' (1890), records that 'the first ten ever to be heard in Suffolk were Stonham Aspal's, about six miles east of Stowmarket.

For the last 20 or 30 years the eighth of this fine ring at the Parish Church of St. Mary and St. Lambert has been cracked. Now yet another restoration in Suffolk has taken place.

For a long time Mr. William J. Button, captain of the tower, had been seriously considering launching a restoration fund appeal, but it was not until May 24th, 1952, following another prompting from his ringer friend of 30 years—Mr. Cecil W. Pipe (secretary, Suffolk Guild)—that things were really set going.

Sufficient money came in from dances, jumble sales, competitions, socials and a collection in the parish as well as a general appeal so that, by the end of 1953, the work was put into the hands of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston (Croydon). The eighth was recast and, with the help of a few pieces of silver thrown into the boiler by Mr. Button and the Rector, it is now a fine-toned splice, born again.

The other nine have been retuned and generally renovated, one new headstock has been installed and all are now on ball bearings.

The dedication service was held on May 22nd. The church was filled for the service in spite of a dull, cold, rainy day.

The Rector (the Rev. J. W. H. K. Greenway) conducted the service, and Mr. Malcolm Fisk, a lay reader, led the procession of clergy from neighbouring parishes. One lesson was read by Miss Muriel Pipe, a local ringer, and the other by Mr. Michael Howard, a director of the contractors. Mr. Button handed the rope of the recast eighth to Mr. S. P. Turner, people's warden and he, in turn, handed it to Canon L. Babington, Vicar of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich,

DEDICATIONS

who dedicated the bell. At the request of the Rector's warden, Mr. C. Tydeman, Canon Babington then rededicated the other nine bells and later gave the address, taking 'Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory' as his text.

He congratulated the Rector and the parishioners on the work they had done in raising all but £60 of the total cost (£742). The undertaking was a great one, coming so soon as it did after much effort by the church and parish had been spent on the work which had been done to the church school—it showed the vitality of church life there.

After a few touches by the local ringers, everyone went to the nearby Village Hall for tea. To a crowded assembly the Vicar expressed thanks for all their work and support. He was happy to be able to announce that the collection just taken in church had brought the deficit down from £60 to £40, and this was later in the day reduced to £20.

Mr. Button said that Messrs. Gillett and Johnston had made a splendid job of the restoration and their two employees, Mr. Dyer and Mr. Gifford, had worked in the chamber from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. to get the work sufficiently advanced for the bells to be rung on the day of the Queen's return from her Commonwealth tour on May 15th.

Mr. C. W. Pipe said that this was the 27th restoration in Suffolk since the war. It seemed as if restoration in the county was a little contagious and he hoped it would get more so—there was a lot to be done. 'But if we go on like this, we shall have bells second to no other county.' He thanked Mr. Button and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Parker (local ringers) and all others who had helped. He noted that Mr.

Richard Deal, from St. Paul's Cathedral, and other ringers from Essex and Norfolk were present with so many Suffolk ringers. These visits made for good relations.

Mrs. Deal, Mr. John Crampion (Woodford), Mr. David W. Beard (also from Essex) and Mr. Charles J. Sedgley (from Ipswich, Suffolk Guild Ringing Master) were amongst the company of ringers, estimated to be well on for 100, who gathered during the afternoon and evening.

Beckford, Glos.

After being silent since October, 1952, the bells of St. John-the-Baptist, Beckford, are once more pealing their music from the ancient tower of the beautiful old church. On May 27th, during evening service conducted by the Rev. W. W. Baker, late Vicar of the parish, the three new bells and the new frame were dedicated by the Vicar of the adjoining parish of Alderton.

Following the service the bells were rung to Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kent and Cambridge Surprise by visiting ringers from the surrounding district. Some 50 ringers were present representing 20 different towers.

The work of recasting the bells and installing the new frame was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and they are to be congratulated on an excellent job; the 'go' of the bells leaves nothing to be desired.

Ringers will recall reading in 'The Ringing World' some 19 months ago the report of the fire which destroyed the old wooden frame and cracked two of the bells.

E. T. N.

A new idea is being introduced at Marden, Kent, to bring ringing more into the public eye. This will take the form of a ringers' service to be held annually, the first of which will take place on Sunday, June 20th, at 6.30 p.m. All ringers and friends are invited.

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Miss B. E. Nation, of Wickwar, who was
recently married at Portishead, spent her honey-
moon in the Orkney Isles. On the journey
north she rang at York Minster.

Congratulations to Miss
Patricia Bourn for ringing the
18-cwt. tenor at Clitheroe on
May 15th and calling the peal. The five ladies
in the band have all been taught by Ernie
Gower and Victor Wood (now in New Zealand).
How proud they must feel that their efforts have
borne fruit. Unfortunately for Clitheroe, Miss
Bourn is going to Bristol University in the
autumn, whilst Jean Dawson goes to Notting-
ham University. Perhaps we shall see Pat turn-
ing in the tenor at St. Mary Redcliffe to Cam-
bridge Maximus. Who knows?

In connection with the Central Council's visit
to Newcastle there were six peal attempts, of
which four were successful.

Mr. Frank Ainsley, of 30, Aysgarth Avenue,
Grangetown, Sunderland, offers back numbers
of 'The Ringing World' from December 5th,
1941, to December 30th, 1949, free of charge.
Few copies missing.

A silver pencil with the initials H. C. S. on
cap was lost in Rothbury tower during Central
Council visit. Will finder please communicate
with H. Stalham, 30, Hamilton Road, Brighton.

Mr. John Ashcroft, of 7, Barn Lane, Gol-
borne, near Warrington, has been appointed
'Ringing World' representative of the Wigan
Branch.

Golden wedding congratulations to Mr. and
Mrs. W. Read, of Blackmoor, Hants. Both
are bellringers and Mr. Read was captain of
the local tower until he lost his left leg in an
accident in 1950.

To the Thames-side welcome to the Queen,
probably the first was St. Mary's, Woolwich.
The Royal Yacht passed within 200 yards of
the tower and Queens and Tittums were rung
by the young band which is being formed from
the Youth Fellowship.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

Eight ringers from the
Preston area journeyed north
to Dalton on May 29th to join
two locals in ringing a peal of Stedman Caters.
The visitors would like, through the medium
of 'The Ringing World,' to give special thanks
to Mr. Tom Metcalfe, the veteran local captain,
for having the bells up and all in readiness.

Past and present members of Rye Grammar
School rang a quarter peal of Doubles on May
30th. This is the first quarter peal on the bells
since 1938.

Mr. C. H. Wickens, rector's warden of Twine-
ham, who lives at 7, Blackstone Rise, Wood-
mancote, Henfield, is anxious to arrange a
churchwardens' peal.

When Mr. Arthur Bullock, of Swineshead,
Lincs, was returning home after taking part
in a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples on his
birthday he fell from his cycle and broke his
leg. The first thing he said to his wife when
she arrived on the scene was, 'We got the
quarter peal rung, anyway.'

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal rung
for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W.
Gayes at Christ Church, Macclesfield, on May
31st, was also a landmark for Messrs. W.
Stevenson and J. Worth, both having rung
their first peal 25 years ago for the wedding of
Mr. and Mrs. Gayes.

Present and former pupils rang for the an-
nual founder's day service of Nantwich and
Acton Grammar School on May 26th at Nant-
wich Parish Church. Seven were pupils of the
School, viz: J. Brough (Nantwich), B. Dolphin
(Wistaston), B. Porter (Wistaston), F. Hayes
(Wrenbury), P. Bebbington (Wrenbury), M.
Owen (Crewe) and A. Cranford (Tarporey).
The ringing was supervised by Mr. J. Brough,
the tower captain.

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LOYAL GREETINGS TO THE QUEEN — HON. SECRETARY'S CONTACT WITH OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS — ROLL OF HONOUR APPROACHING FINALITY

THE warmth of the welcome to the Central Council to Newcastle after an absence of 41 years could not have been surpassed. A large number of towers were placed at the disposal of visiting ringers, and at the conclusion of the meeting a civic reception was given by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress in the beautiful Laing Art Gallery.

The 27th Council (57th annual meeting) was held on Whit Tuesday in the Cathedral Library and proceedings were opened by a welcome from the Lord Mayor and the Bishop of Newcastle (the Right Rev. N. B. Hudson). They were received by Mr. E. H. Lewis, the president of the Council, and with them were the Provost (the Very Rev. N. M. Kennaby) and the president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association (Mr. R. A. Gofton).

The Lord Mayor said he had come to the conclusion that the art of change ringing was a very complicated one and one which he himself would not endeavour to try to learn. During the war the bells were silent and he knew they had a lot of hard work to get their teams together and start the bells once again. To-day they had a great difficulty in getting teams together, partly because the young men started off and then had to go on National Service and then start again. He hoped they would all enjoy their stay.

The Lord Bishop, in his welcome, said it was a great occasion for their Association because they had not visited Newcastle for 40 years. For 15 years he had been patron of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association and, so far as he could recollect, that was the first time he had done anything as patron.

For his information their secretary sent him particulars of the Council meeting and from it he was impressed by two facts: the determination of all concerned to keep high the art of campanology (if that was the correct word), and that behind it there was a determination to do their best to the glory of God. 'I am convinced that once this art or any other art is divorced from the spiritual life of the Church it degenerates.' He would like to pay a humble tribute to that work and the motive behind it.

The second point was that those who offered this service were worshipping church workers and not people outside the Church.

The President thanked the Lord Mayor for his civic welcome and the Lord Bishop for his ecclesiastical welcome. 'We always feel,' said Mr. Lewis, 'that we are connected with both Church and State and workers for both.'

As regarded the word 'campanology,' it was often used, to their regret. They liked purity in all things: they did not like words that were a mixture of Latin and Greek.

It was 41 years since he attended the last Central Council meeting at Newcastle. It was the coldest Whitsun that he could remember.

There was one interesting thing about meeting there. The earliest mention in English literature of bells was made by the Venerable Bede, who lived just across the river. It was mentioned in connection with St. Hilda at Whitby.

He thanked the Provost for allowing them to meet in the Cathedral Library and for conducting the service that morning.

The Provost then opened the conference with prayer.

ATTENDANCE ROLL

Life members.—Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.

Honorary members.—Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. F. I. Hairs, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. C. K. Lewis, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Mr. E. C. Shepherd, Mr. P. L. Taylor.

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Mr. A. B. Peck.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Mr. H. J. Sanger, Miss N. G. Williams.

Bedfordshire Association.—Mr. J. M. Stephens, Mr. S. Foskett.

Cambridge University Guild.—Mr. B. D. Threlfall.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. W. Clarke, Mr. R. G. Corby, Rev. J. Kingdon, Mr. W. Longman.

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. F. W. Perrins.

Derbyshire Association.—Mr. A. Mould, Mr. W. Robinson.

Devon Guild.—Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

Dudley and District Guild.—Mr. H. J. Shuck.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—Mr. F. Ainsley, Mr. W. N. Park.

East Grinstead and District Guild.—Mr. C. A. Bassett.

Ely Diocesan Guild.—Mr. F. W. Lack, Mr. H. S. Peacock.

Essex Association.—Mr. J. H. Crampion, Mr. H. J. Mansfield, Mr. F. B. Lufkin, Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Mr. T. Boreham, Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Mr. F. Skidmore.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. H. Pulling, Mr. J. R. Worrall.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. W. F. Moreton.

Hertford County Association.—Mr. W. Ayre, Mr. R. G. Bell, Mr. E. Edmondson.

Irish Association.—Mr. F. E. Dukes, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, Miss J. Stewart.

Kent County Association.—Mr. T. Cullingworth, Mr. T. E. Sone.

Ladies' Guild.—Mrs. A. Richardson.

Lancashire Association.—Mr. F. Dunkerley, Mr. J. Ridyard, Mr. A. Tomlinson.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. S. Burton, Mr. P. A. Corby, Mr. H. J. Poole, Mr. A. E. Rowley.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. Bray, Mr. G. E. Feirn, Mr. J. Freeman.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Miss J. S. Evans, Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association.—Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mrs. H. W. Rogers, Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association.—Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, Mr. T. J. Lock, Mr. R. F. B. Speed.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton.

North Staffordshire Association.—Mr. R. S. Anderson.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Mr. N. V. Harding, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. F. D. Boreham, Mr. A. E. Lock.

Oxford Society.—Mr. F. A. H. Wilkins.

Oxford University Society.—Mr. R. B. Meadows.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Mr. P. I. Chapman, Mr. G. W. Jeffs, Mr. E. Nobles, Mr. W. Rose.

St. David's Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. A. Hoare.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—Mr. G. E. Fearn, Mr. F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Rev. F. L. Edwards, Mr. G. H. Harding, Mr. F. Preecey, Mr. W. C. West.

Scottish Association.—Mr. R. St. C. Wilson.

Sheffield and District.—Mr. N. Chaddock.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Mr. F. E. Hawthorne.

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Mr. C. Glenn, Mr. J. Segar.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—Mr. B. G. Key.

Suffolk Guild.—Mr. C. W. Pipe.

Surrey Association.—Mr. F. E. Collins, Mr. W. F. Oatway, Mr. H. N. Pitstow.

Sussex County Association.—Mr. R. G. Blackman, Mr. H. Stalham.

Swansea and Brecon Guild.—Mr. G. I. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Mr. D. Burnett, Mr. H. Miles.

Universities Association.—Miss M. R. Cross.

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.—Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. C. H. Kippin, Mr. G. Pullinger.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Mr. B. C. Ashford, Mr. W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association.—Mr. W. E. Critchley, Mr. P. J. Johnson, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Mr. S. F. Palmer.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The following were received: P. N. Bond, P. Border, S. G. Coles, G. H. Cross, Miss S. E. Colgate, P. A. F. Chalk, G. W. Cecil, W. Cathrall, F. H. Dallaway, G. E. Debenham, T. H. Francis, J. A. Freeman, J. P. Fidler, R. O. Fry, N. Golden, A. C. Hazelden, G. L. Hewitt, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, D. Hughes, G. J. Lewis, Miss M. Lidgey, J. E. Lilley, W. Longman, T. G. Myers, G. E. Oliver, W. A. Osborn, B. D. Price, A. J. Pitman, F. W. Rogers, Rev. A. S. Roberts, L. Stilwell, C. J. Sedgley, G. E. Symonds, J. F. Smallwood, Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith, Miss M. E. Snowden, Mrs. J. Staniforth, E. C. S. Turner, T. H. Taffender, W. H. Viggers, A. Walker, C. W. Woolley, C. Wallater, J. Willis, J. J. Webb, E. A. Young, A. L. Barry, E. W. Biffen, G. H. Harding, S. T. Holt, F. Preecey.

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were presented to the President:—

Mrs. O. Barnett (hon. member), J. M. Stephens, S. Foskett (Bedfordshire), B. D. Threlfall (Cambridge University), R. G. Corby (Chester), W. Robinson (Derbyshire), the Rev. J. G. M. Scott (Devonshire), H. J. Shuck (Dudley and District), H. S. Peacock (Ely), J. H. Crampion (Essex), T. Boreham (Gloucester), J. R. Worrall (Guildford), E. Edmondson (Hertford), T. Cullingworth (Kent), A. Tomlinson (Lancashire), S. Burton, P. A. Corby (Leicester), Miss J. S. Evans (Llandaff), R. F. B. Speed (Middlesex), N. V. Harding (Norwich), F. A. H. Wilkins (Oxford Society), Miss K. Higgins (Oxford University), P. I. Chapman, E. Nobles (Peterborough), G. E. Fearn (St. Martin's), R. St. C. Wilson (Scottish), C. Glenn (Southwell), B. G. Key (Stafford Archdeaconry), W. F. Oatway, H. N. Pitstow (Surrey), H. Stalham (Sussex), D. Burnett (Truro).

MESSAGE TO THE QUEEN

The President announced that the following telegram had been sent to the Queen:—

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers in annual conference assembled at the Cathedral Library, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, desire to offer your Majesty their loyal congratulations on the happy completion of your royal progress through the British Dominions, which it was the privilege of the ringers to celebrate on the occasion of your Majesty's return.

The following reply was received from Buckingham Palace:—

Chairman, Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, Cathedral Library, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.—The Queen sincerely thanks all assembled at the Annual Conference of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers for their kind message of loyal congratulations

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and for the way in which they helped to celebrate Her Majesty's return to this country.—Private Secretary.

The President stated that Mr. Alexander Young had just entered his 90th birthday and he proposed that the following telegram be sent to him: 'Central Council meeting, Newcastle. All members send kind regards and best wishes.'

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Mr. A. A. Hughes proposed the re-election of Mr. E. H. Lewis as president. 'We all know the wonderful work he has done for this Council for so many years,' he said.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead seconded and the resolution was carried with hearty applause.

Thanking the Council for the confidence placed in him for another year, Mr. Lewis said: 'I had very seriously thought of saying that I would not stand again, but as we had recently got a new secretary I thought it was my duty for the sake of continuity to carry on. You must seriously think of a successor next time. In the meantime I will do my best.'

HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER

On the proposition of Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. H. J. Poole, Mr. E. A. Barnett was elected hon. secretary and treasurer.

HON. LIBRARIAN

The President proposed the election of Mr. Frederick Sharpe as librarian. 'Those of us who are in touch with the inside work of the Council know he is doing a tremendous amount of work and we are very grateful that he is carrying on,' he said.

Mr. Barnett seconded and the resolution was carried.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The following retiring honorary members were re-elected: The Earl of Shaftesbury, Messrs. J. P. Fidler, H. M. Howard, A. A. Hughes, D. Hughes, Mrs. L. K. Marshall, Messrs. E. C. Shepherd, P. L. Taylor, W. H. Viggers and A. Walker.

The Standing Committee recommended the appointment of Mr. J. T. Dyke and Miss P. J. Ayris, and upon the proposition of Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, seconded by Mr. W. G. Wilson, Mr. C. W. Roberts was also elected an honorary member.

Messrs. A. A. Hughes and F. W. Perrens were re-elected hon. auditors, on the proposition of Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH

The Council stood while the names of the following were read:—

H. R. Butcher, Sussex Association, 1919-20 and 1938-39; D. D. Cooper, Surrey Association, 1933-53; W. H. J. Hooton, Midland Counties 1936-38, honorary member 1939-50, life member 1951-53; T. Law, Central Northampton Association 1921-23, Peterborough Diocesan Guild 1930-1932; G. R. Newton, Lancashire Association 1930-50, hon. member 1951-53; W. Perkins, Central Northants Association 1915-20; J. H. W. White, Warwickshire Association 1932-35.

MINUTES

The minutes of the last Council meeting, published in 'The Ringing World' of April 30th, which had been circulated, were taken as read.

REPORT OF THE HON. SECRETARY

This is not intended to be a comprehensive review of the past twelve months, but merely to record items of interest which do not fit conveniently into other reports.

Apart from dealing with the usual assortment of queries from members of the public and outside organisations, the secretary has been interviewed by a correspondent of 'The Daily Telegraph' and had conversations with 'The Times', 'The Daily Express' and 'The Daily Mirror'. Letters on behalf of the Council appeared in the two first mentioned papers; one

to 'The New Yorker' gave rise to considerable correspondence with Canada and the U.S.A. A letter was sent to Mr. Ivor Bulmer-Thomas in support of his motion regarding synthetic bells which was passed by the Church Assembly, and to the Bishop of London to protest against the electronic device at St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street. The Publicity Officer of the B.B.C. was again asked whether advance information of ringing before broadcast services could not be supplied to 'The Ringing World': no reply has yet been received.

The following have ceased to be members of the Council and our thanks are offered to them for their past services:—

E. M. Atkins, Cambridge University, 1921-23, 1927-53; P. E. Baker, Gloucester and Bristol, 1951-53; A. Ballard, Leicester Diocesan, 1945-53; K. Beardsall, Scottish Association, 1951-53; A. Bennett, Devon, 1946-53; F. Bennett, Sussex County, 1906-14, 1951-53; A. P. Cannon, Surrey, 1951-53; H. G. Cashmore, Hertford County, 1939-53; F. Colclough, Dudley District, 1933-53; S. E. Darmon, Cambridge University, 1951-53; G. E. Debenham, hon. member, 1939-54; Miss D. M. Drew, Gloucester and Bristol, 1951-53; W. C. Duffield, Norwich, 1945-53; J. T. Dyke, Bath and Wells, 1927-53; F. V. Gant, Essex, 1948-53; G. L. Grover, Guildford, 1930-53; C. H. Harding, Bedfordshire, 1946-53; J. W. Jones, Llandaff and Monmouth, 1907-53; W. F. Judge, Oxford Society, 1946-53; H. Knight, Stafford Archdeaconry, 1915-53; E. H. Mastin, Ely Diocesan, 1948-53; B. P. Morris, Peterborough, 1951-53; R. C. Noon, Peterborough, 1951-53; Alderman A. Paddon Smith, St. Martin's Guild, 1921-53; C. W. Roberts, Middlesex, 1933-41, 1950-53; Mrs. A. S. Roberts, Truro, 1948-53; C. Sharples, Lancashire, 1951-53; A. C. Sinfield, Bedfordshire, 1946-53; D. Smith, Chester Diocesan, 1951-53; G. H. Spice, Kent County, 1939-53; Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, Truro, 1932-35, 1951-53; E. C. Turner, Leicester Diocesan, 1951-53; L. J. Williams, Lancashire, 1937-38, 1951-53; Rev. C. E. Wigg, Oxford University, 1935-53; J. Worth, Chester Diocesan, 1951-53; B. D. Price, hon. member, 1951-54.

Finally, the secretary's thanks are expressed to all who have assisted in any way during the year. Mention must be made of the kindness of Mr. W. G. Wilson and Miss C. L. Groves in again undertaking the typing and duplicating of the attached papers.

Moving the report, the hon. secretary called attention to the loss to the Council caused by the retirement of Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, who had been a member for 46 years. At the meeting of the Standing Committee it was decided to send him a message of good wishes.

This was agreed to and the report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE HON. LIBRARIAN

At our meeting last Whitsun I was appointed librarian, and the Rev. E. S. Tarrant agreed to house the library in Launton Rectory. We are greatly indebted to him. Miss Ayris agreed to continue to run the sales section of the library for me, and had it not been for kindness in relieving me of so much work, I could not have accepted office. The indexing of the books and manuscripts is proceeding slowly: I am in urgent need of files and bookcases, but am reluctant to ask the Council for them in view of the financial situation.

The borrowing of books of reference appears to be limited to a few who are engaged in research. In regard to sales, 'Village Bells' is the best seller, with 'Hints to Beginners' a good second. Sales of 'Change Ringing on Handbells' and 'Doubles and Minor Methods' are also very good.

'Double Norwich Court Bob Caters,' 'Collection of Peals, Section II,' and 'Variation and Transposition' are sold out, and a decision on reprinting them is required. A decision on the reprinting of 'Doubles and Minor Methods' is also needed as stocks are almost exhausted.

Stocks of 'Preservation and Repair of Bells' are very low and, as convener of the Towers and Belfries Committee, I am able to report that the committee recommends it be reprinted, subject to minor revisions.

The fact that the library is expected to pay £20 for advertisements in 'The Ringing World' has made the balance sheet look unhealthy; and to offset it I recommend that the prices of the undermentioned publications be increased as follows: 'Major Compositions,' from 2s. 9d. to 3s.; 'Change Ringing on Handbells,' from 2s. to 2s. 6d.; 'Preservation and Repair of Bells,' from 1s. 2d. to 2s.; 'Cambridge' Method sheets from 4d. to 6d.; 'Bristol' Method sheets from 4d. to 6d.; 'Plain Major Methods,' from 3s. to 3s. 6d.

I also recommend that no discount be allowed on quantities of 'Village Bells.'

A grateful acknowledgment is made of the gift by the relatives of the late Mr. A. J. Corrigan of his publications on change ringing, a limited number of which are available for sale. Mr. A. N. Wood, of Northampton, has once again rebound several copies of 'Bell News' and 'The Ringing World,' and in some instances has inserted copies where the originals were defective or missing. Our sincere thanks are tendered for this valuable work.

During the year the library has received the following gifts: Copies of 'The Irish Bell News' from Mr. F. E. Dukes; 'St. Martin's Youths' from the author, Mr. E. C. Shepherd; 'Notes for Beginners' from the author, Mr. W. G. Wilson; and I have placed in the library a copy of volume IV. of my 'Church Bells of Oxfordshire.'

The report showed that 949 publications were sold for £313 7s. 7d. Best sales were: 'Village Bells' 223, 'Hints for Beginners' 164, 'Handbells' 116, 'Doubles and Minor' 82, 'Preservation of Bells' 57.

The hon. secretary reported that the Standing Committee recommended that 'Preservation of Bells' and 'The Minor Collection,' with amendment, be reprinted, and that 'Double Norwich Bob Caters,' 'Collection of Peals, Section II,' be not printed.

Mr. F. Sharpe, in moving the adoption of the report, paid tribute to the work of Miss Ayris.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconding, said in reprinting 'Minor Methods' it was suggested that some doubtful methods be removed.

Mr. J. Seager regretted that they had no publication dealing with Spliced Triples. He was the compiler of the Four Ways Tables and he hoped that in the reprinting of 'Minor Methods' there would be a rearrangement. He regretted that the sales of the Four Ways Tables were disappointing. He was prepared to put down a lump sum so that a copy of the Table could be sent free with the remaining 66 books of Minor.

Mr. Felstead promised to consult Mr. Seager when the book was revised. The report was adopted.

THE ACCOUNTS

Presenting the accounts, Mr. E. A. Barnett said there was an excess of expenditure over income of £53 on the general account which was largely due to a donation of £50 to the Canon Coleridge Memorial Fund. The affiliation fees of £37 10s. would be doubled next year, which would give a margin on the right side. The publication account showed a loss of £3 15s. 7d., which was due to the payment of £20 to 'The Ringing World' fund for advertisement.

Mr. F. E. Dukes questioned whether some of the £1,486 cash at bank and in hand could not be invested. He noticed that £800 had been invested in 3 per cent. Defence Bonds.

Mr. Barnett replied that the money for the investment came out of 'The Ringing World' account. The cash at bank and in hand was always higher at the beginning of the year.

The accounts were adopted.

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CARTER'S RINGING MACHINE

Mr. A. A. Hughes presented the report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine, and said at the demonstration on Whit Saturday the machine worked very well and there was an attendance of 46. Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded the adoption of the report.

In reply to other questions, Mr. Hughes said arrangements were being made for another demonstration in September.

COUNCIL'S HANDBOOK

The secretary reported that the sub-committee appointed to consider the Council's Handbook had not submitted a written report. Dr. Hatcher had resigned owing to pressure of other business and he had the MSS. The Standing Committee had appointed Mr. C. K. Lewis and himself to take over the work. This was agreed to.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Mr. H. Miles said that in 1949 at York he was asked to compile the Roll of Honour; it was now 1954 and was approaching finality. There were 32 pages in the first Roll of Honour and 23 in the second, and the photostat copies would cost 6s. per page, making a total of £16 10s. The binding of the photostat copy would be about £3 10s. The site of the Roll of Honour had been agreed. It would be near the library in St. Paul's Cathedral and passed by thousands of people on their way to the Whispering Gallery. A card at the foot of the staircase would give an indication of where to go. All he needed now was to go ahead with the construction of the case. Forty-three associations had to date contributed £21 10s.

Mr. P. J. Johnson, in seconding, thanked Mr. Miles for his work.

The Secretary said the recommendation of the Standing Committee was that the report be adopted, the construction of the case be proceeded with and the matter of the photostat copies be put in hand.—This was agreed to.

(To be continued)

VICAR AND CURATE IN PEAL

Dear Sir,—Re the peal at Llanfrechfa (page 360) many years ago the Rev. A. H. F. Boughcy (Vicar of Great St. Mary's, Cambridge), and his curate (the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson) rang in a peal of Stedman Cinques in that tower.—Yours, etc.,

ERNEST H. LEWIS.

Lochgilphhead, Argyll.

A Sussex Golden Wedding

The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Goddard, of Hellingly, Sussex, was marked by a peal of Doubles at the Parish Church on May 29th.

The day had been 'earmarked' in six diaries for about five months, but when the band met at the church for the attempt only five turned up. Apparently the sixth member thought the peal was to start at 6 p.m. instead of 3 p.m.!

Fortunately, Laura Becey (aged 14 years) came with her father to 'help pull up,' and was persuaded to stand in the peal. Both she and Ann Tanner, who is Mr. and Mrs. Goddard's granddaughter, rang splendidly throughout.

After the peal the ringers were entertained by Mrs. Goddard, who, in her usual manner, had prepared an excellent 'spread.' A two-tier cake was at the head of the table and the health of the happy couple was toasted with champagne.

A dinner gong in the shape of a bell was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Goddard by Mr. Ben Stepney, the present captain. In his quiet, unassuming way, Mr. Goddard thanked the ringers for their gift and stated how touched he was with Ann ringing the treble. F. H. H.

LETTERS

CLERGY AND PEAL-RINGING

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to see my friend, the Rev. R. J. St. J. Smith's reply to your 'Forty Years Ago' comment. When I read the latter I thought on exactly the same lines as he did—our lack of opportunity to-day as compared with our predecessors' 40 years ago. I forget the exact figures, but roughly, whilst the population has increased from some 35 to 45 million since 1914, the number of clergy has decreased from about 19,000 to under 15,000. Comparisons are certainly odious in this case. I suppose I live in an area which gives me a greater chance of peal ringing than any of my brother clergy ringers, but it has taken me nearly 10 years to ring my 50 peals, simply because my time is so occupied that I cannot stand in peal attempts except the occasional one at my own church. (I have to limit them because we are in the middle of a town.) I know the other clergy similarly lack opportunities.

After reading your comment, I actually had a quick count of clerical peal ringers last year and found that 19 of us rang 55 peals between us. I noticed only one peal where two clerics were in the band, thus we stood in 54 peals. The 145 peals of 1913 must be reduced in number quite a lot, for on many occasions there was more than one parson in the attempt. I haven't had time to go through the lists except to notice that in the Cambridge University ringing week up to six clerics took part in any individual peal. Actually, too, the proportion of peals conducted by a parson was greater last year than in 1913 (the Rev. A. S. Roberts heading the list).

I don't know how many ringing parsons there were in 1913, but the Clerical Guild has now nearly 70 members and there are very many parsons whom I know personally who can ring a bit but are not members. With the changed circumstances, I don't think the position is as bad as your comment suggests. It is interesting to note that one name appears on the peal list in both years—the Rev. (now Canon) C. C. Cox, the president of the Guild. Two others, the Rev. (now Prebendary) E. V. Cox and the Rev. R. P. Farrow, were present during our recent ringing week. The Exercise owes a great debt of gratitude to them, and other members, for their long service.

Finally, may I say that Mr. Smith is too modest in his final statement, for it was he who conducted, so admirably, the peal of Cambridge in 1949. May I add, too, that we had hoped to ring the first peal of London by eight parsons last year, but Mr. Smith's valiant efforts to find a suitable time when we could all muster to make the attempt failed. I don't say it couldn't have been done 40 years ago, but it certainly wasn't.—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD,

Southampton.

CORRESPONDENCE COLUMNS

Dear Sir,—'Letters to the Editor' in 'The Ringing World' are always a source of interest to me, as are many items published. The recent crop of letters published shows that I am not alone in this respect, but what has struck me particularly of late is the fact that such righteous indignation has been aroused by the violent treatment for this 'financially sick paper' prescribed by Mr. T. V. Lister. Yet this same author supplied a very interesting article on Tewkesbury bells which passed without comment. Yes, the correspondence columns are very interesting. Best wishes.—Yours sincerely,

L. BAILEY.

Godshill, I. of W.

FORTY-TWO SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS TO A PEAL

'Correct in Every Detail,' Says Umpire

As briefly announced in a recent issue, a new record has been established in Spliced Surprise Major ringing by the first peal in 42 methods. This was rung at Handsworth, Sheffield, on May 29th, by the same band that established the record of the peal in 36 methods on February 13th.

To umpire the peal Mr. J. Segar, of Retford, broke his holiday at Skegness. His report is as follows:—

'I confirm that I sat in Handsworth Church to-day throughout the peal, and at each of the 159 leads I heard the name of the next method called correctly in accordance with a checking sheet prepared by me for my use as umpire. I also checked the calling of the 90 bobs.

'As the belfry is very small and I did not wish to cause the slightest distraction, I sat in the church, but as the belfry is open to the church and could be called a ringers' gallery, there was no disadvantage. I was able to check by ear the accuracy of the figures of every lead of the peal. As it is impossible to ring a bad peal so complicated as this, it is hardly necessary to say that it was a good peal and correct in every detail.'

THE METHOD

5,088 in 42 methods

2345678	Framley	3567284	Claybrooke
		2635478	Ramsay
4263857	Tring		
2357486	Wembley	3246857	Pudsey
4523678	Lindum	6527384	Eastcote
		3265478	London
2465837	Hitchin	4632857	Apsley
5347286	Barnsbury	6257483	Lessness
2453678	Hanbury	5642378	Framley
5264837	Trowbridge		
4327586	Radlett	4536827	Yorkshire
5243678	Watford	5627483	Wembley
		4256378	Lindum
4562837	Lincolnshire		
5237486	Falmouth	3542867	Cherwell
4352678	Derwent	2657384	Rutland
		3526478	Derwent
5463827	Aldenham	4235867	Bristol
3247586	Rutland	3425867	Pyrford
5432678	Uxbridge	5647382	Claybrooke
		3456278	Stockport
3564827	Painswick		
4257386	Eastcote	5324867	Jersey
3542678	Shoreditch	3467582	Cray
		5623847	Cambridge
4365827	Langley	6347582	Dublin
3527486	Lessness	4637582	London
4235678	Lindoff's	5346278	New
	London		Gloucester
6342857	Superlative	4536278	Deben
2537684	Radlett		
6325478	Lindoff's	2345867	Minsmere
	London	5637284	Maulden
		2356478	
2643857	Warwick-		
	shire		

Twice repeated.

QUEEN MOTHER AT ROCHESTER

For the twenty-seventh jubilee celebrations of Rochester Cathedral, which started on May 16th, there was much special ringing. When the Queen Mother visited Rochester on May 18th the bells were 'fired' to a Royal Salute, and Queens rung. On May 17th 1,264 Plain Bob Major was rung by D. Norris 1, W. A. J. Knight (conductor) 2, H. Springate 3, F. Cheal 4, T. Beaumont 5, R. E. Norris 6, G. Kenward 7, C. E. J. Norris 8. This was the first quarter of Plain Bob on the bells since they were recast in 1923.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Easter Tour at Gloucester

A LARGE attendance, glorious weather and a peal of Stedman Caters were notable features of the annual tour of the Oxford University Society, which was held in the Gloucester district at Easter.

About 20 resident members and 10 former members arrived on the evening of Easter Saturday. This provided a transport problem for the organisers, as only two of the five expected cars turned up, together with three motor-cycles. Fortunately several members brought bicycles and offered to use these on some of the journeys, and the position was somewhat eased by hiring a car for three days. Even so, some 'ferrying' had to be done between towers and, where suitable, bus and train services were employed.

On Easter Sunday morning about ten ringers joined the local band at Gloucester Cathedral to ring from 9.15 to 10.30, while the remainder divided their activities between St. Mary de Crypt (Gloucester) and Churcham. In the afternoon a group assisted the local ringers at Churchdown, where evensong was held at 3.30, and afterwards spent a lazy hour admiring the view from the hilltop. Later, members joined the local bands at St. Mary de Crypt, Westbury-on-Severn and Barnwood.

On Monday an inauspicious start was made by breaking a stay at Barnwood. The eight at Upton St. Leonards, which followed, proved a little difficult to handle but a course of London came round. We arrived at Painswick only to find it apparently devoid of food on Easter Monday, and so we made our way to Cranham for sandwiches at the local hostelry before ringing on the very fine twelve at Painswick. We then moved on to the six at Woodchester, where a youthful villager was heard to remark, 'Them bells be all right if only thou'st could do 'em.' The Society obviously 'couldn't do 'em,' handbell ringing seeming more popular. After tea we were joined by our president at Stroud, where unsuccessful attempts at Cambridge Royal produced scathing comments from a distinguished member not taking part. The last tower of the day was Quedgeley, and was followed by a tedious journey through Gloucester among the Bank Holiday traffic.

Tuesday's ringing began at Leckhampton, where the eight are rung from in front of the altar. A course of Spliced Surprise was rung before we moved on to Charlton Kings, which provided a sterner test for our bell-handling. Lunch in Cheltenham was followed by ringing on the twelve at St. Mary's. Here Cambridge Royal was more successful than at Stroud, and several resident members welcomed the opportunity of practising Stedman Cinques. After a short ring at Prestbury ten members set off for Tewkesbury, where a peal of Stedman Caters was rung at the Abbey. This was Peter Border's first peal of Caters as conductor, and was the first peal of Stedman Caters for five of the band. Since the peal was not begun until after 5.30, and the bells had to be down by 9 o'clock, a good pace had to be set, and the peal was completed in 3 hours and 15 minutes, the bells being lowered with five minutes to spare. The striking was good throughout, although the course ends provoked some adverse comment over the supper table. While the peal was being rung the remainder visited Bishop's Cleeve and Badgeworth.

On Wednesday the president unfortunately had to leave us, and transport arrangements were further complicated by the hired car blowing an oil seal. However, everyone was able to complete the day's programme, which was the most extensive of the tour. During the morning we visited Sandhurst, where a course of Bristol was completed, and the beautiful Saxon church at Deerhurst, where the

tower is separated into two compartments, the ropes of the five smaller bells falling on one side of the partition and the tenor on the other. The hired car rejoined us at Upton-on-Severn, where, after a sandwich lunch, we were greeted by Mr. Charles Camm, who joined us in a course of Cambridge. There followed an enjoyable hour's ringing at Malvern Priory, and after tea we visited the detached tower at Ledbury. Here a course of Yorkshire was rung but the long draught proved troublesome for the beginners. The day's ringing was concluded at Ross-on-Wye, where the eight were so popular that we exceeded our time by half an hour.

An attempt at a peal of Stedman at Ruardean on Thursday morning was lost after about 50 minutes, and was followed by a quarter peal of Kent Major, conducted by Rodney Meadows, whose efforts were rewarded by the omission of his name from the local Press report. Meanwhile the remainder visited Minsterworth and Westbury-on-Severn, where it took two members ten minutes to get the tenor up right. The two parties met again at Newnham-on-Severn, where several members seemed reluctant to leave the comfortable chairs in the lounge after lunch at the Victoria Hotel, and it came as rather a relief to hear that we would not after all be able to ring there, as one of the bells had slipped from its bearings on Easter Sunday. Having admired the beautiful view of the Severn from Newnham churchyard, we moved on to Littledean. Here they obviously have some very small ringers, the sally on the second being so low that one member rang it on his knees and others sat in a chair. After an excellent tea we visited the sixes at Longhope, Blaisdon and Huntley.

Some members departed on Thursday evening but the remainder stayed until Friday morning, when a peal of Spliced Major (Plain Bob, Double Bob, Little Bob and Gainsborough) was rung on handbells, with Wilfrid Moreton as conductor. The tour closed with four members ringing handbells while returning to Oxford by bus from Cheltenham.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all the vicars and tower captains for their ready co-operation in making the tour a success, and in particular to Mr. Leslie Barry for his invaluable assistance. D. H. N., P. J. H.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World'
June 19th, 1914

LONDON

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, June 11th, 1914, in 2 hours and 47 minutes

At the Church of St. John, Deptford

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES
5,040 CHANGES

Thurstans' 4-part.	Tenor 14 cwt.
William Weatherstone	Treble
Alfred G. Bennington	2
Thomas A. Easterby	3
Thomas Groombridge, sen. ..	4
William A. Martin	5
George Durling	6
William J. Jeffries	7
Frederick W. Richardson ..	Tenor

Conducted by William J. Jeffries

Rung on the 39th anniversary of the first peal of the bells.

[This was the last peal by the treble ringer, a well-known 'character' among the London ringers of his day. A staunch Nonconformist, he was a seat-holder at Spurgeon's Tabernacle, and would never ring on Sundays. Nor, for some reason, would he ever work on Mondays]

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

A Telegram of Greetings to the Queen

Approximately 150 members attended the annual general meeting of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild held in the Assembly Rooms, Salisbury on May 22nd. The Master (Canon C. C. Cox) presided, supported by the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. W. C. West), the Rev. F. L. Edwards (vice-president) and Mr. F. Slatford (assistant hon. secretary).

The chairman opened the meeting with prayer. An apology was received from Lord Shaftesbury (president of the Guild).

In his report the hon. secretary stated the membership as being 1,070. Twenty-eight peals were rung, including four for the Coronation. The losses by death since the last annual meeting totalled twelve, including Mr. E. F. White (vice-president). Messrs. G. W. England, O. Claridge, T. Bailey, C. S. House, J. Salter, L. A. Perrett, J. Tomkin (both fifty years as ringers), E. C. Mills, Canon Clare and Miss Markby, the meeting standing in silence as a tribute to their memory.

The statement of accounts was read, and showed a balance of £194 6s. This was considered satisfactory and together with the report was unanimously adopted.

In his remarks the chairman stated he had sent, on behalf of the Guild, a telegram of congratulation and welcome to Her Majesty the Queen, worded as follows:—The Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers, assembled for their annual festival in Salisbury, offer their heartfelt congratulations to your most gracious Majesty upon the happy completion of the tour of the Commonwealth, and extend their loyal welcome home to your Majesty, for whom the church bells throughout the Diocese were rung in celebration of your Majesty's safe return.

This reply was received from Buckingham Palace:—Please convey to all members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers the sincere thanks of the Queen for their kind and loyal greetings.

Canon Cox continued with a forceful appeal for more subscribers to 'The Ringing World,' and suggested that at least two members from each Branch should work hard to persuade those who did not take the paper to do so at once. He did not wish criticism reminding those present the paper was the official organ of the Central Council, to which the Guild belonged.

The election of officers was as follows:—President, Lord Shaftesbury; Master, Canon C. Carew Cox; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. C. West; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. F. Slatford; hon. auditors, Mr. J. S. Weeks and Mr. C. F. Andrews; Guild Committee, Mr. A. Macdonald, Mr. G. True, Mr. G. H. Harding and Mr. F. Precey. Grants of £5 5s. each were made to Corfe Mullen and Netherbury for bell restorations. The chairman then thanked the Dean and Chapter for allowing the festival service to be held in the Cathedral, also those who had helped with the arrangements, mentioning Miss Eloie, the Salisbury Branch secretary.

After the meeting the service was held in the Cathedral. Canon Cox officiated and the address was delivered by the Very Rev. the Dean. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells during the service by a band from Lyme Regis.

Tea was served in the Acland Hall Assembly Rooms after the service, to which 150 sat down.

The bells of the city churches were available and, together with 13 towers on the outskirts, were made good use of during the morning and evening.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Sexton (first of Minor) 1, Mary W. Brown 2, Valerie Mepham 3, H. W. Brown 4, G. Lee 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Derek H. Paine.

ASHRITTE, SOMERSET.—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandfire Doubles: Margaret Alderman 1, J. Smith (first 'inside') 2, Phyllis Norman (first as cond.) 3, Audrey Yarde 4, H. Bristow 5, Florrie Norman 6. For the first anniversary of the Coronation.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On May 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Buck 1, L. Hughes (first of Treble Bob) 2, T. Holchouse 3, R. Castledine (first of Treble Bob 'inside') 4, D. Sutcliffe 5, W. Collins 6, C. Harwood (first of Treble Bob as cond.) 7, J. Dear 8.

BENENDEN, KENT.—On May 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Balfour 1, Miss C. Wilson 2, Miss C. Stewart 3, Miss R. Harris 4, Miss F. Howison 5, J. Brown (cond.) 6. First quarter for all except the conductor.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On May 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Durham 1, A. Sayer 2, Miss Solly 3, Mrs. A. Sayer 4, H. Luck 5, T. Milsted 6, A. Hinkley 7, J. Russell (cond.) 8. Rung for morning service. Also 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: T. Milsted 1, Miss Solly 2, Mrs. A. Sayer 3, H. Luck 4, A. Sayer 5, J. Russell (cond.) 6. Rung for evening service.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.—On May 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Evelyn M. Killington 1, S. W. Copling 2, Margaret A. Lewis 3, C. Bailey 4, J. W. Forder 5, G. G. Walpole 6, F. C. Gunton 7, H. W. Barrett (cond.) 8. Rung for the homecoming of H.M. the Queen.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. T. Hume 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, A. W. Cansdale 3, J. M. Spurgin 4, D. L. Mills 5, E. C. Hynard 6, L. D. Mills (cond.) 7, P. G. Hartley 8. Rung by the local band for the Rogationtide procession, and a compliment to P. G. Hartley on his 18th birthday. First in method for all except 6 and 7.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On May 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Freeman (first quarter) 1, H. Stebbings 2, E. Deacon 3, A. T. M. Perry 4, K. Everett 5, G. Roise (first quarter as cond.) 6.

CHILDERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. Clarke (first quarter in method) 1, A. H. Beamish 2, J. E. S. Moreton 3, Miss M. E. L. Beamish (cond.) 4, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 5, J. A. L. Thompson 6, J. F. Clarke 7, J. E. Lloyd 8.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: H. Francis 1, J. Keyte 2, Miss D. Page (first of Triples) 3, B. Pratley 4, R. Jarvis (cond.) 5, I. Harris 6, J. Jarvis 7, C. Tompkins 8. Rung following the wedding of Miss M. Abbott and Mr. S. Pulkner, both ringers at this church.

CROSCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandfire Doubles: R. Talbot 1, T. Harris 2, W. Willmott (first quarter as cond.) 3, W. Gulley 4, E. Lambert 5, W. Davis 6.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On May 15th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Davies 1, Mrs. W. F. Oatway 2, G. H. Humphries 3, Miss P. M. Steere 4, W. F. Oatway 5, R. G. Abbott 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, E. W. Razzell 8. In honour of the silver wedding of the ringer of the sixth. Also on June 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Hilda E. Oatway 1, Pamela M. Steere 2, E. W. Razzell 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, H. G. Pratt 5, G. H. Humphreys 6, W. F. Oatway (first in method as cond.) 7, R. Davies 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On June 6th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: H. E. Lilley 1, R. V. Johnson 2, G. Apps 3, F. Godmark 4, J. W. Jeffery 5, K. Snelling 6, J. H. Lilley (cond.) 7, E. J. Brett 8.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On May 23rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: W. Maulden 1, L. G. Brett 2, F. Ruffles 3, C. Becroft 4, R. G. Parker 5, W. Ruffles 6, W. Miller 7, L. T. Allum (first of Major as cond.) 8. Rung for Rogation Sunday.

DITCHINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On May 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Evelyn M. Killington 1, C. Bailey 2, J. W. Forder 3, G. G. Walpole 4, S. W. Copling 5, H. W. Barrett (cond.) 6. A farewell to the Rev. Macdonald, who has removed to Norwich.

ESSENDON, HERTS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. E. Perry (first of Minor) 1, F. E. Bamford 2, E. G. Bennett 3, R. A. Cockrane 4, Wm. T. Holmes (cond.) 5, F. Crankell 6. First quarter on the bells after rehanging.

FRENSHAM, SURREY.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Stedman, 480 each Grandfire and Plain Bob): Miss R. A. Heath 1, B. Hale 2, Miss A. Butler 3, E. J. Heath 4, S. Meadows 5, C. W. Denyer (cond.) 6. Welcome home for H.M. the Queen. Also on June 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Wells 1, W. Denyer 2, Miss A. Butler 3, E. J. Heath 4, S. Meadows 5, C. W. Denyer (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss R. A. Heath.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandfire): C. Hall 1, E. Lambert 2, G. Webb 3, W. Yates 4, G. Atkins (cond.) 5.

FARINGDON, BERKS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: F. Wheeler 1, H. Taylor 2, C. I. J. Pearce 3, J. Hutt 4, E. Cadle 5, P. Anger 6, A. R. Pink (cond.) 7, D. Vincent 8. Rung for the institution and induction of the Rev. C. H. G. Davey.

FULHAM, S.W.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. Watts 1, W. J. Rawlings 2, B. K. Lunn 3, James Phillips 4, J. W. Stephenson 5, John Phillips 6, J. Chilcott (cond.) 7, J. H. Allsop 8.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On May 23rd, 1,280 Cambridge Major: H. Bird 1, V. Tipton 2, Miss A. Bailey 3, L. Cordell 4, S. Clark 5, R. Hayden 6, P. Came 7, W. Wheeler (cond.) 8. First in method for 1 and 6. Rung for morning service.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDLEX.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandfire Doubles (4, 6, 8 behind): C. G. Pitcher 1, Miss M. C. Howe 2, J. Schofield (cond.) 3, J. M. G. Anthony 4, B. W. Huntley 5, C. W. Simpson 6, R. E. Waters 7, C. E. Slade 8. Rung for Ascension Day.

HARWORTH, NOTTS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Bob Minor (720 Court and 540 Plain): K. Durdy 1, J. Wardle 2, A. Hullely 3, A. Wilton 4, H. Barnes 5, F. J. Jackson (cond.) 6. Rung to mark 50 years' ministry of the Rev. Canon F. d'Arbury Burney at Harworth.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Empire Youth Sunday, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: Miss A. Powell 1, L. W. Jarvis 2, A. H. Kemp 3, W. Gorringe 4, R. Tappenden 5, G. Billenness (cond.) 6, J. Brown 7, B. Harris 8.

HINXWORTH, HERTS.—On May 29th, 1,440 Single Court Minor: P. Stacey (14) 1, D. Jones (cond.) 2, D. Sutcliffe 3, M. Orme 4, M. Collings 5, P. McEwen 6. First in method by all.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On May 30th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. V. Hare 1, L. Fidler 2, E. Winters 3, K. Timbury (first of Major) 4, W. Todd 5, J. Church 6, M. Orme 7, D. Jones (first of Kent Major as cond.) 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On May 27th, 1,280 Treble Bob (Killmarsh Variation): Miss J. Hills 1, R. W. Stannard 2, J. Carrott 3, D. W. Beard 4, L. S. Woods 5, A. J. House 6, J. Baxter 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. First in method by all the band. Rung for the Ascension Day service.

HUNTINGDON.—On May 30th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,264 Bob Major: H. S. Peacock 1, F. L. Nicholls 2, M. J. Dyer 3, G. D. Whitehead 4, J. R. G. Spicer 5, W. Ransome 6, N. Mallett 7, S. Gilbert (cond.) 8. Rung before the civic service.

HURST, BERKS.—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: E. Allun 1, Mrs. B. C. Castle (cond.) 2, J. Froome 3, R. Rivers (first 'inside') 4, B. C. Castle 5, C. A. Eele 6, C. W. Mortimer 7, F. J. E. Hicks 8. A farewell to R. Rivers, who is shortly leaving for service in Korea.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On May 24th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Martin's, All Saints', Plain Bob and Grandfire): C. E. Hill 1, M. Baker (cond.) 2, W. G. Wright 3, W. T. Hill 4, E. M. Baker 5. First in four methods by all except treble. Rung for Empire Day.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On May 31st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: W. Pleasance 1, L. Pierce 2, E. Bishop 3, H. King 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5, L. Sharpe 6.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At the Church of St. Margaret, on May 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Crome 1, S. G. Elsey 2, E. Greenacre 3, E. Barker 4, L. Houghton 5, E. Mastin 6, W. Rose 7, N. V. Harding (cond.) 8. Arranged and rung for special civic service.

LAMBETH, S.E.—On May 30th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Bullock 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss S. Barringer 3, J. A. Hales 4, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 5, F. W. L. Blewer 6, C. W. Ottley 7, G. L. Bryant 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On May 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. L. Taylor 1, R. Keeley 2, G. S. Morris (cond.) 3, Mrs. Powell 4, C. W. Powell 5, G. Whitmore 6, Canon C. Cox 7, J. Grant (Leicester) 8. Also on June 2nd, 1,260 Erin Triples: Canon C. Cox 1, E. L. Taylor 2, C. W. Powell 3, Mrs. Powell 4, R. Keeley 5, G. Whitmore 6, G. S. Morris (cond.) 7, J. Grant 8. Rung for the first anniversary of the Coronation.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLEX.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: J. Peal 1, T. Pink (cond.) 2, Miss S. Lloyd-Evans 3, R. Fraser 4, M. Soper 5, J. Lewis 6, C. King 7, W. Langley 8.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on May 26th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: G. Pye 1, Miss M. Walshaw 2, H. Reynolds (first in method) 3, A. Ridyard 4, B. Walshaw 5, R. Longden 6, A. Stone 7, A. Ward (first in method as cond.) 8. To mark the Ascension.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: M. Collins 1, W. Dymen 2, M. G. Williams 3, B. Curtis 4, F. Turner 5, E. Curtis 6, H. Reed (cond.) 7, F. Lewis 8. First quarter for 1, 4 and 5. First quarter by a local band for 15 years.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On May 30th, at the Church of Emmanuel, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: A. Perkin 1, F. E. Day (first 'inside') 2, H. H. Thomas 3, G. Godard 4, J. Hough 5, A. Burbridge 6, J. P. Sims (cond.) 7, H. O. Thomas 8. A farewell tribute to Mr. A. Burbridge, who is returning to Chatham.

POPPLAR, E.—On May 23rd, at All Saints' Church, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Miss S. Barringer 1, C. W. Ottley 2, G. F. Bryant 3, B. A. Moore 4, J. Armstrong 5, E. D. Smith 6, E. E. Holman 7, L. W. Bullock 8, J. Bullock (cond.) 9, J. A. Hales 10. Rung for Evensong.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Lord 1, G. Nicolls 2, Rev. B. Freer Sheppard 3, A. Clements 4, C. Goodyer 5, W. Ransom (cond.) 6.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On May 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. R. Goddard 1, Miss D. Lodge 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, F. J. Wood 4, D. J. Crouchman 5, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 6. A compliment to E. John Baxter and Miss Jean Lincoln, whose marriage was solemnised at St. Paul's Church, Bentley Common, this day.

SULGRAVE, NORTHANTS.—On June 5th, 780 Grandfire Doubles, 480 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Shellard, sen., 1, B. Saunders 2, M. Saunders 3, W. J. Chester (cond.) 4, L. Wootton 5, G. Shellard, jun., 6. A compliment to the ringer of the treble on his 63rd birthday.

SWINESHEAD, Lincs.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: W. B. Dawson 1, Miss R. Brown 2, P. H. Reynolds 3, F. A. Bullock 4, M. A. Randall 5, J. P. Morris (first of Triples as cond.) 6, A. H. Bennett 7, J. Thorold 8. First of Grandfire Triples for 2, 4, 5 and 8. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Caesar, also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th, 27 years a sidesman at this church.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: D. Cooper 1, Miss G. Brown 2, M. Maizey 3, Mrs. D. Cooper 4, Miss P. A. Gaunt 5, R. Christopher 6, R. W. Rex (cond.) 7, R. C. Rivers 8.

TICKNALL, DERBYS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of New St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon, Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob and 180 Grandfire): Mrs. T. J. Marriott 1, T. J. Marriott 2, W. G. Soar 3, L. Warren 4, P. Marriott (cond.) 5, W. Noble 6. Rung for the Queen's homecoming.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Bob Minor: M. P. Cleaves (first quarter) 1, J. D. L. Richards (first quarter) 2, C. E. Willers 3, E. W. Bullman 4, D. P. Stubblings (first quarter) 5, D. J. Woodhams (first quarter as cond.) 6. Rung for morning prayer.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandfire Doubles: T. Milsom (first quarter) 1, Miss N. G. Williams 2, A. Lee (first quarter) 3, J. R. Hobbs (first quarter) 4, R. O. Fry (cond.) 5, P. R. Young 6. Rung for the Queen's homecoming.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on May 30th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: C. F. Neal 1, Miss N. Hales 2, Miss G. L. Friswell 3, J. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6. First in the method for all the band.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 6th, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: R. Chapman (first quarter) 1, R. Lumsden 2, H. Rumens 3, F. C. Maynard 4, J. Hales (cond.) 5, A. J. N. Boyack 6, C. A. Hughes 7, B. Collard (first quarter) 8.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On June 1st, 1,312 Double Norwich Major: K. Dunstan 1, D. K. Adkins 2, A. Dix 3, E. Durrant 4, F. Elliott 5, S. Hoare 6, W. Wenban 7, J. Mayne (cond.) 8. First quarter for 1 and 4.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On May 30th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford and 540 Plain Bob): Jill Mackintosh 1, Anne Holmes 2, Mary Fuller 3, R. W. Stephens 4, R. Bird (cond.) 5, J. E. Cannell 6.

WHITCHURCH, GLAM.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. C. Bailey 1, K. Jones 2, Miss J. Powell 3, R. Price 4, W. Dare 5, F. Bailey (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1 and 2.

WHITTINGTON, DERBYS.—On May 29th, 1,440 Bob Minor: R. Bellerby 1, C. Vogt 2, M. Brunton 3, L. Gascoyne 4, P. Collins 5, B. Holland (cond.) 6. First quarter for 2, 3 and 5. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Swanwick, of the above parish.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On May 30th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: S. Howard 1, J. Tomsett 2, J. Chapman 3, Miss J. Clements 4, R. Storey 5, R. Sanders 6, F. E. Corfield (cond.) 7, H. Cox 8. Rung for the annual visit of the Mayor and Corporation of Wimbledon. Also on June 6th, 1,260 Grandfire Doubles: Miss J. Bradley (first quarter) 1, J. Hawkins 2, Mrs. C. Watts 3, H. Cox 4, F. Corfield (cond.) 5, J. Tomsett 6. To commemorate the anniversary of D-Day.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandfire Doubles: Miss J. Gooding 1, B. Glanville 2, D. Gooding 3, J. L. S. Glanville (cond.) 4, T. Gooding 5, L. K. Dawe 6, J. Briggs 7, J. Sellick 8. First quarter for 2, 5 and 8. Rung on the back six, 1, 2 leading. For the festival of Whitsun and anniversary of D-Day.

OBITUARY

MR. ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE

With deep regret we record the passing of that grand old ringer, Mr. Ernest William Beadsmoore, of Ashby-de-la-Zouch. His place will be difficult to fill for he was not only one of those 'ever ready' ringers who could always be relied on for a peal and to attend meetings, but his generosity to his church and all connected with it was unbounded.

His life had been spent in Ashby and the registers there show the family connections for generations back. He was connected with the belfry for over 65 years and joined the old M.C.A. in 1890, ringing his first quarter peal in 1902 and calling his first peal in 1904. In 1910 he conducted the first peal of Stedman Triples by a local service band, and altogether had taken part in some 160 peals.

On the division of the M.C.A. he became a leading light in the Midland Counties Guild and at meetings could always be found in his place. He took part in the only 'Ernest' peal when eight Ernests rang; another acted as umpire, and the composition was by yet another Ernest. His last peal (in which he stood to oblige at a moment's notice) was Double Norwich at Netherseale in December, 1953. It was but a few weeks ago his 81st birthday was commemorated by a peal of Stedman Triples.

The funeral was on June 3rd, and Ashby bells were rung half-muffled as the cortege arrived and left the church. The Vicar (Canon H. D. Hanford) conducted the service and paid a high tribute to his shining example as a true churchman and Christian gentleman, who rang the bells not only as a call to others, but who answered the call himself. Floral tributes were sent, and representatives of the Midland Counties Guild were present from Overseale, Netherseale, Repton, Measham and Ticknall, as well as many church organisations, who have lost a very dear friend.

AN APPRECIATION

As one who rang 84 peals with the late Mr. Ernest W. Beadsmoore and claimed his friendship for 30 years, I should like to pay a last tribute to his memory.

His passing is not only a severe blow to his church but to the Midland Counties Guild, as he was an energetic member who was always in attendance at meetings. His familiar figure and cheery voice will be missed by his many friends—not only in the Burton-on-Trent area, but in Derby and Leicester.

For over 60 years he was regular for service ringing at Ashby-de-la-Zouch Parish Church, where he had seen many changes, but somehow he did not change, even with advancing years: he was alert and ready to assist in any peal attempts.

MR. WILLIAM H. WAIN

We regret to record the death of Mr. W. H. Wain, of North Wingfield, Derbyshire, who passed away on May 29th at the age of 65. He had been a member of the North Wingfield band for more than 40 years, including 12 years as captain and steeple-keeper, but owing to ill-health had been unable to ring since 1949.

Although he had rung in, and conducted several peals, being a competent ringer up to Surprise Major methods, it was as a teacher of the art that Mr. Wain excelled. Even after his retirement from active ringing he would keenly criticise the striking of the local band and was always ready to offer help and advice when called for.

Past and present ringers at North Wingfield Church attended the funeral on June 2nd. In the evening a quarter peal of 1,264 Plain Bob Major was rung with the bells half-muffled by the following band:—W. Davis 1, W. Allwood 2, A. Turner 3, Mrs. B. Wheeler 4, E. G. Holdgate 5, B. Wheeler 6, G. E. Hancock (conductor) 7, J. Brewster 8. G. E. H.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Record Meeting at the 'Cathedral of the Marsh'

The Ashford District held its meeting on May 22nd at Lydd. When members last met there, two years ago, the church was still a mass of wreckage resulting from air raids, and it was pleasant and wonderful to see that this grand old building had been restored sufficiently to enable it to take up its position again as the 'Cathedral of the Marsh.' But Lydd is renowned for its enthusiasm and energy, and this goes for its ringers too.

A strong junior element was present, and they were soon busy in methods to suit their various stages of experience until 4.30, when the service was held. This was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. G. Finch). His wife played the organ and John Cooper read the lesson.

The hospitality of the local ringers, charmingly served by the ladies, was much enjoyed.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting. Two letters were read:—(1) From Geoff. Waters, suggesting a series of monthly practice meetings in the western half of the district during the winter, and that there should be one practice meeting each month at Ashford for advanced methods. (2) From Miss Jill Haffenden, asking the ladies of the district to co-operate with her and Miss Doris Colegate in restarting the Ladies' Guild in Kent. (Miss Haffenden is the hon. secretary.) Both suggestions were well received.

The secretary reminded the gathering that it was from Lydd on March 6th, 1926, that the first broadcast of bells from Kent took place, the occasion being the dedication of the present ring. He also reminded members of the campaign by 'The Ringing World' for more postal subscribers from whom the maximum benefit to the funds of the journal is derived. It was worth remembering, he said, that two or three copies were sent for the same postage as one, and that five or more were post free.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks by Mr. Willis to the Vicar, his wife and the local band, to which suitable replies were made by the Vicar and John Cooper.

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LATE NOTICES

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Whitby (10 bells), Saturday, June 19th. All welcome.—Edward Hudson. Hon. Sec. 4601

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Loxton, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 4602

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at Dorking, July 3rd. Bells (8) 3. Tea in Church Hall 5. Names to me. please, by June 29th. Ranmore bells (8) in evening.—W. Parrott, 30, Hamilton Avenue, N. Cheam. 4603

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BIRTH

ROCK.—On Monday, May 31st, 1954, at Middlesbrough, to Dorothy, wife of E. Peter Rock, a son (Philip Mark). 4564

DEATH

HACKER.—Frederick Arthur, The Beeches, Hedlington, Calne, Wilts, on June 11th, 1954, following an operation, at St. Martin's Hospital, Bath. 4600

RETURN THANKS

Mr. H. Wagstaff and family wish to thank all ringing friends for their letters of sympathy during their very sad bereavement. 4598

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MISCELLANEOUS

DAVENTRY BRANCH OUTING.—Members taking part please note: Harpole Turn 7.15, Lower Heyford 7.30, Weedon main road 7.40, Daventry 7.50, Byfield 8.5. — F. W. Hancock. 4588

ESSEX ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.—Found at Whittle: pair red kid gloves and yellow scarf. Claim from F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 4568

CANCELLATIONS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Cancellation Notice.—There will be no monthly meeting of the Northern Branch on June 19th owing to outings, etc. The next Guild meeting will be at Warwick on July 17th.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—The monthly practices for June 19th and July 17th have been cancelled. 4547

MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Withinslow, June 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis. 4534

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Neots (8) on Saturday, June 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea available at nearby cafes.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 4561

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Tortworth (6), June 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Mary Drew. 4593

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Thames Ditton (6) on Saturday, June 19th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. 4548

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Welwyn, June 19th, 3-4 p.m. only, and Kimpton 4-4.45 and in evening. Tea at Kimpton. Special methods: Single Court and Single Norwich.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 4530

LAVENHAM.—143rd Ringing Anniversary, Saturday, June 19th. Bells from 2 p.m. Cafe opposite church. Everyone welcome.—S. H. Symonds. 4524

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Next meeting, Hoar Cross, Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify T. G. Pott, Hoar Cross, Burton-on-Trent. 4552

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Evening practice, Feltham (8), to-morrow, June 19th, 6-8.30 p.m.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. 4591

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Escrick, Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Members please provide own food. Cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 4571

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A special general meeting will be held at Croydon on June 19th to elect a Master and revise rules. Bells available: St. Peter's (10) 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.; St. John-the-Baptist (12) 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.45. Notifications for tea to W. F. Oatway, 233, Thornton Road, West Croydon. 4533

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Hurstpierpoint, June 19th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service. Please notify for tea (5 p.m.) to C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 4526

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District). **BARNLEY, DONCASTER AND SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETIES.**—Annual joint meeting at Wath-on-Dearne, June 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Green, 28, Sandymount Road, Wath-on-Dearne. 4520

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Summer Festival meeting will be held at Kempston on June 26th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea on the Vicarage lawn at 5 p.m. Names to J. M. Stephens, General Secretary. 4551

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Barthomley, June 26th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea MUST be received by June 23rd.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 4595

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, June 26th. Ringing, Oxton (8). 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service at Moreton Parish Church (4) 5 p.m. Tea provided. Please notify by 23rd Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 4594

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting at Alfreton (8) on June 26th, 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—Mary Hobbs, Dis. Sec. 4589

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Thorne (8), Saturday, June 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 6 p.m. Several nearby cafes available for tea.—D. E. Smythe. 4592

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Special quarterly meeting in honour of late president, now vice-president, Mr. Wilson Dobb's 79th birthday, Selston, June 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Soloist,

Miss I. Round, of Skegby. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 24th to Mr. Rawson, 14, Lindley Street, Selston, Notts.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 4579

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Evening practice meeting at Duxford (6) on Saturday, June 26th, at 6.30 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 4581

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Thornbury, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 22nd, to Mr. C. R. Harding, No. 68, Cleeve Hill, Downton, Bristol.—W. F. Scudamore, Branch Sec. 4577

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Clearwell, Saturday, June 26th. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 23rd, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 4586

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting, Deerhurst, June 26th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names, please, by 22nd. All welcome.—J. Beech, Hon. Sec., 6, Abbey Terrace, Tewkesbury. 4590

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT.—Annual meeting and prize contest, Elland, June 26th. For teas apply, by June 19th, F. Linfoot, 78, Elland Lane, Elland. Entrance fee, 10s., to A. Farland, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Roughtown, Mossley, Manchester, Lancs. 4514

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Barkway, Saturday, June 26th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Little Bob.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 4565

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Folkestone (8), June 26th. Bells 3.15. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea must reach Mr. F. J. Whittaker, 76, Surrenden Road, Folkestone, by Tuesday, June 22nd.—W. P. G. 4544

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Idle on June 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Hill, 5, Leyton Crescent, Idle, by Thursday, June 24th.—I. Slack, Hon. Sec. 4566

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Waltham-on-the-Wolds, June 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. NAMES, PLEASE, to Mr. C. Matthews, Waltham-on-the-Wolds, Melton Mowbray. 4580

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Est. 1623).—The 331st anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 6 p.m. Tea available in town.—L. E. Pitstow, 27, Highfield, 4576

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Wool, June 26th. Usual arrangements. Names to Mr. Williams, 47, Spring Street, Wool, Dorset, by June 22nd, please.—Hayne, Sec., Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 4567

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Lakenheath (6), Saturday, June 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss E. M. Peckett. 4540

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Northiam (6), Saturday, June 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Beckley (6) available after tea. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, June 23rd, to R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 4583

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Annual Festival, Brecon, June 26th. Service in the Cathedral 3 p.m., address by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. St. Mary's bells (8) available 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.; St. David's, Brecon (6), and St. Margaret's, Llanfeigan (8), also available if required.—J. A. Hoare, Gen. Sec. 4491

THAMES VALLEY RINGING FESTIVAL.—Saturday, June 26th. Ringing at Staines. St. Mary's (8), Wraysbury (8) and Egham (8) from 3 p.m. Tea in Egham Parish Church Hall 5 p.m. Ringing from 6 p.m. at Egham, Staines,

St. Peter's (8) and Old Windsor (8). Names for tea to D. Froome, 39, Manor Way, Egham, by June 23rd. 4549

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting, Yateley (8), Saturday, June 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by June 22nd to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 4582

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kinner, Saturday, June 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 4537

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting at Bridlington, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) available 2 to 9 p.m. Short service in church 4.15. Meat tea (4s. each) at 5. Names to Mr. J. A. Parker, Higher Waterworks, Mill Lane, Bridlington. Business meeting for election of officers, etc.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 4535

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Meeting, North Curry (8), July 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 4585

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Irton (8) on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Irton Hall. Names for tea and transport from Drigg Station to A. R. Agg, Greengarth Hall, Holmrook, Cumberland, by Tuesday, June 29th.—J. A. Haile. 4597

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Dagenham, July 3rd. Bells (8) 4 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to J. Armstrong, 46, Oval Road South, Dagenham. 4588

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Queenborough, Saturday, July 3rd. Names for tea to Mr. S. Rayfield, 45, Stanley Avenue, Queenborough, by Wednesday, June 30th.—Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Sec. 4563

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting, Marden, July 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Individual names for tea to Mr. P. Carter, Vicarage Flat, Marden. 4536

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Hathern (6), July 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea in Rectory 5. Names to C. W. Hall, Charnwood Heath, Coalville, by 1st. 4573

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting will be held at Hethersett on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Room. Names or numbers by Wednesday, June 30th, to Mr. R. Loft, 7, Little Melton Road, Hethersett, Norwich.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec. 4584

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Annual at Banbury (10), Saturday, July 3rd. Service 4. Tea 4.45.—E. C. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon. 4574

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Meeting at Wing (5) on Saturday, July 3rd. Usual arrangements. Commence 3 p.m. Names for tea by June 29th to E. E. Gibson, Estant, Market Overton, Rutland. 4575

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Summer meeting at Hope (8) 3 p.m., Saturday, July 3rd (the last day of local festivities, Wakes and Well Dressing in connection with St. Peter's Day). Pots of tea or full tea available for all at Bramwell's Cafe, but please also notify me. A hearty welcome to all.—N. Chaddock, Secretary, 33, Brecklands, Broom, Rotherham. 4599

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Eastwood (8), Saturday, July 3rd. Bells 2.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. for those notifying Rev. P. M. Coparn, The Rectory, Eastwood, Notts, by Wednesday, June 30th. 4578

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SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION, SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD and HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ringing Festival at Shrewsbury, July 10th, arranged jointly. Ringing times: Condover (8), Berrington (8), 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; St. Chad's (12) 11.30 to 12.30, 3 to 4.30 and 7 to 8 p.m.; St. Mary's (10) 2.30 to 3.30, St. Michael's (6) 2.30 to 4 p.m. and 7.15 to 8.15 p.m. Tea, by invitation of Rev. F. A. R. Chapman, Vicar of St. Chad's, and Church Council, St. Chad's Parish Room, at 5 p.m. Service, St. Chad's, 6 p.m.; address by Rev. C. H. Barker. Names for tea must be notified by July 7th. Lunch reserved at Morris' Cafe, Pride Hill, on receipt of 5s. per head. Bells at Condover or Berrington if required during the afternoon, or sixes at Cound and Bicton available. All communications to W. A. Farmer, 99, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury, Tel. 3846. 4596

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