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## ONE TOWER IN A DAY

By WILLIAM SHEPHERD

**T**HE recent record of 24 towers in a day by a mixed party on a Bank Holiday is in striking contrast to travel conditions which existed in the early days of this century when one tower a day was sometimes more than enough. One memorable trip was from Exeter to Bridport for a peal of Stedman Triples on a Boxing Day when the writer was aroused from sleep at 5.45 a.m. to find the conditions bitterly cold and certainly unfavourable from a travel point of view.

My dad, my brother and myself arrived at Exeter Station and found my uncle pacing up and down the platform with his overcoat collar turned up, apparently not very optimistic about travel conditions. Uncle never spoke twenty words when tea would do, and he soon told us his version in a few words such as 'Ought not to be out. I have a cold. Wrong time of year for such a trip. Ought to wait till summer time. Too early to get up at Christmas time. We shall be perished with the cold.' These phrases brought forth no reply from the rest of the party, and shortly afterwards some frosted coaches were shunted from the siding, which enabled us to enter a dark, cold compartment for a 27-mile journey to Axminster. In those days steam-heated trains were not in use, neither did the compartments have draught excluders or modern comforts, and we were wondering what it would be like when we had to undertake the long journey by horse brake from Axminster to Bridport.

Soon we heard from uncle again: 'Draughty carriage this. No breakfast before starting. How about the conveyance? It is open or closed?' He was told that a brake would meet us at Axminster Station, but nobody could say if it would be open or closed. This brought uncle on the warpath again with: 'If it's an open brake I'm going home. It's 14 miles of open country from Axminster to Bridport, so no open brake for me.' Alighting from the train at Axminster, we found the conveyance had not arrived and one of the party hastened to the stables with uncle's words ringing in his ears: 'Don't forget, if it's an open brake I'm off home.' Before long we saw the brake approaching and it proved to be one of the open type, whereupon uncle started to make his way back to the station, followed by two of the party protesting that his departure would ruin everything. At length he returned on being told that side curtains were being fixed to exclude draughts, and soon

we were on the 14-mile trip to the Dorset town. During the journey uncle shifted his seat several times to avoid the draught which came in through the divisions in the curtains, but once he exclaimed, 'Cold worse. Doctor to-morrow. Going to be laid up.'

We were received at Bridport by the Mayor, several clergy and about 20 townspeople who had gathered at St. Mary's Church. The Mayor started his address of welcome and said Bridport had figured largely in the history of England. He went on to give dates, etc., and said we would be conducted around its ancient church where historic associations would be revealed, but uncle broke in with 'Very nice, but we have just completed 43 miles in the cold. History goes down better when you are warm.' The effect of these remarks enabled us to have hot coffee and listen to the speeches at the same time.

Quite a number of people wished us 'good luck,' for Stedman ringing was not plentiful in that part of Dorset over 50 years ago, yet after 1 hour and 25 minutes' good ringing a shift took place and we had to stop. Our hosts came to enquire why the bells had suddenly ceased and explanations followed, but the peal had to be started again with more good wishes for its success, yet it was not to be, for a bad trip after 2 hours and 55 minutes' good striking ended our ringing for the day. A fine meal of Christmas fare rewarded our efforts and, after full justice had been done, we heard uncle's voice again: 'How about home? Time to be going. Soon it will be dark. Let's get on the road.'

We held no inquests on lost peals during the return journey to Axminster and, in spite of the cold, conversation was cheerful until someone started to arrange a peal at a certain tower rather remote from Exeter. When uncle was asked he said, 'Don't include me. I've had enough for a bit. Too cold. Shall be glad to get home.'

At Axminster we experienced another cold, draughty compartment on a stopping train to Exeter, dimly lit by oil, and we parted company at Exeter Station with the pleasing thought that, whatever the inconveniences of travel in wintry conditions, whatever the causes of two lost peal attempts, our greatest asset as a team had been our good striking. Had our first two thousand odd of Stedman not impressed our listeners, we could hardly have been invited to have a second try for the peal, for Bridport, historic and homely, enjoyed the visit of a party from Devon at the festive season, and well-struck Stedman Triples on an octave (21½ cwt. tenor) by visiting ringers was well worth the journey.

**TWELVE BELL PEALS**

LIVERPOOL.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., May 28, 1955, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS**

Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

*H. STEWART BAILEY .. Treble	JOHN R. BUTLER .. .. 7
BESSIE A. CARTER .. .. 2	FREDK. G. BEDDOW .. .. 8
RICHARD D. LANGFORD .. 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. .. 9
†IVOR R. NICHOLLS .. .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 10
GEORGE A. PACKER .. .. 5	JOHN N. LINDON .. .. 11
*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD 6	PERCY SWINDLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

\* First peal of Maximus. † First peal of Bob Maximus.

Rung in memoriam James Swindley.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Tues., June 7, 1955, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS**

Tenor 34½ cwt.

ROBERT C. HEAZEL .. Treble	*ALLEN W. CANSDALE .. 7
*JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. 2	GEORGE W. CECIL .. .. 8
FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 3	*DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 9
HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. .. 4	*GEOFFREY B. ANDREWS .. 10
*HARRY TURNER .. .. 5	*ARTHUR H. EVERETT .. 11
*DESMOND G. MAYELL .. 6	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

\* First peal of Maximus.

Rung at the invitation of the Provost during the second Festival week at the Cathedral.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

BIRMINGHAM.

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

*On Sat., June 4, 1955, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 31 cwt. 2 lb. in D.

FRANK E. HAYNES .. Treble	R. ROGER SAVORY .. .. 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. 2	JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 7
*ALAN CARVETH .. .. 3	*ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. 8
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 4	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 9
GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 5	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

\* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., June 11, 1955, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5031 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 35½ cwt.

*E. MARGARET BRYCE .. Treble	*ALEXANDER E. MARSH .. 6
GORDON BENFIELD .. .. 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 7
*PETER WOODWARD .. .. 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 8
THOMAS W. STRANGWAY 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 9
HOWARD SCOTT .. .. 5	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., May 21, 1955, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAURENCE.

**A PEAL OF 5088 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*GEORGE CHALLANS .. Treble	*HAROLD WAGSTAFFE .. 5
†JOAN SMITH .. .. 2	*DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. 6
STANLEY SLANEY .. .. 3	JOSEPH SAXTON .. .. 7
*MRS. BESSIE HOLMES .. 4	*HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. H. WILDE.

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. T. Rooke and Miss Catherine Rooke.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

*On Thurs., May 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5152 ZETLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

EVELYN M. FLETCHER .. Treble	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 5
MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 7
GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. PITMAN.

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

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

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., May 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

F. ERIC ROBERTS .. Treble	FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. 5
HOWARD SCOTT .. .. 2	JOHN D. ROCK .. .. 6
REGINALD T. JONES .. 3	GEORGE DAVIS .. .. 7
LESLIE EVANS .. .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor, on the bells and for the Guild.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Thurs., June 2, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

PAMELA A. MARTIN .. Treble	WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. .. 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 6
GEOFFREY S. DUNCAN .. 3	BRIAN M. BARKER .. .. 7
WALTER AYRE .. .. 4	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter, Gillian Mary, to Mr. and Mrs. B. Barker.

BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., June 4, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

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

MRS. W. MAUGHAN .. Treble	CHARLES N. LEA .. .. 5
*DAVID R. MICKLETHWAIT 2	ROBERT BELL .. .. 6
STEPHEN THOMPSON .. 3	WILLIAM MAUGHAN .. 7
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB .. 4	KENNETH LAWSON .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by KENNETH LAWSON.

\* First peal.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

*On Sat., June 4, 1955, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET.

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. Treble	FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. 5
*JOSEPHINE GREEN .. .. 2	†PHILIP G. MORGAN .. 6
LESLIE EVANS .. .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7
*MOLLIE TILBURY .. .. 4	‡REGINALD T. JONES .. Tenor

Composed by J. COX.

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Treble Bob. ‡ First peal of Major in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

*On Sat., June 4, 1955, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,*

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. Treble	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 5
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 2	*BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 6
RICHARD F. ROE .. .. 3	LESLIE W. STEVENS .. 7
PAUL LEA TAYLOR .. .. 4	ROLAND BENISTON .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

\* First peal in the method.

A sixteenth birthday compliment to Barrie Hendry.

# NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE. THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 6, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

J. BRENDA SOFTLEY .. Treble	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 5
ENID SOFTLEY .. .. 2	DENIS A. BAYLES .. .. 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 3	PHILIP G. DRAFFAN .. .. 7
*KATHLEEN SOFTLEY .. .. 4	KENNETH ARTHUR .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

\* Twenty-fifth peal.

Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Walker.

# CRAWLEY, SUSSEX

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 8, 1955, in 3 Hours,

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

## A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT W. BOND .. .. Treble	FRANK H. HICKS .. .. 5
RAYMOND OVERY .. .. 2	BASIL W. WHITE .. .. 6
JOHN DEARLOVE .. .. 3	WILLIAM SLAUGHTER .. .. 7
LEONARD STILWELL .. .. 4	WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

The first peal in the method by the Association, on the bells, and by all.

# HINGHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Vicars's Six-part .. .. Treble	Tenor 16½ in F.
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 2	BERT GOGLE .. .. 5
STANLEY W. COPLING .. .. 3	JOHN S. BARNES .. .. 6
WALTER J. HOUGHTON .. 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 7
GEORGE SAYER .. .. 4	ALAN C. HAINES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

A golden wedding compliment to the parents of the tenor ringer.

# HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN THOMAS .. .. Treble	*RALPH HARRIS .. .. 5
*JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. .. 2	*GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 6
MRS. J. THOMAS .. .. 3	*PATRICK HARRIS .. .. 7
*GERALD C. HEMMING .. 4	*JOSEPH E. NEWMAN .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAVIS.

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. P. Harris, both ringers at the above church. The conductor's 300th peal for the Association.

# SOWTON, DEVON.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

On Wed., June 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR TAPLEY .. .. Treble	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL .. 5
WILLIAM REEKS .. .. 2	JOHN QUICK .. .. 6
SIDNEY SKINNER .. .. 3	ERNEST W. ROWE .. .. 7
JACK SALWAY .. .. 4	GEORGE E. RETTER .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by GEORGE E. RETTER.

# ST. AUSTELL, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

A. HUBERT EPLETT .. ..	<i>Treble</i>	HARRY HARPER .. ..	5
REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. ..	2	CLEMENT W. JOSE .. ..	6
V. MARY MATTHEWS .. ..	3	DOUGLAS BURNETT .. ..	7
FREDERICK R. ROBERTS ..	4	ALAN CARVETH .. ..	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by Rev. A. S. ROBERTS.

Rung on the Queen's birthday, and for the Parochial Feast.

# HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 11, 1955, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. Treble	H. GEORGE HART .. .. 5
PETER D. BEEDIE .. .. 2	†JOHN SCHOFIELD .. .. 6
*ELSIE K. FULTON .. .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 7
†WILLIAM WENBAN .. .. 4	†TONY PRICE .. .. Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.  
\* 50th peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

Rung as a welcome to Rev. R. D. Deasy, who was inducted to the living on June 9th.

# HERSHAM, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 11, 1955, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in G sharp

ALAN E. HARTLEY .. .. Treble	*G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON .. 5
ROLAND W. MORANT .. .. 2	E. JOHN WELLS .. .. 6
JAMES F. DODSON .. .. 3	*ROY COLLINS .. .. 7
STEWART F. W. KIMBER .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal of Surprise. Mr R. W. Morant has now 'completed the circle' on these bells.

Rung for the induction of the Rev. Lewis St. Clair Gower Williams, M.C., M.A., Vicar of this parish.

# LINSLADE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 11, 1955, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.

## A PEAL OF 5184 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt.

*ROBERT PIRON .. .. Treble	*FREDERICK VICKERS .. .. 5
*WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 6
GEORGE F. BURTON .. .. 3	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS .. 7
*DONALD H. NIBLETT .. .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. PARKER.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung on the Feast of St. Barnabas to the honour of this Apostle and Martyr.

# NEW ALRESFORD, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 11, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F.

J. MICHAEL LAKIN .. .. Treble	*DEREK C. JACKSON .. .. 5
BERYL R. PITTAWAY .. .. 2	*ROY F. BREWER .. .. 6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 3	*ADRIAN J. TUMBER .. .. 6
*RAYMOND E. FINCH .. .. 4	*PETER NASH .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. COX.

Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.

\* First peal of Kent Major. First peal of Kent Major as conductor. Average age 18½ years.

A birthday compliment to Raymond Finch.



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On Sat., June 11, 1955, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EGWIN,

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

MRS. J. THOMAS .. .. Treble	ROGER SAVORY .. .. 5
GERALD C. HEMMING .. .. 2	WILFRED NEWMAN .. .. 6
JOHN THOMAS .. .. 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. .. 7
ALAN MORGAN .. .. 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

# PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 11, 1955, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

## A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

*MARION J. PARKER .. .. Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR .. .. 5
A. YORK-BRAMBLE .. .. 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. .. 6
NELIA M. LEAHY .. .. 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD .. .. 7
*RUSSELL H. R. PARKER .. .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal of Cambridge.

# RAINHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 11, 1955, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. MITCHELL .. Treble	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. .. 6
ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. .. 7
*CYRIL S. JARRETT .. .. 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.

\* 150th peal.

Rung as a welcome to Rev. James Clifford, formerly of Belvedere, whose induction was on June 7th.

# REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 11, 1955, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ERNEST WHITING .. .. Treble	GEORGE GOWER .. .. 5
STANLEY W. COPLING .. .. 2	WILLIAM J. FLATT .. .. 6
E. AUSTIN HEAD .. .. 3	CHARLES W. LOOME .. .. 7
CECIL A. THOMPSON .. .. 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

# SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 11, 1955, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN S. SEAGER .. .. Treble	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 5
FRANCIS WARD .. .. 2	GORDON K. CHADDOCK .. 6
IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. 3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS .. 7
WILLIAM HOLLAND .. .. 4	BARRY HOLLAND .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS.

Conducted by BARRY HOLLAND.

# WANDSWORTH, SURREY.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., June 11, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 15 cwt.
JOHN PHILLIPS .. .. Treble	JAMES PHILLIPS .. .. 5
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS .. .. 2	JOHN MOORE .. .. 6
WILLIAM S. LANGDON .. .. 3	ALFRED B. PECK .. .. 7
HERBERT LANGDON .. .. 4	BROOKE K. LUNN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

# SIX BELL PEALS

## BARKSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double and Single Court, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 13 cwt. 13 lb.

HARRY BARNES .. .. Treble	CECIL WADE .. .. 4
JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. 2	GEORGE W. CREASEY .. .. 5
JAMES W. HAW .. .. 3	WILLIAM H. DALE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. CREASEY.

Rung for the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, in which the treble ringer rang the same bell in 1905. Also a birthday compliment to Miss Ruth Morgan, of Peterborough.

## HOLYWELL, HUNTS.

### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

FRANK ELSOM .. .. Treble	OLIVER NORMAN .. .. 4
DONALD PEACOCK .. .. 2	E. JACK PARISH .. .. 5
GEORGE WALKER .. .. 3	WALTER PAPWORTH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JACK PARISH.

First peal as conductor.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. P. Rose, a member of the Holywell band, and Miss E. Blewitt, which took place prior to the peal.

## PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 30, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's, and two extents each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*GEORGE LEE .. .. Treble	†ROBERT W. HINDE .. .. 4
PERCY SWINDLEY .. .. 2	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 5
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

\* First peal for 14 years. † First peal in four methods.

## BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.

### THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., June 2, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb.

*PETER E. GODDEN .. .. Treble	ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. 4
E. GEORGE CATTON .. .. 2	JOHN S. WYBREW .. .. 5
KENNETH G. BROWN .. .. 3	ALAN G. FEVER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

\* First peal of Minor.

A birthday compliment to Margaret Fosker, daughter of a local ringer.

## BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 3, 1955, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

CHARLES E. BROWN .. .. Treble	HERBERT LOWMAN .. .. 4
WALTER TOMLINSON .. .. 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. .. 5
NORAH M. BIBBY .. .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

In memoriam Frederick W. Stokes.

## DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.

### THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 3, 1955, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of Ipswich, Primrose, Netherseale, Hexham, Lightfoot, Berwick and London. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

THOMAS COOKE .. .. Treble	RICHARD BUSBY .. .. 4
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. .. 2	*W. NORMAN PARK .. .. 5
DAVID ROBINSON .. .. 3	ROLAND PARK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

\* 250th peal.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

**WARNHAM, SUSSEX.**—On May 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss J. Burroughs 1, Miss J. M. Phillips 2, Miss S. A. Richardson 3, M. Richardson 4, E. Fosberry 5, W. L. Weller 6, G. Francis (cond.) 7, D. H. J. Body 8. First on eight bells for 1 and 4.—Also on May 25th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss J. M. Phillips 1, M. Richardson (first of Minor 'inside') 2, L. Stilwell 3, R. Morant 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, A. P. Cannon 6.

## OFFWELL, DEVONSHIRE.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Fri., June 3, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 20 240's and two six-scores.

Tenor 8 cwt.

BRIAN TOZER .. .. Treble	WILLIAM SPARKS .. .. 4
CHRISTOPHER WEBB .. .. 2	WILLIAM WEBB .. .. 5
ALLEN HODGE .. .. 3	JOHN REAL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WEBB.

First peal on the bells.

## IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., June 4, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

E. GEORGE CATTON .. .. Treble	JAMES B. MORLEY .. .. 4
ALAN G. FEVER .. .. 2	*DAVID BRAND .. .. 5
ARTHUR F. BALLAAM .. .. 3	KENNETH G. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

\* First peal in three methods 'inside.' Quickest peal on the bells.

## MADELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 4, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

ALAN LAMBERT .. .. Treble	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 4
*HAROLD F. WHITE .. .. 2	SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. .. 5
CHARLES H. PAGE .. .. 3	EWART H. EDGE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK E. WILSHAW.

\* First peal of Minor.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son, Peter John, to Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Ackerley, and as a farewell compliment to Mrs. I. K. Showan and Neil Showan, sister and nephew of the tenor ringer, on their departure for Nigeria.

## MAIDWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northampton Branch.)

On Sat., June 4, 1955, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 14 six-scores each of St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, with four callings each.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

ERIC NOBLES .. .. Treble	JOHN G. CHAPMAN .. .. 4
*KEITH F. ALTON .. .. 2	KENNETH D. PERKINS .. 5
*REV. J. M. OULESS .. .. 3	CHARLES W. DIXON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

\* First peal.

Rung on the eve of the Holy Trinity. A 92nd birthday compliment to Mrs. Mary Dixon, of Long Clawson, Melton Mowbray, the tenor ringer's mother. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower' as conductor.

## ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Syston District.)

On Sat., June 4, 1955, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents each of Plain Bob and April Day, and 18 of Grandsire.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

*MAURICE BISHOP .. .. Treble	ROYSTON WILMORE .. .. 4
*ROGER A. BREWIN .. .. 2	†GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 5
B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 3	*PERCY J. PLOWRIGHT .. Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

A farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. J. W. Joyce, on his retirement.



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## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 4, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*DAVID G. LEWIS .. .. Treble	J. ARTHUR HOARE .. .. 4
ALFRED HANNINGTON .. .. 2	GEORGE DAVIS .. .. 5
TREVOR M. RODERICK .. .. 3	GWYN I. LEWIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

\* First peal of Minor.

## TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 6, 1955, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*DEXTER BULLMAN .. .. Treble	DAVID P. STUBBINGS .. .. 4
JILL I. MARTIN .. .. 2	EUSTACE W. BULLMAN .. .. 5
JANE THORPE .. .. 3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

\* First peal.

Rung in thanksgiving for the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bullman and in honour of the 21st birthday of June Stubbings.

## MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent of York, London and Ipswich, and four of Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

DENNIS E. PEPPER .. .. Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS .. .. 4
J. DESMOND PAINTER .. .. 2	WILLIAM T. COOK .. .. 5
JOHN G. GIPSON .. .. 3	CHRISTOPHER M. P. JOHNSON Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER M. P. JOHNSON.

## DUXFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

BRIAN J. STAFFORD .. .. Treble	J. HENRY FIELDEN .. .. 4
EUSTACE W. BULLMAN .. .. 2	GORDON LILLEY .. .. 5
*MICHAEL E. STRACEY .. .. 3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

\* First peal.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Audrey Halls and Roy Brasher.

## WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAURICE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different callings. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A flat.

*RAYMOND E. FINCH .. .. Treble	*DEREK C. JACKSON .. .. 4
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. .. 2	*PETER NASH .. .. 5
*BERYL R. PITTAWAY .. .. 3	*J. MICHAEL LAKIN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.

\* First peal of Cambridge Minor.

## BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two extents of Kent Treble Bob, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

MRS. J. MARTIN THORLEY Treble	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. 4
*MRS. HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. .. 2	*HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. .. 5
*ANN LAYCOCK .. .. 3	PHILIP H. SPECK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

\* First peal of Minor in more than one method.

## HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thurs., June 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Plain Bob, and one extent each of Double Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*G. C. GALLEY (Queens') Treble	J. D. L. RICHARDS (Corpus) .. 4
B. J. STAFFORD (Queens') .. .. 2	J. D. PAINTER (Caius) .. .. 5
J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath's) .. .. 3	W. T. COOK (Jesus) .. .. Tenor

Conducted by W. T. COOK.

\* First peal.

Rung for the feast of Corpus Christi.

## GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

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

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise on the bells.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Misses K. and G. Burchnall.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Forty-two six-scores (15 callings). Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON .. Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. .. 4
FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. .. 2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. .. 5
T. MARK WHITE .. .. 3	*TONY G. OLIVER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.

\* First peal. First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band.

## EAGLE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 11, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 different callings). Tenor 8½ cwt.

*CYRIL R. SHAW .. .. Treble	†F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. .. 4
†WILLIAM L. EXTON .. .. 2	†J. BRYAN SMITH .. .. 5
GEORGE E. FOSTER .. .. 3	ALBERT FOSTER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FOSTER.

\* First peal at first attempt. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal 'inside.'

## HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 11, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Court, and two each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt in G.

RUTH MORGAN .. .. Treble	CECIL WADE .. .. 4
PERCY D. BALDOCK .. .. 2	RONALD RUSSELL .. .. 5
J. GEOFFREY GEARY .. .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

A thanksgiving peal for the recovery, after a serious illness, of Mr. Percy D. Baldock. Also a birthday compliment to Mr. Ronald Russell and Mr. Geoffrey Geary.

## HANDBELL PEAL

## HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,

## A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 1-2	JOHN THOMAS .. .. 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS .. .. 3-4	GERALD C. HEMMING .. .. 7-8

Composed by A. M. TYLER.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

## HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION Joint Meeting at Knebworth

On May 21st the St. Albans and Northern Districts held a joint meeting at Knebworth in perfect spring weather. Visitors unfamiliar with Knebworth were surprised to find that after arriving there by bus or train they had a mile walk uphill, away from the village, before finding the church in the middle of Knebworth Park.

During the afternoon several ringers visited Knebworth House, the home of the Lyttons, who have a fine memorial chapel in the church.

After a service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. M. A. Crawshaw), tea, well arranged by the wives of the local ringers, was much enjoyed by the 30 or so ringers present.

In spite of the apparently easy 'go,' due to very good steeple-keeping, restoration to the extent of £275 is urgently required to these famous bells on which record peals have been rung. The collection (£1 12s.) was given to open the fund.

Ringling in a wide variety of methods, with special emphasis on progress for beginners, continued until late in the evening.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD Devizes Branch at Lavington

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at West Lavington on June 4th, some 26 members and friends attending. This tower has recently joined the Salisbury Guild and this was the first meeting held there for a number of years. Tea was served in the School Room. Thanks were expressed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for taking the service, and the ladies for providing a good tea. Ringing continued until late in the evening, ranging from rounds to London Surprise.

## CHANGE RINGING IN MID-DEVON

Mainly through the efforts of Mr. J. E. Lilley, of Newton Abbot, and a small number of his colleagues, instruction in change ringing has, during the past few months, been given to the community of Buckfast Abbey, who ring the Abbey bells. They have shown keen interest in this direction and they have, at various times, endeavoured to increase their knowledge with the use of handbells.

A very successful practice meeting was held there on the afternoon of June 4th, when the three instructors who attended were augmented by three young visitors from Leicestershire. Plain Bob Doubles was extensively practised on tower bells, and one of the community members creditably rang the treble through a touch of Grandsire Triples on the front octave. To conclude the afternoon the back ten bells were rung for the benefit of the Leicester boys.

The thanks of the instructors are due to the Abbey authorities for their very kind hospitality, at the conclusion of these practices.

## A BICESTER WEDDING

Two Bicester ringers—Mr. Kenneth Hadcock and Miss Ann Jones—were married at Bicester, Oxon, on June 4th. Ann has been a member of the local company since her schooldays and introduced her husband into the art of ringing. The bells of the parish church were rung before and after the service.

The bride was dressed in a white lace gown with veil and headdress of orange blossom and carried a bouquet of red roses. Her sister, Mrs. B. Naylor, was matron of honour.

The reception was held at the Crown Hotel, and later they left for their honeymoon in London.

## SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Once again the cup contest, held at Old Whittington on June 4th, proved to be an attractive feature, some 50 ringers, representing 12 towers, attending. By 3 p.m. the precincts of the church bore the appearance of an 'Old Cocks' meeting (cars, not ringers), and the first of six entries were soon sending the musical light six round to a well-known tune.

Some really excellent ringing was produced during the afternoon, and the judge, Mr. H. Chant, assisted by Mr. S. Scattergood, later pronounced Warsop to be the winners, with only 18 faults, in a 360. Whittington were a close second, with 24 faults. Warsop have thus won the cup for the third year in succession. In presenting the cup the Rev. A. R. W. Andrews recalled that the first post-war cup contest was held at Whittington nine years ago, when his own ringers were also close runners-up to Handsworth.

After the customary votes of thanks it was announced that the next meeting would be at Bolsterstone on July 2nd. Ringers then returned to the spotless ringing chamber and cheerful bells for further enjoyment. N. C.

## PEALS OF MINOR IN DENBIGHSHIRE

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to our friends in North Wales in ringing the first peal of Minor at Abergele, Denbighshire. They ask in 'Belfry Gossip' recently if it is the first in the county. A peal of Minor in three methods was rung at Holt on December 2nd, 1911, by members of the Chester Diocesan Guild.—Yours sincerely,

E. V. RODENHURST.

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The bells of St. Luke's,  
Brislington, Bristol, were  
'fired' 50 times (twice) on  
June 12th in honour of the golden wedding of  
Mr. William Stowell, captain of the band, and  
Mrs. Stowell. A touch of 720 Grandsire  
Doubles followed rung by: C. Palmer 1; D.  
C. Clibbens 2, J. M. Stallard (conductor) 3,  
F. Pearce 4, J. Palmer 5, G. Stowell 6. Our  
congratulations and best wishes.

Mr. Harold Walker was prevented from  
taking part in his silver wedding peal at St.  
John-the-Baptist, Newcastle-upon-Tyne by the  
action of some of his fellow railwaymen.

The Bristol Diocese has benefited to the ex-  
tent of £209 from the sale of the remains of  
the bells of St. Andrew's Church, Clifton,  
which was bombed during the war, the bells  
being severely damaged.

Mr. R. B. Meadows asks us to state that  
through the railway strike he was unable to  
attend the Central Council meeting at Bristol.  
He asks if the attendance register was signed  
by some impersonator.

Mr. W. Frank Stenson, of Crewe, on behalf  
of ringers attending the Odd Fellows' conference  
at Hastings, writes: 'Our grateful thanks and  
appreciation for a bit of ringing; and if a little  
was not quite up to Central Council standard,  
it was very much enjoyed by all concerned.  
Special thanks to Mr. Downing and Brother  
Podger.'

A peal attempt at Bolton Parish Church  
came to grief with barely three minutes to go  
when the rope of the sixth bell broke. It was  
to have been rung in honour of the ordination  
as priest in Manchester Cathedral on Trinity  
Sunday of the Rev. William Martin, son of  
Mr. Vincent Martin, leader at Bolton Parish  
Church.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Kettering Grammar School  
Society held its first ringing  
meeting at Weekley on June  
2nd, when touches of St. Simon's, St. Martin's,  
Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles were quite  
well struck. The Ringing Master of the Peter-  
borough Guild, an Old Boy of the School,  
augmented the band for a touch of St. Clement's  
Bob Minor. We wish the Society every suc-  
cess.

With the peal at Liverpool on May 28th, Mr.  
Dennis Millwood completed the Plain Bob  
family from Minor to Maximus, and Mr.  
Brian Harris the same group as conductor.

The last 100 peals at Loughborough Bell  
Foundry campanile have been rung in less than  
three years. At the present rate, Mr. Felstead  
calculates that the 1,000th peal will be in 1966.

Mr. John Griffiths, of Chester, had his  
Whitsun ringing 'cancelled' by the rail strike.  
He was to have called a peal of Stedman's  
Cinques at Liverpool, and a further peal on  
Whit Monday at Pulford. His being called  
upon for extra duty necessitated hasty arrange-  
ments by the organiser.

Mr. Denis A. Bayles was the fourth and not  
the third conductor to conduct 100 peals for  
the Durham and Newcastle Association. He  
was beaten for this honour a few weeks ago  
by Mr. Roland Park, of Darlington. By a  
coincidence both peals were Pudsey Surprise—  
Mr. Park's Major and Mr. Bayles' Royal.

Being on holiday in England in search of  
peals, and having rung three in six attempts,  
Alan Carveth, the president of the Truro  
Guild, drove from Oxford to the Delectable  
Duchy on June 9th to ring in a peal at St.  
Austell, and so bring his holiday average up a  
little.

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# THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AT BRISTOL

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## PREPARATIONS FOR THE HANDBOOK — COMPLETE REVISION OF COUNCIL'S DECISIONS — MEETING THE NEEDS OF MODERN PRACTICE

### REPORT OF THE HANDBOOK SUB-COMMITTEE

The report of this sub-committee, consisting of Mr. E. A. Barnett and Mr. C. K. Lewis, stated:—

In presenting our report, we feel that a résumé of the position which has been reached in the compilation of the Handbook is desirable.

The contents, as agreed by the Council in 1951, are to be:—

1. *Photograph of Sir Arthur Heywood.* We assume that the Biographies Committee can supply this.

2. *Preface.* A preface is being written by Mr. E. Alexander Young and we hope also to persuade Mr. G. W. Fletcher, as another past secretary of the Council, to contribute.

3. *The Council, its aims, history, procedure, etc.* This is in draft form.

4. *Rules of the Council.* The rules are as revised in 1950 and printed in 'The Ringing World' of 9th June, 1950, and we recommend that they be incorporated subject to any amendment agreed by the Council.

5. *Decisions, etc., of the Council.* These, together with our recommendations, are attached at Appendix 'A.'

6. *Members of the present Council.* The list is readily available.

7. *Active Committees, Account of work, etc.* It is hoped that drafts will be available by Whitsun for examination.

8. *Publications.* The list will be prepared in consultation with the Librarian.

9. *The Council's Library.* As (8) above.

10. *The Council's Journal.* The history of 'The Ringing World' is being compiled.

*Appendices.* List of annual meetings, past and present officers, list of members 1891 to date.

The above information is readily available.

In view of the urgent need for this publication, we seek approval for printing to be put in hand as soon as possible, subject to any amendments arising as a result of the Council meeting. It was suggested that the book should be in loose-leaf form, but we fear the cost of this is likely to be prohibitive, and we feel that, for some time to come, amendment leaflets issued every three years should suffice.

We recommend that, when the book is printed, one free copy should be issued to each affiliated Society, with one set of amendments as they arise.

We have tabled two motions regarding the decisions which we feel are desirable.

We ask for authority to make any minor verbal alterations which may be desirable, without altering the sense of any statement.

### THE REVISION

The main work of the afternoon arose from the following motion, proposed by Mr. E. A. Barnett and seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis, which read:

That such decisions made by the Council since its inception as have not previously been rescinded or superseded be now rescinded, and that the decisions as presented to the Council at this meeting, or as may have been amended thereat, be substituted and incorporated in the Council's Handbook.

These were as follows:—

That a committee be appointed to receive and classify all compositions of 5,000 changes and upwards and to issue an annual report in which all peals composed in the previous twelve months shall be published.

The Standing Committee's recommendation that this be rescinded was agreed.

That, in recording the performance of peals not previously rung, it is desirable to record at the same time the figures of such peals, unless they are already accessible in printed form, in which case the reference should be given.

The Standing Committee's recommendation that this be rescinded was agreed.

### PEALS FOR MORE THAN ONE ASSOCIATION

That it is desirable when a band of ringers belonging to more than one Association meet to ring a peal, they shall decide beforehand to which Association such peal shall be credited, and that for the future no peal shall be published under the name of more than one Association.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained.

After discussion, the recommendation was amended to read: That it is desirable when a band of ringers belonging to more than one Association meet to ring a peal, they shall decide beforehand to which Association such peal shall be credited. If, however, a peal is published under the name of more than one Association it shall be included in the Analysis under the first named Association.—Agreed.

That it is desirable, whenever convenient, at all important ringing meetings of church bell ringers that arrangements should be made for holding a short service in church.

The Standing Committee's recommendation that this be retained was agreed.

That the variation of Cambridge Surprise hitherto known as the Burton Variation be known as 'New Cambridge Surprise.'

The Standing Committee's recommendation that this be retained was agreed.

That the Council sees no valid objection against commencing a Treble Bob composition with one or two bobs Right.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner felt that this had now become obsolete, and on the proposition of Mr. Turner, seconded by Mr. P. A. Corby, it was agreed that it be rescinded.

That it is desirable that Thurstan's well-known composition in Stedman Triples be designated his 'four-part'; and his other compositions his 'five-part' and 'one-part' respectively.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained on historical grounds, although they considered the descriptions misleading so far as the 'four-part' and 'one-part' peals were concerned. The recommendations were agreed.

That in the opinion of the Council the publication of palpably false compositions and worthless methods reflects discredit on their composers.

The Standing Committee's recommendation that this be retained was agreed.

That, in view of the continuance of the practice of publishing peals under the title of more than one Association, it is desirable to impress upon ringers the necessity of loyally carrying out the resolution passed by the Council in 1893.

The Standing Committee's recommendation that this be rescinded was agreed.

That, in the opinion of the Council it is desirable that promising ringers should be given the opportunity of learning how to conduct.

The Standing Committee's recommendation that this be retained was agreed.

That Bob Triples and Grandsire Major not being regular methods are not worthy of being practised.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained, but it was agreed to rescind it on the proposition of Mr. W. E. Critchley, seconded by Mr. Nolan Golden.

### 'LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL'

That the Council declines to recognise any method hitherto rung or published as being entitled to the designation of 'London Surprise Royal.'

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained with the addition at the end, 'unless words No. 1, 2 or 3 version' be added.

On the proposition of Mr. C. H. Kippin this was amended to, 'unless the words "Stepney Version", "Brighton Version" or "No. 3 or Biddington Version" be added. The recommendation was then agreed.

That the attention of Associations be called to the desirability of accurate 'striking.'

The Standing Committee's recommendation that this be retained was agreed.

That the Council do not consider that the Peals Analysis Committee can be held responsible for any peals not appearing in print before the end of February.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be amended to read:—

'That the Council do not consider that the Peals Analysis Committee can be held responsible for the non-inclusion in the previous year's analysis of any peals not appearing in print before the end of February.' This was agreed on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. H. Miles.

That the primary aim of all Associations should be the encouragement of ringing for Sunday Services and on the Festivals and their Eves.

The Standing Committee's recommendation that this be retained was agreed.

That reports of peals, in order to obtain recognition by the Analysis Committee, must be published—within a period of eight weeks after performance.

The Standing Committee's recommendation that this be rescinded was agreed.

That the Literature and Press Committee be instructed to prepare a copy of the Bibliography to be deposited in the Council's library and publish it in 'The Ringing World,' or in a pamphlet, as funds would permit.

The Standing Committee's recommendation that this be rescinded was agreed.

That the Council compile and keep up-to-date an official list of the first peal and the longest peal rung in each method on each number of bells.

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The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained with the addition at the end of 'and that affiliated Societies be asked to supply the figures of such peals.' This was agreed with the further addition after 'bells' of the words 'both tower and hand.'

That the Records Committee deal, for the time being, with peals of Triples, Major, Caters, Royal, Cinques and Maximus.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained with the addition at the end of 'Sextuples and 14-In.'

A discussion followed during which Mr. Critchley asked for peals of Doubles and Minor to be included. To give effect to this it was agreed on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis, that the entire resolution be rescinded.

That in every Diocese there should be a recognised authority to give advice on matters concerning church bells, and that it is hoped that each Guild and Association will take steps to provide such authority.

The Standing Committee's recommendation that this be retained was agreed.

That the County and Diocesan Associations be asked to consider the possibility of establishing in their respective areas a Bell Restoration Fund, from which grants may be made for the restoration of any rings of bells within the area, when local funds are insufficient to meet the cost.

The Standing Committee's recommendation that this be retained was agreed.

That the collection of first and progressive lengths be typed and kept by the hon. librarian for circulation amongst ringers.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be amended to: 'That the collection of first and progressive lengths be typed and kept by the Records Committee for reference purposes.'

This was agreed to on the proposition of Mr. C. K. Lewis, seconded by Mr. E. A. Barnett.

That the Memorial Book be placed in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, and deposited for inspection and on permanent loan and produced to the Council on demand.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained, substituting 'books' for 'book' and this was agreed.

That the Roll of Honour be placed on the table at the annual meeting.

The Standing Committee's recommendation that this be rescinded was agreed.

## NAMES OF METHODS

That this Council, while urging on the Exercise the extreme importance of choosing suitable names for methods, declines to interfere with such rights as bands and individual ringers at present enjoy of giving names to new methods, and further is of the opinion that no alteration should be made in the names of old and historical methods except where urgently necessary.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained and this was agreed.

That when any peal, practice or ringers' meeting previously arranged happens to coincide with an occasion of public mourning, whether national or local, it should be the normal procedure to make emergency arrangements with the proper authorities for the muffling of bells before use, care being taken, unless otherwise directed, to have the muffles removed at the conclusion of the ringing.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained and this was agreed.

That this Council strongly deprecates the recording as a peal on a commemorative tablet any performance which does not conform to the accepted standard of a true and complete peal, and calls upon all affiliated Societies to support the Council in this matter.

The Standing Committee recommended that that this be retained and this was agreed.

That this Council deprecates the breaking-up of church bells of proved good tone and real historic interest, urges the church authorities not to assent to their recasting except for the gravest reasons structurally or musically, and, furthermore, recommends that independent advice from persons qualified to advise on historic, engineering and musical grounds, be obtained in all such cases before action is taken.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained and this was agreed.

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The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained and this was agreed.

That this Council views with concern the comparatively small number of ringers ringing their first peal, and suggests that all ringers, mindful of their high calling, should do all in their power to encourage their less proficient brethren.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained and this was agreed.

## PEAL FOOTNOTES

That to ensure the accuracy of the Council's Peals Analysis, and as a matter of general interest, those responsible for sending the reports of peals for publication in the ringing press be urged to denote all 'first peals' and 'first peals in the method' both by any of the band and 'as conductor.'

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher asked if this was the time for indicating general terms.

The President: It was suggested at the Standing Committee that it might be possible to get a standard system, like (a) for first peals, and (b) for first in the method. It could be adopted by 'The Ringing World' first and if adopted by them by all the Associations.

A member said such a proposition would not be accepted.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner: I have a further objection with peal cards: 'a' and 'b' notes could not be employed.

Mr. C. K. Lewis said the idea was to get some standardised practice. The idea was to put letters from 'a' to 'e' and no footnotes.

The recommendation of the Standing Committee was agreed without any amendment.

That (1) while there may be exceptional cases in which the use of gramophone records of church bells is justified, any general adoption of such a practice is emphatically to be deprecated, not only on the grounds that a substitute for the real thing is unworthy of the Church of God, but also because it eliminates the living service of hand and heart and mind which is of the very essence of bellringing and is of true spiritual value as contributory to an act of worship; (2) the installation of such a mechanical device should be prohibited in any tower containing or capable of containing a ring of bells, except as a temporary expedient, as, for example, when tower or bells are under repair; (3) in the case

of building new churches it is obvious that the erection of a tower and bells must be often left to a future generation, or even omitted altogether, but it is a vital point of principle that no sanction should ever be given to the building or designing of a tower inadequate to its legitimate purpose, with a view to the installation of a gramophone record instead of real bells. The one practical object served by a church tower is to make provision for bells and to erect a tower to hold a gramophone record cannot be regarded otherwise than as an architectural fraud, entirely unworthy of a building designed for sacred purposes.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained and this was agreed.

That the method called 'Steadfast' is no different from Shipway's principle of 150 years ago.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained and this was agreed.

That unanimous decisions of the Methods Committee shall at once be published in 'The Ringing World' and shall be submitted to the next meeting of the Council for confirmation.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained and this was agreed.

## PRACTICAL RINGING

### (1) Conditions required for peals.

On all numbers of bells a true peal shall in all cases start from and end with rounds.

The use of visible aids to memory in conducting or ringing peals is not permissible.

Each bell or bells shall be rung throughout by the same person or persons.

Any objection which may be taken to a peal shall be raised at the earliest date and in any case within three months after publication, unless in respect of the truth of the composition.

With the object of emphasising the foregoing rules, and at the same time of giving a complete exposition of its views on the subject of peals in general, the Council in 1902 issued the following code, applying both to ordinary peals and also to peals rung to surpass previous achievements:—

(a) That any shift or error in ringing be immediately corrected.

(b) That no call be made, or having been made, be altered or withdrawn later than during the change at which a call would properly take effect.

(c) That no person other than those ringing in the peal shall take part in the calling or in rectifying an error.

(d) That if more than one person shall ring any bell, the fact be stated in publishing and booking the peal.

(e) That every bell must, during the peal, sound at every change.

(f) That in the case of a peal rung to surpass previous peals of 6,720 changes and upwards compliance with these further conditions is necessary:—

(i) That not less than seven days' notice shall be given in the columns of 'The Ringing World' stating the tower, day and hour at which the attempt is to be made, and the number of changes proposed to be rung.

(ii) That similar notice shall be sent to the secretary of the Guild or Association under whose title the peal (which it is proposed to surpass) was rung.

(iii) That the composition of the proposed peal shall be submitted to at least one competent person, other than the composer, for proof, and the figures shall be published in 'The Ringing World.' These figures shall be strictly adhered to unless it becomes necessary for the conductor to call the bells round before the full length is completed, owing to an unforeseen contingency. Any alteration made in the pub-

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lished figures for this purpose shall be published with the report of the performance and also submitted before publication to those who proved the composition.

(iv) That all the ringing shall be heard by a competent, unbiased person who may give, if he thinks fit, and the performers so desire, a written certificate that the peal has been correctly rung. Any objections to the performance must be made in writing to the conductor and umpire immediately the ringing has finished, and any controversy arising shall be referred to the Central Council whose decision on the matter shall be final.

In the case of record peals on handbells, every facility should be given to those interested to hear the ringing and a notice requesting 'Silence' could be displayed to protect performers from distraction.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained with the addition of a new sub-clause (f) (v.) :—

'(v.) That no ringer shall have any refreshment handed to him while taking part in a peal.'

This was agreed on the proposition of Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

Also that clause (c) be amended by the insertion after 'peal' of the words 'and the conductor.'

This was agreed with the addition after 'conductor' of the words '(if not himself ringing).'

On the proposition of Mr. C. K. Lewis, seconded by Mr. G. W. Fletcher, it was agreed to amend the fourth paragraph of the section regarding objection to a peal, by inserting after 'in writing' the words 'to the conductor and the association.'

Mr. C. K. Lewis proposed and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott seconded that a further sub-clause (f) (vi.) be added :—

'The methods rung in such peals shall comply with the Report of the Committee on Regular Methods.' This was agreed.

**(2) Peals of Doubles.**

(a) Peals of Doubles shall consist of 5,040 or more changes rung in :—

(i.) True and complete six-scores without interval between any two six-scores and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.

(ii.) Round blocks consisting of two or more six-scores, provided that each of the six-scores which comprise the round block shall be itself a true and complete round block.

(iii.) Twelve-scores known as Morris's and Pitman's.

(iv.) Combinations of (i.), (ii.), (iii.) or any two of them.

(b) Peals of Doubles may be rung with or without a covering bell.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained with the addition to clause (b) of: 'No continuous leading bells are allowed.'

This was agreed on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

**(3) Peals of Minor.**

(a) Peals of Minor shall consist of 5,040 or more changes rung in :—

(i.) True and complete 720's without interval between any two 720's and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.

(ii.) Round blocks consisting of two or more 720's, provided that each of the 720's which comprise the round block shall be itself a true and complete round block.

(iii.) Any combination of (i.) or (ii.).

(b) No covering bells are allowed.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained with the following amendment to clause (b): 'No covering or continuous leading bells are allowed.' This was agreed on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

**(4) Peals of Triples.**

A peal of Triples shall consist of not fewer than 5,040 changes rung without interval and shall be always rung with one covering bell only, this bell in all cases to be the tenor.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained. After discussion it was agreed on the proposition of Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. C. H. Kippin, to delete the words 'no fewer than.'

**(5) Peals of Caters and Cinques.**

Peals of Caters and Cinques shall comprise not fewer than 5,000 changes rung without interval and with one covering bell, this bell in all cases to be the tenor.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained with the title and opening phrase amended to 'Peals of Caters, Cinques and Sextuples.' This was agreed on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

**(6) Peals of Major, Royal and Maximus.**

Peals of Major, Royal and Maximus shall comprise not fewer than 5,000 changes rung without interval and without a covering bell.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained with the title and opening phrase amended to 'Peals of Major, Royal, Maximus and 14-In.' This was agreed on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

**(7) Handbell Peals.**

Where practicable there should be an umpire to every handbell peal. A handbell peal rung single handed, though technically a peal, should be discontinued.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained. Mr. C. W. Woolley proposed and Mr. E. C. S. Turner seconded that the second paragraph be deleted, and this was agreed.

**(8) Spliced Peals.**

Peals which contain more than one method shall be called 'Spliced,' provided that methods are so joined that the fundamental units of which they are constructed (i.e., the 'leads' in treble-dominated methods, the 'divisions' in the case of Stedman, Duffield and similar methods) remain intact. Reports of all Spliced peals shall state the number of methods rung and the number of changes from one method to another during the peal. Variations of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, where the method is changed when the treble passes through 3-4 down, cannot be described as Spliced peals.

Three-lead course Royal methods may not be included in Spliced peals.

The Standing Committee's recommendation that this be retained was agreed.

**(9) Calls.**

Calls are not part of any method, but are only means of passing from one course to another, and their form and placing can be capable of considerable variation.

A bob can affect any number of working bells and its effect should be to alter the coursing order of three of them. A single can also affect any number of working bells, and its effect should be to alter the coursing order of two of them.

Calls may be made at any place within the lead, but the traditional practice of making them at the lead end should be adhered to, and is recommended.

Only one type of bob and single may be used in any one composition.

Singles in Treble Bob methods may be used only when a desired result cannot be obtained by bobs.

In no circumstances may bells lie still on going off into changes or returning to rounds, unless it is a part of the method.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained with the deletion of the last paragraph. This was agreed on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

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**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**

The festival and annual meeting of the Guild was held at Much Wenlock, Shropshire, on Whit Monday. The bells of Madeley, Coalbrookdale and Broseley were available for ringing. There was an attendance of well over 100, representing 33 towers.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. E. N. Pennell), who, in the course of a very helpful address, referred to the history of bells in connection with the Church. Consecration of the bells also brought a strong reminder that the service of the ringers should be a consecrated service.

An excellent tea was provided in the school canteen, arranged by the committee of the local branch of the Mothers' Union.

The business meeting which followed was presided over by Mr. J. J. Webb, the Ringing Master. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Master, Mr. J. J. Webb; hon. secretary and treasurer, the Rev. W. R. Thomas; peal recorder, Miss Chandler; hon. auditor, Mr. W. T. Poston. The committee was re-elected with the following additions: Rev. J. C. Williams, Mr. J. E. Fox, Mr. W. Poston and Mr. H. G. Thomas. The accounts, which showed a satisfactory balance in hand, and the annual report were adopted.

It was decided to hold the next annual festival at Ross. The chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the preacher, the incumbents for the use of the respective towers, and also the ladies for the splendid tea. The meeting was then closed for further ringing.

**Bristol University Society Officers**

Officers of the U.B.S.C.R. for 1955-56 are:—Master, Miss Pat Bourn; hon. secretary, Mr. C. T. Blundell, Victoria Rooms, Clifton, Bristol 8; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. Wright; hon. tower secretary, Mr. D. Heighton; committee member, Mr. T. Edwards.

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**OUTING****DAGENHAM, ESSEX**

On May 21st a party of ringers and friends from Dagenham Parish Church had a half-day tour of some towers in North Essex.

The first stop was at Finchfield (8, 18 cwt.) after an enjoyable ride through the Rodding villages and then via Thaxted. Here, on tricky-going bells but of very good tone, the standard methods Plain Bob, Kent, Grand sire, Double Norwich and rounds for the learners were rung.

At Great Bardfield (8, 16 cwt.) standard methods were rung before tea at Woolton's Cafe. The best ringing of the day was at Great Dunmow (8, 21½ cwt.) and ringing ended with a very good touch of combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major. Here the non-ringing members of the party were taken by the organist for an interesting tour of the church.

The day ended with a social evening and home was reached at 11.30 p.m. S. W.

# GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

## Annual Festival

THE choice of Exmouth for this year's festival of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers proved to be a fortunate one indeed. All day on Whit Monday the sun shone from a cloudless sky, the sea sparkled and the South Devon coast was looking extremely bright and beautiful. There was one unfortunate hitch in the day's programme, the luncheon being well behind the advertised time. This was due to the room having been booked by another large party who had arrived late and could not be dislodged before they had eaten their food. Instead, therefore, of having to urge his tardy flock from church to luncheon (a not unknown experience) the general secretary spent a most uncomfortable half hour explaining to the hungry crowd of ringers waiting outside the restaurant that it wasn't really his fault, and doing his best to sound convincing.

It was for many years the practice of the Devon Guild to come to the festival in bands and ring as bands, but this habit has recently become less noticeable. The General Committee, therefore, decided this year in its wisdom to open officially only two towers, Littleham and Withycombe Raleigh, to install a ringing master in each, and so to give everyone, on the lines of a Branch meeting, a chance to ring. As far as could be judged, this plan worked admirably, and may well be repeated in future.

The service was held in Holy Trinity Church conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. R. King), assisted by the president (Prebendary E. V. Cox). In his address the Vicar said how pleasant it was to welcome ringers to a church which had no bells, since by their presence there they were witnessing to the fact that they regarded the worship of God as their primary duty as church members. The collection for the Guild Bells Restoration Fund amounted to £2 12s. 9d.

At the belated luncheon the president was supported at the top table by the Revs. R. F. King, J. H. B. Andrews and N. F. D. Cole-ridge, together with Messrs. G. H. Myers, F. C. Smale and T. G. Bartlett. The company numbered 86, which is not quite up to the average of previous years, and included a number of most welcome visitors.

## NEW TREASURE IN DURHAM CATHEDRAL

A new treasure has recently been added to those already reposing in the Monks' Dormitory of the Cathedral.

It is the bell from Monkshesleden Church, near Castle Eden, and it has been given to the Cathedral authorities for safe keeping, now that the church has been demolished.

The bell has been newly cleaned and its appearance belies the fact that it is believed to have been cast on the spot while the church was being built in 1307—which makes it one of the oldest church bells in the country, and well worth inspection.

## NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

Miss Betty Heron, who is mentioned in our quarter peal column, is the first member of Christ Church St. Lawrence's new band to ring a quarter peal. The treble ringer, 'Chook' Fowell, had recently undergone an eye operation, the offending member being covered with an imposing wad of gauze. He states that not only was he ringing but seeing double(s) by the end of the quarter!

Just before Christmas the Rector of Holy Trinity, Hobart, rang some rounds for practice; he is the first ringing parson at Holy Trinity for half a century.

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## THE BUSINESS MEETING

The president opened the business of the annual meeting by proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the vicars of the two local churches, and to all who had contributed to the success of the festival. This was carried with acclamation. The annual report stated that although no fewer than 85 new members had been elected during the year the total membership had only risen from 524 to 544. Three new towers, Brixham, Kentisbeare and Uffculme, had joined the Guild, and the loss of Feniton was noted with regret. During the year 33 peals had been rung, only one (that of Bob Major on the back eight of the Cathedral) being by a wholly non-resident band, and 25 members had scored their first peal. Messrs. John Quick and William Webb had joined the ranks of the conductors, and Mr. Sidney Skinner had called peals in 4, 11, 14 and 21 Doubles methods. The report and accounts were adopted.

Cullompton was chosen for next Whit Monday's festival and the officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Prebendary E. V. Cox; general secretary, Mr. E. J. Taylor; general treasurer and peal secretary, Mr. A. L. Bennett; hon. auditor, Mr. T. G. Bartlett.

A motion sponsored by the East Devon Branch that the Guild Service be revised, or failing this, be reprinted without the hymns, was moved by Mr. R. Perry. A discussion followed in which several points of view were put forward (including one that a wholly clerical committee was not the ideal one for doing the revision). In the end wisdom (as expounded by the president and general secretary) prevailed, and it was decided to set up a small committee composed of the president, the Revs. J. H. B. Andrews and C. J. Poulton, with power to add to their number, to revise the Service Form, to add some ringers' hymns and to spend up to £10 in printing the result of their efforts.

The bells of various local towers were sampled during the remainder of the day, and if anyone's pleasure was dimmed in any way it was certainly not the fault of the clerk of the weather.

## MEMORIAL TO NORTHAMPTON RINGER

The evening service on June 5th saw a gathering of ringers and friends at Kingsthorpe Church, Northampton, to witness the dedication of an oak screen near the belfry by the Archdeacon of Northampton. The screen, of plain unpolished oak, is a fine example of real craftsmanship, and has been given in memory of John Dunkley, for 64 years a ringer of Kingsthorpe Church, and of his wife, by their daughter, Mrs. Goff.

Mr. Dunkley, who died in 1951, was the belfry captain for many years, and this beautiful screen, suitably inscribed, will perpetuate the high example of his leadership and devotion to Sunday service ringing. S. F. E.

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Jim Giddins and Pat Ulyatt, both ringing members of St. Jude's, Randwick, were married there in February of this year.

Miss E. Lloyd 'Roberts' quarter peal at St. Peter's, Adelaide, was also the first of 'Triples' for the brothers Cox and Laurie Holt. The Cathedral narrowly missed a quarter of Triples for the Queen's visit to Adelaide last year. Let's hope that this one will be the first of many.

St. Patrick's College, Manly, now has one fine bell weighing 10½ cwt. and hung for ringing. 'It looks rather lonely,' says John Sheehy, of St. Mary's Cathedral, wistfully! J. H.

## LETTERS

### CALL CHANGE RINGERS AND HAPPY RELATIONSHIP

Dear Sir,—I am interested to read in the report of the meeting of the Central Council at Bristol that the Rev. J. H. M. Scott made mention of the happy relations which exist with the call change ringers in this part of the West Country and of the ringing festival which this Association is holding at Dean Prior on Saturday, June 25th. This is an invitation meeting organised in aid of the Historic Churches Preservation Trust. Fifteen teams have entered, from towers in South and Mid-Devon, and it is the entrance fees and profits from the teas which provide the funds to be handed over to the Trust after, of course, the incidental expenses have been met. A six-bell event was decided upon as having a wider appeal than an eight-bell meeting.

We are particularly pleased that the Mid-Devon Guild has accepted our invitation to ring 'the service touch' so to establish a 'oneness' in what, we trust, will be as much an act of praise as a ringing competition.

The Bishop of Plymouth has consented to give the address at the service and, at the suggestion of the secretary of the Trust, approach has been made to the B.B.C., Bristol, in the hope that they will be able to take some practical interest in the effort, which, after all, should provide some of the best call change ringing in the county.

I can confirm Mr. Anderson's assurance of the welcome awaiting call change ringers in your columns—from my own experience. — Yours truly,

B. E. BARTLETT, Hon. Sec.,  
South Devon Ringers' Association.

Torquay.

### ECCELESIASTICAL LAW

Dear Sir,—Mr. Percy Amos' letter on ecclesiastical law is something I have been trying really to understand for years, because if such a thing exists why is it not enforced? Herewith a few questions on the subject:—

Why was a past Rector at Long Melford allowed to mutilate the interior fittings, especially memorial choir stalls? At Great Cornard the bell fund was closed when money was still coming in, so a ringing five of great historical interest were rehung dead.

Church clocks are often taken over by the local authorities and the chimes on the church bells have faulty hammers. Will the local authority be responsible for any damage caused to the bells? When I took charge of Bures tower in 1948 three of the hammer return springs were broken, and to save the bells I had to meet the expense myself. Our clock is maintained by a trust fund, but not the chiming hammers.

Having laboured to raise 10s. per head of the population to install our trebles in 1951, it will interest readers to know that I have not yet seen the official receipt for the money, which included £15 for alterations to the clock hammers. A late donation of five guineas was taken by our Parochial Church Council and absorbed in their accounts, so the bells helped to maintain the rest of the church, but in spite of my four years of pleading I am still unable to persuade them to repair the windows in the ringing chamber!

A number of towers, such as Halstead, have a Bell Rope Fund, but the income has a habit of disappearing into church accounts.

Consecrated property is sold at will; we hear of bells being sold to help pay for church repairs, and at Glemsford the money subscribed to rehang the bells was taken to replace the lead roof.

I could nearly fill this week's issue with facts as stated, but have outlined enough to give readers food for thought. —Yours sincerely,  
Bures, Suffolk. LESLIE D. MILLS.

# QUARTER PEALS

**ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.**—On June 5th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Hazel Stevenson (first in the method) 1, Diana M. Gough (first in the method) 2, Beryl Reynolds 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, Pamela Law (first in the method) 6. Rung to celebrate the coming-of-age of the treble ringer.

**ASFORDBY, LEICS.**—On June 9th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: R. H. Cook (aged 12, first quarter) 1, E. Littlewood 2, Mrs. I. M. Manton (first quarter 'inside') 3, J. H. Cook 4, R. Looker (cond.) 5, J. Day 6. Asfordby's youngest ringer scored his first quarter peal as an 82nd birthday compliment to Asfordby's oldest ringer (Mr. Stephen Read). Mr. E. Littlewood, who rang a perfect quarter, is 81, and has rung with his old friend nearly 50 years.

**ASH, SOMERSET.**—On June 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Mrs. C. Boyce 1, W. H. Poole 2, R. P. Selway (first of Stedman as cond.) 3, A. W. Dyer 4, W. G. Turk 5, R. Boyce 6. First of Stedman for 1, 5 and 6 and of Stedman Doubles for 3 and 4.

**BADSEY, WORCS.**—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: R. Hall 1, G. A. King 2, C. B. Longmore 3, P. L. Hatcher 4, H. J. Wheatley 5, A. J. Brazier 6, R. R. Savory (cond.) 7, E. Mitchell 8. First quarter on eight by 1, 3, 4 and 5. Rung for the Whitsuntide festival, and for the marriage at this church of Miss J. Ballard and Mr. M. Chapman the previous day.

**BARROWBY, Lincs.**—On June 11th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss P. A. Holmes (first quarter) 1, B. Buttery 2, W. R. Read (first as cond., aged 14) 3, B. Hunt 4, D. A. Frith 5, P. A. Hill 6. Average age of band 17½.

**BRAMPTON, HUNTS.**—On May 24th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grand-sire): Lucy Allen 1, E. Whiting 2, R. F. Baker 3, J. Brudenell (first quarter) 4, J. W. Allen 5. Rung for Empire Day.

**BUCKLAND DINHAM, SOMERSET.**—On June 5th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Rosemary Cook 1, R. Smith 2, D. Robinson 3, P. Bray 4, E. Bray (cond.) 5, H. Plumbly 6.

**CANNINGTON, SOMERSET.**—On June 6th, 1,440 Double Oxford Bob Minor: D. Miller 1, G. Marchant (first 'inside') 2, M. Stone 3, W. Stevens (first in method) 4, C. Clarke 5, R. Short (cond.) 6. Longest touch in method by all.

**CANTERBURY, KENT.**—On June 5th, at St. Dunstan's Church, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Humphreys (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 3, J. Stockbridge 3, Dr. Chatfield 4, B. J. Luck 5, A. Butler (cond.) 6. Rung for Confirmation service.

**CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.**—On June 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, Woodstock, 1,344 Grand-sire Triples: A. V. Sheppard 1, C. Gardiner 2, W. J. Smith (first as cond.) 3, L. Hewitt 4, J. G. Wood 5, R. H. Stickley 6, O. Lamb (first of Triples) 7, J. Ertzen. Rung on the second anniversary of the Coronation of H.M. the Queen.

**CHECKENDON, OXON.**—On May 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Dyke 1, M. Baughan 2, B. Wakefield 3, R. Russ 4, E. Baughan 5, G. J. Hearn (first as conductor) 6. First quarter of Minor for 2, 3 and 4.

**CHISLEHURST, KENT.**—On June 11th, at the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles, with 6, 4, 8 covering: Miss I. Inman 1, J. L. Morris 2, F. J. Hurrell 3, Miss R. Graves (first quarter) 4, E. Coope 5, F. J. C. Mounce 6, I. H. Oram (first in method as cond.) 7, G. E. Graves 8. Rung at the opening of the church's annual fete, and as a birthday compliment to the Vicar.

**EALING, MIDDLEX.**—On June 8th at St. Stephen's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Enid Palmer 1, J. E. Lewis-Cockey 2, Betty Nolder 3, Jean Scrutton 4, P. A. Carter 5, F. Ranson 6, W. G. Wilson 7, G. M. Harvey (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 3 and 4. Rung as a farewell to Geoffrey M. Harvey on leaving to take up his duties under National Service.

**EDENBRIDGE, KENT.**—On May 31st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: C. A. Bassett 1, E. J. Jenner 2, E. C. Leigh 3, S. Jenner (first on 8, aged 14) 4, S. G. Ponting 5, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 6, B. V. Collison 7, J. W. Meade 8. Rung after the failure of a peal attempt.

**FULHAM, S.W.**—On June 12th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: J. Bell 1, Anne Garnett 2, W. S. Langdon 3, J. Waters 4, B. K. Lunn 5, John Phillips (cond.) 6, H. Belcher 7, G. W. Debenham 8.

**GOLDINGTON, BEDS.**—On June 5th, 1,280 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Worral (first quarter) 1, Ann Fundrey 2, Sheila Sands 3, D. Houghton 4, L. Duffield (cond.) 5, A. Lumbis 6. Rung to welcome Archdeacon Roach of the Seychelles Islands to Evensong.

**HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.**—On May 16th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss E. F. Yeld 1, Miss J. M. Funnell 2, J. N. Lindon (cond.) 3, A. F. Burley 4, T. Russell 5, W. J. Roper 6.

**HARPOLE, NORTHANTS.**—On May 29th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grand-sire): R. Starmier 1, Miss J. Watson 2, Mrs. H. Haynes 3, R. Baker 4, H. Haynes (cond.) 5. First quarter 1 and 4. Rung for Matins on Whit Sunday.

**HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.**—On Trinity Sunday, 720 Ipswich, 576 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, M. J. Dyer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, W. Ransome 4, F. L. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung for morning service.

**HERSHAM, SURREY.**—On May 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. F. Dodson 1, D. M. MacPherson (first of Stedman) 2, A. P. Cannon 3, I. H. Oram 4, J. L. Morris 5, R. W. Morant 6, E. J. Wells (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, Miss E. Hiley 8. Also on June 7th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss P. MacFarlane 1, J. F. Dodson (cond.) 2, Miss E. Hiley (first 'inside') 3, Mrs. A. H. Kingston 4, Miss P. Collis 5, E. J. Wells 6, H. Colcombe 7, J. King 8. Rung for the induction of the Rev. Lewis St. Clair Gower Williams, M.C., M.A., as Vicar of the parish.

**HUNTINGDON.**—At All Saints' Church, on Trinity Sunday, 1,440 Ipswich Surprise Minor: Miss B. Spicer 1, J. G. R. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, M. J. Dyer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. Rung for morning service.

**LANCASTER.**—On May 29th, at St. Peter's Cathedral, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: E. Unthank (first quarter) 1, J. Woods 2, H. Rainford (cond.) 3, R. Warden 4, R. Rainford 5, N. Cross (first quarter) 6. Rung, with 7, 8 covering, as a compliment to the treble ringer, who has joined H.M. Forces.

**LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.**—On June 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. G. Newman 1, June Gladman 2, R. Piron 3, D. Knox (cond.) 4, H. B. Whitney 5, C. Loke 6, K. Spavins 7, E. J. Conquest 8, R. Kendall 9, A. E. Rushton 10. For the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. P. D. C. Amor in St. Albans Cathedral.

**MIDDLETON STONEY, OXON.**—On June 4th, 480 Plain Bob and 780 Grand-sire Doubles: D. Woodward 1, V. Green 2, Christine Woodward 3, M. Journeaux 4, C. Holloway (cond.) 5, S. Wilkins 6.

**NAILSEA, SOMERSET.**—On June 5th, 1,260 Doubles (two six-scores each of Candlesby Slow Course and April Day, one of St. Simon's, one of St. Martin's and 44 of Plain Bob): Miss M. Powell (first quarter) 1, C. Kortright 2, Miss M. Fray 3, L. Derrick 4, M. Horseman (cond.) 5, Miss R. Strong 6. Rung for children's service on Trinity Sunday.

**OLD MARSTON, OXON.**—On June 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Woodward 1, Christine Woodward 2, A. Gammon (cond.) 3, M. Journeaux 4, C. Holloway 5.

**OXFORD.**—On June 5th, at St. Ebbe's Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. H. Jackson (cond.) 1, R. J. Nash 2, G. F. Jenkins 3, D. H. Niblett 4, D. Hodgson (first of Surprise) 5, G. Harper 6, P. R. Sanders 7, W. L. Robinson 8.

**PAINSWICK, GLOS.**—On June 7th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: M. Simpson 1, Miss D. H. Sheppard 2, W. Stait 3, S. G. Goulding (cond.) 4, R. Watts 5, T. Pritchard 6, A. Gilling (first of Grand-sire) 7, C. D. Launder 8. Rung as a compliment to W. Stait on his 82nd birthday.

**PEASEMORE, BERKS.**—On June 11th, 1,440 Minor (720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob): G. Townsend 1, Miss P. A. Gaunt 2, M. H. Maisey 3, R. W. Rex 4, C. J. Castell 5, H. P. Reed (cond.) 6. Rung for the patronal festival.

**PRESTWICH, LANCs.**—On June 2nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Triples: D. Leyland 1, F. Reynolds (cond.) 2, F. Maude 3, V. Eckersall 4, A. E. Reeves 5, P. Reeves 6, G. A. Bell 7, A. Purdy 8. Rung in memoriam L. Reynolds.

**QUEEDGELEY, GLOS.**—On June 7th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: P. Hurcombe 1, Miss J. Cockburne 2, P. Newland 3, G. P. Green 4, D. Cobb 5, F. E. T. Tranter 6, R. G. Corby (cond.) 7, S. J. Pugh 8. First quarter of Triples for all except conductor.

**RYE, SUSSEX.**—On May 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Small (first of Triples) 1, A. Hicks 2, R. Hodgson 3, Olive Boulden 4, Pat Forster 5, Ruth Carey 6, R. Swift (cond.) 7, J. Moore 8. First of Plain Bob Triples by all except 4 and 7. Rung in honour of the re-election as Mayor of Councillor M. W. Beavers.

**SANDHURST, BERKS.**—On May 29th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob: J. E. Wightman 1, W. J. Paice (cond.) 2, Miss S. Revell 3, W. J. Parker 4, L. W. Paice 5, W. Collins 6. Rung for Evensong and for 75th anniversary of first meeting of Sonning branch of Oxford Guild (May 22nd, 1880).

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—On June 5th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: D. Cecil Williams 1, Miss 'Betty' Smith 2, Miss E. Arthur 3, J. R. Faithfull 4, O. N. Curtis 5, J. W. Faithfull (cond.) 6, M. J. Butler 7, E. Brown 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Beech, a ringer and member of the Church Council.

**SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.**—On June 7th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Finch 1, R. S. Payne 2, W. Kerrison 3, C. J. Gibson 4, C. Ainger 4, Miss M. Thompson 6, E. J. Thurlow 7, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 8. First of Treble Bob Major for 1 and 5.

**SPELDHURST, KENT.**—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: N. Butcher (first of Triples) 1, G. Fry 2, B. Pankhurst 3, E. Turley 4, L. Goater 5, B. Collison 6, E. Ladd (cond.) 7, J. Branch 8. A birthday compliment to ringer of 5.

**STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.**—At St. Thomas' Church, on June 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Smith 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, D. J. Midgley (aged 13, first of Stedman) 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, R. Cooper (first of Stedman) 5, F. B. Cookson 6, D. N. Layton (cond.) 7, Jill Tombs (first on tenor) 8. Rung for Evensong on Trinity Sunday.

**STROUD, GLOS.**—On June 6th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: P. Riddiford 1, Doris Shepherd 2, G. Latham 3, G. Goulding 4, T. Pritchard 5, T. Wits (cond.) 6, W. Dean 7, F. Garland 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Thain, Woodchester.

**SYDNEY, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.**—On Mar. 20th, at St. Mary's Basilica, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: E. J. Fowell 1, Betty Herron (first quarter) 2, J. Sheehy 3, J. Cummins 4, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 5, L. R. A. Curran 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

**TINTINHULL, SOMERSET.**—On June 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (360 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 540 of Grand-sire): J. T. Locke 1, Miss J. L. Taylor 2, D. Sweet 3, F. T. Locke 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. A loyal tribute to H.M. the Queen on the second anniversary of the Coronation. Probably the first on the bells.

**WEMBDON, SOMERSET.**—On June 2nd, 1,260 St. Simon's Doubles: O. Pole 1, G. Marchant 2, C. Clarke 3, M. Stone 4, R. Short (cond.) 5, H. Chilcott 6. First in the method by all and on the bells. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Bryan Rowe and Miss Joy Baker.

**WEST MALLING, KENT.**—On May 2nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge, 540 Plain Bob): W. R. Manser 1, Miss B. Tester 2, R. E. Lambert 3, L. J. Honess 4, C. A. Tester (cond.) 5, J. W. Meade 6. Rung on the back six.

**WICKHAMBREUX, KENT.**—On May 25th: Winifred Miles 1, J. Walter 2, S. Walter 3, F. Ellen 4, E. Wood 5, S. G. White (cond.) 6. Rung in the same tower on the 50th anniversary of the 3rd ringer's sixth and the 2nd and tenor's first peal.

**WINTERBOURNE, GLOS.**—On May 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. E. Morgan 1, S. Higgs 2, G. W. Smart 3, E. Anstey 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, R. R. Hack (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. G. Ludwell, a former churchwarden, who was laid to rest on this day.

**WINWICK, HUNTS.**—On May 29th, 1,440 Stedman Doubles: R. F. Baker (first in method as cond.) 1, E. Whiting 2, R. Chapman 3, F. W. Lack 4, C. Clarke 5. First in method for 2 and 5. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

**YATTON KEYNELL, WILTS.**—On May 7th, 1,260 Bob Minimus: R. Cater 1, S. Higgs 2, T. T. Walters 3, W. F. Scudamore 4. Rung to mark the completion of the restoration of this ring of four.

## OBITUARY

### MR. AND MRS. DUNKERLEY BEREAVED

The Exercise will extend its sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. F. Dunkerley in their bereavement on June 12th. Their elder son was killed when his car collided with a motor van near Bolton. His passenger was also fatally injured.

Mr. Dunkerley was away from home at the time, practising for the air race for the King's Cup. He also had an accident whilst flying; a swallow hit his windscreen and broke it.

### THE REV. J. G. McCLINTOCK

The death took place on June 7th of the Rev. John Grenfell McClintock, M.C., M.A., Vicar of St. Thomas', Pendleton, and St. Anne's, Brindle Heath, Manchester. He was killed outside Pendleton Church when the motor-propelled bicycle he was riding developed a wobble and he was thrown into the path of an oncoming lorry.

Mr. McClintock was 43 years of age and leaves a widow and three small children.

The funeral took place at St. Thomas Church, Pendleton, and was conducted by the Lord Bishop of Manchester. The Bishop of Middleton and the Bishop of Hulme also attended along with civic representatives. The half-muffled bells were rung by members of the Bolton Branch. Cremation followed at the Manchester Crematorium.

This parish priest was a great lover of bells and a real friend to ringers. His church did not have a band of its own, but the bells were always available to visitors and Branch meetings; he never refused a peal attempt. J. T.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Fourteen towers were represented at the quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch held at Saham Toney on May 26th. Ringing from 2.30 was enjoyed by all in methods suited to the varying capabilities of those present.

The service was conducted by the Rector (Canon Richmond) assisted by the Association president (the Rev. H. G. Lillingstone).

During the business meeting, in which two new members and one honorary member were elected, the chairman (the Rev. Mr. Dobson) paid tribute to the late president, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard.

An interim meeting at Holkham on July 2nd was agreed to, and as Ryborough bells are not ringable, the next quarterly meeting will be held at Scarning on August 27th (subject to permission).

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector, organist, the ladies who arranged tea, and all others who helped to make such an enjoyable meeting.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The meeting of the Chertsey District at Send on June 4th proved without doubt that the District is on the upgrade. Youngsters from Oatlands Park, Ottershaw, Horsell, Hersham and Send gave a most satisfying account of themselves; furthermore, many of these same youngsters' names are now appearing quite regularly in the quarter peal columns of 'The Ringing World.'

Ringling in the afternoon was followed by the Diocesan Ringers' service, conducted by the Vicar. The ladies, as usual, provided an excellent tea, and the business meeting was disposed of speedily but efficiently by the Guild's general secretary, Mr. G. Grover.

Further ringing until 9 p.m. ranged from rounds to Cambridge, including a well 'tapped' 120 of Grandsire that was recorded by Mr. John Martin, of Horsell, and played back to the delight of the participants and the caustic remarks of leg-pulling friends. J. F. D.

## FOUR COUNTIES TOUR

The annual Whitsun tour by 'The Friends of the Exercise' has once more taken place. Some of the old faces were missed but several new ones were welcomed, and the same good spirit prevailed. Meeting at Backwell, in Somerset, on Saturday, May 28th, we soon decided that these bells must be one of the finest in the county. An hour was not long enough, but with a long programme ahead we had to be content.

A full day was spent calling at Churchill, Winscombe, East Brent, Brent Knoll, Burnham-on-Sea, North Petherton and Culmstock. What a county Somerset is for very fine churches and towers! We found plenty of time to explore and marvel anew at the exquisite work of some of the master builders of old.

East Budleigh was the headquarters and Sunday was a day of rest. The programme was: Ringing from 10 o'clock for morning service at East Budleigh, and a visit to Wolborough after dinner. Here, on rising, we found the stay of the second either broken or slipped out. Unable to investigate we held it between touches and spent a pleasant hour, followed by the lovely run down the river to Teignmouth. After tea we joined St. James' ringers and rang several touches before Evensong.

In a terrific heatwave we set off eastwards on Monday and all went well at Whitechurch Canonicorum, Dorchester, and Wareham. After this we met the holiday traffic, a thing which was not reckoned with in our time-table. However, a pleasant three-quarters of an hour at Poole and an hour at Wimborne Minster will go down among the memories. Approaching Ringwood, the traffic problem became acute. One car was lucky to get through dead on time, one more arrived 20 minutes later, and a third in time for one quick touch. Ringwood must be revisited. The fourth car reached Fordingbridge with the rest and the day and tour ended at Downton, where we were joined by members of a band who had not long since completed a peal of Stedman Triples there. Methods rung on the tour varied between Grandsire and Yorkshire Surprise Major. 'A FRIEND.'

## THE LADIES' GUILD

### Midland District

An enjoyable meeting of the Midland District was held on June 4th at Aylestone, Leicester, where a warm welcome was received. The eight bells were set going during the afternoon and evening to a variety of methods, ranging from rounds to Surprise Major.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar, who, in his address, stressed the importance of bellringing in the work of the Church. Mr. B. G. Warwick kindly acted as organist.

An excellent tea was served in the nearby boathouse. Before the ladies held their business meeting Miss Thompson (vice-president) expressed thanks to all concerned, especially to Mr. F. Wilson, for making the local arrangements.

It is hoped to hold the next meeting jointly with the West Midland District at Tamworth, in September.

With the peal of Stedman Doubles at St. Mary's, Guildford, on June 10th, Messrs. W. J. Robinson, F. A. Munday, T. M. White and W. T. Beeson have rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead informs us that there have been three previous peals of Minor at Holt, Denbighshire:—On December 2nd, 1911 (three methods), December 10th, 1921 (four methods), and January 2nd, 1923 (seven methods).

## NOTICES

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### ENGAGEMENT

BLAGROVE—HOWARD.—The engagement is announced between Frank Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Blagrove, of Stanwell, Middlesex, and Monica Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Howard, of Clewer, Berkshire. 6555

### MARRIAGE

DEW—COWLIN.—On Saturday, May 28th, 1955, at Christ the Saviour, Ealing, Trevor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dew, of Westbury, Wiltshire, to Beryl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cowlin, of Ealing. 6556

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. E. J. Gower is now 6, Greenfield Avenue, Low Moor, Clitheroe, Lancs. 6496

The new address of Mr. A. Harman is Greenway, Springwell Road, Beare Green, near Dorking, Surrey. 6563

The address of Mr. Eric Nobles is now The Haven, 1, Stanfield Road, Duston, Northampton. Telephone Duston 378. 6565

### PUBLICATIONS

NOTES FOR BEGINNERS.—12 short easy chapters. FIFTH EDITION ready end June. Order now. 5 or more, post free, at 5 for 2s. 6d. Less than 5, 6d. each, plus 3d. postage, etc.—W. G. Wilson, 28, Abbey Avenue, Alperston, Wembley. 6383

### MISCELLANEOUS

TEIGNMOUTH, SOUTH DEVON.—Visitors are invited for ringing at St. Michael's Church each Sunday during the summer at 9.30 a.m. and 8.15 p.m., the latter being for a special holiday-makers' service at 9 p.m. at this church by the sea. 6559

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

### MEETINGS

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Cromhall, June 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Mary Drew. 6547

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Hewelsfield arranged for June 25th postponed until Saturday, July 9th. St. Briavels bells (8) available in the evening.—D. Stafford, Branch Sec. 6566

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Annual prize contest, Cawthorne, June 25th. Entrance fee 10s. to A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Roughtown, Mossley, Manchester.—A. Farrand, Sec. 6475

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—King's Walden, June 25th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Wearmouth Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 6502

LADIES' GUILD.—Yorkshire District.—Annual meeting. A joint meeting will be held at Drighlington on June 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Barron, Westhouse, 40, West Street, Drighlington.—E. D. Kelly, Hon. Sec. 6511

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY** (Est. 1623).—The 332nd anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m.—L. E. Pitstow, 27, Highfields. 6519

**SALISBURY GUILD**.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Abbotsbury, June 25th. Usual arrangements.—J. H. Hayne, 4, West Street, Abbotsbury. 6517

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cranborne on June 25th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea for those who notify I. Davis, of Restormel, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone. 6539

**THAMES VALLEY RINGING FESTIVAL**.—June 25th. Ringing at Egham, Staines (St. Mary's) and Wraybury at 2.30, and Chertsey, Staines (St. Peter's) and Old Windsor at 6. Service 4.30 at Egham. Tea 5 at Egham. 6428

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Powick, Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. 6505

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Northern District.—Meeting, Whixley, (6 bells), Saturday, June 25th. Names for tea to Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lister Cottages, Sharow, Ripon. 6538

**SOCIETY OF BIDDENDEN YOUTHS**.—First annual ringers' service to be held at All Saints', Biddenden, on Sunday, June 26th, 6.30 p.m. All ringers very welcome. 6534

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS**.—Meeting, Ship, Talbot Court, Saturday, July 2nd, 6 p.m. Ringing at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 3.30.—A. B. Peck. 6561

**ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD**.—Next meeting at Heptonstall (8) on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow and bells afterwards. A good tea at 4s. 6d. per head. Names, please, to Mr. J. C. Ashworth, 8, Church Street, Heptonstall, Hebden Bridge. 6551

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Bedford District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 2nd. Colmworth available 2.45–4.15. Little Staughton available during afternoon, before tea in schoolroom 6. Special methods: Carter and New Bob Doubles. Really good support, please.—Peter Shipton. 6537

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Quarterly meeting at Darley Dale, July 2nd, 2.45 p.m. Names for tea, by July 1st, to H. E. Taylor, 7, Vineyard Terrace, Hillside, Darley Dale. 6536

**DEVON GUILD**.—N.E. Branch. — Culmstock, July 2nd. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service, Hemyock, 4.15 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Ringing after tea at Clayhydon. Numbers for tea by June 26th.—W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowley Moor, Tiverton. 6532

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD**.—Quarterly meeting at Kingswinford, July 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to R. A. Peakman, 47, High Street, Kingswinford. 6509

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION**.—Eastern District. — South Shields, Saturday, July 2nd, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by June 30th, to Miss M. Softley, 88, Mowbray Road, South Shields. Method: Double Norwich. 6541

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—Ely District meeting at Over Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 6558

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**.—South Eastern Division. — Meeting, Boreham (8), Saturday, July 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 6508

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Tonbridge District. — Quarterly meeting at Penshurst on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5.45 p.m. Names with cash, please, by Thursday, June 30th, to Mr. L. Goater, 3, Pioneer Cottages, Smarts Hill, Penshurst. 6500

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Emmanuel, Oswaldtwistle, on Saturday, July 2nd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 6542

**LADIES' GUILD**.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, July 2nd, 1955. Bells available:—Stoke (6) 11 a.m.–11.45 a.m., 3 p.m.–4 p.m., 7.30–8.30 p.m.; Merrow (6) 12 noon–1 p.m., 3 p.m.–4 p.m., 7.30–8.30 p.m.; St. Mary's (6) 11 a.m.–12 noon, 3 p.m.–4.30 p.m.; Shalford (8), Clandon (8) and Holy Trinity (8) 3 p.m.–4 p.m., 7.30 p.m.–8.30 p.m.; St. Nicolas' (10) 12 noon–1 p.m., 7.30–8.30 p.m. Service, St. Mary's, 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. at Congregational Hall, North Street. Reception by the Mayor and Mayoress of Guildford 6 p.m. Names for tea, by June 29th, to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford, Surrey. 6524

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Wigan and Liverpool Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Christ Church, Aughton, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea, not later than June 29th, please, to Mr. J. Lunham, 30, Liverpool Road, Aughton, near Ormskirk.—W. O. Farrimond, P. W. Cave, Hon. Branch Secs. 6531

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at East Keal on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, School Room, at 5 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, June 27th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 6553

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION**.—Meeting at Cheddleton, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, June 29th, to J. H. Martin, 5, Vicarage View, Cheddleton, near Leek, N. Staffs.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 6554

**NORWICH ASSOCIATION**.—Western Branch.—An interim meeting will be held at Holkham on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at the Victoria at 5. Names for tea to C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 6535

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Banbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Deddington (8), July 2nd. Service 4. Tea 4.45. All ringers welcome. Please notify.—E. C. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 6506

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Weston-Underwood Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) at 5.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 6550

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Arborfield on July 2nd at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 6548

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM**.—Quarterly meeting at Tanworth-in-Arden, July 2nd. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. to those who notify by June 29th.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 6530

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Urchfont, July 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea.—Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 6543

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY**.—Meeting at High Bradfield, July 2nd (Bolsterstone unavailable). Tea available. Bus from Camps Lane 2.20 p.m.—J. Seager, Sec. 6564

**SUFFOLK GUILD**.—Saxmundham District.—Meeting at Aldeburgh, July 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 7.30 p.m. Please send names for tea to Mr. J. Pilgrim, 52, Saxmundham Road, Aldeburgh.—A. R. Bridges, Dis. Sec. 6545

**SOUTHWELL GUILD** (Nottingham District) and **LEICESTER GUILD** (Loughborough District).—Joint meeting at Kingston-on-Soar (6), Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. W. Dakin, 2, Leake Lane, Kingston-on-Soar, Nottingham.—C. W. Towers and C. W. Hall. 6514

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Newark District.—Meeting on Saturday, July 2nd, at Staunton-in-the-Vale. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Names, by previous Wednesday, to Mrs. Merrin, The Staunton Arms, Staunton-in-the-Vale, Orston, Nottingham. 6560

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Bolney (8), July 2nd. Names for tea by June 29th to Hon. Dis. Sec., Mrs. C. Rapley, 48, Swindon Road, Horsham. 6562

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Practice meeting at St. Enoder (8) on Saturday, July 2nd, 7–9 p.m.—D. Burnett. 6552

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD**.—Annual general meeting at Basingstoke, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells: St. Michael's (8), All Saints' (9), 1.30–3.45 and after meeting; Bramley (8), Church Oakley (6), Deane (6) 1–3.15. Service in St. Michael's 4 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting, Church Cottage, 5 p.m., to those who notify Mr. J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke, by Wednesday, June 29th.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec., 197, Chatsworth Avenue, Cosham, Portsmouth. 6528

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Northern and Eastern Districts.—Joint meeting, Aspenden, July 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Thursday, 8th, to F. Aldridge, 14, Council Houses, Aspenden, near Buntingford.—T. J. Southam and E. G. Buck, Dis. Secs. 6540

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 9th, at Boxley. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. 6546

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Ruskington (6), July 9th. Tea for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 6549

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD, SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Joint meeting, Walsall, July 9th. Bells: Walsall (12) available noon onwards: Rushall (6), Wednesbury (10), Willenhall (10), Wood Green, Wednesbury (8) all available from 2 p.m. Service, St. Matthew's, Walsall, 4 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, July 6th, to Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolverhampton. 6544

**SURREY ASSOCIATION**.—N. District.—Quarterly District meeting at Walton-on-Thames, Saturday, July 9th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting in Church Hall 4.30. Names, by July 6th, to Mr. R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. Walton bells after. Also Weybridge bells 6.30 to 7.30, and Otlands bells 8–9.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 6492

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Diocesan Festival at Launceston, Saturday, July 9th, 2.30 p.m. Service St. Stephen's 4.30, followed by tea. Bells: St. Stephen's (8), St. Mary Magdalene's (8) after tea: Lawhitton (6), Lezant (6), St. Giles' (5). No ringing during service time. Replies by Monday, July 4th.—Rev. H. Trehwella, Penhevela, Crantock, Newquay. 6533

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD**.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting. King's Somborne, Saturday, July 9th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Martin's Cafe, Romsey Road. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 21, St. Faith's Road, Winchester. 6557

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