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EXPANSION OF OUR ART

THE leading article in 'The Ringing World' for February 10th made reference to the limited scope for the production and sale of ringing books and pamphlets, but I believe that this is only one small facet of a much larger problem which continually confronts the Exercise. As the author rightly suggests in his closing remarks, these books do help towards the expansion of the art. But surely the converse is also true. An expansion in the art, and in the number taking part in it, would also help the sales of books and pamphlets, and also the sales of 'The Ringing World' itself.

Are we, as ringers, doing all we can to further the art of ringing? Are we satisfied that ringing is making advances comparable with, shall we say, electronics or other expanding industries? When one opens 'The Ringing World' and from time to time reads that yet another record has been created in Spliced Surprise, one must admit that at any rate technical advances are undoubtedly being made. But are these advances really helpful to the expansion of the art? I should not like for one moment to underestimate the very great skill and sustained effort demanded of these torch-bearers. Those who have progressed as far as the standard methods may be dimly conscious of what breaking a record in Spliced Surprise must mean in terms of skill, study, practice and time; but what of the many who can do little or no change-ringing, and what of the vast multitude of the 'listening public' who neither know nor care what is being rung so long as the striking is good?

These torch-bearers have done noble work, but their light is out of sight of the main body behind. As Sir Winston Churchill once said: 'Britain leads the world; but is the world following?' It is to the followers of the Exercise, and the general public after them, that we must look for an expansion in the art.

What then is the scope for expansion, and what part can ringers play in helping to fill the ringing vacuum that undoubtedly exists even in these overcrowded islands? Probably the most promising field for immediate expansion

would be those churches where the bells are for some reason sadly silent. Most of us who have rung away from our own tower can call to mind such a church not many miles away. Then there are the churches that have towers but the bells are either derelict or wanting. A more difficult problem here. Then, seemingly right out of reach, are the churches that do not even possess a tower.

I visited such a church recently. It is comparatively modern and unfinished, the west end being bricked off and awaiting extension. Inside there is a plan showing the existing portion and the proposed extension. I could not see anything to indicate that any tower was planned. I wondered if any of the good folk living there realised what bells mean in the life of the English Church, and what they would miss if the church should be completed without them. The church is in a wealthy neighbourhood, and I came to the conclusion that it could only be through complete unawareness of the real meaning of the bells that they have been completely ignored in the design.

There must be scores of similar examples of the ringing vacuum throughout the country. A vacuum which if not filled by us will be eventually filled in other ways, leaving the churches in question permanently the poorer for being deprived of this much-cherished traditional way of life.

Surely it is up to us as ringers to ponder these things and to try and form as clear a picture as we can of what ringing means in the life of the Church. This, of course, is what really matters. It is the factor that has governed the total number of ringable towers we see published in Dove's Guide. There is scope here for reading and research, and with a clearer view of the meaning and purpose of the bells constantly before us, and a willingness at all times to keep the wellbeing of the art in the forefront of our own personal desires, we can in time still further improve our relationship with our fellow-ringers and the rest of the church.

Such a policy persistently carried out on a large scale would surely improve the soil in which a genuine expansion of the art could flourish. COLIN E. VERDON.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 16, 1956, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5200 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

*RICHARD A. GRANT..	Treble	JOHN ACRES ..	7
†DOREEN DUTTON ..	2	ERNEST MORRIS ..	8
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE ..	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK ..	9
†WILLIAM A. LACEY ..	4	†JOHN E. COOK ..	10
PETER J. STANFORTH ..	5	S. ANTHONY JESSON ..	11
SHIRLEY BURTON ..	6	WILLIAM J. ROOT ..	Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal of Maximus. † First peal of Yorkshire Maximus.

* First peal on 12 bells.

* Rung as a tribute to the late Bishop of Peterborough, Dr. Spencer Leeson.

TEN BELL PEALS

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., Feb. 3, 1956, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

JAMES S. EASTWOOD ..	Treble	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ..	6
*JILL FISHER ..	2	EDGAR T. SMITH ..	7
SAMELA R. P. THOMAS ..	3	STELLA HUGHES ..	8
†ROSEMARY SMITH ..	4	GEORGE W. HUGHES ..	9
HOWARD HOWELL ..	5	DAVID G. WOOLLEY ..	Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JAMES S. EASTWOOD.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. V. S. Nicholls on his taking up the Vicariate of Walsall, and Mrs. Nicholls. Also a birthday compliment to Canon A. T. Jenkins, of Lichfield (lately Vicar of Walsall), and the ringers of the treble and third. Rung by the local band.

NORWICH

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 14, 1956, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF 5076 ERIN CATERS

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

ARTHUR G. BASON ..	Treble	GEORGE P. ADAMS ..	6
G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND ..	2	BERT GOGLE ..	7
STANLEY W. COPLING ..	3	GEORGE SAYER ..	8
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ..	4	NOLAN GOLDEN ..	9
JOHN S. BARNES ..	5	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal of Erin Caters for the Association and by all except the tenor ringer.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 13½ cwt.

SYDNEY T. HOLT ..	Treble	DENNIS R. SAYERS ..	6
REGINALD WOODYATT ..	2	DAVID BEACHAM ..	7
THOMAS W. LEWIS ..	3	DENIS R. MORRIS ..	8
*SHIRLEY M. PARSONS ..	4	ALLEN MORGAN ..	9
†WILLIAM SIDWELL ..	5	FREDERICK C. PUGH ..	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by DAVID BEACHAM.

* First peal of Caters. † 25th peal. First peal on ten as conductor. Rung in honour of the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Lewis Mervyn Charles-Edwardes, 109th Bishop of Worcester.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5010 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 30½ cwt. in D flat.

COLIN HARRISON ..	Treble	*HARRY CLAYTON ..	6
CECILIA D. COWLEY ..	2	LEONARD J. HALL ..	7
RALPH F. LOWINGS ..	3	LESLIE W. STEVENS ..	8
PAUL L. TAYLOR ..	4	PHILIP A. CORBY ..	9
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ..	5	G. RONALD EDWARDS ..	Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First ten bell peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DORCHESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 5, 1956, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 BISHOPSDALE COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

MRS. KATHLEEN WRIGHT..	Treble	ROBERT B. BLOND ..	5
DAPHNE R. CASTELL ..	2	JAMES P. BLOND ..	6
DONALD H. NIBLETT ..	3	A. PATRICK CANNON ..	7
PETER C. WRIGHT ..	4	MALCOLM S. CLOKE ..	Tenor

Composed by A. P. CANNON.

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

The first peal to be rung in the method, which is C.C.C. No. 305.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt.

HARRY BAKER ..	Treble	JOHN L. MORRIS ..	5
BRIAN BLADON ..	2	WILLIAM GORRINGE ..	6
STANLEY G. PONTING ..	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE ..	7
BENJAMIN F. BAKER ..	4	PHILIP MEHEW ..	Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth.

CLITHEROE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Six-part.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*GEORGE H. HETHERINGTON	Treble	†WALTER E. WILKINSON ..	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ..	2	ERNEST J. GOWER ..	6
†ROSEMARY PARKINSON ..	3	SYD. LEATHERBARROW ..	7
VICTOR J. C. WOOD ..	4	*FREDERICK H. PRICE ..	Tenor

Conducted by VICTOR J. C. WOOD.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of George Hetherington, who was married at this church on February 7th, 1931.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER ALLMAN ..	Treble	*FRED JACKSON ..	5
*ERIC HORNBY ..	2	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN ..	6
HENRY PARKER ..	3	JOHN E. BIBBY ..	7
*REGINALD W. WORRALL ..	4	CECIL RADDON ..	Tenor

Composed by J. ROYLE.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

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

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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WALTER AYRE Treble	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT .. 5
W. BRIAN ELLENDER 2	*GEOFFREY S. DUNCAN .. 6
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 3	DEREK E. LATCHFORD .. 7
PAMELA A. MARTIN 4	HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Kent.

A farewell peal to Brian Ellender, who is returning to the Midlands.

SEFTON, LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 11 cwt.

*SYDNEY FLINT Treble	†TERRY OWEN 5
†GEORGE SKELLAND 2	WILLIAM DEACON 6
EDWARD ASHCROFT 3	†ROBERT GUY 7
JOHN LUNHAM 4	HARRY MOORCROFT .. Tenor

Composed by E. TAYLOR.

Conducted by WILLIAM DEACON.

* 125th peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

A compliment to the treble ringer on the 60th anniversary of his first peal. Also for the birthdays of the Rector (the Rev. W. W. Longford, D.D.) and G. Skelland.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

DENIS R. CARLISLE .. Treble	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 5
DEREK P. JONES 2	JOAN BERESFORD 6
ROBIN G. TURNER 3	GORDON A. HALLS 7
FRANCIS R. LOWE 4	PHILIP H. WHITAKER .. Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON.

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 13, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

CHARLES C. RAWDING .. Treble	STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 5
RONALD C. NOON 2	JOHN G. AMES 6
*PHILIP J. L. PURSLOW .. 3	NORMAN KING 7
CYRIL R. BURRELL 4	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

* First peal of Major.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Ambrose D. Garner and Josine L. Roberts, both members of the local band.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

*WILLIAM R. MANSEY .. Treble	KEVIN S. HOHL 5
WALTER H. DOBBIE 2	RALPH BIRD 6
*COLIN A. TESTER 3	ERNEST J. LADD 7
BERNARD V. COLLISON .. 4	ROBERT COLLINS .. Tenor

Composed by F. WARRINGTON.

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

Rung as a farewell to the fifth ringer, who is shortly joining the R.A.F.

HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 17, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, NORBURY.

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

PETER LAFLIN Treble	VICTOR GRIFFIN 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 6
JOHN S. BARNES 3	JAMES S. WEBB 7
BASIL JONES 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

BEDWELLY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SANNAN,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 14 lb.

JEAN POWELL Treble	*WILLIAM H. DARE 5
DONALD G. CLARKE 2	†GLYN WILLIAMS 6
*THOMAS YEOMANS 3	KEITH G. JONES 7
†W. GWYNNE JONES 4	A. RYAN PRICE .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by KEITH G. JONES.

* 25th peal together. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. This is the 1,000th peal rung for the Association.

Rung as a compliment to Thomas Yeomans on his election as Master of the Llandaff Branch for the ensuing year

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,280 changes London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative, with 106 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 16 cwt.

BARRY SULLIVAN Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 5
MILTON C. FOWLER 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 6
ALEXANDER E. MARSH .. 3	*GORDON BENFIELD .. 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 4	*J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* 100th peal.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt.

*P. F. WINDLEY (Jesus) .. Treble	†F. B. COOKSON (St. John's) 5
†SUSAN JACKSON (Girton) .. 2	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') 6
†G. C. GALLEY (Queens') .. 3	†W. T. COOK (Jesus) .. 7
†J. D. PAINTER (Caius) .. 4	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn) Tenor

Composed by S. H. WOOD (Magd.).

Conducted by W. T. COOK.

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

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

C.C.C. 34. Treble	Tenor 15 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.
*DAVID F. WELHAM 2	†IVAN COOPER 5
MARIAN H. MILLS 3	GORDON F. CLARKE .. 6
MICHAEL A. MILLS 4	†DAVID E. WEST 7
PERCY W. MILLS 5	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Tenor

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal 'inside.' Rung to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the installation of the bells.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 89 lb. in A flat.

*RAYMOND W. BALLS .. Treble	†H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
MRS. JOHN R. SMITH 2	†ARTHUR G. BASON 6
MRS. BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 3	†GEORGE SAYER 7
BRIAN G. WARWICK 4	NOLAN GOLDEN .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal with a treble bob hunt. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

NEW ALRESFORD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

DOROTHY E. BEAMISH .. Treble	*ADRIAN J. TUMBER 5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 2	*R. ROGER SAVORY 6
*ROBERT C. KIPPIN 3	*PETER NASH 7
*NELIA M. LEAHY 4	*J. MICHAEL LAKIN .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the county and for the Guild.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation	Tenor 18½ cwt.
JOE E. G. ROAST Treble	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 5
MARY DOWSETT 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 6
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 3	BRIAN J. HOWARD .. 7
EDWARD W. ROAST 4	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

A 21st birthday compliment to Brian J. Howard. Also a birthday compliment to E. W. Roast.

WELLINGTON, SHROPSHIRE. THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.
FREDERICK G. BEDDOW .. Treble	THOMAS PRICE 5
ALFRED S. BAYLEY 2	*HAROLD F. WHITE 6
HARRY EDGE 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 7
ROGER KEELEY 4	*BENJAMIN JARMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. R. H. Makepeace, a great friend of ringers.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, COUNTY DURHAM. THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. Treble	W. NORMAN PARK 5
*ROBIN G. LEALE 2	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 6
ROLAND PARK 3	*BRIAN HARRIS 7
*KENNETH LAWSON 4	DENIS A. BAYLES Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First of London.

Rung as a welcome to Alan David, son of Irene and Roland Park, born January 14th, 1956.

SIX BELL PEALS

EATON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE. THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings).

Tenor 12 cwt.

GORDON C. NORGROVE .. Treble	WILFRED NORGROVE 4
LESLIE H. COLCOMBE .. 2	REGINALD G. POWELL .. 5
FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. 3	*FRED JONES Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK R. HARRIS.

* First peal.

A birthday compliment to Peter Moore, a member of the local band.

WEST DIDSbury, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 extents (ten callings), one 240 Morris's).

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*MICHAEL J. M. RATLIFF Treble	*ALLAN BENNION 4
RICHARD BENSON 2	†DAVID F. MANNING .. 5
†MARGARET J. LLEWELLYN 3	*PETER L. FORREST .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD BENSON.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

Rung as a compliment to Mrs. E. Makintosh, verger of St. Luke's Church, West Didsbury.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Treble	WILLIAM R. PARKER .. 4
JOHN WALDEN 2	*J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 5
*JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

EASTRINGTON, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three different extents of Plain Bob and four different extents of Kent Treble Bob.	Tenor 10 cwt.
MRS. J. J. TAYLOR Treble	A. HARRY HAWCROFT .. 4
S/MAJOR J. KAY 2	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. 5
G. FRED TERRY 3	JOHN J. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a farewell to S/Major J. Kay, who is posted to Germany. Also a wedding compliment to Mr. J. M. Harrop and Miss Sylvia Iredale (married February 11th).

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 16, 1956, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.	Tenor 10 cwt. in G.
*C. JACK GIBSON Treble	STANLEY W. COPLING .. 4
†MRS. J. W. BLYTHE .. 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
‡EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* 25th peal for the Guild. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.' ‡ First peal in seven methods.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE. THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 17, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.	Tenor 12 cwt.
SUSAN JACKSON Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 4
JOHN G. GIPSON 2	*†J. DESMOND PAINTER .. 5
*GILES C. GALLEY 3	*†WILLIAM T. COOK .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

* First peal in seven Minor methods. † 25th peal together. First in seven Minor methods as conductor.

ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.	Tenor 13½ cwt.
D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. Treble	NORMAN SMITH 4
JAMES THORLEY 2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 5
J. MARTIN THORLEY 3	FREDERICK J. JACKSON .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

HANDLEY, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Bob, St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
JOHN T. TILSTON Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 4
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 2	*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD 5
HENRY O. BAKER 3	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* 150th peal.

A farewell peal for the Rev. G. Sidebottom, Assistant Curate, St. Mary's, Handbridge, Chester, and Mrs. Sidebottom, on taking up an appointment in Ireland.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. Treble	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 4
ERNEST MORRIS 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
DEREK P. JONES 3	ROLAND BENISTON Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

Rung on the front six.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

KATHLEEN M. YEO Treble	Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.
FRANK H. BEENEY 2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 4
GEORGE BEENEY 3	STANLEY G. PONTING... .. 5
	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

WHISSENDINE, RUTLAND.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 changes each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob. Southrepps, April Day, Reverse Bartholomew, one 240 Morris's Grand-sire and 1,200 Grandsire, in ten callings.

FREDERICK WATSON Treble	GEOFFREY A. BOWCUTT .. 4
ROLAND H. COOK 2	J. HARRY COOK 5
ALFRED E. HINMAN 3	FRANK T. LONG Tenor

Conducted by J. HARRY COOK.

Rung for the 21st birthday of Miss Mary Cotter, of Croft, grand-daughter of Mr. W. Long (who has been a chorister at Whissendine many years), and also a niece of the tenor ringer.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 33 methods: (1) Skipton, Chepstow, Balmoral and Fotheringay Delight, (2) Knutsford, Rostherne, Wilmslow and Bogedone Delight, (3) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight, (4) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV, Old Oxford and Marple Delight, (5) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob, (6) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight, (7) Chapel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob.

SYDNEY SAGE Treble	ERIC SIMPSON 4
*IVOR JENKINS 2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN... .. 5
NEIL D. LOMAS 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD... .. Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal in 33 methods.

Mr. D. Neil Lomas has 'circled the tower.'

Rung to mark the dedication this day of the Church Hall, Lacey Green, by the Lord Bishop of Chester.

HANDBELL PEALS

BELFAST.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(Northern District.)

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, DUNDOLA,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten different callings).

JEAN STEWART 1—2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY 3—4
*FRANK E. FAGG 5—6	

Conducted by J. T. DUNWOODY.

* First peal 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes.

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Mrs. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.. 1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5—6
DOROTHY T. GARDNER .. 3—4	MICHAEL J. E. BEST... .. 7—8

Composed by N. GOLDEN.

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

SOUTHREPPS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT 42, LONG LANE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*RAYMOND W. BALLS .. 1—2	JOHN R. SMITH 5—6
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 3—4	Mrs. B. G. WARWICK .. 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.'



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PEAL RINGING IN WALES & MONMOUTH

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

FOLLOWING the example of Mr. Dove in his *Ringers' Guide*, I include Monmouth with Wales for peal ringing purposes especially as, by doing so, the number of towers to talk about altogether is that of an average English county—about 170, of which just about half are in the two counties of Monmouth and Glamorgan. I am informed by Mr. Dove that there are several mistakes in his list of towers in this area, so that if I inadvertently perpetuate any such, I trust I may be forgiven beforehand.

Actually, there is not a large number of peals to talk about—I suppose that, to some extent, we are already getting away from the chief peal ringing centres of England, for it is quite remarkable how change ringing is an English art rather than a British one. However, there are two centenarian towers—St. John the Baptist, Cardiff (10), and Bridgend (8). At the former 136 peals have been rung (in the Clerical Ringing Week in 1954 I was pleased to be able to compare my figures with the peal books there and found complete agreement). Thirty-nine were rung from 1889 to 1914 and the main bulk (82) from 1917 to 1938. There have been 15 since 1946. Bridgend has very similar figures except for the first period. With a later start (1898), only 15 had been rung before the first war, but its total between the wars just beats that of Cardiff—84. There have been similarly, a few more since the last war—19. Even though the post-war figures show a drop compared with the pre-war ones, they still mean that they are the most popular towers in the area on the higher numbers of bells (two 6-bell towers can equal their performances, however).

A FAKED PEAL

The third tower comes a long way behind. It is Pentre Rhondda (8) with 68 peals. Again it is between the wars that we find the greatest activity, for 40 of the peals came then. There had been 23 from 1901 to 1916, but only five since 1945, so the yearly average is lowest of late. Bangor (8) had its best period before 1914. It was the most popular tower in Wales at that time and 52 of the 64 peals came in 20 years from 1895. Nine were rung between the wars and the remaining three since, so again we find reduced activity of late. The only 12-bell tower, Newport Cathedral, comes a close fifth. Sixty-three peals have been rung here, 11 from 1895 to 1911 and 41 from 1919 to 1939. It was a 10-bell tower at this time and only became one with 12 bells about ten years ago. There have been 11 peals since then (again a lower average). It was from this tower that there appeared in 'The Ringing World' details of a peal in 1945 which was later shown to be a 'fake.' As far as I know, the mystery was never solved as to who sent in the false report. Two towers have 55 peals—an 8- and a 6-bell tower. Gresford (8) had 38 of the peals between the wars. There had been four before then, in 1883, 1905 and 1912 (two). There have been 13 since 1945 (none last year). Llanelly (6) shows a similar distribution through the years—seven before 1914, 37 from 1918 to 1940 and 11 since 1946 (likewise none last year). The only other tower which has reached the half century is Aberavon with 53. The three pre-first war ones were in 1904 and 1914 (two), and since there have been ten since 1947 (none last year again), 40 came from 1919 to 1938 (the best period).

Wrexham's (10) next peal will be the 50th in the tower during the years under review. The tower is not heard much about nowadays for only two peals have been rung since the war—both in 1946. The average per year was a little better between the wars (22 peals) than before 1914 (25 peals from 1883). Cadoxton (Neath) (6) also has 49 peals. The first peal only came in 1914, so it has done well since the first war ended. Twenty-seven peals were rung from 1921 to 1938 and the 21 peals in the last ten years make it the most popular 6-bell tower in the Principality. Before proceeding with towers in order of numbers of peals, it is convenient to mention here the two remaining 10-bell towers. They are Abergavenny and Llandaff Cathedral. Both had eight bells 50 years ago, but the latter were augmented just after the first war and the former just after the second war. Only eight peals have been rung at Abergavenny—two in 1901 and one each in 1927, 1929 and 1932. There have been three on the 10 from 1950 to 1952. Llandaff had six from 1891 to 1899 and three from 1908 to 1911. On the 10, nine peals were rung from 1922 to 1934 and only one has come since then—last year. Total 19.

MOST POPULAR TOWER SINCE THE WAR

And now for the remaining towers which have reached 25 peals. They are Newport, All Saints' (8), with 46 (23 from 1902 to 1913, 13 from 1917 to 1938 and ten since 1946); Buckley (8) with 41 (11 from 1902 to 1911, 15 from 1921 to 1938 and 15 since 1946); Caerphilly (8) and Llanfrechfa (8) have both 34. The latter was a 6-bell tower until 1937 and had had six peals from 1922 to 1936. There was time to ring six peals before 'the balloon went up.' The 22 rung since 1946 make it the most popular tower since the war in the Principality, even though none were rung in 1955. At Caerphilly, four peals came from 1911 to 1913, 20 from 1919 to 1935 and ten since 1945. Neath (6) has 33 (16 from 1921 to 1938 and 17 from 1945). Talgarth (6) has 30 (20 from 1907 to 1912, seven from 1919 to 1938 and three in 1948 and 1949). Glasbury-on-Wye (8) has 28 (13 from 1907 to 1914 and 15 from 1919 to 1939—none since then). Lastly Caldicot has 26 (in 1889, 1907 and 1914 (2); 14 from 1922 to 1937 and eight since 1950).

Two 8-bell rings still remain to be 'conquered.' They are Denbigh and Pembroke Dock. Nearly half of the 80-odd rings of 6 have not had a peal rung on them whilst only nine of the 20 approximately 5-bell towers are similarly virgin territory. Of these latter towers, Clyro has most peals—four, whilst Burry Port, Llanover and Tregaer have two each. Six-bell towers with ten or more are Rumney (16), Newton Nottage (14), Bonvilston (13), Baglan (13), St. Mellons and Whitchurch (11); Hope and Llanfihangel-Rhydeithon (10). At the latter place, five peals were rung in one day on April 15th, 1952, which is a record which is likely to remain such for a very long time! Of 8-bell towers which have had peals, Radyr has the longest silence—its three peals were rung in 1911 and 1912. For 6-bell towers, Forden hasn't been heard this century—1897 being the year of its only peal (Peterston-super-Ely has also a 50-years' silence). Peals at the 5-bell towers have been more recent—St. Nicholas's only one was, however, in 1922.

So much for Wales and Monmouth. Peal totals include all published up to January 27th, 1956.

REDEDICATION

HONILEY, WARWICKSHIRE

There is no village of Honiley, the parish being a sparsely populated rural area between Kenilworth and Knowle. Lying well in the wooded Warwickshire countryside, its peace is often disturbed nowadays by the noise of jet planes. In the parish is the R.A.F. station (Headquarters of No. 605 County of Warwick Squadron) recently visited by H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

Another, sweeter sound was heard on Sunday, February 5th, when the five 18th century bells rang at their rededication by the Rt. Rev. Newnham Davis, acting Bishop of Coventry. They have been repaired and put in a new frame by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

Bequeathed by John Sanders, an 18th century squire, the bells form a light ring of five in the key of A natural, the tenor weighing an estimated 7 cwt. Inscriptions are identical on all five bells, viz.: 'Iohannes Sanders arm: Hujus Eccl: Fundat me pie vovit Anno Dom: qui obit 1727,' and underneath: 'Fudit T. Eayre Kettering 1731.'

Of tiny dimensions, the church is a classical gem, treated with much architectural circumstance. It has a short spire surmounting a large tower, the lower portion of which serves as the porch. Above this is the ringing chamber, which is lit by a circular (bull's-eye) window. Inside, the church has Corinthian pillars supporting the west end gallery and Corinthian pilasters in the apse. Each of the pews has its own door.

Local folk believe the church to have been designed by Sir Christopher Wren himself, who lived at Wroxall Abbey, a few fields away. He was not resident there very long, but certain walls there are attributed to him. There is a very lovely story concerning the way in which Sir Christopher was invited to design the church whilst at a dinner party in Honiley. Immediately, he used a tablecloth and drew sketches approved, doubtless, by John Sanders who financed its building.

The Rev. A. W. Dodds, Rector of Honiley, has been instrumental in raising funds for the restoration. In his address, the Bishop praised the zeal with which parishioners also tackled the job of raising so much, which they did in a remarkably short period. He warned the Rector that bellringers are never quite satisfied, and soon he would be requested, no doubt, to have a sixth bell added. Rumour has it that a little bird overheard a belfry conversation prior to the service and related it to the Bishop!

Representing the bellfounders was Mr. Paul Taylor, who presented the ropes to the Bishop for dedication. The first touch on the repaired bells was accomplished by friends from the towers of Knowle, Harbury and Southam. Pitman's 240 Grandshire Doubles was called, appropriately, by Mr. A. Charles Morris, the local captain, the ringers being A. Charles Morris (conductor) 1, Thomas Gwilt (Knowle) 2, Anthony A. Upton (Knowle) 3, George Aldhouse (Harbury) 4, Harry Windsor (Southam) 5.

Mr. Morris is now faced with the task of building up a completely new team of ringers. Before the war, Honiley boasted a good average village band, and our good wishes go out to Mr. Morris in his undertaking. A. A. U.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—On Feb. 8th, at the Church of All Saints, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Miss G. Piggot 1, Miss M. Cole 2, W. Pearce 3, F. Mitchell 4, W. Brooks (cond.) 5, H. Dyer 6, T. Langley 7, E. Pearce 8. Rung to honour the birth of a son (Christopher) to Mr. and Mrs. Newton, both ringers at All Saints.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE

A meeting of the Eastern District was held at Sunderland Parish Church on February 11th. The weather was most inclement and this had something to do with the poor attendance. A very tasty tea was disposed of.

At the business meeting, the vice-president, Mr. K. Lawson, stressed the lack of attendance at meetings and hoped that it would improve in future. Mr. Sheraton, the secretary, announced that his tower (St. Michael, Houghton-le-Spring) had started a 'lost property dept.' Some articles of clothing and personal effects had been left after the Ladies' Guild meeting, and he was still looking for the owner of a Napier tartan scarf (blue, black and white).

The Rector, the Rev. R. S. Troop, conducted a short service, and ringing was resumed until about 8.45 p.m.

Northern District

In spite of the cold weather, the meeting of the Northern District on February 4th at the Church of SS. James and Basil, Fenham, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, was well attended. Ringing gave plenty of scope for the learner to gain experience.

An enjoyable tea was served by local ringers and their friends. Mr. Kenneth Arthur opened the business meeting with remarks about striking the bells. He emphasised the need for careful and thoughtful striking and particularly when in the lead.

William Hedley was elected as a new member.

After attending Evensong, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Prophet, ringing continued until 8 o'clock.

MID-DEVON RINGERS' WEDDING

A wedding, which was of interest to Mid-Devon ringers, took place at Plymstock Parish Church on February 18th, when Mr. Wm. James Harvey, of 29, Smithfields, Plymouth Road, Totnes, was married to Miss Valerie Kathleen Faull, of Plymstock. The officiating clergymen were Revs. Gordon H. Samuel (Vicar of Totnes) and N. Round (Vicar of Plymstock), the service being choral.

The reception was later held in Plymouth, after which the bride and bridegroom left for Bournemouth for their honeymoon. As the happy couple left the church, six members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers rang on the bells a six-score each of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. The bridegroom was for a number of years a chorister and ringer at Totnes. He is also a member of the County Guild.

WEDDING AT STURRY

The wedding took place at the Parish Church, Sturry, Kent, on Feb. 18th, between Mr. Harry Rogers and Miss Margaret Brockman, both of whom are very popular ringers at this tower.

Immediately following the ceremony the bride and bridegroom went up into the belfry and took part in a touch of Bob Minor, the remaining ringers in the touch being the bride's two sisters, her brother-in-law and his father. A press photographer also climbed into the belfry and took photos of this rather unusual event.

A reception was held at the home of the bride. They were the recipients of a large number of presents, useful for their new home in Canterbury.

OBITUARY**MR. C. ARTHUR MANNING
AN APPRECIATION**

As one who both knew and rang quite a few peals years ago with the late Mr. C. Arthur Manning, when he lived at Market Harborough, I would not only like to endorse all that has been stated of him by G. J. H. in your issue of February 17th, but add my own tribute to the one who got me through my first peal on a working bell, at Brampton Ash, near Market Harborough.

Having previously rung plenty of peals on the treble, Arthur got to hear of this, and when meeting one day he commented 'If I can't make an "inside" ringer of you I'll eat my hat!' A fortnight later the peal was fixed, and what others had sighed upon, Arthur succeeded in achieving.

The question is asked on the front page of the same issue, 'Where are the instructors?' Arthur certainly was one of them, and because (like myself) he often spoke his mind, he was sometimes misunderstood. But behind all this was a deep friendliness. I enjoyed many peal ringing occasions with him, and often recall one, at Monks Kirby in 1930, in which the late James George took part, rung in what I believe is still the record time for those bells, 2 hours 58 minutes, with tenor of 24½ cwt.; Arthur conducted it. Oakham was another of his favourite rings: as has already been stated by G. J. H., he had a keen musical ear. P.A. ♡

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Mr. Daniel Richards, writing from Wellington, New Zealand, informs us that since arriving in New Zealand at the beginning of December he had rung at both Christchurch and Hamilton Cathedrals, the only places in the Dominion with their own bands. His ringing at Hamilton was for the wedding of Miss Jean McAdam, a local ringer.

From the congregation of Christ Church, Wanstead, there are 20 honorary members of the Essex Association.

Four local ladies rang together for the first time at Walsall in the peal of Stedman Caters on February 3rd.

The Bedfordshire Association have accepted the invitation of the Hertford County Association to hold a joint summer festival at St. Albans on June 16th. Coach transport is being arranged.

Three interesting points concerning the peal of Double Norwich C.B. Major at Frodsham on February 11th: It was the 40th peal on Frodsham tenor by C. Raddon; H. Raddon 'circled the tower,' and W. Allman completed 'the circle' for a second time.

Mr. Anthony A. Upton, of Knowle, is anxious to know if Knowle, Warks, is unique in having a complete set of rules and a Ringing Society for a three-bell tower. This was in the last century and during Queen Victoria's reign. The rules prohibit, *inter alia*, the keeping of a ringers' score at a public house.

Mr. Bernard Bown, former ringer and chorister at St. Michael and All Angels', Markfield, will be sorry to learn that a peal attempt for his 21st birthday on Markfield bells failed after two hours' ringing. The peal, if accomplished, would have been the first in five methods for four Markfield ringers.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The 60th anniversary of the first peal by Mr. S. Flint, of Maghull, Liverpool, was commemorated by his ringing the treble to a peal of Grandsire Triples at Sefton on February 11th. Mr. Flint was 17 when he rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples) at Ormskirk on January 11th, 1896. He is the only survivor of the band. The peal, composed by J. Sholicar, was called by W. Benthams, and the footnote reads: 'And was my throat dry calling dodge at every plain lead.' Mr. Flint has rung 125 peals.

We regret to learn that Mr. John A. Freeman, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, is confined to his house with a slight heart attack.

An attack of sciatica prevented Mr. A. A. Hughes from attending the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner last Saturday.

Ringing at St. Martin's, Birmingham, was suspended recently on account of vibration of the cross at the top of the tower. The Rector (the Rev. Bryan S. Green), however, permitted ringing to take place on Sunday last, when there were many visitors to the tower in connection with the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner. Three excellent touches of Stedman Cinques were rung.

Although nearly 300 peals have been rung at Ashted, Surrey, it was not until St. Giles' Society of Change Ringers was formed some four years ago that the bells were rung regularly for all choral services. Quinquagesima Sunday will long be remembered as the local Society brought round a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, the first quarter of Triples by a resident Sunday service band. It is due to the enthusiasm of a former tower captain, Mr. G. A. Cook, who unfortunately is not able to take part in ringing, that the present enthusiastic band was created.

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY'S LUNCH AND RINGING DAY

THE annual lunch and ringing day of the Oxford University Society was held in Oxford on Feb. 4th. Ringing started in the morning at St. Mary Magdalen, followed by St. Ebbe's and St. Mary-the-Virgin. Here the service was held, the address being given by the Rev. F. A. Sanders. He took as his text the words, 'Ye are a peculiar people,' and drew a comparison between the early Christians and the ringers of today. Ringers were looked upon as unusual by the outside world in just the same way as the early Christian Church. There was the same close fellowship, the same use of a strange language, while even persecution of ringers, at least in a mild form, was not unknown these days. This ringing fellowship was a very fine thing, but ringers must not forget that they are working for Christ's Church and allow pride in their own achievements in the belfry to blind their eyes to the real reason for ringing.

The lunch was held at the Forum Restaurant, with the president, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, in the chair. Guests included Mr. A. P. Cannon (guest of honour), Mr. W. T. Cook (Master of the Cambridge University Guild), Mr. G. F.

Bryant (Master of the University of London Society), the Rev. T. Grimwade (assistant priest at St. Mary-the-Virgin), the Rev. J. C. Stephenson (Vicar of St. Mary Magdalen), and the Rev. F. A. Sanders.

In proposing the toast to the clergy, Mr. P. R. Sanders referred to the co-operation and help received by the university ringers from the incumbents of the city and neighbouring churches where they rang, and expressed the hope that this would long continue.

The Rev. J. Grimwade, in reply, said that while he was not himself a ringer, he appreciated the work that ringers were doing, and considered that in Oxford they constituted a valuable link between the different churches.

Mr. D. H. Niblett, in proposing a toast to the guests, welcomed Mr. A. P. Cannon, and referred to some of his ringing achievements. He also greeted the visitors from Cambridge and London Universities, and welcomed Mr. W. F. Judge and the other city ringers present.

Acknowledging the toast, Mr. A. P. Cannon mentioned some of the well-known ringers of the past who had come from Oxford University, notably the Rev. F. E. Robinson. From this great ringer he had learnt the value of calling the same composition continually in peals. This

was often held against him, but he made no apology for it. He considered that university societies could make a great contribution to the Exercise as a whole. Not only had their members time and opportunity to improve their own ringing and to teach others, but they could also act as a valuable liaison between ringers and clergy.

Mr. W. T. Cook submitted the toast of 'The Society.' He too stressed that it was an important duty of a university society to teach new members to ring, and suggested means by which they might be retained.

In reply, the Master, Mr. W. H. Jackson, extended a warm welcome to all visitors. The aim of a ringing society, he pointed out, was Sunday ringing, and with this aim in view he had arranged a number of quarter peals on Sundays during the year. This policy had been criticised, but he considered it justifiable. He also gave some account of the Society's peals and outings during the previous year, and mentioned the annual tour held last Easter.

After the lunch, ringing continued at New College, Merton College and St. Cross. Dr. L. E. Sutton, of Magdalen, had very kindly arranged for tea at this college, and ringing was enjoyed here after tea, continuing afterwards at Christ Church and All Saints'.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY'S ANNUAL DINNER

School of Ringing Suggested

THE annual dinner of the University of London Society was held on February 11th at the 'Old Bell Restaurant,' Holborn. During the afternoon there was ringing at St. James', Clerkenwell, and St. Dunstan's, Stepney, and at the latter church members attended Evensong.

If the wintry weather had affected the ringing in the afternoon, at least it was soon forgotten in the evening, when nearly 50 members and guests sat down to dinner, with the president, Dr. D. N. Layton, in the chair.

After the loyal toast had been honoured, the vice-president, Mr. P. M. J. Gray, proposed the toast of 'The Church.' He spoke about the basic unit of bellringing, namely, the Sunday service band. Just as the Royal School of Church Music was trying to improve the standard of church choirs by holding summer schools, etc., so he contended a similar 'school of church bellringing' could help to foster a greater interest in Sunday service ringing. However, Mr. Gray added that during the past few years there seemed to have been an improvement generally in ringing and in the connections of ringers with the Church, and he hoped that this improvement would continue.

In reply, the Rev. A. Powell Miller, Rector of St. Olave's, Hart Street, said he had been reading the last few issues of 'The Ringing World,' and he caused considerable amusement to the gathering by giving a layman's interpretation of various bellringing terms. Why, he asked, should a bellringer want to 'circle a tower' when church towers were almost invariably square, and why does a ringer 'hunt' when he has no idea of ever catching anything? It was obvious that Maximus was better than Minor, but the Rector had no idea why some methods should be 'Surprise' but others only 'Plain.' In conclusion, he thanked the Society for ringing at St. Olave's on Sundays, and said that as the church had not got its own Sunday service band, having University ringers was next best.

The health of the Society was proposed by Miss P. Bourn, Master of the University of Bristol Society. She spoke of how ringers at provincial universities were envious of their

London counterparts, who had so many fine rings of bells close at hand. A University Society should provide a training ground for ringers who, on going down, would be able to help to improve the ringing all over the country.

QUARTER PEAL PROGRAMME

The Master, Mr. G. F. Bryant, replied, and outlined the Society's activities during the past year, mentioning the large attendances at the Monday evening practices. This term he was arranging a quarter peal every other Sunday evening, to try and improve the Sunday service ringing, but so far none of these had been successful. The Society had started the year off well with a peal on the first Saturday of term, and the Master hoped that this year would mark the beginning of a new era of peal ringing for the Society.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was proposed by that stalwart of the Society, Mr. G. F. Carter, who although appearing to be suffering from a 'frog in his throat,' went on to welcome the Masters of the Oxford, Cambridge and Bristol Societies, together with the Rector of St. Olave's, Hart Street. In between numerous little tales, Mr. Carter also welcomed a number of old friends of the Society, including Mr. Tom Bevan, of Hampstead, who it seems is reputed to have a very large collection of college scarves, and was recently seen wearing two different ones at the same time. Finally, Mr. Carter welcomed the vice-president, Mr. Philip Gray, and his wife, back to this country after their stay in Australia, during which time they had done much good work for ringing in that country.

The Master of the Cambridge University Guild, Mr. W. T. Cook, replied. He thanked the Society for their hospitality, and spoke briefly about the possible improvements which might be made in the connections between ringers and the Church.

At the end of the proceedings a chauffeur's cap, embroidered with the initials of the Society, was presented to Mr. Alan Thirst in recognition of his services to the Society in providing transport for members on numerous occasions in the past. The remainder of the evening was then spent in handbell ringing and general reminiscing. D. P.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Fourth Annual Dinner

THE fourth annual dinner of the Derbyshire Association was held on February 11th at the Corporation Hotel, Derby, when 80 members, friends and guests attended. Following an excellent repast, the vice-president made a short address apologising for the absence of the president, the Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes (Provost of Derby Cathedral), and welcoming visitors from neighbouring Associations, making particular mention of representatives from Nottingham, Lichfield, Sheffield and Burton.

The programme of entertainment which followed was in the capable hands of Mr. A. B. Cooper, and lasted from 7.30 to 11 p.m. Highlights of the entertainment were handbell ringing on the recently overhauled and greatly improved Association handbells (which were bequeathed to the Association by the late Sir A. P. Heywood), by Mr. A. Mould (Derby), Mr. George Oliver and Joan Beresford (Lichfield), Mr. W. Robinson (Chesterfield) and Mr. Robin Turner (no fixed abode). There was also a first-class presentation of a three part play by Mr. Derek Jones, who played all the parts and finished quite breathless.

Mr. F. Wiles, the well-known Derby dis-illusionist, entertained with some very amusing and original magical tricks.

Singing, by the Old Basford, Notts, ringers, of the 'Ringers Song,' which was composed specially for the occasion by G. A. Halls and D. R. Carlisle, was received favourably, in spite of the many rather dubious references to ringers present.

It is the custom at the annual dinner to award the medallion of the order of 'Capita Magnisimus' to the most worthy 'Belfryman of the Year.' This year the honour went to Mr. David Walklate. Mr. G. A. Halls stressed the difficulties besetting the awarding committee before calling upon Mr. A. B. Cooper to read the citation.

Mr. W. T. Holmes, of Hatfield, has been nominated for president of the Hertford County Association. The annual general meeting is being held this year at Bishop's Stortford—a new departure.

Rededication Of Bells Of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Dallington

By ERIC NOBLES

DALLINGTON, although within the borough boundary of Northampton, remains essentially a village and has retained its rural charm. The Corporation bus will take one into the town centre within a few minutes. The church and manor, now St. Margaret Spencer Hospital; the Wheatsheaf Inn over the road and, adjoining, the vicarage in its own grounds; the old school, now used as a church hall, and the four 17th century almshouses are all clustered around the village green, through the centre of which runs a rippling brook.

The present church, dedicated to St. Mary-the-Virgin, was probably built by Geoffrey de Lucy between the years 1207-1252. The building is of Early English and Decorated style of architecture. It consists of a chancel with northern chapel, nave, aisles, south porch, and low embattled tower at the western end.

In 1880 there were four bells in the tower. The first bell, the present 4th, was cast by Francis Watts, of Leicester, in 1598, and is inscribed 'Obe the Queen 1598.' It was recast by John Taylor, of Loughborough, in 1880. The weight is 5 cwt. 2 lb., key C sharp.

The second bell, the present tenor, was cast by James Keene, of Woodstock, in 1625. It is original, apart from the loss of the cannons, and now weighs 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. and is in key A. The inscription is 'God Save Our King 1625.' The figure 6 is backwards owing to an error in the casting.

The third bell, the present third, was cast by Alexander Rigby, of Stamford, in 1688, and is suitably inscribed 'Alexander Rigbe made me 1688.' This bell still retains its cannons, and a special cannon retaining headstock has been fitted. The weight is 4 cwt. 3 lb., key D.

The fourth bell, the present fifth, was cast in 1713 by Henry Bagley, of Chacombe, Northamptonshire. It was recast by John Taylor, of Loughborough, in 1880. The inscription is 'God Save Our Queen 1713.' The weight is 6 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb., key B.

The fifth was added in 1880 and cast by John Taylor and Co., and inscribed 'Ultimus et Minimus et Primus 1880.' The weight is 3 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb., key E.

The sixth bell, the present treble, was added in 1902, and was cast by John Taylor and Co. It was to mark the Coronation of King Edward VII., and is inscribed 'The gift of Joseph Shuttleworth on the coronation of King Edward VII. 1902.' The weight is 3 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb., key F sharp.

From that time to this, no major operations were carried out, and the bells gradually deteriorated, and in 1955 it was decided to have a complete restoration, and Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, were given the work. The bells were removed and returned to the foundry for retuning, the old oak frame removed and the tower strengthened. The bells were rehung on ball bearings with new fittings in a new steel frame.

The rededication service was on February 4th conducted by the Archdeacon of Northampton, assisted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. Morgan) and the curate (the Rev. F. J. Twycross-Raines). The service started with the hymn in procession, 'The sacred bells of England,' and followed a form of evensong.

During the second hymn, 'Unchanging God who livest,' the churchwardens, chorister ringers, ringers and clergy moved in procession to the tower.

The Vicar presented the ropes of the bells to the Archdeacon and said, 'Venerable sir, we request you to dedicate these bells, this offering in memory of Christopher Croft, to the glory and praise of God.'

The Archdeacon, receiving the ropes of the bells, said, 'Almighty God, we beseech Thee to accept this offering at our hands; bless, sanctify and hallow these bells, and grant that they may call together Thy faithful people to praise and



ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, DALLINGTON

worship Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'

Whilst the churchwardens and the clergy returned to the chancel, the following members of the local band—Messrs. Eric Nobles 1, Keith Alton 2, Jack Hadley 3, Roger E. Old 4, John G. Chapman 5 and John M. Nash 6—rang three bob leads of Plain Bob Minor. Prayers followed and the hymn, 'Lifted gently to the steeple.'

The address was given by Archdeacon Grimes. After the Blessing the local band rang rounds, 200 of Plain Bob Doubles, and a course of Kent Treble Bob, and Messrs. C. H. Bushell, N. Morton, C. T. Windram and Miss Hicks were included.

The first recorded peal at Dallington was on January 18th, 1902, a peal of Doubles, on the then five bells. The conductor, Mr. F. Hopper, is the only member of the band now alive.

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OLDEST 'MAIDEN BELL' IN COUNTRY?

At Broadwindsor, Dorset

A BELL, believed to be the oldest 'maiden bell' in the country, one of a ring of six from the tower of the Parish Church of the Dorset village of Broadwindsor, is now at Messrs. Taylor's foundry for retuning.

It was known that three of the six bells were mediæval, but on removal of the last bell, number five, it was discovered that it bore the same markings as that on a bell which is a museum show-piece in Tenby, South Wales. The date of this bell, which has been retuned and is cracked, is believed to be 1260. The Broadwindsor bell, however, has never been retuned, and it is still in perfect condition. It bears, in clear Lombardic lettering, a dedication to St. Gabriel and was cast in the village by Robert Norton, of Exeter.

When the bell was loaded on to a lorry for removal it was the first time it had ever left the village since it was cast and, when it was lowered to the ground the day before, it was probably the first time it had been at ground level for nearly 700 years.

In charge of the removal operations was Mr. J. Walker, who, with many years experience in this work, has never known the existence of such an old 'maiden bell.'

Two more bells in the ring are also mediæval and were cast in the village when the church tower was built over 500 years ago—100 years before the Reformation. This means that the village has not only the oldest collection of bells in Dorset but also, probably, in the whole of the country.

Of the three bells, Mr. Walker told 'The Western Gazette': 'It is very unusual and I have never seen three pre-Reformation bells before—you get the odd one here and there, but not very often.'

The first and second bells, dated 1806 and 1790, came from the Bilbie foundry at Cullompton. The tenor bell is the youngest of the ring, having been recast in 1897.

All the fittings and bearings of the bells were badly worn. The Church Council decided that the existing timber headstocks should be replaced by cast-iron ones and that other new parts should also be installed.

The work on the bells will take over four months and will cost in the region of £600. In order to raise this money an appeal has been launched, not only to all those who have been connected with the parish, but also to the many people in the West Country and elsewhere who take a pride and interest in the bells of England. Reference to this appeal has already appeared in 'The Ringing World.'

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The first peal on the six bells was on January 13th, 1912, a peal of Minor. The present Sunday service band was the first local band to ring a peal. This, a peal of Doubles, was rung on March 10th, 1951, and it is commemorated by a peal board. On April 11th, 1953, a local church officers peal of Doubles was rung, and on Coronation Day nine members were included in a quarter peal and a peal of Doubles. A peal board, the second, commemorates this. A peal of Minor has been attempted, but failed, and it is now hoped for success and advancement in this field of ringing in the near future.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PROPOSED RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

Dear Sir,—I have received to date 26 replies to the question, 'Who's for a Railwaymen's peal?' 'What about a Railwaymen's Guild?' 'Why not?' has also received a lot of support.

However, the most reasoned letter in reply to the latter question comes from my friend Rodney Meadows, in which he says: 'The idea of railwaymen having meetings and ringing peals now and then is excellent, and I am always delighted to meet a fellow ringer on the line, or fellow railwaymen in the tower. It happens that I keep in my mind a list and could probably add to your railwaymen ringers already mentioned' (then he gives a dozen more railwaymen ringers) and continues: 'but all this brings me round to saying that I do not favour a Guild for Railwaymen. My personal feeling is that these "craft" Guilds cut across the established Diocesan and County Guilds which need all the support they can get from us as members; the Police Guild is for that reason not well liked. I think we too should be courting unpopularity by forming a Guild of our own: no doubt we shall have other views.'

This side can, and will be, thoroughly discussed before any decision is taken, if we arrange a meeting at Crewe on June 23rd.

To absorb as many ringers as possible who attend, arrangements are under consideration for the bells of Nantwich, a lovely eight, and Acton, not at all a bad six, both of easy access. The names received to date are Messrs. Chas. A. Bassett and L. W. Giles, Wadhurst, Sussex; F. Seager, Leeds, Yorks; W. R. Rich, Ditton, Kent; J. Arthur Hoare, A. J. Pitman and E. Morris, Swansea; Rodney Meadows, Bath; John W. Griffiths, Chester; Brian D. Threlfall, Liverpool; Robert E. Dannett, Chelmsford; J. L. Day, Melton Mowbray; W. O. Farrimond, Chorley; Henry Douglas, Dawley, Wellington, Salop; Donald G. Clarke, Newport, Mons; Sydney Foskett, Bedford; Richard D. Langford and George A. Packer, Crewe; W. J. Carter, Fenton, S.O.T., Staffs; John R. Cooper, Ashford, Kent; Peter G. W. Newstead, Great Yarmouth; Jack N. Brown, Ormskirk; Cyril C. Deem, Littleham, Exmouth; Bert Sutton, Scarborough; Fred Sutton, Acton, Crewe; Jack Brough, Nantwich; and W. Frank Stenson, Crewe.—Yours sincerely,

W. FRANK STENSON.

Dear Sir,—Typical of a railway manager's letter is that from Harold Walker: 'With the view if you cannot do harm, don't do any good.'

Fortunately, the Midland Region general manager did not take that view. He also said the scheme would have to be inter-regional.

Seeing that Mr. Stenson has received replies from five of the six regions to stand in a peal at Crewe on June 23rd, it does seem that others think a Guild would serve a useful purpose.

Only a railwayman would understand Harold Walker's letter.—Thirty-nine years a railwayman, Bedford.

SYDNEY FOSKETT.

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STEDMAN TRIPLES AT SOUTH WIGSTON

Dear Sir,—It so happened that I spent the evening of February 4th working in the garden shed and I was therefore compelled to hear the performance on the bells of St. Thomas' Church, South Wigston. At first it seemed that an attempt was being made for a peal of Triples but, before long, the tenor had disappeared from its rightful place to give the effect of badly struck Major. I was expecting the ringing to stop at any moment but, instead, the striking grew worse and the bells started firing—not just once or twice but eight times at least. Never before had I heard such perfect firing on those bells and I was astonished when, after all this, they did not stop but eventually sorted themselves out into 'the mixture as before.'

You may imagine my surprise on seeing that this performance has been recorded as a peal in 'The Ringing World' (p. 100), and I do sincerely hope that the conductor will have the courage to withdraw the 'peal' in deference to the Exercise and the Leicester Diocesan Guild. I consider that a peal such as this is an insult to the composer, and I shudder to think what Mr. F. H. Dexter's remarks will be!

The vagaries of the tenor may perhaps be explained by the note in Belfry Gossip, but surely it would have been prudent to call the attempt off rather than to introduce a 12-year-old to peal-ringing in such a manner.—Yours faithfully,

F. S. CHENEY.

South Wigston.

Dear Sir,—Where will peal snatchers stop! I read in your columns where a boy of 12 is raked in to ring the tenor to a peal of Stedman. With the hundreds of ringers in the vicinity of the tower, why crucify the boy's ringing career? He may just as well have rung the death bell for three hours. And, begorra, Belfry Gossip congratulates him!—Yours, etc.,

T. H. VALLANCE.

Nuneaton.

IMPERIAL INSTITUTE

Dear Sir,—The House of Commons Report (Hansard) for February 9th, 1956, records that Mr. H. Brooke gave a written answer to a question, setting out correspondence between the Royal Fine Art Commission and the Treasury about the proposed scheme of development of the Imperial College at South Kensington. It seems certain from the correspondence that to achieve the scale of development for the College that had already been announced, the Government intend to demolish the Imperial Institute and utilise the site. It is astonishing to learn that this great work of Colcutt, a building of unquestioned architectural interest, and its tower, a well-loved London landmark, is not to be preserved. And then there is that very fine ring of ten bells in the tower. What is to happen to them? I suggest this is a matter that might be pursued by the Central Council and the London Societies, particularly the Ancient Society of College Youths, whose members ring the bells on public occasions. Every effort should be made to prevent the ring being broken up and the bells used singly or even melted down.

But bells apart, it is deplorable that such a noble tower and building should be destroyed. Ringers should write to their M.P.s and voice their opinions about it.—Yours sincerely,

FRED W. GOODFELLOW.

Iver Heath, Bucks.

ORIGINALITY OF SURPRISE MAJOR COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—The letter in the 'R.W.' on p. 107 from Messrs. Carlisle and Halls raises some interesting points: admittedly they are not new and have not been settled (nor are ever likely to be), but they are surely worth discussion in the light of changing ideas.

After Mr. C. K. Lewis's letter of January 27th, doubtless many people will comment that the peal of Wye Surprise Major on p. 108 is merely a reduction of 'the 29 courses'; so, at first sight, it is. However, on closer examination it is found to be true for the f.c.e. 25634 as well as the 'London' group of five f.c.e.'s; and, as it happens, it was produced with this end in view, even though, in this case, the method rung to it does not have this falseness. Mr. Burton has therefore achieved something and surely has a claim to the composition.

It may well be that the 5,120 of Wembley has useful properties for some methods because of the large number of 'before' leads omitted.

It is worth noticing in passing that if the courses are to be selected for a composition on a five-part plan, such as the '29 courses' uses, there are only two possible ways of doing this—the set used and another which is not much use for Wembley but which enables a 6,720 of London to be put together:—

23456	M	W	H
65432	—	—	—
43652	—	—	—
35264	—	2	3

four times repeated

I believe this should be attributed to T. B. Worsley. If, however, a three- or one-part plan is chosen and less than 30 courses are required, the possible range of courses goes up very rapidly, as can be seen by examining compositions by Messrs. Lindoff, Worsley, Bennett, Roberts, etc. (an exercise I recommend to Messrs. Carlisle and Halls).

An interesting example of two peals on an identical plan which both contain the same changes but which look very different is provided by these two peals of Spiced Surprise:—

by					by				
Rev.	H.	Law	James		E. C. S.	Turner			
23456	M	W	H		23456	M	W		
63542	—	2	—		35642	—	2		
24536	—	—	—		42356	—	2		
26435	2	—	—		53624	—	—		
46532	—	—	—		26435	—	—		
56234	—	—	—		34562	—	—		

Each is in ten parts, five starting from 23456 and the other five from 54326—connecting the two halves can be achieved in a variety of ways. There is no doubt they are both original compositions and yet one can easily be transformed into the other by bobbing and plaining a few Q-sets.

Has anyone any views?—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

Hampton Wick.

Dear Sir,—After reading 'The Ringing World' of February 17th, p. 108, we are now prepared to agree with Mr. C. K. Lewis that our composition of Wembley has 'Shirley' gone for a 'Burton' but we still don't understand 'Wye.' (See pp. 16, 59, 107 and 108.)—Yours sincerely,

D. R. CARLISLE and G. A. HALLS.
Risley, Derby.

A correspondent writes: 'It is a pity that so many people indulge in wishful thinking when adding footnotes to their peals. Canon Papillon, who was Vicar of Writtle from 1894 to 1909, rang and conducted dozens of peals on his own bells.'

LETTERS—Continued

TOP SECRET

Dear Sir,—Why do our leading composers never breathe a word to the Exercise explaining their clever systems of composition, whereby they produce true and original peals with such profusion and apparent ease? Everybody would be most interested to see how it is done, yet the lack of response to the earlier request mentioned by Messrs. Carlisle and Halls would seem to indicate that they have no intention of divulging the secret. Is this in the best interest of the Exercise?

Some while ago I tried to produce a peal of Wembley Surprise in response to a request, and after hours of the most laborious effort, produced a peal that was obviously a variation of Law James' 5,024. After further effort, by hit and miss methods, I produced the following, which, as far as I can see, does not resemble anything else in the Collection. Nevertheless, I have no confidence that it will be allowed to pass as original.

5,088 Wembley Surprise
2 3 4 5 6 M B W

3 5 4 2 6	—	X
5 2 3 6 4		X
6 4 5 2 3	X	2
2 5 3 4 6	—	—
4 3 6 5 2	—	—
5 6 2 3 4	—	—
2 6 4 3 5	—	—

Twice repeated.

Had I the cunning mentioned above, I could have produced this in a few minutes, and discarded it as being no good.

Composers, how is it done? We are not picking your brains. We are students of our art, wanting to learn more about it.—Yours, etc.,

RAYMOND OVERY.

Haywards Heath.

FIRST ON 12 BELLS

Dear Sir,—I am grateful to Messrs. Mills and J. A. Hales for their letters, and apologise to the latter for confusing him with his son. There was also a second error in the reference in my previous letter to ringers whose first peals were on 12 bells, which shows the danger of writing from memory, and for which I am sorry. Wilfred Taffender's first peal was one of London; his second, a fortnight later, was Stedman Cinques. Perhaps I was confusing him in my mind with Robert A. Fardon, whose father was also a well-known London ringer, and who did ring Stedman Cinques for his first; however, I would like to thank Messrs. Audsley and Blewer for drawing my attention to this.

Mr. T. R. Butler tells me that he believes the late Mr. Robert Sperring, of Chester, for his first touch on 12, called a peal of Kent Maximus, and that like Mr. Nash he had never previously seen 12 ropes in a tower. Mr. Butler mentions that his own first peal was one of Stedman Caters on handbells to which he rang 1-2. This was indeed, to quote 'The Ringing World,' 'an unusual start in peal ringing.' But the most remarkable of all, surely, was by Mr. R. W. R. Picton, then of Watford, who for his first peal rang 1-2 to Superlative on handbells in 1927. I doubt if this achievement will ever be equalled.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

MR. A. BEVERLEY RINGER

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World,' dated February 17th, Mr. W. L. Duffield writes that Mr. Beverley Ringer comes from a ringing family. Perhaps he can tell us the names of his family who were ringers.

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'THE RINGING WORLD'

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31st, 1954

	£	s.	d.
SUNDRY CREDITORS	523	3	8
AMOUNTS RECEIVED IN ADVANCE—			
Postal Subscriptions and Notices	846	12	11
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAX ..	14	8	0
CAPITAL ACCOUNT—	£	s.	d.
Balance at 31st	1450	11	3
December, 1953			
Add Profit for the			
year as shown by			
Profit and Loss			
Account	249	0	1
	1699	11	4
	£3,083	15	11

	£	s.	d.
GOODWILL, BLOCKS, ETC., at Cost	200	0	0
DEBTORS	714	2	1
INVESTMENT at Cost—			
£800 3½% Defence Bonds	800	0	0
CASH—	£	s.	d.
At Bankers	1350	14	6
In Hand	12	0	
	1351	6	6
AMOUNT due from the Central			
Council of Church Bell Ringers	18	7	4
	£3,083	15	11

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR TO THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS ON THE ACCOUNTS OF THEIR OFFICIAL JOURNAL, 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

I have audited the above Balance Sheet and have obtained the information and explanations I have required. In my opinion such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of affairs of 'The Ringing World,' according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me and as shown by the books.

(Signed) G. LUNNIS,

Chartered Accountant.

Thames House, Queen Street Place,
London, E.C.4.
December 12th, 1955.

PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT for the YEAR ENDING DEC. 31st, 1954

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Woodbridge Press—						
Printing	3366	16	9			
Blocks	2	6	0			
				3369	2	9
Editorial Office Expenses—						
Editor's Fees and						
Expenses	294	8	8			
Clerical Assistance	120	3	8			
Postage	14	19	0			
Stationery and Sun-						
dries	13	19	0			
				443	10	4
Postal Subscribers—						
Despatch of Copies	140	10	6			
Postage and Wrap-						
pers	583	13	9			
				724	4	3
Accounts Department—						
Clerical Assistance	104	0	0			
Postage and Tele-						
phone	20	5	2			
Stationery and Sun-						
dries	17	19	9			
				142	4	11
Miscellaneous Expenses				2	13	0
Audit Fee				21	0	0
Income Tax on Interest Receivable				14	8	0
				4717	3	3
Profit for the year carried to						
Balance Sheet				249	0	1
				£4,966	3	4

	£	s.	d.
Rolls Publishing Co.	1844	7	11
Postal Subscribers	1907	0	6
Donations	335	14	6
Advertisements	441	9	0
Notices	378	14	10
Sundry Receipts	25	12	9
Interest Receivable on £800 3½%			
Defence Bonds	33	4	0

I have known him all my life. He was born at Swainsthorpe and was named A. Beverley Ringer, taking his mother's maiden name of Beverley. She was the daughter of Mr. T. Beverley, of Seething. His father died when he was young, and after a time his mother married again to Mr. J. W. Hill, of Mulbarton, where he was brought up at the Lodge Farm.

There was a brother of Mr. T. Beverley who

farmed at Banham before the 1914-18 war. I do not know of any other relatives of the family.—Yours faithfully,
Wymondham.

H. TOOKE.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.—On Feb. 5th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. Barraclough 1, Miss R. M. Jackson 2, D. Vincent 3, N. Lomas 4, A. J. Brown 5, L. Boumphrey 6, B. Jones 7, P. Border (cond.) 8.

QUARTER PEALS

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At St. Michael's Church, on Ash Wednesday, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Leavey 1, I. W. Taylor 2, H. Balaam 3, B. Story 4, Mrs. E. Weaver 5, J. Weaver 6, J. Chesterman 7, F. F. Gilbert (cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 2 and 4. For Evensong.

BELGRAVE, LEICS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. Bass 1, O. Castleman 2, J. Kesterton 3, A. Skinner 4, P. Wells 5, N. Abell 6, C. Linch 7, R. Barrow (cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 3, 5 and 6.

BENINGTON, HERTS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss F. Welch 1, R. Head 2, G. Cherry 3, P. Croft 4, D. Gullick 5, J. Dear 6, E. Buck 7, F. Croft (cond.) 8. Rung after failure of a peal attempt to celebrate the recasting of the 5th on the 83rd anniversary of the ringing here of the first peal in the method.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Feb. 5th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss J. Tunbridge 1, Miss D. M. Ward 2, Miss M. R. Andrews 3, H. Hovard 4, H. E. Audsley 5, J. L. Morris (cond.) 6. Rung for the thanksgiving service to celebrate the completion of the restoration of the main part of the church; also as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Beverley A. Thompson.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (with 6, 7, 8 covering): Christine Suckling 1, Anne Lufkin 2, H. Moore 3, Mrs. H. Moore 4, J. Brown (first as cond.) 5, R. Suckling 6, F. B. Lufkin 7, A. Brown 8. Rung in memory of Mrs. Christine Vaizey, a faithful member of St. Mary's.

BROMSGROVE, WORCS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: A. O. Lewis 1, Mrs. A. J. Martin 2, A. J. Martin 3, C. Hawkins (first quarter) 4, D. J. Potter (cond.) 5, F. Potter 6, F. Crump 7, S. Harris 8. Rung for the enthronement of the new Bishop of Worcester, which took place at Worcester Cathedral on February 11th.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Great, on Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss F. Harrison (first of Grand-sire Triples) 1, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 2, P. Pigz 3, D. Stubbings (first on eight) 4, T. R. Dennis 5, D. Latchford 6, H. Martin 7, H. Brown 8. In honour of the Queen's accession.

CHLINTHAM, GLOS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: W. A. Farmer 1, G. D. Beard (cond.) 2, Miss S. M. Parsons 3, F. G. Nurdert 4, W. Dyer 5, I. Goulter 6, P. Baker 7, C. Wratten 8, T. Boreham 9, E. T. Newbury 10. For Mattins.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Dec. 27th, 1,344 Rutland Surprise Major: F. G. Oliver 1, A. W. Cansdale 2, B. Fairhead 3, Brenda M. Balls 4, Evelyn R. Cansdale 5, E. P. Duffield 6, J. H. Edwards 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. First in method for 3, 4 and 5. Also on Feb. 5th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: J. H. Edwards 1, Mrs. H. J. Millatt 2, B. Fairhead 3, Brenda M. Balls 4, A. Syder 5, T. Earle 6, E. P. Duffield 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. First in method for 2, 3, 4 and 5.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Handley (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. Simpson 2, Miss P. Shepherd 3, A. E. Hoodless 4, A. Simpson (cond.) 5, L. Henson 6. A birthday compliment to Miss M. Beaumont.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss P. Watkiss (first of Triples) 1, H. Perry 2, Miss J. Burge 3, Miss J. Taylor 4, H. Burge 5, G. Hartland 6, J. Taylor (cond.) 7, H. Taylor 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Audrey Maude-Roxby, daughter of the Vicar of Curry Rivel, to Mr. Nicholas Bray.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (by J. J. Parker): W. Henley 1, W. Birmingham 2, Miss Sylvia Wickenden 3, Dvr. A. Hartley, R.A.S.C., 4, F. Scott 5, G. Gilbert 6, W. Butler (cond.) 7, Janet Adamson 8. First of Stedman for 3 and 8.

GLOUCESTER.—On Feb. 7th, at the Church of St. Mary-de-Lode, 1,320 Single Oxford Bob Minor: C. Wixey 1, G. P. Green 2, M. Ling 3, P. Hurcombe 4, F. E. T. Tranter 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method by all except the conductor.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Minor (180 Plain, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob): C. J. Mann 1, E. E. S. Johnson 2, W. V. Mills 3, E. J. Thynn (cond.) 4, G. W. Barber 5, P. C. Sayer 6. For evening service, and a birthday compliment to G. W. Barber.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: A. Woodley 1, A. E. Lock 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, H. K. White 4, G. W. Bishop 5, F. A. White 6, A. H. Webb (cond.) 7, D. Napper 8. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Thomas East, foreman of the tower for many years.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 12th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: J. Stole 1, F. Whitby 2, V. Tipton 3, S. Clark 4, W. Wheeler 5, D. Collins 6, J. Alely 7, L. Whitby (cond.) 8. Rung on the birthday of the late George Dent, respected leader of the local band.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. J. Upton 1, G. Duncan 2, A. V. Good 3, Miss P. Martin 4, F. J. Plummer 5, B. Ellinder 6, W. J. Puddifoot 7, W. C. Hughes (cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 2 and 7. Rung for the Feast of the Purification, and a birthday compliment to A. V. Good.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Feb. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Barbara J. Stevens 1, C. Stevens 2, Pamela M. Stevens 3, M. Stone 4, D. K. Lane 5, D. Miller 6, C. Clarke 7, R. Short (first on eight as cond.) 8. First of Major by 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

IDLE, YORKS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Mrs. H. B. Schofield 1, Miss A. Laycock 2, T. Hill 3, Miss C. Pedder 4, H. B. Schofield 5, D. Thorp (cond.) 6, F. Rayment 7. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 3rd in celebration of his 40th wedding anniversary.

KILBURN, N.W.—At St. Augustine's Church, on Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: W. Eveleigh 1, C. E. Lankester 2, J. Clark-Maxwell (first of Grand-sire Triples 'inside') 3, Audrey Barker 4, Jean Abercrombie (first of Grand-sire Triples) 5, B. Stafford 6, D. C. Birkinshaw (cond.) 7, M. Whiteside (first quarter) 8.

KINGSTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 5th, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: Miss M. Lewis 1, R. F. B. Speed 2, G. Massey 3, A. H. Smith 4, G. Marriner 5, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 6, C. W. R. Grimwood 7, G. W. Morris 8, H. Andrews 9, H. V. Young 10.

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 6th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: M. Parkinson 1, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 2, G. R. Parker 3, S. A. Chambers 4, J. A. Freeman 5, J. Walden 6, C. E. Brown 7, A. T. Lowman 8, H. L. Pask 9, G. Paul 10. Rung for the Queen's accession.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 4th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. W. Cansdale 1, Rosemary J. Seabrook (cond.) 2, S. J. Twitchett 3, R. S. Seabrook 4, R. Rippingale 5, T. Bird 6. Rung on the back six.

MARKFIELD, LEICS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss B. Dilks 1, W. C. Hall (cond.) 2, K. Burdett 3, H. Wardle 4, J. Wardle 5, J. Peet 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Barbara Dilks, ringer and chorister at this church.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (being 240 April Day, 480 Plain Bob and 540 Grand-sire): Mary Powell 1, Rosemary Strong (first 'inside') 2, M. Horseman 3, L. Derrick 4, C. Kortright (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. E. J. Baker, former tower captain and ringer in this tower for 60 years; also a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss H. Hancock 1, G. L. Grover 2, B. Grover 3, D. Wright 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5. For evening service; also a 21st birthday compliment to John Martin.

***OXENDON, NORTHANTS.**—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: A. Millward 1, A. Flutter 2, E. Storey 3, C. Swann 4, D. Griffin (cond.) 5. Rung to welcome Mr. C. Swann on his safe return from H.M. Forces.

OXFORD.—On Feb. 12th, at New College, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: R. A. Jackson (first quarter) 1, Miss E. M. T. Powell 2, C. J. B. Taylor 3, F. Barrett 4, W. H. Jackson 5, D. A. Edwards 6, D. H. Niblett 7, R. A. Hodgson 8, P. R. Sanders (first on 10 as cond.) 9, A. C. P. Pugh 10. First on 10 for 2, 3, 4 and 10.

PASSENHAM, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: H. Ridgway 1, T. E. Roberts (cond.) 2, H. C. Edwards 3, F. C. Case 4, G. E. Green 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Spencer Leeson, Lord Bishop of Peterborough.

PORKERRY, GLAM.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, Plain Bob, 300 Grand-sire): H. W. Dimond 1, H. Green 2, P. D. Oldham 3, M. Williams 4, L. J. Malings (cond.) 5, H. Smart 6. Rung on the 36th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Green.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Gibbs 1, S. G. Robinson 2, G. W. Jeffs 3, E. E. Whitmore 4, L. Witten 5, A. Wilson 6, W. J. Whitmore (cond.) 7, R. Edwards (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Spencer Leeson, Lord Bishop of Peterborough.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: W. Ward 1, A. Reeve 2, B. Howard 3, F. May 4, G. Sandwell 5, P. Coward 6, A. House (cond.) 7, G. Blower 8. First in the method for all except 6 and 7. For Evensong.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. Neesham (first quarter) 1, W. Richardson 2, H. Curtis (first as cond.) 3, A. Osborne 4, A. Cozens 5.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Denise Shaw 1, Margaret Mills 2, Elizabeth Wardill 3, Mrs. N. Chaddock 4, N. Smith 5, J. N. D. Chaddock (15) 6, H. Woodall 7, F. Fisher 8, F. J. Jackson 9, N. Chaddock (cond.) 10. First quarter of Bob Royal by 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Pratt 1, W. Noble 2, J. Nicholls 3, Miss B. Spicer (first of Major) 4, J. Parish 5, W. Ransom 6, L. Fisher 7, H. Dunnington (cond.) 8. For morning service.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Feb. 12th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: Miss M. Prockson 1, T. H. Francis (cond.) 2, Mrs. T. H. Francis 3, R. Arg (first on 12) 4, W. Prockson 5, A. P. Cave 6, D. Priestley 7, W. R. Winterton 8, F. E. Hawthorne 9, J. Armstrong 10, A. F. Thirst 11, A. R. Ling 12.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. E. Le Blanc Smith 1, C. F. Finch 2, Mrs. J. W. Blythe 3, J. W. Blythe 4, E. J. Thurlow 5, R. S. Payne (cond.) 6.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (being one extent each of Old and Reverse Canterbury, two extents of Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day and Plain Bob, and two and a half extents of Grand-sire): Miss F. Secker 1, M. Cubitt 2, M. Rowe 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, E. J. Rowe 5, L. Green 6. First quarter in six methods by all except conductor. First quarter by an entirely local band in more than one method.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. I. D. Mills 1, Marian H. Mills 2, I. Cooper 3, F. Harvey 4, M. A. Mills (cond.) 5, P. W. Mills 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Arthur Austen and Miss Phyllis Young.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Nutt (first quarter) 1, W. Whitmore 2, A. Wilson 3, G. Jeffs 4, S. Robinson 5, H. Richardson 6, L. Witten (cond.) 7, W. Ross 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Spencer Leeson, Lord Bishop of Peterborough.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: A. Gale 1, Mrs. E. S. Powell 2, W. Cockram 3, F. Caseley 4, G. Sparkes 5, J. Upton 6, C. Tarr (cond.) 7, W. Nurcombe 8. Rung during the Restoration Appeal Week for £15,000 for St. Peter's Church.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Mrs. Devenish 1, Mrs. Bagworth 2, J. Tomsett 3, Susan Jacobs (first of Triples 'inside') 4, P. Devenish 5, M. Sinden (cond.) 6, N. Bagworth 7, A. Bishop 8.

WIVELSFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: G. D. Truran (first quarter) 1, Edna M. Everest 2, B. J. Harfield 3, Anne W. J. Harfield 4, P. C. Hollingdale (cond.) 5, Dilys M. Smith 6. Rung for the annual toy service.

WOOKEY, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: B. Wear (first as cond.) 1, V. Roberts 2, Miss E. Hall (first quarter) 3, R. Gardiner 4, G. Salmon 5, J. Kingsnorth 6.

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MISCELLANEOUS

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District. —To whom it may concern: The new District Secretary is Mr. C. J. Beadle, 2, Crondall Lane, Farnham, Surrey. 7874

ST. OLAVE'S, HART STREET, E.C.3.—The practice for next week will be held on Tuesday, March 6th, at 6.30 p.m., and not on Monday. —D. Priestley, Sec., U.L.S.C.R. 7899

TOTTENHAM.—Ringing has been suspended at All Hallows Church owing to the dangerous condition of the tower. We have an extensive restoration programme, the tower being top priority. Contributions gratefully received by Rev. W. F. Clarke, The Priory, Church Lane, N.17. 7875

WAVENDON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.—Will ringers please note that practice nights during Lent will be held on Monday at 7.15 p.m. instead of the usual Wednesday. 7865

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Outing to be arranged for June 2nd to Derbyshire. Bus picking up Leicester, Nottingham, Derby; fare 10s. Will all interested notify me with 5s. deposit as soon as possible.—L. M. Corby, Hon. Sec., 11, Bowley Avenue, Melton Mowbray, Leics. 7886

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MEETINGS

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.

—Annual meeting on Saturday, Mar. 3rd, at Egremont (8). Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Meeting at 5 p.m.—G. McKay, Hon. Sec. 7857

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Mar. 3rd, at Dudley. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to R. A. Peakman, 47 High Street, Kingswinford. 7855

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Sutton on Saturday, Mar. 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 7311

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Springfield (6), Saturday, March 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify A. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 7755

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Aldenham (8) Mar. 3rd. 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 7845

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Next meeting, Winhill, Saturday, Mar. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea, 4.45 p.m. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 7853

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting at Ranmoor, Mar. 3rd at 3 p.m.—J. Seager, Sec. 7802

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Annual meeting at Lavenham on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to M. Symonds, 1, Pit Meadow, Lavenham. 7810

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Balcombe (8), Mar. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 7837

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Monday, March 5th, 7 p.m. One minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station.—T. J. Lock. 7871

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined practice, Betchingley, 7.15 p.m., Wednesday, March 7th. 7867

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Saturday, March 10th. The Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., 6 p.m. Ringing at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, S.W., at 3.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 7879

BARNESLEY DISTRICT AND YORKS ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A joint meeting at Wragby (Nostell Priory) on Mar. 10th. Bells (6) (recast) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Mar. 5th to D. Smith, 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. No names, no tea.—D. Smith and J. J. L. Gilbert, Hon. Secs. 7856

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Montacute, March 10th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify T. J. Setter, 52, Middle Street, Yeovil. 7868

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—An evening meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (6) 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 7896

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Meeting at Hedon, Saturday, Mar. 10th. Bells (8) available 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., price 4s. Names for tea to Mr. J. L. Barrow, West Dene, Church Lane, Hedon, Hull. 7907

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Daresbury (8), Saturday, March 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5. For tea, notify Mr. S. Booth, Chester Road, Daresbury, by March 6th.—C. Raddon, Branch Sec. 7895

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Clowne (6), Saturday, March 10th. 3 p.m. Tea available for those who send names to me by March 8th.—A. B. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Lane, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. 7908

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Wingerworth, Saturday, March 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 7902

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual, East Grinstead, Mar. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names to Miss K. Shepherd, 34, Cantelupe Road, by 8th.—C. A. Bassett. 7846

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Whittleford on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7881

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.-E. District.—Meeting at Mistley, Saturday, Mar. 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Mar. 7th, please, to Mr. A. Honeywood, 2, Oxford Road, Mistley, Manningtree. 7847

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Wroughton (6), March 10th. Names for tea to Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 7897

HERTS COUNTY.—Eastern District.—Ben-geo, March 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to E. J. Phillips, 8, Page Road, Hertford.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 7882

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Cobham on Saturday, Mar. 10th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Please note change of date. Names for tea by Monday, Mar. 5th.—Cyril S. Jarrett, 38, Balmoral Road, Gillingham. 7843

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The annual meeting will be held at Corston on March 10th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea to Mrs. de Jong, Vanaarken, Beresford Close, Saltford, Bristol. 7898

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held on Saturday, March 10th, at Lancaster Priory. Ringing, 2.30 to 8. Tea at 5. Meeting after tea. Please note altered date. Names for tea to F. Postlethwaite, Bridgett Street, Lancaster.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 7909

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Helens Parish Church on Saturday, March 10th. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday to A. Wallace, 11 Whitefield Road, St. Helens.—G. I. Howlett. 7887

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Chorley St. Mary's, Saturday, March 10th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in tower 6 p.m. No tea arrangements—teashops nearby.—L. Walmsley. 7904

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting, Bottesford, March 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Bull Hotel. Names by Wednesday, 7th, to Mrs. P. A. Corby, Hon. Sec., 11, Bowley Avenue, Melton Mowbray. 7885

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Quarterly meeting at Navenby (6), Mar. 10th. Tea for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 7836

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Saturday, March 10th, St. Margaret's, Lee, 3. Own tea. Business 6.15. St. Alphage's, Greenwich, 7. Practice meeting, Thursday, March 15th, Clapham Common (R.C.), 7.30.—Hutchings. Tel. TUL 0800. 7883

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at South Hackney Parish Church, Lauriston Road, Well Street, on Saturday, March 10th, 3.15 p.m. Service 4 p.m., tea and business. Trolleybus route 677. Bus route 6.—T. J. Lock. 7872

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Cheadle (R.C.), Saturday, March 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea at a nearby café. Please notify A. W. Hall, 77, Queen Street, Cheadle. Staffs, of numbers to be present.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 7878

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at North Marston, Saturday, March 10th. Bells (6) at 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by March 7th, please.—F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 7880

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Practice at Burghfield and Padworth on Saturday, March 10th, 6 p.m.—R. G. Burton. 7900

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, at Llandilo on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (6) available 1.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carmar. 7873

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Okeford Fitzpaine, March 10th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea and meeting. Visitors welcome. Please notify the Rev. R. Wells, Iwerne Minster Vicarage, Blandford, Dorset. 7870

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Coombe Bissett (6), March 10th, from 2.15. Tea (names to secretary by March 6th, please). Sarum St. Thomas (8) also open 6.45–8 p.m. Provisional dates for 1956: April 21st, Compton Chamberlayne (quarterly); May 26th, Netheravon and Enford; June 16th, Winterbourne Earls; July 14th, Downton (quarterly); Sept. 8th, Winterslow; Oct. 13th, Hindon (quarterly); Dec. 8th, Tisbury; Jan. 19th, 1957, annual, Sarum St. Martin.—Miss Eloie, Sec., 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 7859

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Rampton (6), Saturday, Mar. 10th. Brampton's bus from Anchor Inn, Retford, at 2.15 and 3.45. Lincolnshire from Cannon Square at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30 for those who notify Mrs. D. Beecroft, Royal Oak, Rampton, Retford, by 6th.—H. Denman, 7891

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Oswestry, Saturday, March 10th. Bells available from 2.30. Names for tea to E. V. Jones, 30, Oakley Street, Belle Vue, Shrewsbury. 7858

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held in the Vestry, Kingston-on-Thames, Mar. 10th. Service 4.30, followed by tea in Parish Hall. Bells: Esher 2.45 to 4, Kingston, after meeting only. Notifications for tea to Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queens Road, Thames Ditton, by Mar. 7th.—W. F. Oatway, Hon. Sec. 7838

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, West Tarring (6), Saturday, March 10th. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 7877

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting at Wonston (6) on March 10th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15, at the White Swan. Names by March 5th, please. to P. Nash, 10, Portal Road, Winchester. 7892

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—J. W. Parker commemoration meeting, St. Ignatius', Sunderland, March 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Committee 3.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by March 14th to F. Ainsley, 30, Aysgarth Avenue, Sunderland. 7906

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N. District.—Meeting at Pebmarsh (6), Saturday, March 17th. 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Buses from Halstead and Bures. Numbers for tea to G. Trendell, Manor House, Pebmarsh, Halstead. 7893

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) and HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Combined meeting at Benenden (8) on March 17th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to S. G. Waters, Bishopsdale Farm, Biddenden, by Tuesday, March 13th.—W. P. Garner. 7894

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Lynsted, Saturday, March 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 2s. per head. Names, with cash, please, to Mr. N. E. Taylor, Vicarage Farm, Lynsted, near Sittingbourne, by Wednesday, March 14th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec. 7884

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at West Malling on Saturday, March 17th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. P. Carter, The Ringers, West Malling, Kent. All ladies welcome—gentlemen cordially invited.—Jill Haffenden. 7834

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Annual meeting, Uppingham (8), Saturday, March 17th. Names for tea by March 12th.—E. E. Gibson, Hon. Sec. 7876

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Carlton-juxta-Snaith, Saturday, March 17th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7889

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Orston on Saturday, March 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Durham Ox. for those who notify me by Wednesday previous. Buses leave Newark at 1.35 and 4.35 only.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec., 60, Albert Street, Newark. 7869

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Mar. 17th, at Halifax. Bells available: All Souls', Haley Hill (8), from 2.30 to 5 p.m.; Parish Church (12), after business meeting to 9 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in All Souls' Church Hall, followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea must send names to Mr. V. Bottomley, 21, Bankfield View, Halifax, no later than Tuesday, March 13th.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7905

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Linton, March 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea.—R. L. Sils, The Square, Wrotham, Kent. 7888

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Taunton, Easter Monday, April 2nd. Ringing at St. James' Church 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Service at 12.30 p.m. Lunch at Gaumont Café for ticket-holders only. Applications, enclosing stamped

addressed envelope, to R. O. Fry, 5, Morford Street, Bath. Business meeting in St. James' Church Hall at 3 p.m. Details of further ringing later.—R. O. Fry, Gen. Sec. 7903

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Rochester, Easter Monday, April 2nd. Service at Cathedral at noon. Luncheon, followed by business, at Corn Exchange, 1 p.m. Tickets, members 4s. 6d., others 6s. 6d. Please apply early, and not later than March 26th, with remittance and stamped addressed envelope, to the assistant hon. treasurer, Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, near Sittingbourne. Ringing, morning and after meeting, at Gillingham, Rainham, Chatham, Frindsbury and Rochester Cathedral.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec. 7899

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general business meeting will be held at Cirencester on Saturday, April 7th. Full details later. Nominations for Master, together with names of proposer and seconder, must be received by me not later than Saturday, March 10th.—F. Skidmore, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7866

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Preliminary Notice.—As Croydon and Beddington are not available for the April meeting, this meeting will be a combined meeting with the Kent County Association (Tonbridge District) at Westerham (Kent) on Saturday, April 7th. Please note date. Full details later; good attendance of our members, please! —P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 7901

RINGERS HELP SINGERS AT WANSTEAD

The need of new service books for the choir of Christ Church, Wanstead, gave the ringers an opportunity to stage a talk on 'Church Bells' in the local C. of E. School. Mr. L. E. Last was invited to give the talk, using the school's apparatus and his own very interesting strip film.

In spite of snow showers, about 70 turned up, including Mr. F. V. Gant (Hornchurch), the enthusiastic secretary of the Essex Association, local clergy, churchwardens, choristers and ringers. Those present greatly enjoyed Mr. Last's fascinating 'survey' of bells through the ages, followed by a demonstration of change-ringing on handbells, in which Messrs. L. E. Last, F. V. Gant, P. A. F. Chalk and J. Chalk took part.

The retiring collection was a worthy contribution towards the requirements of a large choir, of which some of the ringers are members.

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