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BARM HEAD

EVER since change-ringing began there always have been men who love to dabble with the figures. The ladies have not yet invaded this male preserve, but we can expect it any time now. Peal Composition, Method Construction and Extension are subjects on which a good deal of time has been spent and much paper used. After World War I we got used to seeing in the 'R.W.' columns such names as The Mad Hatter, Minormania, Irenæus Pistor, with their long and technical digressions. Later on we had the Extension controversy, with G. Baker, J. A. Trollope, W. Taylor and A. Y. Bramble and many others joining in. These discussions were not understood by many ringers, but it showed how deeply these men had gone into a difficult subject. It was interesting to read last December that a well-known member of the C.C. was to give a talk on Method Construction at a branch meeting. He is to be congratulated on his enterprise, for it is important that those who take up this subject should start on the right track.

What follows is a true story of one who did not, with unforeseen results. It should be now explained that 'Barm' was the name given to the yeast which housewives used in the baking of bread throughout the north of England. Thus 'Barm head' was a term of opprobrium equivalent to the present day 'big head,' which we hear so much in the cinemas. Names have been withheld because two of this band are still ringing, but if they read these lines I am sure they will see the funny side.

Just over 50 years ago a certain 6-bell tower in Lancashire had a really good band. They regularly rang T.B. methods, such as Arnold's Victory, Imperial, and other methods now considered obsolete. Also they were in the happy position of having several more ringers than ropes. One of these number had started dabbling with the figures and had produced a new method which he called Victoria T.B. We will call this man Y; and the local band had begun to practise the new method. There was also an

elderly gentleman whose knowledge of method construction did not exist. We call him Z. A meeting was being held at this tower and a composer who was also interested in method construction attended. Call him X. Everything was going well at the meeting; a good attendance, and the local band had just rung a touch of Victoria.

Most people were impressed, but not so X; he asked if anyone had the figures of the method. These were duly supplied by Y, and for a few moments X was busy with his pencil in one corner of the room. Then he calmly announced that the method was no good as it was false. Strong murmurs of disapproval were made by the locals who suggested that X was mistaken. Finally, Z determined to crush him by ridicule. Fixing X with a fierce glare, he said in his broadest Lancashire: 'Are tha' false, you big barm head?' 'All right,' said X, 'we shall see who is the barm head.' He then left the meeting, deeply conscious of having dropped a brick, and returned to his own village.

During the following week X received a bulky envelope through the post from Y: it contained a full 720 of Victoria pricked out lead by lead. Without any comment X underlined in red ink the repetitions at the treble leads and sent it back to Y. And so died Victoria T.B. before it ever got in the text books. Fortunately no harm was done; the band respected X for his superior knowledge, and they progressed into the Surprise class. Finally, X, Y and Z have passed on.

LANCASTRIAN.

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TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFFE,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER .. Treble	ALAN A. HILLIAR 6
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 2	WILLIAM H. PARKER .. 7
FRANK M. MACK .. 3	ALBERT M. TYLER .. 8
*EDWARD F. HANCOCK .. 4	EMLYN F. HANCOCK .. 9
NORMAN H. COOMBS .. 5	FRANK E. HANSFORD .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER. Conducted by EMLYN F. HANCOCK.

*First peal 'inside.'

Rung for the 'coming-of-age' of Edward F. Hancock.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 WINCHESTER SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

JESSIE M. KIPPIN .. Treble	*ROBERT C. KIPPIN 6
*JEAN POWELL 2	MAURICE J. BUTLER 7
*R. ROGER SAVORY 3	*ADRIAN J. TUMBER 8
*MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 4	*FRANK C. PRICE 9
NELIA M. LEAHY 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

*First peal of Winchester Surprise Royal.

KINGS NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., March 9, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5017 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 6
JOHN PINFOLD 2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON 7
MURIEL REAY 3	W. NORMAN PARK 8
ALBERT WALKER 4	GEORGE E. FEARN 9
ARTHUR D. COOK 5	HENRY H. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Frank Bertram Yates, vice-president of St. Martin's Guild and donor of the two trebles.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WITHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

JOHN WARNER .. Treble	CHARLES BURTON 5
ERNEST W. BRIGHT .. 2	ALAN R. SYDER 6
*JAMES CHALK 3	TERRY EARLE 7
RONALD SUCKLING .. 4	*HENRY DORKINS .. Tenor

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

*First peal in the method.

Rung for the wedding of Miss Mary Edwards, a local ringer, to Mr. Richard Smith, which took place earlier in the day.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

*REUBEN C. APPLETON .. Treble	†LEONARD G. TOOKE 5
WILLIAM CLOVER 2	THOMAS E. SPIGHT 6
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 3	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 7
C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. 4	HENRY TOOKE Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

*First peal and first attempt. †First in method on an 'inside' bell. Rung half-muffled to the memory of James William Underwood, vicar's warden from 1929 and treasurer to the P.C.C. from 1933; honorary member of the above Association since 1930.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., March 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

HENRY H. FEARN .. Treble	A. PATRICK CANNON 5
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. 2	JOHN PINFOLD 6
GEORGE E. FEARN 3	PETER BORDER 7
FRANK E. HAYNES 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

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

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung as a compliment to Nigel John Moore, with best wishes from the members of the Diocesan Association and the local band in particular.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., March 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.

A PEAL OF 5088 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*CYRIL H. KINCH .. Treble	*STEPHEN J. IVIN 5
*ROBIN A. HODGSON .. 2	*DAPHNE R. CASTELL .. 6
EDGAR J. SMITH 3	*CHARLES COLES 7
*DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

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

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 9, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE Treble	RAYMOND OVERY 5
*MRS. BETTY PERCY .. 2	EDGAR R. RAPLEY 6
FRANK H. HICKS 3	†ARTHUR J. HART 7
*KATHLEEN M. YEO .. 4	WILLIAM ROGERS .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

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

A birthday compliment to Mrs. Betty Percy; a 1st birthday compliment to John, grandson of the treble ringer, and a 74th birthday compliment to Mr. R. Billings, of Maresfield, uncle of the seventh ringer.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 9, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5024 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

MARY DOWSETT .. Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 2	BRIAN J. HOWARD 6
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 3	JOE E. G. ROAST 7
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 4	PETER J. EVES .. Tenor

Composed by T. E. SONE. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

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

Rung in memory of Horace J. Mansfield, life vice-president, Central Council representative, and for many years Master of the South-Eastern Division of the Essex Association. Died March 4th, 1957.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Sat., March 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

DIANA J. PERRINS .. Treble	W. NORMAN PARK 5
*ELIZABETH H. YARDLEY .. 2	H. DAVID HOLLAND 6
*JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 3	STELLA HUGHES 7
PAUL J. RIGBY 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by STELLA HUGHES.

*First peal of Bob Major.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 ERIN TRIPLES

Tenor 8½ cwt. in G sharp.

MARGARET A. LEWIS Treble	S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT.. 5
PETER A. LAWRENCE 2	ROGER BALDWIN.. .. 6
G. WILLIAM MORRIS 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
JUNE M. CLEMENTS 4	SIDNEY J. WOODCOCK .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

First peal of Erin by all the band, and on the bells.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5024 BOB MAJOR

C.C.C. No. 37.	Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.
*MRS. P. W. MILLS Treble	MICHAEL A. MILLS 5
HELEN M. SHARP 2	PERCY W. MILLS 6
MARIAN H. MILLS 3	*WALTER F. DOWNS 7
GEORGE WATERMAN 4	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* First peal on eight bells.

A birthday compliment to Miss M. Mills.

LECKHAMPTON, CHELTENHAM.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.	Tenor 9 cwt.
FREDERICK BLOWEN Treble	CHARLES ROUSE 5
JOHN THOMAS 2	PETER BAKER 6
G. LEONARD HEWITT 3	THOMAS BOREHAM 7
LESLIE BARRY 4	ALBERT J. NEWMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

In memoriam Rev. Noel E. Hope, M.A. Master, 1938-1947.

LONDON, E.C.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., March 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,342 Bristol, 1,280 London, 1,280 Cambridge and 1,280 Superlative, with 113 changes of method, and all the bells doing all the work of each method.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*D. PRIESTLEY (University) Treble	A. F. THIRST (Imperial).. 5
D. G. JACKSON (Imperial) 2	*J. ARMSTRONG (Lon. Hosp.) 6
J. L. MORRIS (Queen Mary) 3	*R. KEELEY (King's) .. 7
D. N. LAYTON (Imperial).. 4	D. BERESFORD (King's) .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by D. BERESFORD.

* First peal of Spliced. First peal of Spliced for the Society.

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

HAROLD FOLWELL Treble	PERCY STONE 5
L. MICHAEL CALLOW 2	HUBERT ASHLEY.. .. 6
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON 3	JOHN L. FINDON.. .. 7
*DEREK J. SIBLEY 4	JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor.

Rung in honour of the wedding of the conductor's daughter, Juliette, to Michael J. Brown, which took place at this church on March 4th.

WALTON-LE-DALE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 9, 1957, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOHN BAGNALL Treble	JOSEPH THORNEY 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2	ALAN CAPSTICK 6
NORMAN SMITH.. .. 3	JAMES E. BURLS 7
ROGER LEIGH 4	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLS.

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

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., March 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN R. JOYNER.. .. Treble	PETER BORDER 5
DIANA J. PERRINS 2	JOHN PINFOLD 6
EVELYN M. FLETCHER 3	W. NORMAN PARK 7
H. DAVID HOLLAND 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., March 13, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

WILLIAM J. DIXON Treble	*BRIAN W. HALL 5
HARRY P. FLOYD.. .. 2	BERTRAM J. COGGINS .. 6
ALAN R. PINK 3	THOMAS W. TIMMS.. .. 7
MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT .. 4	EDGAR J. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method.

In memoriam George Francis Smith, churchwarden, 1947-56, and rung on the first anniversary of his death.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., March 13, 1957, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MARLBOROUGH BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

CECIL BARKER Treble	ALAN R. SYDER 5
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. 6
JACK H. BRETT 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN 7
WALTER ARNOLD.. .. 4	THOMAS BIRD Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

First peal in the method by all and for the Association. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower' twice to a peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. B. Lufkin.

AYLESFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 16, 1957, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. Treble	WILLIAM R. MANSER .. 5
*DAVID F. BOWYER 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 6
LUTHER J. HONESS 3	COLIN A. TESTER 7
*STANLEY A. HAZLEDEN .. 4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.

* First peal of Major.



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SIX BELL PEALS

GREENSTEAD GREEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and one extent of Kent. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.
EDWIN JENNINGS Treble | LEWIS W. WIFFEN 4
*TERRY EARLE 2 | WALTER ARNOLD 5
ALAN R. SYDER 3 | HILDA G. SNOWDEN Tenor

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

* 100th peal for the Association.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain. Tenor 12½ cwt.
*ARTHUR C. WELLS Treble | *DERICK W. PARDON 4
WALTER C. MEDLER 2 | JOHN R. SMITH 5
RAYMOND W. BALLS 3 | WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

* First peal in four methods.

WINTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., March 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London, York and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Single Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.
JOHN HALL Treble | C. AUBREY HARRISON 4
RONALD CHAFER 2 | HARRY HALL 5
JACK BRAY 3 | PHILIP BARNES Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

BARTON-IN-FABIS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., March 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Bob Minor. Tenor 11½ cwt.
*LESLIE HARRISON Treble | †MARGARET E. HILL 4
†FRED PRIESTLEY 2 | SYDNEY ADAMS 5
*HARRY HARRISON 3 | CHARLES W. TOWERS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. TOWERS.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., March 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.
C. JACK GIBSON Treble | JACK PILGRIM 4
MRS. J. W. BLYTHE 2 | JAMES M. BAILEY 5
RAYMOND PECK 3 | JOHN W. BLYTHE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., March 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 extents and one Morris's 240. Tenor 9½ cwt.
CLIVE WIXEY Treble | *PETER HURCOMBE 4
SIDNEY PUGH 2 | CYRIL WIXEY 5
FREDERICK TRANTER 3 | †WALLACE WIXEY Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK TRANTER.

* First peal 'inside' in the method. † First peal.
Last peal to be rung on the bells before being dismantled and rehung in a new steel frame and on ball-bearings.

RAYNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., March 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge, Oxford, Kent, Double Court, St. Clement's, and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.
MRS. H. W. MOORE Treble | CECIL BARKER 4
FRANK B. LUFKIN 2 | HILDA G. SNOWDEN 5
ALAN R. SYDER 3 | TERRY EARLE Tenor

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

In memoriam Horace J. Mansfield, who died on March 4th.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., March 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

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

Conducted by DONALD L. MILLS.

* 25th peal together. † 25th peal together. Mr. and Mrs. L. Mills and Donald have now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a tribute to the memory of Horace J. Mansfield, a life vice-president of the Association.

ELMORE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.
*GEOFFREY P. GREEN Treble | DAVID W. BEARD 4
††PETER T. HURCOMBE 2 | †E. TREVOR NEWBURY 5
†SHIRLEY M. PARSONS 3 | CYRIL A. WRATTEN Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Surprise Minor. ‡ First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal of Surprise as conductor.

EYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores (ten callings) and one 240 of Morris's. Tenor 11 cwt.
LESLIE EVANS Treble | DESMOND FERGUSON 4
JEAN HUTTON 2 | ALBERT E. JONES 5
ROSEMARY BRAY 3 | HARVEY SHERRY Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. JONES.

The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower' to peals.

FAWLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents (six callings). Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.
MARGARET E. BEAMISH Treble | NELIA M. LEAHY 4
*ROBERT C. KIPPIN 2 | *MAURICE J. BUTLER 5
*JESSIE M. KIPPIN 3 | *R. ROGER SAVORY Tenor

Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor. First peal of Surprise Minor as conductor. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Jessie M. Kippin.

GREAT WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr.
MICHAEL D. LING Treble | RONALD K. RUSS 4
IAN H. ORAM 2 | DONALD E. COBB 5
*ROGER PRICE 3 | PETER T. HURCOMBE Tenor

Conducted by PETER T. HURCOMBE.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal of Minor as conductor.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Beverley, York, Durham, Lightfoot, Cambridge, and two of Ipswich. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.
FREDERICK W. FRENCH Treble | LEONARD C. BLANCHARD 4
ALBERT E. SCOTT 2 | JAMES H. MUSSON 5
*JAMES W. HAW 3 | CECIL WADE Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

* 75th peal.

A farewell peal to the Rev. T. J. Davies on his retirement from the Ministry and in appreciation of his kindnesses to ringers.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., March 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.	
*M. M. PETERSON (Trinity) Treble	A M. SHEPHERD (Fitz. H.) 4
†G. FOTHERGILL (Fitz. H.) 2	H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) 5
*M. HARBORD (Trin. Hall) 3	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) Tenor

Conducted by A. R. HEPPENSTALL.

*First peal on tower bells. †First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

STAGSDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in G.	
*KEITH FLEMING .. Treble	JENNIFER M. DAVIS .. 4
AVRIL THACKRAY .. 2	JOHN B. LONG .. 5
†ANNE AMOR .. 3	†BRYAN PATTISON .. Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

*First peal. †First peal 'inside.' ‡25th peal of Minor.

STRETHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., March 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.

A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.	
DOROTHY A. M. ROBINSON Treble	HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. 4
STANLEY SHIPP .. 2	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 5
GEORGE E. CRISP .. 3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY A. LUCAS.

First peal in the method by all.

A birthday compliment to George E. Crisp and also to Michael J. Dyer, of Huntingdon, at present serving with the R.A.F. in Singapore.

COLN ST. ALDWYN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (called differently).

Tenor 8½ cwt.	
*PETER W. BARTLETT .. Treble	BRIAN R. MYLES .. 4
*JOHN DOWDESWELL .. 2	*PATRICK A. BARTLETT .. 5
*A. C. MERVYN DAY .. 3	WILLIAM A. GODWIN .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

*First peal of Minor.

TICEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., March 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, one each of Kent T.B. and Oxford Bob, and five of Bob Minor.

Tenor 15½ cwt.	
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 4
CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 2	COLIN A. TESTER .. 5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

Ringers of 1 and 2 have 'circled the tower.'

A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Ponting.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., March 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOURNE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.	
A. PATRICK CANNON .. Treble	JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 4
*DENNIS LAUD .. 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
WILLIAM WENBAN .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

*First peal 'inside,' other than Doubles. First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., March 15, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DURHAM SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. in A.	
ALBERT SAUNDERS .. Treble	JOHN WARNER .. 4
EDWIN JENNINGS .. 2	WALTER ARNOLD .. 5
ALAN R. SYDER .. 3	TERRY EARLE .. Tenor

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

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

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Fri., March 15, 1957, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.	
DONALD H. NIBLETT .. Treble	†ASHLEY C. P. PUGH .. 4
*RICHARD A. JACKSON .. 2	DERMOT J. ROAF .. 5
ROBIN N. PITTMAN .. 3	COLIN J. B. TAYLOR .. Tenor

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

*First peal of Minor. †First peal in two Minor methods. The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'

EAST HOATHLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.	
*E. SYBIL M. TONKIN .. Treble	†LESLIE J. BALDOCK .. 4
KATHLEEN M. YEO .. 2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE 5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 3	STANLEY G. PONTING .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

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

A birthday compliment to the ringers of the second.

HANDBELL PEALS

LONDON, S.E.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., March 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE COUNTY HALL.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

THOMAS J. LOCK .. 1-2	JAMES WALLMAN .. 5-6
EDWIN A. BARNETT .. 3-4	WILFRID G. WILSON .. 7-8

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)

On Fri., March 1, 1957, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,

AT 153, RATCLIFFE ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents each of Grandsire and Bob Doubles.

Tenor size 10 in A.	
DEREK M. SAWYER .. 1-2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 3-4
MICHAEL WHITE .. 5-6	

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB ROYAL

*MRS. J. BRAY .. 1-2	JACK BRAY .. 5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN .. 3-4	PHILIP BARNES .. 7-8

C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 9-10

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

*300th peal.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Fri., March 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE GLEBE COTTAGE.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 11 extents each of St. Nicholas' and St. Simon's, and ten extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, each with four different callings.

MISS V. LAMBERT .. 1-2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 3-4
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MRS. GRAINGER .. 5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK J. LAMBERT.

First peal in four methods 'in hand' by all.

A birthday compliment to Mr. K. Grainger.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Wed., March 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

IN THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor size 15 in C.	
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.	
*ROBIN A. HODGSON .. 1-2	*WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 5-6
DEREK G. GOODMAN .. 3-4	*DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 7-8

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT. Umpire: STEPHEN IWIN.

*First peal in the method on handbells.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Linda M. Forrest 1, Diana M. Gough (first in method as cond.) 2, June A. Grieveeson 3, Pamela R. Gough 4, R. D. Brown 5, I. C. Forrest 6. Average age 15½ years. For Evensong. Also on Mar. 10th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Linda M. Forrest 1, Pamela R. Gough (cond.) 2, Diana M. Gough 3, I. C. Forrest 4, M. W. Stephenson 5, D. A. Hibbitt 6. For Evensong.

BAGLAN, GLAM.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. M. Howell (first quarter) 1, E. Morris 2, Miss L. Thomas 3, J. A. Hoare 4, G. I. Lewis (cond.) 5, A. D. Thomas 6. Rung for Evensong at the 75th dedication festival.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 10th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, P. R. J. Lester 2, A. E. J. Lester 3, G. R. Goodship 4, I. J. Prentice 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. For Evensong, also an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. G. J. Gilbert, of Needham Market. Also on Mar. 17th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Bob): P. R. J. Lester 1, Miss M. I. Goodship 2, Miss A. E. J. Lester 3, G. R. Goodship 4, J. J. Prentice (first in two methods 'inside') 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BURWELL, CAMBS.—On Mar. 10th, 1,260 Bob Minor (6, 8 covering): M. J. Lawrence 1, A. G. Orbell 2, W. J. Couperthwaite 3, C. F. Sargeant 4, A. G. Fuller 5, N. Sargeant 6, R. J. W. Housden (cond.) 7, S. Faircliffe 8. Rung as a last tribute to Mrs. Cripps, wife of the Rev. R. S. Cripps, late Vicar of Burwell.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 3rd, at the Cathedral Church of St. James, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Stannard 1, E. Nice 2, J. Stannard 3, L. Nice 4, C. Stannard 5, G. Jennings 6, R. Rose 7, W. Goodship 8, K. G. Brown (cond.) 9, F. Buckle 10.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Mar. 15th, at St. Catharine's College, 1,344 Bob Major (on handbells): H. Neill 1-2, F. B. Cookson 3-4, J. D. Painter 5-6, A. J. Howard (cond.) 7-8. Rung to commemorate the 2,000th anniversary of the death of Caius Julius Caesar.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On Mar. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Bolton 1, L. Badcock 2, Mrs. Swift 3, K. C. Vickers 4, Mr. Swift (cond.) 5, S. Blackmore 6. Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. Blackmore, widow of the late James Blackmore, former captain of the tower.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss J. Outhwaite 1, Miss J. George 2, J. Parnell (cond.) 3, N. Martin 4, D. Manger (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6. Rung for Confirmation service.

CLAPHAM COMMON, S.W.—At the Redemptorist Church of Our Immaculate Lady of Victories, on Feb. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. E. Powell (first of Stedman) 1, J. W. Chapman 2, D. R. Randall 3, N. G. Hollingworth 4, D. G. Jackson 5, C. W. Ottley 6, P. J. Hutchings (cond.) 7, C. S. Rew 8. Rung to commemorate the enthronement in Westminster Cathedral of the most Rev. Mar. William Godfrey, D.D., Ph.D., as seventh Archbishop of Westminster.

COSSINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. E. Painter (first quarter) 1, D. Kent 2, J. S. Walton (cond.) 3, E. Dibble 4, N. Smith (first 'inside') 5, T. E. Mogg 6. Rung after Evensong taken for the last time by the Rev. G. Frickard, who has retired after 30 years as Rector.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On Mar. 3rd, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. R. Hall 1, H. J. Shuck 2, A. G. Hall 3, D. Overton 4, H. White 5, J. Griffiths 6, H. Wyre (cond.) 7, W. Lloyd 8. A compliment to Mr. A. Wyre on completing 50 years as a ringer in this tower.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Page 1, W. Langdon 2, T. Bell 3, H. Belcher 4, James Phillips 5, John Phillips 6, W. Venn 7, J. Harvey 8.

GREAT TEW, OXON.—On Mar. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Clifton 1, W. Cross 2, L. Lerner 3, B. Morely 4, R. Taplin 5, A. Leach (first of Triples) 6, T. Harris (cond.) 7, E. Clifton 8.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,295 Netherlands Surprise Minor: F. W. Croft 1, L. Runnages 2, S. H. Ashton 3, K. C. Timbury 4, G. Cherry 5, P. W. Croft (cond.) 6. First in method for 2 and 3. A birthday compliment to Stanley M. Ashton.

HAMPTON, MIDDLEX.—On Mar. 7th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 London and 576 Cambridge): Miss J. Essen 1, W. Deason 2, D. Hawkins 3, R. G. Lay 4, R. Woodcock 5, S. J. Woodcock (cond.) 6. Rung for a service to commemorate the 4th centenary of the founding of Hampton Grammar School.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Rogers 1, R. H. Drewett 2, G. H. Williams 3, G. Skinner 4, E. Glass 5, C. P. Yates 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, A. Mitchell 8. For the wedding of Mr. J. F. Petherick and Miss E. E. J. Smith.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Ayres 1, J. Manley 2, W. Webb 3, C. Webb 4, C. J. Turner (cond.) 5, E. Summers 6, Rev. Prebendary E. V. Cox 7, J. Real 8.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Mar. 10th, 1,260 Spliced Triples (700 Oxford Bob and 560 Grandsire) with 12 changes of method: F. Willmington 1, A. Holway 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, D. Callard 4, E. E. Retter 5, J. Salway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. Morgan 8. First of Spliced Triples by 1, 3 and 8. For evening service.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Hutchings (first quarter) 1, Audrey Trott 2, S. A. Paice 3, P. H. Langton 4, D. R. Mitchell (first as cond.) 5, I. Windwood 6, L. Stilwell 7, C. Denyer 8. For Confirmation service. Also on Mar. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Angela Stokes (first quarter) 1, Audrey Trott 2, J. Smart 3, E. Fosbery (cond.) 4, S. A. Paice 5, L. Stilwell 6, D. R. Mitchell 7, C. Denyer 8. An 86th birthday compliment to J. Smart.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 24th, 1,320 Minor (720 Spliced Kent and Oxford, 600 Single Oxford): H. King 1, E. Bishop 2, L. Sharpe 3, D. Rooke 4, L. Melton 5, K. G. Brown (cond.) 6. For morning service.

LAMBETH, E.—At the Church at St. Mary, on Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. W. Ottley 1, T. H. Taffender 2, P. J. Hutchings (cond.) 3, D. R. Randall 4, F. Ranson 5, L. Batley 6, W. D. Grainger 7, J. A. Hales 8.

MELLS, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 17th, 1,264 Bob Major: Ann Lewis 1, J. Moore (first of Bob Major) 2, P. J. Wycherley 3, Eunice D. Overend 4, W. J. Phippen 5, E. H. Nash 6, G. W. Massey (cond.) 7, D. T. Robertson 8. Also on Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. J. Wycherley 1, J. Moore 2, Eunice D. Overend 3, W. J. Phippen 4, D. T. Robertson 5, E. H. Nash 6, G. W. Massey (cond.) 7, E. Knapton 8. First of Stedman Triples for 2, 4 and 5. Also on Mar. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Norris 1, D. T. Robertson 2, Ann Lewis 3, J. Moore 4, F. Withey 5, E. H. Nash 6, G. W. Massey (cond.) 7, E. Knapton 8. All rung for Sunday morning service.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Mar. 13th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss J. E. Probert (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Lane 2, P. Bird 3, D. May 4, J. A. Etherington (cond.) 5, P. Smart 6. Rung for Evensong.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: A. G. Eveleigh 1, Miss J. Cheney 2, D. C. Cook 3, Miss D. Gore (first quarter) 4, S. G. Osborne (cond.) 5, Miss M. Stanley 6. For Confirmation.

NORTON, GLOS.—On Mar. 16th, 1,440 Bob Major: R. Price 1, J. Cobb 2, I. Goulter 3, M. Ling 4, P. Hurcombe 5, C. Wixey 6, F. Tranter 7, G. Green (first as cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 2, 4 and 6.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On Mar. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Nancy Kempsell 1, A. R. C. Clarke 2, H. Harwood 3, G. Olliver (cond.) 4, A. Streeter 5, H. Comer 6. Rung on St. Patrick's Day, and for the visit of the Lord Bishop of Southwark to Nutfield Church on that day.

OLDHAM, LANCs.—At St. Thomas' Church, Moor-side, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Armstead 1, Mrs. P. J. H. Hudson 2, F. Pritchard 3, G. Mills 4, P. J. H. Hudson 5, J. Brooks 6, I. Kay (cond.) 7, M. Mitter 8. Rung half-muffled for the funeral service of Mrs. H. Mellor, mother of Fred, hon. secretary of Moor-side Church Bellsingers.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Bob Triples: G. Sandwell 1, Betty Crosman 2, H. Warboys 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, R. Tomlin 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. First by all except conductor. For Evensong.

READING, BERKS.—On Mar. 6th, at the Church of St. Giles, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Mullock (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Cope 2, Miss L. Allen 3, Miss J. Dawson 4, Miss D. Gibbons 5, J. Coates 6, J. White (cond.) 7, D. Massingberd-Mundy 8. Rung half-muffled by the University Society in memoriam Edwyn Coole, a member of the University, who was killed in a road accident on March 2nd.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Mar. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Miss J. Croucher 1, Miss F. Hankey 2, Miss B. Sagers 3, A. R. Clarke 4, A. Streeter (first as cond.) 5, K. Matthews 6, H. Coomber 7, T. Waters 8. First quarter for 1, 6 and 8. For Evensong.

SANDIACRE, DERBYS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. Ferguson 1, Ava Sheppard 2, D. R. Carlisle (cond.) 3, I. Barrow 4, A. Sainsbury 5, A. Sheppard 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Lady Doncaster, a patron of this church.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Mar. 17th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Reeves 1, Violet Relf 2, Elizabeth Marshall 3, W. C. Marshall 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5, M. W. Marshall 6. First of Surprise by 1, 2 and 3. For Evensong and in memoriam Mr. C. Tribe.

SHPLAKE-ON-THAMES, OXON.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Cobb 1, E. H. Smith 2, Miss L. Roberts 3, H. Hatto 4, C. Tigwell 5, F. G. Henbest 6, A. K. Street (cond.) 7, F. Bonsey 8. First of Triples for 1 and 8. An 85th birthday compliment to Mr. H. Hatto.

SHOREDITCH, E.—On Mar. 10th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: Miss M. Prockson 1, R. Keeley 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, D. Robinson 4, C. Hughes 5, W. Prockson 6, F. Bishop 7, A. R. Ling (cond.) 8, V. Williams 9, B. Baker 10, T. H. Francis 11, J. Phillips 12. In memoriam William Shimmans.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,440 Doubles (720 Spliced Kent and Oxford and 720 Bob): Mrs. D. G. Mayell 1, Daphne A. Lodge 2, H. Turner (cond.) 3, A. Bryant 4, D. G. Mayell 5, F. R. Goddard 6. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. O. W. King, also a birthday compliment to Daphne A. Lodge.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Mar. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: (1 and 2 leading): J. Hockridge 1, A. Ching 2, H. Trewin 3, H. Heard 4, C. Sanewin (cond.) 5, A. E. Bissat 6, H. Stacey 7, S. Stacey 8. Rung as a compliment to Mrs. Sangwin, mother of the conductor, who was 91 recently.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Maureen R. Packham (first quarter) 1, G. A. Packham 2, F. Godsmark 3, B. J. Harfield 4, K. C. Knight (first in method as cond.) 5. Rung for the birthdays of George Packham, sen. (80) and C. H. Wickens (59).

WALMER, KENT.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Hawkins 1, Mrs. F. Woodcock 2, F. R. Hawkins 3, F. A. Rye (cond.) 4, P. J. Rye 5, J. M. Stephens 6, F. W. Lawrence 7, A. C. Rye 8. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Sir Gerald Woods Wollaston, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., whose parents gave the second bell in this tower in 1892.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Mar. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. C. Maynard 1, C. T. W. Coles 2, A. J. N. Boyack 3, B. Downes (first 'inside') 4, E. E. Holman 5, D. Hewitt 6, R. C. Chapman (cond.) 7, F. C. Taylor 8. For Evensong. Also on Mar. 17th, 1,264 Little Bob Major: A. L. M. Shepherd 1, H. Rumens 2, A. J. N. Boyack 3, F. C. Maynard 4, E. E. Holman 5, D. Hewitt 6, C. T. W. Coles 7, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 8. First in method by all except ringer of third. For Evensong.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: O. Dalziel (first quarter) 1, D. Issitt (first 'inside') 2, Miss P. Lumbers 3, L. G. Toseland 4, B. P. Morris (cond.) 5. In memoriam C. Henry Harding.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Clare 1, M. Cosgrove 2, R. Waterhouse 3, D. Matthews 4, R. Hammond 5, R. Sherlock 6, J. Weller 7, P. Myhill 8.

MRS. J. BRAY'S 300 PEALS

Mrs. J. Bray, who rang her 300th peal on March 9th, has a particularly interesting list, especially in the realm of handbell ringing.

Tower bells.

Minor.—Plain Bob 2, 3 to 7 methods 17, 8 to 21 methods 7, 34 to 50 methods 3, 53 to 91 methods 3, 100 methods 1, 102 methods 1, 104 methods 1, 125 methods 1, Cambridge Surprise 3, London Surprise 1, three Surprise methods 2, seven Surprise methods 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 11, Stedman 7.

Major.—Plain Bob 8, Little Bob 3, Gainsborough Little Bob 1, Double Norwich 5, Double Oxford 1, Winchester Bob 1, Loughborough Bob 1, Original 1, Kent T.B. 5, Oxford T.B. 2, Spliced Major 2 to 6 methods 3, Cambridge Surprise 9, Superlative Surprise 4, Bristol Surprise 1.

Caters.—Stedman 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 4.

Handbells.

Doubles 1.

Minor.—Plain Bob 2, 3 to 7 methods 2, 8 to 21 methods 5, 34 to 50 methods 1, 53 to 91 methods 3, 105 methods 1, 106 methods 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 20, St. Clement's 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 36, Little Bob 5, Gainsborough Little Bob 6, Double Norwich 5, Double Oxford 1, Double Bob 5, Hereward Bob 1, St. Clement's 2, Kent T.B. 13, Spliced Major 2 to 6 methods 9, 8 to 21 methods 13, 22 to 36 methods 9, 42 methods 1, 46 methods 1, 50 methods 1, Cambridge Surprise 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 16.

Royal.—Plain Bob 16, Little Bob 1, Spliced Royal 2 methods 3, 3 methods 2.

Cinques.—Grandsire 2.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 2, Spliced 2 methods 1.

Totals.—Hand 189, Tower 111.

A MEMORY

Hey diddle diddle, the bells in a muddle,

The firing's not really in tune;

We've just rung a middle,

I think it's a fiddle.

We've come round, but two courses too soon!

We pull on with dismay, for we've come a long

And the journey it really was vile. [way,

But ringers take heart, our conductor is smart,

It'll be 'under control' in a while!

Our joy knows no bounds as we crash into rounds,

But our ears are still throbbing with pain.

Our conductor is happy, the spadeworking chappy,

Seven 'firsts in the method' again!

ANONYMOUS.

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HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION**St. Albans District**

The March meeting of the St. Albans District was held at the 800-year-old Church of St. Leonard's, Sandridge, on March 16th. About 20 members were present and the light six were raised at 3 p.m. and were soon ringing to a variety of methods.

The Vicar (the Rev. P. G. Handford) conducted the service and gave a short address on 'Lenten Discipline.' This was the first meeting to be held at Sandridge since his induction, and in welcoming members the Vicar said that most of those present probably knew the church better than he.

At the business meeting, which followed tea, the chair was taken by Mr. S. Hoare. The meeting discussed, among other things, the annual general meeting, which is to be held at Hitchin on April 27th. It was hoped to run a coach from the District and that the District secretary (Mr. S. Huckle) would be pleased to have names as soon as possible. In view of the annual general meeting no meeting would be held in this District during April, and the next meeting will be held jointly with the Northern District at Knebworth in May. The Summer Festival with the Bedfordshire Association will be held in June at St. Albans.

A proposition was made by Mr. H. V. Frost that news and items of interest concerning towers in the District should be given at meetings and included in the report sent to 'The Ringing World.'

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar; the secretary also received a vote of thanks for his arrangements, and it was felt that he deserved better support at meetings.

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To commemorate the 2,000th anniversary of the death of Julius Caesar, a quarter peal 'in hand' was rung by members of Cambridge University Guild. 'I am sorry to report,' states our correspondent, 'that only one member of the band had sufficient sense of the occasion to wear a black tie.'

Mr. H. F. Carter, Ringing Master of All Saints', Marsham, Norfolk, requires details of any peals rung in this church prior to 1877.

Mr. George Green has completed 70 years as a ringer at Great Baddow, Essex. A commemorative quarter peal was rung on March 17th.

Mr. E. G. Buck, of Baldock, the popular secretary of the Northern District, has been nominated as president of the Hertford County Association.

The Bedfordshire Association has accepted the invitation of the Hertford County Association to hold a summer festival at St. Albans on June 15th.

Mr. H. B. Whitney (Leighton Buzzard) achieved a long standing ambition in ringing a quarter peal at Wing, Bucks (tenor 29½ cwt.). It was rung in 47 minutes, Mr. K. G. Spavins (Woburn) admirably ringing the tenor.

The retirement of the Rev. T. J. Davies from the living of Silk Willoughby, Lincs, through ill-health will be regretted by a wide circle of ringing friends. His co-operation with ringers in furthering the Exercise during the 9½ years he has been rector is much appreciated.

Although he cannot climb steps and is thus precluded from ringing, Mr. Albert J. Hughes, late of Birmingham, Bangor, Rhyl and Bradford, and now back home at Bangor, sends us a cheery letter of his continued interest in the Exercise.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Regarding Nynhead, Somerset, Mr. W. A. J. Knight is of the opinion that it has never been a 4-bell tower. He recalls that about 1906 or 1907 a treble was added to the five bells, and the following Thursday after they were opened he was with the Milverton ringers, who were the first to ring method changes on the bells. The first peal on the bells was Grand-sire Doubles on August 5th, 1939, which was conducted by Edgar Quick, of Chipstable.

The bells of St. Stephen's, St. Albans, have been recast and are about to be rehung in the strengthened tower. The date for the opening is at present uncertain, but it will be in the near future.

G. Penny, one of the enthusiastic Abbey Junior Band, arranged and conducted a quarter peal of Bob Major.

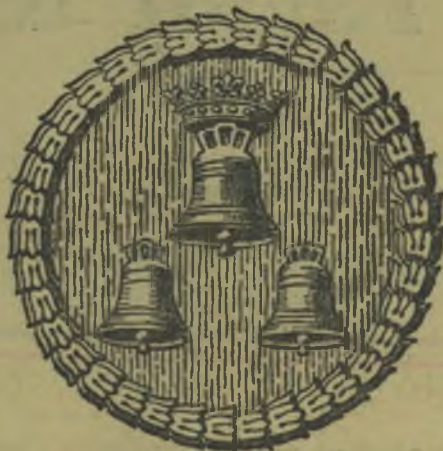
To the memory of Mr. C. Tribe, who died recently in London at the age of 99, an in memoriam quarter peal was rung at Smarden, Kent, on March 17th. Mr. Tribe's name appears on many peal boards in Kent.

Although his church at Little Chart was blitzed during the war, Mr. J. Batchelor had the satisfaction of ringing his first peal of Minor on the recast bells in the beautiful little new church on March 9th. He was mainly responsible for getting the bells salvaged and rehung.

Ticehurst, with its bells cast and hung by Thomas Jannaway in 1771, would appear never to have had its own change-ringing band. No peal was rung until 1921 and since then the tower has not been popular. In recent years the 'dropping' tendency of the bells has caused many ringers to be thankful to hear rounds at the end of a peal. On March 12th C. A. Bassett and W. A. Kitchenside had the distinction of being the first to 'circle the tower.'

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

Mr. F. E. Collins New Master

FOLLOWING a service in the Parish Church, Croydon, conducted by one of the assistant clergy, the Rev. A. W. J. Burton, tea and the annual general meeting were held in the Church Hall, attended by over 70 members and friends. Despite a rather long agenda, the meeting proved very enjoyable.

In presenting the committee's report on the work of 1956, attention was drawn to the fact that through death and migration a few towers were without ringers, and emphasis was laid on the duty of all ringers to provide against such happenings by recruiting, encouraging and teaching a continuous influx of learners. Sunday service and practice ringing had been well maintained and attendances at meetings had shown a slight improvement.

13 PEAL CONDUCTORS

During the year 20 peals had been recorded, ranging from Cambridge Surprise Maximus to Bob Minor, the conducting being shared by 13 ringers, all but one being resident members. The committee were pleased to note that an entirely local band had rung Holt's Original as the 100th peal on the bells at Ewell last October. In concluding its report the committee drew attention to the Northern District's proposals to further the art of change-ringing by striking competitions, etc., and asked that all members should support the effort wholeheartedly.

Miss K. E. Weller presented the treasurer's statements of accounts, where were adopted, and reported that a donation from the Belfry Repair Fund had been made to St. Mary's, Beddington.

During the apologies for absence the meeting was sorry to hear that Mr. R. Lathbury (a former District secretary) was in hospital, and that Mr. A. J. Adams, now out of hospital, appeared to be making only slow progress. Congratulations were expressed to Mr. and Mrs. R. Parsons on the birth of a son.

Under the rules Mr. R. Davies, Ringing Master since 1954, had to retire, and having been warmly thanked for his services, handed over his office to Mr. F. E. Collins. On the proposition of Mr. H. V. Young, it was unani-

mously agreed that the retiring Master should become a vice-president. The remaining officers were all re-elected, with thanks for their previous services.

As the result of a ballot the Central Council representatives for the ensuing period are Messrs. A. P. Cannon, F. E. Collins and W. F. Oatway.

The committee put forward nine minor amendments to the rules, and these were all accepted.

REPORTS IN 'R.W.'

After a large number of views had been expressed by members, it was decided that the annual reports for future years should be printed in 'The Ringing World,' and every five years a synopsis of these reports, together with up-to-date information regarding towers, should be published in booklet form.

In response to desires expressed by our keen young members, a discussion took place on the question of an Association badge, but due to short notice and short time in which to obtain information, it was decided to hold over this matter until next year.

A collection for the Belfry Repair Fund realised £2.

The next annual general meeting will be at Reigate on March 15th, 1958.

Another successful meeting closed after two hours of discussions, with very warm votes of thanks to the lady members of the tower and their helpers for a very sumptuous tea, to the Curate and organist for the service, and to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and ringing, ranging from rounds on eight to Cambridge Maximus, continued until 9 o'clock.

W. F. O.

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Monmouth Branch

The Monmouth Branch annual meeting was held at Monmouth on March 2nd, and some 50 ringers attended, including visitors from Gloucestershire, Herefordshire and Middlesex. The service was conducted by Canon E. P. Knight, who warmly welcomed the Branch.

A bountiful tea was served in the Rolls Hall at tables charmingly decorated with spring flowers and trailing ivy. Mr. Ronald Lucas expressed the appreciation of the company to Mrs. L. H. Jones and her helpers.

Canon Knight kindly took the chair at the business meeting, and mentioned the sad loss of Mrs. Hulbert, of Rumney, and Mr. Barton, of Staunton. A favourable report of the past year was given by the secretary. Twenty-seven new members had been elected. Sunday service ringing was assured in most Branch towers. Mr. David King was elected Branch Master and the secretary (Miss Jacqueline Evans) re-elected. Congratulations were offered to Mr. Donald Clift, who recently had called Holt's Original from Usk tenor. Progress was reported from Ebbw Vale and Rumney. New members elected were: D. Maggs (Caldicot) and R. C. Horsington (Abergavenny). Thanks were extended to Mr. L. H. Jones for his help in ensuring such a successful meeting.

Shirenewton was chosen as the place of the next meeting and mention was made that the bells were certainly in good ringing condition.

MEETINGS IN ANOTHER TERRITORY

Dear Sir,—I see that a 'territorial' ringing organisation (Middlesex Association) has obtained permission for the use of a ring of bells on the occasion of one of their meetings outside their own area in the next county (Surrey). As far as is known, no contact was made with the Surrey Association.

Is this 'poaching,' 'dog in the manger,' 'dis-courteous' or 'infra dig'?

I refer to the South and West District of the Middlesex Association going to St. Mary's, Barnes. I have no axe to grind, I am a member of both Associations, but I have my own views.—Yours sincerely,

NORMAN S. BAGWORTH,

Wimbledon.

AN ESSEX TOWER

A happy picture of the St. Peter's, South Weald, Essex, Guild of Ringers at their annual dinner on February 13th, when they were joined by their Vicar (the Rev. J. F. McAlister). At the annual meeting which followed, the statement of accounts showed a healthy balance of £37. The ringers pride themselves on meeting expenses for ropes and belfry attention from their own fund, which is raised exclusively by their own efforts.



THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

78th Anniversary Dinner

SATURDAY, March 9th, was the day of the Cambridge University Guild's 78th anniversary dinner, which was once again held at the 'Dorothy Café,' and was as successful as any the writer can recall. Unofficial celebrations started on the Friday evening, but the official part of the programme started at about 9.30 a.m. on the Saturday, when ten members of the Guild assembled at Saffron Walden to attempt a peal of Grandsire Caters. We will spare the conductor's feelings and not relate how it came about that the peal was lost after nearly three hours; we will merely hint darkly that it was not miscalled. However, six other members were more successful with a peal of Bob Minor at Harston.

After lunch, ringing took place at all four towers in Cambridge; for many of those present, this was the first opportunity of sampling the recast and rehung bells at Great St. Andrew's (it is not too late, you who read this, to send your contribution, however small, to the restoration fund). Whatever these bells may have lost in interest value, they are certainly a real pleasure to ring now. A fair standard of ringing was maintained at all the towers.

By about 7.30 p.m. some 40 members and guests had found their devious ways to the Dorothy Café, and an excellent dinner was consumed. (This is where 'we come to the awkward bit' of the report, as the writer was not press-ganged into agreeing to report the proceedings until the next morning; consequently, any of those 'summi oratores hominesque nobilissimi' who were hoping to see their rhetorical gems in all the glory of print will be disappointed, as these were not taken down at the time, still less—as at some universities—tape-recorded.)

In the regrettable absence of the president (the Rev. A. C. Blyth), who was unable to come through illness, and was very much missed, the dinner was presided over by Mr. W. J. Ridgman, who proposed the loyal toast and conveyed the president's apologies and best wishes to the company. The toast of 'The Guild' was proposed by Mr. P. R. Sanders, the Master of the Oxford University Society, who, your scribe recollects, made some good points in an excellent speech—but what these points were escapes the memory at present. The toast was replied to by the Master of the Guild (Mr. J. D. Painter), who had no funny stories to tell but had a successful year to report. He no doubt mentioned that since the last dinner the Guild had rung 20 peals, toured Worcestershire and had a number of outings, including a 5- and 6-bell 'tower-snatch,' an outing to the borders of Lincolnshire, and a visit to the bell-foundry at Loughborough. He also mentioned that members of the Guild had broadcast on Radio Eireann, but I think he forgot to mention that members had also been televised while ringing handbells on the tower of St. John's College Chapel last Ascension Day.

The secretary (Mr. F. B. Cookson) proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' and did it very well, too. The guests included members of the Oxford and Bristol University Societies, the Master of the London University Society (Mr. J. Armstrong), fresh from leading his band to

victory at Hart Street, four members of the Cambridge Youths, and Canon Woodard, of St. Andrew's, and the Rev. M. Stockwood, of Great St. Mary's, whose co-operation in allowing the Guild to ring their respective bells is so greatly appreciated. This toast was replied to by Miss P. Bourn, the Master of the Bristol University Society; during this speech it became apparent that there is no dearth of 'shaggy dogs' in Bristol at the moment.

Mr. P. A. F. Chalk, an esteemed former Master of the Guild and the present senior steward of the Ancient Society of College Youths, conveyed the greetings of that Society to the Guild, a gesture which was very much appreciated. That concluded the formal business of the evening, but handbells and liquid refreshment were awaiting us in Mr. M. Peterson's rooms in Trinity College, and the majority of the company adjourned thither to sample one or both of these attractions. Most of those present were, however, exhausted before the beer was, and probably a record number of ringers were accommodated for the night on various sofas, although at least one person found considerable hazards placed between him and his couch—his coat still bears the marks of an encounter with some iron railings.

Enough people got up on the Sunday morning in time to ring a good touch of Stedman Cinques at Great St. Mary's for the 9.45 service, and after reviving themselves with coffee, four members attempted a peal of Bob Major on handbells, which came to grief in the last course; while the more sensible element rang at St. Andrew's, and finished the job at Trinity College. After a brief pause for refreshment, the writer then returned to a saner city, and takes no responsibility for anything that may have occurred thereafter.

W. T. C.

What Other Universities Overlooked

CANTABRIGIA.—Id. mar. A.U.C. mmdccix. in Sanctae Catharinae Collegio Universitatis Cantabrigiensis, mcccxliv Bob Maior. H. Neill i-ii, F. B. Cookson iii-iv, I. D. Painter v-vi, A. I. Howard (dux) vii-viii. In memoriam Caii Iulii Caesaris, qui Romae mortuus est id. mar. A.U.C. dcxix.

See quarter peal column.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION Furness and Lake District Branch

A highly successful annual meeting of the Furness and Lake District Branch was held at St. Mary Magdalene, Broughton-in-Furness, on March 16th. Ringing commenced at 2 p.m. and continued until 4 p.m. The service was conducted by the Rev. R. Lindsay, Vicar of Hawkshead, in the absence of the Vicar of Broughton, who is ill. Tea was arranged in the Old King's Head Hotel, to which 45 sat down. At the business meeting which followed, 11 new members were elected. Ringing then continued until about 7.30 p.m. N. M. N.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the Guild was held at the Church of St. Elli, Llanelli, on March 9th, and despite the terrible weather members attended from Tenby, Carmarthen, Llandilo, Burry Port and Llanstephan, supported by the Llanelly members and our good friends the honorary and unattached members.

The Rev. J. Aubrey officiated at the service, with the Rev. H. G. Jenkins as organist. The lesson was read by the Master of the Guild, Mr. Ed. J. Thomas. A very nice tea was enjoyed by the 49 members present.

The Rev. H. G. Jenkins presided at the business meeting and welcomed the Guild to Llanelly, and then called on the Master, who apologised for the absence of the secretary (Mr. C. H. Hawkins) through illness. On the proposition of Mr. W. Williams, seconded by Mr. R. Scudamore, the Guild's good wishes are to be conveyed to Mr. Hawkins for a speedy recovery.

The usual touch on handbells was given by Messrs. A. Hoare, R. Scudamore, J. Turvey and E. Morris.

A letter was read from the Lord Bishop of St. David's, accepting the presidency of the Guild, and offering June 22nd as the only date open to him to attend the annual meeting at Carmarthen.

The competition will be held at Llanelly, due to the unsuitability of the Carmarthen bells. The secretary is to contact the captains of the various towers to find out how many bands will enter.

The next quarterly meeting in September is to be held at Llanstephan. Six new probationary members were elected.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended by Mr. Ed. J. Thomas to the Rev. H. G. Jenkins for having the Guild at Llanelly, and also to the ladies who gave the tea and waited at the tables. This was seconded by Mr. Ben Rees.

The Rev. H. G. Jenkins closed the meeting with a prayer, and the members returned to the tower to finish off the evening. E. T.

NORWICH DIOCESAN

The annual meeting of the Western Branch was held at Fakenham on February 23rd, when 45 members, representing 16 towers, attended, amongst whom were the president of the Association, the general secretary and Association Ringing Master.

The bells were available throughout the afternoon and evening, and were rung to methods to suit all tastes and capabilities.

The service was conducted by the Rector of Fakenham (Rev. J. F. Keith), who also gave the address. Tea was prepared and served in the Church Rooms by relatives of the local band.

It was with very deep regret that at the start of the business meeting the chairman (Rev. Mr. Dodson) announced the passing of one of the oldest honorary members—Mrs. Hall, widow of the late Rev. P. E. Hall, for many years Rector of Sculthorpe. The retiring officers were all thanked for their past services and were then all re-elected for a further term of office.

The next annual will be held at Kings Lynn on November 23rd, and the next quarterly meeting will be at Watton on May 25th. An interim meeting is being arranged at North Elmham on Saturday, April 27th.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE PERFECT PEAL

Dear Sir,—It would not be fair to the bands concerned to let your correspondent's (P. A. C.) remarks about the perfect peal never being rung go unchallenged.

I had the pleasure of hearing a peal of Minor in three methods when the first 720 took 23 minutes and the rest 22½ minutes each (within seconds). If there was a missed dodge it was very cleverly covered up, and I can only recall three places where there was a very slight difference in the handstroke leads. I also had the same pleasure with a peal of Bob Major, but this was marred when a little bell made a slight hesitation when turning the treble. In both these cases rounds were rung until the beat was obtained.

Having rung in a large number of towers I am convinced that every ring has a certain pace, and if this is not found one cannot really judge the quality of the bells, so my tributes go to those who find and maintain the right number of changes per minute. These bands ring for their own satisfaction, but I am willing to supply details to anyone interested as to the date, time and place.

P. A. C. mentions one ringer by name, but I can recall several other ringers who have rung quite a number of peals without making a false blow.

The Exercise is producing a number of keen young conductors who should be set a high standard to aim at, but to read his remarks will only give these youngsters cause for complacency.—Yours sincerely,

LESLIE D. MILLS.

Bures, Suffolk.

SOUTH AFRICA'S WELCOME

Dear Sir,—I have just received my 'R.W.' for January 18th, in which I was delighted to read a letter from Patrick F. Cahill, of Durban, expressing his appreciation and thanks for the welcome and help he had received from ringers during his several months touring in England. However sincere and enthusiastic was the welcome he received in England, I am certain it could not surpass the welcome that my wife and I received from the ringers in Cape Town and Durban, where we had the pleasure of calling on our way out here. To all of them we extend a most sincere and hearty 'thank you,' especially to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Sheppard and Mr. Cyril Chambers, who attended most willingly to our every need and arranged for me to have a ring at both places.—Yours faithfully,

FRANK W. PERRENS.

Mbale, Uganda.

HUMOUR IN 'THE LOOK ROUND'

Dear Sir,—I feel I'd like to share a laugh with you.

Have you ever seen a waterworks employee trying to 'listen' to a water leak just outside a church where the bells were ringing their loudest? I did on a recent Saturday at Helmsore; the expression on his face was most interesting as he turned his face towards the church, seemingly in despair—I would have loved to have read his thoughts.

As a 'ringing widow,' I was left by my husband to 'have a look round while I have a ring,' and I'm sure I was the only person in that street who could see the funny side of the poor man's effort.—Yours, etc.,

'RINGING WIDOW.'

Oldham.

THE WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Dear Sir,—Occasionally letters appear in 'The Ringing World' deriding the ambitions of certain of our better-known ringers. The fact that they aim to ring more peals in more towers than any other ringer, or to collect more annual reports is held against them. And yet on better acquaintance another side is often noticed to their characters. Such another side was shown by A. P. Cannon the other day.

On only the second occasion he had met two young lady recruits to the Exercise, he remarked: 'Ah, two of the St. Barnabas', Sutton, handbell ringers, I see.' In response to the information that these two handbell ringers had just performed, albeit rather badly, in rounds on 12 tower bells, he expressed his pleasure at their interest and ability. Such remarks, although likely to be thought lightly of by more experienced ringers, have nothing but good effect on newcomers to the Exercise, especially those attending their first Association meeting. Thank you, Pat.

Whilst writing, I would like to ask for the name of the ringer, mentioned in the leading article a few weeks ago, who turned in the tenor at Liverpool Cathedral to Cambridge Major. Surely such an achievement is not going to be allowed to pass with only an anonymous comment?—Yours faithfully,

CLIFFORD T. BLUNDELL.

Sutton, Surrey.

WHERE RUNG?

Dear Sir,—In answer to where on October 11th, 1952, the peal of Bob Major was rung under the title of All Hallows, Blackpool, it should have been All Hallows, Bispham, Blackpool. The latter is really the mother church of Blackpool. The Rector of All Hallows, Bispham, has a vote in the appointment of a new Vicar of St. John's, Blackpool, when necessary.—Yours, etc.,

C. S.

Lytham St. Annes, Lancs.

RINGING ON PALM SUNDAY

Dear Sir,—We are now in the solemn season of Lent, and surely a correct time to think about half-muffled ringing.

In my humble opinion I think it would be a fitting start to the most solemn week of the Christian year (Holy Week) if all the church bells throughout Britain were rung half-muffled on Palm Sunday; also for the B.B.C. to be approached with the view to having this very beautiful form of ringing broadcast.—Yours truly,

PETER J. ROBERTS.

Barry, Glam.

FOUR-BELL TOWERS IN WILTSHIRE

Dear Sir,—Twenty-five years ago there were the following 4-bell rings in Wiltshire—some may now have been augmented: Little Bedwyn, Berwick St. James, Box, Boynton, Donhead St. Andrew, Ham, Hankerton, Idmiston, West Kington, Langley Burrell, Luckington, North Newton, Newton Tony, Orcheston St. George, Somerford, Stockton, Trowbridge St. Thomas, Westwood, Winterbourne Monkton, Winterbourne Stoke, Yatton Keynell.

The four in Orcheston St. George and the three in the adjoining parish of St. Mary hang in steel frames and go like tops. There is also a well-hung three at Baverstock (St. Edith of Wilton). The picture-postcard village of Teffont Evias has three ringable bells and (for the benefit of any organist-ringer) a genuine 'Scudamore' organ.—Yours faithfully,

EDWARD G. CAPLE.

Clevedon, Somerset.

THE COURSE OF TRUE LOVE

Dear Sir,—I for one should like strongly to support the letter of my old friend Charles Melford about that type of woman in ringing.

What a contrast to the usual happy, healthy type of girl we find at the Ladies' Guild meetings. It will be a sad day when we are so short of members we have to stoop to that sort of person.

At the same time though I must point out to Charlie that surely as a lifelong teetotaler he should support her refusing strong drink, a view not very often met with nowadays. And perhaps the wholesome contact with ringers may bring some improvement. I must say I have had some very happy times ringing, and I am glad when I look back to those early days that Charlie did not altogether succeed in his attempts to keep us women out of belfries!—Yours truly,

ALMA K. HACOCK (Mrs.).

Oxford.

Dear Sir,—A word of protest about the two letters ('R.W.', 15/3/57) referring to the leading article, 'The Course of True Love.' Although introduced to ringing myself by the good old boy-meets-girl system, I do not in fact practise the profession mentioned by Mr. Melford, and I think he will find that it is true of the big majority of female ringers.

As for Miss Oliver, even if she does want to make distinctions between ringers of the fair sex, the Ladies' Guild does not.—Yours, etc.,

MARY ANDREWS.

Hitchin, Herts.

A WESTMORLAND TOWER

Dear Sir,—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Barbon, near Kirkby Lonsdale, Westmorland, there is a 4-bell tower. My mother, sisters and I were evacuated to Barbon village during the war, and have since returned several times for holidays. I last rang there in 1948 and at that time the bells were in very good condition and easy to ring. I've no doubt they are still good as I believe they are still rung regularly. I was told that the tenor was 17 cwt., but no one knows whether or not this information is correct.—Yours faithfully,

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THE WELDING OF CRACKED BELLS

By R. W. M. CLOUSTON

THE aim of this article is to collect and comment upon the results to date and the problems connected with the repairing of cracked bells by welding.

INTRODUCTION

To be able to appreciate the problems involved it is necessary first to give a review of bells generally and of the various methods of sounding them.

Bells have been used from very early times, and even to-day we have some still in use which were cast as long ago as the year 1200. In that period they were shaped much like flower pots with straight sides and with near uniform thickness throughout. By about 1300 the shape had evolved almost to that used to-day, the one which gives the best musical effect.

A bell of normal shape is in fact a large thick ring (or sound-bow) with a diameter about equal to the mouth diameter of the bell, with the rest of the bell forming an open-ended box. The diameter and thickness of the ring or soundbow, which is struck by the clapper or tongue, are the dimensions which fix the fundamental note of the bell, and the dimensions of the open-ended box determine the pitch of the harmonics produced.

A normal bell gives out more than nine different notes, of which five are considered important from the tuning point of view. The frequencies of these can within limits be altered by turning the bell in a lathe and removing metal from various zones inside the bell or at the lip.

With a bell weighing a ton the mouth diameter would be about 49 in. and the soundbow thickness about 3½ in. In the crown of the bell the thickness would be at its minimum of about 1 in.

Bells have been cast in bronze from time immemorial, and the alloy used through the ages, with little variation, has contained 22 per cent. tin and 78 per cent. copper. In the past the founder has had to work under great difficulties, often in the open air, frequently having to use what metal was available rather than what he wanted, and as a result impurities are found in old bells which can have a very considerable effect on welding, such as lead and zinc, etc. This is quite apart from moulding sand inclusions, porous metal and other similar defects.

This alloy of copper and tin is extremely brittle and has the highest tin content of any commercial bronze. This is necessary, though very expensive, to obtain the brilliance in tone. Bronze, with a lower percentage of tin, gives a bell a far duller tone, and though the alloy is less brittle, is false economy.

METHODS OF RINGING

Bells can be sounded in a number of different ways, and each will impart different stresses in the bell material.

A bell may be hung stationary and struck by an internal or external hammer, as in the case of clock chimes.

The bell may be swung through a small arc and checked at the end of each stroke so that the clapper hits the inside of the soundbow. This is termed swing chiming.

A further method is adopted in the case of rings of bells on which changes are rung. Here the bell rotates through a full circle and balances mouth uppermost at the end of each revolution. This is the severest test of the quality of the material in a bell, both in the force of the blow and the number of blows,

stresses cannot be relieved sufficiently, or if there are small cracks remaining after welding, the continual vibration of the bell will sooner or later cause failure; sooner rather than later in the case of the soundbow zone, as the vibration is so much more intense there than in the crown of the bell.

HOW A BELL BECOMES CRACKED

There are two main places where cracks originate, (i) in the crown or head of the bell, (ii) in the soundbow.

(i) Up till about 1850 the wrought iron staple from which the clapper hangs was fixed in the mould before the metal was run in. The bronze held it in position in use, but due to its nature the iron rusts and in doing so expands, which sets up stresses in the bronze where that metal is comparatively thin, and as a result a crack develops. This then has a habit of working its way down the side of the bell to the mouth. Unfortunately, though the crack is plainly visible over most of its length it is not generally possible to stop its spreading by drilling a hole across its path, as one cannot accurately determine its end.

A crack in the crown does not seriously impair the tone initially, but it is usually possible to know, whether there is one of any magnitude by the speed at which the sound decays. As the crack works its way down through the waist to the soundbow, the tone is progressively lost until it reaches the lip, when the tone is so poor that the bell is general disused.

Old cast-in staples of this type should be drilled out from the crowns of old bells to prevent this, and new clapper support shafts fitted right through the crowns to finish with an external nut and split pin on the headstock.

(ii) A crack direct in the soundbow without first working down from the crown is more often than not due to downright carelessness and misuse. Any bell struck violently with a sledge-hammer will crack, but often the cause is not so blatant. On being struck the soundbow vibrates, and if it is restrained in any way, then due to the brittle material a crack will sooner or later develop at the point of restraint. Thus a clock hammer with a defective spring which allows the hammer to rest on the bell after it has struck, or the slovenly sexton who ties the rope to the clapper instead of the bell wheel, and pulls the clapper on to the bell and does not release it at once, are both potential causes of failure of a bell.

A cracked soundbow can result from wear, as the clapper tends to indent its way into the bell in time, so thinning and weakening it at the points of impact. In this connection the maladjustment of many clappers of ringing bells, especially large ones, frequently results in false clappering, i.e., the clapper falls back on to the rising lower side of the bell instead of striking by overtaking the rising top side.

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FIG 1.—A fine Flemish bell cast by Peter van den Ghein I. of Mechlin in 1540 and now in Iona Cathedral Cloisters. The crack in the soundbow is clearly visible and was repaired by welding.

which can be over 5,000 in three hours in the course of a peal.

Bells to be rung in this manner are very common in the British Isles, less common in the English-speaking world generally, and virtually unknown on the continent of Europe.

Fatigue is a phenomenon before the public eye in view of the recent Comet disasters, and it applies just as much to bells as to any other metal object. If the welding temperature

THE LADIES' GUILD**Western District**

The annual meeting of the Western District was held at Bitton, Glos, on March 9th when, in spite of the drenching rain which now seems to be a regular feature of these meetings, a good attendance was recorded. The service was conducted by the Rector of Corston (the Rev. J. W. Tunwell) who gave an amusing and very apt address. Tea was taken in the Church Hall, and whilst the ladies' meeting was in progress three of the 'Ladies' Guild husbands and fathers' not only washed all the dishes but also undertook the more arduous task of looking after no less than seven youthful offsprings of members—there is no doubt that the Ladies' Guild in this part of the world is very much a 'family affair.'

At the business meeting the following officers were elected: Vice-president, Mrs. Parfrey; secretary, Mrs. de Jong; committee—Mrs. Bennett, Miss Johnson and Miss Williams; representatives to Ladies' Guild committee, Mrs. Bennett and Miss Johnson. Two new members were elected—Miss J. and Miss P. Stevens, from West Buckland.

It is hoped to hold the June meeting at Lyme Regis and the September meeting at Malmesbury, subject to the necessary permission being obtained. The usual coach will be run from the Bath/Bristol district to Lyme Regis.

At the conclusion of the meeting members returned to the tower for further ringing, ranging from rounds to Surprise Major methods.

M. de J.

West Midlands District

The pleasantly situated Church of St. Leonard, Clent, welcomed members and friends to the annual meeting of the West Midlands District on March 9th through steady rain; but once in the ringing room the weather was soon forgotten and attention was given to the ringing of rounds and Queens, and touches in various methods. Ladies' bands rang touches of Grand-sire and Stedman and a course of Cambridge, while the help of the gentlemen was appreciated for Double Norwich and an attempted course of Yorkshire.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. John, who welcomed us to the church and gave some interesting details of the history of Clent and the dedication and craftsmanship of the church. He also joined us at tea, held in a conveniently situated café (the weather continuing unkind).

The business meeting was held in the north aisle of the church, and the following officers were elected for the coming year: Vice-president, Evelyn Fletcher; secretary and treasurer, Diana Perrins; central committee—Maureen Fellows, Mrs. Anne Speed; District committee—Stella Hughes, Elizabeth Yardley, Mrs. Anne Speed, Mrs. C. A. Barron.

The next meeting of the District will be held in Warwickshire on the first Saturday in June.

WELDING—Continued

The severe blow thus given is especially dangerous, particularly for an already thin and worn old bell. The remedy for this is quarter or eighth turning, and a clapper suspended from an independent crown staple which can be properly adjusted. This of course, as mentioned before, involves the removal of a cast-iron crown staple, if there is one. Rubber buffers in the clapper bells also assist the resonance of weak and thin bells and afford further protection.

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BY D. E. PARSONS

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5,000 first rung at Beddington on March 9th, 1957, conducted by the composer.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Grandsire, 780 Bob): C. H. J. Williams (first on working bell) 1. Brenda Foster 2. Jean Jones (first 'inside') 3. Mary Andrews 4. J. L. Morris (cond.) 5. For Evensong on Ash Wednesday.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**Central Bucks Branch**

A very successful meeting was held at the Church of St. Mary, Padbury, near Buckingham, on March 9th. There were touches of various Minor methods from 2.45 p.m. until the service at 4 p.m.

The Vicar of Padbury (the Rev. W. F. Garrod), who is new to the parish, showed his versatility by conducting the service, giving the address and playing the organ. About 45 members attended the service and afterwards had tea in the schoolroom, ably arranged by the local tower foreman, Mr. C. Gough.

The Rev. Canon G. Dixon presided at the quarterly meeting and was supported by the secretary, Mr. F. Gibbard. Several visitors were present, including the Guild librarian, Mr. L. Roper. Mr. V. Phillips proposed three new members. Some views were put forward regarding the annual festival at Oxford.

Afterwards quite a number of methods were rung, including London and Cambridge, with the help of enthusiastic visiting ringers.

One feature of this successful meeting was the large number of young ringers present, and this augurs well for the Central Bucks Branch, which is not by any means now the smallest Branch in the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

THE GLOUCESTER GUILD OF RINGERS

On March 9th, the Gloucester Guild held its first annual dinner, which was attended by 45 ringers and friends. After an excellent meal, the chief guest, Rev. Mr. Lanham, of Quedgeley, proposed the toast of 'The Guild,' and spoke of the tremendous revival of ringing in the Gloucester area as a result of the formation of the Guild. Other toasts were to 'The Visitors' and to 'The Entertainers,' and these were interspersed with entertainment from various sources. The evening concluded with dancing. M. D. L.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Mar. 3rd, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. S. T. Farr 1. Mary Buckingham 2. Monica M. Blagrove 3. K. Buckingham 4. A. J. Glass 5. B. L. Taylor 6. F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 7. J. Painter 8. For morning service.

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OBITUARY

MR. J. E. BURTON

Norwich has lost one of its oldest ringers by the death on March 12th of Mr. John Edward Burton, aged 80. He started his ringing career with J. Armiger Trollope, Charles E. Borrett and his brother, George P. Burton, all now passed on. These four were first-class handbell ringers and rang many peals 'in hand' in the later 1890's.

When the old band (Norwich Scholars) at St. Peter Mancroft broke up in 1907, John and George Burton with Charles Borrett formed the nucleus of a new band and remained together until 1923. With Mr. Burton's wholehearted support, the Mancroft Guild added a flat sixth, the 'Gabriel' bell, in 1910. During the first World War the Guild enlisted the services of five lady ringers, and later taught Miss G. M. A. George, a niece of the famous Rev. F. E. Robinson. Miss George became Mrs. Burton in 1922.

By profession John E. Burton was an architect and acquired quite a reputation for church restoration work, and his advice was much sought in connection with towers, bell frames, etc.

His active ringing ended after the first world war, brought about by ill-health and the demands of his practice, and in 1923 he became closely concerned with a large business concern. In spite of this his interest in ringing continued and when I last saw him he recalled a great many of his ringing experiences.

Like his brother, he was a first-class ringer and a splendid striker from treble to tenor, both of them being meticulous in everything they undertook. I rang in several peals with him (one of which he conducted) and do not remember him making a bad blow.

He could be depended on in any method. Although not a prolific peal ringer his knowledge of theory and method construction was very considerable; one of his peals of Bob Major is still rung.

When first meeting him he would give an impression of aloofness, but on knowing him better one would appreciate his quiet humour and a direct and searching mind. His interests outside his business and professional life were his church, ringing and sailing, more particularly on the Norfolk Broads.

John Edward Burton was a type of churchman and ringer whose example many of us would do well to follow. B. S. T.

MR. W. E. G. HEWSON

The ringers of St. Leonard's, Streatham, much regret to hear of the death of Mr. W. E. G. Hewson, the Irish gentleman, who died at his home at Askeaton, County Limerick.

He lived at Brixton Hill, London, for about 12 years, and joined the London County Association, the Surrey Association, and is believed to have been a College Youth. He took part in a few peals in London, ringing the tenor covering; for this he was good and kept an even beat. At St. Leonard's he got on well between the years 1927-37, and took part in quite a number of quarter peals by ringing a working bell to Stedman Triples.

He told me he was apprenticed as an engineer with the late Major J. H. B. Hesse, and that accounts for his knowledge of bell-hanging and casting. Mr. Hewson lost his wife by death in London in 1938, and since that year we here in London have heard no more from him, and concluded he had gone back to Ireland.

He was a devout churchman and always attended service Sunday mornings after ringing at Streatham, and we are very pleased to know the bells of Limerick Cathedral were rung half-muffled to his memory.

May God rest his soul.

J. W. C.

MR. SIDNEY J. JESSOP

The ringers of St. Leonard's, Streatham, were greatly shocked to hear of the death of Mr. Sidney J. Jessop, of Boston, Lincs. We got the sad news from his brother at Streatham before it appeared in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. Jessop often visited his brother at weekends, and always liked to ring at St. Leonard's for the Sunday services. He rang Grandshire well and liked to try a touch of Stedman. He was proud to talk about his Boston 'Stump' (St. Botolph's), where he rang for so many years. Every Christmas, these last 12 years or more, he sent the Streatham ringers a belfry calendar, accompanied by a large photograph of Boston Stump, each year taken at a different angle. He rang many quarter peals of Grandshire Triples at Streatham and we shall miss his visits. R.I.P. J. W. C.

MR. C. H. PAGE

It is with great regret that we record the death on March 13th, after a short illness, of Mr. Charles Herbert Page, aged 70, tower captain of the Parish Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula, Stoke-on-Trent, officer and life member of the North Staffordshire Association.

In a short address at the funeral the Rector, Rev. F. A. R. Chapman, paid tribute to 'Charlie' Page, who would be remembered as a friend, communicant, and perhaps above all, as a bellringer. The Ringers' Hymn was sung during the service.

The bells of St. Peter's were rung half-muffled both before and after the service by officers and members of the North Staffs Association.

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ruishon, Saturday, March 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 9926

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Norbury (Hazel Grove), Saturday, March 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea advise Mr. B. Jones, 11, Mill Street, Hazel Grove, Stockport. —C. K. Lewis. 9908

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, March 30th, Houghton (5). Bells available 5.45 p.m.—H. S. Peacock. 9939

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kemerton, Saturday, March 30th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. 9933

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Littlebourne, Saturday, March 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Quarterly meeting, Dover, Saturday, May 4th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9884

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Wye, Saturday, March 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. W. Greenstreet, 3, Church Street, Wye.—C. T. Hills, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9929

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual District meeting, Willesden, Saturday, March 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business to follow. All ringers and friends very welcome. 9900

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual District meeting at Willesden, Saturday, March 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Nearest station, Neasden (Bakerloo line), or trolleybus routes 660, 656, alight at White Hart. All ringers and friends welcome. 9972

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Monthly meeting, Eastwood (8), on Saturday, March 30th, at 3 p.m. 9932

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Erith, Kent, Saturday, March 30th. (Finchley not available.) St. John's (Old Church) bells (8) available 2.30 to 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Business meeting, Guild Room, after tea. Further ringing in evening, St. John's, also Christ Church (8). Good attendance, please—all welcome. Frequent trains (Southern Electric) from Charing Cross.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 9880

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, April 1st, at 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 9968

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined practice, Bletchingley (8), Tuesday, April 2nd, at 7.30 p.m. 9952

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—St. Dunstan's, Stepney, Saturday, April 6th, at 3.30 p.m. Ship, Talbot Court, at 6.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 9963

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting on Saturday, April 6th, at Sharnbrook. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names must be given for tea by Thursday to Miss Phyllis Gray, 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Beds. 9970

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Tredington (please note change of venue) on Saturday, April 6th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 3rd, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warks. 9938

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Eyam (6), Saturday, April 6th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 9953

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Swavesey (6) on Saturday, April 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Over (8) from 6 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 9953

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The dedication of the newly rehung and recast ring of eight by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. at Halstead by the Lord Bishop of Colchester at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 6th. Tea afterwards. All ringers welcome.—Hilda G. Snowden. 9904

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, April 6th. St. Matthew's (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Please come and help.—A. Bennett. 9957

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Chipping Sodbury (6), April 6th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea April 3rd Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 9982

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. and Exeter Branches.—Meeting at Silverton on Saturday, April 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea numbers by April 1st to A. G. Selley, 3, Exeter Road, Silverton.—W. H. Ware, Hon. Secretary. 9890

HOMWOOD SCHOOL RINGING SOCIETY.—Meeting at St. Mary's, High Halden, Kent, Saturday, April 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, April 4th, please, to Miss A. Haldane, 6, The Chennells, High Halden, Ashford, Kent. All ringers welcome.—Violet I. Relf. 9941

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting at Edenbridge on Saturday, April 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by April 4th to Mr. E. Leigh, Holmesdale, Station Road, Edenbridge. 9889

LADIES' GUILD.—North Western District.—Joint meeting with Lancashire Association (Wigan Branch) at Southport (Christ Church), Saturday, April 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea not later than April 3rd to Miss M. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport. No name, no tea. Please do your best to come.—Stella P. Wain, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9965

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. John's, Blackpool, on Saturday, April 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided 5 p.m. Business after tea.—J. F. Turner. 9965

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Accrington on Saturday, April 6th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., price nominal. Meeting to follow. For tea please notify not later than Wednesday Mr. R. Leigh 321, Willows Lane, Accrington.—Charles W. Blakey. 9958

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Scorton, Saturday, April 6th. Bells from 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to S. Anderton, Springfield Farm, Scorton. 9975

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Joint meeting with Ladies' Guild, Christ Church, Southport, Saturday, April 6th.

Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., only for those notifying me by April 3rd.—M. E. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport. 9976

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Castle Donington, Saturday, April 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Wednesday previous to Mr. S. Knighton, 62, Park Lane, Castle Donington. 9961

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Belgrave (8) on April 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. R. Barrow, 10, East Street, Birstall, before Wednesday previous to meeting. Good attendance, please.—W. A. Lacey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9977

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NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Norton-le-Moors on Saturday, April 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, April 3rd, to C. S. Ryles, Four Winds, Lancaster Drive, Woodlands Avenue, Norton-le-Moors, Stoke-on-Trent.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 9949

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Shenley on Saturday, April 6th. Bells (6) 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 9960

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 6th, at Handsworth Parish Church. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by April 3rd.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28; 'phone SPR 1025. 9919

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Trowbridge (12), Saturday, April 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea. Names for tea.—S. Cockell, 19, Craybourne Road, Melksham, Wilts. 9940

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Maiden Newton, Saturday, April 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting follow. Names by April 3rd to Mr. J. Bishop, Church Street, Maiden Newton.—Hayne, Sec. 9973

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Attenborough (8) on Saturday, April 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to me by previous Tuesday.—C. W. Towers, Thrumpton, Nottingham. 9916

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Ardingly (6), Saturday, April 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday certain, please, to I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turner's Hill. 9947

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Cheriton, Saturday, April 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. Names by previous Tuesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 9921

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Whitchurch, Saturday, April 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Parish Room. Laverstoke bells after tea. Names for tea to Mr. A. W. Alliston, 29, London Road, Whitchurch, Hants. 9941

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dedication of new ring of six at Saxthorpe by the Lord Bishop of Norwich, Sunday, April 7th, at 6.30 p.m. Bells available after service for all who wish to ring. 9920

GLOUCESTER.—The two trebles making a ring of ten at Gloucester Cathedral will be dedicated on Sunday, April 7th, at 11.15 a.m. Ringing afterwards until 12.30 p.m. Usual ringing 9.15 a.m.—L. Barry, 47, Massey Road, Gloucester. 9955

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western District.—Quarterly meeting, West Ham, Saturday, April 13th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. McPhail, 12, Wingfield Road, E.15. 9969

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Rainham, on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. J. Cheal, 49, Ivy Street, Rainham, Gillingham, Kent, as early as possible.—Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Sec. 9971

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Annual meeting at Eagle, near Lincoln, Saturday, April 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea not later than Monday, April 8th, to Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. 9971

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting, Saturday, April 13th, at Cuckfield (8). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting and further ringing. A good attendance, please, ladies and gentlemen. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 10th, to Miss Yeo, Hon. Sec., 118, Station Road, Hailsham. 9962

LADIES' GUILD.—North Eastern District.—Combined meeting with the Western District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, April 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea by April 6th to Mr. S. C. Walker, 21, Avondale Terrace, Chester-le-Street. 9945

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Harpole, Saturday, April 13th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. R. Baker, 10, Garners Way, Harpole, Northampton.—F. W. Hancock. 9962

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY AND DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at Dronfield, 3 p.m., on Saturday, April 13th (not 6th). Names for tea must be sent by 11th to Mrs. Bliss, Green Dragon, Church Street, Dronfield.—A. B. Cooper, J. Seager, Secs. 9974

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Charlwood (6), on Saturday, April 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by April 10th to Mr. A. J. Eds, Claremont Villas, Charlwood. 9951

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Sevenoaks, Easter Monday, April 22nd. Service 12 noon, followed by lunch and business meeting. Tickets: members 4s. 6d., others 6s. 6d., from Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill Bobbing, Sittingbourne. Also ringing at Tonbridge, Seal Chart, Leigh, Brasted and Westerham: full details sent with tickets. Nominations for election of Central Council representatives invited by April 8th.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec. 9896

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest, Liversedge, Saturday, April 27th. For teas please notify by April 13th G. Jones. 240, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec.

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