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## DUBLIN

THE Council's first visit to Ireland will always be remembered by those who were privileged to take part in it. Not unnaturally, there were many who doubted the wisdom of holding a meeting so far away; one member at least watched the industrial situation with the feeling that while, remembering Bristol, a rail strike would not unduly have interfered with the meeting, it would have necessitated the cancellation of one in Ireland and much hard work would be wasted.

But in the event all doubts were swept away. The meeting was notable in several ways. Nearly half the members made the journey to receive a wonderful welcome and hospitality such as almost defies description. A permanent reminder, if one were needed, will be the shillelagh presented to the Council on behalf of the Irish Association by their president, Mr. William Pratt. Never before, moreover, has the Council had the honour of a welcome from an archbishop—one which, by special request, was in two languages! For the first time, also, a vice-president graced the top table, and his services were very nearly required almost at once, for the president somehow lost his way on returning from lunch! Another change in the officers arose from the election of Mr. Frank Perrens as the new librarian, and all will wish him (and his assistant) well in this very important post. The Council has been fortunate in securing for it one so well known and respected throughout the Exercise.

The absence of many of the senior members whose opinions always command respect was certainly felt, and particular regret was expressed at the continued ill-health of Mr. Joseph T. Dyke, who has served the Council in many ways for the past 30 years. However, some useful, if unspectacular, work was accomplished. The two motions were keenly debated; as a result of the first a new committee was formed to look into the important question of Sunday service ringing. No one could have failed to be impressed with the sincerity of Norman Chaddock's advo-

cacy and with the amount of work he had already done in a limited sphere. As he rightly said, the pooling of people's experiences cannot fail to be of value.

The second motion, which was much more controversial, was not accepted. The general feeling seemed to be that the standard of what should be required in the truth of peals on five and six bells is already low enough. That is not to say that no case exists for the admission of, for instance, other arrangements than Pitman's and Morris's twelve-scores of Doubles. Indeed, this was recognised 21 years ago when the present definitions of peals of Doubles and Minor were formulated by Wilfrid Wilson and Ernest Turner. The then Editor of 'The Ringing World,' who himself felt that the composite parts of a 5,040 of Doubles or Minor should consist of separate and complete extents, and that the definitions adopted at Canterbury were a retrograde step, nevertheless commented that, since two exceptions had been admitted for Doubles '... it cannot stop there. There are other arrangements of Doubles, equally adaptable, which, if rung, will have to be admitted because they are equally as "true" in round blocks as those to which recognition has now been given.'

One cannot conclude without a special 'Thank you' to all those, ringers and others, on both sides of the Border who showed so many kindnesses to the visitors. The detailed arrangements involved a prodigious amount of work, and the excellence of them can be judged from the fact that everything went without a hitch. For many members it was their first visit to Ireland, and they will carry with them memories of glorious scenery—the view from Arklow churchyard, in the evening sunshine, was breathtaking—some lovely rings of bells, and of the traditional friendship which is one of ringing's greatest joys. E. A. B.

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**TEN BELL PEAL**

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 10, 1958, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,

**A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

*J. MICHAEL SIMPSON .. Treble	DENNIS A. FRITH .. .. 6
ANN BARR .. .. 2	†PAUL W. WEBB .. .. 7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3	WILLIAM A. LACEY .. .. 8
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. .. 4	E. ALAN JACQUES .. .. 9
J. EDWARD CAWSE .. .. 5	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

\* First peal of Royal. † First of Royal and first of Surprise away from the treble. 300th peal as conductor.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., April 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Middleton's.	Tenor 7½ cwt.
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. Treble	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. .. 5
SHIRLEY HARRIS .. .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. .. 6
MARGARET BOUMPHREY .. 3	ERNEST BOUMPHREY .. 7
BASIL JONES .. .. 4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. Tenor

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 18½ cwt.
MRS. F. J. CHEAL .. .. Treble	HARRY SPRINGATE .. .. 5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. .. 2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. 6
THOMAS BEAUMONT .. .. 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 7
CECIL C. BISHOP .. .. 4	LESLIE B. DOBBIE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer, also the grandson of the sixth ringer.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 10, 1958, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composition Clavis, p. 178.	Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.
PETER BERESFORD .. .. Treble	*DEREK TAYLOR .. .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 2	DEREK OGDEN .. .. 6
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 3	*EDMUND MALIN .. .. 7
REV. PETER T. ROBBINS .. 4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.

\* First peal in the method.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 14, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G.

HARRY J. RICHARDSON .. Treble	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 5
*SHELAGH COLLINS .. .. 2	ARTHUR GIBBS .. .. 6
GEORGE CARE .. .. 3	BRIAN AUSTIN .. .. 7
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE .. 4	JOHN E. SKERRITT .. .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. 21).

Conducted by JOHN E. SKERRITT.

\* 50th peal.

Rung to the memory of the late Anderson Y. Tyler, who died April 15th, 1958.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 17, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5376 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CYRIL WRIGHT .. .. Treble	ARTHUR B. COOPER .. 5
HAROLD WAGSTAFFE .. 2	*DENNIS COOPER .. .. 6
MRS. B. HOLMES .. .. 3	JOSEPH SAXTON .. .. 7
*GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. 4	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

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

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

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 17, 1958, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Six-part.	Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.
*JOAN BEESON .. .. Treble	*DONALD A. KIRK .. .. 5
O. LESLIE WARNER .. .. 2	ERNEST R. WARNER .. .. 6
CHARLES STEPHENS .. .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 7
FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 4	NOEL R. STACEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. BEESON.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells since recasting.

Rung as an 83rd birthday compliment to Wilson Dobbs, of Selston.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 17, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. Treble	*MICHAEL G. MORTON .. 5
*SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 2	PETER BERESFORD .. .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 3	ANTHONY AGER .. .. 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 4	EDMUND MALIN .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

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

A compliment to Mr. Roy Bastone, a ringer at this tower, and Miss Margaret E. Shemwell, on their recent engagement.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., May 17, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 11 cwt.

SUSAN JACKSON (Girton) .. Treble	A. L. M. SHEPHERD (Fitz.) 5
W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') 2	P. F. WINDLEY (Jesus) .. 6
D. STUBBINGS (Downing) 3	H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) .. 7
P. H. LANGTON (Trinity) .. 4	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.) .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by C. M. P. JOHNSON.

Rung to celebrate the wedding on the same day of Dr. Philip Chalk, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and Dr. Jean Doughty.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Treble	ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 5
ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. .. 2	R. GORDON CORBY .. .. 6
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 7
DR. RICHARD PRICE .. .. 4	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Sheila Duffin and Alan S. Smith, members of the above Association, married a few days previously at Pottton, Beds.

## CHURCH CLOCKS

NEW ELECTRIC OR HAND-WOUND  
INSTALLATIONS—ALL TYPES OF REPAIRS

INSPECTIONS AND  
ESTIMATES FREE  
ANYWHERE IN THE  
BRITISH ISLES

*Smith of Derby*  
CLOCKS

JOHN SMITH & SONS - DERBY

EPWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 21, 1958, in 3 Hours,  
At the Church of St. Andrew.

**A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb. in F.

*ROBERT SOUTHWOOD .. Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 2	*CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 6
NORAH M. BIBBY .. 3	*ALAN CARVETH .. 7
MARY C. PAYNE .. 4	JOHN FREEMAN .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\*First peal of Bristol Surprise.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 22, 1958, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,  
At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in D.

MICHAEL JOHN HALIWELL Treble	HARRY ANDERTON .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 2	NORMAN SMITH .. 6
ROSEMARY PARKINSON .. 3	VICTOR J. C. WOOD .. 7
PETER SCHOLFIELD .. 4	FREDERICK H. PRICE .. Tenor

Composed by REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

Rung to commemorate the centenary of the laying of the foundation stone of the Blackburn Royal Infirmary on May 24th, 1858, on which date a peal of Grandsire Triples was also rung.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Andrew.

**A PEAL OF 5184 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

C. AUBREY HARRISON .. Treble	JACK BRAY .. 5
GEORGE W. MOODY .. 2	*JOHN HALL .. 6
*ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 3	*ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. 7
CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 4	*ALAN CARVETH .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\*First peal in the method.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thurs., May 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF 5184 TROWBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	JOHN HILL .. 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 2	BRIAN BLADON .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 7
ALICK CUTLER .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

**A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. Treble	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 5
CYRIL RUSBY .. 2	ALAN CARVETH .. 6
JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 3	*IAN M. HOLLAND .. 7
JOHN S. SEAGER .. 4	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

\*50th peal.

Rung to welcome the arrival of Rosemary and Elizabeth, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. L. Gilbert.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	HAROLD STEVENSON .. 5
H. MICHAEL GARTSIDE Treble	HAROLD DENMAN .. 6
KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. 2	*WILLIAM L. EXTON .. 7
GRACE BURCHNALL .. 3	*CHARLES J. COPP .. Tenor
*F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 4	

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

\*100th peal. †75th peal. ‡25th peal together.

Rung half-muffled to the grateful memory of Ernest A. Midwinter, former tower captain, honorary life member of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, and churchwarden at this church.

ABINGDON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 3 Hours.

At the Church of St. Helen.

**A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

ALAN R. PINK .. Treble	J. HOWARD FREEBORN .. 5
MRS. M. S. CLOKE .. 2	*HAROLD P. REED .. 6
GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 3	†WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 7
MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

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

Rung after meeting short for Royal.

BLAENAVON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*FREDERICK STOKES .. Treble	THOMAS STEPHENS .. 5
JACQUELINE S. KING .. 2	*GEORGE WARD .. 6
BRYAN J. JOHN .. 3	DAVID J. KING .. 7
REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS .. 4	*HARRY JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.

\*First peal on eight.

Rung for the induction of the Rev. J. T. E. Davies as Vicar of Blaenavon.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

**A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*IAN PANTON .. Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
MARY DOWSETT .. 2	PETER J. EVES .. 6
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 7
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 4	JOE E. G. ROAST .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

\*First peal of Major.

A compliment to Patrick W. Saltmarsh on the birth of a son.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew.

**A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 22 cwt.

*WILLIAM J. DOWLER .. Treble	†ARTHUR SAYERS .. 5
ROBERT J. CHAPMAN .. 2	MICHAEL BISHOP .. 6
MICHAEL C. AUSTIN .. 3	GEORGE W. BISHOP .. 7
BRIAN DOWNES .. 4	LIONEL S. WOODS .. Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by LIONEL S. WOODS.

\*First peal. †First of Bob Major.

FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.

**A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

N. J. PITSTOW'S.	DAVID YOUNG .. 5
JOSEPH THORNLEY .. Treble	ALBERT GREENHALGH .. 6
GILLIAN BRIDGFORD .. 2	GORDON HALLS .. 7
PATRICIA FORSTER .. 3	JOHN ASHCROFT .. Tenor
EILEEN HUDSON .. 4	

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

First peal of Surprise on the new bells. First in the method for all except 3 and 7.

Rung in memory of Mrs. E. Crook, wife of the treasurer of the Lancashire Association of Change Ringers.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

**A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JOHN B. POWLES LAND .. Treble	MICHAEL J. BEST .. 5
DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 2	†COLIN CONWAY .. 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3	†LEWIS F. COBB .. 7
REGINALD W. REX .. 4	RONALD N. MARLOW .. Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Conducted by RONALD N. MARLOW.

\*First peal on eight bells. †First in the method.



## LINCOLN.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.  
 \*BARRY E. JOHN .. .. Treble JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. 5  
 \*MRS. D. E. JOHN .. .. 2 G. LESLIE A. LUNN .. .. 6  
 CHARLES H. BAKER .. .. 3 GEOFFREY PAUL .. .. 7  
 \*T. ALAN GILBERT .. .. 4 \*EDGAR A. COLE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

## FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

EILEEN FEARN .. .. Treble JOHN R. KENNETT .. .. 5  
 BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. .. 2 BERNARD GROVES .. .. 6  
 \*R. BRENT WHERRY .. .. 3 FRANK OSBALDISTON .. .. 7  
 †CAROL FERNLEY .. .. 4 †WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

\* First peal of Major. † First of Major 'inside.' ‡ 50th peal.  
Average age of the band 15½ years.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## CRANFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 10, 1958, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B.,  
Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

FRANK E. CROSIER .. .. Treble ALAN J. FROST .. .. 4  
 BRIAN AUSTIN .. .. 2 GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. .. 5  
 PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. .. 3 DAVID W. JAMES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID W. JAMES.

60th peal on the bells.

## NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., April 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

MARK W. LEWIS .. .. Treble SIMON L. BARLEY .. .. 4  
 GEORGE E. FOSTER .. .. 2 HAROLD STEVENSON .. .. 5  
 F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. .. 3 WILLIAM L. EXTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

## EUSTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., April 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GENEVIEVE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of Grandsire, St. Martin's and St. Simon's, and  
12 extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

\*HENRY IVINGS .. .. Treble LEONARD SHARPE .. .. 3  
 ERNEST BISHOP .. .. 2 ARTHUR BALAAM .. .. 4

DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

\* First peal in four methods away from the cover bell. First in four  
Doubles methods as conductor.Rung as a farewell peal to the conductor on his discharge from the  
R.A.F.

## STAUNTON-IN-THE-VALE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 16, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten different callings). Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

CHARLES J. COPP .. .. Treble HAROLD STEVENSON .. .. 3  
 WILLIAM L. EXTON .. .. 2 F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. .. 4

MARK W. LEWIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

Rung for the Feast of the Ascension.

## GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., April 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

\*VESTER HEADLAND .. .. Treble †RODNEY WALKER .. .. 4  
 COLIN M. WALKER .. .. 2 ROY A. WARD .. .. 5  
 †PETER A. WAKEMAN .. .. 3 DAVID W. JAMES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID W. JAMES.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal. ‡ First peal 'inside.'

## WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B.,  
and two 720's each of St. Clement's College Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

\*JAMES T. ROOKE .. .. Treble GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. 4  
 HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. 2 FREDERICK FLINT .. .. 5  
 HAROLD WAGSTAFFE .. .. 3 DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

\* First peal in five methods.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Lady Nora Fitzherbert, wife of Sir  
William Fitzherbert, of Tissington Hall, Derbys, patron of the living  
of Warsop.

## CUCKNEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 7, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two each of Oxford T.B. and  
Kent T.B., and one each of St. Clement's College Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in G.

NANCY WILLCOX .. .. Treble DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. .. 4  
 CYRIL WRIGHT .. .. 2 GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. 5  
 WILLIAM DICKINSON .. .. 3 HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Prout, grandfather of  
the treble ringer.

## GREAT RYBURGH, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 10, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN R. SMITH .. .. Treble TONY OWEN .. .. 4  
 HERBERT LASKEY .. .. 2 EDWARD HOWES .. .. 5  
 CECIL V. EBBERSON .. .. 3 WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE.

Rung for Rogationtide.

## HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 17, 1958, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Single Oxford, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure,  
and three of Plain Bob (methods rung alternately). Tenor 6 cwt. 10 lb.

\*JOAN BACON (12) .. .. Treble MARY R. JAYCOCK .. .. 4  
 RONALD K. RUSS .. .. 2 GORDON W. LIMMER .. .. 5  
 HOWARD OGLESBY .. .. 3 †GEORGE GILBERT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

\* First peal. † 50th peal on the bells.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the father of the ringer of the  
third.

## HONITON, DEVON.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., May 17, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being two 240's and 38 extents (ten different callings). Tenor 22 cwt.

LESLIE V. MORRELL .. .. Treble CYRIL C. DEEM .. .. 4  
 W. DONALD SALTER .. .. 2 W. RONALD TRICKEY .. .. 5  
 ALAN G. COOKE .. .. 3 WILLIAM WEBB .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL C. DEEM.

First peal as conductor

# FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE. THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 17, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 46 methods: (1) Willesden, College Bob IV, Old Oxford, Newdigate, Marple, Taxal, Wragby, St. Albans, Neasden, Charlwood, Braintree, Humber, Elston and Clarence Delight, and Morning Star Treble Bob; (2) Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, Capel, Norbury, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob, Pontefract, Donottar, Wath and Carisbrooke Delight; (3) Dover, Balmoral, Chepstow, Skipton and Fotheringay Delight; (4) Ely, Wilmslow, Rostherne, Knutsford and Bogedone Delight; (5) St. Werburg, Vale Royal, Combermere, Crowland, Abbeyville and Canterbury Delight; (6) Hull Surprise; (7) Bourne Surprise; 14 changes of method.

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN R. KENNETT .. Treble	BERNARD GROVES .. 4
WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 5
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 3	ROBERT B. SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

First peal in 46 methods by all the band and for the Association.

# HOO, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 17, 1958, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBERG.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt.

*MARGARET P. EVANS .. Treble	ALBERT DUNK .. 4
TERENCE BARTON .. 2	GEORGE KENWARD .. 5
RONALD C. BURNS .. 3	CYRIL S. JARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

\* First peal.

# HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE. THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., May 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

RUTH BLACKSHAW .. Treble	DOREEN ARMSTRONG .. 4
RAYMOND LARKIN .. 2	MAURICE HARRISON .. 5
JOHN MEREDITH .. 3	FRANK BRADLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

First peal on the bells. First peal for 1, 2, 3 and 5, Sunday service ringers.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Lady Sibel Argles, donor of the treble bell.

# ABERGAUENNY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 19, 1958, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob, 12 of April Day, 16 of Grandsire and one Morris's 240. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*REGINALD C. JONES .. Treble	†BRYAN JOHN .. 4
GEORGE WARD .. 2	*NORMAN WARD .. 5
†MISS L. TEMLETT .. 3	*RICHARD HORSINGTON .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WARD.

\* First peal. † First in three methods. First peal on the bells rung by an entirely local Sunday service band. Rung on the front six.

Rung in honour of Ald. W. Horsington (aged 76), a ringer for over 60 years, who was made Mayor of the borough for the third time at noon this day. Also a 13th wedding anniversary compliment to the treble ringer.

# BIDDULPH, STAFFORDSHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

## A PEAL OF 5040 KINGSTON TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

*STUART ELLISON .. Treble	WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 4
†R. BRENT WHERRY .. 2	FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 5
JOHN R. KENNETT .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

\* First peal of Minor and of Treble Bob. † First of Treble Bob. 75th peal as conductor. The first peal in the method.

# HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.

## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYNFARCH,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's: (1) Double and Plain Bob, (2) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Oxford, (5) Thelwall, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Oxford Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

GEOFFREY PARTING .. Treble	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 4
JOHN S. DEAN .. 2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 5
ROBERT W. HINDE .. 3	PERCY SWINDLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

# WAREHORNE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents (four callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

*RAYMOND J. CARLTON .. Treble	*DAVID STAPLES .. 4
*VIOLET I. ROLF .. 2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 5
WILFRED W. RING .. 3	MARK W. MARSHALL .. Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND J. CARLTON.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of Rev. Wilfrid Couch, M.A., late Rector of this parish.

# WHIXLEY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(York Minster Society.)

On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in G sharp.

*LEONARD GREENHORN .. Treble	MICHAEL MASKILL (16) .. 4
COLIN REEVES (14) .. 2	HAROLD WALKER .. 5
MARGARET WILKINSON .. 3	JAMES WOOLFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES WOOLFORD.

\* First peal. First as conductor.

A compliment to the conductor on his 16th birthday

# HANDBELL PEAL

## FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE. THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,  
IN THE BELERY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 8880 DOUBLES

Being 74 extents in 33 methods: (1-3) Shipway's Place Bob, (4-6) Westminster II Bob, (7-9) Blackburn Place Bob, (10-12) St. Hilary Bob, (13-15) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (16-18) Spliced Winchendon Place Bob and St. Nicholas Bob, (19-21) Spliced Winchendon Place Bob and St. Remigius Bob, (22-24) Spliced St. Nicholas Bob and St. Remigius Bob, (25-27) St. Bartholomew Bob, (28-30) Reverse All Saints Bob, (31-33) St. Sebastian Bob, (34) Reverse Plain Bob, (35) Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (36) Reverse Shipway's Place Bob, (37) Reverse Plain Bob, (38) Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (39-40) Reverse Shipway's Place Bob, (41) Reverse Plain Bob, (42) Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (43-45) Coxwell Place Bob, (46) Stedman Slow Course, (47-48) St. Botolph Bob, (49) Stedman Slow Course, (50-52) Plain Bob, (53-55) Spliced St. Simon's Bob and Braywood Bob, (56-58) Spliced St. Martin's Bob and Welford Bob, (59-61) Spliced St. Osmund Bob and Longworth Bob, (62) St. Simon's Bob, (63) Spliced St. Simon's Bob and Rugby Slow Course, (64) Spliced St. Martin's Bob and Slapton Slow Course, (65) Spliced St. Osmund Bob and Merton Slow Course, (66) St. Martin's Bob, (67) Plain Bob, (68) Spliced St. Nicholas Bob and Fundenhall Bob, (69) Spliced Winchendon Place Bob and Haddiscoe Bob, (70) Spliced St. Remigius Bob and Harpley Bob, (71) Spliced St. Nicholas Bob and Longford Slow Course, (72) Spliced Winchendon Place Bob and Thornborough Slow Course, (73) Spliced St. Remigius Bob and Hascombe Slow Course, (74) St. Osmund Bob; 234 bobs; 176 changes of method. Tenor size 16½ in A sharp.

*FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 1-2	*BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 3-4
WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 5-6	

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

\* 50th peal together. The longest length of Doubles yet rung on handbells. The longest length on handbells by all and for the Association. First peal on handbells in 33 methods, and first of Doubles in 33 methods by all and for the Association.

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# QUARTER PEALS

**ACTON, CHESHIRE.**—On May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Emerton 1, H. Thelwell 2, J. E. Brough 3, S. Sutton 4, H. Sutton 5, F. S. Sutton (cond.) 6. For Rogation service.

**ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.**—On April 20th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Hazel N. Craven (first in method) 1, Diana M. Gough 2, Valerie Mempham 3, Pamela R. Gough 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, I. C. Forrest 6. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

**BATTLE, SUSSEX.**—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Garnett 1, H. Ballard 2, G. A. Masters 3, J. F. Whitfield 4, Miss K. Stisted (cond.) 5, G. Prodder 6. Rung with the best wishes of all the band as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 6 (tower captain) and 4.

**BEXLEY, KENT.**—On Whit Sunday, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Margaret Ward (first of Treble Bob) 1, Jean Jones (first in method) 2, Brenda Foster 3, Mary Andrews 4, Beverley Thompson 5, J. L. Morris (cond.) 6.

**BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.**—On May 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. W. Sear 1, P. R. Andrews 2, H. Sear 3, J. R. Mossop 4, W. Daniells 5, A. Daniells 6, D. J. Meager 7, R. Cadamy (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. W. Sear, interred this day.

**BRADFORD, DEVON.**—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Stacey (cond.) 1, R. Cann 2, D. Garvie 3, H. Trewin 4, A. Read 5, H. Heard 6.

**BROUGHTON, STAFFS.**—On May 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: W. G. Talbot (jun., first quarter) 1, A. W. Talbot (first quarter) 2, A. H. Lawton 3, T. Whittall 4, E. Young 5, W. G. Talbot (sen., first at cond.) 6. First in method for all the band.

**BUCKLAND FILLEIGH, DEVON.**—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Conn 1, H. Stacey 2, H. Heard 3, C. Sangwin 4, C. Taylor (cond.) 5.

**CHURCH LAWFOOD, WARWICKS.**—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy Griffith (14, first quarter) 1, T. J. Frodsham 2, Joan Cheney 3, J. R. Haycock 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, T. G. Pickering 6. For Empire Day.

**DODDESTON, CHESHIRE.**—On May 25th, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob Minor: G. Parting 1, T. Dean 2, T. Hughes (cond.) 3, G. Case 4, D. Clays 5, J. Tilston 6. For Evensong.

**EPPING, ESSEX.**—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Miss J. McClelland (first quarter) 1, C. Moore 2, M. Osborne 3, R. Moore 4, E. Freeman (first away from tenor) 5, A. Freeman 6, J. Statham (cond.) 7, D. Freeman 8.

**FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.**—On April 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Beatrice Oldham (first quarter) 1, R. B. Wherry 2, K. Ellison 3, S. Ellison 4, J. R. Kennett 5, E. Ellison 6, W. A. Smith 7, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 8. For St. George's Day service and parade. Also on May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: 1. B. McKee 1, D. Adams 2, R. B. Wherry 3, J. R. Kennett (cond. 540) 4, B. J. Woodruffe (cond. 720) 5. First quarter for 2. All are pupils at Buxton College.

**HAWLEY, HANTS.**—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Marshall (first quarter) 1, Mrs. D. Brookman 2, Miss M. A. Finch 3, F. I. Farr 4, R. E. Finch (cond.) 5, J. Goddard (first quarter) 6. A farewell to the assistant priest (Fr. Hopp).

**HENLEY, OXON.**—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. G. Burrows 1, W. J. Paice (cond.) 2, F. Henbest 3, W. Hunt 4, C. Tigwell 5, R. H. Begrie 6, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 7, M. J. Palmer 8, A. R. G. Twinn 9, C. A. Ashpool 10. For Evensong.

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Mallet (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Lowings 2, J. Carrott 3, A. Gargrave 4, A. Grainger 5, A. Salisbury (cond.) 6, D. M. Salisbury 7, R. Hoskins 8. For Confirmation.

**ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On May 27th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 480 each Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob, 240 Grandsire): B. C. Burrough 1, R. A. Brown 2, R. J. Elliott (cond.) 3, R. H. Pickering (first quarter) 4, M. A. Richardson 5, First on five bells and first in four methods for 2, 3 and 4. All members of Collyer's School Guild.

**KIPPAX, YORKS.**—On May 17th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Valerie M. Massam 1, D. Thorp 2, A. Cole 3, P. Whitaker 4, T. W. Strangeway (cond.) 5, I. Slack 6. First quarter of Cambridge Minor by all. In memoriam the father of the ringer of the second, who was interred this day.

**LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.**—On May 11th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. J. White (first of Treble Bob) 1, A. H. Winch 2, Rev. C. Marshall (first 'inside') 3, Patricia Smea 4, G. Marriner 5, H. V. Young 6, A. H. Smith (cond.) 7, T. A. Cross 8. Also on May 18th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: J. Williams 1, Patricia Smea 2, T. A. Cross 3, G. Marriner 4, B. Hawkins 5, Rev. C. Marshall 6, A. H. Smith (cond.) 7, H. V. Young 8. First in method for 1, 2, 5, 6 and 8. Rung to commemorate a 10,080 in same method on May 17th, 1808.

**LELANT, CORNWALL.**—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: M. Peters 1, Marion Steele 2, Ann Clifton 3, Marion L. Lidgley 4, H. Miles (cond.) 5, G. W. Rendell 6. First of Stedman for 1, 2, 3 and 6. For Evensong.

**LYNG, SOMERSET.**—On May 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (360 each April Day and Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): R. Hooper (first quarter) 1, I. Hilburn 2, F. Skinner (first in three methods) 3, E. Skinner 4, K. Prime (cond.) 5. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. R. Hooper on the birth of their son.

**MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.**—On May 18th, at the Church of St. Michael, 1,320 Bob Maximus: Mary Worth 1, A. A. Potts 2, K. Smith 3, E. Pimlott 4, J. Worth (cond.) 5, Mrs. C. W. Lawton 6, G. Farrer 7, H. C. Lonyon 8, H. Wood 9, C. W. Lawton 10, V. G. Norbury 11, J. W. Whittaker 12. Run by branch members of the Chester Diocesan Guild to mark the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yates, Mr. Yates being the chairman of the branch. Also on May 4th, at Christ Church, 1,162 Stedman Caters: May Lomas 1, W. Stevenson 2, J. Worth (cond.) 3, E. Potts 4, D. A. Henshaw 5, A. A. Potts 6, G. Farrer 7, H. Farrer 8, H. Wood 9, D. Pearson 10. For Sunday School anniversary service.

**MILNROW, LANCs.**—On May 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Foster 1, M. Fishwick 2, B. J. Wild 3, A. Smith 4, D. Butterworth (cond.) 5, G. Cowling 6. An 18th birthday compliment to Sylvia Harris.

**NAILSEA, SOMERSET.**—On May 17th, 1,269 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Hilda Kingcott 1, Monica Fray 2, J. Brain 3, W. Kingcott 4, D. Yeo 5, M. Horseman (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. M. Chilcott and Miss K. Weller from West Country Roving Ringers.

**NETHERTON, WORCS.**—On May 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Griffiths 1, E. Stitch 2, Yvonne Edwards 3, A. D. Collins (cond.) 4, G. Smallwood 5, F. Brotherton 6, H. Howell 7, J. Roden 8. First of Stedman for 3 and 5.

**NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.**—On May 11th, at St. Nicholas' Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. Lea 1, W. Robson 2, D. Priestly 3, J. Hedley 4, E. P. Crowdy 5, D. A. Bayles 6, G. S. Deas (cond.) 7, R. W. Leighton 8. Rung as a welcome home to the Provost (the Very Rev. N. M. Kennaley) on his return from Jamaica.

**NORTHAW, HERTS.**—On Whit Monday, 1,260 Oxford Bob Minor: R. Durrant 1, J. T. Y. Roberts 2, E. B. McKie 3, A. S. Carter 4, A. J. Bull 5, W. D. N. Foote (cond.) 6.

**NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.**—On May 26th, 1,440 Minor (720) Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: Daphne Hyams 1, Wendy Bowak 2, D. Heapy 3, L. Cordell 4, D. Mitchell 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to H. King and Mrs. Wedlock, mother of the conductor.

**PYWORTHY, DEVON.**—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Sangwin 1, H. Heard 2, D. Garvie 3, J. Gliddon 4, H. Stacey (cond.) 5, D. Brock 6. For Evensong.

**ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Taylor 1, C. Webber 2, A. Cooke 3, G. Hutchings (first quarter) 4, G. Walford (cond.) 5, A. Chapman 6. For 7 a.m. service. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Taylor 1, A. Cooke 2, H. Taylor 3, C. Webber 4, W. R. Trickey (cond.) 5, G. Hutchings 6. First quarter by Sunday service band. For Evensong.

**ROWDE, WILTS.**—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. T. Weeks 1, G. Winter 2, W. Mortimer 3, F. Parymure 4, H. Gummer (cond.) 5, E. Amor 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. J. E. Watts, aged 80 years, verger for 24 years, interred this day.

**SALISBURY, WILTS.**—On May 21st, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Clements (first quarter) 1, Margaret Page 2, Ann Sweeney (first of Triples) 3, Yvonne Eloie 4, Ann Bacon 5, H. H. Abrahams 6, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 7, E. J. Doel 8. Rung as a mark of esteem to the Vicar (Canon Pendenis J. Hayes) on the occasion of his installation to the Canonry of Salisbury with the Prebend of Major Pars Altaris this day.

**SLOUGH, BUCKS.**—On May 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss Sylvia Wickenden 1, A. D. Rivers 2, Miss Pamela Jervis 3, Miss Janet Adamson 4, J. R. A. Muller (first of Major 'inside') 5, K. Buckingham 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, A. J. Glass 8. For Confirmation service, conducted by the Lord Bishop of Buckingham.

**STONE, STAFFS.**—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila Hodson 1, Glenda Rowley 2, A. Lawton 3, H. Roberts 4, G. A. Moore (cond.) 5, W. Talbot 6, E. Young 7, H. Hodson 8. For Evensong.

**UPPER CLAPTON, E.**—At the Church of St. Matthew, on May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): Mrs. D. Neal 1, J. M. Steele (first 'inside') 2, Miss N. Hales 3, J. A. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, D. W. Gray 7. Also on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. M. Steele 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, Miss N. Hales 3, J. A. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. W. Gray 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7.

**WAVERTON, CHESHIRE.**—On May 20th, 2,160 Bob Minor: Anthea Bafer (11, longest touch) 1, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 2, Rev. J. Kingdon 3, S. Jones 4, J. W. Clarke 5, H. O. Baker 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Baker.

**WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.**—On May 25th, at the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel, 1,260 Minor (being 720 Single Court and 540 Sinele Oxford): M. Kemp 1, Valerie Waterfield 2, T. Randall 3, H. Denman 4, D. McNeil 5, R. Hobbs (cond.) 6. Rung before Sung Mass on Whit Sunday. Also on May 26th, 1,260 Minor (being 720 Single Oxford and 540 Plain Bob): Janet Kemp (first quarter) 1, Valerie Wakefield 2, M. Kemp 3, T. Randall 4, D. McNeil 5, R. Hobbs (cond.) 6. For the festival of Whitsuntide.

**WITHEYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.**—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Sharland 1, W. H. Clifton 2, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 3, D. J. Hunt 4, R. G. Hooper 5, J. Brain 6, E. J. Hitchins 7, S. Sharland 8. For morning service.

**WORLE, SOMERSET.**—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Worrell (first quarter) 1, D. Hawkins 2, G. Prescott (cond.) 3, J. Drennan 4, R. Ballam (first 'inside') 5, W. Lovell 6.

**YEovil, SOMERSET.**—On May 25th, at the Parish Church of St. John, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. J. Seiter 1, R. Moore 2, L. E. Parris 3, T. J. Look 4, J. E. Looker 5, G. Gaylard (cond.) 6, H. J. Gaylard 7, H. Hebditch 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. G. Gaylard.

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## IN EAST CHESHIRE

Ringers from St. Mary's-without-the-Walls, Chester, Dodleston, Buckley and Flint made up a party for an outing in East Cheshire on May 14th. Four cars were available and a prompt start was made for Sandbach, where the eight bells were raised in peal at the appointed time of 10 a.m. Visits were also made to Astbury (6) and Congleton (8) during the morning.

After lunch at Congleton, Gawsworth (8) and Bollington (8) were visited and after tea Prestbury (8) and Holmes Chapel (6) completed the ringing, which included touches in all the standard methods, also rounds and call changes.

The outing, despite the cool and, at times, rainy weather, proved most happy and enjoyable. The countryside was looking its best, the schedule was maintained, the bells were a pleasure to ring and all the party had the privilege of seeing some most beautiful old churches for the first time, notably Astbury, Prestbury and Gawsworth, the last named with its two lakes close by. Apart from the churches, the villages of Astbury and Prestbury are well worth a visit.

A view of the radio telescope at Jodrell Bank was another interesting feature. This was first seen from the top of Gawsworth Church tower, but a closer view was later obtained on the journey between Chelford and Holmes Chapel.

Grateful thanks are extended to the clergy for placing their bells at our disposal, also to those who met us at the respective towers and made us welcome, particularly at Holmes Chapel, where Mr. Coppenhall, the captain, had the local Press photographer waiting for us, and a photograph duly appeared in the local paper! The thanks of the party are also due to Mr. Percy Swindley, who undertook all the arrangements, and whose schedule worked perfectly. G.

## OUTINGS

## ST. MARY'S, READING

A bright, fine morning saw ringers and friends from St. Mary's, Reading, off on their annual outing. After pausing at Streatley to pick up the 'Guinness-bird King' and stopping at Banbury for coffee, our first ring was at Daventry, where this pleasant anti-clockwise eight went well to Grandsire, Stedman, Cambridge, London and Spliced Surprise. The next stop was at Leicester, where a good course of Yorkshire Royal was enjoyed at St. John's, which was followed by lunch at the Forum Cafe. Journeying on to Loughborough, we rang the fine ten at the Parish Church, and were then conducted on a very interesting tour of the foundry by Mr. Fidler. It was then time to try our hand at the foundry bells. We rang Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Cambridge Royal, a very quick course of Plain Bob on the front six and a touch of Spliced Surprise on the back eight (much to Mr. Fidler's surprise).

Not only did the Forum Cafe again provide us with an excellent meal but the chef demonstrated the cooking of a mushroom omelette, and two of our party gave an exhibition of their skill with kitchen knives. At Southam, our last tower, a very well-struck course of Bristol was rung. The homeward journey was broken at Banbury for 'the usual' and the day ended to the tune of 'Uncle Tom Cobley,' etc.

We are grateful to the local incumbents and those who made ringing possible for us, and our thanks are due to Messrs. Lewis and Klorfy for an enjoyable and well-arranged outing.

C. E. L.

## LEEDS PARISH CHURCH

For their tenth annual outing, held, as customary, on the second Saturday in May, Leeds Parish Church ringers chose the Vale of Belvoir, and the choice to go southwards proved particularly fortunate in that brilliant sunshine prevailed south of Yorkshire, whereas at home torrential rain was the order of the day.

To attempt to describe the countryside, the churches, the bells and, not least, the ringing, would exhaust one's vocabulary of superlatives.

Outstanding were perhaps the opening touch of Stedman at Colston Bassett, which set the standard for the day, and the course of Cambridge at Oakham, which surprised even some of those taking part. A well-known conductor has said that anyone who can't strike Oakham bells can't ring at all—certain it is that these bells lend themselves to 'tapping.'

Oakham bells must surely be Gillett's masterpiece—they are near perfection, both inside and outside the tower. How the same founder could turn out the 'howling successes' we know in Yorkshire, to mention only Halifax and Harthill, must remain a mystery.

The hour allowed for ringing at Melton Mowbray seemed little enough, while the grand octave at Bottesford were not appreciated perhaps as much as they deserved, following Oakham.

Each year we try to 'go one better' on the previous year's outing, but wherever the next outing takes us, on one thing we are unanimous, we can never expect to have a better selection of towers than in 1958.

R. H. D.

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The band which rang the peal of Bristol at Brewood on May 17th travelled a total distance of 934 miles between them to do so. The youngest member of the band was 18, the oldest 20, and the average age was 19. The band which rang the peal of Little Bob Royal at Derby on Whit Monday had a lower average—18.8 years. The age range was greater here and it would appear that after the age of 20 one is on the decline!!

No praise can be too high for the masterly way Burnham's Joan Bacon rang her bell to her first peal at the age of 12 on May 17th at Hitcham, Bucks.

Bells will be heard prior to the morning service from Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, on Sunday, June 15th (West Home Service and Midland Home Service). The service will be conducted by the Vicar (Prebendary J. Denis Wakeling). Captain of the ringers is Mr. J. Sims.

Ladies, watch those shoulder straps! A peal might have been lost when a very embarrassed Jill tried to replace a most elusive shoulder strap and catch the sally at the same time. Fortunately, only rounds were being rung prior to the word 'Go.'

On Tuesday, May 20th, Councillor H. G. Mackrell was elected Mayor of Romsey for the second time. The Abbey bells were rung to mark the occasion and to convey to the new Mayor the sincere wishes of the bellringers for a happy and successful year of office.

Belfry Gossip items relating to the wonderful Central Council visit to Dublin appear on page 367. The welcome and programme exceeded all expectations. Peal ringing was most successful—about 17 peals being rung. Wherever visiting ringers went they were most cordially received. Most of the ringing was on a high plane and the striking very good.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

The fact that a peal attempt was being made at Abergavenny on May 19th, in honour of Alderman Horsington, was broadcast in the Welsh news at 6.10 p.m. whilst the bells were ringing, about 50 minutes after the start for the successful peal. Those who took part were graciously entertained to supper after the peal, by Ald. and Mrs. Horsington.

A young lady is anxious to know the record number of blisters collected during a peal, having recently acquired 17 during one 5,000.

The ringers of treble, 2 and 3 in the peal at St. Giles', Lincoln, on May 24th, were three generations of one family — grandson, treble; mother, 2; and grandfather, 3. Congratulations.

Will all those who rang in the peal of Yorkshire at Drogheda on Saturday, May 24th, please take all necessary precautions against infection, as the ringer of the 2nd developed measles on returning to England.

The Rev. Wilfred Couch, in whose memory a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung at Warehorne on May 24th, was an author and had broadcast on the B.B.C.'s 'Silver Lining' programme. Latterly he suffered much from arthritis but he always took an interest in the ringing of the beautiful little ring of bells in his church.

The four local ringers who rang their first peal at Holme Pierrepont on May 18th are part of a company who have only been able to ring methods since Christmas (prior to that they had to ring by numbers) but to date they have rung seven Plain and six Treble Bob methods. Their achievements also include five quarter peals, a 720 for most Sunday evening services, and their tutors are very proud of the way they are all trying.

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**F**OLLOWING three days of generous hospitality and friendship, together with a well-arranged ringing programme, the second session of the 23rd Council (61st annual meeting) was opened at the Synod Hall, Dublin, on Whit Tuesday, with welcomes from the civic authorities and the Church.

The President (Mr. Fredk. Sharpe) had the pleasure of welcoming the Deputy Lord Mayor of Dublin and the Archbishop of Dublin.

In his welcome to the Central Council the Deputy Lord Mayor (Cclr. E. Dockrell) said: 'I believe your Association has been visiting various cities in Ireland and rung on a large number of bells. . . .'

Ireland had had bells from the earliest time, and today they had some magnificent bells and Ireland stood high among the countries that had good bells. On behalf of the Lord Mayor and the Corporation of Dublin he welcomed them to the city and wished them a pleasant and interesting time in the country.

The Archbishop (the Most Rev. G. O. Simms) in his greeting to the Council said bells had a time-honoured association with their city. There was a tradition that long before Christ Church Cathedral was founded St. Patrick himself had held meetings in that hall, and St. Patrick, as they knew, had been associated with bells. Dublin was very proud of its bells. 'I hope you will have an excellent Council meeting in this hall and that God will bless you now and always in your going out and coming in.'

Mr. Wm. Pratt, president of the Irish Association of Ringers, in his welcome said it was very appropriate that the Council had decided to cross the Irish Sea on the 60th anniversary of their Association. 'You have done us a great honour and we very much appreciate it.'

There were church bells in the service of the Church all over the world, but it was in England where the art of change-ringing had been raised to perfection. They were very pleased to have English ringers here practising their art.

In Ireland they were not very well placed in regard to their rings of bells as they were spread widely over the country and therefore it was difficult to attain the same perfection. It was a case of the young ringer learning his art by the hit and miss method; in England the young craftsman had the expert to teach him.

They hoped that beside bells they had seen some of the beauties of the country and that that would induce them to spend some of their holidays in the country.

Mr. Pratt then on behalf of the Irish ringers presented to the Central Council a shillelagh—not as a weapon of offence but as a token of friendship to their brother ringers across the sea.

The silver inscription read:

'From the bell-ringers of Ireland to commemorate the first meeting in Ireland of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. Whitsuntide, 1958.'

Thanking the Irish ringers very warmly for their gift, the President said: 'We of the Central Council have thoroughly enjoyed our stay in Ireland so far, and I go so far as to say that it is one of the most enjoyable gatherings we have ever experienced, and in no small degree it is due to the welcome we have received.'

'To the people of Dublin and the Corporation we say thank you for the welcome we have received. We thank the Church for all the facilities given to us to ring your bells and visit your churches, and to the Irish Association we can never say thank you enough for all you have done with your hospitality.'

The Dean of Christ Church (the Very Rev. E. H. Lewis Crosby) then led the Council in prayer.

A postcard was read from Miss J. Armstrong, of Morpeth, wishing the Council a successful conference.

## REPRESENTATION OF SOCIETIES

The hon. secretary announced that since the last meeting the North Wales Association had ceased to be affiliated. The strength of the Council was 55 Associations, affiliated with 153 members, 24 honorary members, 6 life members, making a total of 183. There were two vacancies among representative members, three among honorary members. All subscriptions had been paid.

## THE ATTENDANCE

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Mr. W. Williams.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Mr. S. G. Coles, Mr. H. J. Sanger, Miss Williams. Cambridge University Guild.—Mr. B. D. Threlfall.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. W. Allman. Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. F. W. Perrens.

Derbyshire Association.—Mr. W. P. Robinson.

Devon Guild.—Mr. T. G. Myers, Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

Dudley and District Guild.—Mr. H. J. Shuck. East Grinstead and District Guild.—Mr. C. A. Bassett.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Mr. J. G. Gipsen, Mr. H. S. Peacock.

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

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

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. H. N. Pitstow.

Hertford County Association.—Mr. R. G. Bell.

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

Kent County Association.—Mr. J. R. Cooper, Mr. T. Cullingworth, Mr. T. E. Sone.

Lancashire Association.—Mr. P. Crook, Mr. Dunkerley, Mr. J. Ridyard.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. S. Burton, Mr. A. E. Rowley.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. E. Feirn.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Mr. T. M. Roderick.

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

Middlesex County Association.—Mr. F. T. Blagrove, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, Mr. T. J. Lock.

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

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Mr. H. W. Barrett, Mr. N. G. Golden, Mr. N. V. Harding, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

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

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

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Mr. P. I. Chapman, Mr. E. G. Orland.

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

Sheffield and District Society.—Mr. N. Chadlock.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—Mr. B. G. Key, Mr. G. W. Hughes.

Suffolk Guild.—Mr. C. W. Pipe.

Surrey Association.—Mr. A. P. Cannon, Mr. F. E. Collins, Mr. W. F. Oatway.

Sussex County Association.—Mr. R. G. Blackman.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Mr. W. C. Boucher, Mr. D. Burnett.

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

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

Yorkshire Association.—Mr. G. Benfield, Mr. W. E. Critchley, Mr. L. W. G. Morris.

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

Honorary members.—Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. D. Hughes, Mr. C. K. Lewis, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Mr. W. A. Osborn, Mr. R. F. B. Speed, Mr. L. Stilwell, Mr. P. L. Taylor, Mr. T. W. White.

## APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Messrs. J. F. Smallwood, S. Foskett, J. E. Clarke, Rev. J. Kingdon, A. J. Martin, A. Mould, A. L. Bennett, F. Ainsley, W. N. Park, F. W. Lack, A. C. Hazelden, G. S. Joyce, W. H. Viggers, G. J. Lewis, W. F. Moreton, J. J. Webb, W. Ayre, E. Edmondson, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Miss D. E. Colgate, Mrs. A. Richardson, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, Messrs. P. A. Corby, P. J. Staniforth, J. Bray, J. Freeman, J. A. Freeman, Mrs. D. J. King, Messrs. T. H. Taffender, J. R. Mayne, K. C. Birkett, P. M. J. Gray, R. S. Anderson, W. Butler, Dr. D. H. Niblett, Messrs. G. W. Jeffs, E. Nobles, C. H. Hawkins, J. I. P. Davis, G. H. Harding, G. S. Morris, W. C. West, R. St. C. Wilson, F. H. Bennett, P. N. Bond, G. H. Cross, J. L. Morris, F. E. Hawthorne, J. Segar, J. W. Blythe, R. Overy, C. I. Lewis, H. Miles, Rev. A. S. Roberts, Miss M. R. Cross, Dr. D. N. Layton, Messrs. F. W. Rogers, D. Beacham, Miss M. E. Snowden, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, J. P. Fidler, F. I. Hairs, A. J. Pitman, A. H. Pulling, C. W. Roberts, E. C. Shepherd, Mrs. J. C. Steeples, Messrs. A. Walker and J. Willis.

## PRESENTATIONS

The following new members were presented: Messrs. P. Crook (Lancashire Association), L. Stilwell, R. F. B. Speed and T. W. White (honorary).

## VICE-PRESIDENT

Mr. F. W. Perrens proposed the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow as the first vice-president of the Council. Mr. Thurlow, he said, had served the Council for a number of years, and most of them had heard his words of wisdom, so thoughtfully and so forcibly expressed.

Mr. T. J. Lock seconded and the resolution was carried.

## HON. LIBRARIAN

Mr. E. H. Lewis proposed Mr. Frank Perrens as hon. librarian. 'You must agree with me that we cannot have anyone more suitable for the position than Mr. Perrens.'

The hon. secretary seconded and the resolution was carried.

Returning thanks. Mr. Perrens said he accepted the task with some trepidation because he followed one who had done the work so efficiently for many years, and also because there was a considerable amount of manuscript for examination and he felt he was not fully equipped to pass judgment on some of it. Mr. Speed had, however, offered to undertake some of this work.



## CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

## HONORARY MEMBERS

Mrs. J. G. Steeples was re-elected an honorary member upon the recommendation of the Standing Committee. The resolution was moved by Mr. F. G. Dunkerley and seconded by Mr. Leslie Morris and carried.

## LOSSES BY DEATH

The Council stood as the following losses by death were remembered:—

Messrs. F. Bennett, H. W. Brown, H. Chambers, J. Cook, F. Dench, J. Hardcastle, J. Holden, J. E. Lilley, E. W. Marsh, F. Preecey, Rev. C. J. Sturton.

Mr. R. G. Blackman, in a tribute to Mr. Frank Bennett, said he would not dwell on his work as a ringer, conductor or composer, but express admiration and gratitude for the quiet, sound, fatherly advice he gave to so many would-be change-ringers. He was always very quiet, never spoke a great deal, but they all had great confidence in his judgment. He had given a great legacy to the Council in his granddaughter.

Mr. George Pullinger, on behalf of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, also spoke of Mr. Bennett's work on behalf of the old Winchester Guild.

Mr. E. A. Barnett, in thanking the members on behalf of his wife and himself for the tributes, said they were very pleased to carry on in some small way the work of Mr. Bennett, who had been a very great ringer.

Mr. A. D. Barker, in a reference to Mr. F. Dench, said there were few now who knew of the excellent work he did in composition.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott, in an appreciation of Mr. J. E. Lilley, said he was tireless in helping struggling bands in his District. He had been a good friend of many ringers in Mid-Devon.

Mr. H. Sanger paid a tribute to Mr. H. W. Brown, whom he described as a very quiet man but one who did good work in the Bath area to improve the standard of ringing.

Mr. P. I. Chapman, in a reference to Mr. Harry Chambers, of the famous Irthlingborough band, said he was a quiet and unassuming man but a great example to them all.

## THE MINUTES

The hon. secretary said the Minutes had been circulated. There was an omission in the names of new members. Mr. G. J. Joyce, of the Guildford Guild. With that addition he moved the acceptance of the Minutes as a true record of the proceedings.

Mr. T. J. Lock seconded and this was agreed to.

## REPORT OF THE HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER

Mr. E. A. Barnett reported:—

As a result of the decision at the Chelmsford meeting regarding the balance of the Clement Glenn Bequest, advantage was taken of the very favourable conditions prevailing after the raising of the Bank Rate to 7 per cent. to invest the money in one medium dated and one longer dated British Government Stock. These were bought at 70½ and 91½ respectively. The market prices at the time of writing were 75½ and 95½. Should it be necessary to raise money at short notice these can, of course, be realised immediately.

During the year the secretary was interviewed by the B.B.C. in connection with a series on 'British Hobbies' being broadcast in their German service, answered queries from a number of London papers in connection with the record peal attempts at Loughborough, and supplied information to 'Church Illustrated' and 'Readers' Digest' for articles on ringing. It was also his pleasure to represent the Council at a number of dinners in various parts of the country.

Mr. C. W. Woolley has reported progress in the revision of 'Stedman', which was begun by the late Ernest Turner. He has decided that in view of the many alterations and revisions made by Mr. Turner to the original text, the only practical course was to retype the whole work, incorporating such other amendments as he considered appropriate, and about a quarter of this has been completed.

The affairs of 'The Ringing World' are dealt with in detail elsewhere, but I would here like to express my thanks to Mr. W. N. Park for relieving me of the task of preparing the accounts of that journal. Thanks are also due to Mr. W. G. Wilson and Miss C. L. Groves who, for the last six years, have typed and duplicated these papers, and to those who kindly send me copies of reports and other publications.

The hon. secretary formally moved the adoption and Mr. W. F. Oatway seconded.

Before submitting the report the President paid tribute to the work of the hon. secretary and treasurer and Mrs. Barnett. 'I always feel the officials do the lion's share of the work and we do appreciate all they do,' he said.

The report was adopted.

## REPORT OF THE HON. LIBRARIAN

Mr. Frederick Sharpe reported:—

The sale of publications increased considerably during 1957, and was approximately one-third greater than in the previous year. This was chiefly due to the issue of the Council's Handbook, of which 327 copies were sold. Sales of 'Village Bells' came second and 'Preservation' third.

I regret that the profit on the year's working amounted only to 14s. 2d., but this was chiefly due to the increased cost of postage and the number of complimentary copies of the 'Handbook' distributed.

Stocks of 'Change Ringing on Handbells' are low, as are also the 'Bristol' and 'Cambridge' method sheets, and I recommend these be reprinted. We need more publications to sell, and look forward to the forthcoming issue of the 'Beginners' book; but I am also constantly asked for a new edition of 'Minor Methods' and a book on 'Triples Methods.' I hope these will not be long delayed.

The borrowing of books of reference has decreased slightly. In view of the impending change in the office of librarian, may I ask all borrowers of the Council's books to return those no longer required as soon as possible, and to write me signifying if they wish to retain any books. Owing to great pressure of work I regret I have been unable to make progress in cataloguing the library MSS.

During the year the library received the gift of copies of 'The Irish Bell News' from Mr. F. E. Dukes; 'The Great Bell of Moscow,' an Italian book printed in 1802 describing some bells in Rome, and a Danish book describing pre-Reformation bells in that country, from Mr.

E. H. Lewis; the peal books of the late Mr. Arthur Knights, from Mr. A. P. Knights; the 'Training Manual' of the College of Campanology, from Dr. J. Hatcher; the 'Science of Change Ringing,' by the late Mr. J. A. Trollope, and MSS. formerly belonging to the late Mr. Ernest Turner, from Mrs. W. D. Turner; to all of whom our best thanks are tendered.

The recent death of the Rev. E. S. Tarrant came as a great shock to us all. To Mrs. Tarrant and members of her family we offer our sincere sympathy. Mr. Tarrant very kindly housed the library in his Rectory at Launton during my term of office as librarian, and had it not been for his kindness I could not have accepted the office.

Once again I must pay tribute to Mrs. J. G. Steeples for all the good work done in connection with the sales section of the library. Most unfortunately, pressure of home duties compelled her to resign at the end of last year, much to our great regret, and we tender to her our very best thanks for her loyal, devoted and valued work. Finally, I must thank my daughter Elizabeth for managing the sales section of the library since the resignation of Mrs. Steeples.

Moving the report the President said it would be the last he would make in the capacity of hon. librarian. In amplification he said 55 complimentary copies of the Handbook were sent to various Associations, which accounted for the small profit. They proposed to reprint 'Change Ringing on Handbells' and the 'Cambridge' and 'Bristol' method sheets. They could not have too much to sell. There was a tremendous demand for books on Minor methods and Doubles methods.

He wanted to make a public appeal to those who had books on loan from the library—and some people had had them for years—either to return them or send a note that they would return them at an early date. This did not apply to Associations which had books on permanent loan, as these were duplicate books.

The Rector of Launton died suddenly two months ago. He had housed the library for six years free of charge to the Council. It was suggested by the Standing Committee that the hon. secretary write to his widow expressing their sincere sympathy.

Since the report had been compiled Mrs. W. S. Turner had presented a number of manuscript books compiled by Mr. J. Armiger Trollope, which would be added to the library shortly. They were very grateful for the gift.

Mr. P. Crooke seconded.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott thanked the President for his work as librarian. 'We were fortunate in having a man who not only took an interest in the library but one who knew more about the contents of the books than almost anyone.'

Mr. W. Wilson said the MSS. books of Mr. Trollope were really wonderful.

## THE ACCOUNTS

BALANCE SHEET OF COUNCIL.—Sundry creditors, £121 5s. 3d.; Payments in advance, £876 18s. 8d.; Clement Glenn Fund, £762 18s. 4d.; Provision for Income Tax, £17 17s.; 'The Ringing World' (Capital Account), £4,085 4s. 9d.; General Fund (Capital Account), £562 16s. 1d. Total: £6,427 0s. 1d.

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**GENERAL FUND, BALANCE SHEET.**—Creditors, £71 1s. 7d.; Affiliation Fee in advance, 10s.; Capital Account Balance, December 31st, 1956, £545 8s. 11d.; add Excess of Income for year, £17 7s. 2d.; £562 16s. 1d. Provision for Income Tax, £17. Total: £651 7s. 8d.

Library, £10; Office and Library Equipment, £39 6s. 5d.; Stock of Publications, £331 2s. 2d.; Payment in advance, insurance, £1 1s.; Cash at Bank, £216 13s. 8d.; Hon. Librarian, £53 4s. 5d. Total: £651 7s. 8d.

**GENERAL FUND, INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT.**—Expenses, Biography Committee, £4 13s. 2d.; Expenses, Hon. Secretary, £9 9s.; Stationery and Printing, £24 11s. 2d.; Postage, £8 4s. 5d.; Telephone, 15s. 8d.; Office and Library Equipment (written off), £6; Cheque Book, 8s. 4d.; Insurance, £1 16s.; St. Luke's Hostel (in memory of Rev. F. L. Edwards), £2 2s.; Wreath, E. C. S. Turner, £2 2s.; Type-writing Repairs, 17s. 6d.; Typing, £2 2s.; Income Tax on Interest, 1956, £7 13s.; ditto, 1957, £9 7s.; Sundry Expenses, £2 8s. 8d.; Excess of Income over Expenditure, £17 7s. 2d. Total: £99 17s. 1d.

Affiliation Fees, £76 10s.; Interest on Deposit Account, £22 12s. 11d.; Balance, Publications Account, 14s. 2d. Total: £99 17s. 1d.

**PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT.**—Stock, January 1st, 1957, £278 7s. 5d.; Purchases, Handbooks, £135 5s.; Postage, etc., £18 8s. 10d.; Advertisement, 'The Ringing World', £20; Trade Discounts, £2 9s. 9d.; Balance (profit) to General Fund, 14s. 2d. Total: £455 5s. 2d.

Sale of Publications, £85 1s. 2d.; Sale of duplicate books, £1; Stock, December 31st, 1957, £331 2s. 2d. Total: £455 5s. 2d.

**CLEMENT GLENN BEQUEST.**—Balance of cost of memorial stone, £39 1s.; £400 Br. Elect. 4½%, £365; £563 8s. 6d. Treasury 3½% Stock, £397 18s. 4d.; Stamp Duty and Commission, £3 16s. 1d. Total: £805 15s. 5d. By Balance, £805 15s. 5d.

**'THE RINGING WORLD' BALANCE SHEET.**—Sundry Creditors, £119 10s. 5d.; Amounts received in advance postal subscribers and notices, £876 8s. 8d.; Provision for Income Tax, 17s.; Balance at December 31st, 1956, £3,593 14s. 4d.; Profit for the year, £491 10s. 5d. Total: £5,082 0s. 10d.

Goodwill, blocks, etc., at cost, £200; Debtors, £821 11s. 6d.; Investments at cost, £2,600; Cash at Bank, £1,409 12s.; Cash in hand, £1 10s. 7d.; Amount due from General Fund, £49 6s. 9d. Total: £5,082 0s. 10d.

**'THE RINGING WORLD' PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.**—To Woodbridge Press, Ltd., printing, £3,936 7s.; Blocks, £43 2s.; Editorial Office expenses, Editor's fees and expenses, £396 9s. 7d.; Clerical assistance, £177 4s.; Postage, stationery and sundries, £21 15s. 2d.; Postal subscribers, despatch of copies, £841 3s. 2d.; Addressing and wrappers, £248 8s. 3d.; Accounts Department, clerical assistance, £156; Postage, stationery and sundries, £55 5s. 4d. Total: £211 5s. 4d. Miscellaneous expenses, £14 18s. 11d.; Audit and accountability fees, £36 15s.; Income Tax, £30 16s. 3d.; Profit for the year, £491 10s. 5d. Total: £6,449 15s. 1d.

By Rolls Publishing Co., £2,257 13s. 1d.; Postal subscribers, £2,846 5s. 8d.; Advertisements, £417 8s.; Notices, £555 10s. 11d.; Donations, £281 5s. 11d.; Miscellaneous receipts, £27 2s. 2d.; Interest on Investments, £64 9s. 4d. Total: £6,449 15s. 1d.

The accounts are accompanied by the auditor's certificate: J. Lunnis, Thames House, Queen Street Place, London, E.C.4.

Presenting the accounts the hon. secretary and treasurer said on the Income and Expenditure Account of the General Fund there was a gradual increase in expenses, which was no doubt due to the increased cost of printing and increased postage. They had had to pay two

**BELFRY GOSSIP FROM DUBLIN**

The Central Council has a new problem—the appropriate use for the handsome and fearsome shillelagh presented to it by the Irish Association. It has been suggested the shillelagh be regarded as a mace and carried in front of the president at the opening of Council meetings. The hereditary bearer of the shillelagh should be a representative of the Irish Association—preferably 'a duke.'

Mr. A. D. Barker bagged more than towers and peals during the Central Council meeting. His experiences at a lodge meeting will be an interesting story to fellow ringers who are members of the craft.

'Pat's' adventures would fill the whole of 'Belfry Gossip.' To his room-mate on Monday night he cried out, 'Ralph, there's a rat in my bed!' Investigation proved that it was a bouquet from an admirer in the form of some Irish gorse.

Having had a successful week in Ireland, Mr. W. Williams is planning a Scottish tour in August. Mr. Pipe's tour will be in Wales.

Mr. Walter Allman was late at the Dublin Airport to take his plane home to Liverpool. He left by a later plane to Manchester. Unfortunately he had not his parachute with him, else he could have dropped over Liverpool!

It was well past midnight that the bedroom door of a lady's room at the Central Hotel, Dublin, was unlocked and there emerged the lady and three men. It was a 'fast' occasion—a handbell peal of Plain Bob Major in 1 hour and 50 minutes. At one time there was an audience of about 20 outside the bedroom, trying to guess who was 'calling the bobs.'

years' Income Tax on interest received on the Deposit Account for the Clement Glenn Fund, and as a result their balance was considerably smaller than the past few years. If it had not been for the interest they would have been some £5 on the wrong side.

In regard to the General Fund balance sheet the only point of comment was the purchase of office and library equipment. He was grateful for the authority to purchase a four-drawer steel filing cabinet in which to keep the Council's papers and records.

In regard to the Clement Glenn Bequest, provision had been made for a memorial stone. To his relatives Mr. Glenn left trifling amounts, and it was felt by the Standing Committee that as Mr. Glenn left £800 to the Council they should meet the cost of the memorial stone.

This year they had been fortunate to get the accounts audited before the meeting. Turning to 'The Ringing World', they made quite a good profit, almost £500, but he felt that he should point out that the profit figure was gradually coming down. Some two years ago they made about £1,000, the profit the previous year was nearly £850 and this year £491. They must not forget that £491 included £281 in donations, so that the actual trading profit was some £200 odd. While that was satisfactory it was only half the amount of the Woodbridge Press bill for one month.

There was an increase of £80 in the sum for Notices, and the Editor told him that this increase was largely through personal announcements. Advertisements were slightly down, mainly due to Gillett and Johnston's advertisement ceasing.

On the expenditure side the Woodbridge Press printing account was up some £300, editorial up some £80, cost of postage and wrapping almost £100, accountability £4.

As to 'The Ringing World' balance sheet, they had been able to take the maximum holding of £1,000 in 4½ per cent. Defence Bonds.

Mr. A. A. Hughes seconded the adoption of the accounts.

President Frederick Sharpe and Mr. Paul Taylor were guests of honour at the International Conference of carillonneurs at Cobh on Wednesday week. The president had to reply to a civic welcome, and Mr. Taylor gave a talk on change ringing. The day concluded with a 'fireside hour', which was made memorable by the chattering on handbells by Mr. Sharpe and some of 'Pipe's' Southern Ireland Pilgrims. The reception was most enthusiastic and 'the hour' did not finish until 1 a.m.

The Eastern District of the Irish Association gave the visitors most generous hospitality at Arklow during the Sunday afternoon tour that preceded the conference. Generosity of an equal character is reported from Cork and Limerick and also Northern Ireland. A warm thank you to our hosts.

Radio Eireann had a special interview with President Sharpe and Secretary E. A. Barnett at Dublin, which was recorded, together with handbell ringing. Finally the president sang the Appleton Ringers' song, which was duly recorded.

The Irish Press was most generous in the space given to the Central Council's visit, with special interviews with the president and secretary and Mr. Wilfrid Wilson. The 'belles' of the conference made a charming three-column picture—Miss Freda Greaves (Kings Lynn), Miss Kathleen Yeo (Tenterden) and Mrs. Olive Barnett, Miss Margaret Beamish and Mrs. Olive Rogers (Isleworth). 'The Cork Examiner' excelled itself by knighting our president!

Mr. L. W. G. Morris called attention to debtors' £802 12s. 6d., and asked for an explanation.

The hon. secretary explained that it was on 'The Ringing World': Rolls House always paid three months in arrears.

Mr. H. W. Rogers paid tribute to the way the hon. treasurer had compiled the accounts. The accounts were then adopted.

**TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE**

The report, signed by Mr. A. Walker and Mr. A. A. Hughes, stated:—

Since the last Council meeting there has been one demonstration, which was held at the Science Museum on February 15th for the benefit of the Upper Clapton Society of Voluntary Ringers. Twenty-one members attended and saw Stedman Cinques and Kent Treble Bob touches brought round. In the morning, while the machine was being cleaned and run through, a lady ringer from Clare who was in the museum by chance was also able to see it working.

No further progress has been made with the booklet describing the machine, but it is hoped this will not be long delayed.

The report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Leslie W. G. Morris.

Mr. F. Dunkerley said members might be pleased to know that the Lancashire Association had acquired the Woodhouse machine, so they had a competitor.

The President expressed thanks to Mr. Douglas Hughes for demonstrating the machine.

**STANDING COMMITTEE**

The hon. secretary reported that the Standing Committee received the report of the Handbook Sub-Committee and considered the agenda in detail. They also co-opted Mr. W. N. Park to 'The Ringing World' Committee. He moved and Mr. F. E. Dukes seconded the report, which was adopted.



**CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.****SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONSIDER THE COMPILATION OF A HISTORY OF CHANGE-RINGING**

Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis (convener) reported: The members of the Sub-Committee have very carefully considered the question of the writing of a History of Change-ringing, and are unanimously of the opinion that such a work is not one which they can recommend the Council to undertake. They consider that such a work must, by its very nature, be the work of an individual who would need to have the time, means and ability to do the research.

The Sub-Committee has not been able to find any substantial demand for such a book.

Mr. Lewis, in presenting the report, said he first thought it was a much easier job than anticipated. They found it would be a monumental task. They had an idea as to how it could be compiled, and although the material was there they found it was an impossible task unless they had an individual with unlimited time. The individual who wrote the thesis would either make or mar the work. They could not recommend the Council to invest £300, £400 or £500. The conclusion the Sub-Committee reached was unanimous.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead seconded.

Mr. P. I. Chapman disagreed with the second paragraph. He thought there was a demand.

The President: We all felt disappointed about the conclusion, but we could not see a satisfactory conclusion.

A suggestion was made by a member that inquiries be made from Associations to see if they had a person to recommend to undertake the work.

Mr. J. H. Crampion: How did the Sub-Committee reach their conclusions?

Mr. Lewis said he made enquiries in his part of the world as to the demand for the book and found that there was not a great deal of interest in it. Mr. Ernest Morris had to flog his latest book in 'The Ringing World' to sell it. There were people in that room who would buy the book but that would only be about 100. The price would be about 25s. to 30s.

Mr. R. G. Blackman said during his stay he had met a Father Sheridan who was interested in ringing. He asked if the Council had a book on the history of change-ringing, and left his address if a book was published.

The report was adopted.

Mr. F. E. Dukes: That means that the Committee goes out of existence.

The President: Yes.

**'THE RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE**

The report, signed by Mr. J. Frank Smallwood (convener), stated:—

Your Committee is able to report that another year has been completed with the balance on the right side. This year has shown the full effects of the increased printing costs, and by the use of every possible economy a net balance of income over expenditure to the extent of £200 was realised. This was augmented by donations amounting to £281.

The financial situation can, therefore, be regarded as fairly satisfactory, but the profit is not sufficient to encourage your Committee to embark on any substantial schemes to improve the paper.

During the year it was found necessary to have a few issues containing 20 pages in order to accommodate the very large amount of matter for which space must be found. Whilst this has partly disposed of the space problem, it seems certain that from time to time we shall have to provide an extra four pages. Naturally we shall not be able to indulge in this luxury very often or we shall finish up on the wrong side.

Your Committee has under consideration schemes for augmenting the income. It notes that in the matter of donations much more support has come from quarter peal ringers than that received from peal ringers. Whilst being unwilling to suggest a levy on the publication of peal reports, your Committee feels that those who enjoy the use of approximately five pages per week to record their performances should show more generosity than has hitherto been the case.

The circulation remains about the same as last year, but in view of the recently published statistics of the number of ringers it is a sad reflection that only about one-eighth of them take 'The Ringing World.'

During the year we have lost the services of Mr. J. T. Dyke who, because of ill health, feels unable to continue to serve you. Our warmest thanks are accorded to him for his loyal service and sound advice, and we all wish him a speedy restoration to health. Your Committee has invited Mr. W. N. Park to serve in his place and he has kindly consented to do so. Mr. Park has already given good service in connection with the accounts and we feel he will be a valuable acquisition to the Committee.

Once again we place on record our sincere thanks to all who have assisted in the production of your journal, particularly to the Editor and his staff; Mr. Roper, the compiler of the index; to all who sent donations; to all literary contributors; and to all District representatives.

The hon. secretary, in moving the adoption of the report, said there had been some recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World' on the powers of co-option of the Committee. He also proposed the co-option of Mr. W. N. Parks.

Mr. F. W. Perrens seconded.

Mr. W. G. Wilson said he would like to ask the officers of the Council to look into the question of altering the rules to provide for co-option to 'The Ringing World' Committee. There was an unfinished correspondence in 'The Ringing World.' Mr. Barnett had already stolen from his main point. Had 'The Ringing World' Committee powers to co-opt? He knew that in 1951 'The Ringing World' Committee was given such powers, but in 1955 he proposed and Mr. Barnett seconded a motion which was passed that rescinded all previous decisions of the Council and substituted those in the Handbook. That meant that the power of the 'R.W.' Committee to co-opt members had been rescinded. That might not be the intention of the Handbook Committee. He suggested that in the next 12 months the officers should look into the matter and move an amendment to the rules. He moved an amendment to that effect.

Mr. J. Dunwoody seconded the amendment. The President asked Mr. Cartwright for his opinion.

Mr. W. B. Cartwright said where the Council went wrong was in 1951 when 'The Ringing World' Committee was elected with powers to co-opt. In his opinion they did not have the power to co-opt; that could only be done by an alteration of rules. That must be *ultra vires* because they could only alter rules by notice of motion and that was where, in his opinion, the Council was wrong. He thought the question of co-option ought to be gone into by the Standing Committee.

Mr. A. A. Hughes: I am wondering, as treasurer of 'The Ringing World,' where I stand. I don't think I was ever legally appointed.

The report was adopted and also the amendment that the officers examine the whole position regarding co-option.

Mr. R. G. Blackman said the Council ought to have a decision as to what was meant by co-option because he felt that any committee should have the power to call on anyone at any time to help them.

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**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION****Canterbury District**

What is sometimes described as the prettiest village in East Kent was the place of the latest meeting of the Canterbury District. The village is Wickhambreaux, with its large, tidily-kept green, complete with chestnut trees in full flower, and the Church of St. Andrew in one corner. There was ringing during the afternoon, there was the usual service in the church after which the Rector was enthusiastic with the singing, and following the service there was what some of the ringers called a 'smashing tea,' with Mrs. Walter's sandwiches (all sorts) and sausage rolls, and Mrs. White's cream cakes and pastries, all of which set the seal on a very pleasant afternoon and evening, the weather being the least kind. Three new members were elected. Grateful thanks were expressed to all who had helped to make the meeting a very happy affair.

**THE LADIES' GUILD****Southern District At Cobham**

Although the attendance was fairly low, the Southern District held an enjoyable meeting at Cobham and Stoke D'Abernon on May 17th.

The Rector of Stoke conducted an impressive service in the beautiful old church, and afterwards joined the members for a really splendid tea prepared by Mrs. Powell.

Among those present were the new Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Mr. C. W. Denyer) and his family, including his little daughter, aged six, who is the youngest lady ringer seen locally. Other visitors came from the Surrey Association. Ringing ranged from rounds to Stedman and Kent.

At the business meeting details were given of the recent peal, the first for the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild, and congratulations were offered to all concerned. Four new members were elected, and mention was made of the coach booked to take members and friends to the annual general meeting at Canterbury on July 5th. (See notice in 'Ringing World' of May 16th.)

Local ringers are thanked for their co-operation. B.M.

**CARTER'S ODD-BOB PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Dear Sir,—Mr. E. A. Barnett's letter re the above in the May 23rd issue of 'The Ringing World' is correct. The original composition was first rung at Harborne Parish Church, Birmingham, on December 17th, 1898, composed and conducted by John Carter and the figures published as stated in 'Bell News,' December 24th, 1898, also in Trollope's 'Stedman,' page 58.

A. WALKER.

Birmingham.

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The hon. secretary said the co-option of Mr. Parks arose from his very kind offer to do the accounts of 'The Ringing World' to relieve him of a big burden.

Mr. J. H. Crampion: If all the Committee were to drop out through ill-health except one member, would that member have the power to co-opt?

The President: No.

Upon the proposition of Mr. E. H. Lewis it was decided to empower the secretary to write to Mr. Dyke, thanking him for his services and wishing him a speedy restoration to health.

(To be continued)



## Yorkshire Association Annual Meeting At Pontefract

THE annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Pontefract on May 10th and was attended by members and friends representing each of the four Districts. Ringing took place on the Parish Church bells and also All Saints' before and after the meeting. The service was held in St. Giles' Church, conducted by the Vicar (Canon Clark) assisted by the president of the Association (Arch-deacon C. O. Ellison), who gave the address.

Following tea in the Parochial Hall, the business meeting took place, the president taking the chair, supported by the general secretary (Mr. L. W. G. Morris), the hon. treasurer (Mr. G. Benfield) and the hon. peal secretary (Mr. W. E. Critchley). Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. S. F. Palmer, A. E. Sellers, H. Chant, W. Barton, B. Sutton, J. J. L. Gilbert and J. H. Lenton.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicars and Churchwardens of St. Giles' and All Saints' Churches for the use of their bells was ably moved by Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. J. Thorley, and carried with applause. This was suitably acknowledged both by the Vicar of St. Giles' (Canon Clark) and the Vicar of All Saints' (the Rev. Mr. Fowkes). A similar vote of thanks to the local companies of both churches for their excellent arrangements was moved by Mr. V. Bottomley, seconded by Mr. S. H. Steel, and also carried with applause. Mr. H. Newton, in reply, said how pleased the Pontefract ringers were to entertain the Association on this occasion, and hoped all present would enjoy their visit.

Presenting the report of the committee, the president drew attention to the fact that in contrast to the previous year, the membership showed a slight improvement. The effect of the increased subscription which came into operation at the beginning of this year remained to be seen, but the committee felt confident that this small increase would not of itself lead to any loss in membership. Reports from the Districts showed that progress was being maintained with the exception of the expansive Northern District, where there was very little change ringing, and the bells at many towers were often silent.

The treasurer's statement showed a further small loss on the year's working, but although the cost of printing the annual report had increased once again, there were grounds for hoping that the peak had been reached. It was this continual drain on the Association's resources that the increased subscription rate was designed to stop. Fortunately, the loss was not as great as was anticipated due to receipts from the sale of old copies of Association reports.

### LOSSES BY DEATH

Altogether, and including out-county members, the Association has lost 16 members through death during 1957 and the early part of 1958, among them being Mr. T. F. Earnshaw, formerly of York, who had been a member since 1890, and whose death severs the last link with the band which rang the last peal at York Minster—Grandsire Caters on November 9th, 1892, and Mr. J. H. Brothwell, of Treton, who joined in 1893 and had taken part in 229 peals for the Association. He was an excellent striker, who rarely made a trip even in the most difficult Surprise methods. His last peal, one of Cambridge Surprise Major, was rung at Handsworth in 1953 at the age of 79 years. Recorded also with deep regret is the death of a promising young ringer, Michael Stephenson, of Ossett, who was killed in a motor-cycling accident.

The annual Snowdon Dinner, held at Rotherham, attracted a record attendance of 172, and was honoured by the presence of

many distinguished visitors, including Bishop G. V. Gerard, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett and Mr. J. F. Smallwood. The energetic local committee under Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert and Mr. N. Chaddock had spared no effort.

### FEATURES OF PEALS

The peal secretary's report showed that 90 peals had been rung during the year at 42 churches and four handbell centres. The calling of the 90 peals had been shared by 31 conductors. Nineteen members had rung their first peal and four members had conducted a peal for the first time. Congratulations are extended to the Sherburn-in-Elmet band on ringing peals of Doubles in 14 methods, both 'in hand' and on tower bells, followed by a peal in 21 methods on tower bells, which is the most Doubles methods to be rung to a peal by the Association; and another meritorious performance was a peal of London Surprise Major by the Sunday service band at All Souls', Haley Hill, Halifax. A number of centuries have also been accomplished during the year. Mr. L. W. G. Morris has passed his 300th peal for the Association; Mr. M. C. Fowler his 200th; and first centuries have been accomplished by Miss D. M. Hawley, Mr. G. Jackson, Mr. W. F. Moreton and Mr. V. Bottomley. Miss Hawley is to be congratulated on being the first lady member to ring over 100 peals for the Association.

The report concluded by placing on record the Association's thanks to Mr. Irvin Slack for the compilation of a complete index of towers and the peals that have been rung in them, from the foundation of the Association in 1875 to the present day—an invaluable acquisition for quick and easy reference. Finally, the attention of members was drawn to the two prayers printed on the inside of the front cover of the report, which, it is hoped, will be widely used.

Mr. J. Gibson gave the auditors' report, following which Mr. E. Hudson formally moved adoption of the entire report. This was seconded by Mr. A. E. Marsh, and the report was unanimously adopted.

Mr. G. Benfield was unanimously re-elected hon. treasurer for the next three years, and Mr. W. E. Critchley hon. peal secretary.

No specific invitations having been received, it was decided to endeavour to arrange the next general meeting at Boroughbridge, together with Aldborough and Kirby Hill, on September 20th next.

### SNOWDON DINNER AT LEEDS

The president reminded the meeting that arrangements were going ahead in connection with the Snowdon Dinner to be held in Leeds on October 11th, asking members to ensure its success by loyal support.

The following new members were elected: John L. White (Wakefield), Anne Shillito (Far Headingley), Stephen Boyes (Doncaster), Ruth Appleby (Calverley), Hugh Dempster (Pudsey), Valerie Whitfield and Avril Wilcock (St. Giles', Pontefract).

Mr. N. Chaddock referred to a questionnaire he hoped to send to all towers in the county inquiring into the state of ringing, numerical strength of the bands, and, in the case of the more successful towers, to what causes did they attribute their success. He hoped at a later date to give a full report and analysis of the replies received. This concluded the business, and an adjournment to the two towers was then made.

**SOHAM, CAMBS.**—On May 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Graves 1, F. Talbot 2, M. Whitehead (first as cond.) 3, C. Graves 4, D. Pollard 5, F. Shaw 6. For Commonwealth Youth service.

## LETTERS

### HOW MANY RINGERS DOES A TOWER NEED?

Dear Sir,—Recent correspondence in your columns prompts me to ask, how many ringers does a tower need? Since the days (not so very long ago) when I was just a ringer of rounds, I have too often heard of the sudden disintegration of first-class bands of ringers, and the Branstons story is far from being unique. One significant point about those bands was this—that their numerical strength was seldom greater than one or two more than the number of bells in the tower. Two-and-a-half years ago, when I was given the responsibilities of tower captain at Saxilby, we had a small but reasonably competent band with a limited number of methods at our command. I made it my first business to recruit some new members. This, as Mr. Vernon points out, results, for a time, in a lower standard of ringing, but our position to-day is this—that the remaining members of the band could face the loss of any two or three ringers without turning more than one hair. They would continue to ring for Sunday services as they have done without fail for the last three years, and the activities of the new recruits, who would be found to fill the vacancies, could this time be restricted to practice nights until their ringing standards had reached Sunday service level. Our present ringing strength? Just double the number of ropes. And our experience is that this is not one too many.—Yours faithfully,

H. W. COX.

Saxilby, Lincoln.

### RESTORATION AT GREAT CHART?

Dear Sir,—Ringers at Great Chart, near Ashford, although without bells at the moment, are making an effort to raise £1,300 to restore their ring of six bells. They have raised £300 so far, but it is only a little village and all contributions are welcome. They are to hold a garden fete on Saturday, June 21st, in aid of the fund, to be opened by Sir John Kotelawala (former Prime Minister of Ceylon), supported by Mr. J. Willis (a vice-president of the Kent County Association). Records show that there were four bells in this church in 1552. They have twice been recast and made up to a ring of six, but a new frame and rehanging are now needed.

Those who cannot be present at the fete which the ringers are organising can help by sending a contribution to the Rector, the Rev. D. F. Stowell. All contributions will be gratefully acknowledged.—Yours sincerely,

CRAWFORD T. HILLIS,

Hon. District Secretary.

Willesborough, Kent.

### THANKS

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank all ringers in the following districts for the kindness and hospitality shown to me during my stay among them whilst serving with the R.A.F. during my two years' National Service. In the Manchester and Runcorn areas between May and June, 1956; in Herefordshire between July and October, 1956; and in Suffolk between November, 1956, and April, 1958.—Yours faithfully,

DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

Warsop, Notts.

### BELFRY RULES

Dear Sir,—The set of rules quoted on page 335 from Goathurst is similar in every respect to those at St. Andrew's Church, Plymouth, dated 1700, and quoted on page 202 in the long series of such rules I gave in 1953.

ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.



## OBITUARY

## MR. T. E. EADES

The death has occurred in a Canterbury hospital of Mr. Thomas Easton Eades, of Faversham. Mr. Eades, who was 72, formerly lived at Boughton, and it was at this church that he learned to ring. On his marriage he moved to Faversham and joined the Ospringe band, to which church he remained faithful for 48 years. He was made captain of the band in 1931 and remained in office until a few years ago, when he was succeeded by his son, Eric, he himself remaining as vice-captain. While at Boughton he joined the Kent County Association, and had he lived a few more days would have completed 50 years as a member. Not a man for ringing peals, he was more concerned with service ringing, and was most regular at the tower. Reluctantly, on advice, he was compelled to give up ringing some time ago, but it was still his great delight to be in the vicinity of Ospringe bells when they were ringing, and tell his three sons—who are all ringers—what he thought about it. He had a ready smile, was good company, the kind of man it was a pleasure to be with. In addition to his three sons he leaves a widow and two daughters. The family have received many expressions of sympathy, with which all the ringers in this district will surely join. The funeral service was at Ospringe, with cremation following. Previous to Evensong on the Sunday following the funeral a quarter peal of Grand-sire Triples was rung, being conducted by his son, Eric, with another son, Cyril, and other friends taking part.

B. J. I.

## MR. E. A. MIDWINTER

The funeral took place at All Saints' Church, Sutton-on-Trent, on Monday, May 19th, of Mr. Ernest A. Midwinter, the former tower captain, who died the previous Friday.

Mr. Midwinter was the son of the late Rev. Nathaniel Midwinter, a former Vicar of Bleasby, Morton and Halloughton. He had been tower captain for many years and was mainly responsible for the recasting and re-hanging of the old five bells and the augmenting to six in 1922. A further two bells were added in 1929 to complete the octave.

Mr. Midwinter had rung about 30 peals and taught many ringers, including the Misses Burchall, to ring. The sixth bell in the tower will remain to his perpetual memory, for its inscription reads: 'The Ringers Bell.' E. A. Midwinter, J. W. Neep, 1828. Recast 1922.

The funeral was conducted by the Vicar, Canon R. T. Keel, and the bells were rung half-muffled by many of the ringers he taught to ring, namely, Misses K. and G. Burchall, Mr. and Mrs. N. Moxon, M. Garside, W. Rushby, J. T. Shipley, A. Wilson and J. W. Wilson.

A half-muffled peal was rung to his memory on the bells he loved and rung, on May 23rd.

W. L. E.

## MR. WALTER SEAR

It was with deep regret that the Glasgow ringers learned of the death of Mr. Walter Sear, late of Bletchley, Bucks., after undergoing two major operations. Mr. Sear came to reside with his son at Glasgow about three years ago, and regularly took part in service ringing and the weekly practice, and although experienced in all numbers he enjoyed calling touches of Doubles and Minor.

Latterly, owing to eye trouble, he found difficulty in seeing the bell-ropes, but continued to ring by ear. He bore his affliction with fortitude and was always optimistic in his outlook.

The funeral took place at Craigton Crematorium on Saturday, May 17th.

May he rest in peace.

E. A. S.

## HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

## St. Albans District

Essendon was chosen for the May meeting of this District and, in spite of the bus strike, was quite a successful one. Not as many members were present as at recent meetings and as tea arrangements were not possible perhaps it was just as well!

The Rector conducted a most pleasant service and spoke of the use of bells in the framework of the Church, and of his own lack of knowledge of the 'science of change ringing.'

A short business meeting was held in the tower before ringing restarted in the evening, the Summer Festival at Woburn being discussed and also the arrangements for the next District meeting, which will be held, as usual, on the third Saturday, at a tower yet to be arranged.

M. A. C.

## DUKE AND DEAN AT RINGING FESTIVAL

The Duke of Bedford and the Dean of St. Albans have accepted an invitation to attend the service and tea when Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Association hold their Diocesan Ringing Festival on June 14th, the venue of which is to be at Woburn. The Duke is a regular attender at St. Mary's, Woburn.

A unique feature of the service is that a handbell voluntary is to be rung in place of the anthem.

An attempt is being made to organise a joint choir of 40, with 20 from Hertfordshire and 20 from Bedfordshire.

This is the first time for this meeting to be held in Bedfordshire: at other times it has been held in St. Albans, the service being held in the Abbey.

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## LATE NOTICES

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — The bowling handicap and social arranged for Saturday, June 14th, is now cancelled.—Thornley, Sec. 2475

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Anne's-on-Sea Parish Church on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Members and non-members cordially invited.—John F. Turner, Branch Sec. 2476

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting, June 14th, at Harting (6) 3 p.m. Tea at Rogate 4.45. Bells (6) available after. Definitely no tea unless names are sent in by Tuesday, June 10th, to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 2477

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL Open Day, June 21st. Ringing 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. St. Nicholas' 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.—J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Southport. 2481

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly district meeting will be held on June 21st. Thames Ditton bells 3 to 4. Service at Kingston 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Miss M. Lewis, 28, Ewell Road, Surbiton, by Wednesday previous, please. Kingston bells after meeting.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 2474

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## ENGAGEMENT

IVIN—THACKRAY. — The engagement is announced between Stephen John, only son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Ivin, and Avril, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Thackray, of Bedford. 2467

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—On and after May 30th, 1958, the address of the secretary will be Mr. J. Keyte, Rosemary, Hicks Lane, Freeland, Oxford. 2443

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.—As from Saturday, June 7th, 1958, the address of the secretary, P.C. John A. Smith, will be 39, New Street, Oadby, Leicester. 2428

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FARNHAM PARISH CHURCH.—Ringing has stopped until further notice due to repairs to the tower. 2480

## MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Strettham (6) on Saturday, June 7th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 2426

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (S.W. District) and the SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Joint meeting, Prittlewell, Saturday, June 7th. Bells (10) 4 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Thorpe Bay, St. Augustine's (8), available 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. Bus service between towers. Trains from Fenchurch Street to Southend and Thorpe Bay, and from Liverpool Street to Southend and Prittlewell.—C. E. Willmington, A. W. J. Butler. 2376

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Elstree (6) on Saturday, June 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 2444

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Knebworth, Saturday, June 7th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method. Dufield.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 2410



**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting at Sevenoaks on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 2383

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 7th, Immanuel Church, Streatham, 3.30 p.m. Business meeting in Vestry 4.30 p.m. Own tea. Further ringing, St. Leonard's, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. For travel details: Miss Powell; tel.: MAC 8597. 2442

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Meeting at Netherseale (8), Saturday, June 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Meeting to follow. All welcome.—J. W. Cotton. 2395

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devises Branch.—Meeting, Upavon (6), Saturday, June 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea.—S. Cockell, 19, Craybourne Road, Melksham, Wilts. 2462

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Monthly meeting, Penistone, Saturday, June 7th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea in the National School 5 p.m., at 2s. 6d. per head. Frequent electric train service from Sheffield.—J. Seager. 2430

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Turners Hill (8), Saturday, June 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 2427

**BEDFORDSHIRE AND HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.**—Joint summer festival on Saturday, June 14th. Service 4.15 p.m. at St. Mary's, Woburn. Tea in Town Hall, Woburn, 5 p.m. Names for tea before June 7th, please, to J. W. Sinfield, c/o 345, Dallow Road, Luton. Beds. Ringing arrangements: Maulden (8), 9 to 10 a.m.; Luton (10), 9 to 10 a.m.; Dunstable (8), 10.15 to 11.15 a.m.; Leighton Buzzard (10), 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Aspley Guise (6), 1.30 to 2.15 p.m.; Husborne Crawley (8), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Woburn (8), 3 p.m. onwards. 2378

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—Meeting at Waverton (6), Saturday, June 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. All requiring tea please notify Rev. Mr. Christopher, The Vicarage, Waverton, near Chester, not later than first post Wednesday, June 11th.—Henry O. Baker, Hon. Sec. 2470

**CHESTER GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Frodsham on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 2465

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Clowne, June 14th, 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify, by June 11th, A. B. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Road, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. 2466

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Lindfield, June 14th. Names for tea to A. Drew, Church House, Lindfield, Haywards Heath.—C. A. Bassett. 2463

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Trumpington (8) on Saturday, June 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 2464

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Stisted, Saturday, June 14th. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. It is essential that numbers for tea be sent by Tuesday, June 10th, to T. Earle, North Lodge, Stisted, Braintree. 2414

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—Bishopstone (8), Saturday, June 14th. Tea. Advise Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon (Tel. 3936). 2453

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Yate (6), June 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by June 11th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 2461

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—Exeter Branch.—Meeting at Newton St. Cyres, June 14th. Bells 2.50. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 2460

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Summer festival.—Saturday, June 14th, Service at Hersham. 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Bishop of Guildford. Tea (nearby) 5.15 p.m. Please notify for tea at the latest by Tuesday, June 10th, Mr. J. King, The Hut, Thrupps Lane, Hersham. Towers open: Horsell (6), 10 to 11 a.m.; Chobham (8), 10.15 to 11.15; Ottershaw (6), 10.30 to 11.30; Chertsey (8), 11.45 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.; Weybridge (8), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Oatlands Park (8), 3.30 to 4.30; Hersham (8), 3.30 to 4.30; Walton (8), 6.15 to 8; Esher (8), 7 to 9; Thames Ditton (6), 7 to 8.15; East Molesey (8), 7.45 to 8.45 p.m. 2416

**LADIES' GUILD AND DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION (Eastern District).**—West Hartlepool (Stranton). Combined, Saturday, June 14th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, June 11th, to Mr. W. Maughan, 1, Powell Street, West Hartlepool. 2417

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Sefton, June 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—T. E. Radcliffe, Hon. Sec. 2469

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The monthly practice meeting which was to have been held at St. George's, Mossley, on Saturday, June 14th, is cancelled. Bells not available.—R. Benson. 2471

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Christ Church, Healey (6), Saturday, June 14th, 3 p.m. Business 6.30 p.m. Cups of tea in school.—Hudson, Sec. 2451

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Cosby, June 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting, at the Blacksmiths Arms, 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by the Wednesday previous, to John B. Bennett, 28, Warwick Road, Littlethorpe, Narborough, Leics.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 2451

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leicester District.—Meeting at Swithland on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, June 11th, please, to J. P. Kesterton, Dis. Sec., 30, Royal Road, Leicester. 2455

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Morton, Saturday, June 14th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday previous to me.—F. G. Vickers, Ermine Street, Ancaster, Grantham, Lincs. 2423

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—North and East District.—Meeting at St. Gabriel's, Warwick Square, S.W.1. Saturday, June 14th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, business to follow. Names for tea by Monday, 9th, please.—C. E. Slade, 15, Kenton Road, Harrow. 2449

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Stone on Saturday, June 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, June 11th, to H. Hodson, 43, Church Street, Stone, Staffs.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 2449

**ST. DAVID'S GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Llanelly, Saturday, June 14th, at 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carm. 2468

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bourton on June 14th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Visitors welcome. Please notify the Rev. R. A. Wells, Iwerne Minster Vicarage, Blandford, Dorset. 2448

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting, Market Drayton, Saturday, June 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to F. Price, The Grove, Bentley's Road, Market Drayton. 2417

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newark District.—Evening meeting, Farnsfield, June 14th. Bells (5) 6 p.m. Garden party at Vicarage in afternoon. All welcome.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2472

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Halesworth District.—Meeting at Southwold on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, by 12th.—R. S. Payne, Hotson Road, Southwold. 2358

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Betchworth (8) on Saturday, June 14th, 3 p.m. Please notify for tea Mr. A. Lucas, 145, Sandcross Lane, South Park, Reigate.—A. Streeter, Dis. Sec. 2409

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Ulceby (6) on June 21st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, by June 17th, to Mr. Walker, Front Street, Ulceby, Lincs. 2452

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Annual meeting, Lichfield, June 21st. Service at St. Michael's 3.45. Tea 4.30 in St. Michael's Church Room. Bells: Cathedral (10) 2.30 to 3.15 and 6.15 to 7; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) available during afternoon and evening. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, June 18th.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 2458

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting at Eling, June 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea in Church Hall 4.45. Names for tea, by June 18th, to J. Hartless, 17, Testwood Crescent, Salisbury Road, Totton. 2459

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, June 21st, at Lindley. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in Parish Room, followed by business meeting. Names for tea, by Thursday, June 19th, to Mr. A. W. Bond, 49/51, Lidget Street, Lindley, Huddersfield. No. 71 trolleybus from Huddersfield.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2454

**HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.**—Prize contest and annual meeting, Thornhill, Saturday, June 28th. Entrance fee (10s.) by June 14th to A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Mossley, Manchester. For teas notify by June 21st D. Scargill, Shir-Lea, Chapel Lane, Thornhill, Dewsbury.—A. Farrand. 2406

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Burford on Saturday, June 28th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Please note change of address and reply to J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Rosemary, Freeland, Oxford. 2421

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