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COURSING ORDER

THE new Central Council Handbook for Beginners contains some notes on Coursing Order, and this section, although written primarily to assist the learner in the art of ringing, serves as a timely reminder of the beauty of this phenomenon of the orderly movement of the bells among each other, and of the practical value of its study.

For the learner of the art of ringing some intelligent understanding of the coursing of the bells is indisputably valuable, and as his knowledge increases and his skill is extended to more and more complex methods, so can his eyes be opened more and more to the wonder of the delicate relationships between working bell, course bell and after bell, and to a realisation of the practical help afforded by these relationships in the ringing of difficult methods.

At the beginning of the study of change-ringing the coursing of the bells will assist greatly in acquiring the art of plain hunting. To the learner on a small number of bells the use of a course bell to assist in finding the way down to lead may not seem of very much importance, for the way is short and the eye capable of taking in the whole range of the circle of ropes. It would seem, none the less, valuable to study the use of the course bell for hunting and to study the simple relationship of bell movement in the hunting course on all numbers.

As soon as the student reaches the stage of ringing 'inside' he will find, either for himself or by wise direction, the principles attaching to a regular working with a course bell fixed for some length of time. This simple phenomenon will be apparent in Grandsire and Plain Bob, and in the latter, particularly, the learner may find much pleasure and profit in the discovery that the 2nd always goes to the 3rd on the front or at the back, and that the 4th always comes to the 2nd. It will not be long before the intelligent inquirer will find that only the intervention of the treble interferes with this routine, and that some change of progression is bound to come when the bells are affected by bobs.

Thus may be sown seed that will be more and more fruitful as the student progresses to advanced work. Much of the ease and comfort in the ringing of complex methods comes from what may perhaps be called economy of energy, and by this we mean making use of every available aid, so that neither brain nor eye is unduly taxed. An

example will suffice to illustrate this point. The experienced ringer of Cambridge Maximus knows that he will find his course bell up behind when he gets there: that his after bell will surely come to him when his course bell goes away: that his course bell may be expected to come sliding through his up places and his after bell through his down places; and he knows that on coming across his course bell in the run-throughs he must plain hunt for a few blows. With these and a host of other observations forced on him by practice and study, he has assistance for his memory and practical aid in time of trouble. And most of this help arises from the simple study of coursing order suggested above.

These brief thoughts on coursing order might easily be expanded into a considerable thesis, for the subject is a vast and vital one. The basis of intelligent conducting is a thorough knowledge of this regular progression of the bells, and the principles of this are adequately displayed for the student in Mr. W. G. Wilson's book on Conducting. The mental transposition of the coursing order of the bells during peal or touch is a fascinating procedure, and it is interesting to note that on the smaller numbers of bells the transpositions are more frequent and sometimes the most difficult, while on the higher numbers of bells the infrequency of the calls retains a fixed coursing order for long periods.

So much for the utility of coursing order. There remains the intrinsic beauty of this remarkable interlacing of bells and their obedience to natural laws. It is this that gives us the repeated melodious terminations of Triples, the magnificent periodic roll-ups of Maximus, and the exquisite 7689 and 7698 interludes of the Caters methods. And finally, the very pattern on the paper is a thing of wonder, whether it be the simple partnership of bell and course bell on the front and back in Double Court Minor, or the complexity of London Royal where working bell and course bell, seemingly separated for ever, come together as if by magic in 9-10, or what may well be described as that magnificent game of leap-frog carried out with such solemnity in Yorkshire Maximus when working bell, course bell and after bell make places. Here, the philosopher might observe, is another manifestation of the beautifully balanced interrelation of Nature's processes, perfect in conception, and only to be marred (if at all) by man's imperfection.

E.C.S.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., March 9, 1959, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5280 WIGSTON SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

*BRIAN MARTIN Treble	*WILLIAM A. LACEY 7
*AVRIL THACKRAY 2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY 8
*S. ANTHONY JESSON 3	*JOHN A. ACRES 9
*DOREEN D. DUTTON 4	*JOHN A. SMITH 10
PETER J. STANFORTH 5	ALAN E. JACQUES 11
*SHIRLEY BURTON 6	WILLIAM J. ROOT Tenor

Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.

* First peal of Wigston Surprise Maximus. First in the method as conductor.

A compliment to Mr. John Hunting and Miss Doreen Dutton on their engagement.

TEN BELL PEALS

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

JAMES S. EASTWOOD Treble	ARTHUR T. DUTTON 6
STELLA HUGHES 2	HOWARD HOWELL 7
BARNABAS G. KEY 3	CLIVE M. SMITH 8
ERNEST STITCH 4	GEORGE W. HUGHES 9
DAVID W. BRUNNING 5	GEORGE DEAN Tenor

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

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5220 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOE GADEN Treble	GEORGE DARLINGTON 6
HARRY GRIFFITHS 2	DEREK K. KNOWLES 7
KENNETH W. KNOWLES 3	ALAN A. ELSMORE 8
ARTHUR H. HINGLEY 4	GORDON H. LANE 9
ALBERT D. COLLINS 5	DEREK J. TRANTER Tenor

Composed by M. A. WOOD. Conducted by ARTHUR H. HINGLEY.

Rung as a welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. Tom Kelsey, who was inducted on Tuesday, March 3rd. Also a compliment to the third and sixth ringers who recently became grandfathers.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILFRID F. MORETON .. Treble	KENNETH PARK 5
JOHN E. KIRBY 2	HAROLD CHANT 6
PETER WOODWARD 3	PETER F. WINDLEY 7
GEOFFREY TOWNEND 4	FREDERICK J. JACKSON .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FREDERICK J. JACKSON.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Chant on the birth of their daughter, Susan Anne.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1959, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. Treble	WILLIAM S. DEASON 5
FREDERICK R. SCOTT 2	JOHN D. KAPE 6
H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
FRANK A. BARRATT 4	JAMES H. PAILING Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

DENIS A. FRITH Treble	*G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 5
*W. RUSSELL READ 2	*ROY STEPHENSON 6
*LOUIS WILLDERS 3	*RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 7
*JOHN F. PEARSON 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major. First of Surprise Major as conductor.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

PATRICK HARRIS Treble	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 5
MRS. J. THOMAS 2	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN 6
MRS. P. HARRIS 3	RALPH HARRIS 7
*REV. ALBERT WEBB 4	† WILLIAM J. NEWMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

BENSON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans'.

Tenor 15 cwt.

A. GREENOUGH Treble	J. GODMAN 5
F. SMITH 2	F. ABSOLOM 6
F. GODDEN 3	R. B. BLOND 7
J. P. BLOND 4	W. FULGER Tenor

Conducted by R. B. BLOND.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. D. Wells (70 on March 1st), churchwarden and foreman of this tower for many years; also an 81st birthday (March 1st) compliment to Mr. Palmer, father of the incumbent.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. HELEN AND MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') Treble	J. PILKINGTON (Fitz. House) 5
P. H. LANGTON (Trinity) .. 2	M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. Hall) 6
FRANCES SECKER (Girton) .. 3	J. R. TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s) 7
J. SCHOFIELD (King's) .. 4	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by W. J. RIDGMAN.

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

LONDON, E.C.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE JEWRY,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24½ cwt.

JOHN CRAMPION Treble	JOHN PHILLIPS 5
PHILIP A. F. CHALK 2	JOHN ARMSTRONG 6
DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. 3	BRIAN D. A. THRELFALL .. 7
WILLIAM T. COOK 4	*MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by MICHAEL P. MORETON.

* 250th tower bell peal.

Rung to celebrate the birth of the conductor's nephew, Adrian Michael, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Moreton, in Yorkshire on February 13th.

ST. MAWGAN-IN-PYDAR, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAUCAN.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 10 cwt.

A. HUBERT EPLETT Treble	ALAN CARVETH 5
REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS .. 2	ARTHUR H. BURLEY 6
ANTHONY LOCKE 3	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. 7
GEOFFREY W. TAYSON 4	*REV. HAROLD E. HOSKING Tenor

Conducted by REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS.

* First peal. First on the recast bells.

Rung to mark the 40th wedding anniversary of Lt.-Col. E. N. Wiliams (Patron of the Living) and Mrs. Wiliams.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Blackburn Branch.)

On Wed., March 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

ROSEMARY PARKINSON .. Treble	VICTOR J. C. WOOD .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 2	*LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. 6
ROGER LEIGH .. 3	NORMAN SMITH .. 7
WALTER E. WILKINSON .. 4	ERNEST J. GOWER .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

* First peal in the method.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., March 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

JEAN M. ADDICOTT .. Treble	JOHN G. PUSEY .. 5
*EDGAR J. SMITH .. 2	JAMES H. PAILING .. 6
DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 3	*CHARLES COLES .. 7
DONALD R. MARSHALL .. 4	STEPHEN IVIN .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

* First peal of London.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., March 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 CARDIFF SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Treble	JOHN HILL .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. 2	DENNIS KNOX .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK .. 7
ALICK CUTLER .. 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL (C.C.C. No. 15).

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in E.

OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. Treble	IAN H. ORAM .. 5
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 2	STANLEY JENNER .. 6
DORIS E. COLGATE .. 3	ROBERT COLLINS .. 7
RALPH BIRD .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

FRANK H. HICKS .. Treble	*HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 5
ARTHUR J. HART .. 2	E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 6
BRIAN J. LUFF .. 3	WILLIAM ROGERS .. 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 4	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal of Cambridge 'inside.'

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 14½ cwt.

J. J. Parker's One-part.	*A. JAMES GLASS .. Treble	†WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 5
†EDWARD S. T. FARR .. 2	*FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW .. 6	
†ARTHUR D. BARKER .. 3	JOHN D. KAPE .. 7	
†WILLIAM F. BUTLER .. 4	*D. KENWYN WALTERS .. Tenor	

Rung non-conducted and silent.

* First silent peal. † First non-conducted peal of Grandsire Triples.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's Four-part.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

PALMER WHITTELL .. Treble	R. JOHN MUNNINGS .. 5
ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. 2	KEITH WHITTELL .. 6
CHARLES SHEMMINGS .. 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 7
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP .. 4	ERNEST V. BLAKE .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST V. BLAKE.

LONG CRENDON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in E.

CHARLES COLES .. Treble	RICHARD E. DEAN .. 5
CYRIL H. KINCH .. 2	E. DENNIS POOLE .. 6
HARRY W. BADGER .. 3	ALAN R. PINK .. 7
ROBERT A. REEVES .. 4	EDGAR J. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by DAVID HOARE.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

Rung immediately following the institution and induction of the Rev. R. J. Godfrey to this living.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WOODFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently, all 5-6's at backstroke.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

DAVID W. JAMES .. Treble	FRANK E. CROZIER .. 4
*JOHN GROOM .. 2	ALAN J. FROST .. 5
SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal 'inside.'

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F.

BERNARD E. FROST .. Treble	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 4
DAVID W. JAMES .. 2	ALAN J. FROST .. 5
STANLEY F. EARL .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

MARSTON, OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 6 cwt.

DAVID C. WOODWARD .. Treble	ALEC GAMMON .. 3
CLIVE HOLLOWAY .. 2	ROY H. JONES .. 4
MALCOLM JOURNEAUX .. Tenor	

Conducted by CLIVE HOLLOWAY.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. John Hamilton Mortimer, M.A., for 46 years Vicar of this parish before retiring in 1951.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Stedman and five each of St. Martin's, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's Bob, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Winchendon Place Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

FRANCES NEWMAN Treble	HAROLD E. RAXTER 4
LEONARD MILLS 2	PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE .. 5
COLIN B. LONGMORE 3	WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

* 25th peal. Most methods rung to a peal by all the band.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (six callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

MICHAEL V. POWELL .. Treble	CHARLES PHILLIPS 4
LESLIE H. COLOMBE 2	AUBREY J. PROBERT 5
REGINALD G. POWELL 3	FREDERICK WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

First peal in the method by all.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Stanley John Vaughan Warner, whose induction took place this day.

WESTERLEIGH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1959, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods, viz.: (1) and (5) Cambridge Surprise, (2) and (6) Plain Bob, (3) and (7) Kent T.B., (4) Oxford T.B. Tenor 20½ cwt.

*ANTHONY W. GIBBS .. Treble	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 4
DONALD E. COBB 2	†HERBERT T. FERRIS .. 5
*D. JOHN HUNT 3	†ERIC J. HITCHENS .. Tenor

Conducted by DONALD E. COBB.

* First peal of Minor. † First in four methods.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

CLIFFORD R. LOVETT .. Treble	RODERICK W. PIPE 4
ALAN CLARKE 2	ROBERT F. DOWNING .. 5
BRENDA E. DOWNING 3	ERNEST G. PEARCE .. Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb.

*RONALD K. RUSS .. Treble	*ROBERT H. BEGRIE 4
*†DONALD E. COBB 2	†HOWARD OGLESBY 5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 3	GEORGE GILBERT .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal in seven methods. † 25th peal. ‡ 21st peal.

Arranged specially for the 21st birthday of H. Oglesby (Hitchin captain).

CADOXTON, NEAR NEATH.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

EDMUND J. MORRIS .. Treble	EDWARD PHILLIPS 4
HARRY BOYCE 2	GWYN I. LEWIS 5
ALFRED HANNINGTON .. 3	BENJAMIN WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

Rung in honour of St. David's Day.

GREAT HALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. F. W. PINCHBECK .. Treble	PETER A. HILL 4
FREDK. W. PINCHBECK .. 2	EDGAR A. COLE 5
DENIS A. FRITH 3	JAMES R. HOLMES .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.

A birthday compliment to Edgar A. Cole.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELI,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

*PHILIP M. SAUNDERS .. Treble	*DAVID PIKE 4
*MELVYN EDWARDS 2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS .. 5
*JOHN D. RICKARDS 3	BRYAN J. JOHNS .. Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN J. JOHNS.

* First peal of Minor. First as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells for 25 years. The tenor is believed to be the oldest ringable bell in Wales (c. 1440).

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. F. Edwards.

MARSTON, OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising 3,120 Grandsire and 1,920 Bob Doubles. Tenor 5 cwt. in C.

ALEC GAMMON Treble	EDWARD VENN 3
*ROBERT W. WINSTANLEY .. 2	ROY H. JONES 4
ANDREW M. STUBBS Tenor	

Conducted by ANDREW M. STUBBS.

* First peal. First as conductor, and of Doubles. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Leslie Vandernoll Wright and Mrs. Wright

NEWDIGATE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 8½ cwt.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD .. Treble	CHARLES W. DENYER .. 4
*PAULINE F. SPEACKLING .. 2	ALAN J. SMITH 5
HAROLD N. PITSTOW .. 3	ARTHUR H. SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN J. SMITH.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

WHIXLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall and Plain Bob. Tenor 5½ cwt.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. Treble	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 4
MRS. J. RENDER 2	JOHN POTTS 5
KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 3	ALAN SHEPPARD .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

WILLERSEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720 (C.C.C. Nos. 82, 75 and 58).

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*WILLIAM B. POMEROY .. Treble	*E. TREVOR NEWBURY .. 4
†MICHAEL G. SELBY 2	GERALD C. HEMMING .. 5
*REV. ALBERT WEBB 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

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

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., March 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 BERWICK SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

*†DENNIS LAUD Treble	†RAYMOND G. SMITH .. 4
*†WILLIAM WENBAN 2	†ROBIN G. LEALE 5
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

* 25th peal together. † First in the method. First in the method for the Association.

BICKLEIGH, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

(Ten callings.)

M. RUTH CHICK Treble	LESLIE V. MORRELL 4
ALAN G. COOK 2	W. RONALD TRICKEY 5
GORDON WALFORD 3	FRANCIS TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by W. RONALD TRICKEY.

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

ROBERT E. LESTER Treble	HARRY D. LISTER 4
*HERBERT MITSON 2	RONALD W. STEWARD 5
IVAN COOPER 3	EDWARD E. DAVEY Tenor

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

* First peal in five methods.

HANDLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double and Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall and Single Oxford.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

DENISE SHALLCROSS Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 4
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 2	*ROGER KING 5
JOHN S. DEAN 3	*GEOFFREY PARTING Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* The most methods yet rung to a peal 'inside'.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 31 methods, being one extent each of Datchet, Stowe Place, Uffington, St. Gregory, St. Andrew, St. Alphage, Rev. St. Osmund, Rev. St. Martin, Rev. St. Simon, Rev. St. Remigius, Rev. Winchendon Place, Rev. St. Nicholas, St. Julian, St. Faith's S.C., Union, St. Sebastian, Rev. All Saints, St. Bartholomew, St. Vedast and Huntspill, and two extents each of New Bob, St. Osmund, St. Martin, St. Simon, St. Remigius, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Plain, Antelope and Grandsire.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JILL I. MARTIN Treble	PETER J. SHIPTON 4
PAMELA LATCHFORD 2	DEREK E. SIBSON 5
DEREK E. LATCHFORD 3	HARRY F. CHURCHMAN Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

First peal in 31 Doubles methods by all the band, and for the Association.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

C.C.C. Nos. 150, 152 and 153,	Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in G.
*ROGER MAHER Treble	JOHN P. PARTINGTON 4
*DONALD F. C. MALLOCH 2	*JOHN NELSON 5
*FREDERICK SHALLCROSS 3	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal of Treble Bob Minor.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods: 1,440 Kent Treble Bob, 2,160 Plain Bob and 1,440 St. Clement's College Bob.

SUSAN J. SLADE Treble	DOUGLAS C. BARTHOLOMEW 4
MONICA M. BLAGROVE 2	FRANK T. BLAGROVE 5
ANDREW GRANT 3	MICHAEL HATCHETT Tenor

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

HANDBELL PEALS

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT 37, THORNES LANE,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in B.

HOWARD SCOTT 1-2	WILFRID F. MORETON 5-6
HAROLD CHANT 3-4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 7-8

Composed by H. POYNER.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

Rung to welcome Adrian Michael Moreton.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 24, 1959, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF 5104 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*GRAHAM T. BALL 1-2	JOHN A. ACRES 5-6
ALFRED BALLARD 3-4	PETER J. STANFORTH 7-8

Composed by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

* First peal of Major on handbells.

WOODDITTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT SUNNY VIEW, WOODDITTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

J. REGINALD HEATH 1-2	ANTHONY R. MANN 5-6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 3-4	THOMAS F. VARNEY 7-8

Arranged by ALBERT E. AUSTIN.

Conducted by ANTHONY R. MANN.

The peal has only 57 calls.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., March 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN FREEMAN 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
FRANK LORD 3-4	GEORGE E. FEIRN 7-8

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 9-10

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., March 5, 1959, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes,

AT 17, QUEEN STREET,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

*MICHAEL D. FROST 1-2	GEOFFREY DODDS 3-4
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JOYCE DODDS 5-6

Conducted by MICHAEL D. FROST.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand' and as conductor.

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HALF PEALS

FRECKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 7th, 2,520 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. W. M. Ivinges 1, J. E. Ivinges 2, J. Gentleman 3, H. Ivinges 4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5. Longest length for 1 and 3.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—On Jan. 31st, 2,526 Plain Bob Major: Susan J. Slade 1, Monica M. Blagrove 2, J. E. Camp 3, M. Hatchett 4, J. D. Dougall 5, D. C. Bartholomew 6, A. J. Glass 7, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 8. For the patronal festival.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Mar. 8th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. Haynes 1, Miss J. Dear 2, C. A. S. Harwood 3, L. Hughes 4, E. G. Buck 5, A. W. A. Leggett 6, P. Flack 7, D. Sutcliffe (cond.) 8.

BLO-NORTON, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 1st, 1,280 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. A. W. Foreman (first quarter) 1, R. Foreman 2, Miss D. M. Reeve 3, H. Fuller 4, J. Paul (cond.) 5, A. W. Foreman 6. First in method for 2 and 6. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Saxton 1, M. J. Cooper 2, C. Wright 3, Caroline Collier 4, A. Keller 5, H. Waagstaffe 6, D. Cooper 7, A. B. Cooper (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Walter Allwood, interred this day at Chesterfield.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on Mar. 9th, 1,344 Siedman Triples: Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 1, R. J. Bowden 2, F. J. Sampson 3, D. J. Hunt 4, J. Brain 5, F. D. Mack 6, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 7, B. A. Shackleton 8.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. M. Lumley (first quarter) 1, Ruth H. Appleby 2, Joan M. Dawson 3, R. J. Lumley 4, P. M. Dawson 5, J. Rhodes (first as cond.) 6. For evening service.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. G. Swift 1, Mrs. E. G. Swift 2, Miss E. L. Badcock 3, P. G. Badcock 4, M. G. Swift 5, C. J. Shepherd (first in method as cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the wife of the conductor.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Damen 1, Miss C. Smith 2, Miss W. Harewood 3, Miss T. Barnett 4, E. H. Amey 5, D. Cox 6. First quarter for 1 and 2.

CHERITON, KENT.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. J. Mills (first quarter) 1, W. Chandler 2, A. Jackson (cond.) 3, M. J. Martin 4, A. Berry 5, R. Turner 6. Also on Mar. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): Miss M. Bryant 1, M. J. Martin 2, W. Chandler 3, A. Berry 4, A. Jackson (cond.) 5, G. Davenport 6. For Mothering Sunday and a birthday compliment to Mrs. Chandler.

CHESTER.—On Mar. 8th, at the Cathedral, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Denise Shallcross 1, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 2, J. S. Dean 3, A. B. Cloke 4, R. King 5, J. T. Tiltson 6, G. Parting 7, P. Swindley 8. For Evensong.

CLAINES, WORCS.—On Mar. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Rosemary Callow (first quarter) 1, R. Bryant 2, R. W. Sayers 3, R. Woodyatt 4, A. Morgan (cond.) 5, P. Poole 6, H. Homans 7, D. Gerrard 8. Rung by the Sunday service band as a 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

CLYST HONITON, DEVON.—On Mar. 8th, 1,260 Spliced Triples (700 Oxford Bob and 560 Grandsire with 12 changes of method): Miss A. Christie (first of Spliced) 1, W. D. Ashdown 2, J. Salway 3, D. Callard 4, E. E. Reiter 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Reiter (cond.) 7, E. Morgan 8. For evening service.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 31st, 1,440 Minor (720 Double Oxford, 720 Single Oxford): H. Hooper 1, M. White 2, Marjorie Legg 3, D. White 4, K. Prime 5, G. Prescott (cond.) 6.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Jordan 1, P. Davies 2, G. W. Bishop 3, J. H. Napper (first quarter) 4, D. Bosley 5, A. H. Webb (cond.) 6, W. Corderoy 7, J. C. Napper 8.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Siedman, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Grandsire and Plain Bob): G. Watt 1, D. Cobb 2, Monica Horseman 3, M. Horseman (cond.) 4, F. Neate 5, E. Light 6. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

EPSOM, SURREY.—At St. Martin's Church, on Mar. 7th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Diann W. Hand (first quarter) 1, E. J. Lindley (cond.) 2, D. Oakshort (first on 10) 3, D. G. Spittle 4, A. S. Besant 5, Margaret Slack (first 'inside') 6, Janet M. Besant 7, Virginia Roff 8, J. C. Davidge 9, L. D. Kingswood 10. For adult Confirmation.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. J. Joyce 1, Mrs. J. L. Joyce 2, R. H. Mills 3, Miss E. Taussig 4, G. S. Joyce (cond.) 5, W. W. Wright 6.

FARNWORTH, LANCS.—On Mar. 8th, 1959 Grandsire Triples (a date touch): B. Lee 1, D. Young 2, Elaine Richardson 3, P. Crook (cond.) 4, J. Thornley 5, N. Tompkins 6, O. Davies 7, H. Prescott 8. Rung to the honoured memory of Geoffrey H. Howard, late church treasurer.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Byford (first quarter) 1, Kathleen Brown (first quarter) 2, Rosemary K. Hayward 3, B. Lawes (first 'inside') 4, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 5, J. Lewis 6.

FRIEZLAND, YORKS.—On Mar. 6th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Smith 1, G. Perrin 2, F. White 3, J. Burgess 4, A. Farrand 5, A. J. Bennett 6. Rung muffled to the memory of Mr. Harry Nutt, who had been one of the company for many years.

GARBOLDISHAM, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. H. Ivinges 1, Miss D. M. Reeve 2, J. Ivinges 3, H. Fuller 4, H. Ivinges 5, J. Paul (cond.) 6. For evening service.

GORING-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss K. Stenning (first quarter) 1, S. F. Haffenden 2, R. Wilson 3, M. Newth 4, H. C. Weaver (cond.) 5, R. Parton 6. For Evensong, and as a compliment to the tower captain, Mr. S. F. Haffenden, on completing 20 years' service as vergier.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.—1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 180 Plain Bob): C. Mann 1, G. W. Barber 2, W. Mills 3, F. W. Shynn 4, E. J. Shynn (cond.) 5, P. C. Sayer (83) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam H. E. Seager.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Hunnisett 1, E. Breed 2, Miss S. Ford 3, N. Matthews 4, A. Goldsmith (first as cond.) 5, H. Goldsmith 6. For evening service.

HESTON, MIDDLEX.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Garrett 1, W. W. Webb 2, Miss G. Harbour (first 'inside') 3, Miss P. Ravner 4, P. Ruch 5, P. Beiridge (cond.) 6, G. Ruck 7, G. W. Golding 8. For Evensong.

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HILLINGDON, MIDDLEX.—On Mar. 8th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. Seymour 1, T. G. Bannister 2, Marjorie Hill 3, J. Hill (cond.) 4, A. W. G. Twinn 5, A. R. Turley 6, F. W. Goodfellow 7, N. D. Robinson 8, M. J. Palmer 9, C. Ashpool 10. For Evensong.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: Miss E. J. Langton 1, Miss A. M. Trout 2, Miss J. M. Clements 3, E. Fosberry 4, D. R. Mitchell 5, J. Smith 6, P. H. Langton (cond.) 7, C. Denyer 8. For Evensong.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Siedman Triples: Mrs. A. E. Cox 1, A. E. Cox 2, A. Foxall 3, N. Cornwall 4, D. Cornwall 5, A. Newton 6, R. Biges (cond.) 7, R. Schofield 8. For Confirmation service.

KELLY, DEVON.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. C. Boucher (first quarter) 1, W. A. T. Brimacombe 2, W. C. Boucher 3, J. H. Benoy (cond.) 4, W. Manning (first 'inside') 5, T. Kerslake 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Jim Egging.

KILBURTON, YORKS.—1,260 Treble Bob Minor (600 Kent, 720 Oxford): C. Lockwood (first quarter) 1, J. W. Buxton 2, F. Cowling 3, S. Ramsden 4, H. Rusby 5, T. Tarbatt (cond.) 6. In honour of the 50th year of the Barnsley and District Society.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on March 8th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Judith Harding 1, P. I. Chapman 2, P. G. K. Davies 3, M. Hawkes 4, R. G. W. Robertson 5, M. R. Rose 6, R. J. Trebilcock 7, D. E. Sibson 8, J. M. Lakin (cond.) 9, J. V. Temple 10. First on 10 for 1, 4, 5, 8 and 10. For Evensong.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On Feb. 14th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Clements 1, H. H. Abrahams (cond.) 2, Ann Bacon 3, Ann Sweeney 4, N. Smith 5, J. Orme 6, J. Russell 7, E. Doel 8. Rung for the 80th birthday of Mr. William Chalk, former captain of St. Martin's and vice-chairman of the Salisbury branch.

SHIPHAM, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Siedman Doubles: J. C. Baldwin (first as cond.) 1, C. Korrigh 2, J. H. Gilbert 3, Mrs. R. Korrigh 4, M. J. Austin 5, Mary Powell 6.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jacqueline Wilkinson 1, Ann Culpin (cond.) 2, B. V. Hart (first away from tenor) 3, P. J. Lawton 4, T. P. Harris 5, Janet Wilkinson (first quarter) 6.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford, 540 St. Clement's): Mrs. P. Mills 1, Miss A. Pryke 2, F. Harvey 3, I. Cooper 4, P. W. Mills (cond.) 5, W. Downs 6. For Evensong.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Mar. 6th, 600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire Doubles: Myra J. Wilkins 1, Rita M. Webb 2, Sandra Lewis 3, J. J. Jefferies 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, C. J. Turner 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Lady Edna Beatrice Williams, widow of Sir Seymour Williams, upon the day of her funeral.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Tidey 1, Miss S. Shackell 2, M. Head 3, R. F. Verrall 4, B. J. Barber 5, C. R. Longhurst (first as cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 3.

WEST HAM, E.—On Mar. 8th, 1,360 Kent Treble Bob Royal: S. Penfold 1, D. Mitchell 2, F. V. Gant (cond.) 3, J. Carrott 4, M. Bland 5, J. Fowler 6, J. McPhail 7, A. J. Salisbury 8, T. East 9, I. S. Woods 10. For Mothering Sunday.

WHITNASH, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Farmer (first quarter) 1, Miss E. A. Trindall (first 'inside') 2, P. A. Oram 3, H. C. Burt 4, C. H. Grindley (first as cond.) 5, J. F. Heigh (first quarter) 6. Rung as an appreciation to Mr. Farmer for his many services to the church and tower.

WIGGONHALL, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. V. Bowen 1, A. Bridges 2, C. Cousins, jun., 3, W. W. Cousins (cond.) 4, P. Gagen 5, C. Cousins 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter (Jill Elizabeth) to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gagen.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Mar. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Bagworth 1, Susan J. Rawlings (first of Triples 'inside') 2, Anne C. Garnett 3, Susan L. Jacobs 4, M. H. Sinden (cond.) 5, A. S. Bishop 6, F. E. Corfield 7, E. C. Jacobs 8. For Evensong.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION — Southern District

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at St. Leonard's Church, Wortley, on February 21st. This church, in a small village famous as the seat of the Earl of Wharnccliffe, is a familiar landmark as it stands adjacent a rather dangerous 'S' bend on the main Sheffield to Huddersfield road. Despite the infrequency of buses and the fact that the trains no longer stop at Wortley Station, nearly 40 members and friends turned up and a good meeting was enjoyed by all.

The Vicar (Rev. F. V. Robinson) was at the tower door all afternoon welcoming members and making sure the long ladder to the belfry wasn't overburdened with too many on at once. He also showed ringers round the church when the tiny belfry got overcrowded, and all this personal attention was very much appreciated. The Vicar is very keen to have this light ring of eight bells fully manned once again, but recruitment is rather a problem in such a sparsely populated village. The bells are, however, rung on Sundays, a practice held on Thursday evenings, and any outside assistance would be warmly welcomed.

No meeting has been held, or a peal been rung on these bells for some years, but they responded very well in all methods from rounds and call-changes to Bristol Surprise.

A tea was provided in the Day School, and thanks are due to the Vicar and Mrs. Robinson for making the arrangements, which were by no means easy as there is no church hall, and this was their first experience ever of a ringers' meeting.

The Vicar, who took the chair at the business meeting, opened with a word of welcome. There

was no controversial business, and the secretary announced that certain propositions mentioned in the minutes had been accepted by the general committee and would be fully discussed at their next meeting in March. Miss Janette Howes-Smith, of Harthill, was elected to membership of the Association. A collection for the Bell Repair Fund realised the sum of £1 0s. 3d. It was proposed that the annual meeting of the District be held at St. Mary's, Barnsley, on May 16th. Mr. N. Chaddock proposed the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar and local company, and in response the Vicar said it was he who should thank the company for visiting Wortley, as this was a new experience to him which he had thoroughly enjoyed, and he had learned a lot about ringers and ringing.

The number was further increased on returning to the tower by the arrival of a contingent of members of the Sheffield and Leeds University Societies who had been holding a joint meeting at St. Mary's, Barnsley, and finished early. The bells were, therefore, kept particularly busy with some good ringing until this successful meeting ended at nearly 9 o'clock.

J. J. L. G.

RINGERS' RHYME

(With apologies to the Wool Secretariat)

The peal is lost! The ringers stand
Aghast at him who's failed the band.
'I lost my place, my feet is froze:
'I can't keep warm in cotton clo'es!'
So teach your learners ere they pull:
There is *no* substitute for WOOL!

D. S.

B.B.C. TELEVISE RINGING

The B.B.C. sent a T.V. team to film the ringing at Baldock (Herts) on March 4th. The ringers were asked to be there, so they came, the only absences being due to illnesses. Two friends of the Guild also arrived. The result was that there were at least 15 ringers as well as the T.V. staff. Actually, only eight ringers were needed, but the B.B.C. had not realised what the response would be!

The film was for a feature programme in Wednesday Magazine—to be shown between 2.45 and 3.30 on March 25th—and the chief interest seemed to be the wide age range of the ringers, from June Dear who is 12, to Mr. E. Bradfield who will be 83 very soon. These were interviewed after Mr. E. G. Buck (the tower captain) and Mr. P. Mehew. The ringing was very short, only a few changes of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples, and a brief demonstration of learning to handle a bell. Nine-and-a-half hours were spent to obtain material for a film which will probably last only ten minutes or a quarter of an hour.

Why did the B.B.C. choose Baldock? It is believed that Baldock was chosen on the recommendation of the Rev. J. Catterick, of Ashwell, who has helped the B.B.C. in other matters; but Baldock is not too far from London, and that was a factor. The facts that the Baldock Guild are capable of ringing Surprise, that the octave is the heaviest in Hertfordshire, and that the church is attractive do not appear to have weighed very heavily in the selection.

J. S.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Mar. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Henson (first quarter) 1, R. Bassett 2, Mrs. A. Simpson 3, K. Wagstaff 4, M. Colton 5, A. Colton 6, A. Simpson (cond.) 7, P. Horne (first on eight) 8. For Evensong.

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There will be great interest in the television broadcast in the National network of a service from St. Cuthbert's Church, Edinburgh, on Sunday, March 22nd. The bells will be heard at 9.25 a.m.

Mr. Ronald I. Shepherd, of 5, Kenilworth Gardens, Staines, Middlesex, has accommodation in his car for London area ringers going to Dillington House bell-ringing course.

Six boys from Rotherham Grammar School rang Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles on the bells of Rotherham Parish Church for the schools and founder's day service on March 5th.

Mr. C. M. Heathcote, hon. treasurer of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association, who has been recuperating in South Africa after a serious illness, is expected home in time for the Association's annual meeting at Blackwell on Easter Monday.

From Beaworthy, Devon, we hear that Mr. J. L. Queen has a promising band of boys, who although they have only been ringing four months rang about 1,400 rounds and call-changes for Matins on St. David's Day. Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minimus are being persevered with.

Some 28 years ago a peal was rung on the bells of St. Mary's, Lifton. In that peal were W. A. T. Brimacombe and J. H. Benoy, with W. Ball (now in Tasmania). After years of silence, with the help of Mr. W. Harvey the Lifton band have rung three quarter peals. Our quarter peal columns record their visit to Kelly, where in 1865 was rung by the Kelly Society 'a true and complete peal of three six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, being the greatest number of changes in the scientific or half-pull system ever rung in Devon by men of the county.' The ringers on that occasion were Maitland Kelly, J. Yole (conductor), E. Yole, B. Bloomfield, F. Yole and J. Willcock.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Last August, just two years after being instituted Rector of St. Mawgan-in-Pydar, Cornwall, the Rev. H. E. Hosking had the joy of seeing his ring of eight bells (except the seventh) recast and rededicated. He is now to be congratulated on ringing his first peal on them. It is good, too, to see the name of one of his churchwardens, Mr. A. H. Eplett, in the peal columns again.

Central Council members and wives are being entertained to dinner by the Lancashire Association on Whit Monday at Southport. Details of the attractive programme arranged will be published next week.

The recast bells of Bishop Latimer Church, Birmingham, will ring out on Easter Day. Originally an eight from Robert Wells, of Albourne, they have been recast into seven bells, and another bell in the tower has been retuned and retained as the fifth of the new ring. The new tenor is 14 cwt. 8 lb.

Prior to the 21st birthday peal at Hitcham, in the presence of the peal band and churchwardens the Rector (Rev. A. W. James) presented Howard Oglesby with a travelling case, not only as a birthday present but in recognition of his valuable work in connection with the church in addition to his duties as captain in the belfry. The party was held on the following day.

Over the last 12 months a group of 'Doubles' enthusiasts in the Taunton Deanery have been ringing quite a few peals of Doubles and have become known locally as 'Walford and his Rhythm Boys.' On February 21st they rang a peal of Bob Doubles at Luppitt (Devon), but it seems that the conductor was so engrossed in the ringing that he forgot when to call 'That's all.' An account of the peal in the 'Western Morning Times' read that they rang 55,040 changes.

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THE HENRY JOHNSON DINNER

ARE A FEW FALSE CHANGES PERMISSIBLE?

CANON F. F. Guy Warman, Vicar of Aston, who was recently elected a vice-president of the St. Martin's Guild, was in the chair for the 71st annual Henry Johnson commemoration dinner, held at the Imperial Hotel, Birmingham, on March 7th.

The speeches were to the point and dealt with matters of concern and controversy to the Exercise at large.

The toast of 'The late Henry Johnson' was proposed by Mr. E. A. Barnett, secretary of the Central Council, who said 70 years after his death it was very difficult to assess Henry Johnson's value to the ringing world.

He was born in 1809 and died just a little before his 81st birthday, so his life span was almost the 19th century. His first peal was rung at Aston in 1830 and his last in the same tower 54 years later. In all, he rang 139 peals. This was no mean achievement for those days, as probably only four or five ringers had previously reached 100 peals.

OF GREAT MERIT

He was a practical ringer, and in May, 1842, he conducted Thurstan's Four-part—the first time it was ever rung. Jasper Snowdon, in his first edition of 'Stedman', frequently acknowledged Johnson's help in piecing together the early history of Stedman ringing. He had many compositions of great merit; to quote one—26,016 of Stedman Caters, the whole 240 courses in Tittums without a bell fixed in seconds, Snowdon says: 'It will have become evident that the composition of a peal without a bell fixed in seconds at the course end is a matter of some difficulty. The result of this has been . . . there are not many true peals with more than one bell in the position in question. But there stands one—as Sir Arthur Heywood calls it, "a magnificent composition"—pre-eminent above all others. It is the work of that grand composer Mr. Henry Johnson, and was produced in 1856, though never published until 1891.'

The dinner they were attending that evening was instituted during his lifetime—and it was not often that a man was so honoured. The first dinner was held on the eve of his 77th birthday, in 1876, on the suggestion of Charles Henry Hattersley, and the chairman at that time was the Vicar of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, who was a practical ringer and the genius behind that hand which opened up Surprise ringing in the 1880's. He did not think he could do better than quote the address that was presented to him:—

'To Mr. Henry Johnson, sen.

'Dear Sir,—In presenting you with this portrait on behalf of your friends, admirers and brother ringers in Birmingham and throughout England, we feel we are making an inadequate acknowledgment of the invaluable time, immense labour and unwearying devotion of a lifetime which has been given to furthering the noble art and science of change-ringing.

'Your skill as a practical ringer and conductor, accompanied by your earnest desire to cultivate a high standard of excellence and good taste for true and correct ringing has not only been appreciated by your associates but is acknowledged throughout the Exercise.

'As a composer you have few compeers in the science, whether in the past or present, your compositions being marked by an originality and special merit which will commend them to the admiration of posterity, and will secure to your name a lustre as enduring as the art you have so well loved and so immensely benefited.

'Throughout an illustrious career, extending through more than half a century, your

urbanity of manner and willingness to render the assistance so frequently asked for has won for you a deep and universal feeling of respect and esteem.

'That your declining years may be blessed with a well-earned repose, and be brightened by a sense of the appreciation which this presentation is intended to convey, is the sincere wish of the many subscribers on whose behalf we have the honour to address you.'

The toast was drunk in silence.

The toast of 'Continued Prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild' was given by Mr. J. Frank Smallwood. He said the Guild had been singularly fortunate in securing the right men for the job. He had seen some great men in the office of secretary—like Mr. Godden, Ald. Patton Smith and Mr. Reeves—and it would not be long before Mr. Geo. Fearn would have completed 20 years in office.

MORALITY IN RINGING

Mr. Smallwood said he had attended these dinners for over half a century, and he had heard many men speak of the merits and sterling character of Henry Johnson. He was a man who would have nothing to do with anything that was not true and would shun anything that was false. There were perhaps people today with not the same high ideals—and think a few false changes did not matter very much and could be glossed over. He hoped the day would never come when that was accepted, and they would always stand for a high code of morality, which had played such a big part in their peal ringing.

Johnson had to do all his work on his own—he had no text books to consult like present composers. It seemed to him that some of the present composers had slipped up rather badly and there had been a great deal of painful heart-searching over spliced ringing. They did not know how many false peals had been rung but there were some who were unwilling to withdraw those peals. It was a question of morality, and he hoped he would never live to see the day when false peals would be tolerated. He personally did not like spliced ringing and thought ringers should be satisfied with a straightforward method.

The Master, Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd, who replied, thanked the company for the toast of the continued prosperity of the Guild. 'We like to feel that we are prosperous, and I think we are. We have a great number of peals rung and they are peals of very good quality. We have some excellent young folk coming along and some very fine ringers to take our places when we have to give up. I should like to mention John Anderson. It does not seem long when he came to us for elementary instruction, and now we find him turning the tenor to Spliced Surprise.'

They had just seen the new bells arrive at Bishop Latimer's Church; and what a difference they were from the artificiality in two towers in Staffordshire where an apparatus to simulate the sound of bells was introduced.

RINGING PART OF THE SERVICE

There were two forms of prosperity—material and spiritual. With regard to ringers' connection with the Church, he liked to think that ringing was not something that took place just before the service. He had always held that ringing was part of the service. He knew that ringers did not attend all the services they rang for, but many attended services, and if they were members of the choir they had a bigger advantage still. He commended to them the advice given in the Beginner's Handbook.

During the past year they had pleasure in noting that 'Mr. and Mrs. Birmingham' had celebrated their diamond wedding. They wished

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

The third session of the 23rd Council (62nd Annual Meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, May 19th, 1959, at the Palace Hotel, Southampton.

In accordance with Rule 13, notices of motion, signed by two members of the Council must be received by the Secretary not less than six weeks previous to the meeting, i.e., by April 7th, 1959.

E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Secretary.

their good friend Mr. Albert Walker and dear Mrs. Walker every happiness. They had also noted that Ald. Paddon Smith had retired, and they would soon see him competing in growing vegetable marrows with 92, Etwell Road. Two fine old ringers had passed over in Mr. John Thomas and Mr. Herbert Knight.

Mr. Frank W. Perrins, who proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' had a special word of welcome to the Rev. C. Smyth, Vicar of Bishop Latimer's Church, and also to members of the Editorial Committee of 'The Ringing World.'

'STATISTICITIS'

They had today a number of ringers who were suffering from 'statisticitis.' They seemed to pay so much attention to figures and he was wondering whether the statistics published in their journal were not partly to blame. They rang peals for their own pleasure. Having rung a peal, they should have gained some benefit from it in helping to raise the standard of their ringing. Whether the peal was true or false they had some benefit in improving their ringing, which to him seemed more important than putting the performance down as a peal.

He wondered about the standard of some of their footnotes. If a footnote represented the progress of a band or individual it was of some value; but what was the worth of footnotes like '25th peal together,' '100th peal in 100 different towers'? He would also suggest cutting out footnotes like 'circling the tower.' He often wondered if the peal would not have been better if the person was not so keen on 'circling the tower.'

Mr. Perrins concluded with a special welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Barnett, and thanked them for their work for the Exercise.

LEARNERS!

Mr. Paul L. Taylor, who replied, said a few days after Bishop Latimer's bells were hung, the bell-hanger played a few hymn tunes on the bells. The next day Mr. Geo. Fearn and his band tested the bells. The Vicar asked an old lady if she liked the bells. She replied in the affirmative, and added: 'They don't ring any tunes. I suppose they are learners.'

The toast of 'The Ringing World' was proposed by Mr. Frank E. Haynes and acknowledged by the Editor, who stated that the journal made a profit in the past year. Drives to publicise the journal had been made in the Barnsley area and also in the Coventry Guild. He would be pleased to help any District or Guild with specimen copies. The past year had witnessed an increase in circulation.

The concluding toast of 'The Chairman' was submitted by Mr. Albert Walker, who said that Canon Warman had been a good friend of the ringers since he came to Birmingham. He had Henry Johnson's stone erected in Aston Churchyard. Mr. Walker concluded that he had attended 60 Dinners; they had had many good chairmen but not one better than Canon Warman.

The chairman, in reply, said the Guild had been most kind in electing him a vice-president, which he felt was a great honour.

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY AT DINNER

THE annual dinner of the Oxford University Society took place on February 7th in Oxford.

Of the ringing the writer knows little, having carried 'distance lends enchantment' to its ultimate conclusion; but some knowledge has been gleaned on reputable authority.

Christ Church, with its corrugated iron case (one of the few things that isn't smooth within its precincts), was the first tower on the programme, from 2 to 3 p.m., and here ringing included half a course of Cambridge Maximus. New College (3.30 to 4.30) produced Cambridge Royal, and Magdalen (4.30 to 5.30) a half course of Yorkshire Royal. St. Ebbe's and St. Thomas' also were in use during the afternoon for those who wanted to visit the less salubrious parts of the city or see the railway station. Ringing at the University Church (the writer heard part of what sounded like a good rise in peal) lasted from 5.30 to 6.30, and was followed by the service.

The dinner was held in the Union, 8 for 8.30, and again at 8.30 for 9 when the steward still found his dining room in a state of chaos. The appearance of the meal coincided with the disappearance of one who shall be nameless.

The president (Rev. C. Elliot Wigg) proposed the toast of 'The Queen,' and wishing, quite reasonably, to return home the same night, called upon Mr. Stephen Ivins to propose the toast of 'The Visitors.'

In a rather subdued tone, no doubt influenced by the presence of his fiancée and a port decanter, Mr. Ivins welcomed Dr. Lee (Vicar of St. Mary's), Dr. Sutton (senior member of the Society), Roger Keeley (Master of the London University Society), Hugh Neill and Stan Hood (Master and secretary of the Cambridge University Guild), Pat Bird (Master of the Bristol University Society), Walter Judge (Master of the Oxford Society) and Ted Moore (captain of All Saints, Oxford).

The speaker made one unfortunate comparison between himself and the Cambridge University Guild, both appearing to have a predilection for publicity, and he warned the Guild against the advisability of ringing compositions by its own members, should the desire to take up serious peal ringing make itself apparent.

Roger Keeley replied on behalf of the visitors, and after suitable flattery (which is always the host's reward) he informed us of his schooldays and holidays with Stephen's better half, which, although hardly relevant, caused some amusement. Mr. Keeley always obliges with a competent delivery.

Mr. R. A. Jackson regaled us with a 'back-to-the-wall' toast to 'The Church,' and provided a commendable impromptu speech—atoningly to some extent for his left-over-right propensities.

Dr. Lee replied, and encouraged us with the thought that ringers are bound with a unity which congregations would do well to follow. However unworthy we were to receive these remarks, we did so with gratitude to Dr. Lee for them and an excellent speech.

Hugh Neill, Master of the Cambridge University Guild, proposing the toast of 'The Society,' having had the words taken out of his mouth by Mr. Keeley, resorted to the only course left open to him, and associated himself with the latter's remarks.

AN INTERRUPTION

This he did absolutely and provoked some personal comments on his schooldays. It was during the delivery that we learnt of the activities of ex-O.U.S. stalwart Dermot Roaf in Cambridge; this indefatigable champion of justice and democracy appears to be guiding the C.U.G. at last on to the straight and narrow, after a considerable period in the wilderness.

Mr. Neill was interrupted by the prolonged ringing of an alarm clock (no prizes for guessing the owner, who held the offending object aloft to add effect to his subtlety).

A most eagerly awaited moment coincided with the elevation of the Master, Mr. James Pailing (or Jim, to his friends) to reply.

Having shattered the feminine company (he's not just a pretty face), he indicated the success he was achieving in the field of natural selection, and we were delighted to learn that the number of the opposite sex being instructed in New College beltry was increasing each time.

After a verbal tangle (in which the verb was lost) there followed a eulogy on Mr. Ivins which sounded, and probably was, sincere; it was indeed justifiable, and his help to the Society in the realm of spliced ringing cannot be lightly overlooked by anyone who wishes to advance in the art. In his survey of the year's ringing the Master mentioned the advance in Spliced Surprise and the peal in 12 methods rung at Dorchester.

An inordinate amount of quarter peals were rung and attendance and personal performances had been satisfactory.

After the speeches the company, mellowed and congenial, talked and rang handbells with varying success until midnight, when those remaining made their way to various parts of the city.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Chertsey District

Despite the unfavourable weather, an enjoyable meeting was held at Chertsey on March 7th, and was attended by about 50 ringers, including several from outside the District.

Following the service, conducted by the Rev. G. S. Archibald, tea was served in the Church Hall by the local ringers. A discussion was held on the subject of junior ringers' subscriptions and voting rights. Three new members—two from Esher and one from Chobham—were elected, and thanks were expressed for the excellent tea, and also to Mr. G. Lodge who has worked so hard in order to keep a band together to ring this difficult eight.

Before returning to the church, Mr. Harold Rogers and his family, from Isleworth, put many people to shame by their impressive performance on the handbells. Ringing continued until 8.45 p.m. in methods ranging from Grand-sire to Cambridge.

AMENDE HONORABLE

Dear Sir.—The Rabbits' Guild must beg a little of your space as an *amende honorable* for your printer's error. The suggested emblem for a possible section of Rabbit Ringing Masters is a rabbit not couchant but coachant.—Yours faithfully,

B. M. W. D.

HENRY JOHNSON DINNER

(Continued)

LOOKING TO YOUTH

Speaking not only to St. Martin's Guild but to the craft in general, the Canon said while they looked to the old men who had good, expert skill, the people to whom they really looked without any disparagement to the older ones were the young ones; and it was important that every possible measure should be taken to see that the Exercise moved with the times. There were certain things that could never pass away, but if a young person learnt what had gone in the past and became skilful, he would want to go forward and do something new. He thought it was extremely important. He did not know anything about Spliced Surprise, but if it was not a good thing it would die a natural death; if it was a good thing it would continue. He hoped the St. Martin's Guild would go from strength to strength.

As usual there was handbell ringing, but Stedman Cinques unfortunately did not come home, and Stedman Caters (a good touch) was rung.

The arrangements for the dinner were made by Mr. George E. Fearn with his usual efficiency.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

JUNIORS AND VOTING RIGHTS

Dear Sir.—At a recent quarterly meeting of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, a proposed alteration to rule was put forward for consideration at the forthcoming annual meeting. If this proposition is carried, it will have the effect of withholding the right to vote at meetings from all junior members of the Guild, i.e., those under 18 years of age.

The fact that there is a real danger of this alteration being made effective is causing those of us with large numbers of young people attached to our towers a good deal of concern and anxiety. We feel that the younger ringing members of the Guild have just as much a right to voice their opinions in the running of it as the more established members, and that once this right is denied them their interest will flag and the very future of the Guild be imperilled.

Our opponents—among them a vice-president of the Guild—claim that in the past a few of us with large numbers of youngsters at our disposal have been influencing these youngsters' votes to our own advantage, and they are using this as their main objection to the present system.

There is, of course, a certain amount of truth in their claim. But surely it is the privilege of any instructor of young people to guide them along the lines he has found by personal experience to be the best. The assertion that we do this merely to our own advantage is, of course, ludicrous.

To some, this may seem a trivial domestic affair, but to us it is a very real problem. It would be interesting to hear what other ringers think on the subject, and whether other Guilds have experienced the same difficulties.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN VERNON.

Stoney Stanton, Leics.

Note.—The Guildford Diocesan Guild, where junior members have not the vote, will consider at its annual meeting the abolition of junior membership, thus conferring equal voting rights.—Ed.

RECORDINGS OF BELLS

Dear Sir.—The following is an extract from a list of special recordings made by E.M.I. The records are single-sided, 78 r.p.m., and cost 7s. 6d. plus 3s. 5d. tax. Postage and packing is 3s. 3d. for one to four records, and they are available from: Special Recordings Department, E.M.I. Records Limited, 3, Abbey Road, London, N.W.8.

Title	Playing time m. s.	Record No.
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Grandsire Caters	3 55	EPX38
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single bell	2 10	
York Minster changes	3 20	EP71
Ditto with bourdon	3 25	EP72

Recordings of fire bells, cow bells, etc., are also available.—Yours faithfully,

G. E. EVENDEN.

Malvern, Wores.

TWO SIMULTANEOUS PEALS

Dear Sir.—In reply to R. N. Pitman (see your issue of March 6th), I have not yet to my knowledge condemned record peal attempts, or the hobby of regular peal ringing. In fact, I am one of those who have already rung a number of peals, both tower and handbell, each of which included non-conducted peals, which may by some people be regarded as 'stunts.' But let us face up to the facts of the 'simultaneous' handbell peals.

Whilst the ringers in question certainly held a handbell in each hand, they struck both bells in the same place at the same time, thereby reducing the mental effort to the task of keeping both bells in the same place, which reduces considerably the skill of ringing two handbells, and is not by any stretch of imagination the generally accepted way of ringing a pair of handbells in a peal or peals.

As regards the claim that Sunday service ringing will benefit, I know there have been, and still are—for which I have every admiration—ringers capable of ringing two tower bells, but I trust not 'simultaneously.' Nor do I want to hear 6-bell peals rung at a 12-bell tower on the same principle as the 'simultaneous' handbell peals, neither Sunday nor Monday.

Why do not all concerned face up to the facts and admit that ringing two 'simultaneous' handbell peals was an attempt to hoax peal, or all, of the ringing fraternity that a feat, not a 'stunt,' had been performed?—Yours, etc.,

F. HODGSON.

Darlington.

RANDWICK, GLOS

Dear Sir.—In reply to the query in Belfry Gossip from Randwick, N.S.W., Australia. There are four bells at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Randwick, Glos (tenor about 8 cwt.). My wife's father was a ringer at this church about 70 years ago. These bells were rehung in 1908 in an iron frame by Messrs. Taylor and go well. About 1929 I was ringing for Sunday service when the Rev. Mr. Cakebread, Vicar of Randwick, N.S.W., who was on a visit to this country, took the service at the Mother Church, and on his return to N.S.W. a stone was removed from the church of Randwick, Glos, to be placed in the church of Randwick, N.S.W.

My wife and eldest son were born in this parish.—Yours sincerely,

A. LESLIE BARRY.

Gloucester.

Mr. E. T. Paul Field and Mr. P. N. Bond are also thanked for their replies.—Ed.

ONE CWT. DIFFERENCE

Dear Sir.—Two reports of peals rung at St. Peter's Church, Burnham, Buckinghamshire, give a difference of 1 cwt. in the weight of the tenor. One report gives this as 13 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb., the other report says 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. As the same ringer rang the tenor on each occasion, perhaps he found it easier to turn in to Superlative than to ring behind to Stedman.—Yours sincerely,

H. HALL.

Southgate.

SOUTHWARK TREBLE BOB

Dear Sir.—On a recent Saturday afternoon the following conversation between the writer (sitting in the barber's chair) and his hairdresser disturbed the momentary silence.

Barber: You're interested in campanology? I see you are wearing a bell-ringer's badge.

F.M.: Yes. Are you a ringer too?

Barber: No, not now. Where do you ring?

F.M.: At Burghill Church.

Barber: What 'peals' do you ring there?

F.M.: Usually Stedman and Grandsire on Sundays.

Barber: Do you ring Treble Bob? It is a very pretty peal.

F.M.: Do you mean Kent Treble Bob?

Barber: No, Southwark Treble Bob.

F.M.: Afraid I'm not familiar with that method.

Barber: Southwark Treble Bob is very popular in the south and is rung quite frequently there. It is a very pretty peal.

The writer could find no reference to Southwark Treble Bob in any of his books on bell-ringing other than 'Snowdon's,' and wondered if this method is considered pretty musically and whether it is popular with ringers in the South of England.—Yours truly,

F. MORRIS.

Burghill, Herefordshire.

P.S.—Snowdon writes: 'The method (Southwark) . . . bases itself on London Surprise'; and in the latest edition of 'Standard Methods' we read that the music London Surprise (Major) produces is poor.—F. M.

JUST OVER THE BOUNDARY

Dear Sir.—May I apologise to the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild for ringing in a peal at Staines, Middlesex, for another territorial Association on February 14th.

Someone asked for which Association the peal was to be rung before we began, and I understood that it was to be a Middlesex peal. I should certainly not have started for it had I thought otherwise.

The custom, which has grown up in the Exercise, of regarding such peals as a slight on the Association in whose territory they are rung, is not a good one, but no one can deny that it exists.

Perhaps it would embarrass the other members of the band to have to deny openly or admit that this is an insult, so I will not ask them to do so, but as I have no quarrel with the Middlesex Association myself, I felt bound to state my own position and retreat as gracefully as possible from any battle which may be ensuing.—Yours faithfully,

M. P. MORETON.

Westminster, S.W.

SPLICED CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE

Dear Sir.—In reply to the two questions addressed to me by Mr. Rogers in his letter to the 'R.W.' March 6th, I should like to give the following information: (1) The number of changes which repeated in his peal of Cambridge and Superlative was 51; (2) I don't know, but none to my knowledge.—Yours sincerely,

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Scawthorpe.

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HINCKLEY DISTRICT ANNUAL DINNER

A DEPRESSING little industrial township of South Leicestershire, is how the guide books describe the ancient parish of St. Mary's, Hinckley; but there was certainly nothing very depressing about the weather on February 28th, when some 120 ringers and friends gathered for the 12th annual dinner of the Hinckley District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, which was being held there for the first time.

The Parish Hall was beautifully prepared and decorated by the local ringers and an excellent meal was served. Those present included the Vicar of Hinckley (Rev. Mr. Platt) and Mrs. Platt, the Rural Dean (Rev. E. L. Fisher) and the two vice-presidents of the Guild, Mr. E. C. Turner and Mr. P. J. Staniforth.

The District chairman (Mr. Frank Measures) reviewed the past year's activities in the District with satisfaction. He spoke of the recent survey of ringing and ringers, which had been taken throughout the diocese, remarking that the Hinckley District, with its 26 towers and over 200 active ringers, was the equal of any in the Guild.

The Vicar, in welcoming the ringers to Hinckley, spoke of the revival of interest in ringing which had taken place at his own tower in recent years, and of the excellent support he received from his own band, both in the tower and in many other forms of Church work. He had, he said, realised the value of having so many pretty girls among his ringers; they made recruitment a lot less difficult and appeared to attract from local towers a great deal of useful talent, particularly of the male variety, on practice nights. He likened the relationship of ringers and clergy to that of the nuptial state, saying that while they did not always see eye to eye, they did as a rule get on quite well together.

The two vice-presidents both spoke of the warm welcome that they and their wives always received from the District. Mr. Turner recalled the very first dinner 12 years previous, when two halls had been hired to get around the rationing restrictions then in force.

Concluding, Mr. Measures, on behalf of the company, thanked Mr. Ballard and the local ringers for the excellent arrangements they had made.

A band had been engaged for the social evening, and dancing was arranged to suit all tastes, from the old tyme military two-steps to some remarkable variations of the modern cha cha. A competition to find the District Belle Queen was keenly contested, and Miss Anne M. Deacon, of Cadeby, was chosen the winner.

Mr. Gordon Bailey, of Burbage, assisted by his daughter, entertained with their whistling act, and despite the lateness of the hour, a well-struck course of Stedman Caters was rendered on handbells by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 1-2, J. Vernon 3-4, P. J. Staniforth 5-6, A. Ballard 7-8 and M. Vernon 9-10.

With the release of large numbers of streamers and balloons towards midnight the proceedings developed into a minor carnival, concluding what was once again a most enjoyable occasion. M. V.

ROTHERHAM PARISH CHURCH

An appeal for £7,500 to complete the repairs to the stonework of Rotherham Parish Church—mainly the tower—has been launched. Already £5,000 has been spent on the south face of the tower during 1958. So far there has been no interference with ringing.

The clock has been overhauled and partially electrified by Messrs. Wm. Potts and Sons, of Leeds. The four huge cast-iron faces are also being reconstructed.

CUDDESDON THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Since the 1930's the Principals of Cuddesdon have encouraged their students to take an active interest in ringing, with the result that there are at the present time a number of clergy who, if they do no active ringing, at least have some knowledge of the rudiments of change-ringing and of belfry care and maintenance. There are other past students of the College who are taking an active part in the ringing in their own parishes and Diocesan Associations.

In the immediate post-war years, when the majority of students had seen war service, there was a keen and enthusiastic band who received great encouragement from the present Bishop of Lincoln (at that time Principal of Cuddesdon) and from the Chaplain (now the Principal). That band, among whom was the present president of the Bath and Wells Association, succeeded in ringing a quarter peal with the help of an outside conductor before they left, although most of them had no previous knowledge of ringing before they entered Cuddesdon. During the ensuing years the standard reached varied with each succeeding year and with the amount of time which the students were able to devote to ringing.

At the present time there are 55 students in the College. Of these, 29 can handle a bell, 24 can ring rounds and 7 can plain hunt, while 5 are ringing Bob Doubles. At the beginning of August, 1958, only one of the band had any knowledge of change-ringing, although three or four had some idea of what 'plain hunting' meant. It speaks well for the band that with very little outside help and encouragement they have progressed so far during the past six months that one has learned to conduct touches and that they can now ring 120's without any help from outside.

In addition to the weekly practices, several Saturday outings have been arranged, and at these help has been given by the 'rabble from over the river.'

Two members of the band are also actively engaged in acting as technicians for a teaching filmstrip for use both in the College and by the producer. This filmstrip is aimed at showing correct handling of a bell and for demonstrating the care and maintenance of bells, methods of soundproofing, etc. A. S. D. G.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION Northern District

Attendance at the meeting at Norton on March 7th was poor—the weather was discouraging—but the ringing was quite good. Bristol Surprise being rung, as well as the more common methods.

The Rev. G. G. S. Kenyon conducted the service; tea, arranged by Mrs. H. Werrett and her friend, was enjoyed in the School. A report of the general committee meeting was given afterwards.

The Misses C. Wills and R. George (Norton) and Miss M. Preece (Hitchin), also Mr. J. Leeming (Stevenage), were elected. There were three who were re-elected—Messrs. S. Lake and L. Blackburn (Pirton) and A. Parish (Royston).

There was some discussion about arrangements for the place of the next District meeting. The secretary announced also that a coach had been booked for April 4th—the annual meeting. J. S.

SULGRAVE, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,296 Spliced Surprise Minor (720 London and Wells and 576 Cambridge and Beverley): G. Shellard 1, J. Linnell 2, W. J. Chester 3, M. Saunders 4, E. Lines 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6. First quarter of Spliced Surprise Minor by all the band.

AN OUTING IN NORTH-WEST ESSEX

Perfect weather favoured a party of about 20 ringers who invaded N.W. Essex for a day's ringing on February 28th. Nearly everyone arrived late at Newport, the first tower, but all had time for a short touch on the noisy, odd-struck six. Two more sixes followed—Arkesden, obviously seldom rung, and Clavering, with its unusual enclosed ladder to the belfry. Manuden's bells are rather unmusical, having a sharp tenor; however, it is not so noticeable when rung in changes. Our first eight was Stansed Mountfichet: this is an anti-clockwise, uninspiring ring, but various methods were successfully rendered. Great Easton bells made a very pleasant change after the previous poor rings.

Having partaken of lunch, we had the pleasure of a pull on the grand Dunmow eight, where Mr. Walter Smith met us: a rather erratic course of Bristol here. In complete contrast was the light Warner six at Ford End; although they go well, the tone is poor, but our striking was passable. The Vicar was waiting to meet us at Felsted, where the bells hang in a fine Norman tower; our ringing was of a very low standard, possibly due to the trickiness of the front three. Some of the best ringing of the day was enjoyed on the recently rehung six at Stebbing, and included courses of York and Chester Surprise. The eight at Great Bardfield can be best described as a pleasant six with two shrill trebles: still, it was a new tower for most of the party. Finchingfield is probably most well known for being a very picturesque village, but it also has a fair Gillett eight. One more visit before tea, to Wethersfield: unfortunately, these bells cannot be heard very well, and the striking tended to suffer in consequence.

Suitably replenished, we had a short pull on the live at Shalford, where there are hopes of adding a sixth bell in the not-too-distant future.

Our last eight was Bocking, where we were met by Mrs. Moore: a course of London was brought round on this rambling old ring. Rayne bells are seldom rung, but are nevertheless in fairly good order. The outing ended with two 5-bell towers: first, Black Notley, notable for the fine timberwork and a good, light Warner ring (Mr. Pratt welcomed us here); and finally, the round tower at Great Leighs, housing an anti-clockwise Miles Graye ring, which does not go too well—or perhaps we were just tired.

So ended another enjoyable outing, made particularly successful by the fine weather, but also by the welcome of the various captains and incumbents to whom we extend our grateful thanks. I. H. O.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD North Dorset Branch

Thirty-one ringers were present at the quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch, held at Compton Abbas on March 7th.

Ringing started at 3 p.m., and at the Guild service the Rector of Compton Abbas (Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore), who is also chairman of the Branch, gave the address, the vice-chairman (Rev. R. A. Wells) read the lesson, the service was conducted by the Rev. R. N. Longridge (hon. secretary), with Mr. Geoffrey Spencer playing the organ.

After tea, provided by the ladies of Compton Abbas, and before proceeding to business, the Branch was regaled with tunes on handbells rung by the Rector's young band of handbell ringers.

At the business meeting, eight new members were elected, including three life ringing members from a neighbouring diocese. The chairman also welcomed Fontmell Magna tower back into the Guild.

Ringing continued afterwards, the towers of Fontmell Magna and Melbury Abbas also being available.

OBITUARY

MR. G. N. PRICE

To the present generation of ringers, the passing of George Newton Price conveys very little. The last surviving son of the Rev. Newton Price, first Vicar of Oxhey, G.N.P. was well over 80 years of age.

He first learnt to ring a bell at St. Matthew's, Oxhey, and was educated in the rudiments of change-ringing by the late Mr. Edward P. Debenham, of St. Albans. The fascination of figures, especially compositions of peals of quality, was with him something of an obsession. As a conductor he was unique, and many may equal but none surpass his masterly precision and correctness when calling a peal. The scope, however, to apply his talents was very limited, until with patience he trained a young band at Oxhey, in the tower of which are peal boards recording local peals of London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative, which in 1907 were considered quite outstanding events. Most of his peals were rung for the Hertfordshire Association and the Ancient Society of College Youths. The latter Society he had great love for, and he inculcated in his young band a kind of reverence for this ancient Society.

It was, however, with the older members of the A.S.C.Y. that his most noteworthy peals were rung, including several silent peals on handbells. In addition to the local tower bell peals mentioned above, he trained a few youngsters to ring handbells, and many peals of Holt's Original, Stedman Triples, Caters, Cinques, Double Norwich, and several of Superlative Surprise were rung. He called Carter's Odd-bob One-part of Stedman Triples from each pair of handbells.

In 1905 he took part in three peals of London in one day in three different counties—at that time it was a record. Cycling on the Sunday evening to Old Windsor, staying the night at the Bells of Ousley, a peal was rung early Monday morning at Old Windsor, *Berks*, the cycles were ferried over the river to Wraybury, *Bucks*, and then cycled to Islesworth, *Middlesex*, after which he cycled home to Oxhey.

In 1907 he called the first peal of London Surprise Royal at Stepney.

In 1912, on April 8th, he conducted the 12,160 Bristol Surprise at Knebworth. No doubt in his peal book are many more treasures—most of the peals mentioned above are from my own peal book.

As a man, unless you knew him well, you would say he was dogmatic and assertive; but the more you got in contact with him the better you understood him. It is true he had those characteristics but, strange to say, his youngsters all benefited from it, inasmuch no matter how good the ringing was he was never satisfied, nor were they. At the same time he had a most engaging smile and which, after a peal, expressed much more than words.

He quietly had a sense of humour. For example, the one occasion he took several of his youngsters to their first College Youths' dinner at the Bridge House Hotel (in those days there were no buses or motor cars on the street). When the dinner was over he called a hansom cab to drive them to Euston Station, and on the way said he would have some fun when he got there. His fun, however, was to offer the cabby 6d. for the fare. As quick as lightning the cabby jumped down, and a short and sharp argument took place. The cabby called the police, who quietly ordered G.N.P. to pay up. The cabby then drove off with a howl of 'Billingsgate.'

A somewhat different side of his character was shown after losing a peal of London in the last lead at Denham, *Bucks*, a lumpy ring, rung on the ground floor; and in those days, to ring them in rounds meant pull and hold all the time. He was never nearer to an apoplectic fit

than then. He never did forget that peal attempt.

In 1883, the writer of these few inadequate lines was baptised by George's father in St. Matthew's Church, Oxhey, so can claim a close connection with a fine old English family all his life. The passing of George Newton Price is a loss to the Exercise. In his day he added lustre to our art, and is a reminder to us all of our transitory life.

H. HODGETTS.

MRS. JAMES FERNLEY

The sudden death of Mrs. James Fernley on Sunday, March 8th, after less than a week's illness and so soon after the death of her husband, was most unexpected. Like her husband, she was both a ringer at the Church of St. Thomas, Norbury, Cheshire, and a member of the Norbury handbell band, and her presence will be missed very much.

On the occasion of the funeral on November 11th, a well-filled church demonstrated in no small way the high esteem the parish had for her. As the cortege approached the church the whole pull and stand was rung with the bells half-muffled.

At the service, which was fully choral, the Vicar (Rev. E. Taylor), in a brief address, expressed sympathy with her daughter, Carol.

At the graveside a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung 'in hand' by B. Harris 1-2, A. Potts 3-4, John Worth 5-6, P. Laffin 7-8. Amongst the ringers present were the local company, headed by Basil Jones, Brian Harris, Mr. and Mrs. L. Boumphrey, John P. Fidler, John Worth, Alan Potts, Barry Corbishley, Mr. and Mrs. C. Lawton, Peter Laffin, Robert Smith, Bernard Groves and others.

MRS. M. H. SHURCLIFF

One of the very few women members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mrs. Margaret H. Shurcliff, widow of Mr. Arthur A. Shurcliff, died on February 28th at her home, 66, Mount Vernon Street, Boston, U.S.A. She was in her 80th year.

The daughter of the late Dr. Arthur H. Nichols, of Boston, who was interested in English change-ringing, she developed a keen interest in the art.

She came over to this country for the first time in 1902 with her father, and met the College Youths. Her first peal was on handbells at the residence of Challis Winney, the band being Herbert P. Harman, George N. Price, Challis F. Winney and Margaret Nichols. Later in the day she rang 7-8 to a peal of Stedman. A little later she rang her first tower bell peal at St. George's, Southwark (Stedman Triples).

She later became interested in tune ringing on handbells and formed the Beacon Hill Ringers' Guild. To the people of Boston her band of handbell ringers became one of the traditional sights in Boston on Christmas Eve.

Years later she and a few others formed the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers and became its first president, an office she held until last year.

She was a great personality and an all-round talented woman. In her younger days she won the New England women's singles tennis championship for two years. She was a first-class carpenter and joiner and also a good blacksmith. She and her husband, with their own hands, built their summer home at Ipswich, Mass., and made all the furniture. She will be greatly missed in and around Boston.

It is interesting to recall that the current peal record book of the College Youths was the gift of her father, who also gave the pair of brass candlesticks used at every annual dinner, and which were used by the Duke of Wellington throughout his Peninsular campaign.

MR. HARRY NUTT AN APPRECIATION

I should like to support all A.F. said about this gallant ringer, and to pay my humble tribute to his memory.

Dogged by ill health practically all his life, he nevertheless held his own with many younger, healthier ringers by sheer determination and grit. Although he belonged to Friezland, a 6-bell tower, he often came over to Lancashire meetings, where he enjoyed himself on higher numbers and made many friends. He was fortunate in having a wife who understood him and his craving for ringing, and often accompanied him.

One peal with him I always remember. I was asked to call Stedman Triples at Almondbury, Yorks, in 1945. I asked Harry to cover and he accepted. Previously I was warned to take a good band because the locals were very keen on striking. All went well till the last quarter, when I saw Harry stagger back: I just called his name and he recovered instantly to finish the peal. When we got outside the locals congratulated us on a grand peal. None of us knew until then that Harry had been off work all the week. I could quote other incidents of his courage, but let this suffice.

I and his other friends will miss him very much in this district. May he rest in peace.
I. KAY.

MR. E. J. THOMAS AN APPRECIATION

It was with great regret and deep sympathy that I read of the passing of Mr. Ed. J. Thomas, of St. Peter's, Carmarthen. As a young soldier, I first met him having travelled down into Wales from Manchester on April day in 1945. Arriving in Carmarthen, I found that I had some time to wait for my next train to Llanybydder—a word which I could not pronounce properly.

I was tempted to pass my time away in the Elephant and Castle, under the shadow of St. Peter's Church, where Mr. Thomas was mine host. Whilst I partook of my black and tan I asked him if there were any bells at the church, to which he replied that there was a ring of eight with a tenor, and if I was a ringer I would be most welcome on the Tuesday evening practices.

The following Tuesday I met that other old stalwart, James Curtis, who was captain at that time. I became a great friend of the Curtis family and still am. V.E. day came and we honoured it by evening ringing and a great service in the church. Those were happy days for me, and I shall never forget Ed. J. Thomas and Jim Curtis. Alas, they are no longer with us, Mr. Curtis having passed to higher life about 1946. May the souls of the faithful through the mercy of God rest in peace.

J. THORNLEY.

MR. BERNARD MOODY

Mr. Bernard Moody, who passed away on March 1st, aged 70, was a loyal and faithful ringer at St. Giles' Church, Pontefract. He became a member of the Yorkshire Association in 1905, and had rung 37 peals. His early ringing was at All Saints' Church, but in the 1930's he joined the St. Giles' company, where his father had been a ringer.

Bernard Moody was a very quiet, reliable ringer, and Sunday by Sunday he was always in the belfry, and prompt: his last occasion was a month ago.

On the evening of March 5th the bells of St. Giles' were rung half-muffled. Prior to the ringing the ringers stood in silence, and the Vicar of Pontefract (Canon R. G. Clarke) offered prayers to his memory.

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CANCELLED MEETING

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crews Branch.—The meeting provisionally arranged at Goostrey on March 21st will not now take place.—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec. 4054

MEETINGS

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Saturday, March 21st, 3 p.m., Ormesby (8). Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to T. M. Cox, 8, Greenwood Avenue, Middlesbrough. 4044

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting, Sandiacre, Saturday, March 21st, 3 p.m. Tea provided—no names required.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 4024

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Eyam (6), Saturday, March 21st, 3 p.m. A welcome to all. Cups of tea at nearby inn.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 4033

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Magdalen, Saturday, March 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4012

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Ives (8), Saturday, March 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 4027

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, March 21st. Ringing: Holy Trinity and Stoke, 2.30 p.m. and in evening; St. Mary's, 2.30 and 4.15; St. Nicolas' and Shalford, in evening. Service at Holy Trinity, 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d.), 5.30 p.m., Harvey's Restaurant, High Street. The business of the annual meeting will follow.—S. T. A. Russell, Hon. Sec. 3989

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, Saturday, March 21st. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Further ringing in evening.—E. R. Gotham, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4014

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Boyne Hill, Saturday, March 21st, 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. Note date. 4007

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Bingham, Saturday, March 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—W. L. Exton, 60, Albert Street, Newark. Notts. 3966

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Ditchling (8), Saturday, March 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 4028

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Eckington, Saturday, March 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting. Names for tea to W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 3973

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting at Woburn, Easter Saturday, March 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5. Short service 6 p.m. Accommodation for tea limited to first 40 names (no cafe).—K. G. Spavins, 8, London Road, Woburn. 4021

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M., Bath, Easter Monday, March 30th. Service 12 noon, St. Michael's. Luncheon, Red House Café, 1 p.m., followed by meeting in café. Luncheon tickets available, on receipt of S.A.E., from secretary. Luncheon will be 9s. 6d., but send no money now. Ringing times: Newton St. Loe, 10 to 11; Keynsham, 10 to 11; Corston, 10.30 to 11.30; St. Michael with St. Paul's, 10.30 to 12; St. Mark's, 4.30 to 5.30; The Abbey, 4 to 5; Twerton, 5.30 to 6.30; Weston, 6 to 7; Bathwick, 7 to 8; St. Matthew's, 7 to 8. 4031

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting, Ottery St. Mary, Easter Monday. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea by March 25th to Mr. C. J. Turner, Hillcote, Ottery St. Mary. 4017

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting, Cockermouth

On Easter Monday, March 30th

Bells from 1 p.m. A.G.M. 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Thursday, March 26th, to Mr. R. W. Daniels, Shotton Lodge, Cockermouth. Difficult to obtain tea otherwise.—J. W. Brownrigg, Hon. Sec. 3995

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, March 30th, at Blackwell, near Alfreton. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Smithson, 29, Littlemoor Lane, Newton, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 4039

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will take place on Easter Monday, March 30th, at Huntingdon. Ringing arrangements: Eynesbury (6), 10 to 11.30 a.m.; St. Neots (8), 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon; Great Paxton (5), 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Buckden (5), 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Great Staughton (6), 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Spaldwick (6), 12.30 to 1.30; Leighton Bromswold (5), 1 to 2; Winwick (5), 1.30 to 2.30; Alconbury (6), 1.30 to 2.30; Brampton (5), 2.30 to 3.30; Godmanchester (8), 2.30 to 4; St. Mary's, Huntingdon (8), 3 to 4.15; Huntingdon All Saints' (6), 4 to 4.30 p.m. Service, All Saints', 4.30. Tea and meeting, All Saints' Hall, Ferrar's Road, 5 p.m. Godmanchester and both Huntingdon towers available after tea.—W. J. Ridgman, Gen. Sec. 4026

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Frensham (6) on Easter Monday, March 30th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4052

LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Llandaff, Easter Monday. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 4000

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Margate, Easter Monday, March 30th. Committee, 11 a.m., choir vestry, Parish Church. Service 12 noon. Luncheon 1.15 p.m. in the Sun Lounge of the Winter Gardens. Applications for tickets by Saturday, March 21st, to Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne; members 5s., others 7s. 6d. Printed leaflet with full details of ringing, agenda of business, etc., sent with tickets. Towers include St. Laurence's, Thanet (10); St. Peter-in-Thamet (8); All Saints', Birchington (8); Quex Park, Birchington (12); and Margate Parish Church (8).—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Chimneys, Offham. 3976

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, March 30th. Service in All Saints', 11 a.m. General business meeting in College Hall, 12.15 p.m. prompt. Coffee obtainable in College Hall 1.15 to 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for all who notify me by Wednesday, March 25th. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 6 to 7.30 p.m.; All Saints' (10), from 10 a.m.; Claines (10), St. John's (8) and St. Swithun's (6), all 2.15 to 4.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgborough, Evesham. 4036

MARLESFORD, SUFFOLK.—Rededication of five restored bells and dedication of new treble bell on Thursday, April 2nd, at 7.30 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich. 4057

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—Meeting at Huntsham, Saturday, April 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to J. Davey, Hayes Cottage, Huntsham, Tiverton. 4047

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Thaxted (8) on Saturday, April 4th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, to R. C. Heazel, Tye Green, Wimbish, Saffron Walden, Essex. 4059

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—75th annual general meeting at St. Albans on Saturday, April 4th. Service at St. Peter's, 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting at St. Peter's Institute to follow. Ringing at Hatfield (10), 10 to 11 a.m.; Harpenden (8), 10.30 to 11.30; St. Stephen's (6), 2 to 4.30; St. Michael's (8), 3 to 4.30; St. Peter's (10), 3 to 5 p.m.; Cathedral (12) and city churches in evening. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 1st, to Mrs. R. W. Darvill, 28, Jennings Road, St. Albans.—H. V. Frost, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4051

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Cheltenham Town Hall, Saturday, April 4th, 2.15 p.m. Tea (3s. 6d.) 4.45 p.m. Names essential by April 1st to Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. Tel.: Miserden 232. Service, Cheltenham Parish Church, 6 p.m. Ringing: St. Mary's (12), Bishop's Cleeve (8), Charlton Kings (8), Leckhampton (8), Prestbury (8), available 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ringers please contact David Marshall, 19, Royal Parade, Cheltenham.—W. F. Scudamore, Assoc. Gen. Sec. 4050

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Annual District meeting at Saxilby, near Lincoln, on Saturday, April 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, March 30th, to Miss P. Cox, Trinity House, 5, High Street, Saxilby.—A. Richardson, Sec. 4037

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, April 4th. Bells available: St. John-the-Divine's (10), 3 to 4 and 8 to 9; Cathedral (12) 3 to 4.10. Service, Cathedral, 4.15. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 in St. George's Hall, Colton Street (rear of Police Station). Important business includes election of president, two vice-presidents, treasurer and four Central Council delegates, and important amendments to rules affecting voting rights of junior members and non-recognition of peals rung on meeting days. Names for tea (price 3s. 6d.) must be sent to undersigned by Wednesday, April 1st. Please note that the caterers will only provide for those ordered, and that I shall be away all day on April 2nd. General committee meeting, Wednesday, April 25th, 7.45 in St. Margaret's Select Vestry Hall (corner of Humberstone Gate and Vestry Street).—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. Tel.: Wigston 3244. 4053

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Lower Heyford, Saturday, April 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Ringing at Rousham (6) after 7 p.m. Names for tea by March 31st to H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 4041

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 4th, Sutton Coldfield. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Please notify by April 1st for tea.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. 'Phone: SPRingfield 1025. 4040

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Piddlehinton, Saturday, April 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, March 31st, to B. Cheeseman, 3, Rectory Road, Piddlehinton, Dorchester. 4043

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—A.G.M. at Southwell Minster, Saturday, April 4th. Bells available 2 p.m. Evensong 4.15. Tea in Trebeck Hall 5 p.m., with business meeting following. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Miss R. Cooling, 14, Allenby Road, Southwell.—J. W. Raithby. 4042

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Betchworth and Buckland on Saturday, April 4th. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. A. Lucas, 145, Sandercross Lane, South Park, Reigate. 4048

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Llanelly Hill, Brecon, Saturday, April 4th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by March 28th, to G. Davies, 4, Free Street, Brecon. 4038

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Howden, Saturday, April 4th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Names by Wednesday, April 1st, to Mr. E. A. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, near Goole, Yorkshire.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec. 4034

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Worcester, Saturday, May 2nd. Ringing at Evesham, 11.30 to 12.30. Lunch, followed by business meeting, 1.15. Ringing: Cathedral, 3.15 to 4.45; All Saints', 5 to 6.15. Lunch (6s. 6d.) at the Hopmarket Hotel (near Foregate Street Station) will be reserved for those who notify by April 20th Mr. D. Beacham, The Old Manor, Twynning, near Tewkesbury, Glos, accommodation being limited.—John Chilcott. 4045

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting—*change of date*—to be held on Saturday, May 23rd, instead of first Saturday in May. Owners of Ringers' Diary please note.—W. Love, Gen. Sec. and Treas. 4055

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 27th. Lunch and tea. 12-bell ringing guaranteed. Outing secretaries please note.—L. E. Pitstow, 4, Highfields. 4010

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Minor (Double Oxford Bob, Thelwall Bob, St. Clement's College Bob and Childwall College Bob): Sheila Cameron 1, Jean Addicott 2, R. A. Jackson 3, J. A. M. Salter 4, J. H. Pailing 5, J. G. Pusey (cond.) 6. In memoriam Alice Baston. Also at New College, on Mar. 1st, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. H. R. Freeborn 1, Sheila Camera (first of Caters and 'inside') 2, Christine Woodward 3, J. A. M. Salter 4, A. N. Stubbs (first of Caters) 5, R. N. Pittman 6, J. G. Pusey 7, R. J. Elliott 8, F. A. Barrett (cond.) 9, D. T. Darby 10.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Annual Meeting

As is usual, the annual meeting of the above Society at Ranmoor, Sheffield, was attended by upwards of 50 ringers, and the handy ring of ten bells was put to good use to the usual range from rounds to Surprise Royal. A well-known Oxford Guild visiting ringer expressed surprise at the predominance of youth and pleasure at the enthusiasm that obviously prevailed in the District.

In his report on a satisfactory year's working, the secretary asked members to be more conscientious in sending their names in for tea. It was agreed to allow towers who so desired to pay 'block' subscriptions (6-bell towers 9s., 8-bell towers 12s., 10-bell towers 15s.) to cover an unlimited number of members.

The formation of the Sheffield University Guild was welcomed, and special provisions for its members to join the Sheffield and District Society and to enter for the silver cup competition were agreed upon.

Regrets were expressed that Mr. Thomas Lee, who for 50 years so artistically maintained the peal book had, since 1954, been unable to continue this work. Members were asked to inquire and to convey to the president the name of anyone who might be suitable and willing to take on this task.

The fixture list for the years 1959/60 and 1960/61 were announced, and it was decided, when possible, to have an additional tower available during the afternoon to give more opportunity for everyone to have a good ring.

The meeting stood in silence for a few moments in respect of Mr. Walter Allwood, an old respected member, who died on February 26th. The officers of the Association were re-elected, except that Mr. Leonard Goodall was appointed assistant secretary. The next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield on April 4th.

By way of a postscript to the meeting, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kelly, of Handsworth, entertained some of the Society's officers in their home. Yarns were exchanged, last year's cup contest rejugged, and Jumbo's handbells, which only their owner can match in girth, were made good use of to Cambridge Minor, Grandsire Doubles, Kegmeg and Scalded Witch. S.C.

APPLETON RINGING DAY

'The Fourth of March this year,' announced the latecomer as he stepped into the tower, 'will be on the 7th.' 'Good,' said everyone, and made notes in their diaries. 'Appleton Ringing Day,' they said to a puzzled visitor, and went on to tell him how the first ring of six bells was dedicated on March 4th, 1818, how much the ringers then enjoyed themselves, and that they have continued to do so every year since.

This year was no exception, with the usual mixture of good ringing, good humour and ample refreshment. The peal in the morning came to grief. Ask not how in this village of bell-hangers, but look carefully to see who is having his leg pulled!

There was some very good ringing in the afternoon, and that precision of striking that stops idle chatter among the listeners. Tea over, and the bells finally lowered, the company gathered in ever increasing numbers (until the tavern was packed solid) to hear all the traditional Fourth of March songs and to listen to the Appleton handbell ringers. One by one the familiar items are rendered, interspersed with talk about ringing and ringers of the past and present, and with hopes for the future. For on the Fourth of March Day all that is good in our art comes out in surroundings of generous hospitality and friendship to all. Once one has enjoyed all this, one looks forward to the next year when, God willing, we will again drink with gratitude to the health of 'The Appleton Ringers, the Whites and the non-Whites.'

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