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A TOWER CAPTAIN REPORTS

OUR band has been in existence for over five years now, but we are still very much in the 'struggling' stage. We manage to ring call-changes—usually on five or six, only occasionally on eight—on most Sunday evenings; but although there are 20,000 people in the parish the band is only ten strong. As many of our members are still at school they have to put homework before coming to practices, so that the hoped-for progress to change-ringing is very slow to materialise.

We held our 'annual general' the other day, and the Master's report for the year did not make exactly cheerful reading. Although the standard of striking in call-changes was continuing to improve, and there had been more Sundays during the year when all eight bells had been rung than previously, and although plain courses of Grandsire Doubles had been rung on practice nights with some success, he had to report that membership of the band had fallen and no new recruits had been made. Practices had been so poorly attended that it had been virtually impossible to maintain any progress in change-ringing.

He went on as follows:—

'If we are not to fizzle out, it is up to every member who feels that we are doing a useful job by ringing the bells to remind people of the services of the church to consider very seriously the following suggestions:—

'(1) *Recruitment*.—How about making a "New Year" resolution to try to persuade at least *one* person to take up ringing during the year?

'(2) *Practices*.—"I don't think I'll go ringing tonight—it's too cold, and there's a programme on the TV I don't want to miss." Or: "What's the point of my going tonight? There'll only be two or three there anyway—not enough to ring." Do such considerations ever stop *you* from coming to practices? What about the people you are letting down, some of whom may have had some distance to travel? I fully realise that, for some of you, homework must come first, but I still feel that the practices could be better attended. The result would be more progress, which would lead to more interesting ringing.

'(3) *Self improvement*.—Within a radius of five miles from here, you can find a practice every evening of the week. There is a meeting somewhere not too far away nearly every Saturday afternoon and evening. The facili-

ties for advancement in this area are almost unparalleled anywhere else in the country. What use are *you* making of them?

'I do hope you will consider these points, and will continue to support this band by coming to ring as often as you can. I repeat that I believe this to be a very well worth while activity; I know that many people in the parish really do like to hear the bells being rung on Sundays, and I hope we can continue to ring them. Thank you for your support during the past year.' W. T. C.

A PIECE OF CAKE

AT half past eight on Monday morn,
With every step I took a yawn,
Until on leading to the hall
I saw what, upon the postman's call,
A package left, three inch by two,
With silvered bells, church and horseshoe,
Nuptial bliss for two, but who?
The postage flap bore o'er its sheen
Three pictures there of our dear Queen,
But what was this encircled there
Made me grope for easy chair?
Yes! second looks could not deny
Wilmslow, Chesh, brought forth a sigh,
And quick as flash to make quite sure
The address I scanned to learn much more,
One glance, to fantasy of thought
Banana commas, full stops bold me brought,
No! surely not, it could not be,
Was this the last that we should see
Of a Cheshire gent on iron steed?
No more a festival of mead,
No more in accent loud and clear
Three, four dodge, no, chaps, I fear,
That will not do for me, please stand,
Let's retire right now to the "Bird in Hand,"
And come to try another day,
No more at inquest hold his sway
Beside the loss from many bars
Must this upset conjunctioned stars,
And whilst presiding in the chair,
Would we be denied—'twould not be fair,
Must we be left with potted ferns
And not hear more of Robbie Burns;
Must the other corners of the land
Be denied the music of his hand.
And if in need of some solace
Can we no more in phone box place
Four coins there and listen to
A few more golden words from you.
Conjecture done I slashed the band
To see who's led him by the hand.
The reason's clear, with loaded holster
He'd slept with it beneath his bolster.
So that in dreams beneath the moon
His future queen he'd see, he'd borrowed it off June.

'CURRENT.'

BELL FRAMES

By HEADSTOCK

MY friend I. Ron Clapper and I were having a quiet word or two recently about the year's coming programme of maintenance. He said that after putting it off for several years he felt 1962 really must be the deadline for a repaint to his frame. So what more could I do (I owed him a pint) than to encourage his good and brave intentions?

After several moments of quietness whilst we did justice to the local brew, he broke silence by saying he wished his bell frame was of timber so that painting would be unnecessary. I consoled him in his great trouble by reminding him that paint taken in large amounts is not half so bad as creosote in small quantities.

What one may gain in big bell wheels is perhaps lost in small pulleys, so to speak, and so it is with bell frames. On the one hand a good old friendly oak job is decidedly more sociable an object than a cold, merciless metal product. You know what I mean, i.e., the former won't at least make crafty-type lunges at us bell men when we are not looking, whereas in the latter case just try and get away with a mid-week clapper greasing without loss of skin; these metal types are just too smart—for me, anyway.

P.S. to all this: There is very much to be said in many instances for metal bell frames even so, and as it happens my own pride and joy falls happily into this category.

Whatever type of frame may be in one's care, be it wood, metal or composite (wood and metal), the month of March would be an ideal time really to examine it all over with the aid of a strong running lead lamp and spanners (not forgetting a *silent* keen-type assistant), if only to knock the established rust off here and there. If this is the year for a scrape and paint programme, then all this month might well be set aside for the job, then in April the paint can go on in a conscience-clean atmosphere, and we all know what I mean by that—I hope. Frames with bells set in plain bearings especially will need a good brushing over round by the brasses with paraffin or turpentine substitute where the oil or grease has been claimed by gravity, and should the slider be affected with the stuff then that too should be well scraped clean.

Just a word or two of mutual advice—I speak from experience. The recently-elected or commissioned 'bell maintenance operative' who has not as yet done a 'scrape and paint' would be advised to start well wrapped up, to the neck, complete with old beret (to pull down over ears) and back pocket in overalls containing personal hand-cleaning rag with previously-added turps or paraffin, not forgetting a small pocket torch in the event of electric power failure or bulb breakage.

If any fellow bell man is wondering why this work is being done so early in the year, then my answer is that whilst we are the sort of people to do these jobs, we are also the sort that has often got a fair-sized garden to dig or house to paint, and though the temptation is there to put it off, when the time comes it's pretty well impossible to pull both sorts of tasks in at the same time, i.e., paint round the house and/or paint bell frames.

When I write of this frame painting I refer, of course, to the wheels and roller boxes and any other item that is normally painted: they must all go under the cleaning up process of a really good, first-class bit of wire brushing.

Having arrived at the condition for actually painting in April time, it will be recommended to again equip oneself with overalls, hat and rag, and I think a good quality 2" brush is just about right.

There are some weaknesses in painting to beware of: for instance, see to it that the underside of headstocks, underside of castings and clappers are painted; but I reckon the prize one is when, after having completed painting the job and having reached the door or latchkey one is just congratulating oneself on a 'fire station' result when with holy horror, there it is—the complete unfinished, unpainted underside of all girders!

All the best.

H. D. S.

P.S.—Who doesn't agree with me?

PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE—55



MR. JOHN J. F. ROPER,
St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne,
Australia.

Only those ringers who have visited or lived in Australia can appreciate the vast distances which have to be covered to visit any tower other than one's own. To give some examples—Melbourne to Adelaide is 500 miles, to Perth is 1,700 miles, to Maryborough is 1,000 miles and to Sydney is 600 miles! It is obvious therefore, that progress in change ringing can only be made by the united efforts of a local company, helped, in a few cases, by the presence of English-born ringers.

One of the most enthusiastic Australian born ringers is Mr. John J. F. Roper, captain of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, and he has the distinction of having rung in more peals in Australia than anyone, his total being 22, out of a grand total of 91 peals rung in the continent. He is very grateful to Messrs. Philip Gray and George Pipe for helping him to reach this total. One of the greatest problems is the cost of travel, and the time to make the long journeys to other towers. Recently John Roper went with three other ringers to visit St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, where Miss Enid Lloyd-Roberts is doing such good work. They went for the week-end, and the fares for the four alone came to £47 10s.! So inter-tower visits must be few and far between.

Jack Roper, as he is known amongst his friends, was born on August 30th, 1915, at St. Kilda, a suburb of Melbourne. He was educated at a suburban State school and at Wesley College, a Church controlled public school, and follows the occupation of manager of a painting and signwriting firm. He learnt to ring in 1931 at St. Paul's Cathedral, and was taught by any of the ringers who were active at the time. Foremost amongst these was Mr. Jack Spencer, who has now retired from ringing, but who has just returned from a trip to England, when he visited his old tower and friends, whom he left to go to Australia some 40 odd years ago. As a lad of 18, Jack well remembers the visit of the English touring party when the 'Great Adventure' band visited Melbourne in 1934 to ring a peal of Grandsire Cinques, and he is the only ringer left at St. Paul's who was present on that unique occasion. They all had a marvellous time together, and he recalls meeting Jack Goldsmith, the Rev. E. Bunkes James, and Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson, as well as others who showed them what ringing really was like.

When Philip and Joan Gray went to Australia in 1952, Jack could only ring Grandsire, but with the addition of Valerie Willard and Barbara Beeson it was not long before he and others were ringing Plain Bob and Stedman. The same year, 1952, saw Jack scor-

ing his first peal, Grandsire Triples at St. Paul's Cathedral, conducted by Philip Gray. He was naturally very thrilled when he rang Stedman Triples in 1953, and Grandsire Caters in 1954. Later in 1957, with the arrival of George and Diana Pipe, he rang Kent Minor the same year, and Kent Major in 1959. This was followed in 1960 by Cambridge Minor, and Double Norwich in 1961, in which Miss Monica Collins, of Guildford, took part, both peals conducted by George Pipe, and these being the first in the method outside the British Isles.

Jack is of powerful build, being 6ft. 1in. tall, and weighing 16½ stone, and is well equipped to ring round the back end. To have rung peals on some very bad going bells has given him much satisfaction, if not much pleasure! He rang the 7th at Ballarat (some 70 miles from Melbourne), which is renowned for its bad 'go,' and he also took part in a fully muffled peal on the bells of St. Patrick's R.C. Cathedral, Melbourne, at the time of the death of Pope Pius XII. This was the only peal on the bells cast by Murphy, of Dublin.

At the present time, Jack is captain of St. Paul's Cathedral Society, and this is the second period that he has been privileged to hold this office. He was elected captain when Philip Gray went home in 1955, and remained in office until he stood down for George Pipe a couple of years ago. He again accepted the position this year, because George felt that, owing to a lot of business commitments, he could not give sufficient time to the job.

One of the things that pleases Jack is the fact that he has continued ringing, even when things have become very black, and has always done his best to encourage anybody and everybody who has helped him keep the bells going over the years. There are several rings of bells in the country area, most of which 'go' very badly, but which are kept going by men and women who struggle on year after year, without much hope of doing any more than ring call changes and plain courses of simple methods. The main thing to do is to keep the bells rung, and they all get a great deal of pleasure out of the service they maintain for God and His Church, and the good fellowship with one another.

Jack feels it would be wonderful to have another party of English ringers to visit them in the near future, and they would certainly offer a welcome which would be remembered! He is positive that all Australian ringers would derive great benefits from such a trip, and they would love to meet anyone who could make the visit, and friendships would be formed that would last as long as those made in 1934.

Jack's wife started to ring some 3 or 4 years ago, and she is steadily improving, being determined to become a reasonable ringer before very long. They have two children, a daughter aged 15, and a son who is 11. He is a boy chorister in the Cathedral, and thus makes three of their family of four who are serving the Church in some way.

Working under difficult conditions, which would daunt many in this country, Jack Roper is one of those keen Australian ringers who are striving to keep ringing alive in that great continent. Backed by other enthusiasts, he is determined to see that the art shall continue to flourish 'down under.' There could be no finer tonic than the news that a party of English ringers might visit them within the next 2 or 3 years. The visit would do good on both sides, and would be another unforgettable experience. This part of our Commonwealth deserves every encouragement, and it is to be sincerely hoped that they will get it in a practical form. **APACE.**

UNTELL

From an American reader:—

How can you unring a bell,
Or order the ink to its well?

If a heart has been broken
By some word that's spoken,
How can you, then, untell?

By DON WHEELDIN.

YOUTH AT THE HELM IN GUILDFORD GUILD

Guildford Diocesan Guild at its annual meeting at St. Saviour's Hall, Guildford, on March 11th, attended by 160 ringers, elected Mr. Douglas A. R. May, of East Clandon, as Master, in succession to Mr. Charles W. Denyer, of Farnham, who had held the office for four years. The election was by ballot. Others nominated were Mr. Frank E. Hawthorne (Thames Ditton) and Mr. Harold N. Pilstow, of Banstead. A nomination in favour of Supt. R. J. G. Hagley (Godalming) was withdrawn.

The retiring Master, who presided, presented to the Guild a badge of office for the Master—a medallion of a bell, suspended on blue ribbon. At the conclusion of the ordinary business he installed the new Master, who was warmly congratulated. Among those who extended greetings to him was Mr. F. E. Collins on behalf of the Surrey Association.

CATHEDRAL BELLS

The bells of Guildford Cathedral figured prominently on the agenda. The annual report referred to the Pulling memorial bell 'resting in the south ambulatory, witnessing to the fact that a ring of bells is contemplated when the building makes it possible.' This bell cost £569 17s. 4d., and after paying for it there remained £67 6s. 6d. in the Cathedral Bell Fund.

Major E. J. Bragg (Aldershot) suggested that each of the four Districts should provide a bell for the Cathedral. It would be a matter of two years at least before the bells were in the tower of the Cathedral, and it would be necessary for each tower to raise on an average £20, as £250 was the average price of a bell with fittings. The Farnham and Guildford Districts had each agreed to provide a bell.

The Master pointed out that with regard to the Leatherhead and Chertsey Districts the decision could not be taken at that meeting. It would be for the respective Districts to decide.

NOT PAYING WAY

The Guild is worried over its finances. The Master, after reporting that the Guild voted 126 to 19 against a merger with the Surrey Association, regretted that the Guild was not paying its way on a 2s. 6d. subscription. They could not afford to pay their Central Council representatives full expenses and they got a lot of their printing done below cost. The Executive Committee recommended that the subscription be increased to 3s. 6d. and junior members from 1s. to 2s. as from January 1st next year. Old age pensioners were not expected to pay a subscription provided they had been members for three years. The resolution agreeing to increase the subscription was carried on the proposition of Mr. W. Viggers (Aldershot), seconded by Mr. Peter G. Sherwood (Ash).

Mr. G. L. Grover had been asked by the Executive Committee to propose a resolution to wind up the Benevolent Fund, following a remark he made at the Shalford meeting. 'I am not wholeheartedly in favour of it,' he said, 'and I cannot propose the resolution with any degree of enthusiasm. When you vote upon it you will weigh against the cash requirements of the Guild a fact that I am very conscious of, that the people who gave it out of kindness of heart did not expect it to be applied to the General Fund of the Guild.'

Upon the Master's suggestion the winding up of the fund was deleted from the agenda. Permission was given for the Guild to borrow from the Benevolent Fund, which had a credit balance of £141, but this, on an amendment from Mr. C. W. Munday (Ewell), was limited to £50 to be repaid by January, 1964.



THE MASTER AND MRS. JILL MAY.

A MOMENTOUS YEAR

The report referred to 1961 as a momentous and historic year—one of the brightest on record. Many events claimed the services of the diocesan ringers and bells rang out on each occasion. Peals, quarter peals, touches, call changes or rounds—according to capabilities—were rung for the enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury and their own Bishop. Perhaps the most thrilling and inspiring event was the consecration of the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit at Stag Hill.

'The courage and foresight of John S. Goldsmith in 1911, when he published the first issue of "The Ringing World," was praised by many ringers throughout the country when the golden jubilee was celebrated. We entertained many ringers from various parts of the country, arranged the pilgrimage to Mr. Goldsmith's grave at Pyrford, the ringing at many churches, the service of Evensong at the Cathedral (attended by 200 of our fraternity) and the supper and entertainment in the evening. We are proud to be associated with Mr. Goldsmith's venture and are grateful to his memory and for what he did for the Guildford Guild as its first secretary.'

The peal recorder's report stated that 1961 was the most successful year since the war as 43 peals had been rung for the Guild, an increase of 12 on 1960. They were rung by 123 ringers in 24 different methods or numbers of methods, in 29 towers and with 20 different conductors. Miss Marilyn Gibbs had conducted her first peal at Ashted.

The report gave membership as 626 ringing and 91 honorary, and a comment was 'maybe the merger question has had an uplifting effect upon our ringing membership, for it had jumped by 80, with late subscriptions paid after December 31st.'

OFFICERS ELECTED

Officers elected were: Honorary secretary and treasurer, Mr. S. Russell; assistant hon. secretary, Mrs. G. Chapman; honorary auditor, Mr. P. G. Sherwood; librarian, Mr. A. C. Hazelden; peal recorder, Major Bragg; badge secretary, Mr. G. S. Joyce; liaison officers, Messrs. F. E. Collins and J. F. M. Maybrey.

Mr. Arthur Smith, who had resigned the secretaryship of the Leatherhead District, which he had held for 31 years, was elected a vice-president, and a similar honour was conferred on the retiring Master.

Arising from the annual report, the meeting remembered the following members who had died since the last meeting: Messrs. E. Coward (Dorking), 'Bert' Chaffey (Windlesham), Mrs. J. Corbett (Bagshot), Messrs. A. Croucher and R. J. Whitford (Aldershot).

Mr. T. W. White moved the Guild's appreciation of Mr. C. W. Denyer for his services as Master during the past four years, which was carried unanimously. Mr. E. Warner proposed a resolution of thanks to the Rev. W. L. White for conducting the service in St. Saviour's Church and to Mrs. White and her helpers for providing the tea.

Ringing took place in the Guildford churches during the afternoon and evening.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' March 22nd, 1912.—

Yet another strike! This time it is the bellringers of Godalming, Surrey. Their action is due to the allegations of the Godalming Church Finance Committee—through whom the ringers are paid £24 a year (in lieu of former Christmas Boxes) for their services—who allege that the ringing is not satisfactory. The churchwardens received from the committee the following resolution, which had been passed unanimously, 'That the churchwardens be informed that there is great dissatisfaction at the bellringing, and the committee give notice that, unless there is a marked improvement, they may withhold the whole or part of the grant another year.' Mr. G. Manfield, the captain, in a letter to the secretary of the committee, replied that the ringers desired an explanation of the letter, 'as this is the first time in my recollection, from my 40 years of ringing, that there has been any complaint of the ringing.'

WORKINGTON, CUMBERLAND.—On March 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Dunn 1, Mrs. L. Bumphrey 2, J. H. McTear 3, H. Byrom 4, L. Bumphrey (cond.) 5, T. H. Wilson 6. By the Sunday service band as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Robinson on the birth of a daughter.

WROXTON, OXON.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): J. E. Sayers 1, M. W. Sayers 2, A. K. Fortin 3, M. W. Coleman 4, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 5. Rung as a compliment to Ron and Edith Russ on the birth of a son.

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MINUTES OF THE STOKE-ON-TRENT MEETING, 1961

Minutes of the Second Session of the Twenty-fourth Council (64th Annual Meeting), held in the Town Hall, Stoke-on-Trent, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 23rd, 1961.

A welcome was extended to the Council by the Lord Mayor of Stoke (Councillor Gordon Dale), the Lord Bishop of Lichfield (Dr. A. S. Reeve), the Venerable G. Youll (Archdeacon of Stoke and president of the North Staffordshire Association) and the Rector of Stoke (Prebendary F. A. R. Chapman). The president replied on behalf of the Council.

PRESENT

Ancient Society of College Youths: Messrs. J. F. Smallwood and W. Williams.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Messrs. A. H. Reed, G. Salmon, H. J. Sanger and Miss N. G. Williams.

Bedfordshire Association: Messrs. S. Foskett and A. E. Rushton.

Cambridge University Guild: Dr. C. M. P. Johnson and Mr. B. D. Threlfall.

Chester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. H. O. Baker, J. W. Clarke, A. R. Elkins and J. Worth. Coventry Diocesan Guild: Mrs. D. E. Beamish and Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward.

Cumberland and North Westmorland Association: Mr. G. McKay.

Derbyshire Association: Messrs. G. A. Halls and A. Mould.

Devon Association: Mr. B. Bartlett. Devon Guild: Miss B. M. Boyle, Rev. J. G. M. Scott and Mr. N. Mallett.

Dudley and District Guild: Mr. H. J. Shuck. Durham and Newcastle Association: Mr. K. Arthur.

Ely Diocesan Association: Messrs. J. G. Gipson, E. H. Mastin, D. F. Murfet and H. S. Peacock.

Essex Association: Messrs. J. H. Crampion, P. J. Eves, F. B. Lufkin and Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: Messrs. A. L. Barry, R. G. Hooper, W. B. Kynaston and C. A. Wratten.

Guildford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. C. W. Denyer, H. N. Pistow and W. H. Viggers.

Hereford Diocesan Guild: Rev. E. G. Benson and Mr. A. T. Wingate.

Hertford County Association: Messrs. W. Ayre, R. G. Bell, G. W. Critchley and G. Dodds.

Irish Association: Messrs. F. E. Dukes and J. T. Dunwoody.

Kent County Association: Messrs. J. R. Cooper, P. A. Corby, T. Cullingworth and I. H. Oram.

Ladies' Guild: Miss D. E. Colgate, Mrs. A. Richardson and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Lancashire Association: Messrs. P. Crook and J. Ridyard.

Leicester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. E. Morris, P. J. Staniforth and B. G. Warwick.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Messrs. J. Bray, G. E. Feirn, J. Freeman and J. L. Millhouse.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Mrs. D. J. King and Mr. T. M. Roderick.

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

Middlesex County Association: Messrs. F. T. Blagrove, F. W. Goodfellow, T. J. Lock and J. R. Mayne.

Midland Counties Guild: Mr. J. W. Cotton. New South Wales Association: Mr. P. M. J. Gray.

North Staffordshire Association: Messrs. R. S. Anderson and E. H. Edge.

North Wales Association: Mr. D. H. B. Millward.

Norwich Diocesan Association: Messrs. H. W. Barrett, F. N. Golden, N. V. Harding and Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild: Mr. A. D. Barker, Mrs. A. D. Barker and Mr. P. Walker.

Oxford Society: Mr. F. A. H. Wilkins.

Oxford University Society: Mr. S. J. Ivin.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Messrs. P. I. Chapman, E. Nobles and G. W. Jeffs.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham: Messrs. G. E. Fearn and F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Messrs. J. T. Barrett, G. H. Harding and G. S. Morris.

Sheffield and District Society: Mr. N. Chaddock.

Shropshire Association: Messrs. R. Newton and H. Poyner.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Messrs. D. Beresford and F. E. Hawthorne.

Southwell Diocesan Guild: Mr. B. M. Buswell.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society: Messrs. G. W. Hughes and B. G. Key.

Suffolk Guild: Messrs. J. W. Blythe and C. W. Pipe.

Surrey Association: Messrs. A. P. Cannon, F. E. Collins and W. F. Oatway.

Sussex County Association: Messrs. R. G. Blackman, R. W. R. Percy and H. Stalham.

Swansea and Brecon Guild: Mr. G. I. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild: Messrs. W. C. Boucher and D. Burnett.

Universities Association: Miss M. R. Cross.

University of Bristol Society: Dr. T. P. Edwards.

University of London Society: Dr. D. N. Layton.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: Mr. A. V. Davis, Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and Messrs. J. Hartless and F. W. Rogers.

Worcestershire and Districts Association: Messrs. B. C. Ashford, D. Beacham and W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association: Messrs. G. Benfield, V. Bottomley, W. E. Critchley and L. W. G. Morris.

Life members: Messrs. F. Sharpe, E. A. Barnett, F. W. Perrens, E. H. Lewis, G. W. Fletcher and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.

Honorary members: Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Messrs. J. P. Fidler, A. A. Hughes, D. Hughes, C. K. Lewis, W. F. Moreton, A. J. Pitman, H. L. Roper, E. C. Shepherd, R. F. B. Speed, P. L. Taylor, A. Walker and T. W. White.

REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP

The honorary secretary reported that 58 Associations were affiliated with 158 members. The rule provided for 24 honorary members and there were seven life members, making a total membership of 189. There were five vacancies among honorary members and one among representative members. All subscriptions had been paid except that of the National Police Guild.

APPLICATION TO AFFILIATE

An application from the Devon Association of Ringers was agreed on the proposition of the Rev. J. G. M. Scott, seconded by Miss B. M. Boyle.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Messrs. B. Austin, D. A. Bayles, E. C. Birkett, P. N. Bond, L. G. Brett, S. Burton, J. E. Chilcott, J. D. Clarke, F. J. Cullum, F. Dunkerley,

J. T. Dyke, F. I. Hairs, A. C. Hazelden, E. J. Ladd, G. J. Lewis, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. H. Miles, T. G. Myers, R. Overy, Rev. A. S. Roberts, Miss R. J. Seabrook, Mr. D. J. Smith, Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith, Miss M. E. Snowdon, Mr. B. A. Sollis, Mrs. J. G. Steeples, Messrs. L. Stilwell, T. H. Taffender, C. G. J. Watts, J. J. Webb, W. C. West, J. Willis and R. St. C. Wilson.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT

The following were presented: Messrs. H. O. Baker (Chester Diocesan Guild), B. E. Bartlett (Devon Association), N. Mallett (Devon Guild), D. F. Murfet (Ely Diocesan Association), Rev. E. G. Benson (Hereford Diocesan Guild), Messrs. A. T. Wingate (Hereford Diocesan Guild), E. H. Edge (North Staffs Association), Mrs. A. D. Barker (Oxford Diocesan Guild), Messrs. S. J. Ivin (Oxford University Society), E. Nobles (Peterborough Diocesan Guild), R. Newton (Shropshire Association), J. Hartless (Winchester and Portsmouth Guild), and W. F. Moreton (honorary member).

ELECTION OF LIFE MEMBERS

Messrs. J. T. Dyke and A. Walker were elected, proposed on behalf of the Standing Committee by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The Standing Committee recommended the election of Mrs. R. F. B. Speed. This was adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. F. Moreton, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens.

Mr. G. W. Pipe was elected on the proposition of Mr. F. E. Dukes, seconded by Mr. A. D. Barker.

The president expressed his thanks for assistance rendered to him by Mrs. J. G. Steeples, who did not seek re-election.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH

The president reported the death of the following members and past members of the Council, the assembly standing in silence: Messrs. E. W. Biffen (Devon Guild), F. Colclough (Dudley and District), Rev. T. S. Curteis (Kent County), Messrs. J. A. Freeman (Lincoln Diocesan), G. Gilbert (Royal Cumberland Youths), J. L. S. Glanville (Devon Guild), C. H. Hawkins (St. David's Diocesan), R. D. Langford (Chester Diocesan), Rev. A. C. Lee (Hereford Diocesan), Mr. A. E. Lock (Oxford Diocesan), Dr. L. Mackenzie (Devon Guild), Messrs. F. M. Mitchell (Kent County), J. Parker (Sussex County and Royal Cumberland Youths), A. B. Peck (College Youths), E. F. Poppy (Suffolk Guild), T. Redman (Lancashire), A. Roberts (Warwickshire), the Earl of Shaftesbury (honorary), J. R. Sharman (Middlesex County), F. Skidmore (Gloucester and Bristol), F. C. Smale (Devon Guild), A. F. Martin Stewart (Salisbury Diocesan), C. H. Woodberry (Worcestershire and Districts) and W. E. Yates (Oxford Diocesan).

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes as published in 'The Ringing World' of March 3rd, 1961, and circulated to members, were adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. L. W. G. Morris.

Messrs. D. Beresford and W. Ayre questioned the accuracy of the minutes in regard to the Peals Analysis Committee's report. After discussion the Council proceeded to the next business on the proposition of Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by the Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

REPORTS

These have been published in 'The Ringing World' as shown:—

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CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.**HONORARY SECRETARY AND TREASURER**

(June 2nd, 1961, page 366)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward.

HONORARY LIBRARIAN

(June 2nd, 1961, page 366)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. W. Perrens, seconded by Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward. The president thanked Mr. E. H. Lewis for a further gift of books.

BALANCE SHEET AND ACCOUNTS

(June 9th, 1961, pages 385-6)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE

(June 2nd, 1961, page 367)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

STANDING COMMITTEE

The honorary secretary reported that the Standing Committee, at its meeting the previous night, had considered the agenda in detail and made a number of recommendations which would be placed before the Council. He moved the adoption of the report. This was seconded by Mr. T. J. Lock and carried.

Mr. H. N. Pitstow was elected trustee of the Rolls of Honour in place of Mr. H. Miles on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. G. W. Fletcher. The president expressed the Council's thanks to Mr. Miles for his work in connection with the Rolls, including the compilation of one, and hoped he would soon be restored to normal health.

The terms of a letter to be sent to Dr. Fisher on his retirement as Archbishop of Canterbury were approved on the proposition of Mr. L. W. G. Morris, seconded by Mr. R. G. Blackman.

A notice to be published in 'The Ringing World' urging that bells should be rung wherever possible on the day of Dr. Ramsey's enthronement was agreed on the proposition of Mr. E. C. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. A. D. Barker.

'THE RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE

(June 9th, 1961, page 385)

The adoption of the report was proposed by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson. After discussion, this was carried, six members dissenting.

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE

(June 9th, 1961, page 387)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. C. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

(June 9th, 1961, page 388)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. H. Viggers, seconded by Mr. C. W. Denyer. Mr. Viggers noted that 15 new biographies had been completed during the year.

RECORDS COMMITTEE

(June 9th, 1961, page 389)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. T. Blagrove, seconded by Mr. J. R. Mayne.

BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE

(June 9th, 1961, page 386)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. H. J. Sanger, seconded by Mr. H. N. Pitstow. Mr. R. St. C. Wilson was added to the committee.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

(June 9th, 1961, page 388)

On the proposition of the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, seconded by Mr. J. P. Fidler, it was decided to refer back to the Methods Committee the question of whether a peal of Nightingale Place Major should be included in the Analysis.

It was agreed on the proposition of Mr. J. Freeman, seconded by Mr. J. Worth, to regard performances of Minimus during 1960 as peals and adjust the totals accordingly.

A peal of Dragon Major was accepted on the proposition of Mr. C. K. Lewis, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens.

The report as amended was adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. R. G. Bell.

PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE

(June 9th, 1961, page 386)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. W. Clarke, seconded by Mr. J. P. Fidler.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING SURVEY COMMITTEE

(June 9th, 1961, page 389)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Mr. F. B. Lufkin. It was decided to change the committee's title to 'Sunday Service Ringing and Education Committee.'

METHODS COMMITTEE

(June 9th, 1961, page 389)

Adopted on the proposition of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis. It was decided not to accept a method rung to a peal under the title 'Gainsborough Surprise Royal' as a correct extension of Gainsborough Surprise Major.

PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

(June 9th, 1961, page 389)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. E. Critchley, seconded by Mr. G. E. Feirn. The committee were requested to prepare a new collection of compositions of well known Major methods to replace the present collection, which was expected shortly to be out of print.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

(June 9th, 1961, page 391)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. F. E. Collins. It was agreed to reprint the handbook on 'Preservation of Bells, etc.'

Mr. E. H. Lewis spoke on the effect of 'firing' bells on the stability of towers.

MOTIONS

(a) Proposed by Mr. P. A. Corby, seconded by Mr. J. R. Cooper:—

'That the Conditions Required for Peals as laid down on page 19 of the Council's Handbook be amended by the addition of the following:—

"A peal shall be rung with five or more changing bells."

The following amendment, proposed by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, seconded by Miss M. R. Cross, was carried:—

'That peals of Minimus on tower bells may be recognised in towers that contain four bells only. Peals on four handbells or less should not be recognised.'

The motion, as amended, was carried.

(b) Proposed by Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. E. H. Edge:—

'That this Council takes note of the present trend of ecclesiastical architecture in that no tower capable of containing a peal

of bells to be rung traditionally is incorporated in new churches, nor is any provision made for the addition of a tower; and urges the Royal Institute of British Architects and all diocesan authorities to be mindful of the essentially English art of bell ringing and ensure in their design for new churches that the voice of the Church through the bells is not lost to future generations. This Council accordingly instructs the Towers and Belfries Committee to prepare a paper for submission to the appropriate authorities and keep the matter under review.'

An amendment proposed by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, seconded by the Rev. J. G. M. Scott, to substitute the words 'church planning' for 'ecclesiastical architecture' was carried.

The motion, as amended, was carried.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Invitations had been received from the Norwich Diocesan Association to visit Great Yarmouth, the Salisbury Diocesan Guild to visit Salisbury and the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association to visit Cardiff. London was proposed by Mr. F. E. Haynes, seconded by Mr. P. I. Chapman. It was decided by a majority to accept the invitation to Cardiff.

OTHER BUSINESS

The honorary secretary gave notice of motion of substitute the following for the existing wording of the third item of 'Conditions Required for Peals' in Section D(1) of the Decisions on page 19 of the Handbook:—

'Each bell shall be rung throughout by the same person and there shall be no exchange of bells by any of the ringers during the ringing of a peal, provided, however, that this shall not prohibit the ringing of any bell throughout the peal by two persons at the same time, where the weight or go make this essential.'

The good wishes of the Council were extended to Mr. E. H. Lewis, who would shortly celebrate his 80th birthday. Mr. Lewis thanked the members, mentioning that it was 53 years since his election to the Council.

VOTES OF THANKS

On the motion of the president, the thanks of the Council were expressed to the Lord Mayor of Stoke, the Lord Bishop of Lichfield and the president of the North Staffordshire Association for their welcome; to the Rector of Stoke for the use of his church for Holy Communion and for his kindness in providing breakfast for the communicants, and to the Lord Bishop for officiating; to Messrs. G. W. Biddulph (chairman), J. G. Burton (secretary), R. S. Anderson and E. H. Edge, of the North Staffordshire Association for local arrangements; and to local incumbents and towerkeepers for the use of their bells.

Through the kindness of Messrs. William Adams and Sons, Ltd., members were presented with an engraved ash tray as a memento of their visit. The president asked Mr. E. H. Edge to convey the Council's thanks for the gift.

On behalf of the North Staffordshire Association, Mr. G. W. Biddulph presented a Doulton figure to Mrs. Sharpe, wife of the president, who received it on her behalf and thanked the Association for their kindness.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PERFORMANCES ON THREE BELLS

Dear Sir,—I have been asked whether the recent 5,040 on three bells should be regarded as a peal or a miscellaneous performance.

It is quite true that the wording of the motion eventually passed at Stoke does not specifically exclude tower-bell peals on less than four bells. This is a loophole which was apparent to a number of members at the time.

Nevertheless, unless and until the Council categorically agrees to accept such efforts as peals it would, I think, be entirely contrary to the spirit of the motion—and, it would appear, to the feelings of ringers generally—to publish them as peals.

If the Council should later decide in their favour they could, as in the case of four-bell peals of a certain kind, be, as it were, reinstated retrospectively.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT,

Honorary Secretary,

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

TAKEN TO TASK

Dear Sir,—I was most surprised at Mr. Geoffrey Dodds' letter (9/3/62), in which he refers to 'three fools' for the S.U.G.R., who have rung the first three-bell peal. Such comment ill becomes an honorary patron of the Rabbits' Guild—renowned for his four-bell research.

When the principle that a change may be repeated in a peal is accepted, then surely a peal can be rung on any number under seven bells.

The three ringers concerned have scored a 'first.' Perhaps an odd first, but 'completing the alphabet' and 'silent peals' might also be considered odd.

No doubt it was monotonous. So are seven identical extents of Plain Bob Minor—but this is a 'recognised' peal.

One can say standards are being lowered. One can also say standards are being raised. Actually the whole field is being explored.

Perhaps Mr. Dodds and Mr. M. V. White (9/3/62) should be more tolerant and certainly less vehement.—Yours faithfully,

L. B. JEFFERIES.

Sandy, Beds.

COVENABLE PEAL

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent 'P.C.' in 'Complaint over bells 572 years ago' (page 139) wonders what a 'Covenabull peale' was.

In a dictionary of mine, printed in 1706, appears the following:

'Covenable or Convenable (O.L.T.)—Convenient, suitable, or fit.'

O.L.T., by the way, means 'Old Law Term.'—Yours faithfully,

W. P. GARNER.

Willesborough, Kent.

Central Council—Cont.

Mr. G. W. Pipe gave a résumé of ringing in Australia, where he would soon be returning. This was received with great interest and Mr. Pipe was warmly applauded at the conclusion.

After the meeting the members were the guests of the Lord Mayor of Stoke at tea.

SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE

	Members	
	Societies Present	Absent
Wholly represented	34 83	—
Partly represented	20 45	29
Not represented	5 —	5
	59 128	34
Life members	7	2
Honorary members	12	6
	147	42

These figures take account of the affiliation of the Devon Association and the election of two life members during the meeting, but not changes in honorary membership, which take effect from the end of the meeting.

THE PEWSEY PEAL

Dear Sir,—I hesitate for obvious reasons to get myself involved in the indignant 'verbal brawl' that has unfortunately arisen over the Pewsey peal, but certain sentiments in that correspondence do seem strange and force me to make two observations.

Firstly, for two years I was Master of a University Society and arranged and rang a number of peals for it. Never on a single occasion was I criticised for ringing a peal for the Society in a tower affiliated to a territorial association. I remember distinctly the generous happy welcome received in Somerset in 1958, to say nothing of the happy relations we always had, and still have with other Societies in London and the Home Counties! Now, just supposing, in years to come, the Bishop offered me a living with a ring of bells and my London friends asked me if they could attempt a peal on them. What could I say? How would it sound to those who supported me so loyally in the City if I had to reply: 'Well, yes, I'd love you to come, but I'm afraid my Guild doesn't allow it.'

Secondly, do your strictures, Mr. West, apply to other non-territorial associations? Would you regard a peal rung by the College Youths in the same light? This we must know very soon. Would you criticise for the same reason a peal at Pewsey by the president and Master of the Salisbury Guild, Archdeacon Plaxton, myself and two others for the Guild of Clerical Ringers?—Yours sincerely,

ROGER KEELEY (Rev.).

Salisbury.

EXCHANGE OF GRANTHAM TENOR

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter in 'The Ringing World' of February 23rd from W. Smith, of Long Clawson, I have made various inquiries in Grantham with regard to the exchange of Grantham tenor bell with that of Long Clawson, but I have not been able to throw any more light on the subject.

The church records here, concerning such things as the bells only go back about as far as the beginning of this century. We have some older records, but only concerning births, marriages and deaths. I then contacted the local librarian, but he was not able to tell me anything that I did not know already, i.e. that the only reference he can find is in Nichols' 'History of Leicestershire.' He is, however, pursuing the matter and will let us know if he can find out anything else. He appears very interested in this legend and has asked that he be informed if we do succeed in finding out anything else. Perhaps Mr. Smith would tell us if there are any references in Long Clawson records or perhaps Mr. Ernest Morris could enlighten us further in this connection.

After visiting the library I also contacted the Town Clerk's Department, where there are some old records concerning the borough and the church of Grantham, but unfortunately most of their papers are not indexed and I was unable to find any reference to this matter at all.—Yours faithfully,

J. M. SIMPSON.

Grantham.

PEAL RINGING IN KENT

Dear Sir,—According to 'Dove' there are some 208 rings of bells, five and upwards, in Kent. In 1960, 144 peals were rung in the county, in 1961 rather more. (This averages about one every 18 months per tower.)

Many churches are in parks or otherwise remote from the villages they serve; in many the lousers are well boarded up; in some the bells are noisy—too noisy. In cases where the public consider they suffer from peals, they make sufficient fuss so that the number of peals is restricted voluntarily or compulsorily.

When, at an annual meeting, I thanked our Rector for so kindly dealing with all the complaints on our behalf he said there had not been any—and this in a tower where peal ringing was once more or less taboo for 20 years, because of the risk of complaints!

Having all these things in mind I think your correspondent, T. A. B., is talking through his hat.—Yours faithfully,

P. A. CORBY.

Sevenoaks.

METHOD IDENTIFICATION

Dear Sir,—In some recent correspondence on this subject, with particular reference to 'New Duffield' and (in Mr. A. H. Kemp's letter in the issue of February 23rd, 1962, page 124) to 'Shipway's Principle,' my name is given as one who 'attempted to introduce' the latter method 'under the name of "Steadfast," even attempting to get a Central Council ruling on the matter.'

I regret to say this is not quite the truth of the case; and as such matters may be considered as of importance, in technological principle at any rate, and as memories are short and younger generations have only the later comment before them, I would like to make the following factual observations:—

1. One of my two main interests in ringing, as many know, is the investigation and study of method structure leading to design, which I began some forty years ago. It has been my policy not to make statements lightly, or without careful consideration, on the fundamentals of this subject. The name given to the method in question is 'Stedfast,' not 'Steadfast.'

2. I did not attempt (indeed there was no need) to 'introduce' Shipway's Principle to the Exercise, under that or any other name; for he himself had already introduced it during his lifetime.

3. I did not 'attempt to get a Central Council ruling on the matter.' But I did issue a challenge to the Methods Committee of that time (April, 1950), to disprove a categorical statement I had made on the similarity of structure of Stedman and Stedfast, and the dissimilarity of Stedman and Shipway's Principle; particularly as to the mode of hunting—direct and retrograde—in comparable 'sets,' i.e. quick sets and slow sets. Furthermore, I questioned whether specific peal compositions in Stedfast, then produced at my request by Mr. A. J. Pitman, and apparently inapplicable to Shipway's Principle, did not indicate a palpable difference between the two method forms. The challenge, backed by a five guinea cheque offered to any ringing cause to be named by 'The Ringing World' Editorial Committee, was never taken up. And there the matter has remained.

I have always maintained that there is wide field of exploration in method design; and by this I do not mean only in forms of Surprise methods—but rather in forms fundamentally new in structure, of both odd- and even-stage types of design; for example, as in the group type I called 'Hybrid,' and which is again attracting attention, I understand. Such 'out-of-the-rut' interest is an encouraging stimulus to the method designer, and prompts one to refer, in concluding, to the Surprise Royal method included as 'Selby' in the spliced peal by that accomplished band, under Wilfrid Moreton, at Rotherham on November 11th last. This is reported on page 813 of the 'R.W.' of December 1st, 1961, and a footnote gives the method's row-code as of my design. It is, in fact, the Royal stage of a complete family of stages of the Bristol Surprise pattern. It was eventually evolved after an analytical study of the Bristol method, begun in the 1920's.—Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

Southsea.

GUILDFORD GUILD BADGES

Dear Sir,—Several week ago I asked for information concerning the supply of badges for the Guildford Diocesan Guild. To this I had 16 replies, all giving useful information and have settled with one of the firms mentioned for our badges. May I thank all those ringers who wrote and gave me the information. Several of them asked for details of the offer which we were going to accept, and I shall be replying individually to these letters.

It is of interest that no one mentioned the firm which caused our troubles, so that the one or two who asked if their firm was the difficult one may rest assured. Incidentally, the quotations for a certain one of our badges varied from 3s. 11d. to 21s. 6d.!

The Guild badges will shortly be in full supply.—Yours sincerely,

G. S. JOYCE.

Honorary Badge Secretary,
Guildford Diocesan Guild.

SANDHURST, KENT, RESTORATION

It is hoped that the six bells of St. Nicholas', Sandhurst, Kent, will soon ring out again after a silence of some thirteen years.

The tower is being restored and a square turret rebuilt. This turret was a later addition, no doubt intended to rival similar appendages on other church towers in the district. Unfortunately the brickwork was raised on a wooden beam which has now become rotten.

The floor beneath the bells has been renewed and the new boards rest on stout new beams of African hardwood. Above this the sturdy existing bell frame has been re-erected and awaits the return of the bells, which are receiving attention at the Loughborough Bell Foundry.

There is much local interest in the work and on a recent Sunday morning at the invitation of the Rector, Rev. Anthony Harbottle, and churchwarden, Lt.-Col. O. G. A. Phillips, Mr. P. A. Corby, of Sevenoaks, talked to members of the congregation about bells and ringing, and with the assistance of members of his family rang changes on handbells.

Sandhurst church is somewhat remote from the village, but it is hoped that an interested congregation will provide an enthusiastic team of ringers keen to man the bells and to learn the intricacies of change ringing.

The completion of the work is eagerly awaited.

APPLEFORD, BERKS.—On March 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Angela Wakefield 1, J. A. H. Betts 2, Daphne Pollard 3, R. Russ 4, C. C. Clarke 5, P. A. Sharp (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Hodgkinson 1, M. Trevor 2, A. H. Beamish 3, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 4, J. Draycott 5, E. Wilson 6, A. Bell 7, L. Trevor (cond.) 8. First quarter Major for 1 and 2.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

To commemorate the 50th year of membership of the Guild by Mr. Richard Bethell, the Bromyard District held its annual meeting at his native village, Bredenbury, on February 24th. Mr. Bethell lives in the house where he was born 71 years ago and, in addition to being a ringer, he is clerk to the Parochial Church Council and maintains the churchyard immaculately.

The service, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. R. K. Canning) included Mr. Bethell's favourite hymn, 'Fill Thou my life, O Lord my God.' Visitors were present from Bridgnorth, Northampton and Oxford, and the day finished with the celebration supper, prepared by the Vicar's wife and her helpers. There were speeches of congratulation and Mr. Bethell was presented with a framed photograph of himself.

SPALDING RINGERS' DINNER

The Spalding ringers had a change of venue for their annual meeting this year, when they met at the White Hart Hotel on March 1st. The Vicar, Rev. D. G. Jakeman, presided, assisted by Mr. E. T. Chapman, secretary and treasurer, and Mr. J. G. Ames, captain. The main item was the need for more recruits in the tower. All agreed a special effort should be made during 1962, among the youth organisations, to find suitable talent. All officers were re-elected for the coming year.

Afterwards the ringers were joined by their wives, friends and churchwardens, and an excellent meal was served. This was followed by various games and competitions, organised by Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Chapman. Touches on handbells completed the evening's entertainment. A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and P.C.C. was expressed by Mr. J. G. Ames.

OBITUARY

MR. A. WENBAN

With the passing of Mr. Arthur Wenban, St. Lawrence's, Seal Chart, Kent, has lost a much loved captain and faithful ringer. He had been a ringer at St. Lawrence's for 58 years and a member of the Kent C.A. since 1908. He had rung several peals, but kept no records. As far as it is known all his peals were rung at Seal Chart. He had also rung several quarter peals in surrounding six bell towers.

At the funeral service the local band and visiting ringers rang the bells half-muffled before and after the service. A course of Grandsire Doubles was rung over the open grave by Mr. G. Fry, Mr. W. Dobbie and Mrs. Corby.

Ringers who paid their last respects came from Seal, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge and Hadlow. G. T. A.

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It is probably unique that the son of a bishop should call a peal in his father's Cathedral. This took place at Llandaff Cathedral on March 10th. The conductor and arranger of a peal of Plain Bob Royal was Nicholas W. H. Simon, the 15-year-old elder son of the Right Rev. William Glyn Hughes Simon, Lord Bishop of Llandaff.

Mr. Geo. S. Deas has now 'circled the tower' at Gateshead to peals.

The ringer of the treble in the quarter peal at Bexley, Kent, was K. Medhurst and not K. Noy as submitted.

Bristol College of Science and Technology has through its Students' Union founded a Guild of Ringers.

All the band who rang in a peal at Sapcote, Leics, on March 10th were taught to handle a bell in this tower and are members of the Sunday service band.

A happy coincidence with the first visit of the Central Council to Wales is the return of Mr. Donald G. Clift after 26 years of exile. He has secured a senior staff appointment with 'The Western Mail,' Cardiff. For the past 14 years he has been a member of 'The Daily Mail's' communications organisation, which has taken him all over Europe.

Mr. C. A. Bassett, who has been honorary secretary of the East Grinstead Guild for 22 years, has resigned. The Guild's appreciation to him was expressed at the annual meeting on March 10th, when he was presented with a cigarette case, lighter and illuminated address. Miss Margaret E. Ladd, of 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, is the new honorary secretary.

Members of the Tewkesbury Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, when they attended the meeting at Tirley on March 10th, were intrigued by the remarkable clock in the tower, which was made from pieces of agricultural implements and machinery by John Carter, a Tirley craftsman, in 1918. Several members climbed an iron ladder to look at 'the works' before the bells were raised for ringing.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The quarter peal of Royal rung at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, on March 11th was the first of Royal for all the band. This is rather odd as seven of those taking part had rung peals of Royal. Of the 31 peals on the bells, 12 have been Royal, viz., Cambridge 1, Yorkshire 2 and Plain Bob 9.

We note that a quarter peal of Minor was rung at the opening of the Surrey Assizes at Kingston-on-Thames. How many Assize services today have regular ringing?

Handbell ringing has recently been revived in Bristol. It is hoped that the quarters rung will be the forerunner of better things to come.

Mr. J. T. Barrett, of Beaminstor, Dorset, informs us that among the applications for tape recordings of Silverdale bells was one from Mr. E. E. Lee, of Vancouver, B.C.

We regret to learn that Mr. H. J. Eldred, of Ealing, whose 80th birthday was mentioned in this column last month, died on March 15th. Shortly after 'The Ringing World' was taken over by the Central Council he acted as accountant.

Miss Barbara D. Marsh proved her usefulness as secretary of the Nottingham University Society by contributing recently an entertaining report to 'The Ringing World' of the Society's annual dinner. Now she has made a spectacular entry into the ranks of peal ringers by scoring her first peal from the fourth in Cambridge Surprise Major. There are others who have started their peal ringing with a Surprise method, but they are not many.

Miss Jane King, of Coalpit Heath, near Bristol, who started ringing last September, was able to celebrate her 18th birthday on March 17th by ringing her first quarter peal at Alveston. She goes to Oxford University next October to read social studies. With her quickness to learn she should make rapid ringing progress with the Oxford University Society.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Feb. 15, 1962, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. Treble	FREDERICK ROSS 7
MURIEL REAY 2	GEOFFREY DAVIES 8
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 3	BARRIE HENDRY 9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN 10
RODERICK W. PIPE 5	PETER BORDER 11
JOHN PINFOLD 6	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 26, 1962, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 25 cwt.

*MRS. H. B. BOWLEY .. Treble	JOHN A. ACRES 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 2	SHIRLEY BURTON 8
WILLIAM A. LACEY .. 3	BRIAN J. WYLDE 9
ROBERT B. SMITH .. 4	JOHN M. JELLEY 10
JACK P. KESTERTON .. 5	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 11
ALAN E. HARTLEY 6	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal on 12 bells.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of H. Percy Gee, a lay canon of Leicester Cathedral.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., March 1, 1962, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE ROYAL

Containing 2,520 each of Cambridge and London (No. 3), with 40 changes of method and all the work of both methods for every bell.

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

FREDERICK ROSS Treble	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 6
MURIEL REAY 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
FRANK E. HAYNES 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 8
RODERICK W. PIPE 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON 9
GEOFFREY DAVIES 5	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 3, 1962, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 24 lb. in D.

JOHN R. MAYNE Treble	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 6
*ROSEMARY FLEMING .. 2	*DAVID J. TAYLOR 7
ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 3	JACK S. DEAR 8
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 4	†GERALD PENNEY 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 5	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal on ten bells. † 100th peal. The ringer of the third has now 'circled the tower.'

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 3, 1962, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*MICHAEL WYCHERLEY .. Treble	†FREDERICK LEECH 6
MARY C. POYNER 2	JOHN C. BALDWIN 7
†FREDERICK A. H. CATELL .. 3	FREDERICK G. BEDDO .. 8
E. MARION KEY 4	*HENRY LEWIS 9
BARNABAS G. KEY 5	REGINALD H. NEWTON .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Grandsire Caters. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., March 8, 1962, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE ROYAL

Containing 1,800 London (No. 3), 1,680 Cambridge and 1,560 Yorkshire; with 30 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

FREDERICK ROSS Treble	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 6
MURIEL REAY 2	BARRIE HENDRY 7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 8
RODERICK W. PIPE 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON 9
DAVID J. PURNELL 5	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 10, 1962, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, PETER AND CEDD,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 34 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in C.

IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. Treble	GEORGE E. THODAY 6
JOE E. G. ROAST 2	ALAN R. SYDER 7
PETER J. EVES 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 8
BRIAN J. HOWARD 4	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 9
PATRICK W. SALTmarsh .. 5	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung for the enthronement this day, in Chelmsford Cathedral, of the Rt. Rev. John Gerhard Tiarks as fifth Bishop of Chelmsford.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 10, 1962, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

TREVOR M. RODERICK .. Treble	*ROGER G. HAVARD 6
THOMAS YEOMANS 2	NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON .. 7
ROGER KING 3	BYRN TAYLOR 8
PETER J. SHIPTON 4	TREVOR T. LEWIS 9
ADRIAN F. R. HARTLEY .. 5	DAVID J. LLEWELLYN .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON.

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

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 10, 1962, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PONTEFRAC SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

J. KEITH WARD Treble	ALAN E. BAGWORTH 6
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 2	WILLIAM S. DEASON 7
JOHN D. ROCK 3	DAVID J. TAYLOR 8
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 4	ROBIN G. LEALE 9
BRIAN DOWNES 5	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

First peal in the method by all. A compliment to the Vicar of Watford and Mrs. Downward on the birth of a grandson.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., March 11, 1962, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version. Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

*PETER A. KIRKBY Treble	S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 6
JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. 2	†HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. 7
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 8
†MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD .. 4	†FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 9
RITA M. JOWETT 5	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of London Surprise Royal, and first attempt. First of London Surprise Royal in the county by a local band.

Rung by the Sunday service band to mark the enthronement the previous day, as Bishop of Chelmsford, of the Rt. Rev. John Gerhard Tiarks, M.A., Provost and Vicar of Bradford since 1944.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

OATLANDS PARK, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 2, 1962, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

DENNIS G. BLOWS Treble	JOHN F. M. MAYBREY .. 5
A. PATRICK CANNON 2	HAROLD A. MAY 6
STANLEY G. PONTING .. 3	ROY COLLINS 7
CHRISTOPHER D. J. WEBB .. 4	E. JOHN WELLS Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

Rung for the centenary of the church.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Thurs., Feb. 22, 1962, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in E.

NICHOLAS J. DAVIES Treble	GEOFFREY PRATT 5
MIKAELA ERIK 2	DEREK E. SIBSON 6
E. JANE LANGTON 3	*JOHN C. EISEL 7
DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER (No. 16). Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

* First peal in the method.

BRISTOL
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 23, 1962, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
 AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

*JACQUELINE A. REASON .. Treble	PETER BRIDLE 5
F. CECIL MOGFORD 2	†PATRICK J. BIRD 6
†ROGER ALGATE 3	CLIFF RICHARDS 7
MICHAEL J. HOBBS 4	†D. JOHN HUNT Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by PATRICK J. BIRD.
 * First peal on eight bells. † First on a working bell. ‡ 50th peal together.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

*JAMES A. CROWDER .. Treble	J. VERNON HEPWORTH .. 5
NORMAN BELL 2	GEORGE DOBBS 6
SEPTIMUS NEAVE 3	W. ARTHUR CROWDER .. 7
†STEPHEN BROMFIELD .. 4	MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE. Conducted by MICHAEL W. CROWDER.
 * First peal of Treble Bob. † 70th peal. First of Treble Bob as conductor.

Rung as a 75th birthday compliment to Edward Fowler, a ringer at the above church for many years.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 3, 1962, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

BARRY BRANT Treble	GRAHAM T. BALL 5
ALAN E. HARTLEY 2	R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 6
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 3	BRIAN CHAPMAN 7
A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 4	MARTIN C. FAULKES .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by GEOFFREY M. BREWIN.
 Rung to mark the marriage of Jill Vernon, of Stoney Stanton, and Raymond Davies, of Thornton Heath, Surrey, at Stoney Stanton this day.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
 (Loughborough District.)
On Sat., March 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
 AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 LOUGHBOROUGH BOB MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

VALERIE LACEY Treble	FRANK CHAMBERS 5
CELIA COWLEY 2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. 6
*C. WILLIAM HALL 3	TOM HARRIS 7
DAVID SWIFT 4	ROLAND BENISTON Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
 * 100th peal. First in the method by all.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., March 3, 1962, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.

W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') Treble	A. S. HUDSON (Clare) .. 5
HILARY MUIRHEAD (Newn.) 2	L. R. H. SMITH (Queens') 6
B. CLARE WEBSTER (Girton) 3	J. R. HOUGH (Jesus) .. 7
H. E. BISHOP (Selwyn) .. 4	B. D. THRELFALL (Trinity) Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HILARY MUIRHEAD.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., March 5, 1962, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON Treble	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 5
JOHN E. ALLEN 2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 3	RONALD C. NOON 7
GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
 In honour of the wedding of David Stainsby to Sheila Veronica Ash.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 5, 1962, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Treble	ALAN R. PATTERSON .. 5
*JANET E. CLEEVE 2	ERIC N. HARRISON .. 6
*ANDREW C. BOLTON .. 3	BRYAN PATTISON .. 7
GEORGE S. DEAS 4	ROBERT F. TELFORD .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
 * First peal of Stedman. 100th as conductor.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 8, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 MAYFAIR SURPRISE MAJOR

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

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

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
 First peal in the method.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 9, 1962, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Treble	*CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 2	*TREVOR A. CROSS .. 6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 3	*BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 7
THOMAS E. SONE 4	*MARTIN L. HOWE .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.
 * First peal in the method.

ARLECDON, CUMBERLAND.
CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F.

*ALAN J. DUNN Treble	GEOFFREY TEMBEY 5
HAROLD N. TEMBEY .. 2	HARRY BYROM 6
MRS. L. BOUMPHREY .. 3	HAROLD WILSON 7
†MRS. MARY DODD 4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by LESLIE BOUMPHREY.
 * First peal. † First on eight bells.
 Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 10, 1962, in 3 Hours,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5088 ASSTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

*GERALDINE PIPER Treble	*ROYDON DAVIES 5
ARTHUR H. SMITH 2	ALAN J. SMITH 6
*J. MARILYN A. GIBBS .. 3	*STEWART F. KIMBER .. 7
*REV. ERIC WOOD 4	*DEREK G. ASTRIDGE .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE MARRINER. Conducted by DEREK G. ASTRIDGE.
 * First peal in the method. First of Surprise as conductor. First on the bells since rehanging.
 Rung in memoriam E. G. L. Coward.

ATTENBOROUGH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.
On Sat., March 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb. in F sharp.

KENNETH W. PRICE Treble	*ROY R. TIFFIN 5
S. KATHLEEN BALDWIN .. 2	*DAVID J. ORLEDGE .. 6
*ROBERT PRESTON 3	ROGER BALDWIN 7
†BARBARA D. MARSH .. 4	DAVID W. FRIEND .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
 * First peal of Major. † First peal. ‡ First in the method. § First of Surprise Major.

BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., March 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 FALING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

J. MICHAEL LAKIN Treble	GEOFFREY PRATT 5
*MIKAELA ERIC 2	ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK .. 6
*E. JANE LANGTON 3	DEREK E. SIBSON 7
JOHN C. EISEL 4	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Composed by D. KNOX. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
 * 25th peal together. First in the method by all the band except the tenor ringer, and for the Society.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 10, 1962, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 ACTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in D.

THOMAS G. HAWKINS .. Treble	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	JACK S. DEAR 7
PATRICIA M. BOURN .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
 First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

MAYFAIR SURPRISE MAJOR
 —58—4.58—58.16—34—5—14—7
 2nds place l.e. 1352. 4ths place bob.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

On Sat., March 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS, BURLEY,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*WILLIAM BRADBURY .. Treble	FRANCES FAIRBANK 5
*F. KEITH WILLIAMSON .. 2	W. RUSSELL READ 6
*LAURENCE SHEARD 3	W. JOHN COUPERTHWAIT 7
*MICHAEL G. SWIFT 4	DONALD H. NIBLETT Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

* First peal in the method.

NEW ALRESFORD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 102 lb. in F.

LEWIS F. COBB Treble	DEREK C. JACKSON 5
JOHN R. FAITHFULL 2	MICHAEL J. THOMAS 6
RAYMOND HAINES 3	DAVID E. HOUSE 7
MAURICE J. BUTLER 4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to Jessie M. Kippin.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN O. WELLER Treble	JOHN W. COLEMAN 5
MARTIN L. HOWE 2	JOHN W. SMITH 6
*ROBERT P. SHERLOCK .. 3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 7
*D. PAUL SMITH 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. SMITH.

* First peal of Triples.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F.

PHILIP H. AVEY Treble	*GERALD D. J. SANDWELL 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	HARRY TURNER 6
*DAVID E. BELCHAM 3	MICHAEL J. HALLETT 7
ALFRED J. HOUSE 4	PETER BERESFORD Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

Rung in honour of and as a welcome to the Rt. Rev. John Gerhard Tiarks, who on this day was enthroned as Bishop of Chelmsford.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 10, 1962, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

LEONARD J. MINNS Treble	DR. DAVID HEIGHTON .. 5
*CHRISTOPHER G. SAYER .. 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 6
GEORGE SAYER 3	†WILLIAM J. FLATT 7
ERNEST WHITING 4	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method. First in the method on the bells. Composition contains 6th 24 course-ends in 5-6.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ISHAM, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PIER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*ALAN BALDING Treble	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 4
†BARRY SPRING 2	ARTHUR H. IDLE 5
SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 3	ALAN J. FROST Tenor

Conducted by ALAN J. FROST.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

LOWER HEYFORD, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 23, 1962, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In ten methods, being one extent each of Killamarsh, Kent and Oxford. Double Oxford and Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, Cambridge Surprise, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*CATHERINE M. CHAPMAN Treble	*J. M. ELAINE DIXON .. 4
*DAPHNE J. POLLARD .. 2	*BARRY J. DAVIES 5
MARIE R. CROSS 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in ten methods.

Rung for the engagement of Miss M. Angela Carter to Dr. William A. Smith, of Abingdon.

STOKE-ON-TERN, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., March 1, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (different callings). Tenor 8 cwt.

E. MARION KEY Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 4
BARNABAS G. KEY 2	RICHARD E. MORRIS 5
ALBERT H. LAWTON 3	ROY K. MOWFORTH Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

SWITHLAND, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., March 2, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being three extents Grandsire and four Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*RAYMOND R. BROWN .. Treble	*MICHAEL W. BROWN .. 4
*AMY WARNES 2	A. JAMES POYNOR 5
*MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. 3	*†MICHAEL J. COPSON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.

* First peal in two methods of Minor. † First 'inside.' First of Minor in two methods on the bells.

SCALDWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In six methods, being two extents of Stedman and eight each of Plain Bob. St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas' and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

LEONARD G. TOSELAND .. Treble	*SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 3
DIANA M. LAWLESS 2	FRANK E. CROSFER 4

ALAN J. FROST Tenor

Conducted by ALAN J. FROST.

* 100th peal. First on the bells (augmented to five in 1961).

FOWNHOPE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., March 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.

AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. Treble	PHILIP MORGAN 4
*AUDREY G. GLADWELL .. 2	*ERNEST W. PENN 5
GEORGE T. COUSINS .. 3	FRANK REED Tenor

Conducted by FRANK REED.

* First peal of Surprise.

TWYFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., March 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

N. RODERICK ELLWAY .. Treble	RUPERT A. CLARKE 4
MICHAEL W. BROWN .. 2	A. JAMES POYNOR 5
*ALAN HOLLING 3	MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. Tenor

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

Rung on Shrove Tuesday.

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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 7, 1962, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 CROWLAND DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

*JOHN HILL Treble	RAYMOND G. SMITH .. 4
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
FRANK C. PRICE 3	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* 250th peal. First in the method.

BODICOTE, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., March 8, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods, being three extents each of (1) Stedman, (2) St. Simon's, (3) St. Martin's, (4) Eynsham, (5) St. Leonard's, (6) St. Nicholas', (7) Winchendon Place, (8) Plain Bob, (9) Kennington, (10) April Day, (11) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (12) Clifford's Pleasure, (13) Southrepps Pleasure, (14) Grandsire.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in G.

*JOHN E. SAYERS Treble	*ANTHONY K. FORTIN .. 3
*BARRY J. DAVIES 2	MICHAEL W. COLEMAN .. 4

CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE.

* First peal in 14 methods. First in 14 methods as conductor.

PETERCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., March 8, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford Bob, five of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

ROBERT HATCHER Treble	*REGINALD G. POWELL .. 4
*MICHAEL V. POWELL .. 2	JOHN HOPE 5
AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. 3	FRANK REED Tenor

Conducted by FRANK REED.

* First peal of Minor in three methods.

HIGH OFFLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., March 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 34 six-scores and four 240's.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

FRANK BEECH, JUN. .. Treble	IAN FRIEND 3
PAMELA E. KEY 2	E. MARION KEY 4

BARNABAS G. KEY Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

First peal on the bells.

Rung to welcome home the Rev. Morris Jones after a long illness.

HANDBELL PEALS

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
(Syston District)

AND

THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

On Fri., March 2, 1962, in 1 Hour and 33 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven different extents of Spliced Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.

Tenor size 15 in C.

MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 1—2	RUPERT A. CLARKE .. 3—4
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B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 5—6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

AND

THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

On Wed., March 7, 1962, in 1 Hour and 20 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 18 extents each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and six of April Day.

Tenor size 15 in C.

*†MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 1—2	*†B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 3—4
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RUPERT A. CLARKE .. 5—6

Conducted by RUPERT A. CLARKE.

* 50th peal. † 50th peal together. The conductor's 25th peal, and first as conductor.

ACCRINGTON, LANCs.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Steer 1, P. Nicholson (first quarter) 2, P. Eagle 3, M. Birtwistle 4, R. Leigh 5, A. Helliwell (first quarter) 6. By the local band for Evensong.

BOLTON, LANCs.—At the Parish Church, on March 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Holt 1, D. Vincent 2, F. W. Brownlow 3, J. Soanes 4, J. Thornley 5, P. Crook sen. (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to the Vicar's daughter, which took place this day.

BIDDULPH, STAFFS.—On March 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. F. Gray 1, M. Wilshaw (cond.) 2, R. J. Ballard 3, P. J. Atkins 4, D. J. Danby 5, M. K. Swingewood 6. A peal attempt called 'round.'

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Grandsire and Plain Bob): Susan T. Courtney (first quarter) 1, Marion Cook 2, P. Tovell 3, P. Kindred 4, D. Heighon (cond.) 5.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Feb. 17th, at St. Peter's, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Mrs. H. J. Millatt 1, N. Avis (first in method) 2, H. Webb 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, E. Piper 6, F. G. Oliver 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Bloomfield and Miss Munson.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): Miss M. Pearson 1, J. Vickery 2, W. Tyson 3, M. Armstrong 4, R. B. Skelton 5, R. Oliver (cond.) 6.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On March 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. D. Overton (first quarter) 1, A. G. Hall 2, Mrs. H. White 3, L. R. Hall 4, H. White 5, J. Griffiths 6, H. J. Shuck (cond.) 7, D. Overton 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Green and Mr. Parkes, old servants of this church.

EALING, MIDDx.—At St. Mary's, on March 4th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: F. D. Bishop 1, A. M. Stacey 2, Miss L. Badcock 3, Mrs. J. Anderson 4, G. M. Harvey 5, M. Gathercole 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, A. Fulwell 8. For Matins.

FARNWORTH-with-KEARSLEY, LANCs.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Vincent (cond.) 1, J. Ashcroft 2, D. Young 3, J. Thornley 4, G. Fothergill 5, J. F. Wood 6, P. Crook sen. 7, R. Leigh 8. Rung to welcome the Rev. Brother Basil George Harris as deacon.

QUARTER PEALS

HOUGHTON REGIS, BEDS.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Stripp (first of Minor) 1, Mrs. J. Sinfield 2, I. R. Knox 3, M. Pickwell (first quarter) 4, A. Stripp 5, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 6.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,380 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, St. Simons, Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss M. Lander 1, R. L. Arnold 2, S. Huckle 3, Mrs. H. Y. Price 4, J. G. Cull (cond.) 5, A. J. Cole 6. Rung prior to the service of institution and induction of the Rev. K. G. Martin as Vicar. Also on Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. L. Arnold 1, Miss C. Rimmer 2, A. J. Cole 3, F. Ellis 4, G. Penney 5, J. G. Cull (cond.) 6. To welcome the Rev. K. G. Martin to Kimpton.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Daphne Farmer (first on eight) 1, G. Marriner 2, B. Hawkins 3, Geraldine Piper 4, Marilyn Gibbs 5, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 6, Rev. E. B. Wood 7, A. H. Smith 8. Rung for inaugural service of Leatherhead Council of Churches, the ringers being residents of the four parishes in the Council's area.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. F. Woodridge 1, F. J. Vallender 2, J. A. Tandy 3, M. D. Fellows 4, P. L. Bill (first of Minor as cond.) 5, M. J. Fellows 6. By the Stourbridge Grammar School Society. Also on March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. F. Woodridge 1, F. J. Vallender 2, J. A. Tandy 3, C. R. Tandy (first as cond.) 4, P. L. Bill 5.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: P. Avey 1, A. House 2, R. Tomlin 3, G. Sandwell 4, M. Hallett 5, H. Turner (cond.) 6, D. Symonds 7, H. Eggleston 8. Rung after an unsuccessful peal attempt to welcome the Rev. S. P. H. Arkwright as assistant priest. Also on Feb. 18th, 1,260 Spliced Triples (Grandsire and Oxford Bob): E. Blower 1, M. Sinden 2, Miss E. Hatch 3, F. May 4, W. Ellis 5, G. Sandwell 6, M. Hallett (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

SAXILBY, LINCs.—On March 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: H. A. Cox 1, J. Guymer 2, M. Keyworth 3, J. Godfrey 4, D. G. Crosby 5, J. B. Nicholson (cond.) 6. All 12 members of this band have now rung quarter peals.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,264 Little Bob Major: Carol I. V. Corton 1, N. R. May 2, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 3, M. G. Wood 4, D. W. Stenson 5, K. H. Mildred 6, B. M. Smith 7, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1, 2, 4, 5, 6. For Evensong. Also on March 4th, 1,320 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Carol Norman 1, Carol I. V. Corton (first in two methods) 2, B. G. Warwick 3, B. M. Smith 4, M. G. Wood (first in 2 methods as cond.) 5, D. W. Stenson 6. For Evensong.

STANWELL, MIDDx.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Medway 1, Monica Blagrove 2, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 3—4, D. Boniface 5, D. Pickett 6.

STEPNEY, LONDON.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on March 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth Thomas 1, Hazel Weedon 2, J. Sheldrick 3, L. J. Fox (cond.) 4, P. Tarling 5, H. Weedon 6. First in method for 1, 2 and 5. Rung as a farewell to Rev. D. Pinder.

STOKE-BY-NAYLAND, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 10th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: A. T. Beckwith 1, Marion Mills (first in method) 2, B. W. Fairhead 3, P. L. Wood 4, A. R. Andrews 5, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 6, E. P. Duffell 7, W. Arnold 8. Rung after a peal failure.

STRETTON, STAFFS.—On March 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Gooding (first quarter) 1, F. D. Pearce 2, Noreen Toon 3, C. E. Whielon 4, G. Lanfer (first as cond.) 5, R. G. Thompson 6. For Evensong.

TOTTENHAM, LONDON.—On March 1st, at All Hallows' Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 7, 8 covering): Miss V. Pain 1, Miss W. Whitaker 2, Mrs. A. Spreadbury 3, Miss S. Secker 4, Mrs. B. Bladen 5, Miss F. Secker (cond.) 6, Miss P. Whiteher 7, Miss P. Gearing 8. Rung by past pupils and staff at a service to commemorate the centenary of the Tottenham High School for Girls.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDx.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Sheehan 1, Mrs. E. R. Gotham 2, Jennifer Reeve 3, E. R. Gotham 4, F. H. Corko 5, V. Mitchell 6, H. W. Impey (cond.) 7, F. Bedford 8. For Evensong. Also on March 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Peters (first quarter) 1, P. Phillips 2, M. Sheehan (first 'inside') 3, Jennifer Reeve 4, D. G. Rowlands (cond.) 5, V. Mitchell 6. For Matins.

QUARTER PEALS

HALF PEAL
GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On Feb. 21st, 2,772 Grandsire Triples (Brian D. Price's Eight-part): Wendy Phillips 1, S. Hewitt 2, N. I. Wright 3, W. Hedley 4, A. R. Patterson 5, J. A. Ainsworth (cond.) 6, E. N. Harrison 7, G. S. Deas 8. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, Canon J. W. Turnbull, who is leaving to become Archdeacon of Richmond, in the Diocese of Ripon.

ALDRESHOT, HANTS.—On March 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Bragg (first of Triples) 1, E. J. Bragg 2, K. Williamson 3, Sylvia Tate-Mitchell (first of Triples 'inside') 4, T. Page 5, R. Dunn 6, W. H. Viggers (cond.) 7, F. Williamson 8. For Evensong.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Phillips 1, Mary Mayell 2, Mary Powell 3, D. Mayell 4, J. Brain (cond.) 5, A. Hillyer 6, L. Derrick 7, J. Lott 8.

BOBBING, KENT.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,440 Oxford Single Bob Minor: Mrs. F. J. Cheal 1, Miss E. M. T. Cumberworth 2, S. Rayfield 3, F. J. Cheal 4, A. J. Dunk 5, T. D. Wickins (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First of Oxford Single 2 and 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to the parents of the conductor. Also birthday compliments to Misses H. D. and J. Southam, and Miss C. Major, of Rainham, and to the Vicar of Rainham, the Rev. J. Clifford.

BRANCEPETH, CO. DURHAM.—On March 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Durent (St. Hild's, first quarter) 1, Janet Cleve (St. Aidan's) 2, Sallie Buchanan (St. Hild's) 3, L. R. Pizzev (St. John's) 4, Mary Marshall (St. Hild's) 5, P. Newing (St. John's, cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong, by Durham Colleges' Society.

BRISTOL.—At 12, Randall Road, on Feb. 5th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: K. M. Exell (first 'in hand') 1—2, D. C. Exell (cond.) 3—4, J. R. Taylor 5—6, P. J. Bridle (first 'in hand') 7—8. Also on Feb. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. M. Exell 1—2, J. R. Taylor 3—4, D. C. Exell (cond.) 5—6, P. J. Bridle 7—8.

BRISTOL.—At St. Werburgh's, on March 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Kennington, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire): Miss E. Jackson 1, W. Naylor 2, R. Adkins 3, B. D. Sims 4, G. Pluckrose (cond.) 5, R. J. Cole 6. First quarter for the Bristol College of Science and Technology Students' Union Guild of Ringers.

BUCKHORN WESTON, DORSET.—On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Hill (Ditchat) 1, Miss I. E. Down (Hemstridge) 2, Miss R. Julius (Stourton Caundle) 3, F. Andrews (South Cadbury) 4, H. P. Sparks (Templecombe, cond.) 5, F. Priddle (Stourton Caundle) 6.

CASTLE CARY, SOMERSET.—On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. A. J. Biles 1, Mrs. L. Sherrell 2, D. M. C. Hill (cond.) 3, H. F. Creed 4, W. J. Tiley 5, W. F. Parsons (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memorial A. J. Rapson, a member of the local band, who was interred this day.

EDMONTON, MIDDXX.—On March 4th, 1,262 Stedman Triples: Christine Bowen 1, Trudy Newcombe 2, D. Bowen 3, R. Chapman 4, D. Langdon 5, D. Hewitt 6, C. Williamson (cond.) 7, T. Hawkins 8. Rung in memory of Mr. P. C. Tilcock, who was buried on March 2nd.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss I. Cross 1, J. Y. Parker 2, A. G. Orbell 3, A. R. Mann (cond.) 4, G. Jaggard (first quarter) 5.

FARNBOROUGH HANTS.—On March 4th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: P. J. Joyce 1, R. H. Mills 2, Mrs. Beryl R. Simpson 3, W. W. Wright 4, G. S. G. Joyce 5, D. P. Treble (first of Treble Bob as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On March 11th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. W. Denyer 1, Mrs. C. W. Denyer 2, E. L. Box 3, J. W. Marr 4, S. Meadows 5, D. Elsmore 6, R. North 7, E. J. Wells (cond.) 8. Rung for Evensong, and to welcome the birth of Janet Elizabeth, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Wells.

FINDON, SUSSEX.—On March 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Ockenden 1, H. Waklam 2, J. Elliott 3, L. Stillwell 4, J. R. Maple (cond.) 5, J. Charman 6.

FITZHEAD, SOMERSET.—On March 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Ford 1, Mrs. E. Ford 2, E. Ford (cond.) 3, J. Ford 4, H. Taylor (first 'inside') 5, T. Hancock 6. A 60th birthday compliment to Harold Taylor.

FORDHAM, CAMBS.—On March 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Whitwood (age 13, first quarter) 1, Miss J. Morley (first 'inside') 2, A. M. Barber (cond.) 3, R. J. Palmer 4, J. E. Goodwin 5, R. Heffer 6. Rung by the Sunday service band for the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Wilkinson 1, C. T. H. Bradley (cond.) 2, H. Collin 3, J. Lindsey 4, J. M. Musson 5, R. Musson 6. Rung for the Queen's 10th accession to the throne. Also on Feb. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Lindsey 1, Miss I. Lindsey 2, H. Collin 3, C. T. H. Bradley 4, C. Wilkinson 5, J. H. Musson (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memorial Mrs. T. W. Stanton (94), member of Folkingham Church for over 60 years and aunt of the 2nd ringer. Interred this day.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Napper (cond.) 1, G. W. Bishop 2, J. P. Gordon 3, H. L. Bishop 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop 6, A. H. Webb 7, E. G. Sawyer 8. For Evensong. Also on March 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. White 1, J. H. Napper 2, G. W. Bishop 3, H. L. Bishop 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop 6, A. H. Webb (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8. Rung for two births—a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. J. Tait, and a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. A. Waldron. All four are members of the Hagbourne Ringing Society.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.—On March 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Blackstaff 1, Miss R. Russell 2, J. Atkins 3, Dr. A. Smith 4, R. Russell 5, R. Tingley (first quarter 'inside') 6, F. E. Haynes (cond.) 7, C. Edmonds (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. K. Dodds 1, R. W. Rex. W. J. Irving 3, C. J. Hibbert 4, J. W. T. Hibbert 5, A. Sayers 6, J. H. Napper (cond.) 7, W. Corderoy 8.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.—On March 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Dumbrell 1, G. Dann 2, H. S. Hobden (cond.) 3, B. Standen 4, H. Hobden 5, J. Frampton 6. First quarter for 1, 5 and 6.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On March 11th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Murdock 1, J. Pares 2, D. Papworth (cond.) 3, G. Weston (15) 4, P. Myers (15) 5, G. Dodds 6. Rung following Evensong.

HINTON ST. GEORGE, SOMERSET.—On March 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Stephens (first quarter) 1, M. Bartlett 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 4, K. E. Pinney 5, J. Stenner 6. A 70th birthday compliment to J. Stenner.

HOLME HALE, NORFOLK.—On March 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. H. Bennett 1, Miss F. A. M. Frost 2, G. W. Heyhoe 3, W. J. Bailey 4, P. J. Woodcock 5, S. H. Waterfield (cond.) 6.

HOLT, WILTS.—On March 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Harding (first quarter) 1, D. Nibbs 2, J. Nibbs 3, R. Humphries 4, D. Stillman (cond.) 5, K. Jones 6. Rung to celebrate the 84th birthday of Charles Pretty, a ringer at Holt for many years.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, SURREY.—On March 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Carpenter 1, P. Jones (first of Minor) 2, M. J. Bangham (first as cond.) 3, D. Struckett (first of Minor) 4, C. J. Webb 5, J. F. M. Maybrey 6. Rung for service at the opening of the Surrey Assizes.

LECHLADE, GLOS.—On March 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary Lee (first quarter) 1, Molly Walsh (first 'inside') 2, Gillian Walsh 3, A. J. King 4, G. W. Land (cond., 25th quarter) 5, R. Hayden 6.

LODERS, DORSET.—On March 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Crab (first on treble) 1, Mrs. D. Mead (first quarter) 2, A. J. Scout 3, J. T. Barrett (cond.) 4, J. Mead 5, J. Davis 6. Rung to mark the 80th year since the formation of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On March 11th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: A. Palmer 1, F. S. Parsons 2, D. Feek 3, P. Langton 4, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, K. Park 6. For morning prayer. First quarter of Treble Bob by a team of March ringers.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On March 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anna Byford 1, Nancy Kempell 2, K. Game (cond.) 3, V. Griggs 4, W. Dunn 5, S. Smith 6. For Matins.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On March 11th, at St. John's Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. S. Peacock 1, C. Bell 2, C. Calton 3, F. Nichols 4, R. Daw 5, F. Boyall 6, G. S. Bush 7, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 8. First in the method 2, 4, 5, 6. Rung for morning service. Also a wedding compliment to Miss D. Robinson and V. Chamberlain, of Huntingdon.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On March 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): B. Bull 1, L. Allen 2, M. Uphill 3, C. Mew (cond.) 4, A. Millidge 5. For Evensong.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. F. J. Cheal 1, F. J. Cheal 2, Miss E. M. T. Cumberworth (first of Triples 'inside') 3, T. Wraight 4, D. F. Breakspear 5, R. Cottis 6, T. D. Wickins (first of Triples as cond.) 7, N. Crane 8. First of Triples 4, 5, 6, 8. Rung for the christening of the granddaughter of Mr. S. Honour, a much liked local ringer.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On March 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Oliver 1, A. Streeter 2, Freda Streeter 3, W. Dunn 4, A. T. Shelton 5, W. H. Inwood 6, K. Game (first of Triples as cond.) 7, Joan Hanning 8.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On Jan. 19th, 1,259 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire): Joan Gaine 1, B. Spiers 2, J. Finkins 3, W. Williams 4, M. Hawkes (cond.) 5, C. Haylings 6. Also on Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine Halling 1, Joan Gaine 2, C. Haylings 3, Anne M. Broxton 4, B. Spiers (cond.) 5, M. Hawkes 6.

SALFORD, LANCs.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity, on March 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Nancy Robins (first in method) 1, Edna M. Poulter (first in method) 2, Margaret Ross 3, Mary Browne 4, D. J. Baker (first 'inside') 5, D. W. James 6, J. H. Soanes (cond.) 7, E. F. P. Bryant 8. Rung by Manchester University Guild, for Evensong.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDXX.—On March 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): D. Brock 1, D. Struckett (first as cond.) 2, A. Johnson 3, M. Tyers 4, T. Tyers 5, P. Cranham (first quarter) 6, D. Boniface 7, C. Bostridge (first quarter) 8.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): M. V. Grace 1, Mrs. C. D. Mann 2, T. P. Harris (cond.) 3, P. J. Lawton 4, C. D. Mann 5, G. M. Wood 6.

STEEP, HANTS.—On March 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Whitome 1, R. Brandon-Jones 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, Miss G. Elder 4, C. Jelley 5, M. Smith 6. First quarter 1, 2, 4 and 6.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Katharine Burchall 1, Grace Burchall (cond.) 2, B. Hough 3, Olive Moxon 4, Eleanor Rose 5, N. Moxon 6, A. Wilson 7, R. Mumford 8. Rung to welcome the birth of a daughter to Roger and Lavina Mumford, both ringers at this tower.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On March 4th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: M. Young (first quarter) 1, Judith A. Harding 2, A. M. Cunningham 3, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 4, C. A. Bull 5, R. W. Young 6. First in one method by all. Rung as birthday compliments to the ringers of 1 and 3.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Elizabeth Webb (first quarter) 1, Myra J. Wilkins 2, I. G. Smith 3, H. Taysom 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, W. Lampard 6. For Matins.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. M. Wall (first quarter) 1, C. H. Webber 2, I. G. Hughes 3, W. A. Riddle (first 'inside') 4, D. T. North (cond.) 5, G. J. Gammon 6. Also on Feb. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: K. W. Thorne 1, C. H. Webber 2, I. G. Hughes 3, G. Sparkes 4, W. Nurcombe 5, D. T. North 6, G. J. Gammon (cond.) 7, C. E. Baker 8. First of Bob Triples for 1, 3, 5 and 8.

WEST BUCKLAND, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 St. Simon's Doubles: Pamela Stevens 1, D. Miller 2, W. Stevens 3, C. Stevens 4, C. Clarke (first in method as cond.) 5. First in the method for 1, 3 and 4.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—On March 8th, at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. V. Clark (first of Minor on tower bells) 1, R. A. Yates 2, C. D. Emery 3, R. F. Overington 4, I. Hughes 5, M. P. Moreton (cond.) 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On March 4th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. Mayes (first of Treble Bob) 1, Anne C. Garnett 2, G. Walters 3, Susan J. Rawlings 4, K. Newman 5, N. Waite 6, A. Bishop 7, A. Bagworth (first on eight as cond.) 8. First in the method for all but the 2nd and 8th. First of Surprise Major by an all local band. For Evensong.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Feb. 21st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: B. Crook 1, J. Warner 2, A. Beckwith 3, W. Bilner 4, A. Syder 5, A. Pigott 6, E. W. Bright (cond.) 7, H. Dorking 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. F. G. Bright, who was cremated this day.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Jan. 11th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: L. T. Oliffe 1, E. J. Hill 2, F. Soden 3, M. C. F. Collett 4, B. Hall (first of Surprise) 5, B. J. Coggins 6, D. Kay Adkins (cond.) 7, T. W. Timms 8.

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PALMER-SEABROOK.—The engagement is announced between Roger, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Palmer, Fordham, Cambs, and Rosemary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Seabrook, Clare, Suffolk. 9899

IN MEMORIAM

POOLE, Phyllis.—Passed away March 20th, 1958. Will love and gratitude we remember her. 9890

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The address of Mr. James Bennett is Bell-Jones Ward, Angelsea Road Wing, Ipswich and East Suffolk Hospital, Ipswich. Length of stay unknown. 9876

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EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—The secretary is now Miss E. E. Ludd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells. 9903

LOST.—A boy's blue mackintosh after the Guildford A.G.M. on March 10th. Finder please write T. Saunders, Tanglewood, Barhatch Road, Cranleigh. (Tel. Cranleigh 684.) 9906

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Elton, Saturday, March 24th, 2.30 till 5 p.m. Darley Dale 6 till 9 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 8867

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Holy Trinity, Darlington, Saturday, March 24th, Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to W. N. Park, 20, Bracken Road, Darlington. 9873

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ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Peter, Saturday, March 24th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9855

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Notice of meeting at Bocking, Saturday, Mar. 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. E. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking, Braintree. 9798

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Thorpe-le-Soken, Saturday, March 24th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Numbers for tea, please, to Mr. W. Downs, St. Michael's Cottage, Thorpe-le-Soken. 9830

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The proposed combined practice at Farnborough on March 24th will not take place. The date of the meeting at Puttenham has been altered to May 19th.—D. P. Treble, Hon. Sec. 8857

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Petham, Saturday, March 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, Parish Hall, at 2s. per head. Those requiring tea please notify, together with cash. Mr. C. Beeching, 2, Vicarage Hill, Petham, Canterbury.—T. C. P. 9836

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Amersham, Saturday, March 24th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompsits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 9836

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—March 24th, practice meeting, Netheravon, 6-8.30 p.m.—Y. L. Eloie, Sec. 9836

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Carlton-juxta-Snaith, Saturday, March 24th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Please provide own food: cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 9901

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Meeting, St. Bartholomew's, Wednesday, Saturday, March 24th. Bells (G. and J. 10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. J. Hubble, 3, Mark Road, Wednesbury, Staffs. Wood Green bells (8) also available 6 p.m.—C. M. S. 9842

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Salehurst on March 24th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to F. Beene (Sec.), 'Hillbrae,' Carters Corner, Hailsham. 8862

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Forthcoming Tuesday practices, all 6.30 p.m.: March 27th and April 10th. St. Giles', Cripplegate: April 3rd. St. Paul's, Cathedral. No practice on April 17th. Business meeting at 'The Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., Tuesday, April 3rd, 8.15 p.m.—John Chilcott. 9871

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Arksey, Saturday, March 31st, at 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. E. Cooper, 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey.—R. Stephenson, Hon. Sec. 9897

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting (evening only). South Normanton, Saturday, March 31st. Bells 5.30 till 8.30 p.m. Executive please.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 9904

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting will be held at Matching (6), Saturday, March 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 9822

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Esher, Saturday, March 31st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to J. F. M. Maybrey, 24, Torrington Road, Claygate, Esher. 9894

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewis-ham District.—Joint meeting with Bexley Organists' and Choirmasters' Association at St. Paulinus', Crayford, Saturday, March 31st. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Evening ringing, St. Mary's, Bexley. Names for tea by Wednesday, 28th, to Mrs. E. A. Barnett, 26, Iron Mill Lane, Crayford. 9886

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Mistley, Essex (6), on Saturday, March 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bells 5.45-6.45. Ardleigh bells (8) 7-8.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 28th, to Miss A. Tester, 40, Stowmarket Road, Needham Market, Ipswich. 9898

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants Branch.—Meeting at Thrapston (Northants) on Saturday, March 31st. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Lounge Cafe, High Street, 5 p.m. Will those who require tea (sandwiches, etc. 4s.) please send names to me by Thursday, March 29th.—K. A. Rivett, 117, Stagsden Road, Bromham, Bedford. 9892

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual District meeting on March 31st at Hendon. No afternoon ringing. Tea 4.30, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing 6-8 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited. 9898

LADIES' GUILD.—North Eastern District.—Annual meeting to be held at St. Mary's, Gateshead, on Saturday, March 31st. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, March 28th, to Mr. N. Elliott, 19, Mersey Road, Gateshead-on-Tyne. 9902

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—A meeting will be held at Burgess Hill on Saturday, March 31st. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.45. Service at 6 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Thursday, March 29th, to Miss S. Beresford, 84, Park Road, Burgess Hill. 9884

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Nomination meeting and joint meeting with the ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD at Drighlington (8) on Saturday, March 31st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. M. Brown, 3, Drifholme Road, Whitehall Road, Drighlington. 9877

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting at Kenninghall, Saturday, March 31st. Bells (8), 6.30 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Branch Sec. 9880

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Islip, March 31st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please.—L. Witten, 4, John Street, Thrapston, Kettering, Northants. 9889

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Swanage, March 31st. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify by March 28th I. Davis, 18, Brownsea View Avenue, Parkstone, Poole. 9900

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting at Madeley on March 31st. Ringing from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. 9742

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting, Chigwell Row, April 7th (Hainault, Central Line, then 150 bus). Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Important, names for tea, please, by Friday, April 6th, to G. Harman, 36, Gravel Lane, Chigwell Row. 9875

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A Cambridge and Double Norwich practice will be held at Honiton Clyst on April 7th, 7-9 o'clock.—G. Skinner. 9888

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Chudleigh, Saturday, April 7th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by April 4th to D. J. Roberts, 84, Westhill Road, Torquay. 9870

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting, Cawthorne, April 7th. For tea please notify Mr. H. Rusby, Darton Road, Cawthorne, by April 4th.—A. Farrand, Sec. 9833

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Folkestone, Saturday, April 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. J. Whittaker, 76, Surrenden Road, Folkestone, by previous Thursday.—C. T. H. 9872

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, Hadlow on April 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify me for tea by previous Wednesday.—W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. Tel. 4591.

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting at Bearsted, April 7th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names to Mrs. Pamela J. Osborne, 315, Loose Road, Maidstone. 9896

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Corby (6). April 7th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Hon. Sec. All welcome. 9909

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Litton Cheney, Saturday, April 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, April 4th, to Mr. E. G. Fry, 'Springfield', Litton Cheney, Dorchester, Dorset.—R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec. 9885

SUFFOLK GUILD.—W.C. District.—Meeting at Wetherden (6), Saturday, April 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service to follow. Names for tea by April 4th, to H. Mitson, Buxhall, Stowmarket. 9883

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Practice meeting on Saturday, April 7th, at Blaxhall (6). Bells 6-9 p.m.—Miss M. Branch, Dis. Sec. 9878

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-West District.—Ringing meeting at Lakenheath (6). April 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please consider the tea caterers by sending names for tea by Wednesday, April 4th, to Mr. G. Miller, 3, Cemetery Road, Lakenheath, Brandon, Suffolk. 9895

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Saturday, April 7th, practice meeting. Ardingle (6). Bells 3.30 p.m. (also 6-6.30). Tea 5. Turners Hill (8) 7-8.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 4th, to E. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Groombridge, T.N. 438. 9869

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Hedon, Saturday, April 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names please to Mr. C. H. Hunter, 59, Westlands Drive, Hedon, E. Yorkshire.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec. 9874

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, April 14th. St. John-at-Hackney, 2.30-4.30 p.m. Meeting at 4.30. Tea, local cafes. All Saints', Poplar. 6.15-8 p.m. 9881

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Striking competition and quarterly District meeting, at St. Giles', Ashtead, Saturday, April 14th. Service 3.15 p.m. Draw for ringing 4 p.m., followed by competition and tea. Names for tea to Mr. J. T. Symonds, 'Sherborne', West Farm Avenue, Ashtead, by Thursday previous. (Non-competitors only). Entry forms from me at 19, Eastdean Avenue, Epsom, Surrey. Any Sunday service band in the county is welcome to compete. General ringing after tea.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 9882

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Annual meeting **Sittingbourne**, Easter Monday, April 23rd. Committee 11 a.m.—Drill Hall. Service. Parish Church, 12 noon. Lunch. Drill Hall, 1 p.m. Tickets, 6s. 6d. members. 8s. 6d. non-members. From Mr. B. W. May, 'Keithston', Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, by Tuesday, April 17th. Leaflets giving towers open for ringing and agenda for A.G.M. sent with tickets.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec. 9879

ANTIEN ORDER OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND

The next gathering of Masonic Ringers will be held in Nottingham on Saturday, June 2nd. Details can be obtained from Bro. Eric Elson, 114, Harrow Road, Wollaton Park, Nottingham.
Will brethren applying please give Masonic details. 9891

SWANSEA & BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

A motion by Mr. Colin Lewis to form a new District within the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild was discussed and received full support at a meeting of the Southern District held at Aberavon on March 3rd. In spite of the wintry conditions over 25 sat down to an excellent tea provided by the churchwardens, who were thanked for their hospitality.

Thirteen new members—from Aberavon, Sketty and Newton Nottage—were elected. Mr. Trevor Roderick presided, and Mr. E. Morris proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the Rev. M. Beynon for conducting the service and the organist. In reply Mr. Don Wyatt hoped there would not be a lapse of another six years before the District visited Aberavon.

Next meeting, Duffryn Neath, possibly joint with the Llandaff Association.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the Elloe Deaneries Branch took place at Spalding on March 3rd. The bells of the Parish Church were rung for an hour before service, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. D. G. Jakeman. Mr. Colin Martin was the organist.

Tea was served in the Church Day School, arrangements for this being in the hands of ringers' wives. The Vicar presided at the business meeting, assisted by Mr. B. B. Tyrrell, secretary and treasurer. All the officers were re-elected to serve another year. The Branch welcomed the Guild secretary, Mr. J. Freeman, who spoke on the work done by the sub-committee in revising the reports and purchasing a Master's badge of office, in memory of the late Mr. J. A. Freeman. He also informed the members present of the proposal of the Guild Committee to raise subscriptions and introduce a peal booking fee. Mr. Freeman answered many questions from members and some lively discussion ensued. Meetings for the coming year were fixed to take place at Moulton, Tydd St. Mary, Fulney and Surfleet.

Ringing followed at the Parish Church 11.9 p.m., ranging from rounds to Spiced Surprise; the bells of Fulney were also available.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch took place at Marnhull on March 10th, with 28 members and visitors present, including ringers from Bristol and Reading. Ringing started at 3 p.m. on this six (19 cwt.), with touches in standard methods up to Cambridge being attempted, and rounds for beginners, with Mr. W. Shute in charge. The Guild office was conducted by the honorary secretary, the Rev. R. N. Longridge, the lesson read by the chairman, the Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore, and the address given by the Rector, the Rev. A. J. Mangold, who welcomed the Branch.

After the usual admirable tea, the chairman opened the meeting with a tribute to the late E. G. L. Coward, formerly of Mere, and with Mr. Shute one of the first Ringing Masters of the Branch.

Five new junior members were elected: two from Stourton Caundle, Philip Knot and Michael Harris; three from Bourton, Diana Dunster, Tony Batten and John Longridge.

Ringing continued both in Marnhull and Stalbridge towers up to 9 p.m. under the Branch Ringing Masters, Messrs. W. Shute, Ben Ridout, and Mrs. M. Godley.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH

The annual meeting of the Monmouth Branch was held on February 10th at St. Mellons and some 50 ringers and friends attended. Ringing during the afternoon and evening was in the capable hands of the Master, Mr. Tom Stephens.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. Gower-Rees, and Mr. Reg Addis read the lesson.

An excellent tea was served in the church hall, given by Mr. Addis, and prepared by the lady ringers and ringers' wives at St. Mellons, and they were thanked by the Rev. Roy Hallett, Vicar of Caldicot.

At the business meeting the Master, Mr. Tom Stephens, entered his second year of office and the secretary, Mrs. Jacqueline King, was re-elected. A favourable report for 1961 was given. Two new members were elected from Usk—Miss Julie Clench and Mr. Brian Kear. The fathers of both these young people are Usk ringers.

Mr. David Pike mentioned that a new band was being trained at Llanfrechfa.

The Rev. R. Gower-Rees said that the ringing room at St. Mellons was to be completely redecorated.

It was confirmed that a ringing clergyman, the Rev. F. O. Oswell, had been appointed to Llanwrn. Hopes were expressed that the now derelict condition of the five bells at Llanwrn would be improved.

Next meeting: Peterstone Wentloog, with Marshfield, as an alternative. J. S. K.

DUDLEY & DISTRICT GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at Bradley, Staffs, on March 3rd. Ringing included 'rounds', 'Grandsire and Stedman Triples', Bob Major, D.N.C.B. and Cambridge Major, and was arranged by the Master, Mr. F. G. Handley. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. N. Fisher, who later joined the Guild for tea. Some 30 members and friends partook of the sumptuous spread provided by the ladies of Bradley.

The business meeting was presided over by the Master, and the next quarterly meeting will be at Enville on June 2nd, subject to permission. M. D. F.

MR. D. H. ROOKE'S 200 PEALS

With the peal at Warsop on March 3rd, Mr. D. H. Rooke completed his first 200 peals (conducted 72). The list is appended:

Doubles.—Plain Bob 1, Grandsire 2 (conducted 1). Stedman 1, two methods 2, four methods 1 (1), eight methods 1, ten methods 1, fifteen methods 1. Total 10 (2).

Minor.—Plain Bob 18 (10), 2 Plain 1 (1), 3 Plain 1 (1), 4 Plain 5 (1), 7 Plain 3 (1), two methods 1, 3 methods 5 (3), four methods 9 (3), five methods 14 (7), six methods 1, seven methods 13 (5), 2 Treble Bob 1 (1), eight methods 2, 7 Treble Bob 9 (1), 9 Spliced T.B. 1, 10 Spliced T.B. 1, 20 Treble Bob 1, 23 Treble Bob 1, 2 Surprise 1, 5 Surprise 1 (1), 7 Surprise 1 (1), St. Clement's 1, Double Court 1 (1), Single Oxford 1, 10 Treble Bob 1, Kent T.B. 6 (1), Oxford T.B. 4 (4), Trinity Sunday T.B. 1, London Scholars' Pleasure 1, Snowden T.B. 1 (1), Cambridge S. 14 (8), Norwich S. 6 (1), London S. 3 (1), Westminster S. 2, Primrose S. 1, Norfolk S. 1 (1), Ipswich S. 1 (1), 7 4ths Place Delight 1, Oswald D. 1 (1), Wath D. 2 (1), Edinburgh D. 1. Total 140 (57).

Triples.—Grandsire 3.
Major.—Plain Bob 5 (2), D.N.C.B. 5 (1), Kent T.B. 10 (3), St. Clement's 2, Little Bob 5 (2), Cambridge S. 3, Oxford Bob 1, Little Albion T.B. 1, Oxford T.B. 2 (2), Double Oxford 1 (1), Yorkshire S. 2, Kent and Oxford Spliced 1, Superlative S. 1. Total 39 (11).

Caters.—Grandsire 1.
Royal.—Plain Bob 4 (1), Spliced Plain and Little 1, Kent T.B. 1, Little Bob 1 (1). Total 7 (2).

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