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GREAT YARMOUTH PARISH CHURCH

By CANON GILBERT THURLOW

HAD anyone suggested a meeting of the Central Council at Great Yarmouth in any year between 1942 and 1959, it would have been unanimously turned down. For during all those years this parish endured a ghastly silence—it had no bells. Its ringers kept up their spirits and their courage. They hoped against hope for some future event. But for ringing they had to go elsewhere.

The great Priory and Parish Church of Yarmouth, 'England's largest parish church,' had a long and honourable history. It was founded in 1101 by Herbert de Losinga, the far-sighted Norman Bishop who at Norwich in a mere five years had built the first half of one of the world's finest cathedrals. Yarmouth was at that time little more than its name implies—the mouth of the River Yare. In the estuary there had been forming a sandbank; the herring fishers found this place convenient for headquarters when plying their trade. Their temporary huts were giving way to the beginnings of a permanent settlement, and Herbert, seeing that the place would grow, built a splendid Norman church on the sands. Here the church is still. But it has experienced changes of fortune, good and evil, far beyond those which have come to most churches.

Yarmouth became very wealthy. Herbert's Norman church was twice enlarged, so that today it possesses the widest Gothic side aisles in Europe, and its once dominating Norman tower is half hidden behind vast roofs and the Gothic belfry which surmounts it. We proclaimed our gratitude to the source of our wealth by having as our arms three silver herring on a sea-blue shield. Then we became richer still. For the Battle of Sluys we provided half the British Navy—think of it!—and grateful Edward III permitted us to halve the herring on our shield with the lions of England, making the arms we bear today. Our church was adorned with many chapels, belonging to our trade guilds, and when in 1468 we 'paid the Suffragan for halloving the bells, 6/8,' and again when in 1485 our Great Bell was 'new run,' our church was splendid indeed.

Then came reform and dissolution. Henry VIII pillaged everything, so that until two years ago the endowment of the benefice was £100 a year. The church was reduced to a state more ghastly than that of most others. It was divided into three parts separated by brick walls. The Independents had the quire, the Presbyterians the north aisle, and the Church the nave and south aisle. However, we kept such bells as we had. In 1670 we had six, and John Stevens, of Norwich, added two trebles in 1726. But the church was in a shocking state. There was dis-

agreement as to who was responsible for what, and ruin gradually spread. The cloisters were pulled down in 1811, but the Refectory remained and is today the splendid Assembly Hall of our controlled Church school.

In 1840 our suspension bridge collapsed, drowning a crowd standing upon it. 'Ah!' said the people, 'it is because we have neglected the parish church.' There began a vast scheme of restoration through which, by 1880, the building was the most shockingly Victorianised of all the great churches of England.

On the night of June 24th, 1942, came the worst disaster of all. In six hours the building was reduced to a ghastly shell. Everything went but the tower and walls. Down came the timber spire in a cloud of flame. Down came the 12 bells—on which I and so many others had rung—with a tragic last funeral clatter. The clock stopped at 1.35 a.m., and thus it remained until 1.35 p.m. on October 31st, 1959. For 13 years there was discussion as to whether the church could be rebuilt, discussion paralleled by that at Coventry, whose cathedral had been very similar in size to our church.

I became Vicar in June, 1955. Somehow things sorted themselves out. We reached agreement with the War Damage Commission for payment of £315,000 (very different from Coventry's £1,000,000, though the amount of damage was roughly similar in extent). In 1957 we signed a 5-year contract for the complete restoration of the building. The work was carried out magnificently, and was successfully concluded after only two years 11 months' work. All honour to all who shared in it! Now we have a church of great beauty, redolent of 850 years of history yet strikingly new in its conception, contrasting interestingly with the far more expensive work at Coventry.

The 12 bells have been replaced by a glorious ring of 13. These have rapidly become famous, for holiday visitors from all over the land have been welcome to our tower. One Sunday evening we had together ringers from (I think) Northumberland, Kent and Cornwall. The new tenor was cast at Whitechapel on May 7th, 1958, exactly a century after Big Ben's casting there. The frame is of Burmese Gurjon resting on a 16 cwt. reinforced concrete grillage. The frame is so planned that at handstroke half the bells swing east and half swing north, so the wave motion which can develop if bells swing both east and west, and both north and south, does not happen. The bells are 20 feet lower in the tower than formerly, and we also have a simple adaptation of the organ swell box in the tower windows, so that the bells can be quietened for a peal. The only complaint I have ever heard about their sound is that sometimes they are not loud enough! Lucky Yarmouth!

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

ARRANGEMENTS FOR WHITSUN

The Lombardy Room and Lounge at the Garibaldi, St. Nicholas Road, Great Yarmouth, has been reserved for members and friends from Saturday, June 1st, to Tuesday, June 4th, and all will be welcome there.

Holy Communion on Tuesday at 7.15 a.m. at St. Nicholas' Parish Church, at which the Bishop of Norwich will be present.

Tea and reception in Assembly Room at Town Hall at 4.30 p.m.

Ringling arrangements as under:—

SATURDAY, JUNE 1st

Great Yarmouth (12) 6.0 to 8.30 p.m.
King's Lynn (10) 6.0 to 8.0 p.m.
Thetford (8) 6.0 to 8.0 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2nd

Great Yarmouth 9.30-10.30 a.m.;
3.30-4.30 & 5.30-6.30.
Gorleston (8) 10.15-11.0 a.m.;
5.30-6.30.
Pakefield (Lowestoft) (8) 10.30-11.0 a.m.;
5.50-6.30.
Lowestoft (8) 10.45-11.10 a.m.;
5.30-6.25.
Beccles (10) 10.0-11.0 a.m.
Norwich St. Peter (12) 9.0-9.30 a.m. &
Mancroft 10.45-11.0 a.m.;
5.30-6.45.
Norwich St. Giles (8) 9.45-10.55 a.m.;
5.45-6.30.
" St. Miles (8) 10.0-10.45 a.m.;
5.45-6.30.
" St. George,
Colegate (6) 10.0-11.0 a.m.
Wymondham Abbey (8) 10.15-11.0 a.m.
Saxlingham Nethergate (8) 10.15-11.0 a.m.
Pulham Market (8) 10.15-11.0 a.m.
Diss (8) 10.0-11.0 a.m.
Redenhall (8) 10.0-11.0 a.m.
Thetford (8) 10.0-11.0 a.m.;
5.30-6.30.
Hethersett (8) 10.0-11.0 a.m.;
5.30-6.30.
Fakenham (8) 10.0-11.0 a.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 3rd

Great Yarmouth Morning and afternoon,
also 7.30 p.m.
Wymondham 3.0 p.m. onwards.
Hethersett 3.0 p.m. onwards.
Gorleston Any time by arrangement.
Pakefield (Lowestoft) Ditto.
Lowestoft St. Margaret Ditto.
Norwich Towers Ditto.

Great Yarmouth Parish Church

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The chimes of the clock, composed by Brian Price, sound themes from Bach's B minor Mass. You can find their music in detail in the parish church guide book—and if you want another pleasing souvenir of your visit to Yarmouth, you will find a photo of the ringers at work in the June issue of 'Yarmouth Parish Life,' also obtainable in the church. This photo recalls the day of October 31st, 1959, when at a vast service the Mayor of Yarmouth in the ringing chamber said: 'At 25 to 3 on the morning of June 25th, 1942, the clock in this church was destroyed. And now, at 25 to 3 this afternoon, I rejoice, in the name of all who will see it and hear its chimes, to start this clock again.' After which hundreds of ringers joined in the ringing, the Bishop of Thetford having dedicated the bells.

They had already, on June 21st, 1959, been blessed by the Dean of Norwich who, at a service attended by 3,000 people, had named them thus: Herbert (after our first Bishop), Walter (after a bishop who enlarged the church), Felix (East Anglia's first missionary), Luke, John, James, Peter, Paul, George, Andrew, Thomas, Nicholas (after the churches of this parish) and Gabriel (the flat sixth).

Other events have filled our church since its rising to life two years ago. But centuries must pass ere men forget the days we have seen as our church has returned to life. And no events will give greater pleasure to many people than the visit of the Central Council at Whitsun, 1963.

WELCOME TO THE COUNCIL

THE forthcoming visit to Yarmouth of the Central Council is anticipated with pleasure by all members of the Norwich Diocesan Association. They trust that all who come will have an enjoyable time and that the meeting will be one of happy recollections. It is our intention to do all we can to ensure this. We are indeed honoured that for the third time since its inception the Council has considered one of our towns to be 'a convenient centre' for its annual meeting.

With three centuries of organised ringing behind them, the ringers of the diocese of Norwich have made a considerable contribution to the development and maintenance of church bell ringing, and the Association is proud to have taken no mean part in the formation of the Council and in its growth and work, and has consistently supported its aims. Indeed in 1885 a vice-president was a member of the committee appointed to consider the possibility of its formation (originally referred to as the National Association), and in April, 1890, two members helped to frame its constitution.

For ten years from 1892 the Association's hon. secretary and treasurer served the Council in that capacity. A few years later, one distinguished member who sprang from Norfolk soil began his 50-year period of invaluable service to the Council. Another giant of the Exercise with more than 20 years' devoted service to the Council has settled in the diocese and has given great help with the present arrangements. Today, another member is a worthy candidate for the highest honour the Council can bestow. We can therefore fairly claim to have a 'vested interest' in the wellbeing of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

To all, then, who are attracted to Yarmouth—members of the Council, their families and friends, and all other visiting ringers—we offer a very hearty welcome to the gaiety of Yarmouth, to the quiet and peace of the Norfolk roads and villages, to the charm of the Broads, and above all, to the glories of our magnificent churches.

NOLAN GOLDEN, President.
Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

The A.G.M. of the University of London Society, held on May 4th, was attended by 22 members and two visitors.

Prior to the meeting, good use had been made of the bells at St. John's, Deptford, St. Mary's, Lewisham, St. Leonard's, Shore-ditch, and St. Olave's, Hart Street, but an unexpected urgency prevented the Rector of the latter church (Rev. Maurice Dean) from being present to take the service. Accordingly tea, which had been copiously prepared by the lady members of the Society in St. Olave's Hall, was embarked upon a little earlier than usual.

With the president, Philip Gray, taking the chair in his usual good humour, the meeting opened with the secretary reading out a long list of apologies for absence, many due to the change of date of the A.G.M.

The Master's, secretary's and treasurer's reports were available to the meeting in printed form in the annual report, and, after some controversial discussion, were adopted.

Four new members were presented for ratification, two of whom were not accepted, since their subscriptions were overdue.

The following new officers were elected for 1963/64: President, Philip Gray; vice-presidents, David Martin, Alan Thirst and Denis Layton; Master, Alan Frost; secretary, Diana Lawless; treasurer, Tony Osborne; committee, Yvonne Edwards, Pauline Fennell and John Eisel; auditor, Peter Layton.

On the subject of forthcoming tours, the secretary outlined the Whit tour, to be held in Leicestershire, and arrangements for the summer tour in Yorkshire and Derbyshire were confirmed.

The votes of thanks included one to the retiring editor of the annual report (Marcus Barton) for a prompt and stimulating edition.

AUSTRALIA'S FIRST 100 PEALS

Details of the first 100 peals rung in Australia, and also the seven rung since completing that total on Feb. 7th, are published in the Whitsun issue of 'Ringing Towers,' the journal of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Bellringers.

The first peal was rung almost 73 years after the first—Grandsire Triples at St. Philip's Church, Sydney, on April 9th, 1890, by six Victorian and two Sydney ringers. Two peals at Hobart followed the same year and early in 1891 came the first peal in Victoria.

The visiting English ringers on the Great Adventure in 1934 added seven to the total, but their departure was followed by a gap of 10 years. After the war, ringing was revived in Sydney, Bill Rowe emerging as the most prominent figure. Under his leadership the 20th peal was rung.

The coming of Philip Gray to Melbourne in 1952 gave to Victorian ringing a much-needed impetus and he conducted the 50th tower peal, Stedman Triples at St. Paul's.

The early 50's saw the first peal at Yass, where Bill Rowe called 8.040 Doubles, and at Walkerville, where Philip Cooper was active. Also at this time a start was made on hand-bell peals (total now 21). Philip Gray's departure from Melbourne was quickly followed by the arrival of George Pipe, and in the next four years (1956-60) peal after peal was recorded in Victoria, including the first in Australia of Cambridge Surprise Minor and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

The next two years were comparatively quiet, only six peals being rung, but by the end of 1962 the total stood at 99. The first peal of 1963 achieved the century. Since then seven peals have been rung, including the first peals on the bells at St. George's Cathedral, Perth, and St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide.

The leading ringers are: T. W. Goodyer 26 (conducted 17), J. J. F. Roper 23, G. W. Pipe 22 (18), W. M. Rowe 20 (11), P. M. J. Gray 18 (17).

SURREY ASSOCIATION'S STRONG POSITION

The A.G.M. of the Surrey Association was held at Christ Church, Epsom Common, on May 4th. Ringing took place in the afternoon, and the Vicar conducted the service; afterwards 85 members and visitors sat down to tea in the Church Hall prior to the A.G.M. The chair was taken by the Master, Mr. F. E. Darby, who welcomed those present in opening the meeting.

The committee report for 1962 outlined a year's quiet work and steady progress, which will perhaps be remembered particularly for the special general meeting held to vote on the proposed merger with the Guildford Diocesan Guild. There had been a very slight increase in membership, and those present stood whilst the names of six members, who had died in 1962, were read: T. Blow, E. G. L. Coward, E. Goldstone, F. Hoad, W. Pellow and W. Robinson.

Beddington had again won the striking competition and was congratulated on the standard of ringing there and in the Christmas Day broadcast. The number of peals rung was 37 and the number of quarter peals had risen to 192. The Southern District had launched a scheme to assist struggling bands through a team of ringers, and the Northern District had proposed the setting up of 'teaching towers.' The report was concluded with a plan for 1963, including a survey of Surrey towers, and a proposal to encourage membership and widen tower representation.

The statement of accounts showed a healthy financial position, with a balance at December 31st of £142 in the general account and £150 in the Belfry Repair Fund. Following a request for assistance with the re-hanging of the bells at Merstham, the sum of £25 was voted from the Belfry Repair Fund.

MR. A. P. CANNON MASTER

Mr. F. E. Darby relinquished the office of General Master on completion of three years' service in this capacity, and, following a ballot, Mr. A. P. Cannon was elected for the coming year. The following were also elected as general officers: Secretary, Mr. R. I. Parsons; treasurer, Mrs. K. E. Chilcott; assistant secretary, Mr. G. Clarke; auditor, Mr. M. V. Chilcott; liaison officer to the Guildford Diocesan Guild, Mr. F. E. Collins.

The meeting agreed that the A.G.M. in 1964 should be held at Leatherhead and that consideration should be given to opening two or more towers.

As this was the first general meeting since May, 1962, two appeals, which had been received were discussed and it was agreed that a donation should be sent to Melbourne Cathedral and the Ernest Morris Memorial Fund.

Requests had been made by the Epsom towers to be transferred from the Northern to the Southern District. Leatherhead and Ashted signified that they would also be prepared to transfer. After some discussion the matter was left in abeyance. The whole question of county and diocesan boundary changes in the future was raised and referred to the committee for consideration.

Mr. D. A. R. May, the Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, said how much appreciated was the work of Mr. Collins, as the liaison officer, and the Master, Mr. A. P. Cannon, called for votes of thanks to the retiring officers, to the ladies for tea, to Miss Kempell for preparing the meeting notice, to Mr. and Mrs. Streeter for collating the annual report and to Mr. Parrott and the Vicar of Christ Church for their kind hospitality.

The Association's appreciation was expressed to Mr. W. F. Outway, for his gift of a bound volume of 'The Ringing World' for the library, and to Mr. R. F. Layton, for his willing labour on the Association peal book.

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 8



MARTIN C. FAULKES,
The Leicester Diocesan Guild.

Among the 'Up and Coming Youngsters' in the Leicester Guild is one Martin C. Faulkes, a member of 'The Rambling Ringers.'

Martin was born at Hinckley, Leicester, on March 16th, 1944. He commenced his schooling at Hinckley C. of E. Junior School

in 1949, where he stayed until 1955. Following this period he went to Hinckley Grammar school from 1955 to 1962. He was successful in his G.C.E., both at 'O' and 'A' levels, and had three years in the VI form. He is now at Hull University.

Martin learned to handle a bell in the early part of 1958 on the magnificent eight at St. Mary's, Hinckley, and was taught by Alf Ballard, a first class ringer and member of the Leicester Guild. He was soon exploring the mysteries of method ringing, and could be seen on most Tuesday evenings in the tower at Sapcote, where he was severely drilled by another well known ringer—Michael E. Brown.

Martin rang his first peal at Sapcote on December 30th, 1958, when he rang the treble to Beverley Surprise Minor. At a later date he was invited to join the Wednesday evening peal band at the Loughborough Foundry, where he took part in a number of peals with the late Ernest Morris. His peal total of 100 plus includes over 50 in Surprise Major methods. Like most youngsters of today he has conducted a number of peals, the first of which deserves great praise. It was Plain Bob Major at Ashby Folville in 1960 and the average age of the band was 15 years and 10 months. Of his peals as conductor two have been 'Stedman Triples.'

Martin speaks very highly of 'The Rambling Ringers,' whose annual cycling tours under the supervision of Dennis Mottershead make such interesting reading in 'The Ringing World.'

NORVING.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

THE 17th annual meeting of the Midland

Counties Guild was held in Burton-on-Trent on May 11th, when upwards of 50 ringers were present from the majority of towers in the area, together with visitors from Birmingham, Whitwick and Wolverhampton. During the afternoon ringing took place on the fine, modern ring of six bells at All Saints'.

The business meeting followed an excellent tea, kindly provided by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brittan. The president, Mr. B. Worthington, who had travelled from Northumberland, was in the chair, and, in his remarks, spoke of his 'message' written in the annual report, in which he said, 'Bells are important and serve an important purpose, whether they call us to Sunday service, marriage or funeral, or whether they ring out news of a special occasion of public or personal interest, they are doing important work and so are the ringers who ring them. Bell ringing is an art and a skill, seldom perfected in a lifetime.'

REMEMBERED

A minute's silence was observed for members who had died during the past year, namely Mrs. Soar, W. Noble and G. S. Hill, of Ticknall; A. Shaw (Ashby); H. L. Dawson (Newhall); E. Morris (Leicester) and Mrs. N. L. Ramsey, whose tragic death in a road accident took place that week.

Four new members from St. John's Horn-inglow, who have repaired their almost unique ring of steel bells after many years' silence, were elected.

The honorary treasurer (Mr. J. H. Brittan) reporting on finances said that the balance sheet showed a balance at bank of £146, and that a donation from the Bell Repair Fund of three guineas had been made to Hoar Cross.

Mr. T. Pryce (auditor) commented on the excellent way the books were kept and the fund's healthy state, aided much by a kind gift from the president.

The secretary (Mr. J. W. Cotton), in his report, said 39 peals were rung in 1962, including 'firsts' for the Guild of Yorkshire and Wye Surprise Royal, Loughborough College Major, Grangemouth Bob Major, Warwick Delight and Lytham Minor; six members rang their 'first' peal and Mr. D. P. Jones was leading conductor with 19 peals.

The report concluded with a vote of thanks to all clergy, ringers and ladies—for providing teas—all of whom combine to give pleasure to the Guild and assist its functions.

The reports were adopted.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

Officers re-elected were: President, Mr. B. Worthington; vice-president, Rev. W. V. G. Griffiths; chairman, R. A. Welton; Ringing Master, J. K. Smith; treasurer, J. H. Brittan; secretary, J. W. Cotton; auditor, T. Pryce; committee, S. H. Jones, P. J. Stretton, P. Marriott and G. H. Lane; Central Council representative, J. W. Cotton.

Commenting on the 1962 report, Mr. D. P. Jones suggested that the peal inventory be reduced to a smaller type to economise space in future reports.

A collection taken for the Bell Repair Fund amounted to £3 12s., and a vote of thanks to the president, for his effort to travel a long distance to be present, brought the meeting to a close.

Two hours' good ringing on the bells of St. Modwen's included touches of Bristol and Cambridge Surprise Major, and the president showed he still can ring, despite his exile, by taking part in some set changes.

So concluded a memorable and well attended afternoon's ringing and fellowship.

J. W. C.

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Letters to the Editor

The Coventry Rally

Dear Sir.—Mr. Walters seems to have travelled from Wales to take part in the Coventry Rally with the impression that he could walk into any tower of his choice to find that his party would just make up a band. I was at St. Nicholas', Warwick, during the whole of the morning ringing and agree that during one period of about half an hour the ringing chamber was extremely crowded with the result that it was not possible to enter or leave whilst ringing was in progress. Although it was inevitable that some 'tower grabbers' should turn up on an occasion such as this, Mr. Walters' impression of rope-snatching is surely not the impression gained by the majority of those who attended. As he only wished to ring at two towers, surely he could have waited until the crowd had thinned a little.

Mr. Garner-Hayward announced several times during the tea interval that there would be no ringing at Stratford-on-Avon in the evening. Another glance at 'The Ringing World' in question will show that the number of towers open should have been sufficient to cater for those who attended, but, as it happened, the towers nearer Coventry attracted a surfeit of ringers.

The Coventry Guild should be congratulated on achieving the greatest feat of organisation of this nature yet demanded of a body of ringers.—Yours sincerely,

D. A. R. MAY.

East Clandon, Surrey.

'A Decadent Caper'

Dear Sir.—It amazes me that the band who recently rang a peal at St. Neots; reported in your issue of May 17th, have the nerve to describe it as 'Spliced Surprise Major'.

To my mind the form in which the peal was published, however well it might have been rung, amounts to a gross deception of those of your readers who do not understand place notation and reflects discredit on the Society concerned.

A better name for it would, I suggest, be 'Lincolnshire with a Fire-up on the Front at Most Half-leads.' An even better solution would be to desist from such decadent capers altogether.—Yours faithfully,

ROBIN G. LEALE.

Surbiton, Surrey.

A Welsh Custom

Dear Sir.—When a person dies in a Welsh village, the custom is for a 'cnul' (toll) to be rung the night before the funeral to show the dead person's age, when a number of blows equal to the age of the dead person are struck on a single bell.

Is this a custom in England, and if so, what is the name given for it?—Yours faithfully,

I. JONES.

Llanfairfechan.

Not a G. and B. Peal

Dear Sir.—I have had brought to my attention that the peal rung at Tytherington on December 29th (page 51) was non-association, due to the lapse of membership of one of the ringers. I would like it withdrawn as a Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association peal. I would like to apologise to yourself and the peal secretary for any inconvenience.—Yours faithfully,

W. NAYLOR.

Westbury-on-Trym.

Edward Neale, Bellfounder

Dear Sir.—In reply to Mr. Uphill's letter, Edward Neale, of Burford, was casting bells between 1635-1683. In the 'Bellfounders' Aisle' of Burford Church is a tablet to the memory of his wife, which also records his name. His death is recorded in the registers in 1695. It appears that he migrated to Burford between 1632-1635, with his father, Henry, who also cast a few bells. His usual, though not invariable, trade mark was a large stamp on the waist of the bell, with 'Edward Neale, of Burford, made mee.' His work is mainly confined to East Gloucestershire and North Wilts. Expansion further east was prevented by his better known rivals, the Keenes of Woodstock.

I have no knowledge of J. Gardner, of Tetbury. He was probably a local iron or brass founder, who made this one attempt in the field of bellfounding. Alternatively, he may be the person who paid for the recasting of the bell.—Yours sincerely,

A. CLAYTON.

Salisbury, Wilts.

Dear Sir.—With reference to Mr. M. J. Uphill's inquiry, Edward Neale, of Burford, is believed to have been born at Somerford Keynes, in Wiltshire, but he died at Burford in 1695, and his name is recorded in the 'Bellfounders' Aisle' of the Parish Church there, where there is also a tablet to his wife, who died in 1671. It is thought that his residence in Oxfordshire was temporary and that he returned to Wilts. His son, Edward, was also a bell founder.—Yours faithfully,

E. G. CAPLE.

Clevedon, Somerset.

Mr. Frederick Sharpe writes that he knows nothing of J. Gardner, of Tetbury, and wonders if our correspondent transcribed the inscription at Cherington correctly, as it differs from Ellacombe's version, but H.T.E. was not always reliable. An article by Mr. Sharpe on the Burford Bell Foundry appears on page 366.

Lost Correspondence

Dear Sir.—I have been informed that, at some time recently, someone applied for the use of Wadhurst bells, but got no reply.

I can assure whoever it was that I have received no letter of application that has not been answered, and can only assume that the one in question has been lost in the post.

About two years ago a Mr. A. Bassett moved into No. 10, Pendrill Place, and quite a lot of our respective mail has been delivered to the wrong address, but I hardly think that this is the cause of the above.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES A. BASSETT.

3, Pendrill Place,
Wadhurst, Sussex.

Attempt for 20,160 Minor

Dear Sir.—An attempt to ring 20,160 Minor will be made on June 15th at Stoke D'Abernon, Surrey, commencing at 9.30 a.m. There will be two extents each of the following methods: 1 London S., 2 Bourne S., 3 Caithness S., 4 Cambridge S., 5 Oswald D., 6 Double Oxford B., 7 Thelwall B., 8 Pinehurst B., 9 St. Clement's B., 10 Childwall B., 11 Buxton C.B., 12 Oxford T.B., 13 Kent T.B., 14 Plain Bob.—Yours sincerely,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

Putney, S.W.

A Peal for Duffield

Dear Sir.—I would like to mention something which, although not really in danger of extinction, is suffering lamentable neglect by ringers at the present time. I refer to 'Duffield', invented by Sir A. P. Heywood, in the 1880's, and introduced to ringers via 'The Bell News'.

To find reasons for the invention of this principle, it is necessary to examine the popularity of the Treble Bob hunt methods. The popularity of 'Treble Bob in the Kent and Oxford variations' in the 19th century was based upon their 'musical qualities' (pure fallacy!), and their ease of extension to Royal and Maximus. These same qualities are the reasons for the popularity of Stedman, which has been a favourite for hundreds of years. However, Stedman does not extend well to even numbers of bells! The popularity of Kent and Oxford was marred, however, by several faults, mainly: (1) 'The Slow,' which splits the tenors and causes the most horrible changes; and (2) The length of the courses, a fault shared by all T.B. hunt methods.

Duffield possesses none of these disadvantages. It is musical to a very great extent, which cannot be said of even Superlative, let alone the pure Treble Bob methods. It has courses of only 60 and 72 changes for Royal and Maximus respectively; and a simple extension, identical to that which has made Stedman so deservedly popular. Moreover, being an even bell method, it eliminates Stedman's one fault; the monotony of a covering bell, a thing not so musical as many ringers would like to believe.

Why, then, is Duffield not as popular as it deserves to be? The answer is that it is 'too easy' or 'simple' (or too hard: one has to stay awake) for ringers who view unmusical rubbish, like London Surprise as a kind of 'status symbol'.

The other virtue of Duffield lies in the truth and ease of proof of the sixes, a thing not even the most devoted Cambridge Surprise 'fan' could question!—Yours faithfully,

DAVID C. BROOKES.

4, Redgrave Road, S.W.15.

En Route for Great Yarmouth

Dear Sir.—When I have attended Central Council meetings it has always been a pleasure to be able to ring at two or three churches before arriving at the actual venue. This year there is no ringing until Great Yarmouth is reached.

I have advised visitors to G.Y. to use the Downham Market By-pass, and, for the benefit of any ringers doing so, Downham Market bells (8) will be available all day Saturday.

Any ringing will be doubly appreciated as June 1st is the annual gift day of the church.—Yours faithfully,

E. H. MASTIN.

Downham Market, Norfolk

A 64th ANNIVERSARY

To commemorate the anniversary of Mr. Edwin Barnett's first peal, at St. Paulinus', Crayford, on May 18th, 1899, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples there on the appropriate day. This unfortunately came to grief after an hour and twenty minutes' good ringing, though exactly what happened no one was quite sure. The failure was regretted not only for Mr. Barnett's sake but for that of the young lady of 16, who was ringing the tenor splendidly in her first attempt for a peal. The ringers were W. H. Dobbie 1, Joan Beresford 2, E. Barnett 3, Sheila M. Dobbie 4, E. A. Barnett 5, D. Beresford 6, F. J. Cuilum (cond.) 7, Marilyn Peters 8. E. A. B.

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THE annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association at Howden on May 4th took my mind back a little over thirty years, to the time when the present bells were dedicated by the late Archbishop Temple.

In the early hours of Wednesday, October 9th, 1929, a destructive fire began at the old ringing chamber level and destroyed the various floors and room of the tower, besides causing irreparable damage to the organ in the transept below and to the sanctuary and side screens of the altar. The ring of eight bells crashed to the ground.

So thorough was the work of destruction that it took nearly three years to carry out the work of reconstruction and renewal at a cost of £32,000. A new ring of eight bells was cast by Messrs. John Taylor, partly from the old metal salvaged from the fire, the tenor being 22 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E flat. The dedication of the bells and restored parts of the church took place on Thursday, June 30th, 1932, the ringing arrangements being in the hands of the Rev. C. C. Marshall, president of the Yorkshire Association.

The tower economy was arranged in accordance with Central Council recommendations inasmuch as the bells were placed 40 ft. lower in the tower, the frame being built on a level with the eills of the lofty lantern windows. The louvres were blocked up and a lantern roof was constructed.

The architect made one mistake, however: the roof was visible above the parapet as against the Central Council's dictum that this class of roof should be hidden by the parapet.

In 1961 church authorities decided to improve the appearance of the tower, and in consequence the lantern roof was removed and an ordinary roof substituted. The accompanying photograph taken in 1961 shows clearly the improvement in appearance which took place. Since then the flag pole and gilded weather vanes have been put back.

Howden bells are now reputed to be the finest in Yorkshire for their weight, and the tower is a popular calling place for touring bands of ringers. H. W.



MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
HOWDEN

BIGGLESWADE DISTRICT RINGERS VISIT COTSWOLDS

Members of the Biggleswade District of the Bedfordshire Association and their friends had their annual outing on May 11th, when the Cotswold country was chosen by Mr. L. Bywaters, who arranged the tour.

The first tower was Stanton Harcourt, in Oxfordshire, where we arrived well on time to ring the six bells. Another six, of approximately the same weight (11 cwt.) followed.

The eight-bell tower of Faringdon, Berkshire, proved to be a very pleasant ring. Lunch had been booked in Faringdon, and it was only a short ride to the delightful village of Lechlade. After an hour's ringing on the easy-going six we went on to the church at Fairford, famous for its stained glass windows.

An excellent tea was arranged at the White Hart, Fairford, and then on to the eight bell tower of Northleach.

At 8 p.m. the homeward journey was started, everyone having had a most enjoyable day and everything being most satisfactorily arranged by Mr. L. Bywaters.

Thanks also to local ringers and incumbents of the churches visited. S. R. P.

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY

The ninth annual general meeting of the Southampton University Guild of Change Ringers was held on March 20th at Chamberlain Hall, when the following officers and committee were elected:

Master, Malcolm M. Powell; vice-Master, Christine M. Hadfield; secretary/treasurer, Martin Morris; librarian, John H. Taylor.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Monmouth Branch

The delightful Church of St. Cadoc, Penrhos, possesses a ring of four bells in good condition, obviously carefully tended by loyal ringers. The church is set on a rise, in the heart of rural Monmouthshire, and on May 11th the countryside around was dressed in the loveliest green, and blossom of wold cherry, horse-chestnut and blackthorn abounded. It was at this church that some eighty ringers and friends gathered, to attend the first bell-ringers' meeting ever to be held in a four-bell tower in the diocese.

During the afternoon the bells of Penrhos, Tregaer and Dingestow were all pealing out over the fields around.

The church was full for the service, which was conducted by the Rural Dean of Raglan, the Rev. Ivor J. Richards. The Rev. Roy Hallet, Vicar of Caldicot, read the lesson, and Mrs. Arthur Price was at the organ to lead the hearty singing. The Rev. Ivor Richards, in his welcome to fellow ringers, said a meeting at Penrhos had been a secret wish of his for many years.

Warm hospitality was forthcoming in the church room, refreshments being pressed upon the company by Mrs. Briggs and her helpers. They were thanked by Mr. Leslie Bainham, and Mr. Hannington, Master of the Association, thanked Mrs. A. Price.

At the business meeting the Rev. Ivor Richards read a letter of good wishes and encouragement from the Rev. H. S. Hanson, Vicar of the four bell tower of Studham. New members were elected from All Saints', Newport, Magor, St. Mellons and Penrhos.

It was decided to send congratulations to Mr. J. Jaynes, of Ebbw Vale, who recently celebrated his 85th birthday, and 'get well' messages to Mr. R. E. Coles at Cardiff Royal Infirmary, and to Mr. I. H. Jones, of Monmouth. Mention was made of the next Branch meeting to be held at Machen on July 13th.

Further ringing took place in the evening at Penrhos, Tregaer and Abergavenny, where more visitors joined the company. Her Majesty the Queen had visited St. Mary's, Abergavenny, the previous day and Mr. George Ward, tower master, arranged that the church be open for members to see the beautiful floral decorations and the royal signatures in the visitors' book. J. S. K.

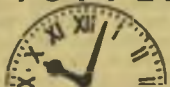
SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Only two teams entered the Newark District competition for the Crawford Cup at N. Collingham on May 18th. The judge was Mr. W. L. Exton, with Mr. T. D. Clarke as marker, and the result was Newark, 66 faults, and Sutton-on-Trent, 97. One of the commonest errors—bad leads—was again mentioned by the judge in his summing up.

Ringling had taken place at South Collingham in the afternoon, and the Rector, Rev. G. H. L. D. Lane, and his wife had kindly entertained the company to cups of tea in the Rectory, and afterwards allowed the use of the room for the business meeting.

Miss Celia Chandler, of Sutton-on-Trent, was elected a member, and it was proposed to hold an evening meeting at Staunton-in-the-Vale on July 6th. B. N. R.

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THE BURFORD BELL FOUNDRY

By FREDERICK SHARPE

IN the north transept of Burford Church is a memorial tablet to Elizabeth, wife of Edward Neale, bell founder, who died in 1671. The transept is known as 'The Bell-founders' Aisle.' The reason for its name must be a matter of conjecture. It can hardly have been so called because of one memorial tablet, and may have been the scene of bell founding activities in past centuries. We know that bells were frequently cast in or near our parish churches in times past. It was easier to erect a temporary furnace than to transport heavy bells over country with indifferent or no roads. Certain it is that bells were cast in temporary furnaces in Burford in bygone days.

We first learn of Henry Neale casting bells in Wiltshire. In 'The Historical MSS. Commission' (page 358) is the record of a document stating that Henry Neale, of Somerford Keynes, Wiltshire, cast bells for North Nibley, Gloucestershire, in 1640. Other bells by him in Wiltshire are (or were) at Leigh, 1627, Sherston, 1632, and Ashley 1632. He set up a furnace in Burford in 1635 and four bells, two of them disused, remain in Burford Church today. Apparently he returned to Somerford Keynes as evidenced by the document quoted above. He cast bells for Farmington, 1637, and Little Barrington, 1638, in Gloucestershire.

Afterwards we find Edward Neale founding in Burford, where he died in 1695. In Oxfordshire, his bells are to be found at Brize Norton, Broadwell, Fulbrook, Oxford, Shifford, Swinbrook, Witney and Yelford. They also occur in Gloucestershire, as at Cherington; and in Wiltshire. (See Ellacombe, 'The Church Bells of Gloucestershire,' and Walters, 'The Church Bells of Wiltshire'.)

The second Burford Bell Foundry was established in the middle of the last century.

In or about the year 1825 Thomas Mears bought up the bell foundry at Aldbourne, Wiltshire, and transferred the staff and plant to Whitechapel. James Bridgeman, who had been Robert Wells' principal assistant, worked at Whitechapel for a few years and then returned to Aldbourne and re-established the foundry there. In 1851 he met with a serious accident in a tower, which permanently injured him, and he retired. To James Bridgeman was apprenticed Henry Bond I, who bought the plant from Bridgeman after his accident and established a bell foundry at Westcote, Gloucestershire. After some ten years he moved into Burford and built a foundry there. He died in 1905. His sons, Henry II and Thomas, continued the business, and the foundry closed after the death of Thomas Bond, on March 13th, 1947.

In Oxfordshire alone members of the Bond family cast or hung bells at Alkerton, Burford, Chadlington, Chalgrove, Charlbury, Chastleton, Chipping Norton, Churchill, Fulbrook, Hanwell, Idbury, Minster Lovell, Great Rollright, Rousham, Shennington, Shilton, Shipton-under-Wychwood, Taynton, Wigginton and Witney. Their bells are found in many counties.

Thomas Bond's foundry in Witney Street, Burford, was the last of the one-man bell foundries of England. It was delightfully situated in his garden, at the bottom of which flowed the River Windrush. Thomas Bond would often light his furnace fire, then throw a fishing line in the river, and alternate between the two while the metal was melting. He also did a considerable business in casting mill brasses, and among the products of his foundry was a bellmetal water-mill wheel weighing several tons.

The writer was fortunate to be able to make an extensive photographic record of the Burford foundry in the last years of Thomas Bond's life; and some of these were published in his 'Church Bells of Oxfordshire.' It is to be regretted that Thomas Bond had no sons, and that the foundry has been demolished.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—On April 21st, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Ferrier 1, Barbara J. Leigh 2, J. Macell (first in method) 3, E. Jones 4, Katharine M. Guy 5, M. G. Foster (cond.) 6, B. W. Evans (first quarter) 8, For the Queen's birthday.

RINGERS' SUNDAYS

Chilvers Coton

Canon F. F. G. Warman, Vicar of Aston, was the preacher at Bellringers' Sunday at All Saints', Chilvers Coton, Warwick, on May 5th. In his sermon he said bell ringing was the way in which the Church went out to non-churchgoers.

The basic idea of ringing was to form a connection between the inside and the outside of the Church. Some people did not like bells and new churches were rising without provision for the exercise of the ancient craft of campanology, but very many still supported and clung to the bells as the one really loud noise they were allowed to make in praise of God today.

The processional and recessional hymns were accompanied on 24 handbells, rung by Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Beamish, the Misses Muriel and Christine Mason, Margaret Corcoran and William Day. The song 'Bless this House' was rung unaccompanied. The lessons were read by A. H. Beamish (captain) and Miss Christine Mason (aged 16, vice-captain). The bells rang out as the large congregation left the church and a number of interested spectators ascended the spiral staircase (only 13 steps) to watch the ringers in action.

D. E. B.

Tonbridge

On May 19th, Evening Prayer took the form of the bellringers' service at Tonbridge Parish Church. Ringing on the eight bells of this historic church preceded the service, at which the Bishop of Tonbridge, the ringers' president, was the guest preacher. He was assisted by the Vicar, Canon T. F. C. Bewes, and the Rev. T. E. Yates.

In an inspiring address he reminded ringers and congregation alike of their great responsibility in this press-button age. As each ringer in a peal by his own individual effort made one joyful sound, so in everyday life they must face the problems of retaining their individuality to carry forward that glorious heritage which was theirs and to sweeten the life of society at large.

'Ringers in the tower look to their captain for their lead and example: therefore together we must look to the greatest captain of all, the Lord Jesus Christ, for our blessed hope and salvation.'

The lessons were read by two ringers, Miss A. W. Burgess and Mr. L. T. Pope, and, in place of the anthem, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Mrs. O. D. Barnett 1—2, Mr. E. A. Barnett 3—4, Mr. W. H. Dobbie 5—6, and Mrs. S. M. Dobbie 7—8.

After the congregation had been rung out to the sound of handbells the ringers and friends from Tunbridge Wells and Edenbridge were entertained to a most enjoyable supper by the Vicar and his wife.

R. A. L.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

In connection with the Association A.G.M. at Derby on April 20th, a half-day outing was organised by the Chesterfield District. Despite a torrential downpour, 32 ringers and friends left Chesterfield shortly after 1 o'clock and arrived at Darley Dale (8) just in time to hear the advance party from Dore trying out the bells. Although one or two of the younger members were put off initially by the long rope draught, this difficulty was soon overcome and some quite reasonable ringing ensued.

The light eight at Belper were then visited, where, under the watchful eye of Jafus, a touch of Stedman was accomplished before proceeding to Derby for the tea and business meeting. Further ringing in the evening was enjoyed at St. Peter's (8) and the Cathedral (10).

Our thanks are extended to those who met us and, in particular, to Gordon Halls and the other Derby ringers who provided at the R.A.F. Club the perfect end to an enjoyable day's outing.

M. P. P.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Sonning Deanery Competition

On a chilly but bright afternoon on May 18th, six teams waited outside the Church of St. James, Finchampstead, while their leaders made the draw for ringing order—the starts of the fourth annual striking competition of the Sonning Deanery Branch. This event seems to provide more enthusiasm and entertainment as the experience gained in the past adds more confidence and friendly rivalry.

Sonning, appropriately it seemed, drew the first ring, followed by Warfield, Hurst, East-hampstead, Sandhurst and Twyford, and each, by the good organisation of Joint Ringing Masters H. Smith and W. J. Parker, giving their ten-minute performance for the attention of all and, in particular, for the two adjudicators, somewhere secretly jotting down the 'clips' and sometimes 'clashes'—not all the nerves had gone perhaps!

While the teams in turn were occupied with their call changes, Doubles and Treble Bob their opponents listened intently for any peculiarities in the bells or walked the grounds surrounding the 12th century church, set high overlooking the beautiful Berkshire countryside. 'Two's quick at hand'... The light bells want keeping apart... Reckon the tenor's a bit slow at back... advice and criticism kept pace with every pull until so many had gone that the difficulty of keeping with it gave place to general conjecture.

With time to spare before tea a team of ladies, one from each band, and a team of men, similarly selected, completed the competition.

Up to fifty ringers then sat down to a well earned and tasty meal joined by the judges, the Branch chairman and the Rector of St. James'.

After the last cup of tea had satisfied the thirstiest throat thanks were expressed on behalf of the company by the chairman, the Rev. F. E. Harcourt-Trevor, for the excellent tea provided by the local members and friends, to the adjudicators (Major E. J. Bragg and Mr. W. Viggers) and to the Rector of Finchampstead for the use of the bells.

In their comments both Major Bragg and Mr. Viggers stated that the standard of striking was the best since the competitions started. Their placings were: 1 Twyford (33 faults), 2 Sonning (42), 3 Warfield (45), followed by Easthampstead (50), Sandhurst (52) and Hurst (53). A close contest with only 20 faults between the first and last—an ominous task for judges at the next competition, if the rate of improvement is maintained!

Mr. B. C. Castle, Branch secretary, closed the meeting by disclosing to the judges that teams 7 and 8 were the ladies' and gentlemen's scratch teams (67 and 48 faults). Proof perhaps that practice does make perfect—proof indeed that ringing, striking competitions in particular, are good fun, good for the business and something to be looked forward to next year.

S. G. S.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Bernard F. L. Groves, who conducted the peal at Erith on May 17th, would like to associate this peal with all those who have rung peals with him in the past.

Many friends will note with pleasure that Miss Sara K. D. Woolley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher W. Woolley, has rung her first peal—7-8 to Plain Bob Major 'hand'. Her father, who was conducting, at the same time rang his 750th peal.

A golden wedding quarter peal was rung at All Saints' Church, Wyke Regis, Weymouth, on May 10th for Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rose. For 56 years Mr. Rose has been a ringer at this church and for a number of years has been people's warden. Of the band who rang for their wedding, Mr. Lewis Wiffen and Mr. W. Rose are the only survivors. Taking part in the quarter peal was Mr. F. Stedman, the captain, who is in his 89th year and still rings twice on a Sunday.

CHICHESTER.—On May 3rd, at the Cathedral, 1.280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Rev. C. R. R. Coussmaker 1, Patricia Diserens 2, A. Page 3, P. Stevens (first in method) 4, R. F. Diserens 5, E. Win. Keys 6, F. W. Rogers 7, W. L. Weller (cond.) 8. Rung after meeting too late for a peal attempt.

BOLTON AND ROCHDALE BRANCHES' OUTING

Thirty-one members of the Bolton and Rochdale Branches of the Lancashire Association enjoyed a happy day out in the Chester and North Wales areas on May 11th.

Leaving Todmorden at 7.30 a.m. the early risers arrived at Rochdale and Heywood, then on to Bolton and Westhoughton. Ecclestone, near Chester, was reached at 10 a.m., where an hour was enjoyed on the wonderful eight (26 cwt.). The church, built by the first Duke of Westminster, must surely rank among the finest parish churches in England: built of red sandstone with pillars and black and white chequered floor, with equally beautiful organ and interior, it is a joy to enter. Sam Jones, grand old man of this tower, is a respected man in the village. His son, Arthur, met the party and conducted them round and his brother, Sam, met us at the next place of call, St. Mary-within-the-Walls, Chester. We were sorry not to see Percy Swindley. The bells (tenor 19½ cwt.) here do not go too well, but sound very well outside.

After an enjoyable lunch at Chester, a pleasant run brought us to Gresford, where the eight bells (25 cwt.) go extremely well.

The next stop was the white limestone Church of St. Margaret at Bodelwyddan, a lovely church, in an equally beautiful setting with a good eight (14½ cwt.). Nearly everybody in the party had been waiting to ring at this church. On to Rhyl for tea at 'Summers Cafe' which we had visited before, and then an hour at St. Thomas' (17½ cwt., very good-toned bells), after a nice welcome from the leader of the ringers, Mr. Evans, and tower secretary, Miss Wallis.

We left Rhyl at 7.30 p.m., and after a pleasant run along the coast road, with a view of Liverpool Cathedral on the horizon, we finally came to stop for liquid refreshment, and arrived home in time for Boltonians to catch their respective buses home. All thanks are due to incumbents for allowing us to ring and tower leaders for meeting us, etc. J. T.

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL, RHODESIA

Mr. H. P. Raynor, in his annual report of the Mashonaland Diocesan Guild of Bell-ringers, states that the past year has in many ways been difficult for the Guild, the hardest thing being the departure, permanent or temporary, of many active members. Losses include George Collins, Joan Winter and Colin Stevenson. In spite of these losses steady progress has been made in the tower (Salisbury Cathedral) largely due to the guidance of the tower captain, Fred Wilson. 'Striking is improving, and while we may not be making the progress with change ringing that we hoped to make, the spirit is not lacking.

The main development during the year has been the erection of the new ringing chamber by Bruce Berrington and Sunday helpers. The difference made by this floor is impossible to overestimate. Much may still need doing to the clock, lighting is still unfinished and our ringing is far from perfect, but our belfry is ideal.

HYMN OF ST. DUNSTAN

By P. AMOS

(Sung to tune 355, Ancient and Modern)

1. Maker of instruments of Praise
To thee our thankful hearts we raise,
In changing chants to worship's call
To glorify the Lord of all.
2. To Holy Dunstan came the task
The Church's outward voice to cast,
To Christendom he gave his all
May we like him obey that call.
3. The sacred call the pealing bells
O'er countryside their music swells,
To every home a message brings
The Gospel of the King of Kings.

OBITUARY

THE VERY REV. R. J. F. MAYSTON

Leicester Cathedral has suffered a great loss by the death of their Provost (the Very Rev. R. J. F. Mayston, C.B.E., M.A.), at the age of 56, following an operation in St. Thomas' Hospital, London.

Although he was not a ringer himself, he took a great interest in the ringers and ringing which took place at the Cathedral, and, with Mrs. Mayston, always participated in the social activities with the ringers, as he was president of the Leicester Cathedral Society of ringers.

The funeral took place at Leicester Cathedral on May 16th, and the bells were rung half-muffled before the service.

The Bishop of Leicester conducted the service, and the address was given by the Rev. James Good (Rector of Lutterworth), whose words gave a very true picture of the Provost.

He said that he first met Mr. Mayston as a student in 1915. He was honest and helpful to all who came to him for advice. Nothing was ever too much trouble, no matter how small or difficult the problem might be. He had a great gift of giving himself to others.

A peal of Stedman Cinques half-muffled was rung on the Cathedral bells the following evening, as a last tribute to the memory of a very dear friend of the ringers. H. B. B.

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The peal rung at St. Cuthbert's, Wells, in thanksgiving for the restoration of the church at a cost of £24,000, had in the band six regular Sunday service ringers. The roof of the nave has been painted in its former mediæval colouring and a 15th century ceiling has been uncovered and restored. Although the appeal was only launched 34 years ago by Preb. H. A. Barnett, only £4,000 remains to be found.

We are asked to state that the number of changes in the quarter peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal rung at Dalton-in-Furness (see page 317) was 1,480 and not as printed.

It was a big disappointment that the quarter peal attempt at Clanfield, Oxon, on April 25th to honour the 78th Birthday of Mr. George Clarke failed. Amends were made to George afterwards in 'The Plough.'

Mr. A. P. Cannon is an unofficial liaison officer between the Guildford Guild and the Surrey Association. He is Ringing Master of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Guild and Master of the Surrey Association.

The claim that the peal at Theale, Berkshire, was the first on the bells for 25 years (page 340) is incorrect, writes Geoffrey K. Dodd. A peal in four Minor methods was rung here in October, 1957, conducted by A. P. Cannon.

Very high appreciation of the services to Australian ringing by George and Diana Pipe appears in the latest issue of 'Ringing Towers.' J. J. F. Roper, W. D. Watson and W. B. Pitcher write of the great work and friendships they established during their seven years in Melbourne.

Senior ringer to tyro, after recent unsuccessful peal attempt at Pontefract, Yorkshire: 'Hard luck, —.' Came the reply, 'Never mind, there is always next time, and, anyway, it makes getting a good peal all that much more worth while; if we got them all, what would be the point?' One hopes that he (and many more) may have this thought always at the back of his mind as he grows older.

BELFRY GOSSIP

To celebrate the 75th birthday of Thomas W. Metcalf, tower leader at Dalton-in-Furness, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Royal was rung there on May 15th. Since joining the Association in 1899, 'Old Tom,' as he is known to most North Lancashire ringers, has been a regular Sunday service ringer at Dalton and still attends the Tuesday practices to help learners. 'His 60 odd years of service are a credit to him, the Branch and the Lancashire Association,' writes W. Wall.

Congratulations to Mr. Bernard F. L. Groves on ringing his 500th peal at Eritz on May 17th. He is probably the youngest ringer to have amassed this total.

On Easter Monday a laine plaid scarf was left in the Tonbridge belfry. The owner should write to Mr. R. A. Large, Little Trench Farm, Trench Road, Tonbridge, for its return.

The premature retirement of the Rev. A. N. H. Roscamp, through an infection of the throat, is deeply regretted at Wadhurst, Sussex, where he has been Vicar since 1951. He was instrumental in getting two trebles added to the bells when they were rehung in 1954. A peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, the first of Surprise on the bells, was rung on May 13th, the day the Vicar vacated the vicarage.

The peal at Felpham, Sussex, on May 9th was specially rung to the memory of Mr. Horace Davis Alford and to mark the dedication of the new ringing chamber, which was met by a bequest to the church by Mr. Alford. Mr. W. Bristow, who has been in charge of ringing at Felpham for a number of years, rang the treble to his first peal of Minor.

With a peal of Stedman Doubles at Seend, Wilts, on May 18th, Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd achieved a small ambition by ringing his 600th peal, and also completed peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques on both tower- and handbells. His total includes 188 twelve bell peals (136 Cinques, 52 Surprise Maximus). We rejoice in our illustrious contributor's achievements. Ringing in the peal was David Nibbs, one of the 'up and coming' youngsters from Holt, Wilts. He rang well.

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JOHN S. MASON	3	EDWARD W. COLLEY	9
CHARLES A. S. WEBB	4	†GEORGE E. FEARN	10
†NORMAN J. GOODMAN	5	PETER BORDER	11
RODERICK W. PIPE	6	JOHN A. ANDERSON	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of Surprise Maximus. † 300th peal together.

TEN BELL PEAL

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., May 18, 1963, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version.

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

HENRY H. FEARN	Treble	CHARLES A. S. WEBB	6
MURIEL REAY	2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
FREDERICK ROSS	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	8
*SUSAN FUNNELL	4	JOHN McDONALD	9
RODERICK W. PIPE	5	JOHN A. ANDERSON	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RÖDERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal of London Surprise Royal.

Rung to commemorate the 14,112 London Surprise Major at King's Norton, May 11th, 1903.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WELLS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 27, 1963, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in D.

A. THOMAS HARRIS	Treble	PETER C. WRIGHT	5
PERCIVAL H. HULL	2	EDGAR SKIPSEY	6
*H. ANTHONY USHER	3	GWILYM SALMON	7
VICTOR G. ROBERTS	4	*DAVID ELLIOTT	Tenor

Conducted by GWILYM SALMON.

* First peal. First of Triples as conductor.

Rung as a thanksgiving on the completion of the restoration of the interior of St. Cuthbert's Church.

SANDBACH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

PETER LAFLIN	Treble	ALAN J. BROWN	5
HAROLD C. LONYON	2	C. KENNETH LEWIS	6
JOHN WORTH	3	BASIL JONES	7
*JOHN FREEMAN	4	FRANK OSBALDISTON	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in the method.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5024 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

*ROBERT B. SMITH	Treble	*JOHN F. BARLOW	5
NEIL BENNETT	2	*JOHN C. BALDWIN	6
*DEREK BUTTERWORTH	3	JOHN ROBINSON	7
*DEREK A. ASHTON	4	BARRIE HENDRY	Tenor

Composed by DENIS R. CARLISLE and GORDON A. HALLS.

Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh obs.).

Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

*HARRY BALDWIN	Treble	*MICHAEL WHITING	5
C. AUBREY HARRISON	2	JOHN HALL	6
MAURICE LINGS	3	JACK BRAY	7
RONALD CHAFER	4	PHILIP BARNES	Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal of Triples.

Rung to welcome Rev. W. T. Armstrong, who was instituted and inducted to this parish on April 25th.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt.

JOHN SCHOFIELD	Treble	RAYMOND J. TALBOT	5
JEAN L. LAVENDER	2	RAYMOND E. FINCH	6
HAROLD N. PITSTOW	3	*CHRISTOPHER F. MEW	7
ALBERT E. CHEESMAN	4	STEWART F. KIMBER	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by STEWART F. KIMBER.

* First peal in the method.

BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5024 QUINBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	Treble	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	2	PETER J. COLES	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	JACK S. DEAR	Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 480 Bristol and 320 each of Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Pudsey and Cambridge; with 120 changes of method. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*DELIA E. SMITH	Treble	*COLIN W. REED	5
*BERYL N. REED	2	JOHN FREEMAN	6
*A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	3	JOHN WALDEN	7
WALTER TOMLINSON	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in eight methods.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 1 variation.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

ALFRED BALLARD	Treble	*BRIAN BURROWS	5
C. ROGER HAYWARD	2	CHRISTOPHER P. RICE	6
CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD	3	JOHN VERNON	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	†GEORGE W. BRANDRICK	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN VERNON.

* First peal of Stedman. † First on eight bells.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5024 DUNELM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

EDWARD HOLDSWORTH	Treble	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	5
GEOFFREY R. CRISP	2	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	6
HUBERT G. SUMMERS	3	L. MICHAEL CALLOW	7
PERCY STONE	4	PETER BORDER	Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

First peal in the method by all the band.

This method, published in 'The Ringing World' of February 22nd, 1963, under the name of Durham Surprise Major, is now renamed.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr.

J. ROBIN J. DYKE	Treble	ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK	5
PETER J. HERITAGE	2	CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE	6
BARRY J. DAVIES	3	EDWARD R. VENN	7
ALAN R. PINK	4	PETER A. SHARP	Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by PETER A. SHARP.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major as conductor.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

THOMAS W. HESKETH	Treble	JOHN H. FIELDEN	5
KENNETH J. HESKETH	2	HUBERT RICHARDSON	6
HAZEL A. ARROWSMITH	3	V. DAVID JENNER	7
*RICHARD S. STARKIE	4	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	Tenor

Composed by N. GOLDEN.

Conducted by JOHN H. FIELDEN.

* First peal.

QUINBURY SURPRISE MAJOR.

x 58 x 16 x 1256 x 16 x 34 x 38 x 14 x 18. L.E. 7856342.

4ths place bobs.

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

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

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR .. Treble	MICHAEL D. ATFIELD 5
*ALISON MACFARLANE 2	JOHN G. PUSEY 6
†M. ROGER ASHMORE 3	F. JOHN NELSON 7
†JOHN W. THORP 4	JOHN E. CAMP Tenor

Composed by G. R. NEWTON.

Conducted by F. JOHN NELSON.

* First peal of Major. † First peal.

LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5024 HINTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

R. M. DAMERELL (Corpus) Treble	H. E. BISHOP (Selwyn) .. 5
V. NUTTON (Selwyn) 2	C. H. ROGERS (Emmanuel) 6
A. S. HUDSON (Clare) 3	I. M. SMITH (Peterhouse) .. 7
J. M. H. HUNTER (Trinity) 4	S. C. WALTERS (Pembroke) Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by ANDREW S. HUDSON.

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

MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

Taylor's Six-Part.	WM. ARNOLD MORLEY .. 5
*CHRISTOPHER EARP .. Treble	DAVID W. PARKIN 6
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 2	JOHN F. MURFIN 7
JOSEPH C. WOOLEY 3	BURLEY P. MORRIS Tenor
FRANCIS R. LOWE 4	

Conducted by JOHN F. MURFIN.

* First peal.

MELLS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5088 MONAGHAN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt.

REGINALD G. HOOPER .. Treble	*DON C. EXELL 5
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 2	BRIAN J. WYLDE 6
*MICHAEL J. HOBBS 3	D. JOHN HUNT 7
ANTONY R. KENCH 4	PHILIP M. J. GRAY Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

* 25th peal together. First in the method for the Association, on the bells, and by all the band.

RIPON, YORKSHIRE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND WILFRID.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 24 lb. in E flat.

JOHN A. BROWN Treble	MARTIN JORDAN 5
M. ELAINE MURCOTT 2	WILLIAM G. WILSON 6
MICHAEL ARMSTRONG 3	ERIC N. HARRISON 7
MICHAEL MAUGHAN 4	BRYAN PATTISON Tenor

Composed by PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

JESMOND, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 13, 1963, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 80 lb. in F.

*GILLIAN DOUGLAS .. Treble	ALAN R. PATTERSON 5
MICHAEL MAUGHAN 2	THOMAS SEWELL 6
†SHIRLEY SCOTT 3	ANDREW C. BOLTON 7
KENNETH ARTHUR 4	MARTYN L. J. JORDAN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ANDREW C. BOLTON.

* First peal. † First on eight, and 'inside.' First as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to Shirley Scott and Andrew C. Bolton on their recent engagement.

LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 13, 1963, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5152 FROME SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

DENIS WOODS Treble	BRIAN HARRIS 5
JOHN E. ALLEN 2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
KEITH R. DAVEY 3	CYRIL R. BURRELL 7
GEORGE W. MASSEY 4	RONALD C. NOON Tenor

Composed by G. W. MASSEY.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

First peal in the method.

A birthday compliment to Basil Jones, of Hazel Grove (Norbury).

FROME SURPRISE MAJOR

x 38 x 14 x 58 x 16 x 12 x 38 x 56 x 18

8ths Pl. L.E. 4ths Pl. Bob.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt. 104 lb. in F.

JOSEPH J. PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 2	CLIFFORD BIRD 5
NOLAN GOLDEN Treble	F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT 2	GEORGE SAYER 7
*JOHN KNIGHTS 3	CHRISTOPHER G. SAYER .. Tenor
A. SPENCER BROTHERS .. 4	

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal attempt.

Rung as a tribute of respect to the memory of Walter Gowing, for many years a ringer and steeple keeper at this church, and interred this day.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Mon., May 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

MURIEL REAY Treble	RODERICK W. PIPE 5
SUSAN FUNNELL 2	MAURICE C. HUGHES .. 6
PETER S. BENNETT 3	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 7
IAN C. MAYCOCK 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 2).

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

First peal of York Surprise Major by all the band, and for the Guild.

WADHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 13, 1963, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

Middleton's.	ERNEST J. LADD 5
THOMAS E. SONE .. Treble	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 2	WILLIAM ROGERS 7
FRANK I. HAIRS 3	GEOFFREY WATERS Tenor
CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 4	

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

First peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

Rung as a tribute to the Rev. A. N. H. Roscamp, Vicar since 1951, on his retirement through ill health.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 49 lb.

*HENRY J. TAYSON .. Treble	DON C. EXELL 5
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 2	D. JOHN HUNT 6
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 3	*ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. 7
*MICHAEL J. HOBBS 4	JOHN H. GILBERT Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.

* First peal of London Surprise Major.

CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 FALMOUTH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. Treble	JOHN ROBINSON 5
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. 2	NEIL BENNETT 6
BASIL JONES 3	BARRIE HENDRY 7
JOHN BARLOW 4	ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

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

DARESBUURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDEGEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

HARRY W. HOWARD .. Treble	GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL .. 5
DAVID VINCENT 2	DAVID HOLLAND 6
ALBERT GREENHALGH .. 3	HAROLD WORRALL 7
JOHN RYDER 4	JOHN ASHCROFT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

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

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5088 VERMOUTH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

ROBIN A. HODGSON .. Treble	H. GEORGE HART 5
ELSIE K. HART 2	RONALD A. WRIGHT 6
ROGER BALDWIN 3	WILLIAM S. DEASON 7
S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN 4	DAVID J. TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN.

Conducted by DAVID J. TAYLOR.

First peal in the method.

VERMONT SURPRISE MAJOR.

—5—6—2—3—34—45—6.34.7 L.E. B.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Wed., May 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

M. J. Morriss' var. of Parker's Twelve-Part (7th obs.)

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

NORMAN COTTON Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
COLIN LORD 2	JOHN K. SMITH 6
WILLIAM CURSON 3	ROLAND BENISTON 7
RICHARD CLIFTON 4	WILLIAM WOODWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

ANDREW M. MACVE Treble	CYRIL S. JARRETT 5
ARTHUR G. MASON 2	TREVOR A. CROSS 6
THOMAS E. SONE 3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

The conductor's 500th peal.

BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENSINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble	ERIC EDMONDSON 5
COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 2	JACK S. DEAR 6
PETER J. COLES 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 7
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

CHRISTOPHER F. MEW .. Treble	BRIAN H. COATSWORTH .. 5
MARGARET E. FORT 2	MICHAEL J. UPHILL 6
ALAN R. MILLIDGE 3	DAVID C. BROOKES 7
BRIAN J. BULL 4	ALAN E. BAGWORTH Tenor

Composed by W. SHIPWAY.

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER F. MEW.

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

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. HELEN AND MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 16 lb. in F.

DONALD F. MURFET .. Treble	GEORGE E. THODAY 5
GEOFFREY PEARSON 2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS 6
*ALAN M. BARBER 3	PHILIP MEHEW 7
JOHN W. WARD 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Double Norwich C.B. (aged 15).

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 18, 1963, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in E.

CHARLES H. TURNER .. Treble	ERNEST W. BRIGHT 5
*JOHN H. NICHOLS 2	CHARLES W. BURTON 6
FRANK CLAYDON 3	RONALD W. STEWARD 7
†WINIFRED ELLIOTT 4	ANDREW T. BECKWITH Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by ANDREW T. BECKWITH.

* First peal. † First of Major. First as conductor.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WALLINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 CHILDWALL BOB MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A flat.

*ANDREW C. MAYES .. Treble	DAVID R. SAUNDERSON .. 4
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 2	MARTIN MAJOR 5
TERRY R. HAICHETT 3	JACK S. DEAR Tenor

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

* First peal.

BROMFIELD, SALOP.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings).

Tenor 10 cwt.

*NORMAN KEENE .. Treble	LEO EVANS 4
†VALERIE M. EDGE 2	DESMOND FERGUSON 5
WILLIAM H. LLOYD 3	ALFRED T. HOLLIS Tenor

Conducted by DESMOND FERGUSON.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

Rung in honour of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Mapp.

WRAGBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 3, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND OUR LADY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in G.

WILFRID F. MORETON .. Treble	JOHN L. WHITE 4
*CATHERINE SLATER 2	PETER CARBUTT 5
DAVID LOCKWOOD 3	R. GORDON CORBY Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal attempt.

HARTFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise Minor, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ROY FOSTER .. Treble	JOHN RYDER 4
*ASHLEY PUGH 2	HAROLD WORRALL 5
DAVID A. GODFREY 3	HARRY W. HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

* First peal in seven methods.

OAKS-IN-CHARNWOOD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ANTHONY LOCKE .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 4
JOHN K. SMITH 2	ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON .. 5
RICHARD CLIFTON 3	ROLAND BENISTON Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

The ringers of the treble and fifth hail from Cornwall.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*WILLIAM BRISTOW .. Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 4
MICHAEL J. WAKE 2	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 5
†PHILIP STEVENS 3	ROBERT WAKE Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT WAKE.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor 'inside.' First on the bells since the construction of the new ringing chamber.

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OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 10, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) Norfolk and Ipswich, (2) Cambridge and Primrose, (3) Bourne, (4) Netherseale, (5) College Exercise and Norbury, (6) Duke of Norfolk, (7) Ockley. Tenor 7½ cwt.

PETER J. HERITAGE Treble	D. KAY ADKINS 4
EDWARD R. VENN 2	ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK 5
*CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* 100th peal.

ALDEBY, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 8 cwt.

LEONARD M. RAPHAEL .. Treble	THOMAS J. BROCK 3
RALPH W. BICKERS 2	*NORMAN P. J. COSSEY .. 4
MICHAEL J. PARKER Tenor	

Conducted by MICHAEL J. PARKER.

* 30th peal. First of Grandsire by all the band.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Wells, (2) London, (3) Durham, (4) York, (5) Beverley, (6) Surfleet, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

V. DAVID JENNER Treble	KENNETH J. HESKETH 4
THOMAS W. HESKETH 2	JOHN H. FIELDEN 5
CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER .. 3	TUDOR P. EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. FIELDEN.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

BOXLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of London, Hull, Surfleet, Norwich, Bourne, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

ANDREW M. MACVE Treble	JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH 4
*D. PAUL SMITH 2	JOHN S. BARNES 5
RALPH BIRD 3	IAN H. ORAM Tenor

Conducted by ANDREW M. MACVE.

* First peal of seven Surprise 'inside.'

CALVERTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G sharp.

RONALD RUSSELL Treble	ROGER W. SMITH 4
JACQUELINE A. DOWNING .. 2	GEORGE F. ROOME 5
ALAN A. PAUL 3	GRAHAM C. PAUL Tenor

Conducted by GRAHAM C. PAUL.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hammons on the birth of a son.

DEENE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

*MARY BLOXHAM Treble	IAN W. HALL 4
MURRAY A. COLEMAN 2	ANTHONY SANSOM 5
SHEILA J. STALEY 3	†MICHAEL J. STALEY Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL J. STALEY.

* First peal attempt. † First of Minor, and first as conductor.

HOLLINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 31 methods: (1) Canterbury and Morpeth; (2) Whitley, Northumberland, Carlisle and Wooler; (3) Munden, Newcastle, Alnwick and Chester; (4) Rossendale, Wearmouth, Stamford, Lightfoot, Annable's London and Netherseale; (5) Cuneastre, London and Wells; (6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; (7) York, Durham, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham and Beverley; with 141 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

D. PAUL SMITH Treble	ANDREW M. MACVE 4
*JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH 2	IAN H. ORAM 5
*RICHARD G. CROSLAND .. 3	RALPH BIRD Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* First peal in 31 methods.

KIMPTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Norwich, (2) Cambridge, (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) Single Oxford, (5) Double and Plain Bob, (6) Reverse Bob, (7) St. Clement's. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

ANGELA RIMMER Treble	JOHN G. CULL 4
JOYCE DODDS 2	STANLEY HUCKLE 5
GEOFFREY DODDS 3	GERALD PENNEY Tenor

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

First peal in nine methods by all the band except the ringer of the tenor.

Rung as a compliment to Thelma Burrows and Stanley Huckle on their recent engagement.

MILES PLATTING, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

JOHN F. BARLOW Treble	C. JOHN CLEGG 4
MARGARET WRIGHT 2	DEREK J. MARSHALL 5
PETER J. MALLOCH 3	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.

Rung by members of the Sunday service band of St. Michael and All Angels', Ashton-under-Lyne. Average age of band 18 years 1 month.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Grandsire, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Kent T.B., (5) Childwall, (6) Buxton, (7) St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

CHRISTOPHER F. MEW .. Treble	BRIAN J. BULL 4
ROSAMUND M. RAWLINGS .. 2	ALAN R. MILLIDGE 5
ALISON M. MANN 3	MICHAEL J. UPHILL Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER F. MEW.

First peal in eight methods for all the band.

HANDBELL PEALS

WARBOROUGH, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. LAURENCE'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*ROGER A. HOWES 1-2	F. HECTOR BENNETT 3-4
*P. GERALD McILHONE 5-6	

Conducted by P. GERALD McILHONE.

* First handbell peal.

Rung by past and present pupils of Wallingford Grammar School.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT 39, TITIAN AVENUE,

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor size 15 in C.

S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN 1-2	ROGER BALDWIN 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	ANTHONY R. MANN 7-8

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

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

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

IN THE SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 16½ in B flat.

GERALD PENNEY 1-2	KENNETH J. DARVILL 5-6
STANLEY HUCKLE 3-4	WALTER AYRE 7-8

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN. Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE LIMES, STATION ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 1-2	ROBERT B. SMITH 5-6
*†NEIL BENNETT 3-4	†FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 7-8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (C.C.C. No. 7).

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

* First peal of T.B. Major on handbells. † First of Kent T.B.

‡ First of T.B. on handbells.

LONG LENGTH

HAWKSHEAD, LANCS.—On May 11th, 2,080 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. Shuttleworth 1, N. M. Newby 2, Miss D. J. Perrins 3, L. Clement 4, A. Capstick 5, T. F. Metcalfe 6, L. Bournemouth 7, J. A. Ainsworth (cond.) 8.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On May 5th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob: H. Ivings 1, E. Hotine 2, E. J. Lockwood (first of Kent) 3, N. Whittell 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, J. Ivings 6.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Jennifer Stone-Wigg 1, Miss Groves 2, A. Stone 3, H. Luck 4, J. A. Russell (cond.) 5, T. Milsted 6, F. Carter 7, A. Hinkley 8. A farewell to the Vicar.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, CO. DURHAM.—On March 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. W. Leighton 1, K. Arthur 2, Miss S. Scott 3, J. Crowther 4, M. Maughan (cond.) 5, A. C. Bolton 6. Also on March 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. W. Leighton 1, A. C. Bolton 2, Miss S. Scott 3, M. Maughan (cond.) 4, J. Crowther 5. Both for Matins.

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's, on April 28th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and St. Clement's): Jane B. Tuffin 1, Diana Chapman (first 'inside' and of Minor) 2, Janet D. Phillips 3, Judith M. Atkinson 4, A. R. Kench (cond.) 5, C. M. Foster 6. By U.B.S.C.R. for Evensong.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandshire Doubles: Janet C. Sherlock 1, L. Penfold 2, R. Padbury 3, D. Wilson 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. Rung for Matins, also birthday compliment to ringers of 1, 3 and 5, also Hazel Porth and Derek Harding.

CAMBRIDGE.—On April 18th, at Our Lady and the English Martyrs' R.C., 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. R. F. Muncy 1, H. J. F. Muncy 2, J. W. R. Quinney 3, J. M. H. Hunter (comp. and cond.) 4, R. M. Damerell 5, C. H. Rogers 6, P. J. Bergdahl 7, S. C. Walters 8. Also on April 25th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: P. H. Pigg 1, C. R. F. Muncy 2, J. W. R. Quinney 3, J. M. H. Hunter (comp. and cond.) 4, D. J. Mundy 5, P. J. Bergdahl 6, C. H. Rogers 7, S. C. Walters 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—On May 12th, at St. Andrew the Great, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major: R. M. Damerell 1, C. Dillamore 2, H. Muirhead 3, A. S. Hudson (cond.) 4, J. M. H. Hunter 5, S. C. Walters 6, I. M. Smith 7, W. J. Ridgman 8.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On April 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Kathleen Waddington 1, Joan M. Dawson 2, W. Lee 3, Olivia A. Marshall 4, J. Rhodes 5, R. A. Appleby 6, P. M. Dawson 7, R. J. Lumley (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDS.—On May 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mrs. E. C. Chandler 1, P. M. Saunders 2, A. T. Wingate 3, M. V. Powell 4, R. G. Powell 5, M. T. Johns 6, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, J. A. Ellis 8. First of Plain Bob Triples for all.

COLD HIGHAM, NORTHANTS.—On May 6th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (London and Cambridge): J. Linneil 1, G. C. Paul 2, Margaret A. Wilson 3, R. W. Smith 4, C. E. Truman (cond.) 5, A. A. Paul 6. First of Surprise for 2, 4 and 6.

CUNISBROUGH, YORKS.—On May 6th, 1,320 Little Bob Major: N. Chaddock 1, R. Lindsay 2, D. Nichols 3, D. G. French 4, N. Donovan 5, G. S. Lee 6, S. Armeson (cond.) 7, J. N. D. Chaddock 8.

COSSINGTON, LEICS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): M. Brown 1, R. A. Clarke (cond.) 2, B. Law 3, D. F. Moore 4, M. R. A. Kirk 5.

COVENTRY, WARWICKS.—Near the Cathedral, on April 20th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: P. L. Bill 1—2, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 3—4, M. D. Fellows 5—6.

COVENTRY.—At St. Michael's, Stoke, on May 14th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: H. Folwell 1, Pamela Wright 2, R. D. Hayne 3, R. D. Hart 4, A. R. Wright 5, G. Pratt (cond.) 6. First in method 2, 3 and 4. For Adult Confirmation service.

CURDRIDGE, HANTS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: B. G. Bowerman 1, B. Daysh 2, R. Sturgess 3, W. F. Cope 4, M. Marshall 5, H. A. Nobes 6, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 7, M. R. Manship 8.

DALTON-ON-FURNESS, LANCS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: G. T. Turner 1, W. T. Turner 2, V. Forshaw 3, J. E. Burles 4, D. K. Bell 5, A. Capstick 6, W. Wall (cond.) 7, N. M. Newby 8, T. F. Metcalfe 9, R. Suart 10. Rung to celebrate the 75th birthday of Thomas W. Metcalfe, tower canon.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Howden 1, Veronica Dupre 2, J. F. Smallwood (cond.) 3, Kate Branson 4, S. Croft 5, H. Pickett 6, J. H. Lott 7, A. W. Lloyd 8. Rung in connection with the annual tour of Chelsea ringers.

QUARTER PEALS

DROITWICH SPA, WORCS.—On April 24th, at St. Peter-de-Witton, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (four callings): Jennifer Stone-Wigg 1, A. White 2, Sylvia Cater 3, J. E. Whittall 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, G. M. Cater (first quarter 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to H.R.H. Princess Alexandra and Hon. Angus Ogilvie. Also on May 11th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Sylvia Cater 1, S. Bridge 2, A. White 3, J. E. Whittall 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, Jennifer Stone-Wigg 6. Rung to welcome Mr. S. Bridge, who has recently moved to Witton, as a member of St. Peter's Guild of Ringers.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Reeve 1, D. Reeve 2, H. Ivings 3, J. Ivings 4, J. Paul (cond.) 5, J. Y. Parker 6.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On May 5th, 1,440 Carlisle Surprise Minor: R. Mills 1, P. Joyce 2, S. Joyce 3, H. Reed 4, C. Kippin 5, R. Kippin (cond.) 6. Twenty-fifth quarter together for R. Mills and P. Joyce.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Vincent 1, J. Thornley 2, A. Greenhalgh 3, J. Ashcroft 4, J. Cunliffe 5, G. Fothergill (cond.) 7, D. Holland 8.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.—1,260 Grandshire Triples: R. J. Isgar 1, Mrs. J. W. Brown 2, W. Rouse 3, J. W. Brown 4, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 5, G. N. Isgar 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On May 19th, 1,280 Glasgow Surprise Major: J. N. Parkin 1, Mrs. R. E. Moulds 2, Mrs. P. Knight 3, Miss M. V. Copping 4, J. F. Bryant 5, G. F. Bryant 6, R. E. Moulds 7, J. H. Fielden (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

HEREFORD.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on May 5th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: W. Yates 1, W. Kitson (cond.) 2, H. Johnson 3, R. Moxley 4, S. Bowyer 5, R. Preece 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. J. R. Robinson, a ringer and member of the church.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Mrs. B. Dobson 1, F. Tonge 2, Miss P. Goddard 3, C. Smith (first quarter) 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, F. Kewell (first quarter) 6. Rung to mark the christening of the seventh grandchild of the treble ringer.

HISTON, CAMBS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Muncy (first quarter) 1, H. Muncy 2, A. Carpenter 3, M. Carter 4, C. Muncy 5, H. Foster (cond.) 6. For the Sunday school festival.

HOOLE, CHESTER.—On May 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: T. Holmes 1, S. W. R. Crewe 2, Carol F. Ferris 3, Ann Evans 4, E. C. Crewe 5, F. R. Ferris (cond.) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Bryan Laurence Maund and Miss Marian Elizabeth Kynaston, married in this church the previous day.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On May 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Peacock 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, A. Grainger 4, A. Salisbury 5, J. Fowler 6, T. East (cond.) 7, R. Mallett 8. For Matins.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On May 19th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): P. Friend 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Wallitt 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

ILFORD, ESSEX.—On April 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Boyack 1, D. Ellesdon 2, D. Hewitt 3, Miss J. Cook 4, R. Cousins 5, J. Crampion (cond.) 6, J. Waugh 7, T. Earle 8. For the Patronal Festival.

LEICESTER.—At the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret, on May 12th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: T. Bent 1, J. Cook 2, C. Cattell 3, W. Tanser 4, T. Still 5, H. Bray 6, G. Olliffe (cond.) 7, G. Deane 8. Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of Mr. Frank Stapleton, churchwarden for 18 years, who died the previous Wednesday.

LITTLE WALTHAM, ESSEX.—On May 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. W. Withams (first quarter) 1, M. J. Erith (first 'inside') 2, J. B. Crowe 4, P. G. Brown 4, M. J. Cowling (cond.) 5, I. R. Pantton 6.

LILLINGSTONE LUVELL, BUCKS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandshire and Plain Bob): G. W. Holland 1, Miss J. Sommerville 2, E. Stanton 3, A. Stanton 4, R. A. Vickers (cond.) 5.

LONDON.—At St. Giles', Crisplegate, on May 12th, 1,277 Grandshire Caters: W. Hibbert 1, Miss M. E. Powell 2, D. Bennett 3, A. Stubbs 4, L. Smith 5, W. Rawlings 6, R. Overington 7, D. T. Darby 8, J. Phillips (cond.) 9, T. Setter 10.

LONDON, E.C.—At St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, on May 3rd, 1,320 Morpeth Surprise Minor: Margaret Fort 1, Alison Mann 2, C. F. Mew 3, D. C. Brookles 4, A. E. Bagworth 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6. First in the method for all except 6.

PARRAMATTA, AUSTRALIA.—On April 27th, 1,320 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 840 Grandshire): P. Graves 1, Elaine Graves 2, R. Ferris 3, T. Goodyer 4, M. Stracey (cond.) 5, D. Langdon 6. Rung between two wedding services, also as a birthday compliment to the mother of the conductor. Also on April 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Gates 1, Elaine Graves (first of Minor) 2, R. Ferris 3, R. Clark 4, W. Watson 5, M. Stracey (first of Minor as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On May 5th, 1,260 Double Court Triples: E. Bower 1, G. Sandwell 2, P. Sloman (first in method) 3, F. May 4, R. Tomlin 5, A. House 6, M. Hallett (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong. Also on May 12th, 1,344 Double Oxford Bob Major: G. Sandwell 1, P. Bedford 2, Miss S. Hayward 3, F. May 4, R. Tomlin 5, M. Sinden 6, M. Hallett 7, A. House 8.

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.—On April 28th, at St. Mary's Basilica, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Ferris 1, J. Sheehy 2, Margaret Goodyer 3, J. Fryer 4, W. Watson 5, T. Goodyer (cond.) 6, M. Stracey 7, P. Richards 8. For evening service.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On May 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandshire): H. E. G. Jeanes 1, Mrs. L. Crocker 2, Stella Allen 3, A. Bown 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5, T. Bryant (first quarter) 6. Rung before Evensong, in honour of the birth on April 30th of Karl Robert Bown, grandson of the ringer of 4.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On May 19th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: C. F. Wooldridge 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, P. L. Bill 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, M. D. Fellows 5, R. Smith 6, G. Westwood 7, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled for Evensong, in memoriam Mrs. L. Harper. Conductor has now 'circled the tower' to quarters.

STRENSHAM, WORCS.—On April 11th, 1,260 Clifford's Pleasure Bob Doubles: Joan Gainey 1, B. Spiers 2, M. Hawkes (cond.) 3, C. Haylings 4, Arthur Halling 5, Albert Halling 6. First in the variation by all. Rung half-muffled during Holy Week.

TOWCESTER, NORTHANTS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jacqueline Meakins (first quarter) 1, Toni M. Rogers (first in method) 2, M. D. Chown 3, Margaret A. Wilson 4, D. Burbridge (cond.) 5. Rung by scholars of Towcester Grammar School, before their Founder's Day service, attended by the Bishop of Peterborough.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on May 12th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Mrs. C. F. Neal 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, R. K. C. Wilkings 4, J. M. Steele (cond.) 5, D. Neal 6, D. W. Gray 7, C. F. Neal 8. For Evensong, and as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On May 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandshire): Mrs. D. Cobb 1, D. Hawkins 2, M. C. Austin 3, D. Cobb 4, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 5, H. Duncan 6. Rung for the centenary service of the British Red Cross Society.

WARNFORD, HERTS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Maureen White 1, R. A. Stone 2, Mary White 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. Rung after the institution and induction of the Rev. J. C. Hurst, M.A., as priest-in-charge.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On May 19th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Arent 1, Jennifer M. Bunyan 2, R. D. Bell 3, W. G. Paul 4, R. G. Smith 5, D. Laud 6, R. G. Bell 7, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 8. For Evening Prayer.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandshire and Bob Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): J. Glanville (cond.) 1, J. Briggs 2, L. K. Dawe 3, G. West 4, G. Ellett 5, P. Pratt 6, J. Gooding 7, T. Gooding 8. A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Leach.

WOOTTON, BEDS.—On Good Friday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Wooler 1, Miss M. F. Pettitt 2, Miss S. Law 3, J. Thorpe 4, R. H. French 5, R. F. Law (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1 and 4. Rung for Passion service, with the bell's half-muffled.

WORKINGTON, CUMBERLAND.—On April 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. M. Burns (first quarter) 1, A. J. Dunn 2, Mrs. L. Bournemouth 3, H. Byrom 4, T. H. Wilson 5, L. Bournemouth (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the birth this morning of a son (Mark) to the Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Crosthwaite.

WYKE REGIS, DORSET.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Mrs. P. Herbert 1, J. Vardy 2, F. Symonds 3, W. J. Chapman 4, E. Arney 5, F. Siedman 6, Jack Rose (cond.) 7, G. Abbott 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rose.

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LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL PRACTICE.—At St. Nicolas', Guildford. Tuesday, June 4th, 7.30-9 p.m. 2583

SILSOE, BEDS.—There will be no regular weekly practices held during the months of June and July. 2557

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CANCELLATION

COVENTRY GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Claverdon meeting cancelled. An evening meeting for Saturday, June 8th, will be arranged, if possible. See 'R.W.' next week. 2569

MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Monthly practice meeting, June 1st, Elstow. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please note: own arrangements for tea.—F. W. Rivett, Dis. Sec. 2545

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting on Saturday, June 1st, at Wilburton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 2546

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Meeting at St. Stephen's, June 1st. Bells (10) 3-4.30 and 6-9 p.m. No service. Own arrangements for tea.—D. J. Hunt, Hon. Sec. 2571

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Meeting at Tortwott (6), Saturday, June 1st. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. Mills, 23, Church Street, Wotton-under-Edge, Glos. 2555

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, June 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to W. H. Dobbie, 13, Balvic Road, Tonbridge. 2555

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Colne on June 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—John Pilkington, Sec. 2556

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Cup contest meeting at Wentworth, Whit Saturday, June 1st. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. H. N. Ward, George and Dragon Inn, Wentworth, Rotherham. Tel.: Hoyland 3280.—J. Seager, Sec. 2507

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.F. District.—Meeting at Stutton and Holbrook, Saturday, June 1st. Holbrook (6) 3-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Stutton (6) 6-8 p.m. Names for tea, please, to C. G. Pearce, 36, St. Andrew's Place, Melton, near Woodbridge. 2520

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, West Grinstead, Saturday, June 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. (at Dial Post). Notifications for tea to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, T.N. 438. 2524

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday, June 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2539

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Whit Monday, June 3rd, 1963, at Chelmsford. Service in Cathedral at 11 a.m. Address by Bishop of Colchester. Meeting to follow service. Tea and coffee available from 10.15 to 10.45 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m., Cathedral Hall (tickets 3s. 6d.). Tea, as a running buffet, from 5-6.15 p.m. (tickets 2s. 6d.). Bells available: Cathedral, 9.30-10.45 a.m. and then service touch, and from 4 p.m. From 3-6 p.m. Great Baddow, Writtle, Widford, Sandon, Danbury; and from 6-9 p.m. Great Waltham, Galleywood, Broomfield, Little Waltham. Lunch and tea tickets from General Secretary, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, S.A.E., please.—F. V. Gant. 2474

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Eight bell practice, Shepton Beauchamp, Wednesday, June 5th, 7 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 2560

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Meeting at Bradshaw, June 8th. Names for tea to Mr. Eric Lord, 636 New Hey Road, Mount, Outlane, Huddersfield. Doubles methods, please.—D. Smith. 2515

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Rise (5), Saturday, June 8th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. C. W. Gray-Nicholson, Hind's House, Park Farm, Rise, Skirlaugh, Hull. 2551

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Frodsham on Saturday, June 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 2559

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Northallerton on June 8th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. P. Wishart, 8, Fairfield Avenue, Ormesby, Middlesbrough. 2565

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at Old Bampton (6) on Saturday, June 8th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only at 5 p.m.—M. Phipps, Sec. 2568

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Cowfold (6), Saturday, June 8th, from 3 p.m. and during the evening. Tea by own arrangement. Lower Beeding (8) 6.30-8.30 p.m., if available. 2563

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Harston on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman. 2575

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Great Hallingbury (5) on Saturday, June 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 2530

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Downham, June 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea essential by Wednesday, June 5th, to M. J. Hallett, 180, Downhall Road, Rayleigh. 2537

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, June 8th, Bishopstone (8). Names for tea to R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 2564

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Redbourn (6), June 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. Reading, 57, Hempstead Road, Redbourn. 2576

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Stockbury (5) on June 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, not later than the previous Wednesday, to Mr. M. Lacey, 14, Northdown, Stockbury, Sittingbourne.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2536

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting, June 8th, Bearsted. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. N. C. Ollett, 19, Mount Drive, Church Lane, Bearsted, Maidstone.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 2582

LADIES' GUILD (Beds and Northants) and BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Biggleswade District).—Joint meeting, Tempsford, June 8th. Bells (6) 3 to 4.40 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Tea and meetings 4.45 p.m. Further ringing in evening. Special methods: Double Court and Cambridge.—Miss S. Law and Mr. A. Smith, Dis. Secs. 2567

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, June 8th, at Somerton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Crocker, 29, St. Cleers Way, Somerton, Somerset. 2552

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Kendal, Saturday, June 8th, 2.30 p.m. Names to N. Nightingale, 6, Peat Lane, Sandylands, Kendal.—N. M. Newby. 2586

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Goosnargh, Saturday, June 8th. But 142 2.20 p.m. from Preston. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 5th, to me.—L. Walmsley, Leyland Motors, Ltd., Leyland. 2588

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Healey on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Please note competition is postponed.—J. P. Parlington. 2553

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Rothley, Saturday, June 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. G. M. Brewin, 5, Cossington Lane, Rothley, Loughborough. Special methods: Norwich Surprise and Reverse St. Bartholomew's.—J. A. M. Cox, Dis. Sec. 2581

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Witham-on-the-Hill, Saturday, June 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, June 3rd, to Rev. Canon N. W. Hagger, The Vicarage, Witham-on-the-Hill, Bourne, Lincs. Special methods: Norfolk Surprise and Single Oxford Bob.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 2538

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, June 8th at Pentre. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names to Mr. John Owen, 11, Llewellyn Street, Pentre. 2478

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N & E District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 8th, Kilburn. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. followed by business meeting. Further ringing 6.45 to 8.30 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 2584

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Kessingland, June 8th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 5th, certain, to Mr. M. J. Parker, 6, Windsor Terrace, Field Lane, Kessingland, Suffolk.—N. P. J. Cossey, Hon. Sec., Low Road, Norton, NOR. 26 W. 2525

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A.G.M., Granborough (5), Saturday, June 8th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 5th, to J. W. Hall, 44, Buckingham Road, Winslow, Bucks. 2513

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Stanton St. John, June 8th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 5th, to Mr. R. H. Jones, 118, Oxford Road, Old Marston, Oxford. 2562

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Brixworth, Saturday, June 8th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Avenue, Northants, by Tuesday previous. Brixworth bells till 7 p.m. only. Pitsford open from 6.30-8.30 p.m. 2519

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Benefield, Saturday, June 8th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 4th latest to A. Hinton, Police House, Warrington, Peterborough. 2561

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, St. David's Cathedral on Saturday, June 8th, at 3 o'clock. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Buckland, 9, The Pebbles, St. David's.—R. Warburton, Hon. Sec. 2544

SPRING-TIME OUTINGS

ST. MARY'S, WATFORD

On May 11th Watford ringers and friends broke some new ground. A pleasant eight at Eaton Socon provided the first ring, which was enjoyed, as was also the first sign of sunshine after a rough start.

Through the flat countryside to Whittlesey, where the beautiful spire of St. Mary's contrasts sharply with the clusters of tall brick chimney stacks (some of them leaning) which abound in this area. Ringing on the good eight at St. Mary's was followed by lunch at the Falcon Hotel. Only a few minutes away is St. Andrew's, where another eight were put to good use.

Turning south, Huntingdon, the next objective, looked attractive in the brilliant sunshine, and touches in various methods were rung at St. Mary's. A mile away picturesque Godmanchester, with its pretty riverside, old houses and gardens, was much appreciated, as were the fine eight bells. Tea was taken here.

The journey back lay through St. Neots, the last call where, after a welcome by the Vicar, the majestic eight sounded well to the delight of ringers and listeners alike.

Old friends in the party included Steve Hoare and Harold Cashmore, with whom it was a pleasure to ring. Many thanks to all those who were waiting at the towers, particularly the young men at St. Neots who coped with a troublesome clock hammer, also to Dennis Laud for his faultless organisation. R. G. B.

ST. JOHN'S, FROME

A small band of ringers, with a large company of friends, visited five Hampshire towers for their outing on May 18th. St. John's captain, Mr. D. Flower, was unable to join the trip due to a slipped disk, and we all wish him a speedy recovery.

Ringing took place at West Meon, Soberton, Alverstoke, Bishopstoke (all eights), and King's Somborne (6). A visit to North Stoneham tower had been arranged, but a broken clapper made this impossible. Members of the band are most grateful to Mr. D. Forder, who arranged alternative ringing at Bishopstoke at very short notice.

All the bells were easy going, with the best ringing of the day taking place at King's Somborne. Here a course of Beverley Surprise Major made a satisfactory ending to a pleasant day's ringing. After leaving this village, Mr. W. Mills, aged 81, found that he had lost a gold ring, given to him by his mother, and he thinks it may have caught on the rope while he was ringing at King's Somborne.

Frome was reached at 11 p.m., after a day of sunshine, good fellowship and excellent food. Grateful thanks were expressed to Mr. Robertson, our driver, for able 'coachmanship,' and to the tower secretary for arranging the outing. We would also like to thank the ringers who met us and incumbents. H. M. M.

STRATTON, CORNWALL

A very enjoyable outing to Somerset was arranged by Henry Trewin, of Stratton, for Easter Monday. It was foggy when the Stratton party left at 6.45 a.m. by way of Barnstaple and across Exmoor to Bishop's Lydeard, the first tower. Here we joined forces with ringers from Plymouth, Saltash, Tavistock, Plympton and Combe Martin. Ringing was not enjoyed here because of the oscillation.

The other towers were happily chosen. There was good ringing at St. Mary's, Bridgwater, and St. John the Baptist, Weston-super-Mare, and on the noble ring at Congresbury.

Wrington was reached at 3.45 p.m. and the delightful ten were soon going to Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Bob Royal. After Winscombe there was a long trek of about 50 miles to Martock, where it was generally agreed the best ringing of the day was accomplished. South Petherton and Shepton Beauchamp received a hasty visit. Mr. and Mrs. W. Bishop and John Cornelius were very helpful as ringers and guides. The Stratton contingent arrived home very tired at 12.45 a.m. H. S.

FIRST DAY OUT

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN'S Church, Marlborough, Wilts, has a tower whose membership has grown in the last year from almost nothing to about 35 ringers and learners. On a Saturday this month some of them, with friends and children, spent a day ringing their way round the Hampshire-Surrey borderland. The trip was organised by Mr. and Mrs. G. L. E. Brown, and the party was accompanied by the chairman of the tower, Rev. F. Armand-Smith. Ringing was in the charge of the tower captain, Alf Johnson, and included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Doubles and Minor, with a considerable amount of rounds and call changes for the learners.

A good start was made at Sherborne St. John, but at Odiham the ringing was rather thinly supported, due to the proximity of a place of refreshment. At Guildford, the party dispersed for lunch and reassembled for ringing at the delightful old Church of St. Mary, the first anti-clockwise tower for many of the band. The afternoon was spent at Puttenham, Seale and Ash, all with bells less than half the weight of those at the home tower. Nevertheless, the learners were undismayed, and a good standard of striking was maintained throughout. After tea at Farnborough, the party adjourned to the Parish Church for the final ring of the day.

The experience of ringing on strange bells seemed to have helped the standard of striking, as the service ringing the next morning was some of the best the team had ever managed. M. L. S.

LADY RINGER AS MAYOR

We have only heard so far of one ringer as a new Mayor—Councillor Miss B. Temple, of Lewes. She is a niece of the late Archbishop Temple, and rings at Southover Parish Church.

On May 22nd, the day of her election, her fellow ringers rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples on Southover bells.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.', May 23rd, 1913:—

We record quite a curiosity in a handbell peal this week. It is a peal of Bob Major rung at Haggerston, and each of the four ringers conducted a quarter-peal, while each quarter was by a different composer. The peal was the outcome of a suggestion made some time ago, and, despite its novelty, it was well struck. Indeed, throughout the whole of the ringing, only some half-dozen words were spoken apart from the calling of the bobs.

'R.W.' May 30th, 1913.—

The two following peals were rung in honour of the wedding of Princess Victoria Louise, of Prussia, and Prince Ernst August, of Cumberland. Prince Ernst is descended from William Augustus, Duke of Cumberland, who was the founder of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

(The two peals were Superlative at Mortlake, conducted by Frank Bennett, and Superlative at Edmonton, conducted by James Parker.)

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 8th, at Hazelbury Bryan. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting after. All welcome. Names for tea to Richard Longridge, Okeford Fitzpaine Rectory, Blandford. Tel.: Childe Okeford 311. 2589

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A by-meeting will be held at Kingston on Saturday, June 8th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Please bring your own food.—J. Davis, Hon. Sec. 2579

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, June 8th. Bells available: Worfield (6), 2.30 to 4.30; Claverley (8), 6 to 8.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—E. Morris. 2585

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—District Cup contest and meeting at North Wheatley (6), Saturday, June 8th. Names for tea by 4th to Mr. J. P. Wright, 'Eastfields,' North Wheatley, Reiford.—H. Denman. 2580

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, June 8th, 6.30-9 p.m. at Stonham Aspal (10). 2554

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at West Stow (6), Saturday, June 8th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 2554

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Easebourne (8) on Saturday, June 8th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones,' Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 2572

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Mickleton (8) on Saturday, June 8th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 5th, to C. B. Longmore, 65A, Port Street, Evesham, Worcs. 2578

DEVON GUILD.—Annual festival, Exeter, June 15th. Service St. Mark's 4 p.m. Preacher Canon C. C. Cox. Tea and meeting St. Mark's Hall. Numbers for tea to Mr. C. Densham, 27, Monkswell Road, Exeter. Ringing: Cathedral, 1.30-3 and 6-8; Heavitree, 2.30-3; St. Mark's, 3-4; St. Petrock's, 6-7; St. Thomas', 7-8 p.m. 2558

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Ashford District, please note. By-meeting, Elham, Saturday, June 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in the Fellowship Hall, cost 2s. per person. Those requiring tea, please notify by Tuesday, June 11th, together with cash, Mr. F. Verney, High Street, Elham, Canterbury. 2590

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davertry Branch.—Meeting, Daventry, Saturday, June 15th. Names for tea by Monday previous to Mr. H. Johnson, Badby Road West, Daventry.—F. W. Hancock. 2566

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Betchworth, June 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Lucas, 18, Orchard Way, South Park, Reigate, before June 12th. Buckland bells after meeting.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 2573

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual meeting, Ilkley, June 15th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be available for a limited number of persons who notify me by June 10th; this will be followed by the business meeting. The District Committee will meet at 4.15 p.m.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec., Oakfield, Shell Lane, Calverley, Pudsey. 2587

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Beaumaris, Anglesey, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 2570

COVENTRY GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Specially arranged post-rededication ringing meeting at Farnborough, near Banbury, on Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Fuller details after Whitsun. 2570

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QUARTER PEALS

ASHTAD, SURREY.—On April 28th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Beryl Astridge 1, Marilyn Gibbs 2, Margaret Rippon (first 'inside') 3, J. T. Symonds 4, Diana Prynn 5, D. Astridge 6, J. L. Hayns (cond.) 7, R. D. Mills 8.

BALDUCK, HERTS.—On May 19th. 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Buck 1, J. I. Dear 2, C. Dear 3, D. Sutcliffe 4, L. Scoot (cond.) 5, J. S. Dear 6, P. Flack 7, E. Buck 8. For Rogation Sunday.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On May 19th. 1,440 St. Clement's: G. Dodds 1, M. Rose 2, H. Fuller 3, Miss D. Reeve 4, R. Rose 5, J. Paul (cond.) 6, J. Y. Parker 8. For Evensong, and the visit of the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On May 12th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. G. Mitchell 1, J. Mitchell 2, W. Lawrence 3, S. R. Collins (cond.) 4, B. Spring 5, A. Idle 6.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On May 17th. 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew Bob Doubles: J. Bennett 1, M. Hawkes 2, Joan Gainey 3, C. Haylings 4, B. Spiers (first in method as cond.) 5, R. Clarke 6.

SARRATT, HERTS.—On May 6th. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. A. Cowan 1, D. J. G. Wilson 2, M. C. Petts 3, J. N. E. Chilton (cond.) 4, C. Alban 5. First quarter by an all local band. Also on May 12th. 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): J. N. E. Chilton ('circled tower' to quarters) 1, D. J. G. Wilson 2, D. J. Goodman 3, M. C. Petts (first in two methods as cond.) 4, K. A. Cowan (first 'inside' two methods) 5. For Family Communion.

STISTED, ESSEX.—On May 19th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. G. Saunders 1, J. Papworth 2, A. Hunwick 3, G. Everett 4, C. W. Burton (cond.) 5, A. T. Beckwith 6. For Matins.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On May 12th. 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: F. E. Jones 1, Miss T. P. Johnson 2, Miss M. M. Roden (first on eight) 3, E. W. Ford 4, B. Bladon 5, A. R. Peake 6, V. Griffin (cond.) 7, Miss J. Cook 8.

UPHAM, HANTS.—On May 11th. 1,560 Doubles (four methods): M. Smith (first quarter) 1, Jennifer M. Tyack 2, Betty J. Daysh 3, A. R. Cope 4, Susan E. Smith (cond.) 5, R. G. Draper 6. First in four methods by all the band. Rung for the official opening of the new C. of E. Primary School.

WICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.—On May 5th. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss G. Ward Haugh 1, S. Thompson, jun., 2, S. Thompson 3, J. Crowther 4, M. Maughan (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

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