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**INSURANCE**

From Derbyshire we have received an interesting query concerning the insurance of ringers. In a form attached to the policy the amount of payment per annum to the various church workers is given, and the ringers are shown as receiving £52 yearly. Here the ringers are all voluntary; their services to the Church are gladly given. What is their position in the event of a claim in case of injury?

We submitted the question to a legal friend, who at once said that without seeing the policy it was difficult to express an opinion. He assumes that the liability of the insurers is limited to indemnifying the Church authorities in respect of any claim against them under the Workmen's Compensation and Employers' Liability Acts. Voluntary ringers or an unpaid steeplekeeper would not succeed in a statutory claim under the before-mentioned Acts against the Church authorities, and the insurers would not therefore be called upon to indemnify except perhaps to the extent of legal costs incurred by the policy holders in resisting a claim.

A voluntary worker might have a Common Law claim against the Church authorities for any injuries occasioned through 'negligence' of the responsible authority. Some years ago a boy was awarded substantial damages against the authorities at a church by reason of the fact that, while he was tolling a bell, the clapper fell out and struck him, causing severe injuries. The word 'negligence' should be taken as meaning something narrower than its accepted sense. Perhaps it would be clearer if we state that the volunteer was injured by reason of some defect which was known or which might, with due care, have been known to the authorities, but was not and could not without undue investigation have been patent to the volunteer. If such was the case, a good claim for damages would exist.

It must be remembered that a Church Council is a corporate body, and its members are not individually liable, and as a body are only liable to the extent of the funds in hand. In the case of paid workers, if there is a definite contract for service at an agreed remuneration the worker could in case of injury arising out of and in the course of the employment be entitled to the compensation prescribed by statute. The maximum weekly payment under the Workmen's Compensation Act for total incapacity is 35s., plus sundry small war-time additions which depend



on the number of dependants of the injured persons. The total sum payable in respect of a fatal accident under this Act varies, according to the dependants left, from the cost of the funeral to £700. Generally speaking, the Workmen's Compensation, Employers' Liability and Third Party policies are not usually agreements by the Insurance Company to pay compensation in respect of accidents but are indemnities to the policy holder against claims which are legally substantiated. A subtle difference!

## TWELVE BELL PEAL

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1947, in 4 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE TOWN HALL,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;**

Tenor 42 cwt.

LEONARD GREENHOW ... <i>Treble</i>	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... .. 7
JILL POOLE ... .. 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. 8
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 3	ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 9
*SHIRLEY BURTON ... .. 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 10
HARRY G. WAYNE ... .. 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... .. 11
HAROLD G. JENNEY ... .. 6	HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by JILL POOLE.  
\* 200th peal. First peal of Surprise Maximus on the bells.

## TEN BELL PEALS

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., June 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 6
*MRS. ELLEN E. DAVIS... 2	*FRANK E. HAWTHORNE 7
*MRS. CECIL J. MATTHEWS 3	NORMAN V. HARDING ... 8
†MISS PATRICIA HOLMES 4	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 9
*HAROLD A. MAY ... .. 5	*CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.  
\* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to C. J. Matthews.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 9, 1947, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

JILL POOLE ... .. <i>Treble</i>	†LAWRENCE GREENHOW... 6
*KATHLEEN TILLEY ... .. 2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... .. 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 8
*MAVIS WHITEHEAD ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 9
HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 5	*CECIL F. KNIGHT ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.  
\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Stedman Caters.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

SADDLEWORTH, LANCASHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

EILEEN A. BASTOW ... <i>Treble</i>	JOAN HOULDSWORTH ... 5
LILIAN M. DARE ... .. 2	STEPHEN L. PARRY ... .. 6
IVAN KAY ... .. 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... .. 7
SELYWN H. DEARDEN ... 4	WILFRED HALLIWELL ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by RICHARD MILLAR. Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.  
A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Carter.

BUCKINGHAM.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 27 cwt.

FREDK. A. H. WILKINS... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 5
JAMES HIGGINS ... .. 2	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 6
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 7
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 28, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL ... <i>Treble</i>	RAYMOND OVERY ... .. 5
MRS. MARSHALLSAY ... 2	GEORGE CECIL ... .. 6
ALBERT W. BOND ... .. 3	FREDK. PAGE ... .. 7
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 4	*A. PATRICK CANNON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.  
\* First peal of Superlative.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

(Aylesbeare Branch.)

On Fri., May 30, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOHN ARBURY ... .. <i>Treble</i>	†SIDNEY SKINNER ... .. 5
FRANK B. LUFKIN ... .. 2	*JOHN L. GLANVILL ... .. 6
JOHN BROWN ... .. 3	*CHARLES TURNER ... .. 7
*JOHN QUICK ... .. 4	*BRIAN PIDGEON ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.  
\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. † First peal of Major. First peal of Oxford Treble Bob for branch.

MELLS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 26 cwt.

Thurstans' HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... <i>Treble</i>	LEONARD F. DERRICK ... 5
FREDK. A. TARGETT ... 2	HENRY J. SANGER ... .. 6
EDWIN H. NASH ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 7
NORMAN H. COOMBS ... 4	RONALD G. BECK ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

BRIDLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in D.

Pitstow's Transposition. SIDNEY BRIGGS ... .. <i>Treble</i>	LEONARD RODMELL ... 5
JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... 2	*BERT SUTTON ... .. 6
GEORGE DOWLING ... .. 3	*FRED TERRY ... .. 7
CLEMENT GLENN ... .. 4	JOHN AMBLER ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.  
\* First peal in the method.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CAMPANILE OF THE CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*ANTHONY M. HUMPHREY <i>Treble</i>	PETER R. BLACKMAN ... 5
MRS. MARSHALLSAY ... 2	EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... .. 6
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 3	PETER N. BOND ... .. 7
ERNEST TREAGUS ... .. 4	HENRY STALHAM ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.  
\* First peal of Double Norwich.



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**BASINGSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.**  
**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., May 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.  
 \*MARJORIE H. HOLLOWAY *Treble* | RONALD A. HICKMAN ... 5  
 JOHN E. BALLARD ... 2 | CHARLES W. MUNDAY ... 6  
 ALWYN E. A. SMITH ... 3 | DAVID H. ANSTEY ... 7  
 ERNEST P. AUSTIN ... 4 | JOHN B. WOODLEY ... *Tenor*  
 Conducted by DAVID H. ANSTEY.

\* First peal. Rung to celebrate the 75th birthday of the ringer of the second.

**SHALFORD, SURREY.**  
**THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., May 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**  
 Tenor 13½ cwt.

\*MARY DAVY ... *Treble* | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 5  
 †JOHN DAVY ... 2 | WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 6  
 ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3 | HAROLD A. MAY ... 7  
 CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 4 | LESLIE C. W. HUNTER... *Tenor*  
 Composed by W. AYRE. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.  
 \* First peal on eight. † First of Bob Major.

**WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.**  
**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., May 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CANDIDA AND HOLY CROSS,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
 Tenor 21 cwt. in D.

\*CHARLES POOLE ... *Treble* | RIV. C. CAREW COX ... 5  
 JOSIAH MORRIS ... 2 | FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 6  
 CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL ... 3 | HENRY G. KEELEY ... 7  
 \*WILLIAM YATES ... 4 | G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... *Tenor*  
 Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.  
 \* First peal of Major.

**BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.**  
**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., May 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 J. E. Grove's Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part.  
 Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C.

\*EDWARD J. FRY ... *Treble* | FREDK. SLAFORD ... 5  
 WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 2 | PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING ... 6  
 THOMAS F. KING ... 3 | ROGER O. FRY ... 7  
 GEORGE J. HAWKINS ... 4 | \*KENNETH MEDWAY ... *Tenor*  
 Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.  
 \* First peal on eight bells.

**REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.**  
**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**  
*On Sat., May 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 17½ cwt.

\*ALBERT SKELTON ... *Treble* | BARNABAS G. KEY ... 5  
 †MISS RHODA HEMMING ... 2 | JOSEPH H. BRITAN ... 6  
 GORDON HARRISON ... 3 | SYDNEY H. JONES ... 7  
 GEORGE BAILEY ... 4 | WILLIAM MINOR ... *Tenor*  
 Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.  
 \* First peal other than a covering bell. † First peal on eight bells.

**GREAT BUDWORTH, CHESHIRE.**  
**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Mon., June 2, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
 Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

\*CECIL HOLDEN ... *Treble* | DAVID SMITH ... 5  
 JOHN E. BIBBY ... 2 | HARRY W. HOWARD ... 6  
 MISS DOROTHY OSBORN ... 3 | CYRIL VALENTINE ... 7  
 WALTER ALLMAN ... 4 | CECIL RADDON ... *Tenor*  
 Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by W. ALLMAN.  
 \* First peal of Major.

**SEDGLEY, STAFFS.** — On June 9th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Botterill 1, E. E. Speake 2, A. D. Collins 3, H. Howell 4, T. Reynolds 5, B. Horton 6, A. V. Pearson (first quarter of Surprise as conductor) 7, A. F. Thirst 8. First quarter of Surprise Major for 1, 2, 3 and 5.

**LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.**  
**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Wed., June 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
 Tenor 15 cwt.  
 EDWARD BARKER ... *Treble* | WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 5  
 JOHN THOMAS ... 2 | WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 6  
 MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3 | CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 7  
 ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 4 | CLAUDE COUSINS ... *Tenor*  
 Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

**BROADCLYST, DEVON.**  
**THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**  
*On Thurs., June 5, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
 \*JOHN SALWAY ... *Treble* | JOHN QUICK ... 5  
 JOHN ARBURY ... 2 | JOHN L. GLANVILL ... 6  
 BRIAN PIDGEON ... 3 | CHARLES TURNER ... 7  
 †SIDNEY SKINNER ... 4 | FRANK B. LUFKIN ... *Tenor*  
 Composed by J. FLEMING. Conducted by F. B. LUFKIN.  
 \* First peal of Major. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

**CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Thurs., June 5, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
 Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.  
 FRANK REYNOLDS ... *Treble* | JOHN E. BIBBY ... 5  
 REV. F. F. RIGBY ... 2 | LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 6  
 REV. B. F. SHEPPARD... 3 | REV. A. G. G. THURLOW ... 7  
 \*WILLIAM SIDWELL ... 4 | DAVID VINCENT ... *Tenor*  
 Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.  
 \* First peal of Major. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Frances Mary Calderbank, daughter of Canon J. Calderbank, and the Rev. Roger Douglas St. John Smith.

**TERRINGTON ST. CLEMENT, NORFOLK.**  
**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Fri., June 6, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,  
**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
 Tenor 11½ cwt.  
 WALLACE W. COUSINS ... *Treble* | ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 5  
 MRS. J. THOMAS ... 2 | CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 6  
 JOHN THOMAS ... 3 | WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 7  
 REV. JOHN P. PELLOE ... 4 | CLAUDE COUSINS ... *Tenor*  
 Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. THOMAS.  
 The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

**HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.**  
**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**  
*On Sat., June 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,  
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.  
 HENRY R. NEWTON ... *Treble* | HERBERT LANGDON ... 5  
 JOHN PHILLIPS ... 2 | ALFRED B. PECK ... 6  
 JOHN B. SANSOM ... 3 | RICHARD F. DEAL ... 7  
 HORACE BELCHER ... 4 | HUGH M. PAGE ... *Tenor*  
 Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

**EPWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., June 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
 Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb. in F.  
 LEONARD GERRARD ... *Treble* | ERNEST THORLEY ... 5  
 THOMAS D. LEASK ... 2 | ERNEST J. PADGETT ... 6  
 J. MARTIN THORLEY ... 3 | JAMES THORLEY ... 7  
 LESLIE M. WOODHEAD ... 4 | CHARLES THORLEY ... *Tenor*  
 Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CHARLES THORLEY.

**SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.**  
**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., June 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,  
**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
 Tenor 15 cwt. 107 lb. in E.  
 CHAS. E. G. BANHAM ... *Treble* | CYRIL J. BURNS ... 5  
 LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... 2 | CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 6  
 ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 3 | GEORGE SAVER ... 7  
 WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 4 | NOLAN GOLDEN ... *Tenor*  
 Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.



**SIX BELL PEALS**

APSLEY END, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one extent each of Single Court, Double Court, Double Bob,  
Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*MISS E. A. UPTON ... Treble	EDWIN J. UPTON ... .. 4
WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... .. 2	HERBERT GATES ... .. 5
WALTER AYRE ... .. 3	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... Tenor

\* First peal. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

HORDLE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.

MARY E. DAVIS ... .. Treble	FREDERICK PRECEY ... .. 4
BRUCE B. ROGERS ... .. 2	*EDWARD F. M. SAMSON ... 5
ANDREW I. PEARMAN ... .. 3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... Tenor

Conducted by A. V. DAVIS.  
\* First peal of Minor. A compliment to Mr. George Williams,  
Master of the Guild, upon attaining his 90th birthday.

POUGHILL, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAF,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

FREDK. SANGWIN ... .. Treble	†CHARLES E. TAYLOR ... .. 4
*MRS. F. E. COLLINS ... .. 2	*FREDK. E. COLLINS ... .. 5
†ALAN J. HICKS ... .. 3	G. WM. CRITCHLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN J. HICKS.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal on the bells.

KEWSTOKE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1947, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

WALTER STARR ... .. Treble	MICHAEL POWELL ... .. 4
TREVOR HAYWARD ... .. 2	SEALY S. WOODBURN ... .. 5
MISS GLADYS HIGHAM ... .. 3	ARTHUR JENKINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by Miss GLADYS HIGHAM.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, one of Oxford Bob, one of Plain Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Kent Treble Bob.

PTE. TOM SMITH ... .. Treble	THOMAS HORRIDGE ... .. 4
SIDNEY FLINT ... .. 2	WILLIAM DEACON ... .. 5
THOMAS HAMMOND ... .. 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

Rung to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Deacon.

WEST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's each of Plain Bob.  
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

JAMES L. LAKER ... .. Treble	EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... .. 4
ERIC H. KNAPP ... .. 2	ALBERT E. LAKER ... .. 5
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

The first peal on the bells.

PATTISHALL, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

**A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of 22 six-scores of Grandsire (10 callings), and 20 six-scores of Plain Bob (4 callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in G.

ERNEST G. ORLAND ... Treble	JAMES H. WEBB ... .. 4
*ALBERT HINTON ... .. 2	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE ... 5
†STANLEY M. RUDDLESDEN 3	VICTOR A. PERRY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY G. OSBORNE.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

STANDLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 6, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Comprising a 720 each of York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, Netherseale, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

*M. WILLIAM H. GRAY ... Treble	*BETTY FICE ... .. 4
*FRANCES A. EDGAR ... .. 2	*WILFRID F. MORETON ... 5
MARIE R. CROSS ... .. 3	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods. The first peal of Minor on the bells. Rung to welcome the new Rector, the Rev. B. J. Wigan.

NUNBURNHOLME, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Beverley and District Society.)

On Sat., June 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

*FRANK BRAITHWAITE ... Treble	*JOHN HOBSON ... .. 4
CLEMENT GLENN ... .. 2	LEONARD RODMELL ... .. 5
GEORGE DOWLING ... .. 3	*FRED OSGERBY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD RODMELL.

\* First peal in more than one method. First peal on the bells. First peal by the Beverley Society. A compliment to Mr. F. Wilkinson, Tower Master, on his completion of 50 years' devoted service to this church.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

IN THE BELFREY OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERERS, 5075 CHANGES;**

MRS. J. THOMAS ... .. 1-2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. 5-6
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 3-4	*PATRICK HARRIS ... .. 7-8

† Miss MARGARET ROWLAND 9-10

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by J. D. JOHNSON.  
\* First peal on 10 bells. † First peal 'in hand.' A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Johnson on their 22nd wedding anniversary.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 4, 1947, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,

AT VERNON HOUSE, FRIAR LANE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... 1-2	PETER NIX ... .. 3-4
RALPH NARBOROUGH ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5103 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 3-4	CHARLES MARSHALL ... .. 7-8

HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 9-10

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sun., June 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes.

AT 19, HOLYWELL,

**A PEAL OF MARLBOROUGH BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

KATHLEEN HIGGINS ... .. 1-2	BETTY SPICE ... .. 5-6
WILLIAM L. B. LEASE ... .. 3-4	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOY (C.C.C. No. 28).

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

The first peal in the method by all the band and for the Society. The first peal in the method on handbells.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 9, 1947, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE VICARAGE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

REV. JOHN P. PELLOE ... 1-2	JOHN THOMAS ... .. 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... .. 3-4	FRED WIGMORE ... .. 7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by J. THOMAS.



## QUARTER PEALS

**APPLETON, BERKS.**—On May 26th, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Caters: C. G. White 1, E. Drewitt 2, A. G. Holifield 3, F. White 4, F. Messenger 5, F. C. White 6, H. C. White 7, G. Holifield (conductor) 8, R. White 9, F. White 10. Rung for the wedding of F. White, a member of the band of Appleton and youngest son of the late Mr. A. H. White.

**BEVERLEY, YORKS.**—On June 1st at the Minster Church of St. John, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. Ellerington 1, L. Daggitt (conductor) 2, G. F. Williams 3, C. Glenn 4, C. G. Constable 5, F. Braithwaite 6, A. E. Sellers 7, F. Osgerby 8, C. Barker 9, L. Rodmell 10.

**BROADCLYST, DEVON.**—On June 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. K. Bowling 1, J. Quick 2, B. Pidgeon 3, J. Smith 4, A. Lovering 5, J. L. Glanvill 6, F. B. Lufkin (conductor) 7, F. Palmer 8.

**CAMBORNE, CORNWALL.**—At the Church of St. Martin on June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (5.7.8 covering): S. A. Reed (first quarter) 1, Miss J. E. Wither 2, W. J. Sanders (conductor) 3, R. O. James 4, P. Jago 5, E. Sanders 6, D. J. Whear 7, A. J. Vincent (aged 16) 8.

**CARMARTHEN, W. WALES.**—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. C. Rogers 1, D. H. Davies 2, T. Mayhook 3, C. C. Jones 4, T. Owen 5, W. L. Williams 6, D. J. Curtis (first as conductor) 7, L. T. Curtis 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. James Curtis, captain for 21 years, who died on May 28th.

**COTTON, SUFFOLK.**—On May 9th, a date touch comprising 720 each of Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and 507 of Kent Treble Bob: T. W. Lockwood 1, B. Chilvers 2, L. G. Foster 3, Miss M. J. Freer 4, E. A. Cracknell 5, O. G. Barnard (conductor) 6.

**CROYDON.**—On June 1st at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Parks 1, F. E. Mitchell 2, R. Abbott 3, J. Saunders 4, G. H. Humphries 5, H. G. Pratt 6, W. Oatway 7, D. Cooper (conductor) 8. First quarter of Treble Bob Major by 1, 3 and 7.

**GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.**—On May 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Green 1, P. Green (conductor) 2, I. Halls 3, W. Ainger 4, W. J. Barratt (first quarter of Stedman) 5, H. Carter 6, Dr. Spencer-Phillips 7, L. Ainger 8. A 75th birthday compliment to G. Green.

**HOLLOWAY, LONDON.**—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Charge 1, W. D. Prockson (first inside) 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, G. A. Parsons 4, N. A. Hollingsworth 5, G. Charge 6, R. Newman (conductor) 7, A. Lancaster 8.

**HOWDEN, EAST YORKSHIRE.**—On June 1st at St. Peter's Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Herbert Cooper 1, R. B. Smith 2, J. J. Tune 3, J. J. Taylor 4, T. W. Tune 5, W. A. Hudson (conductor) 6, E. Newham 7, F. Terry 8. A 70th birthday compliment to the ringer of the second bell. First quarter-peat for all except the treble and conductor.

**NORBURY, CHESHIRE.**—At St. Thomas' on May 25th, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Major: T. Entwistle 1, Mrs. S. Hough 2, James Fernley (conductor) 3, William Fernley 4, S. Hough 5, J. W. Hartley 6, R. E. Jones 7, E. Bennett 8. First quarter for 1 and 2.

**PASSENHAM, NORTHANTS.**—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. G. Ridgway 1, W. G. Whitehead 2, F. C. Case 3, W. Yates 4, T. E. Roberts (conductor) 5. In memory of the Rev. F. H. Lawson, who was buried that afternoon.

**RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.**—On May 31st, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Gibbs 1, E. Whitmore 2, J. Stubbs 3, B. Morris 4, W. Whitmore 5, W. Copperwheat 6, H. Richardson 7, G. Care (conductor) 8. First quarter of Surprise Major for 1, 3, 6, 7 and 8.

**REDRUTH, CORNWALL.**—At the Church of St. Euny on June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 4.6.8 covering: A. J. Vincent (first quarter) 1, S. Langdon 2, Miss J. E. Withev 3, P. R. C. Williams 4, W. A. Darlington 5, D. J. Whear 6, V. E. Williams (conductor) 7, S. A. Reed 8.

**ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On June 1st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. Hammond 1, Mrs. P. A. Corby 2, E. Bishop, jun. (first quarter) 3, A. F. Lewry 4, W. A. Kitchenside 5, S. T. A. Russell 6, P. A. Corby 7, W. Rogers (first quarter as conductor) 8.

**SOUTHPORT, LANCs.**—At the Church of Emmanuel, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Sumner 1, B. Wright 2, B. Sumner 3, E. Sumner 4, N. Heaps (conductor) 5, R. Arnold 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss B. Sumner.

**STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.**—On May 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Priscilla Jackson 1, S. Ruddlesden 2, J. Perry 3, G. Hancock 4, S. Osborne (conductor) 5, F. Hancock 6. For the institution of the new Vicar, the Rev. G. Glascodine.

**STANDON, HERTS.**—At St. Mary's Church on May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Stacey 1, J. Smith 2, T. Chapman (first quarter) 3, H. Groom (conductor) 4, S. Smith 5, W. Smith 6.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—At the Cathedral on June 1st, 1,310 Stedman Cinques: H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor) 1, C. F. Sayer 2, D. A. Bayles 3, A. Day 4, L. T. Hansell 5, W. J. Arnold 6, T. J. Southam 7, R. F. Ewer 8, G. N. Blake 9, E. Sprague 10, G. W. Debenham 11, B. A. Cornell 12. First quarter of Stedman Cinques by 3, 5, 7, 9, 10 and 12.

**TAUNTON, SOMERSET.**—On May 25th at St. James', 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Chidgey 1, T. H. Taffender 2, W. G. Gigg 3, T. W. Taffender (conductor) 4, F. Morris 5, H. Bungav 6, H. Mockridge 7, F. Matravers 8.

**WOODSTOCK, OXON.**—On May 31st, a quarter-peat of Doubles in 11 methods, being 120 changes each of Southtrepps, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford Pleasure, St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, April Day, Old Doubles, Norfolk, Antelope, Union and 60 changes of Grandsire: E. Hill 1, Miss L. Pimm 2, W. T. Bond 3, H. Floyd (conductor) 4, D. Jones 5, T. Styles 6. First quarter in 11 methods by 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. First quarter as conductor in 11 methods.

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its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow is leaving this week-end for a short holiday in Spain. Doubtless he is planning a new sales campaign for his book on Norwich bells, which proved a best seller at the Central Council meeting.

Thoughts and good wishes from many will go to Leicester next Sunday when Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Morris celebrate their silver wedding.

Golden Wedding. — Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Youngs on June 10th. Mr. Youngs was at one time secretary of the Romney Marsh and District Guild. A peal of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob was rung in honour of the occasion.

It was Miss Edna F. Bedford and not Miss F. Bedford who rang in the peal of London Surprise Major at Tarporley, Cheshire, on May 10th.

Although he has only been ringing 12 months, 15-year-old Alan J. Hicks, of Marhamchurch, Cornwall, called his first peal at Poughill on May 30th. Two noted ringers—Messrs. F. E. Collins and G. W. Critchley—who were afterwards taken for father and son—can testify to Alan's good show.

Another youthful conductor this week is Miss Gladys Higham, who called a peal at Kewstoke, Weston-super-Mare. It is claimed on her behalf that she is the youngest member of the Ladies' Guild (Western District) to call a peal.

Sixteen-year-old B. A. Richards is captain of Holy Cross Church, Morton, Derbyshire. He called the first quarter of 1,440 Bob Minor by his company on May 31st, viz.: M. Richards (14) 1, P. Wright (16) 2, H. Franklin (16) 3, E. G. Holdgate (16), 4, E. Sterland (16), 5, B. A. Richards (16), 6. The first peal cannot be far distant.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

The trait taking the Leicester band to ring at Manchester Town Hall stopped at Millers Dale Station immediately opposite a railway engine. The handbells were tapping along merrily when the driver, leaning over the side, shouted, 'Open the window.' This was done and he said, 'Ring us a bit of Grandire.' Said 'the Gaffer': 'You appear to know a bit about the game.' 'Ah!' replied the driver, 'I hope to be doing a bit myself this afternoon. I'm going to a meeting at Matlock!'

When Mr. Harold J. Poole was walking across Albert Square, Manchester, with two other ringers a stranger came up to him and asked how to get to the belfry. 'Why have you asked me?' came the reply. 'Well, you look like a ringer.' Inspector Poole has been told many times he looks like a policeman, but he did not know ringers had any special looks about them. The stranger was from Accrington. The Leicester ringers thank those of the Manchester band who helped to make the visit so enjoyable.

Mr. A. D. Barker, of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, proposed the vote of thanks to the president and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher at Exeter. We regret the error.

Mr. E. Alexander Young met with an accident on his homeward journey from Exeter. He dismounted from his bus just before it had stopped and fractured some elbow bones. Mr. Young is now in hospital for an operation. His friends wish him a speedy recovery.

'Are there any works bands of ringers?' ask employees of the British Timken, Ltd., Duston Works, Northampton, who ring at Harpole, Northants. On June 4th they rang 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandire): G. Smith (first quarter) 1, T. Bass 2, R. Finch 3, H. Downie 4, E. Nobles (conductor) 5.

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## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

### DIAMOND JUBILEE FESTIVAL AT MACCLESFIELD.

In glorious summer weather the Chester Diocesan Guild held its diamond jubilee festival at St. Michael's, Macclesfield, on May 31st, when a large number of ringers from all parts of the diocese and friends from further afield were present. An early start was made with ringing, and the B.B.C. recording van arrived shortly after 1 p.m. Some speech records were made as well as two of the fine twelve at St. Michael's, one of rounds and the other of Queens, which were later used in the Northern programme. It is to be regretted that the B.B.C. gave only twelve hours' notice of its intention to make these records and no definite time appears to have been arranged for the subsequent broadcast, which was, in fact, made the same evening after the news.

Service was held at 3.30 p.m. and opened with a special bidding prayer fitting to the occasion. In the absence of the Bishop through indisposition, the festival sermon was preached by the Ven. F. J. Okell, Archdeacon of Macclesfield, who had formerly been associated with ringers at both Eccleston and Malpas.

The Archdeacon spoke of those whose convictions and foresight 60 years ago brought the Guild into being and whose efforts had resulted in its foundations being well and truly laid. He mentioned especially the names of Archdeacon Barber and Mr. H. A. Heywood. To its founders and to those who had so ably carried on since their day the Guild owed a debt of gratitude. He also stressed the objects which were in mind when the Guild was formed, including not only the advancement of the art of change ringing, but also the recognition of ringers as officers of the Church. Finally he emphasised the spirit of fellowship which existed, between members of any Guild and among all ringers everywhere.

Tea was served in the Beehive Cafe.

At the annual meeting, the Master, Mr. J. W. Clarke, presided and at the outset expressed the thanks of the Guild to the Archdeacon for his kindness in preaching a sermon which was so perfectly in tune with the feelings of all members on that occasion.

The report on the past year gave clear indication that the Guild had gone a long way towards the recovery of its pre-war prosperity. It showed increased activity in peal ringing with many members ringing their first peal, and with membership rising there is ample evidence that service ringing is almost back to its former high level. Several restoration schemes are contemplated and others have already been completed, notably the ring of ten at Christ Church, Macclesfield.

It was fitting, too, that in the report the names of several members who had given loyal service to the Guild throughout its 60 years of existence were recorded, and some who had but recently passed over proudly remembered. Among the latter the name of Mr. Harry Brocklebank, for over 30 years secretary of the Wirral Branch, had a special place of honour.

The Master gave a report on the meeting of the Central Council at Exeter, stressing the point made by the president of the importance of striking and of the lesson the 'scientific' ringer might profitably learn from the round ringer of the south-west where great accuracy of striking is insisted upon.

In the election of officers the Master was re-elected and his first duty was to propose the re-election of the Rev. J. D. Pearson as secretary, at the same time paying high tribute to the work he had so willingly done in the past. The fact that Mr. Pearson was not a ringer made his efforts for the Guild all the more commendable. After having held office for a considerable number of years, both the report secretary (Mr. H. Parker) and the peal recorder (Mr. R. W. Worrall) asked to be allowed to resign. In accepting their resigna-

tions with extreme regret, the meeting expressed its keen appreciation of the work done by both these officers. Mr. Whittaker and Mrs. Lawton were elected to the vacancies.

The meeting concluded with hearty votes of thanks to the branch officials, whose untiring efforts had done so much to further the Guild's prosperity; to the Vicar of St. Michael's for his hospitality and to those members of the Macclesfield Branch who had been responsible for the arrangements for the day. Full use was made of the many bells available during the evening.

Six towers were visited by the Chester Branch on Whit Monday when they held their annual trip in Shropshire. The touches included Plain Bob, Grandsire, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, Double Norwich and London, both in Major and Royal.

### ROYAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

In response to the telegrams sent from the meeting of the Central Council at Exeter to Queen Mary and Princess Elizabeth, the following replies have been received:—

'I am commanded to express Queen Mary's sincere thanks to your very kind message of congratulation on the anniversary of Her Majesty's birthday.—Private Secretary.'

'The Lady-in-Waiting is desired by the Princess Elizabeth to thank the Central Council of Church Bellringers for their most kind message sent on the occasion of Her Royal Highness' 21st birthday, which the Princess very much appreciated.'

### ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Very successful was the Whit Monday meeting of the Wisbech Branch at Walpole St. Andrew, when the visitors included Mr. W. A. Stote (Coventry), Mr. C. E. Jefferies (Mauldon, Beds), Mr. A. Mason (London) and Mr. F. W. Lack (Great Staughton).

The Vicar (the Rev. A. Lee-Warner) conducted the service and presided at the business meeting. A special vote of thanks was accorded lady members of the local band, who provided cups of tea. The next meeting was planned for Terrington St. Clement. Ringing included Cambridge Surprise and Spliced Minor.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

### INCREASED SUBSCRIPTION DEFERRED.

In an uplifting address at the 68th annual meeting and festival of the Essex Association at Chelmsford Cathedral on Whit Monday, the Bishop of Chelmsford (president of the Association) called upon all ringers to greater efforts, saying that ringers could reach those outside the Church and remind all people that the Church had the answer to a great many of the vexing problems besetting the world to-day. The Precentor (the Rev. Dore) conducted the service.

The Master, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, J.P., presided at the annual meeting held in the Chapter House, supported by the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. Robert C. Heazel) and 150 ringers and friends.

The annual report recorded a very successful year with steadily increasing progress and membership. After a lengthy discussion the report was adopted. A slight decrease in the balance in hand was shown in the treasurer's statement.

Alterations made to the rules and on the recommendation of the committee included the creation of the new office of Deputy Master and increasing the number of trustees from two to three.

The Master spoke of the 60 years' service to the Association by Mr. George Green, of Great Baddow, and on Dr. Spencer-Phillips' proposition he was unanimously elected a life vice-president.

## Durham & Newcastle Assn.

### PLANNING THE 70th ANNIVERSARY.

Sixteen towers and visitors from Catterick Camp attended the half-yearly meeting of the Association at Darlington on May 31st.

Ringings were enjoyed at St. Cuthbert's (8) and Holy Trinity (6), and a service was held in Holy Trinity conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. J. Simpson), who gave an inspiring address. Mr. A. Minto, F.R.C.O., was the organist, and the lesson was read by Mr. W. N. Park.

A company of 45 sat down to tea at the Fleece Hotel. The president (Mr. R. L. Patterson) was in the chair at the business meeting.

Miss Armstrong said that the watch tower bells at Morpeth were in a very bad state and the local Council were disinclined to do anything towards their rectification at the present time. The President referred to the recent death of Mr. George S. Taylor, of St. Ignatius', Sunderland, formerly secretary and treasurer of the Association and whom he personally had known for 50 years. At the president's suggestion the meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect.

New members elected were Messrs. J. W. Addison, F. R. Addison and H. A. Ward, of Thornaby, and the Misses B. E. Shutt, N. Benson, M. Walton and D. M. Killingley and Messrs. G. A. Holmes and R. Spencer, of Richmond, to whom the president extended a hearty welcome.

The Hon. Treasurer referred to the difficulties encountered in catering arrangements at the present time, and reported that he had booked at the Three Tuns Hotel, Durham, for the annual festival, and this action was ratified by the meeting. It was felt that as the annual festival this year was the 70th anniversary of the Association's formation, some additional expense might be incurred, and on the proposition of Mr. Kenneth Arthur seconded by Mr. Fred Robson, the treasurer was empowered by a unanimous vote to spend up to £5 at his discretion.

After votes of thanks a move was made to the towers, where further ringing took place, which included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise. A collection for the Association's Bell Restoration Fund realised £1 12s. 10d.

The Master was re-elected and Mr. G. L. Joyce was elected to the new office of Deputy Master. Also re-elected was the general secretary and treasurer. In order to make way for a younger representative, Mr. E. J. Butler resigned his membership of the Central Council. He was thanked for his services and Mr. F. V. Gant was elected to fill the vacancy. The three representatives attending the Central Council meeting were thanked for their services and re-elected en bloc.

Mr. C. Ellis reported progress made with the Nevard memorial and said he hoped it would soon be completed. The Master reported that a £10 grant had been made to the Great Tey Bell Restoration Fund and that enquiries had been received from St. Mary's, Maldon.

Under the heading of 'Any other business,' the question of increasing subscriptions was raised by Mr. G. L. Joyce, who stated that to carry out the policy of the Association a greater income was necessary. Several members spoke on the same lines, but owing to the shortage of time no decision was reached.

A letter from Mr. George Gilbert re the appeal for Burnham bells was read.

A vote of thanks was accorded to all those who had helped to make the meeting a success.

Following the lunch the company split into small parties to visit the churches in the surrounding parishes, where a very pleasant afternoon with some good ringing was enjoyed by all.



## Chesterfield's New Ten

An air of expectancy prevailed at Chesterfield on May 24th, the day of the dedication of the new ring of ten. Townspeople gathered in the vicinity of the Parish Church of St. Mary in the afternoon to hear the bells for the first time. Most of the ringers in the district attended with enthusiasts from Birmingham, Derby, Doncaster, Leeds, Manchester and other distant towers.

The bells had previously been baptised by the Assistant Bishop on April 12th, and the dedication by the Bishop of Derby took place during evensong. After the words of dedication, the bells were rung in rounds. In his address the Bishop said the bells were to be rung to the glory of God and to call people to worship.

A well-struck course of Grandsire Caters followed the service, the ringers being J. Thorpe, G. Briggs, F. B. Ditcher, B. Knights, A. P. Knights, L. Trevor, A. Firth, N. Chadcock, E. A. Thorpe and W. Allman (tenor). Tea followed at St. James' Hall, a company of 130 being present, including the Bishop and the Archdeacon of Chesterfield. The ringers then returned to the tower and an endeavour was made for each to have a pull. Methods rung included Cambridge Royal and London Major.

The last occasion the old ring of ten was rung was in 1924, when owing to the oscillation of the tower and the weakened structure of the spire, which is built of timber covered with lead slates and stands quite a normal height and proportionate to the church, the authorities pronounced further ringing unsafe.

The tower and spire have now been fully restored, the old wooden frame removed and the bells recast into ten with a tenor a little over 25 cwt. and hung in a new steel frame with modern fittings. The bells are placed well below the louvred windows. They possess a delightful tone and their volume in the vicinity is reasonable. All the bells can be clearly heard in the belfry. The new ropes proved a little springy, but from a ringer's point of view an excellent ring has been provided, and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be congratulated on a fine piece of work.

Chesterfield tower has a few qualified ringers and a number of learners who can ring rounds and are under the direction of Mr. S. Scattergood. It is hoped that the bells will be rung regularly for services, as they are a worthy asset to the church and a joy to the people of Chesterfield. H.O.C.

## WEDDING OF REV. R. D. St. J. SMITH

Ringers gathered from far afield at Calverley, Leeds, on June 5th, for the wedding of the Rev. Roger Douglas St. John Smith, son of the Rev. and Mrs. D. G. Smith, of Chaplain's House, Ravenstone, Leicester, and Miss Frances Mary Calderbank, daughter of Canon and Mrs. J. Calderbank, of Calverley Vicarage. The Ven. Archdeacon S. E. Lowe conducted the service, with the Rev. D. G. Smith.

The bridegroom, who is a well-known ringer, was a chaplain of the Forces in West Africa, India and Burma during the war. The bride, who was physiotherapist at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, was attended by her sister, Miss Kathleen Calderbank, and two friends, Miss Frances S. Pedley and Miss Patricia M. Creaser. Mr. A. W. Chalmers, the best man, was a friend of the bridegroom in the Burma campaign.

The company included ringers from Ashton-under-Lyne, Somersham, Norwich and nearer places. Immediately after the wedding the eight bells of Calverley Church were fired and rung in rounds and Queens, and later in the day a peal of Bob Major was rung. Handbell ringing—Bob Major and Grandsire Caters—a pleasing feature of the reception.

A.G.G.T.

## Peterborough Guild

### GIFTS TO THE RETIRING MASTER.

Appreciation of the services of the Rev. E. S. Powell during the 12 years he was Master of the Peterborough Guild was expressed in a tangible manner at the annual meeting of the Guild at Northampton on Whit Monday. The Rev. Powell gave the address at the service in St. Giles' Church, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. W. C. Thomas). A company of 103 sat down to tea.

The president (the Archdeacon of Northampton) presided at the business meeting. The officers elected were: President, the Archdeacon of Northampton; Master, Mr. E. E. Whitmore; secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. G. Black; representatives to the Central Council for the next session 1948-49-50, Messrs. G. W. Jeffs, W. Rose, G. S. Valentine and E. E. Whitmore. The office of auditor (vacant by the sudden death of Mr. A. P. J. Ward last March) was filled by the election of Mr. B. J. Saddington. Grants from Bell Restoration Fund approved were: Great Brington £10, Grafton Regis £10, and Paulerspury £5.

The President, in a very appropriate speech, made a presentation to the retiring Master as a mark of appreciation of the great work he had done during the 12 years he held the office. The presentation took the form of an illuminated address framed in old oak, expressing appreciation of his efforts and good wishes to him and Mrs. Powell on retirement. It was accompanied by a roll of notes. The Rev. E. S. Powell suitably replied, and thanked the members for the thought which prompted the presentation.

Mr. H. Baxter moved a vote of thanks to all who had in any way assisted in making the meeting a success. Four non-resident life members were elected, viz., Messrs. G. Hart, R. E. W. Wenban, W. Wenban and J. R. Mayne, all of Harrow, Middlesex.

All the bells in Northampton were available and good use was made of them. Among the visitors were some from London, Leicester, Chesterfield, Huntingdon and Wolverhampton. Westlingborough was selected for next year's annual meeting.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

### PRESENTATION TO MR. W. H. SENIOR.

Batley bells are claimed by Mr. W. H. Senior to be the finest light ring in all Yorkshire, and it was after hearing these bells that the May meeting of the Society was held on May 31st.

The president (Mr. J. McGlenn), supported by the Rev. L. A. Smith and the full committee, presided and the most important business was the presentation to Mr. Senior. In making it the chairman said Mr. Senior was the sixteenth to hold the office of president, and during the nine years he was president and the seven years as vice-president he had put in a lot of very hard work. He had very great pleasure in presenting him with a silver cigarette case and a barometer in the hope that the Budget would not affect the supplies or prevent the case from always having some stock inside.

Mr. Senior, in reply, regarded when he joined the Society at Rothwell as the finest day's work he had done. He had learnt a lot and had had much pleasure, and formed friendships which had lasted through the years. He had also learned to ring Surprise methods, but the gifts he had received were the greatest 'surprise' ever. In conclusion he asked all present to support the president and the Society, paying their best attention to striking as the listening public did not like jumble bells.

Other tributes to Mr. Senior were from Mr. Walsh and Mr. Lofthouse. The latter, in thanking Mr. Senior for all he had done, said they could not expect the barometer always to be showing 'set fair' but they wished Mr. Senior's future would always be bright and happy and his path of life as fair as possible.

## OBITUARY

### MRS. GEOFFREY MARTINEAU.

Mrs. Geoffrey Martineau, who was interred at Solihull Church on June 10th, was the wife of Mr. Geoffrey Martineau, Ringing master at Solihull from 1892 to 1934. Mr. Martineau's contribution to the ringing life of the village was his unceasing work for the bells, beginning with the restoration and reorganisation of 1894 and culminating in the recasting of 1932.

His efforts provided the magnificent peal of ten that is rung regularly every Sunday. Mrs. Martineau was closely associated with her husband in all this work, and it was due to her interest and courage that the end was achieved so successfully.

In the evening of June 10th the local band rang as a tribute to her memory 737 Grandsire Caters with the bells half-muffled: W. Lecson 1, H. Bragg 2, J. N. Jukes 3, T. Warner 4, F. C. Shepherd (conductor) 5, A. D. Cook 6, H. Shepherd 7, C. W. Bragg 8, J. Bragg 9, V. W. Rigg 10. E.C.S.

### MR. CHARLES H. WATTS.

The death has occurred at Dawley, Shropshire, of Mr. Charles H. Watts, who was well known, both as a bellhanger and a ringer, particularly in the London and Birmingham areas.

A native of Salisbury, he started work as a boy with the firm of Blackbourne and Greenleaf, afterwards working for Mears and Stainbank and for Barwells, of Birmingham. His work took him to every part of the country, and he assisted in rebanding the bells at Wells, Oxford and Hereford Cathedrals.

An accomplished ringer, both on tower and handbells, his total of peals must have been considerable. Many in his younger days were rung with J. W. Washbrook, W. W. Gifford, C. Houslow and other prominent ringers. He rang in the first peal (Treble Ten) at Hereford Cathedral and in the first peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. His last peal was Grandsire Caters at Coalbrookdale in 1939.

Since going to live in Shropshire, he was a regular attendant for service ringing and practice at local towers right up to the time of his last illness.

### MR. SHIRLEY BURTON'S 200 PEALS

With the peal of Cambridge Maximus at Manchester Town Hall on May 31st, Mr. Shirley Burton, of Braunstone, Leicester, has completed 200 peals. These have been rung for 14 associations in 13 counties and 53 towers and with 268 ringers. The list is:—

Maximus.—Cambridge 9, New Cambridge 1, Superlative 1, York 1, Yorkshire 3, Kent Treble Bob 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 15 (conducted 1).  
Royal.—Cambridge 27, New Cambridge 1, Princess Mary 1, Leicester 1, Pudsey 1, York 1, Yorkshire 1, Melton 1, Kent Treble Bob 1. Caters.—Stedman 9, Grandsire 1.

Major.—Cambridge 33 (conducted 1), New Cambridge 2, Superlative 13, Double Superlative 1 (10,400), York 1, Yorkshire 6, Bristol 21, London 24, Double Norwich 2, Kent Treble Bob 1.

Triples.—Stedman 16, Grandsire 2.  
Minor.—Cambridge 1.  
Doubles.—Grandsire 1.

## THE FINISHING TOUCH

Scene—The Tower of a Liverpool Church, one Practice Night recently.

Two young men, about 20-22, came up into the ringing chamber and stood by the door till the short touch was finished. The tower-keeper wished them 'Good evening' and asked if they were ringing. They said, 'No, we came to ask if the ringers would stop ringing.' On being asked why, they replied that they were playing 'housey housey' in the street opposite and could not hear the numbers called! Collapse of towerkeeper.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## 'Guillotine'

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to make one or two comments on your very fair leading article in this week's 'Ringing World.' Firstly, concerning the 'guillotine.' Of course, there are times when it is better that 'we pass on to the next business' without further delay, but I believe this should be done sparingly and when there has been a fair time allotted for full discussion. I don't think there were any objections to this procedure at Norwich because there had been a chance for everyone, but at Exeter this was not the case. However, as the secretary remarked, it is up to the members to reject it.

Secondly, concerning the Basingstoke peals (and I am sorry to keep on bringing them up, but it seems to be necessary). There still seems to be some confusion about what the nine bells are (this is where I think the leading article is again misleading). These nine bells are unique (I think) in that they are the back nine of a peal of ten, i.e., nine bells in the diatonic scale, or an octave with a treble added (note re). It is no comparison at all to mention a 13 where one bell is a flattened 6th—the 13 are not the back 13 of a peal of 14, i.e., are not in the diatonic scale. In the usual sense, it is wrong to describe them as two rings of eight.

There would have been no peals rung on the Basingstoke bells if they had not been a nine in the diatonic scale, and if nine such bells are not a Caters combination, I don't know what is! Perhaps I ought to add that I neither took part in the peals concerned nor did I know they were being rung. I think it also ought to be mentioned that the second peal of Kent with a cover was rung because it was thought to be allowed by the rules (Mr. Kippin told me this after the performance) with the idea of showing how illogical they were. I confess I for one am still not clear why it was ruled out of order—the sudden ending of the matter prevented us from learning this.

Thirdly, concerning 'music.' All would agree that we secure as musical a combination as possible, but I still maintain that the first criterion of a peal is 5,000 odd different changes. I don't believe the public (if they ever really listen to a peal) would know whether a peal was a good one for music or whether it made all the most obvious 'mistakes' musically, as the ringer regards them. For instance, has there been any hesitation in parting the tenors in certain Major methods when a 'different' peal was required? Also, since it is usually acknowledged that odd bell methods with a tenor covering give the most musically satisfying peals, who is to say that a Major method with a tenor covering is less musical than on the eight bells alone? I would hesitate very much in denouncing it. No, sir, you cannot argue from the musical standpoint, I am certain (with all due respect to Mr. Johnson)—and remain logical, of course.

I am sorry to go on at such length about this matter, and I fear some think that I am just trying to be awkward; that is why we were 'guillotined,' I suspect. But until I am convinced that we have not a fair case I shall not be able to prevent myself having a firm opinion on the question. Being a newcomer to the Exercise, I believe I can see things with a more unprejudiced eye than many who have been many years on the Council (I say that with all respect), and anything which is illogical is more apparent to such as I. To me, illogicality savours of unfairness, and so, for the good of all concerned, I feel bound to fight to remove it, and may I add that I hope this point will be carefully watched when the revision of rules and decisions takes place.—Yours faithfully,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

P.S.—How about the Central Council adding a treble at Basingstoke and thus removing its peculiarity and making a respectable ring of 10?—K.W.H.F.

## A True Ring

Dear Sir,—We ringers at Basingstoke are much concerned that so many people are talking about the ring of nine bells at All Saints' Church, without a true knowledge of the facts. Without entering deeply into music, the facts are these:—

The nine bells hung in the tower are a true ring of nine, their notes being G, F, E, D, C, B flat, A, G, F. It is impossible to obtain more than one true ring of eight, in either major or minor key, and that is the back eight. This may be checked on a piano or handbells.

A previous incumbent used to insist on the ringing of the front eight during Lent, but those bells do not give an eight in a minor key, or, for that matter, any musical scale. This practice is now discontinued. To obtain an eight in a minor key a flat third bell, namely E flat, is required, giving the following eight: G, F, E flat, D, C, B flat, A, G. That bell does not exist. In any case the ringing world has its own means of expressing sadness, that of using muffles.

I repeat that the nine bells are a true ring of nine, and would be a true ten if another treble bell, note A, were added.

This case has no comparison with the 13 bells at Leicester, and that to be completed at Lincoln.—Yours truly,

Basingstoke. DAVID H. ANSTEY.

## 50 YEARS REGULAR SERVICE RINGER

Dear Sir,—I noticed an item in the Belfry Gossip concerning the ringing of some church bells every Sunday over a period of 40 years. St. Peter's Bournemouth, can boast an unbroken record of regular Sunday ringing for morning and evening service for over fifty years. I wonder how many towers start their Sunday ringing every Sunday at 9.30 a.m. This has been so at St. Peter's since 1906 when the 10 o'clock Sung Eucharist was introduced before 11 o'clock Matins. Messrs. Charles Forfitt (84) and Eli Waters (81) are still most regular in their services. Mr. Waters cycles in from Southbourne twice every Sunday to do so. Both these veterans were ringing at the church 50 years ago, and since the removal of the recent ban have rendered valuable service and assistance with the training of young ringers.

A. V. DAVIS.

## RINGING IN FILMS

Dear Sir,—On opening this week's 'Ringing World' (June 13th), I chanced to see Mr. Goodenough's letter on ringing, which took place in Elstree Studios, Herts, for the film, 'Green Fingers.' This is not the first time a studio has been treated to such an event.

Three or four years ago, during the Archers production, 'A Canterbury Tale,' at Denham, a complete bell frame was built by the studio pattern-makers, and a complete ring of 'bells' cast in plaster by the plasterers under the guidance of Mr. Richard Deal, a well-known London ringer. This 'ringing peal' was assembled and rung 'upset' in rounds. I'm afraid I forget by whom.

This sequence represented the interior of the Canterbury Cathedral bell chamber, and was eventually used as a background to the credit titles of this film. The bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, ringing Grandsire (or was it Stedman) Caters were dubbed on for the sound effect to complete the faking.—Yours sincerely,

PATRICIA HOLMES.

From Australia recently we heard of a quarter rung in three methods (Old Doubles, Plain Bob, Grandsire Doubles) at St. Jude's, Randwick, Sydney, on Whit Sunday, by Miss R. Donnelly 1, I. Napper 2, N. Robinson 3, R. S. Rowe (conductor) 4, J. Duncan 5, G. Shaw 6. It was the first quarter in three methods on the bells for the N.S.W. Association and by all the band.

## Chilvers Coton Dedication

NOW A RING OF TEN.

The dedication of two new trebles at Chilvers Coton, Warwickshire, on May 17th, completed the ring of ten. The church now shares with St. Mary's, Warwick, the honour of being the only churches in the Coventry Diocese with rings of ten bells.

The date of dedication was aptly chosen as the sixth anniversary of the destruction of the church by enemy aircraft. The service was held in the chapel, which has been built by German labour on the ruins of the old and is nearing completion. The tower was only slightly damaged and the ring of eight unharmed, although the ringing room suffered from fire.

The new bells were dedicated by the Vicar of Coton, the Rev. R. T. Murray, who is the president of the Coventry Diocesan Guild. Among those taking part in the service, which was well attended, were the Rev. J. Emrys Jones (curate) and Capt. R. Willett (Church Army). Mrs. D. E. Beamish (secretary of the Coton band and also of the Coventry Diocesan Guild) read the lesson. Mr. J. P. Fidler represented the Loughborough founders.

Among the congregation were Mr. Albert Walker, St. Martin's Guild; Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas, Evesham; Mr. F. E. Pervin, Master of the Coventry Diocesan Guild; Mr. E. Dodds, East Dereham, and Mrs. G. M. Mosedale, Taunton, son and daughter of the late Canon M. A. Dodds, some time Vicar of Coton; Miss M. V. Godderidge, Folkestone; and Mr. H. C. Spencer, Birmingham.

After the dedication of the two new bells the Vicar handed them over to the care of Mr. J. E. S. Moreton (Ringing Master). In his address, the Vicar spoke of the art of bellringing and stated that he had used some of the dedicatory prayers offered when the bells were dedicated 39 years ago. He praised the work put in by the members of the Coton band towards the completion of the ring, and congratulated them on the success attending their appeal for funds, stating that they had raised more than the original estimate of the cost of the bells. This was given to them over a year ago, but since that time the rise in the cost of materials and labour had added an additional £65 to the estimate. Of the revised total they now needed just under £30 to wipe off the debt, which spoke volumes for the ringers' enthusiasm and the generosity of the various subscribers.

The dedication was followed by a few rounds on the completed peal of ten, and after the service the following members of the Coton band rang a course of Stedman Caters: Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Miss Margaret Beamish, Messrs. A. H. Beamish, J. E. S. Moreton, J. F. Clarke, J. Draycott, J. Gibbons, J. Thompson, H. Harris and L. Trevor.

Touches by mixed bands from various parts followed, all pronouncing that a perfect splice had been effected. About 140 people sat down to tea prior to the service in the Parish Hall, the guests including parishioners, subscribers and German prisoners of war.

## TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

Approximately 100 members of the South-East Branch attended the meeting at Pillaton on May 31st. Mr. Freeman conducted the service and the address was given by the Rev. Dr. Brown. A very fine tea was provided in the Church Hall. The branch secretary, Mr. H. J. Clark, thanked all those who had done so much to make the meeting a success, and welcomed the general secretary, the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella, and the Ringing Master, Mr. W. H. Southard.

During the afternoon the ringing consisted of call changes and Grandsire. Some of the bands were congratulated by the Ringing Master, who said they had reached perfection with their call changes, also with rising and falling the bells. There was only one thing for them to do and that was to start half-pull ringing.



## NOTICES

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## SILVER WEDDING

MORRIS—HALL.—On June 22nd, 1922, at St. Margaret's, Leicester, Ernest Morris to Beatrice May Hall. Note new address: The Verger's Lodge, St. Margaret's Vicarage, Leicester. 1544

## DEATH

ELDRED.—On June 12th, 1947, at Springfield Road, Gorleston, Christabel, beloved wife of H. J. Eldred. 1574

## FOR SALE

PEAL of 12 HANDBELLS in C, in almost new condition, £12.—F. J. Portch, 44, St. Andrew's Road, Montpelier, Bristol, 6. 1518

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—A meeting will be held at Epworth (8) on Sat., June 21st. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Cups of tea provided, but please bring your own eatables.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. 1510

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Witley, Sat., June 21st. Tea 4.30, followed by meeting. Service 6.15. 1493

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Barrington (6), Sat., June 21st, 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Please bring own food; cups of tea provided. Foxton (5) available after tea.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 1539

LAVENHAM.—The 136th ringing anniversary will be held on Sat., June 21st, 2.30. Everybody welcome. Tea shop near church.—S. H. Symonds. 1536

HERTS COUNTY ASSN.—St. Albans District.—Meeting Wheatthampstead, Sat., June 21st, 3.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec., 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans. 1547

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Ashford District.—Special meeting, Willesborough, June 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1548

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—S. and W. District.—Meeting Isleworth, Sat., June 21st. Bells 3 to 5 and 6 to 8. Meeting 5. No tea arrangements.—J. E. Lewis Cockey. 1525

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting Redditch, Sat., June 21st, 3. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 1542

SALISBURY GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Practice meeting Hampreston, Sat., June 21st. Ringing from 2.30. Tea in Hampreston School 5. Canford bells available after tea.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec. 1553

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSN.—Quarterly Llangynwyd (6), Sat., June 28th. Bells 2.30. Service at 4. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea to Mr. D. J. David, 21, Bridgend Road, Llangynwyd, near Bridgend, by June 21st. Maesteg bus Bridgend to Cross Inn, then Llangynwyd bus.—F. J. Hannington. 1524

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ejloe Deaneries Branch.—The next meeting will be at Deeping St. Nicholas on June 28th. Bells available 2.30. Names for tea before June 21st, to Mr. F. Taylor, Deeping St. Nicholas, Spalding. 1520

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Western Division.—Meeting Fyfield (5), Sat., June 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea by Tues., June 24th, please.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath. 1528

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Southern District.—Annual meeting joint with district societies, Wentworth, near Rotherham, on Sat., June 28th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Tea 5 in Rockingham Arms. Notify Mr. G. West, 25, The Square, Wentworth, near Rotherham, by Tuesday, 24th.—J. J. L. Gilbert, 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Sheffield, 9. 1545

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick and Straford-on-Avon Branch.—Meeting Sherbourne, Sat., June 28th, 3. Cup of tea provided, but bring your own food. Good attendance, please.—D. Stanley, Branch Sec. 1540

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly Thornbury (8), June 28th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss M. P. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bishopston, Bristol, 7. 1551

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSN.—Western District.—Meeting Tanfield (8), June 28th. Names for tea to Mr. K. W. Cheeseman, Mayo House, Tantobie, Newcastle-on-Tyne, by June 27th.—J. A. Brown, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1549

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Est. 1623).—The 324th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Sat., June 28th, 3. Service 6.30. Names for tea by 26th.—Leonard Pitstow, 21, Debden Road. 1564

DERBYSHIRE ASSN.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Melbourne, June 28th, 3. Tea 5. Meeting after. Names for tea June 25th to Mr. Warren, Potter Street, Melbourne. 1563

BEDS ASSN.—Luton District.—Husborne Crawley (8), Sat., June 28th, 3. Bring own food; cups of tea will be available.—H. C. Hillyard. 1562

OXFORD GUILD.—South Oxon District.—Combined practice at Thame, Oxon, on Sat., June 28th, 6-8. All welcome.—H. Badger. 1561

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOC.—Extraordinary general meeting Carlton (6), June 28th. Bells 2. Service 4. Tea 2s. 6d.; notify S. Watson, High Street, Carlton, Goole, by June 25th. 1566

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech District.—Meeting at Terrington St. Clement (8), Sat., June 28th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (provided) 5.—W. Buckenham, Marham. 1567

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Walgrave, Sat., June 28th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea provided.—R. S. Cowley. 1568

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOC.—Meeting at Ossett Sat., June 28th. Bells available 3. Meat tea (2s. 6d. each) in School at 5. Names for tea to me not later than June 23rd. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12. 1570

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Market Rasen (8), Sat., June 28th. Bells available 2. Service 4 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 1571

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting Wooburn, Sat., June 28th, 5.30. No tea.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 1559



**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—Meeting King's Somborne, Sat., June 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea Village Hall, 4.45. Names by Wednesday, June 25th, to Mr. Fred Davis, King's Somborne, Hants. 1560

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Eastern Division.—Meeting Sat., June 28th, Hoddesdon. Bells (8) 3. Short service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Names for tea urgent by 24th to G. Radley, 6, Nursery Road, Turnford, near Hoddesdon, Herts. 1556

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.**—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting Hingham, Sat., June 28th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Fairland School. Names for tea by June 25th to H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 1558

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Axbridge Deanery.—Quarterly meeting at Mark, Sat., June 28th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting Assembly Rooms 5.—E. J. Avery, Local Hon. Sec., Sandford. 1578

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—Next meeting at New Mills, Sat., June 28th. Bring own food.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec. 1577

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.**—Practice meeting at St. Andrew's, Enfield, on Monday, June 30th. Bells available 5.30 to 9.30 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 1575

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Summer Festival meeting at Farnham, Sat., July 5th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea at British Restaurant. Notices to Mr. C. Denyer, 15, Holly Road, Aldershot, by June 30th. Other towers open. Further details next week.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon. 1573

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Middleham (8), Sat., July 5th. East Witton bells (6) available after tea. Names for tea (4.30) to Mr. H. Parrish, Kirklea, Middleham, Leyburn, not later than July 3rd. All are welcome.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1576

**ST. MARTIN'S, BIRMINGHAM.**—Quarterly meeting at Solihull, near Birmingham, on Sat., July 5th. Bells (10) available at 3.30. Service in church 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. E. C. Shepherd, 2, Witley Avenue, Solihull, not later than July 2nd.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 1552

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at East Peckham (6), July 5th, 3. Service 4. Tea 5. Names for tea by July 2nd to Mr. T. Saunders, East Peckham, Tonbridge, Kent. Take bus route No. 7 from Tonbridge or Maidstone to Forge Gate. 1580

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting Minster Abbey, Isle of Sheppey, Sat., July 5th. Tower open 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Tea provided by the local Guild to ringers and friends who notify Miss S. Knight, 341, Minster Road, Sheerness, by July 1st. Queenborough (6) and Eastchurch (6) open during evening. Let's have a good meeting in ideal surroundings.—B. W. May, Dis. Sec. 1579

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury Branch.—Annual at Great Tew (8), Sat., July 5th. Service 4. Tea for those who notify before July 2nd.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon. 1514

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOC.**—Wortley (8), Sat., July 5th, 3. Cups of tea provided. 68 bus, Castle-gate, 1.45, 2.45, 3.45.—H. O. Chad-dock, Sec. 1557

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Wigan Branch.—Meeting Emmanuel, Southport (8), Sat., July 5th. Ringing 2.30. Address by the Bishop of Liverpool 4. Tea 5. Bus Nos. 17, 2, and 10 from Lord Street. Notify for tea, Mr. N. Heaps, 24, The Crescent, Crossens, Southport, not later than July 2nd. All welcome. 1565

**SHROPSHIRE ASSN.**—Worthern (6), Sat., July 5th. Tea at White Horse Hotel for those who send names to Miss P. Fletcher, Kingscote, Dawley Bank, Shropshire, by Monday, June 30th.—E. D. Poole. 1569

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—On and after Sunday, July 6th, ringing for morning service at St. Martin-in-the-Fields will be from 10.15 a.m. to 11.25 a.m.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 1554

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual Festival Oxford, Sat., July 12th. Service Christ Church Cathedral 11 (preacher, the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Oxford). Business meeting Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon Christ Church Dining Hall 1.30; tickets 4s. Application for luncheon tickets, accompanied by remittance, to General Secretary not later than July 4th. Owing to cater-

ing difficulties no member or visitor can be guaranteed lunch unless in possession of ticket. Ringing: Cathedral (12), time next notice; Colleges, New (10) 4.5, Magdalen (10) 3-4, Merton (8) 3.30-4.30; Churches, St. Giles' (8), 3-4, St. Ebbe's (8), 4-5, All Saints' (8), 5.30-7, St. Thomas' (6), 3.30-4.30, Holywell (6) 4-5 p.m., Carfax (6) 5.30-6.30, St. Aldate's (6) 6.30-7.30.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants. 1527

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—A few tickets still available for the 200th anniversary dinner on July 12th, 12s. 6d. each. Applications, with remittance, must reach me not later than July 2nd.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 1555

**CLAVERLEY, NEAR WOLVERHAMPTON.**—Preliminary Notice.—An open meeting in conjunction with Dudley and District Guild will be held at Claverley on Sat., Aug. 23rd. Details later. 1550

#### HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

**MR. A. W. DAVIES THE NEW MASTER.**  
The annual festival and meeting of the Hereford Diocesan Guild was held at Ross-on-Wye on Whit Monday. The first festival ever held by the Guild, 1888, was at Ross, but the last time it was held here was over 30 years ago. The bells of Ross (8) and of Bridstow (8) and the six at Weston-under-Penyard were available from 11.30 and were kept going by the many ringers present.

In the afternoon the Guild Office was sung in the Parish Church and the sermon was preached by Preb. Barker (Rector of Ross). After tea at the Valley Hotel the annual meeting was held in the Church Room at first presided over by the retiring Master, Mr. William Poston, of Bridstow.

Mr. A. W. Davies, of the Hereford Cathedral tower, was elected the new Master of the Guild, and on his election took over the chair. All the other officers were re-elected: The Rev. E. G. Benson, hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. L. Evans, assistant secretary and peal recorder; Mr. W. J. Beniams, auditor; and Messrs. G. J. Lewis, W. F. Moreton, G. E. Oliver and W. T. Poston, representatives on the Central Council (1948-50). The committee was re-elected with the addition of the Rev. R. H. Hill, of Berrington.

The statement of accounts showed a balance of £25 6s. 8d. in the General Fund and £21 9s. 10d. in the Bell Restoration Fund.

It was decided that the annual subscription should be increased from 1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d. as from 1948, the whole of the increase to go to the General Fund of the Guild.

The secretary informed the meeting that the forthcoming report would contain a complete list of the rings in the diocese with details of the bells, and it was hoped this would add much to the interest of the report. Some discussion arose in connection with a proposal for a war memorial to the fallen, and a committee meeting is to be called to consider it. Hereford was chosen for next year's festival.

**REDENHALL, NORFOLK.**—On Whit Sunday, 1.290 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. W. Howlett (conductor) 1, C. Barber 2, A. Head 3, W. Platt 4, G. Gower 5, F. Munnings 6, E. Etheridge 7, C. Looome 8.



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