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### LADIES IN THE BELFRY

**T**HE belfry is not a fit and proper place for any female, as it might lead to questionable actions taking place... The belfry is not, in the strict sense of the term, part of the church.'

Who said those words? The Rev. J. Ferguson, Curate-in-charge of the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Dagenham, during the absence of the Vicar.

Now, ladies, what do you think of that opinion? Before you 'go into action,' however, we must tell you it was said nearly 50 years ago.

In 'The Ringing World' of September 15th, 1911, appeared a letter stating that the Vicar's deputy absolutely forbade their only lady ringer entering the belfry under any circumstance, and gave the above as his reason, notwithstanding her father was captain and she also had a brother who was a member of the band.

The ladies of that day, represented by Miss E. M. G. and Mrs. Whittington, expressed their opinion in no uncertain manner. They saw no more harm in ringing with young men than in doing any other church work where young men and young women had to work together, nor had they seen any conduct that any lady need be ashamed of.

Of course, there were letters from the men, the majority supporting the ladies, but one from Arthur Cox supports the curate. He wrote: 'I think the Vicar is in the right and the ringers are wrong. . . . Because a woman has no right in a tower which is not really a part of the church. Those towers where they ring on the ground floor are part of the church; but no ringer is going to make me believe that a tower where you ring hidden from the church is a part of the church—it is all nonsense. What the ringing world wants is a better class of men to learn to ring, viz., the middle classes, then things would go better. My objection to lady ringers are these:—

- '(1) They will do men out of their hobby.
- '(2) They will be given all the privileges, while the gentlemen ringers will have to "take a back seat" and look on.
- '(3) They will do as that Vicar at Quorn (Leicestershire) once said, "Cause all the trouble".'

The leading article of September 29th, 1911, deals with the subject, and one paragraph says:—

'As to whether church bellringing is a suitable hobby for ladies to follow is a question upon which there may be, perhaps, some divergence of opinion, but in these modern days the fair sex enter so largely into pursuits which were once looked upon as the exclusive domain of mere man that there is no need to make a special exception of our art.'

Later, Mr. Goldsmith says:—

'Among all the correspondence which we publish this week there is only one letter which supports the view that the belfry is not a place for ladies, and the reasons given are certainly not very serious ones. . . . and ends his article by:—

'The belfry is no place for snobbery. There is no class distinction in the ringing chamber; and equally, it may be said that, in the practice of change-ringing in the perfectly decorous atmosphere of the belfry, there is nothing that is unfit for a lady.'

In the issue of October 6th, 1911, more men enter the fray. Mr. Thos. V. Horner writes: 'In what condition can a man's mind be in to make such a statement as this? How about having females in the choir and also female organists? As the clergyman in question contends that the belfry is not part of the church, would he please let us know what is?' Then we have Mr. H. Hoskins' comment: 'When one pauses to think what St. Alfege's, Greenwich, would have done without Miss Christabel Airey and her sister, the daughters of the late Astronomer Royal, one can only suggest to the objecting cleric concerned "evil be to him who evil thinks".'

Mr. H. Sharp and Mr. F. J. Parker take Mr. Cox to task. Mr. Sharp says: 'If Mr. Cox himself is of the class he would introduce to the Exercise, I should say that the sooner the ladies oust them the better, as such snobbery will not assist in improving the quality of the ringing, nor the morals of ringers. I would like to see many more added to the ranks of lady ringers, and would like nothing better than to take a back seat occasionally and see them ringing touches and peals entirely on their own, without the aid of mere man.' Mr. F. J. Parker is a man of very few words, and asks: 'He wants a better class of men to ring, but why on earth does he wish to exclude women? There is room for all in the ringing world, and what is wanted is more men and women, not snobs, but good ringers, whatever their station of life.'

In the issue of October 20th, 1911, there is a long, rambling letter, signed by 'Inconsistent.' In it he says: 'On the principle of admitting and welcoming ladies to the belfry there is, I imagine, no difference of opinion, or very little. And yet there may be circumstances which render it advisable, and even necessary in the interests of the ringers and possibly of the ladies themselves, to say "No" to their being admitted. Consequently, strange as it sounds, while welcoming lady ringers on principle, I have recently made a rule that they shall not be allowed in the belfry under my control.' You may wonder why he took this line; well, my opinion is he was afraid of what the neighbours would say.

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By this time 'The Essex Times' had devoted some attention to the matter, and referred to the article upon the subject as well as the letters which were published from two lady ringers. The Rev. H. Drake, then Rector at Braiseworth, Eye, got into communication with the Rev. J. Ferguson with a view to getting a statement for publication. As no statement ever appeared, one can assume that Mr. Drake's efforts were not successful.

We recall an occasion in the early 'twenties when a Branch meeting was held at Marple, and the then Vicar said he would not allow ladies to ring with men. This fairly upset the party, and at the business meeting, with the Vicar in the chair, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wolstencroft fairly let rip; if we remember rightly, Mrs. R. Deal (then Miss E. Tongre) was there, and added her opinion very forcibly.

The Vicar had been a missionary and this was the first church he had been in charge of that possessed bells, and it had been a shock to him that afternoon to see mixed bands ringing. When he realised his mistake he was man enough to apologise to the members for his action, which he saw was uncalled for: J. P. F.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

BRIAN HARRIS .. .. Treble	ALAN A. POTTS.. .. . 6
FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 7
JOHN WORTH .. .. . 3	BASIL JONES .. .. . 8
PETER LAFLIN .. .. . 4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. .. 9
ERNEST BOUMPHREY .. .. 5	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.  
On Mon., April 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 34 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in D flat.

JOHN M. HARROP .. .. Treble	JOHN R. PERRETT .. .. 6
JANET I. PORTER .. .. 2	*RICHARD D. GIBSON .. .. 7
KEITH GOLDTHORPE .. .. 3	JOHN S. RANK .. .. . 8
JOHN G. HOBSON .. .. 4	DAVID S. JOHNSON.. .. 9
*JAMES I. BOOTH .. .. 5	RONALD DUCKER .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by RONALD DUCKER.  
\* First peal. First of Royal for all except 4 and 6. First of Plain Bob Royal for 4 and 6. First touch of Royal as conductor.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL**

In four methods, comprising 1,320 Cambridge, 1,320 Yorkshire, 1,200 London and 1,200 Lincolnshire; with 77 changes of method.

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. Treble	FREDERICK W. GROCOTT.. 6
DEREK OGDEN .. .. . 2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 7
*FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 3	*MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 8
F. JOHN NELSON .. .. . 4	NEIL BENNETT .. .. . 9
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 5	*DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.  
\* First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal. First in four Royal methods for the Guild.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

*FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. Treble	JOHN ROBINSON .. .. . 5
†DEREK J. MARSHALL .. .. 2	F. JOHN NELSON .. .. . 6
CHRISTINE TOWNEND .. .. 3	NEIL BENNETT .. .. . 7
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. .. 4	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.  
\* 50th peal. † First 'inside.' 200th peal on the bells.  
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Anne P. Smith and Alec Osbaldiston, of Marple.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Wed., March 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

EILEEN M. FEARN .. .. Treble	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 5
NEIL BENNETT .. .. . 2	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 6
A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. .. 3	BASIL JONES .. .. . 7
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 11, 1961, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Taylor's Six-Part.	Tenor 10½ cwt.
SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. Treble	†A. LESLIE PRIESTLEY .. 5
*FRANK E. CROSIER .. .. 2	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 6
ARTHUR GIBBS.. .. . 3	JOHN E. SKERRIT .. .. 7
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE .. 4	HARRY RICHARDSON .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.  
\* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., March 24, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Middleton's.	Tenor 16½ cwt.
*WILLIAM J. DIXON.. .. Treble	PETER BEEDIE .. .. . 5
CHARLES COLES .. .. . 2	BERTRAM J. COGGINS .. 6
*FREDERICK W. SODEN .. .. 3	D. KAY ADKINS .. .. . 7
*MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT .. 4	*THOMAS W. TIMMS.. .. Tenor

Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.  
\* First peal of Surprise.

Rung in honour of the wedding at Claverdon, Warwicks, on March 25th, 1961, of Miss Jean M. Knight and Mr. David J. Smith, both members of the Witney Ringing Society.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

**A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 24 cwt.

F. JOHN NELSON .. .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 5
JOHN WORTH .. .. . 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY.. .. 6
PETER LAFLIN .. .. . 3	*EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 7
BASIL JONES .. .. . 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. . Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JONES. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.  
\* 1,000th peal.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 1, 1961, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

**A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

ANNE C. GARNETT .. .. Treble	ROBIN G. LEALE.. .. . 5
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH.. 2	ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. .. 6
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 3	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. .. 7
J. KEITH WARD.. .. . 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT.. .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., April 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 17 cwt. 11 lb. in F.

RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	JAMES BENNETT .. .. . 5
*ERNEST G. PEARCE .. .. 2	*PETER S. BEDFORD .. .. 6
*ALAN SHEPPARD .. .. . 3	*RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 7
*CECIL W. PIPE.. .. . 4	*LESLIE N. MELTON.. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.  
\* First peal in the method.

SNAITH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(Selby and District Society.)

On Sat., April 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5024 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES THORLEY .. .. Treble	*JOHN S. RANK .. .. . 5
*MRS. J. RENDER .. .. . 2	*DAVID S. JOHNSON .. .. 6
*ALAN SHEPPARD .. .. . 3	G. FRED TERRY .. .. . 7
*KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 4	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.  
\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

**COLCHESTER, ESSEX.**  
**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Mon., April 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
**A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**  
 Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

*ALBERT DALE .. .. . Treble	†KENNETH SMITH .. .. . 5
†HERBERT WEBB .. .. . 2	*ERIC PIPER .. .. . 6
ALAN R. SYDER .. .. . 3	HARRY J. MILLATT .. .. . 7
ANDREW T. BECKWITH .. . 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.  
 \* First peal. † First in the method. ‡ First on eight bells.  
 A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

**DERBY.**  
**THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION**  
*On Mon., April 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

JACK BAILEY .. .. . Treble	ERNEST JOHNSON .. .. . 5
NOREEN WICKHAM .. .. . 2	*MICHAEL LARKIN .. .. . 6
*JEAN LARKIN .. .. . 3	*MICHAEL A. WILLIS .. .. . 7
†ROSAMUND BULL .. .. . 4	ALFRED MOULD .. .. . Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.  
 \* First peal. † First in the method 'inside.'

**HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Tues., April 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 In eight methods, being 1,760 Rutland, 1,440 London and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey and Lincolnshire; with 144 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN H. FIELDEN .. .. . Treble	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. . 5
HOWARD SCOTT .. .. . 2	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. .. . 6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. . 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. .. . 7
PETER SCHOLFIELD .. .. . 4	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. . Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

**WADENHOE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.**  
**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**  
 Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*P. ROGER MASON .. .. . Treble	DAVID W. JAMES .. .. . 4
MARGARET ROSS .. .. . 2	FRANK E. CROSIER .. .. . 5
†ANTHONY D. SANSOM .. . 3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.  
 \* First peal of Minor. † First 'inside.'  
 Rung in memoriam Charles W. Bird, for many years a faithful member of the Kettering belfry, a loyal supporter of the Central Northants Association, and later the Peterborough Guild.

**WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**  
**THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**  
 Being three extents of St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ALAN RICHARDSON (12) .. Treble	GEORGE HANCOCK .. .. . 4
†FRANK COOKE .. .. . 2	DENNIS A. SMEDLEY .. . 5
GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. . 3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. . Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.  
 \* First peal. † First in two methods 'inside.'

**BABWORTH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**  
**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Fri., March 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**  
 Being one extent each of Double Court, Colledge, Double Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

*FRANK COOKE .. .. . Treble	*MALCOLM FOSTER .. .. . 4
GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. . 2	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. . 5
HAROLD DENMAN .. .. . 3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. . Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.  
 \* First peal in seven plain methods.

**BECKWITHSHAW, YORKSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., March 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**  
 Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

PETER COPELEY .. .. . Treble	ALAN EVANS .. .. . 4
*DAVID SHEPPARD .. .. . 2	ALAN SHEPPARD .. .. . 5
MRS. J. R. RENDER .. .. . 3	KENNETH B. SISSONS .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH B. SISSONS.  
 \* First peal 'inside.'

**EAST WITTON, YORKSHIRE.**  
**THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., March 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**  
 In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. in C.

PETER SCHOLFIELD .. .. Treble	DEREK OGDEN .. .. . 4
PETER WISCHART .. .. . 2	PETER W. B. SEMMENS .. . 5
RODNEY PAGDIN .. .. . 3	KENNETH LAWSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.  
 All the ringers are employees of Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd.

**KEMPSFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., March 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**  
 Being 14 extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure (four callings), 14 of Plain Bob (four callings) and 14 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 17½ cwt.

RONALD J. SMITH .. .. . Treble	JOHN DOWDESWELL .. .. . 4
PATRICK A. BARTLETT .. . 2	WILLIAM A. GODWIN .. . 5
MICHAEL J. COOK .. .. . 3	PETER W. BARTLETT .. . Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.  
 Rung on the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**  
*On Sat., March 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**  
 Being seven extents in three methods: (1 and 2) Cambridge Surprise, (3 and 4) St. Clement's, (5 to 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

BARRIE HENDRY .. .. . Treble	*PENELOPE SEDGWICK .. . 4
JEFFREY B. WEBB .. .. . 2	ANDREW J. STRATHDEE .. . 5
ANN BARR .. .. . 3	MICHAEL W. FAIREY .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL W. FAIREY.  
 \* First peal in more than one method. First of three methods as conductor.  
 Rung after the Holy Communion service for the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**MARBURY, CHESHIRE.**  
**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., March 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**  
 Being an extent each of Bourne, Ipswich, Surfleet, Beverley, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.


JACK RILEY .. .. . Treble	REGINALD A. CHALLINOR .. . 4
NORMAN SHERRATT .. .. . 2	PHILIP A. MASON .. .. . 5
WALTER SHERRATT .. .. . 3	ROY WORRALL .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN SHERRATT.  
 First peal of seven Surprise Minor on the bells.

**PETERCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., March 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**  
 Being five extents each of Clifford's Pleasure, New Grandsire, April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew and 12 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM E. SPIERS .. .. Treble	MICHAEL V. POWELL .. .. . 4
*JOY SMITH .. .. . 2	†REGINALD G. POWELL .. . 5
LESLIE H. COLCOMBE .. . 3	*TONY STEVENS .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.  
 \* First peal in seven methods. † 50th peal for the Guild.  
 Rung as a compliment to the Virgin Mary on Lady Day.

<p><b>CHURCH CLOCKS</b></p> <p>NEW ELECTRIC OR HAND-WOUND INSTALLATIONS—ALL TYPES OF REPAIRS</p>	<p>EXISTING HAND-WOUND CLOCKS CONVERTED TO ELECTRIC DRIVE</p> <p>Inspections &amp; Estimates Free</p>	 <p><b>JOHN SMITH &amp; SONS - DERBY</b></p>
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WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., March 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-WYCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 18 variations: One of Wollaston Bob, two each of Oldswinford Bob, Southrepps, Broadwas Bob, St. Columb, Norfolk, Old, Plain Bob, Kennington, Windrush and Salwarpe; and three each of Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Seighford, Newborough and Grandsire. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G sharp.

*JOHN E. LAWLEY .. .. Treble	PAUL CATTERMOLE .. .. 4
JEREMY A. TANDY .. .. 2	MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. .. 5
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. .. 3	PETER J. BROWN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLE.

\* First peal. Most variations by all, on the bells, and for the Association.

Rung on half-muffled bells to commemorate Holy Week.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., March 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Thelwall and Childwall Bob, (2) Double Court Bob, (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, (4) Kent and Oxford T.B., (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.

RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 4
ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. 2	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 5
*HUBERT A. MITSON .. .. 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

\* First peal in ten methods.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Selby and District Society.)

On Good Friday, March 31, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

G. FRED TERRY .. .. Treble	*ALAN SHEPPARD .. .. 4
JAMES THORLEY .. .. 2	*KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 5
*JOHN POTTS .. .. .. 3	†LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Tenor

\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. † 100th peal on tower bells for the Yorkshire Association.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

LOWDHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day and Plain Bob, and 12 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

RUTH M. BLACKSHAW .. Treble	MAURICE HARRISON .. .. 3
BRIAN R. MILLS .. .. 2	JOHN HIGGS .. .. .. 4
WILLIAM L. EXTON .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

Rung as a compliment to Sydney Hill (a ringer at East Bridgford) and Doreen Isaacs, whose wedding took place at this church prior to the peal.

MARCH BALDON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 of All Saints', Old, Clifford's Pleasure, April Day, 480 of Reverse St. Bartholomew, 360 each of Northrepps Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire, and 240 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

*PETER J. HERITAGE .. Treble	ALEC GAMMON .. .. 3
ROY H. JONES .. .. 2	JOHN S. WALKER .. .. 4
EDWARD R. VENN .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by EDWARD R. VENN.

\* First peal on a working bell.

NEWDIGATE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of London Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in A flat.

*FRANK OAKSHOTT .. .. Treble	EDWARD G. L. COWARD .. 4
*JILL M. LANE .. .. 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH .. .. 5
DOUGLAS A. R. MAY .. .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal in seven methods.

Rung for the wedding of Miss Peggy Morgan, of Newdigate, a working colleague of the ringer of the fourth.

CUCKNEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge S., Oxford T.B. and St. Clement's, and two each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*FRANK COOKE .. .. Treble	MALCOLM FOSTER .. .. 4
GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. 2	*KENNETH RUTLAND .. .. 5
*†CAROLYN COLLIER .. .. 3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

\* First peal in five methods. † First of Minor.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

DENNINGTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., April 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	ERNEST G. PEARCE .. .. 4
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 2	LESLIE N. MELTON .. .. 5
RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

LAXFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., April 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Oxford Bob, (2) Plain Bob, (3) Double Oxford Bob, (4) Kent and Oxford T.B., (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Double Court Bob, (7) St. Clement's Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in F.

ERNEST G. PEARCE .. Treble	CECIL W. PIPE .. .. 4
RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 2	LESLIE N. MELTON .. .. 5
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 3	RONALD W. STEWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

OAKLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., April 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING .. Treble	ROBERT J. PLUMMER .. .. 4
*CLIVE R. CALTON .. .. 2	HARRY B. FULLER .. .. 5
ALBERT LAWES .. .. 3	LEONARD J. MINNS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

\* First peal of Minor.

In memoriam William Stannard, of Bury St. Edmunds, late of Oakley.

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**OXFORD.**  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Mon., April 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALDATE.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**  
 Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. in G.  
 \*NOEL D. DEAM ... Treble | ROY H. JONES ... .. 4  
 \*JOHN S. WALKER ... .. 2 | SIDNEY D. EDWARDS ... .. 5  
 \*REGINALD H. ALLSWORTH 3 | EDWARD R. VENN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD R. VENN.

\* First peal of Minor. First of Minor on the bells.

**MINIMUS PEAL**

**TOWERSEY, OXFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Tues., April 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE.

**A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS**  
 Consisting of 212 extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.  
 ELIZABETH MILLER ... Treble | \*HELEN WILLIAMS ... .. 3  
 JULIA A. CHANDLER ... .. 2 | ROY H. JONES... .. Tenor

Supervised by ROY H. JONES.

\* First peal at first attempt. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

Rung as birthday compliments to Margaret J. Cozier and Sydney D. Edwards.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

**LONDON, S.W.**  
*On Mon., March 20, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.*  
 AT 121, LILLINGTON STREET.

**A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES**  
 Tenor size 18 in G.  
 WILLIAM T. COOK ... .. 1—2 | ROBIN G. LEALE ... .. 7—8  
 JOHN CHILCOTT ... .. 3—4 | ALAN ROGERS ... .. 9—10  
 MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT ... 5—6 | MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 11—12

Composed by DAVID E. PARSONS. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

**DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tues., March 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.*  
 AT 38, CASTLE HILLS ROAD, SCAWTHORPE.

**A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED MAJOR**  
 In two methods, being 3,920 Plain Bob and 1,080 Little Bob; with 245 changes of method.

\*T. DAVID SPENCER ... .. 1—2 | HOWARD SCOTT ... .. 5—6  
 W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... .. 3—4 | \*STANLEY BIRDSALL ... .. 7—8

Composed by N. GOLDEN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

\* First peal of Spliced.

**BIRMINGHAM.**  
**THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.**

*On Wed., March 22, 1961, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes.*  
 AT THE UNION, EDGBASTON.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**  
 Being seven extents, differently called. Tenor size 12 in G.

\*J. DAVID ATKINSON ... 1—2 | CHARLES A. S. WEBB ... 3—4  
 GEOFFREY DAVIES ... .. 5—6

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.  
 \* First peal 'in hand.'

**HARROW, MIDDLESEX.**  
**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Mon., March 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.*  
 AT 170, HEADSTONE LANE.

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**  
 Tenor size 15 in C.

THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 1—2 | \*JOHN R. MAYNE ... .. 5—6  
 \*JOAN BERESFORD ... .. 3—4 | \*FRANK C. PRICE ... .. 7—8

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.  
 \* First peal in the method 'in hand.'

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

AND  
**THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.**

*On Sat., April 1, 1961, in 1 Hour and 31 Minutes.*  
 AT 66, MELTON ROAD.

**A PEAL OF 5040 APRIL DAY BOB DOUBLES**  
 Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor size 15 in C.

DEREK M. SAWYER ... .. 1—2 | B. STEDMAN PAYNE ... .. 3—4  
 MALCOLM D. BARSBY ... .. 5—6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

**MR. FREDERICK BRUNNING**

The funeral service took place at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Eye, Suffolk, on Maundy Thursday, of Mr. Frederick Brunning, who had been steeple-keeper for many years. He died on March 26th, aged 77, having been in indifferent health for about six years. Nevertheless, it was not until about a year ago that he relinquished the post of clock winder.

On page 174 of 'The Ringing World' of March 12th, 1954, may be seen a fairly full list of the towers in which he worked for over twenty years on hanging, frame building and tower strengthening as an employee of George Day and Sons, bellhangers of Eye—firm now defunct. It shows that he went to 15 counties to do this work.

As a ringer he was primarily a service man. His peals numbered but twelve and he had not rung one since July 16th, 1922—half-muffled at the death of Frederick Day.

He rang in a peal of Plain Bob Major at Eye in 1906, 'a funeral peal' for Dr. J. J. Raven, the Suffolk bell historian, and he was the sole survivor of the band.

On February 20th, 1954, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor (Robert E. Lester conducting) was rung on Eye bells for Fred's 70th birthday, and for his golden wedding on May 18th, 1957, a peal of Spliced Surprise Major (conductor Nolan Golden) was rung—the first Spliced Surprise on the bells.

Canon Rea (Vicar) officiated at the service, and the organ was played by David Jones, one of the local ringers. Other ringers were present amongst the congregation.

What might be termed the shadow of George Day and Sons was provided by the four occupants of a pew—Miss Ella Day and Mrs. Dorothy Penson (daughters of Frederick Day). Mrs. Hubert Day, whose husband was one of Frederick's sons; and Mr. Penson, Dorothy's husband.

Mrs. Brunning, the widow, was present with her two sons—William and Frederick; she has tolled the tenor at Eye many times for funerals when that custom was live.

**OBITUARY**

**MR. A. J. BEES**

The death occurred on March 17th, at Clevedon Hospital, of Alfred John Bees, for many years captain of the ringers at the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, Clevedon. He was a member of the choir for over 50 years and also served as a sidesman.

A large and representative congregation attended his funeral at St. John's on March 22nd, the service being conducted by Fr. Torrance, sometime Vicar of Frome, in the absence of the incumbent of the parish through illness. That evening, ringers from the parish church (St. Andrew's) rang half-muffled touches on the five bells at St. John's.

Alf Bees was a plumber by trade, a familiar and well-liked figure to everyone in the town, and by his death the church has lost a faithful son, a regular and devout worshipper with his family, and one who had the interests of the church very much at heart. We give thanks to God for his example. We pray to God for his soul, and we commend to God his widow and family at this time.  
 E. G. C.

**LATE OBITUARY NEWS**

We regret to learn of the death on April 6th of Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, of Ferrdown, who was Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild from 1910 to 1913.

Mr. Ernest Marriott, of Wymondham, Leics, died on April 1st. Took part in many peals in Yorkshire and Lincolnshire in his younger days.

Mrs. Harrison, mother of Mr. S. Harrison, Leicester, on April 8th, aged 79.

On April 1st, at Bishopstone, Mr. Joe Durham, aged 68.

**MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.**—On March 20th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Mary Medland 1, Lesley Sherwin 2, E. Ford 3, R. J. Hicks 4, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 5, F. J. Fry 6. A farewell to F. J. Fry, secretary of the tower and a ringing member for 24 years, on his leaving the parish.

The reason for no bells at the funeral was that the eight are still at the Whitechapel Foundry for general overhaul, the founders having been waiting for definite orders. It is sad to think that Fred will not be with us when his bells are rehung and rededicated. He had lived with them all his life. But it is hoped that the work will be finished by the end of this year. Work on the repair of the old frame is to begin on May 9th.

C. R.

**MR. ALBERT J. LINTERN**

His many friends in Ditcheat and in other parts of the country will learn with regret of the passing on March 23rd at St. Peter's Hospital, Shepton Mallet, of Mr. Albert James Lintern, aged 82 years.

Albert, although never having practised method ringing, will be remembered for his mastery covering with the tenor for many peals by local and visiting bands. He started ringing in 1901, under the captaincy of Thomas Vincent, at Ditcheat, and continued until he was forced to retire, due to ill-health, in 1957.

As well as being a keen ringer, Albert was a faithful church worker, being verger and sexton at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Ditcheat, from 1917-1955. To commemorate his loyal service, a plaque was placed in his regular seat in the church on his retirement.

Interment took place at the Parish Church on March 28th, where handbells were rung at the graveside by Miss Beryl D. Mundy and Mr. David M. C. Hill, of the local band, and Messrs. H. F. Creed (Castle Cary) and W. Osborn (North Cadbury).

'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'  
 D. M. C. H.

**STANTON ST. JOHN, OXON.**—On April 2nd, 1,320 Southrepps Pleasure: Elizabeth Miller 1, S. D. Edwards 2, J. S. Walker (cond.) 3, R. H. Jones 4, E. R. Venn.

## HALF PEALS

**OLD MARSTON, OXFORD.**—On April 3rd. 2,520 Doubles, in seven methods (360 each of Old, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Seighford, Rushall, Little Aston, All Saints): S. D. Edwards 1, R. H. Jones 2, N. D. Deam 3, J. S. Walker 4, E. R. Venn (cond.) 5. A tribute to the late Raymond Haynes.

**OXFORD.**—On March 21st, at the Church of St. Thomas. 2,520 Doubles, in eight methods (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Kennington and April Day): Catherine Chapman 1, N. D. Deam 2, R. H. Jones (cond.) 3, J. S. Walker 4, A. Gammon 5, S. D. Edwards 6. Rung as a welcome home to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones (brother-in-law and sister of the conductor) on their return from Singapore. First half peal for all the band except the ringer of 5.

**ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.**—On April 2nd. 1,440 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: J. H. Hayne 1, M. W. Ford 2, N. J. Hayne 3, W. G. Trevett 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, D. J. Wood 6. For morning service.

**ADDINGTON, SURREY.**—On April 2nd. 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Lewsey (first of Minor) 1, Ruth Perrin 2, P. J. Milton 3, J. C. Perrin 4, C. H. Maceve 5, A. M. Maceve (cond.) 6.

**ALDBOURNE, WILTS.**—On April 1st. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on the back six): J. Cuss 1, A. Keen 2, A. Palmer 3, F. Read (cond.) 4, G. Newman 5, H. Palmer 6. Rung for the wedding of Dudley Bowles (a ringer at this church) and Miss Sally Alder.

**ALDERSHOT, HANTS.**—On March 25th. 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. B. Williamson 1, Miss S. Tate-Mitchell 2, Miss E. Stewart 3, K. Williamson 4, C. Denyer 5, T. Denyer 6, T. Page 7, E. Bragg (cond.) 8. First of T.B. Major for 1 and 2. Rung in honour of the consecration of the Very Rev. G. E. Reindorp, as Bishop of Guildford.

**AMERSHAM, BUCKS.**—On March 26th. 1,309 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. Beynon 1, Miss D. Payne (first 'inside') 2, Miss R. Hicks 3, G. Orchard 4, J. E. Camp (cond.) 5, A. Presdee 6. For Evensong on Palm Sunday, and as a compliment to the treble ringer, who is leaving the district.

**AYLESTONE, LEICS.**—On March 26th. 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Christine Saunders 1, Patricia Wardle 2, Sandra Chesterton 3, Marie Davenport (first as cond.) 4, A. J. Poyner 5, T. Roper 6, P. Martin 7, R. Morris 8. Rung as a 16th birthday compliment to the conductor.

**BALDOCK, HERTS.**—On March 26th. 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss C. Dear (first of Major) 1, Miss J. Dear 2, M. Hopkins 3, D. Sutcliffe 4, R. Castledine 5, J. Dear 6, E. Buck 7, C. Harwood (cond.) 8.

**BARNSELY, YORKS.**—On Mar. 25th. 1,344 Plain Bob Major: L. W. Carbart 1, L. Crossland 2, T. Tarbart 3, H. Rusby 4, P. Carbart 5, G. Towend 6, N. F. Moxon 7, E. Stainrod (cond.) 8. First quarter 1 and 2. Rung for the 80th birthday of Mr. Andrew Hoyle, of Shelley.

**BECKLEY, OXON.**—On April 1st. 1,260 Doubles (1,080 Plain Bob, 180 Grandsire): Julia A. Chandler 1, R. H. Jones 2, J. S. Walker (cond.) 3, A. Gammon 4, N. D. Deam 5. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Anne Tilbury and Mr. David Fenwick, who were married this day. Also on April 2nd. 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: P. Heritage 1, R. H. Jones 2, S. D. Edwards 3, J. S. Walker 4, E. R. Venn (cond.) 5.

**BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.**—On April 2nd. 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss L. Doone 1, R. J. Brown (cond.) 2, Miss D. K. Saunders 3, V. J. C. Dale 4, Miss B. Fisher 5. For Matins.

**BLUNSDON, WILTS.**—On March 15th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Hearne 1, Miss S. A. Peake 2, Mrs. G. Swain 3, J. Vincent 4, W. H. Trueman 5, A. R. Peake (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

**BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.**—On April 2nd. 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Humphries 1, R. Humphries 2, G. Parsons 3, R. Lovelock 4, P. Gaisford 5, R. J. Purnell (cond.) 6. First of Minor for all the band.

## QUARTER PEALS

**BRIDGERULE, DEVON.**—On March 26th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Stacey 1, T. Bowden 2, W. Chilwill 3, R. Pearce 4, H. Trewin 5, C. Taylor (cond.) 6, T. Sangwin 7, W. Bond 8. Rung for the Golden Jubilee of 'The Ringing World.'

**BROMLEY, KENT.**—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, on April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss H. Oakshett 1, Miss M. E. Kirby 2, M. G. Foster (first quarter) 3, G. Foster 4, P. J. Spice 5, M. Oakshett (cond.) 6. For Evensong, also a birthday compliment to Michael Foster.

**BURNLEY, LANCS.**—On April 4th, at the Church of St. Peter. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Bolt (first quarter) 1, R. J. Parker (first quarter) 2, Mary J. Smith 3, Sheila M. Smith 4, Pamela Blakeley 5, N. Smith (cond.) 6, E. J. F. Wall (first quarter) 7.

**BURSTOW, SURREY.**—On March 5th. 1,260 Minor (Canterbury, Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob): D. Wilson 1, T. Padbury 2, W. F. Slaughter 3, G. Charlton 4, H. H. Parsons 5, A. J. Bull (cond.) 6. First in three methods for 1 and 2. For Matins.

**BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.**—At the Norman Tower, on March 22nd. 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. Stannard 1, J. G. Stannard 2, P. Everett 2, D. Rowlands 4, C. Stannard (cond.) 5, W. Goodship 6, F. Buckle 7, G. Jenning 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect, from his fellow ringers, to William Stannard, who was interred at Ingham church this day.

**CALVERLEY, YORKS.**—On March 31st. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. M. Lumley 1, P. M. Dawson 2, J. M. Dixon (first quarter) 3, J. Rhodes (cond.) 4, W. Lee 5, R. Waddington 6, R. J. Lumley 7, P. Taylor (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled for evening prayer, also in memory of Samuel Wheatley, former member of the company, who died earlier in the day.

**CANTERBURY, KENT.**—At St. Dunstan's Church, on April 2nd. 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (Kent and Oxford): Miss O. Gant (first of Treble Bob) 1, D. Chatfield 2, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 3, A. Butler 4, J. Stockbridge 5, B. J. Luck (cond.) 6.

**CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.**—On March 11th. 1,344 Plain Bob Major: A. Carveth (cond.) 1, G. D. Carter (first in method) 2, G. W. Taysom 3, A. Locke (first 'inside' of Major) 4, D. Burnett 5, C. W. Jose 6, A. J. Davidson (first in method) 7, Rev. A. S. Roberts 8.

**CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.**—On April 2nd. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Williams 1, Miss D. Williams 2, R. Watts 3, Miss A. Bryant 4, B. Williams (cond.) 5, C. Webber 6. For morning service.

**CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.**—On March 12th. 1,380 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Beynon 1, Miss R. Hicks 2, Mrs. E. G. Swift 3, E. G. Swift 4, C. Shepherd 5, J. E. Camp (cond.) 6. Rung after Evensong on Mothering Sunday, and as a farewell compliment to the treble ringer, who is leaving the district.

**CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.**—On March 31st. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Shaw (14. first quarter) 1, T. Marriott 2, D. Eames 3, D. P. Jones (cond.) 4, A. J. Marriott 5. Rung fully muffled for Holy Communion on Good Friday.

**CIRENCESTER, GLOS.**—On April 2nd, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. A. Deverell (Cumberland Youths) 1, F. J. Lewis sen. (cond.) 2, H. L. Cooke 3, F. J. Lewis jun. 4, E. H. Jefferies 5, P. J. Lewis 6, W. H. Hayward 7, P. Morgans 8. For evening service, and also as a compliment for F. J. Lewis sen., to mark his 80th birthday, which took place on March 27th.

**CLARE, SUFFOLK.**—On April 2nd. 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss R. J. Seabrook (cond.) 1, Mrs. W. G. Perry (first quarter) 2, O. G. Ballard 3, P. Mayle 4, H. Honeyball 5, S. J. Twitchett 6, S. Honeyball 7, W. G. Perry 8. For Evensong.

**CLIFTON, BEDS.**—On March 26th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Rogers 1, Miss S. Percival 2, A. Dilley 3, P. Tompkins 4, J. Church 5, D. Newis 6, G. Mayes (cond.) 7, T. Dilley 8. For Evensong.

**CLITHEROE, LANCS.**—On April 2nd. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. E. Wilkinson (cond.) 1, Miss P. M. Bourn 2, Miss S. Wignall 3, Miss R. Parkinson 4, E. J. Gower 5, F. Price 6, V. J. C. Wood 7, P. Jenkinson (first quarter) 8.

**COLCHESTER, ESSEX.**—On March 19th, at St. Peter's Church. 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Dale 1, C. Bower 2, H. Webb 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, E. Piper 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, C. Warner (first quarter) 8. First in method by all except 2nd ringer. For Evensong.

**CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.**—On March 23rd. 1,240 Minor (Hereward Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob): Susan Mason 1, A. D. Sanson 2, L. G. Berridge 3, M. A. Coleman 4, D. W. James (cond.) 5, F. E. Crosier 6.

**DERBY.**—At St. Peter's Church, on March 28th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Bailey (cond.) 1, Hilary Mason 2, J. Harrison 3, Rosamund Bull 4, E. Johnson 5, M. Larkin 6, F. Stone 7, F. Murfin 8.

**DORCHESTER, DORSET.**—At the Abbey, on April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Barbara Butler 1, Peggie Exon 2, Jean Exon 3, Helen Butler 4, Margaret Thewlis (17. cond.) 5, D. Exon 6. For evening service.

**DROITWICH, WORCS.**—On March 26th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Powell 1, M. D. Fellows 2, R. Skerratt 3, P. Cattermole 4, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 5, Sylvia Cater (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

**DUNHOLME, LINCS.**—On April 2nd. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. W. Smith 1, P. Burton 2, T. R. Smith 3, W. S. Smith 4, P. Coddington 5, J. Burton (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**EPPING UPLAND, ESSEX.**—On April 2nd. 1,280 Bob Doubles: Miss A. Lowings 1, F. V. Gant (cond.) 2, J. Carrott 3, A. Gargrave 4, T. East 5, A. J. Salisbury 6. For Matins.

**GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.**—On April 1st. 1,280 Bob Major: A. Hubble (cond.) 1, J. Clarke 2, C. Southgate (first of Major) 3, F. White 4, Ann Vowles (first 'inside') 5, J. Towler 6, S. Easter 7, H. Appleton 8. A compliment to Roger Everiss and Marion White, married in St. Peter's this day.

**GOLDINGTON, BEDS.**—On April 2nd. 1,260 Double Court Minor: Mrs. R. G. Corby 1, Deborah Hopkins 2, R. French 3, C. Lean 4, J. H. Edwards 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Deborah Hopkins 1, Mrs. R. G. Corby 2, J. H. Edwards 3, Marian Clarke 4, R. French (first quarter as cond.) 5, R. G. Corby 6.

**GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.**—On April 2nd. 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. J. Hall 1, E. R. Lambert 2, F. E. Hall 3, G. A. Atkins 4, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 5. Rung to the Glory of God, for a service of Easter lessons and hymns, also as an 82nd birthday compliment to Mrs. W. H. Allen, grandmother of the conductor. The ringer of the 4th has now 'circled the tower' twice to quarter peals.

**HANBURY, WORCS.**—On March 26th. 1,260 Broadwas Bob Doubles (four callings): M. Powell 1, J. E. Pullton 2, M. J. Fellows 3, P. Cattermole (cond.) 4, M. D. Fellows 5, B. M. Gittins 6. First in variation by all. A birthday compliment to Jennifer Stone-Wigg, of St. Peter's, Droitwich, Guild of Ringers.

**HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On March 22nd. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Mussett 1, Mrs. R. E. Lester 2, E. Hotine 3, H. A. Mitson 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, E. A. Cracknell 6.

**HITCHAM, BUCKS.**—On Easter Sunday. 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): Heather Barrett 1, Jennifer Sceeny 2, Mary F. Carr 3, T. Evans 4, G. J. Berry 5, H. Oglesby (cond.) 6.

**HORSSELL, SURREY.**—On April 2nd. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Drury 1, Miss J. Drury 2, H. Colcombe 3, J. King 4, B. Priestley 5, J. Martin (cond.) 6. For family service.

**KEMBLE, GLOS.**—On March 25th. 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Dedworth): Molly Walsh 1, Gillian Walsh 2, M. J. Stanley 3, R. T. Wakefield 4, G. W. Land (cond.) 5, P. Law (first quarter) 6. First of mixed Doubles 1, 2 and 3. First using Dedworth Doubles by all the band.

## QUARTER PEALS

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On March 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Pryke 1, S. H. Symonds (cond.) 2, L. Pryke 3, A. Knight 4, F. Mortlock 5, S. Smith 6, F. Turner 7, L. Offord 8. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to L. Offord.

**LECHLADE, GLOS.**—On March 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Molly Walsh 1, Gillian Walsh 2, H. N. Evans 3, P. Kirby 4, G. W. Land (cond.) 5, J. Ryman 6. For Evensong, and to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of 'The Ringing World.'

**LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.**—On March 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. Earl (first quarter) 1, C. Wilkington 2, Miss J. Cook 3, C. Hughes 4, F. Mills 5, Miss V. Hester 6, J. Crampion (cond.) 7, A. White 8. For Evensong.

**LONDON.**—At St. Clement Danes', on March 19th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Miss J. M. Lane 1, Miss E. J. Langton 2, Miss M. Erik 3, M. R. Rose 4, D. A. R. May 5, R. J. Trebilcock 6, J. M. Lakin (cond.) 7, G. Pratt 8, D. E. Sibson 9, P. Cattermole 10. First of Stedman Caters for 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9. For Evensong. Also on March 25th, at Southwark Cathedral, S.E., 1,311 Stedman Cinques: R. F. Overington 1, J. Phillips 2, J. H. Crampion 3, W. Hibbert 4, J. G. A. Prior 5, J. Chilcott (cond.) 6, W. T. Cook 7, A. Rogers 8, R. G. Burton 9, M. V. Chilcott 10, M. P. Moreton 11, F. A. White 12. Rung in honour of the consecration, as Bishop of Guildford (Very Rev. G. E. Reindorp, Provost of Southwark), at the Cathedral this day.

**MERROW, SURREY.**—On Mar. 25th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: B. G. Grover 1, Patricia Laycock (first of Surprise 'inside') 2, Angela J. Martin 3, R. I. Vaughan 4, D. J. Tubbs 5, P. G. Smart (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to the Bishop of Guildford, whose consecration took place this day at Southwark Cathedral. Also on April 1st, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grand-sire): R. F. Warren 1, G. L. Grover 2, A. Pamela Warren (cond.) 3, Janet E. Cleeve 4, D. J. Tubbs 5, W. Savill (first quarter) 6.

**PANGBOURNE, BERKS.**—On April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Barbara J. Carter (first quarter) 1, Verona Naylor 2, J. F. Carter 3, J. A. Harland 4, C. Carter (first quarter as cond.) 5, A. J. Burt 6. First quarter by the present Sunday service band. Fastest quarter on the bells. For morning service, and a second wedding anniversary compliment to the ringers of 1 and 3.

**ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On March 26th, 720 Double Court Bob and 552 Kent Treble Bob Minor: L. Nice 1, Miss J. Wright 2, M. Rose 3, E. Nice 4, R. Rose (cond.) 5, L. Wright 6. Rung as a compliment to R. Rose on his 50th birthday.

**SEND, SURREY.**—On March 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss C. Baker (first quarter) 1, J. Martin 2, Miss P. Drury 3, A. D. Leach 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5, S. Strudwick 6. A birthday compliment to A. D. Leach. For Confirmation service.

**SHENSTONE, STAFFS.**—On March 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob and St. Simon's): Lucy Allen 1, Jill V. Morgan 2, Penelope Sedgwick 3, J. B. Webb 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5. First in four methods by 2 and 3. Rung prior to Evensong, on the Dedication Day of the two trebles, being the first quarter on the bells.

**SLOUGH, BUCKS.**—On April 2nd, 1,280 New Cambridge Surprise Major: A. D. Rivers 1, Pamela M. Jervis 2, J. C. Birt 3, W. D. Ward 4, D. P. Hilling 5, W. Birmingham 6, J. K. Ward (cond.) 7, F. R. Scott 8. First in the method for all except 6 and 8. For the Easter Festival.

**STEPNEY.**—On March 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): R. E. Weedon (first quarter) 1, J. Scotcher 2, L. J. Fox (cond.) 3, Hazel Weedon 4, H. G. Weedon 5, P. M. Tarling 6. For Evensong.

**STOKE POGES, BUCKS.**—On March 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss S. E. Atkins 1, D. Wight 2, A. D. Barker 3, A. R. Crawford 4, R. Hartley 5, W. G. Wilson 6, D. P. Hilling (first quarter as cond.) 7, C. Tovey 8.

**STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.**—On March 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jennifer Cook 1, Pauline Lansley (first 'inside') 2, Christine Lansley (cond.) 3, H. Austin 4, V. Griffin 5, A. Hatherall 6. For Lenten service. Also on March 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. Lansley 1, Miss J. Cook (first 'inside') 2, A. R. Peake (cond.) 3, H. Austin 4, S. J. Withey 5, V. Griffin 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. F. Denny to Miss B. G. Oran. Also on March 26th, 1,344 Double Norwich C.B. Major: H. Austin 1, Miss C. Lansley 2, V. Griffin 3, R. J. Purnell 4, S. J. Withey 5, W. H. Trueman 6, A. R. Peake (cond.) 7, A. T. Collins 8. First in method 2, 4 and 5. For Palm Sunday children's service.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—On March 18th, at St. Mark's Church, 1,440 Wooler Surprise Minor: D. Taylor 1, Miss S. M. Parsons 2, C. A. Wratten 3, R. A. Wright 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, G. R. Drew 6. First in method by all. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Ann Pettiford.

**WAREHAM, DORSET.**—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. A. Bull 1, C. J. Fooks (first 'inside') 2, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 3, C. G. Cherrett 4, C. T. Brown 5, G. W. Elmes (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

**WENDOVER, BUCKS.**—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Stephens 1, Miss S. Howard 2, Miss M. Barrett 3, B. Evans 4, W. Lee (cond.) 5, L. Floyd 6. For Evensong.

**WIMBLEDON, SURREY.**—On March 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Bishop 1, J. Tomsett 2, Anne Garnett 3, A. Bagworth 4, C. Walters (first of Stedman, first on eight) 5, Susan Rawlings 6, M. Sinden (cond.) 7, R. Mayes (first on eight) 8. Rung as a farewell to M. Sinden, tower captain, who is leaving the district.

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Congratulations to Mr. Edward Jenkins on ringing his 1,000th peal. The happy occasion was at Worsley on March 25th—one of London Surprise Major, conducted by Mr. John Worth. His list of peals should make interesting reading.

Two Wallington boys, Charles Adam and Robert Cartridge, rang in a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minimus on March 23rd.

The new Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association is Mr. Albert Bennett, secretary of the City of Bristol Branch.

The footnote to the peal rung at St. Paul's, Walkden, Lancs (page 214), was to honour the promotion of Mr. Arthur Burton to serving officer in the Order of St. John.

The Editor blushes:—'For one so relatively uninformed in our art, you handle "The Ringing World" very well.'—A congratulation from a Co. Durham reader.

Mr. K. G. Spavins, of Woburn, inquires whether there would be enough support for a reprint of the first issue of 'The Ringing World.'

David Hilling, of Slough, celebrated his 15th birthday by calling his first quarter of Stedman at Stoke Poges without any hesitation or trips and at his first attempt.

'Walter Ayre: his eyes glow, with the love of his art.' What a delightful caption to his photograph that appeared in 'The Observer' when John Stobbs wrote entertainingly on bellringing in his 'Leisure for Living' series. The material for his article was obtained from a ringing meeting at Wheathampstead, where Frank Ivory, head gardener at Rothamsted Agricultural Experimental Station is head ringer.

Interviewed by John Stobbs, Walter Ayre said he wanted no half-muffled ringing for his passing. 'When your time is finished here it should be an occasion for rejoicing. I've told them down at Apsley that if they ever ring half-muffled for me, I'll come back and haunt them!'

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Fifty years ago (on April 17th, 1911) the record length peal of 12,240 Kent Treble Bob Maximus was rung at Ashton-under-Lyne. The band consisted of Charles Bower 1, George Garnett 2, Joseph Mellor 3, Samuel Wood (composer and conductor) 4, James Wood 5, Walter Wolstencroft 6, Benjamin Thorp 7, Benjamin Gill 8, Samuel Booth 9, Albert Adams 10, Harry Chapman 11, James George 12.

Among those who had No. 1 of 'The Ringing World' was Major J. Howard Freeborn, of Sunnymede, Oxford, who is now 73 years of age.

The secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association has a silver cross and chain, which was found in Moreton-in-Marsh churchyard last Saturday. Will the owner please claim it from Mr. C. Rouse, Brookfield Lawn, Brookfield Road, Churchdown, Glos.

With the quarter peal at Droitwich on Palm Sunday, Mr. Robin Skerratt made a return to ringing after a spell in hospital. Hopes are entertained that Mr. Walter Raxter will soon be in action again. He is the third Droitwich ringer to be silenced recently, the fashion being started last summer by Paul Cattermole, after a cycle accident!

The members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, from their annual general meeting, sent their congratulations to the editor and staff on producing such an excellent Golden Jubilee number. Thank you all very much. There are still copies of this issue for sale.

When H.R.H. Princess Margaret, as president of the Church of England Youth Council, paid an informal visit to Harpenden on April 6th, Miss Ann Smallborne, as representing the Harpenden tower, was presented to her. Later, at Hemel Hempstead, other ringers were presented to H.R.H., including Mr. W. C. Hughes, president of the Hertford County Association. A quarter peal attempt at Harpenden unfortunately came to grief after some good ringing.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING,  
WHITSUN, 1961

MR. ALFRED H. WINCH and MR. GEORGE MARRINER,  
Guildford Diocesan Guild and Surrey Association.

Every Association has some towers within its boundaries, where those who want to progress can be sure of a welcome, and an opportunity to practise something which they cannot ring in their own belfry. Such a tower in Surrey is Leatherhead, and Messrs. A. H. Winch and G. Marriner have both been Sunday service ringers at this tower for close on 60 years. They have seen the local band progress from Grandsire Caters to Cambridge Royal, and the bells have always been rung twice a day for most Sundays. Their story is mainly the history of Leatherhead ringing and it is fitting that they should be taken together.

George Marriner was born on August 5th, 1883, at East Peckham, Kent, moved into Surrey in the late 1880's, and came to Leatherhead in 1892. A plumber by trade, he was taught to handle a bell by Alfred Winch, in October, 1903, and who rang in his first peal on November 5th, 1904, being Grandsire Triples at Ashtead. He has rung 288 peals in various methods, including 12 different Surprise Major and Royal, and conducted one peal of Bob Major.

Having no ambition to be a conductor, he became interested in composition, both peals and methods. He learnt quite a lot from Snowdon's Treble Bob, and also corresponded with the late George Baker, of Brighton, but in 1926 he admits he got rather a shock when Gabriel Lindoff produced his wonderful system, whereby he could turn out 278.828 peals of London, each with the 6th 12 courses at home at the course-end, in various lengths of 5,024, 5,056 and 5,088 changes! However, he has composed several musical peals for various Surprise methods, including Ashtead, Cobham and Leatherhead, all three being rung for the first time. Regarding the peal of Cobham Major, after the peal had been rung in April, 1947, at Ashtead, the band could not decide what to call it. However, someone had a happy idea, and it was named Cobham in memory of William James, captain of Cobham ringers, who died a few weeks earlier. Painswick and Cobham Surprise Royal were rung for the first time at Leatherhead, and indeed regarding the latter, the only peal. This is quite a difficult method, and would test the skill of any 10 bell company.

A peal of which George is very proud was one of Stedman Triples rung at Christ Church, Epsom, about 1908, at the finish of which the late Dr. A. B. Carpenter stepped into the circle and said, 'Gentlemen, that was

a peal of Stedman.' Another more recent peal was Cambridge Royal at Leatherhead on November 6th, 1954, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his first peal, Alfred Winch again taking part.

For the last 25 years George has been captain of his local band, and his friendly welcome to all visitors, whether beginner or more advanced, puts them quite at ease. Many well-known Southern ringers have been initiated into Surprise ringing at Leatherhead, and have just cause to thank George for his unflinching helpfulness and courtesy.

## 'AS JOLLY AS EVER'

Whereas George Marriner has been of a retiring disposition, Alfred H. Winch ('Winchy' to his many friends) has always been noted for his keen sense of humour, and a fund of stories. Although he was born on March 21st, 1880, at Acton Green, Middlesex, being now 81, he is still as jolly as ever! Leaving school before he was 13, his introduction to bellringing was somewhat unusual! He can remember hearing St. Paul's Cathedral bells in December, 1886, and was first attracted to ringing in 1894, through reading articles by A. H. Browne in the then popular 'Church Monthly.' He had no encouragement from the local ringers at Weybridge, where he lived from 1890-1902, but whilst on a 'brass-rubbing' expedition in 1897 he met some ringers at a Middlesex Association meeting at Isleworth, and was told to take the 'Bell News,' thus taking a ringer's paper before learning to ring! He attended several meetings, and eventually, at a meeting at Monken Hadley, Middlesex, one Saturday in 1898, he was told that if he lived there he could learn to ring. By the Wednesday morning, he had got a job at Barnet—he has been a house decorator most of his working life—and was taught to handle a bell by William Dell. In February, 1892, he came to live at Leatherhead, being still only in the 'tenor-behind' stage, but within three months he was ringing 'inside' to Grandsire Caters. He soon mastered the standard methods, but beyond this he had to travel to get practice in Surprise methods, mostly to Beddington and Guildford. His first peal was on July 12th, 1902, at Ashtead, the tenor to Stedman, conducted by Challis F. Winney, the band including Alfred Pulling, Charles Hazelden and James Hunt.

In company with George Marriner, he agitated for years to break through the rut of continuous odd-bell ringing. Eventually they

IMPORTANT NOTICE  
CIVIC RECEPTION AND TEA

Members and their wives are being invited to a civic reception and tea after the meeting at Stoke-on-Trent. Invitations and a reply card will be sent to all who notify me, on or before May 9th, of their wish to attend.

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE—  
BREAKFAST INVITATION

The Rector of Stoke has kindly invited those attending the service in St. Peter's Parish Church at 8 a.m. on Whitsun Tuesday to breakfast in the Town Hall afterwards. A bus will be available to take members to the church from various points. Invitations will be sent to those who notify me, on or before May 9th, of their wish to attend.

PLEASE NOTE THAT TICKETS WILL NOT, REPEAT NOT, BE AVAILABLE FOR ANY MEMBER WHOSE APPLICATION IS RECEIVED AFTER MAY 9th.

## AFFILIATION FEES

These became due on January 1st, 1961 (Rule 8 (as renumbered)). Fees for the following Societies have not yet been paid:—Cumberland and North Westmorland, Derbyshire Association, Dudley and District, Durham and Newcastle, East Derbyshire, Lancashire, London County, National Police Guild, New South Wales, St. David's, St. Martin's, Birmingham, Sheffield and District, Shropshire, Worcestershire and Districts, Yorkshire.

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got Bob Major for every practice, to the disgust of the numerous 'tenor-men' only! In 1920, Albert Harman came to live at Leatherhead, and with his enthusiasm and ability as a Surprise conductor they advanced locally beyond all their expectations. Alfred has taken part in 351 peals, on all numbers from 5-12 bells, including a dozen different Surprise methods. Of these he has conducted 44, including Grandsire Caters, Plain Bob and Treble Bob, and mostly called from a working bell.

In 1912 he was one of the umpires to the long peal of Stedman Caters on handbells, rung at Holy Trinity, Guildford. He well remembers this peal as, missing the last train, he decided to walk home! Feeling tired he rested under a haystack at Clandon, and woke up to find it pouring with rain, and rats for company! He then came back on the milk train from Clandon, and arriving at Leatherhead looking rather dishevelled, was greeted by several good natured jibes by his friends, as to where he had spent the night! He took part in 11,200 Double Norwich at Hackington, Kent, just before 1910, but he thinks his most satisfying performance was to ring a peal of D.N. at Weybridge, in 1954, 60 years after he had been discouraged from learning to ring there!

Both these fine old gentlemen served their country in the First War. George Marriner visited Mesopotamia, and Alfred was in the Labour Corps on Home Service, 1916-19 (no stripes and no medals, he says!). They are both very good strikers, and have had a lot of enjoyment from peals, tours, and meetings, but the chief object of their long ringing life together has been loyalty to the Sunday service band, at the tower which encouraged them to improve their ringing in their early days, after what seemed, from Alfred's point of view, a hopeless struggle before. These two worthies have gained the respect and friendship of many South Country ringers, and everyone will wish them continued good health in the eve of a long career.

APACE.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SECRETARY AND AN INADEQUATE SUBSCRIPTION

TO receive the 81st annual report and conduct the annual business of the K.C.A., Kent ringers, numbering some 200, went to Maidstone on Easter Monday. There were some who even made the journey by motor scooter. Resplendent with Easter flowers, Maidstone Parish Church looked beautiful at service time. The new Vicar (Canon N. K. Nye) conducted the service and gave an address. The lesson was read by Mr. John Willis.

Attending the service and also the luncheon at the Corn Exchange was the Mayor of Maidstone (Cclr. Arthur H. Clark), who gave to the assembly a civic welcome. Six years ago, when the K.C.A. last held their annual meeting at Maidstone, Cclr. Clark was Mayor, but he assured the gathering that he would not be Mayor when they came there six years hence. He recalled his choirboy days at Boston, when it seemed to him that then the main qualification of a change-ringer was 'to knock back' a pint of beer.

### JUBILEE ISSUE

As is usual on these occasions, Mr. John Willis was in the chair. He welcomed the Mayor and also the Editor of 'The Ringing World.' Mr. Willis had a word of congratulation for the Editor and 'The Ringing World' Committee over the Jubilee issue of 'The Ringing World.' ('A very fine number considering that it only appeals to a small, select and wise body of people.') Nevertheless, he found that that number contained some gems of information—a fine historical article by E. A. B. on ringing papers, and another on Mr. P. A. Corby, now a Kentish man and one of their finest conductors.

Mr. White replied, and mentioned the help he had received from many people over the Jubilee issue. His work was largely that of a co-ordinator. Copies of the Jubilee issue were still available.

### LOSSES BY DEATH

The annual report was presented by Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher (hon. secretary), and the company stood as he announced the names of those members who had died: Messrs. F. M. Mitchell, of Milton-next-Gravesend, a vice-president who had also served as general secretary, treasurer and peal secretary; A. C. Whiting (Ospringe), Mrs. M. Gatehouse (Canterbury), both life members; Messrs. W. Weller (Teynham), J. Hurrell (Eltham), W. J. Henniker and E. J. Shoebridge (both of Charing), R. Affleck (Aylesford), L. J. Honess (East Peckham), Miss M. Scoones (Borden), Mrs. A. Taylor (Milford-next-Gravesend).

Also with regret was recorded the loss of non-resident life members: G. Gilbert (Burnham, formerly Rainham), C. W. R. Grimwood (Mitcham), J. Parker (Caister-on-Sea), J. R. Sharman (Cogenhoe) and A. D. Stone (Brighton).

'Each week in 1960,' stated the report, 'The Ringing World' contained a biographical sketch of a ringing personality from the pen of Jafus (the convener of the Editorial Committee, Mr. Smallwood). Included in this series were four members of the Kent County Association—Mr. John Willis, Mr. E. Barnett, Mr. E. A. Barnett and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, all of whom have and are serving the Exercise well.

'I think 1960 both ended an epoch and witnessed the stirrings of new enthusiasms. We symbolise this by introducing today a colourful new membership certificate, designed in open competition by a young member, Lawrence Mitchell, and beautifully produced by Alec Waddington on his Egerton Press.'

### SUBSCRIPTION HINT

'Let this also be a moment of challenge. We are apt to be complacent about the Associa-

tion's assets of some £1,200. In fact they have for many years been artificially pegged at this figure by restrictive spending. The value of our reserves are worth less than one-third their pre-war value, and this wasting away of our assets will continue unless we boldly face the challenge. Before any other steps, our subscriptions ought to be increased sharply. Surely we value a year's membership more than a single visit to the cinema!'

The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. Peter Carter, seconded by Mr. Cheal.

Mr. B. W. May, in presenting the accounts, said that on the income and expenditure account their balance had increased from £151 to £171, which was accounted for by the fact that last year they bought no badges. From the Belfry Repair Fund grants of £15 each had been made to Sellindge, Great Chart, Kildown and West Malling, and £5 to Cliffe-at-Hoo. The Belfry Repair Fund had a balance of £304 10s. 10d. (last year, £266 19s. 3d.). There had been no requests for grants from the Benevolent Fund.

At the committee meeting that morning he called attention to their expenditure. That morning they had only a balance in hand of £150, and he was committed to spend during the next seven weeks over £70.

Mr. Arthur Richards (hon. auditor) said he noticed in the audit that some District secretaries had been selling brooches and reports at less than the price. Some reports were sold at 2s. instead of 2s. 6d. and brooches at 3s. instead of 3s. 6d.

In reply to Mr. C. T. Hillis, Mr. May said he had had no acknowledgment from Great Chart of the donation of £15 sent to them.

The report was then adopted on the proposition of Mr. May, seconded by Mr. Cheal.

### MORE PEALS RUNG

The peal secretary's report for 1960 stated that 140 peals were rung for the Association during 1960, 34 more than last year. The increase could be accounted for to some extent by two royal events and the visit of the Central Council to Folkestone at Whitsun; two peals were rung for the birth of a second son to H.M. the Queen, four for the wedding of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones, and six were arranged for Council members.

Two peals were rung outside the county, one of these being the only handbell peal of the year. A peal of Cinques was rung in both the 12-bell towers. Twenty-six members rang their first peal, eight more than last year. There were 33 conductors, two more than last year, and two members were conducting a peal for the first time. The peal secretary (Mr. Ian H. Oram) headed the list of conductors with 22, followed by Messrs. P. A. Corby with 19 and Crawford T. Hillis and Ralph Bird with 14 each.

London Surprise Royal was rung for the Association for the first time, as were Double Dublin and Wembley Surprise Major, and Spiced Surprise Major in 11 methods. The peals at Chislet and Thanington were the first on the bells, those at Birchington and Sellindge the first since restoration, and peals had been rung at Rochester Cathedral since the installation of the new frame. One peal worthy of special mention was that at West Malling on July 2nd, in which all the band had been members of the Association for 50 years or more.

In addition to the peals rung in the county by the Association there were six peals—five

for the Cumberlands and one for the College Youths. The adoption of the report was moved by Mr. Oram and seconded by Mr. P. A. Corby.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Arising from the election of the president, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Mr. P. A. Corby said in view of his retirement at the end of May, ought they to consider electing for the remainder of the year the Archbishop of York.

It was explained that the election was of the Archbishop of Canterbury and not of the individual.

The officers were then re-elected as follows: Hon. secretary, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher; peal secretary, Mr. I. H. Oram; hon. treasurer, Mr. B. W. May; trustees, Messrs. F. S. Macey, G. H. Spice and J. Willis; extra members of the committee, Messrs. E. Barnett, G. J. Butcher, P. A. Corby, E. J. Ladd, A. S. Richards (hon. auditor), A. J. Russell and T. E. Sone.

The presentation of the new certificates followed, and among the recipients was Lawrence Mitchell, the designer of the certificate, who was heartily applauded as he went forward to receive his certificate.

It was announced that the annual dinner this year would be held in the Ashford district at Tenterden, the arrangements being in the hands of Miss V. Relf.

### ARCHBISHOP'S RETIREMENT

The chairman said the retirement of Dr. Fisher as Archbishop was announced at the committee meeting, and the question of some presentation was mooted. Following a letter from Mr. E. A. Barnett, the committee decided that they would ask the Districts to make a contribution to the fund which had been formed to make a presentation to the Archbishop, and that the General Fund of the Association would round up the sum to £15 15s. when the contributions were received. Contributions would have to be received before June 15th.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. P. A. Corby, who mentioned the Vicar of Maidstone for taking the service and permission to ring, the incumbents and local ringers of churches open, Mr. Reg Sills, the secretary of the Maidstone District, Dr. Hatcher and Mr. John Willis.

Replying, Mr. Willis said during a fairly long life he had held several positions, some with responsibility, but the one he thought he had enjoyed most was being their chairman, and he hoped he might be long spared to do so. His wife, who was now practically a helpless invalid, sent her kind regards to those members of the Association she knew.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## STOWMARKET BELLS: MAJOR OVERHAUL

Dear Sir,—Stowmarket, Suffolk, has been notably absent from your peal and quarter peal columns for some time, the reason being that these famous and historic bells are in need of overhaul. We just manage to keep them going for short touches on Sundays and for weekly practices, but the physical effort of anything longer is too great.

The last rehang was by the late Alfred Bowell in 1894, being his first major job, and it is to his credit to say that the present condition of the bells is only the result of fair wear and tear. The bells themselves are a mixed lot, there being no two of the same date and only two from the same foundry. There were five in 1461, but only one, the fourth, now remains in its original form and, happily, is sound.

Reports show that the bells require rehang on metal headstocks and ball-bearings, wheels, etc., to be renewed or rebuilt, the bells tuned and fitted with new clappers and eighth- or quarter-turned. The second, which is a soft bell, needs recasting, also the fifth, which has been mutilated by unskilful tuning (?) and is still a poor bell. It is understood that the work will cost between £1,100 and £1,200, and when completed the bells will be in good order for—generations to come. What a lovely expression!

Now we are not a wealthy parish, and in any event have been faced with heavy expenses for church repairs. Although, therefore, I feel that there will be a good response to the appeal which is about to be launched for funds, additional help will be welcomed. May I, sir, through the courtesy of your columns, invite my many ringing friends up and down the country, particularly those who have had the pleasure of ringing these bells to peals, and any others who may feel generously disposed, to send me a donation.

All amounts, great or small, will be thankfully received and faithfully applied.—Yours faithfully,

OLIVER G. BARNARD.

33, Recreation Road,  
Stowmarket, Suffolk

## DOUBLES VARIATIONS

Dear Sir,—The following variations were introduced in a peal at Wychbold on March 29th. Unless they have been previously rung and named, we would like to name them as in the peal report:—

Plain Course.—Reverse Canterbury, calls Grandire Singles and R.C. Bobs, named Wollaston Rev. Canterbury; with R.C. bobs and All Saints' plain leads, called Oldswinford. Plain Bob plain leads substituted for R.C. plain leads in Oldswinford gives Windrush. In Wollaston to give Salwarpe, called PBPS repeat twice (four callings, care being taken to start correctly with different callings).—Yours, etc.,

P. CATTERMOLE.

Droitwich Spa.

## PARODIES—BAD TASTE

Dear Sir,—Are we alone among your readers in objecting to the recent appearance in your columns of parodies of the Ten Commandments and a Psalm? At the risk of being thought lacking in a sense of humour (which we are quite content to leave to the judgment of our friends), we consider such things to be in the worst possible taste.—Yours faithfully,

O. D. BARNETT.  
E. A. BARNETT.

Note.—We have also received another protest, not to the body of 'The Psalm' but to the last two verses.—Ed.

## PEAL RINGING SHOULD BE LIMITED

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed, through the medium of your paper, to air a grievance which I have nursed for some time, namely, excessive peal ringing.

First, let me make it clear. I enjoy ordinary odd peal ringing for a special public occasion, such as a royal wedding, or to enable a young band to score a peal. But when people ring two or three peals in the same week, often ringing methods which they and the rest of the band have rung to peals on countless previous occasions, I, and others I'm sure, really 'see red.' There is no virtue in these performances and they are rung, more often than not, so that the participants can increase their peal totals.

Also, I cannot understand ringers who attempt these long lengths, often disturbing and generally annoying the public for any length of time up to 24 hours. They are always rung for the sake of the length itself, except in one case—the attempt made last year by Stephen Ivyn and his band, which reached 28,000 changes. Stephen called 'Stand' because he felt that otherwise the performance would be second best, and because he was aiming at quality not quantity. I have no quarrel with him and in fact congratulate him on his sound judgment and masterly ringing, qualities possessed by a very few.

Lastly, the Exercise is full of Spliced Surprise Maximus ringing snobs, who look down their noses at Doubles bands. To the former I say that their performances are no more worthy, and to the latter, especially the odd 5-bell tower which I know and admire, I say keep it up!

Anyway, why can't these peal-mad fools go and man some of the silent towers on Sundays, and they would then, and only then, become of value to our art.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN PLADDYS.

West Hartlepool.  
Co. Durham.

## A Peal Is Lost

Miss Daphne Brown, of Sleaford, tells this story. 'About a third of the way through a peal attempt at Great Hale, Lincs, on March 18th, a rumbling was heard, then a voice shouted "Bob, go rounds." On looking up one could see the face of the clock winder peering down through a hole in the ceiling.

'Despite the notice on the door he had gone to wind up the clock. The ringing continued until the clock winder came down and said, "Are you going to stop? I thought you might like a rest!"

'Sounds funny, but at the time the band didn't think so as the peal was lost.'

## SOUTHREPPS PLEASURE DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—The claim to the first peal of Southrepps Pleasure Doubles at Marston on March 4th is six years too late, as this was rung at St. Martin's, East Woodhay, on August 23rd, 1955, for the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

Also, first peals in the method for the Guild were April Day Doubles at Woolton Hill, Hants, on June 15th, 1954; Reverse Canterbury Doubles at Goodworth Slatford, July 11th, 1954; Place Bob Doubles at Midgham, Berks, July 29th, 1954; and London Doubles (a variation of Grandire) at Tangley, Hants, December 16th, 1956.—Yours, etc.,

GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Woolton Hill.  
Newbury.

## PEAL COURTESIES

Dear Sir,—You will no doubt shortly receive notice of a peal which was rung at St. James' Church, Sutton, on March 25th.

As tower leader of that church, I had no knowledge that such a peal was to be rung nor do I yet know who conducted it or who took part in it. I have spoken to the Vicar about it—he was equally surprised that a peal had been rung during the afternoon though, like myself, he had known that the bells were to be rung during the morning at the wedding of two local ringers.

I can only conceive that the peal was rung by visiting ringers as a wedding compliment to the two members of our tower. I am glad that such a compliment was paid, especially since my own duties as president of a large professional organisation compelled me to be away that day at its annual general meeting.

I regret, however, the very grave discourtesy which was offered by the way in which the peal was arranged and rung. All visitors to our tower are always given the warmest of welcomes, and had I known of this peal my wife—a ringer for 27 years—would have given those taking part in it the usual welcome. We should, too, have given a special check to ropes, etc.

If we as an Exercise cannot observe the proper courtesies in arranging peals then the availability of bells for such purposes will suffer. Should youthful enthusiasm lie behind the present incident, a courteous amend would solve the problem.—Yours faithfully,

Sutton Lane End,  
near Macclesfield.  
C. LAWTON.

## DEDICATIONS ARE NEWS

Dear Sir.—From time to time you have asked your readers to suggest ways and means of making 'The Ringing World' more interesting and therefore of greater appeal to a wider circle of readers.

Different opinions have been expressed in regard to the reports of meetings, which are published from time to time. Some readers like them, other do not; but I have not seen any expressed criticism of reports of bell dedications. We are all interested in bells, and yet I think there are many instances of augmentation of existing rings or the provision of new bells which are never reported by you.

For example, the current issue of 'The Church Times' carries the report of the restoration of three old bells and the provision of three new ones at Barwick-in-Elmet, near Leeds. We may yet see a report of the dedication service and details of the bells, but I want to make the point that this is not the first time I have brought my 'Dove' up to date by means of information culled from other newspapers. Moreover, an intelligent study of the peal footnotes, notices of meetings and the reports of ringing outings sometimes brings to light the odd augmentation which was never reported at the time.

I feel it would increase the value of 'The Ringing World' if we could have a better 'bell intelligence service.' Guild or District secretaries must know about these events, but we have to assume that it is no one's particular job to send a report to 'The Ringing World' and your readers are the poorer in consequence. I wonder if it would be possible for a news service link to be established between 'The Ringing World' office and the Bell Foundries, etc. In this way advance information could be given through your columns of forthcoming services of dedication, together with accurate details of new bells. We could still have our reports of the services at a later date, but if for some reason they were not forthcoming at least we should have known of the existence of new bells.—Yours sincerely,

Oxford.  
ALAN R. PINK.

Note.—We always welcome reports of dedications, even if only briefly given.—Ed.

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## SECOND RINGING COURSE AT GRANTLEY HALL

**E**NCOURAGED by the success of the 1960 course, the Adult Education Committee of the West Riding County Council agreed to include a course in 'The Art of Bellingringing' in its 1961 programme. Although the number of students attending was fewer than in 1960, some 24 persons assembled on Friday evening, March 17th, for what proved to be a most interesting, profitable and pleasant week-end.

Grantley Hall is a large Georgian house, built by the Norton family; before it passed into the hands of the County Council it was during this century the home firstly of the Furness family and later of Sir William Aykroyd, Bart. Nestling in the wooded valley of the River Skell, the house is splendidly equipped and breathes the atmosphere of tranquillity and gracious living characteristic of the country life of the 18th century.

It was not inappropriate that our party of ringers should share the hospitality of the Hall with members of the Department of Philosophy of Leeds University. It is the practice of the authority to arrange that the two parallel courses held at any one time at the Hall are on widely divergent subjects. Last year ringers fraternised with Irish country dancers, many of them killed; this year we found ourselves discussing KANT at one end of the dining table whilst the philosophers discussed KANT at the other end. The writer began to find himself during the course wondering if the philosophers could express any views about the falseness of KARL MARXIMUS. We had with us a real, live and genuine professor, possibly a kinsman of the writer. Late on Saturday evening we rang handbells and sang, thereby discovering that although the professor could 'chant' he was not able to 'dodge.'

Our students ranged from some who had never seen a bell rung to some capable of ringing London Surprise Major. This diversity of interests tested the versatility of our two lecturers, Mr. Norman Chaddock and Mr. Wilfrid Moreton; their response was complete, adequate and above all, lively. The wide range of subjects dealt with in a very limited space of time included bell control, bell maintenance, change-ringing on handbells, conducting, method structure and composition. Armed with an adequate number of handbells, film-strips, tape-recordings, diagrams, books and handouts, our lecturers made full use of every minute of lecture time. A very competent and charming additional tutor was found in the person of Miss Susan Chaddock who, at short notice, undertook to give instruction to those desiring an introduction to tune ringing on handbells.

On Saturday morning a small party of beginners was taken to the nearby church at Winkley to receive practical instruction in bell handling. The church, in the tiny moorland village of Winkley, was built in 1917 by members of the Furness family; it occupies a commanding hilltop site and is, in the writer's opinion, a perfect village church. The substantial stone tower contains four fine bells by Taylors in a loft large enough for a good light ten. These bells are hung for ringing in a straight line frame, and when a return was made to this tower on Sunday morning for a lecture by Norman on bell and belfry maintenance these bells were rung in changes, ending with an extent of Double Bob Minimus.

### A NORTH YORKSHIRE CUSTOM

During Saturday afternoon some of the party travelled to Wath, some ten miles from Grantley Hall, to ring on the light six and to provide the ringers for a local wedding. At this wedding a North Yorkshire custom was witnessed in which the newly-married couple were held to ransom by the tying up of the church gate, and were only released after the bridegroom had thrown a handful of coins to the waiting village children.

Meanwhile the remainder of the party visited the Church of St. Andrew, Kirkby Malzeard. This church, severely damaged by fire in 1906, had been most tastefully restored and possesses a fine-toned ring of six bells, recast from the metal of a rather moderate ring. We received a cordial greeting from the very active octogenarian Vicar, who expressed his regret in being unable to join us in a course (he learnt to ring at Ripon Cathedral some 40 years ago).

Touches of Plain Bob, Oxford and Cambridge Minor and Grandsire Doubles were rung before the party left in the college bus to join the other section of the party at Birstwith.

Standing on a hillside, the 19th century church at Birstwith possesses a grand light eight rung from the ground floor. Touches of Little Bob Major, Plain Bob Major and Stedman Triples were rung and, appropriately in this lovely Yorkshire dale, a course of Yorkshire.

After a picnic tea, a return was made to Grantley Hall for a lecture and evening meal before we again took to the road, this time to visit Ripon Cathedral, where the fine ring of ten was available until 9 p.m. Stedman Caters, Bob Major, Little Bob Royal and a course of London were rung, together with rounds for the novices, and some of the uninitiated climbed to the roomy bell loft to see the bells in action.

It was pleasing to find a small boy and a small girl joining the party at the Cathedral, and these two lively youngsters created some astonishment in the mind of one lady, as yet a non-ringer, when they told her proudly that they were two of seven children, all under 14 years of age, who are at the present time receiving instruction in the Cathedral tower.

### RANGING THROUGHOUT THE BAN

The ringing ended with the curfew at 9 p.m. at Ripon; the curfew is rung each evening, and at the same hour the city hornblower sounds his horn in the Market Place. The latter custom has been carried out since Saxon times, and it is interesting to note that the ringing of the curfew was continued on a temporary but consecrated bell when the ring was removed for recasting in 1932. Furthermore, the custom continued when the wartime ban on ringing was imposed. The then Dean of Ripon, loath to abandon an old custom, asked the local inspector of police if there would be any objection to the continuance of the custom with the curfew bell muffled. The inspector replied: 'It depends on whether or not I hear anything.' Although the Court House is less than a hundred yards from the Cathedral, the inspector remained obligingly deaf.

Before lectures on Sunday morning the ringers, together with some members of the resident staff, attended a short service in one of the lecture rooms. Four of the company rang a good course of Grandsire Triples on handbells, a student played the piano, and a ringer who is also a diocesan reader conducted the service. The volume and quality of the ringing was much above the generally poor average of ringers' services. The recently-published New English Bible was used at this service, and it was interesting to find that this new publication was much discussed by the ringers during the week-end.

After tea on Sunday the course ended: reluctantly the party dispersed, with a few staying a little longer in the district to assist in the evening ringing at Ripon Cathedral. Through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' we would like to express and record our thanks to the permanent staff at Grantley Hall for their kindness towards us, to the lecturers for their preparatory work and excellent lectures, and to the president of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers who travelled specially from Leeds to welcome and dine with the party on Friday evening.

One question must be answered: Are such ventures worth while? The writer would answer in an emphatic affirmative, because (a) it created an interest in the art and Exercise amongst some hitherto outside ringing circles, (b) it helped some go-ahead young ringers to increase their knowledge and to learn something about imparting such knowledge to others, (c) it gave those interested in the question of teaching the art of ringing an opportunity to exchange ideas, and (d) it helped to increase the good spirit that exists amongst the goodly fellowship of ringers  
E. H.

**HESTON, MIDD.**—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Smith (first quarter) 1. J. Sansom 2, Miss P. Smith (first 'inside') 3. P. Ruch 4, G. W. Golding 5, C. Wratten (cond.) 6, J. Moore 7, S. Porter 8. For Evensong.

## PRACTICAL SERVICE—BY SOME ITINERANT RINGERS

We referred in a recent issue to the reply of the Rev. John G. M. Scott in 'The Church Times' to a letter from Mr. G. R. Hall, of Stapleford, Cambridge, suggesting that a levy should be imposed on itinerant bellringers.

The services of the itinerant ringer are very well publicised in the following letter that appeared in 'The Church Times' of March 30th, from Mr. Frank Lewis, of Reading, who is hon. secretary of the Reading Branch, O.D.G.:—

'As a keenly "itinerant" bellringer, I was very interested to read Mr. Hall's recent letter on levies for bellringers in "The Church Times." However, I should like to clear up one or two points that might mislead the non-campanological.

'It is just these itinerant ringers in many cases who keep the bells from complete dereliction. If there is no local band of ringers at a tower the belfry soon becomes full of all manner of rubbish, the ropes get rotten, and the bell chamber becomes full of birds' nests, often to a depth of four or five feet. This is where the itinerant ringers come into their own. This is a challenge. Armed with brooms, oilcans, greaseguns, spanners, torches and even old bellropes, they spend hours of their spare time putting things in order again—a job which would cost a tidy sum if done by professional bell-hangers or even the local odd-job man.

'I won't say that all ringers are this way inclined: they are not. But I know of quite a few instances where this has been done, and I have myself been on several of these expeditions. I have visited some 1,000 towers up and down the country, and in quite a few cases the bells are only ringable by virtue of hard work put in voluntarily by visiting ringers. So you see that quite a number of us do in fact pay for our "visitations."

'I don't think there are many P.C.C.'s that actually pay for their bells to be rehung, etc.; in most cases it is the local ringers who organise all kinds of activities to collect the £ s. d. One village I know not only organised dances, whist drives and carnivals, but made a colour film of the proceedings, which was shown to the villagers, who again paid up to see themselves on the screen.

'As to Diocesan Associations' reactions to appeals for money towards expenses of rehanging, etc., I should just like to mention that the Oxford Diocesan Guild (to name but one) has over £1,100 in its Bell Restoration Fund for just this purpose, and any tower affiliated to the Guild is at liberty to apply for a grant towards repairs. £115 being paid out in this way in 1959. My own Branch has its own separate fund of £80-odd, and grants are made in the same way on a smaller scale. As far as I know, most diocesan and county Associations have such funds to a greater or less extent.

'Finally, we certainly do not always get permission to visit towers. While most incumbents are extremely co-operative in this respect, we have on quite a number of occasions been told that bells are unringable when it is known for a fact that they are ringable. The result of this sort of thing can result in nobody visiting the tower for years at a stretch, during which time fabric and fittings do in fact deteriorate, often to the point where the only person who can put things to rights is the professional bell-hanger—charging very professional rates.

'So please, Mr. Hall, not a levy on bellringers!'

### LADIES MEET AT IPSWICH

Fourteen ladies met at St. Margaret's Church, Ipswich, to discuss the revival of the Eastern District of the Ladies' Guild. Several others had offered their support although they were unable to attend the meeting. All those present decided that they would be willing to help re-establish the District, and Mrs. C. W. Pipe, a member of the Guild, offered to nominate them as members as the next meeting of the Central District.

It was arranged that the next meeting be held at Higham on June 10th. Ringing followed the meeting and ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major, thanks to the assistance of a few gentlemen. Special thanks must go to the incumbent and to Mr. J. Munnings for the use of the bells,  
A. E. J. L.

# THE PLACE OF BELLS IN THE LIFE OF A PARISH

The Rev. G. C. Taylor, president of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild and Rector of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, preached at the rededication of the bells of St. Mary's-on-the-Hill, Harrow, on March 25th. Those who have to meet with criticism of the ringing of church bells will find the observations of Mr. Taylor most helpful. The address was as follows:—

*'Speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the Lord.'* (Ezekiel xxxiii, 30.)

A restoration of anything connected with a church is a great occasion. But the restoration of the bells of a parish church is especially so. The bells of a church are to my mind not less important than its altar or its pulpit, for the bells are concerned with the extension of the work of that church. They are missionaries.

I often wonder what the sound of church bells means to those who hear them but do not attend the service to which they summon. It is so easy for Christians to be inward looking, just maintaining a status quo, without the adventure of going in search of the lost sheep. Therein I always think lies the greatest thrill of a clergyman's life and a Church Council's work. It is so easy, in either case, to settle for just jogging along; and every incumbent knows how difficult it is to keep on the P.C.C. agenda items which concern the extension of the Church's work rather than fabric and finance.

Bells must always be considered as a major weapon of assault on the parish and the surrounding district which is within earshot. That is why I seldom listen to the protests which people frivolously make from time to time when bells are rung. (We must not be unthinking, of course, when we ring our bells; but we must never get timid about their use.)

## ANSWER TO PROTEST

The ancient bells of St. Giles-in-the-Fields were ringing on a beautiful, sunny summer evening not long ago. It was 6 o'clock and experts were ringing, quite excellently. There stormed over to the church from an old tenement house adjoining the churchyard a young man, who demanded to know 'how long the intolerable noise was going on.' He offered no reason for his protest when I questioned him in return. Quietly, I said: 'Till 6.30, when evening service starts.' He used a word which I cannot repeat, and I asked him what he could possibly object to in the sound the bells were making. He said: 'If you don't order them to stop I will send for the police.' I said: 'Some of those actual bells have been ringing since the days of Charles I; do you really expect me to stop them just for you? Who are you to make such a request?' He was mollified. I dare say the bells in his case interfered with some 'pop' record or other which he wanted to hear.

What he did not consider was that for everyone who felt like he did there were probably hundreds who liked to hear the bells, even if they did not choose to answer their summons. I know of people who deliberately take a walk around when the bells are ringing, in order to receive their sacred message, to hear (as my text puts it) 'what is the word that cometh from the Lord.' I am sure bells often preach mighty good sermons.

We never know what the sound of bells means for all kinds of people. Therefore let us always be careful not to judge by the selfish (and often anti-Church) protest of the odd man out. Bells perform a powerful ministry to people we could not otherwise reach. The sound of bells may at any and every moment be turning someone from an evil to a good course of action.

## 'VEHICLES OF THE SPIRIT'

We easily over-particularise the ministry we have. We can too easily begin to think that the Holy Spirit is confined only to particularised ecclesiastical occasions. But it is not so. 'The wind bloweth where it listeth,' as Jesus said to Nicodemus; and I like to think that it carries with it the ministry by church bells. Bells are vehicles of the Spirit.

I rejoice with you all today that the celebrated bells of St. Mary's, Harrow-on-the-Hill, can once again serve as vehicles of the limitless

Grace of God to the surrounding acres which are within earshot of this tower.

Let every ringer who will ring these restored bells think, as he rings, of the sort of places and situations into which the happy sound he makes will go—to beds of sickness, giving hope of, and desire for, life, and (where necessary) assurance of Eternal Life; to dark corners where the bells interrupt the formulation of ungodly designs and plans; to husbands and wives at the very moment of betrayal of marriage vows; to children as they play, who (as I do) will remember the bell music of summer evenings for the rest of their lives; to those fair weather or indolent churchmen and churchwomen who know, as they hear, they should be on their way to church.

## VITAL TO THE PARISH

The bells of a parish church which is lucky enough to possess a ring must be considered as vital as the artillery bombardment before the infantry go in.

Maybe in recent years the designers of churches have too often overlooked the simple practical value of a ring of bells in the work of a parish. Possibly it can be argued that bells were excluded on economic grounds. Admittedly, a ring of bells is a costly item, and it needs a strong tower to house it; but much money is often squandered on virtually meaningless symbolism and tasteless fripperies—money which might well have been put to better use if it had been spent on some simple but strong structure to house a ring. What trash goes into our new churches! I know of costly but perfectly repulsive windows and murals which could, with much honour to God, have been sacrificed to bells.

I know a church in a working class parish in Lancashire which has spent large sums on decorating the exterior of the nave and chancel with Greek Christian symbols, mainly the 'chirho' symbol, which to the unknowing looks like a 'P' growing out of an 'X.' They are the first two letters of the word 'Christ,' admittedly, but I wonder what these things can possibly mean to humble-minded trades unionists who pass that church on their way to work? This is a fine example of waste of Church money, which could have been much better spent.

May God bless this restored ring and the ministry which it is now fully equipped once again to perform to the surrounding acres near this hill; and may the Kingdom of God in this place be thereby enlarged.

## 50 Years Ago

'R.W.' April 14th, 1911:—

### THE PASSING BELL

Thus a writer in a daily paper: One of the abominations of bellringing is the passing bell, rung as soon after a person's death as the sexton can scurry to the bell rope. It was originally supposed that this dolorous performance kept clear of devils the enigmatic course of the departed spirit. But since we no longer believe that why should the living nerves be thus afflicted, particularly those of the living who are sick? The custom still survives in many English villages, and this writer has known an invalid to be very seriously affected by the sound of the passing bell at a critical time. With the poorer folk it is a kind of sign of respectability to have it rung. But as the whole thing nowadays merely resolves itself into a matter of fees, it might well be abolished. No one should have the right to annoy his neighbours by the payment of five shillings or a half-crown.

## 30 Years Ago

'R.W.' April 17th, 1931:—

The Stedman Tercentenary Commemoration Fund opened. Twenty years ago the Treble Bob Maximus record was set up at Ashton-under-Lyne, 12,240 being rung in 8 hours 39 minutes. The tenor was rung by Mr. James George.

Tomorrow is the anniversary of three long peals. 12,006 Grandshire Caters at Painswick, on April 18th, 1737; 13,440 Double Norwich Major at Romford, in 1894, and 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Heptonstall, rung in 10 hours 51 minutes, in 1927.

# A POT-POURRI FROM 'CHURCH BELLS'

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*Prize-ringing at Black Torrington, Devon.*—'We are sorry to have incurred the displeasure of the Parson of Black Torrington for the remarks we lately made on a prize-ringing meeting at his church. We cannot depart from our principles which are to denounce prize-ringing as a desecration of the goods of the church because bells were not set up in churches for such uses; and therefore we consider it to be the duty of the parson and churchwardens not to allow it. Besides . . . no good ever comes of it, and prizes are not necessary for attracting a large company of ringers to meet their brethren and have a pull together, and a friendly dinner, to boot. To name one place only—Lavenham in Suffolk—where ringers will assemble annually, some from a great distance, all glad to meet old friends and make new ones, and return home delighted with their day's outing, all without the temptation of any money prize or anything given but what each visitor pays for out of his own pocket.'

*The Bells at Cork Cathedral.*—'A new ring of bells set up at Cork 2 or 3 years ago are so badly hung that they cannot be rung! . . .'

*Hythe, Kent.*—Sat., July 11th, 1818.—10,080 Bob Major 'with all the grand course ends in the whole peal of 40,320'—6 hrs. 17 mins. Mon., May 4th, 1846.—13,440 Bob Major, 'the greatest number of changes ever rung in the county by one set of men'—7 hrs. 55 mins.

*Hythe, Kent.*—Weight of bells: Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.; 7th, 13 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.; 6th, 12 cwt. 27 lb.; 5th, 9 cwt. 8 lb.; 4th, 7 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.; 3rd, 6 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.; 2nd, 6 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.; Treble, 6 cwt. 25 lb. Cost price 1s. 5d. per lb.

*Prize-ringing at Elland.*—A letter dated Mar. 24th, 1859, signed by a churchwarden and the Chief Constable, gives notice of the prize-ringing to take place on June 14th, 1859—2,528 of Kent T.B. Prizes £8, £6, £4, £2, and to the company coming from the farthest distance, £1.

*Chester Cathedral.*—Sat., March 22nd, 1873.—5,040 Grandshire Triples, 3 hrs. 29 mins. Tenor 35 cwt.—'the first complete peal rung on the Cathedral bells,' and 'for 25 years such change-ringing has, it is believed, not been attempted in Chester.' 'Church Bells' points out that this took place during Lent and would have been better 'on the early morning of the Resurrection.'

*St. Nicholas, Leeds, Kent.*—Jas. Barham, a Leeds Youth, who from the year 1744 to the year 1804 assisted in ringing one peal of 40,320, two of 20,000, six of 10,000 and 112 of 5,000 or upwards; in one of the above peals he stood 14 hours 45 minutes. The peals were of 15 different sorts. The above peals were rung by 61 different men . . .

*Leeds, Kent.*—Sat., Jan. 13th, 1753: 20,163 Quad-Ruple and Triple changes in 13 hrs. 34 mins.—'being the greatest performance of change-ringing ever known by several thousand changes.'

April 21st, 1839.—10,080 Bob Major in 5 hrs. 55 mins. 'by eight young youths excepting one.' *Society of Cambridge Youths.*—In 1796, 6,600 Bob Maximus in 5 hrs. 5 mins. at Great St. Mary's, ' . . . the striking was to such a nicety that in each 1,000 changes the time did not vary  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a minute, and the compass of the last 1,000 was exactly equal to the first.'

Presumably in 1796 too, eight Birmingham Youths, venturing 15,120 Bob Major, failed because of fatigue. The bells were brought home at 14,224 changes in 8 hrs 45 mins.—'the longest which was ever rung in that part of the country and perhaps anywhere else.' The paper does not say where this happened, but one guesses Birmingham.

Also, presumably in 1796, Mr. Patrick, senior of the Society of Cumberland Youths, died and was buried in the churchyard of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on the afternoon of Sunday, June 26th. 'The corpse was followed to the grave by all the ringing societies of London and its environs, each sounding hand-bells with muffled clappers; the church bells at the same time ringing a dead peal.'

*James Ogden* was buried at Ashton-under-Lyne in 1827. 'After the funeral his old companions rang a dead peal for him of 828 changes, that being the number of months of his life.'

(To be continued)

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## BIRTH

DAWSON.—On April 8th, 1961, at Four Gables, Horsforth, to Joan and Peter, of 16, Salisbury Place, Calverley, Pudsey, a son (Martin John). 8042

## ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced between Freda P. Greaves, of King's Lynn, Norfolk, and Bevan W. Willgress, of Acle, Norwich, Norfolk. 8004

## DEATH

SPICE.—Edith, beloved wife of Percy J. Spice, at 6, Glebe Road, Bromley, on Tuesday, April 4th, 1961, aged 71. 8034

## IN MEMORIAM

FIELD.—The loyal devotion and sweet companionship of Flo are every remembered by her husband with affectionate gratitude and especially so on the anniversary of her call to rest on April 16th, 1960. 7992

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of W. C. Enticknap, honorary secretary, Womersley bellringers, is now 'Ockleigh,' Womersley Common, Womersley, near Guildford, Surrey. 8026

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual report, 1960, now available for anybody interested. Price 3s., including postage.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 8011

RAMBLING RINGERS' 1961 TOUR.—Gloucester—Somerset area (July 29th to August 19th). Would members and those wishing to join, contact William A. Lacey (hon. secretary), 99, Hollow Road, Anstey, Leicestershire, the subscription, 3s., is now due. 8022

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—Practises, Saturday, April 22nd, and Saturday, May 20th, both 6-7.30 p.m. All welcome. 8036

THAXTED, ESSEX.—All ringing has had to cease owing to trouble in the stone spire, it is hoped to carry out repairs in the near future.—Robert C. Heazel, Wimbush, Saffron Walden. 8006

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## MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ashbrittle, April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 'Mimosa,' George Street, Taunton. 7967

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Meeting, Croscombe, Saturday, April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Notify for tea by Tuesday, 11th.—W. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 7984

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—First quarterly meeting, St. Peter's (8), Macclesfield, Saturday, April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. C. Lonyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. 7918

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, April 15th, at Stratford-on-Avon. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea 6 p.m., followed by business meeting. The agenda contains important matters which concern you so please attend. Names for tea would be appreciated (as this is at a cafe), by L. J. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 7904

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Staveley, Saturday, April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—A. B. Cooper. 7994

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Denver (6), Saturday, April 15th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (own food), cups of tea provided.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7993

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Eynesbury, Saturday, April 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (Parish Room, Eynesbury), followed by meeting.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8003

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—St. Michael's (8), St. Albans, Saturday, April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to J. D. Chamberlain, 3, Milehouse Lane, St. Albans.—M. A. Coburn, Dis. Sec. 7976

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Rainham, Saturday, April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please, to F. C. Cheal, 49, Ivy Street, Rainham. 7938

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Flookburgh, Saturday, April 15th. 2.30 p.m. Names to A. Edgar, Holker, Grange-over-Sands.—N. M. Newby. 8015

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Waterfoot, Saturday, April 15th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 8005

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, April 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—C. W. Hall and J. W. Cotton. 7960

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Meeting, Oakham (8), Saturday, April 15th. 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing, Oakham. 7977

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Powerstock (6), on Saturday, April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminstor, Dorset.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Reigate, on April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting, in Parish Hall, Lesburn Road. Notifications for tea to A. Streeter, 4, Maple Road, Earlswood, Surrey.—R. I. F. Parsons, Gen. Sec.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Shoreham (8), Saturday, April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify numbers.—George North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 7970

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Uphill, Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—David H. White. 8023

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stockland, on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells 3 and 6.30-8 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Stogursey bells 7.30 p.m. Please notify for tea.—K. Prime, Branch Sec. 8027

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Darley Dale, April 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 8012

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Heighington, April 22nd. 3 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. W. Thompson, Merricote, 11, Darlington Road, Heighington, or phone Aycliffe 2240. 8044

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting, Worplesdon (8), Saturday, April 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Pether, The Laurels, Fox Corner, Worplesdon, Surrey. 8030

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Revelstoke, Saturday, April 22nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d. each) 5 p.m. Names for tea by 17th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 7944

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting, Armitage Bridge, Saturday, April 22nd. No cafes—bring own teas.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 7908

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Bromfield, April 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 8018

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clun District.—Quarterly meeting at Clunbury, on April 22nd. 3 p.m. Inform secretary of numbers requiring tea by 20th inst.—T. A. Davies, 1, Church Street, Clun, Craven Arms. 8020

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District) and LADIES' GUILD (Kent Branch).—Quarterly meeting, Dartford, April 22nd. 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, 18th, to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley. 7995

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting at Hythe, Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. J. Bidnell, 'Kenora,' London Road, Hythe, by previous Thursday. Annual reports, certificates of membership, badges, programmes, etc., all then available.—C. T. H. 7941

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Bolton, Saturday, April 22nd. St. George's afternoon only. Holy Trinity evening only. Snack bars nearby. No business.—Thornley, Sec. 8043

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Saturday, April 22nd. Burbage. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by meeting in Church Hall. 5 p.m. Names for tea please by Wednesday previous, to Mr. G. K. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage. Tele: Burbage 516. Annual District ringing competition will take place during the evening, team entries to the District secretary.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 8025

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, Lutterworth, on April 22nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Manor House Cafe 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Tipler, 47, Baker Street, Lutterworth, Rugby, not later than Wednesday, April 19th.—A. J. Poynor, Dis. Sec. 8016

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Melton Mowbray District.—Meeting, Twyford, Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in School Room 5 p.m. Names for tea please, by Wednesday, April 19th, to Mrs. E. Dalton, White House Farm, Twyford, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire.—T. Templeton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8032

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Billingborough, on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, 17th, to Rev. C. F. Ward, The Vicarage, Billingborough, Sleaford, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 7991

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION** (Monmouth Branch) and **GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION** (South Forest Branch).—Joint meeting at Monmouth, April 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mrs. Jones, 75, Monnow Street, Monmouth. 8008

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual general meeting will be held at St. John-at-Hackney (at north end of Mare Street), on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business, which includes election of officers and a motion to amend Rule 16—for 'Secretary' read 'Assistant Secretary.' Bells of St. John's, King Edward's Road, South Hackney, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 8028

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Ranworth, Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me, please, by Wednesday, April 19th, at 23, Barnard Avenue, Great Yarmouth.—P. G. W. Newstead, Branch Hon. Sec. 7952

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Yattendon, Saturday, April 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 18th, to C. Kent, Church Cottage, Yattendon. Ringing after tea: Hampstead Norris and Compton. 7997

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Bray, Saturday, April 22nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Meeting 6. Ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea by 18th.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 8041

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, April 22nd, Codford St. Peter's. Bells 3-4.45 p.m. Tea 5, The George, for those who notify by 18th. Service 6.30 p.m., Heytesbury, and ringing after.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 7989

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Mildenhall, Saturday, April 22nd. Names for tea essential to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 8039

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Frampton, on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Sydling bells available after meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 19th, to Mr. F. J. Watts, 3, Church Lane, Frampton, Dorchester, Dorset. 7999

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Monthly meeting, Eastrington, on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. High tea (moderate charge). Names please, to Mr. J. Bradshaw, High Street, Eastrington, on or before April 18th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 8014

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Northiam, on April 22nd. Tea 5 p.m. (Possibly Beckley evening.) Names for tea please, to F. Beeny (Sec.), Hillbrae, Carters Corner, Hailsham. 8040

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Yateley, on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 18th.—John Chesterman, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leacroft, Sherburn St. John. 8033

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery.—Corporate Communion at Portishead (8), Sunday, April 23rd. Bells 7 a.m. Service 8 a.m., followed by breakfast for those notifying by April 20th.—D. G. Yeo, 'Estune,' Brockway, Nailsea. 7959

**PORTBURY, SOMERSET. RINGERS' SUNDAY.**—Evensong at 6.30 p.m., on Sunday, April 23rd, will be a ringers' service and all visiting ringers will be most welcome. Ringing from 5.15 p.m. Come and see our bellfy renovations! 8021

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Boughton-under-Blean, Saturday, April 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Inclusive charge for tea and transport from church to Village Hall 2s. 6d. Names, together with cash, please, by April 25th to Mr. S. F. J. Harris, Bridge Cottages, Brenley, Boughton, Faversham. 7974

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**LADIES' GUILD.**—Midland District.—Meeting Attenborough (8), Saturday, April 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, April 24th, to Mr. M. Rose, 'Wyoming,' Nottingham Road, Long Eaton, Notts. Train departs Leicester 2.40 p.m. Fare 3/8d.—W. M. Warwick, Hon. Sec. 8029

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Lincoln, April 29th. Cathedral Evensong 4 p.m. Tea, Chapter House, 5 p.m., for those who inform Mr. J. Walden, 50, Cecil Street, Lincoln, by Wednesday previous. Business meeting will follow in Consistory Court. Usual ringing arrangements.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 8037

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Redenhall, on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 26th, to Mr. W. Flatt, 11, Mendham Lane, Harleston, Norfolk.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 8045

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V. W. H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Shrivensham, Saturday, April 29th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea please by Wednesday, April 26th, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 8038

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bicester and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Kirtlington, on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 8031

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—Meeting, West Deeping (6), April 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential by previous Wednesday, to G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 8013

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Striking competition at St. Mary's, Ewell, April 29th. Service 2.30 p.m. Draw 3. Tea, results and quarterly District meeting following. Bells after. Names for tea to Mr. J. Beams, 4, Cottage Road, West Ewell, by Thursday previous. (Not competitors.) Entry forms may be had from me. All Sunday service bands in the county are welcome to enter.—W. Parrott, 19, Eastdean Avenue, Epsom. 7983

**RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**  
**DARLINGTON, SATURDAY,**  
**APRIL 29th.**

Bells available:  
 St. John's (8) 11 a.m.-12.30 p.m.  
 Lunch in Darlington—make own arrangements—12.30-1.25.  
 Holy Trinity (6) 2-3.30.  
 St. Cuthbert's (8) 3.45-4.45.  
 Tea and meeting in Church Hall, Victoria Road, 5 p.m.  
 St. Cuthbert's bells after meeting until 9 p.m.  
 J. A. Hoare, Hon. Gen. Sec.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting, Saturday, May 6th. Bells: St. Peter Mancroft 1.30-4.5 and 7-9 p.m., St. George Colegate 1.30-4 and 7-9, St. Giles' 7-9. Service, St. Peter Mancroft, 4.15 prompt. Tea 5, in the Chantry Hall, Chantry Road. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea must be sent to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich, NOR 57N, not later than Friday, May 5th.—W. Love, Gen. Sec. and Treas. 8017

**QUARTER PEALS**

**ESHER, SURREY.**—On April 2nd. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Clare Sinclair 1, Catherine Powell (cond.) 2, B. Powell (first 'inside') 3, J. F. M. Maybrey 4, Mrs. B. Powell 5, Marion Gibbard (first quarter) 6.

**HAWLEY, HANTS.**—On April 5th, 1,260 Minor (Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob): R. H. Mills 1, Miss M. A. Finch 2, M. Cox 3, D. P. Treble 4, W. W. Wright 5, R. E. Finch (cond.) 6. First quarter in three Minor methods by all.

**HECKINGTON, LINCS.**—On April 2nd. 1,264 Plain Bob Major: L. C. Asher 1, C. R. Asher 2, R. Trevitt 3, A. Bird 4, E. A. Cole 5, P. Fenney 6, R. Brown 7, A. R. Pocklington (cond.) 8.

**HUTTON, ESSEX.**—On April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: N. D. Davies 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Wallett 3, W. T. Hill (cond.) 4, R. G. Jones 5. For Holy Communion. Also 1,260 Doubles (All Saints and Plain Bob): P. Friend 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Wallett 3, W. T. Hill (cond.) 4, R. G. Jones 5. For Evensong. Also on April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. E. Hill 1, Jennifer Wallett (first quarter) 2, J. J. Wallett 3, W. T. Hill (cond.) 4, R. G. Jones 5. For the wedding of Josephine Foster and Norman Norfolk.

**KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—On March 12th. 1,250 Cambridge Surprise Major: Veronica M. Miles 1, Ann E. Fellows 2, J. Mary Funnell 3, Linda M. Hughes 4, Alma M. Greaves 5, R. J. Gay 6, R. W. Pipe (cond.) 7, P. W. Webb 8. First quarter of Cambridge for 1, 2, 3, 4. For Evensong.

**KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.**—On April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: N. D. Kirk 1, E. A. Harrison 2, M. J. Kirk 3, D. A. Kirk 4, J. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and /. First quarter of Plain Bob Doubles for 4.

**LEYLAND, LANCS.**—On March 28th. at St. James' Church. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Nelson (cond.) 1, R. Crowe 2, D. Marsden 3, J. Humble 4, J. E. Sumner 5, J. B. Ascroft (first quarter) 6. Rung to commemorate the retirement of Mr. James Miller, after 35 years as churchwarden.

**LIVERPOOL, LANCS.**—On April 3rd. at the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas. 1,320 Grandsire Cinques: T. Hesketh 1, T. Lee 2, Gwen Howlett 3, K. Hesketh 4, Jennifer M. Bunyan 5, A. Sandford 6, C. J. Reede 7, J. Brown 8, J. F. Grove 9, E. C. Birkett 10, J. Ridyard (cond.) 11, S. Bailey 12. Longest length on 12 for ringers of 5 and 7. Rung as a wedding compliment to the Rev. Ian D. Campbell, curate of this church, and Miss Denise Davies-Shiel of Bebington.

**MALDON, ESSEX.**—At All Saints'. on April 2nd. 1,280 Bob Major: I. Foster (first of Major) 1, J. Clarke 2, A. Hubble 3, F. White 4, I. Pantou 5, Ann Vowles 6, J. Towler 7, S. Easter (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

### DEDICATION

#### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, SHENSTONE, STAFFS

On Sunday, March 26th, the sound of a ring of bells was heard over the parish of Shenstone, near Lichfield, for the first time in at least eight years. The occasion was the dedication, by the Vicar, Rev. J. Ormston, at Matins, of two new trebles to complete a 'minor' ring of five, with a tenor of 6 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in B.

After the Third Collect, the two churchwardens, lay reader and the Vicar proceeded to the tower, where after being handed the ropes of the two new bells, the Vicar said the prayer of dedication. These bells were then raised singly, rounds rung on the 'back three,' then a Plain Course of Stedman Doubles by ringers from Lichfield Cathedral, thus illustrating, to the parishioners the difference made by the additional bells.

During his two Palm Sunday sermons, the Vicar said that when he arrived about four years ago, he was amazed to hear that eight bells once rang, and that there were then only three. It seemed to him sacrilege that a tower capable of holding a ring of bells, should not have one, and he was determined it should. Stage one had now been completed. If God willed it, the money for a tenor would come. In the more distant future, they might hear eight once more. But, he continued, the bells had to be rung and he thanked those who were helping to train a Shenstone band. He wished to hear no more stories of there being nothing for the youth of Shenstone to do—they could learn to ring.

The dedication service over, Grandsire Doubles was rung by the Lichfield band, after which visitors from Alrewas, Bloxwich, Lichfield Cathedral, Little Aston and Walsall rang various methods for an hour. The visitors agreed that the Loughborough Foundry, who were not represented, had done a good job, save for the third and fourth bells being somewhat 'odd struck.'

For Evensong, five of the Lichfield ringers rang the first quarter on the bells. Visiting ringers, prepared to help train local ringers, will be welcome on Thursday evenings at 7.30, although actual change ringing cannot be guaranteed for a few months.

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