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THE LUFKINS OF ARDLEIGH

AN unusual ceremony took place on April 8th, when members of the Lufkin family assembled in Ardleigh Church, near Colchester, for the rededication of the Lufkin Memorial.

The Lufkin family originally came from the Ardleigh and Dedham region, and later spread along the Essex coast between Harwich and Maldon. There was a Nicholas Lufkin at Lufkin's Farm, Dedham, in 1432.

The name is now extremely rare* and the British Isles had been scoured for living members of the family. Eight separate families had been contacted, and of these six had gallantly offered to pay the cost of the restoration of a monument to Barbara and Henry Lufkin, who had died in 1721.

After hearing a description of their family history, they were given an account of the family's association with the ring of bells in Ardleigh Church by the local tower captain.

Major Thomas Lufkin, he said, soon after the Restoration of the Monarchy, had given John Darbie the job of adding two bells to the four already in the tower, and all the six were fitted out for full-circle ringing. The two trebles (present third and fourth) were inscribed with Darbie's name and the dates 1675 and 1676, and the second (present fourth) was also inscribed 'Thomas Lufkin C. W.'

The fifth (present seventh) had been recast in 1802 by Briant, of Hertford, and the churchwarden's name inscribed on this bell was P. Bromley. In the previous century a Lufkin had married a Bromley at Ardleigh, so this bell has an association with the Lufkins, as it were, by marriage.

When the six were augmented to eight in 1892, the churchwarden's name inscribed on the new second bell was J. M. Lugar. Ann Lufkin had married Edward Lugar in 1711, and the two families at one time together practically ran the village. The Lufkins have an association with this bell not only by marriage but also by a long-standing family friendship.

The ringing chamber at Ardleigh is on a gallery and the ringers can be seen from the body of the church. As each bell was mentioned it was rung for a couple of whole pulls as a demonstration.

Major Thomas Lufkin's grandfather, Dr. Thomas Lufkin, had made a will in which he left, among other things, '£5 to the poore of Ardleigh, and 40/- to my maidservant, Margaret Whent.' At this point Mrs. Whent addressed the following remarks to the Lufkin family: 'I am sorry my son cannot be here this afternoon, but he is driving a train and cannot get away from his work. He gave me this message to you: "My name is Dennis Whent. I was born and bred in Ardleigh and learnt to ring the bells in Ardleigh Church. I am very grateful for the money Dr. Lufkin left to my great-great, etc., grandmother, but I am afraid it had all gone before it got down to me. But I am even more grateful to his grandson who installed the ring of bells".'

Finally, the last full peal rung in the tower, in January, 1960, had been conducted by one of the subscribers to the restoration of the monument, Mr. Frank B. Lufkin.

While the family were having tea in the Vicarage, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major was rung in their honour.

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* Except in the peal columns of the 'R.W.'

A VETERAN OF SUSSEX

HENRY STALHAM for his 89 years is surely 'one of the few' that are still actively engaged in ringing for service, practice and the occasional peal. So it was that on April 8th—the band meeting one short for Stedman Caters—he rang his first peal for the College Youths after a membership covering well over 40 years.

It seemed so fitting, too, for Harry to take part just after his 89th birthday in a memorial peal to his very old friend and ringer John Dearlove, whose funeral took place the previous Thursday.

Harry Stalham is an ever-present at his tower, St. Nicholas', for service and practice ringing. His concentration in peal ringing, even at 89, is something to be seen to be believed. A wonderful man for his years, he not only serves his own tower but also moves around other towers in his beloved county of Sussex, giving a helping hand at practices and meetings.

While this latest performance which, incidentally, represented the first by the College Youths on these bells, gave him pleasure, one could tell by his conversation afterwards how deeply he felt at the passing of yet another fine old ringer in John Dearlove. Many will remember Jack, as he was known in Sussex, and at once associate him with the select band who rang London Royal at St. Peter's, Brighton, under the conductorship of the late Keith Hart.

May there be many more, Harry. Keep it up, and don't ever change from being who you are and what you are, will you? A safe return from Stoke-on-Trent.

W. A. RIDDINGTON.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 3, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS.
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in D.

WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Treble*	RICHARD G. BOWDEN	7
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	2	DAVID J. PURNELL	8
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	3	DAVID J. KING	9
SELWYN H. DEARDEN	4	PHILIP MEHEW	10
JACQUELINE S. KING	5	DEREK P. JONES	11
ELIZABETH G. BOWDEN	6	FRANK E. HANSFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by DAVID E. PARSONS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Audrey Wainwright and Glyn Jenkins, two local ringers, married at the Cathedral prior to the peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., April 8, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28¾ cwt.

JOHN PHILLIPS	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. COOK	6
GEORGE W. MASSEY	2	*ERNEST J. ROWE	7
BRIAN DOWNES	3	*DENNIS RANDALL	8
GILES C. GALLEY	4	DEREK P. JONES	9
*TREVOR N. BAILEY	5	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 8, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

JOHN R. FAITHFULL	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	6
JESSIE M. KIPPIN	2	*MICHAEL J. THOMAS	7
DEREK C. JACKSON	3	R. ROGER SAVORY	8
*DAVID E. HOUSE	4	MAURICE J. BUTLER	9
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN	5	TOM CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. First in the method by all except the fifth ringer. First of Braunstone Surprise Royal by all the band, in the county, and by the Guild.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Tues., April 11, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17½ *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 35 cwt. in C sharp.

PAUL W. WEBB	*Treble*	THOMAS G. MYERS	6
ANN E. FELLOWS	2	ROGER J. GAY	7
LINDA M. HUGHES	3	D. ROY BOULD	8
GEOFFREY DAVIES	4	RODERICK W. PIPE	9
CHARLES A. S. WEBB	5	WALTER H. MARKS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 15, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 BIRMINGHAM SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

CECIL W. PIPE	*Treble*	JOE E. G. ROAST	6
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	7
ROGER L. K. WHITTELL	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	8
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	4	JOHN McDONALD	9
ALAN R. SYDER	5	RODERICK W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.
First peal in the method on the bells, for the Guild, and by all the band except for the ringers of 8, 9 and 10, who have now rung the method on all numbers.
A 21st birthday compliment to Roderick W. Pipe.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 15, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 22¾ cwt. in E.

*JILL M. LANE	*Treble*	E. JOHN WELLS	6
†ANN M. COX	2	R. ROGER SAVORY	7
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN	3	HAROLD A. MAY	8
*DOUGLAS A. R. MAY	4	TOM CHAPMAN	9
STANLEY G. PONTING	5	‡ERNEST R. WARNER	*Tenor*

Composed by G. T. DALTRY. Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.
* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Caters. ‡ First 10-bell peal. First of Stedman Caters as conductor.
Rung for the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. George E. Reindorp as Bishop of Guildford.

NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Newbury Branch.)
On Sat., April 15, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5080 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

*JOHN W. T. HIBBERT	*Treble*	ARTHUR SAYERS	6
†CYRIL J. HIBBERT	2	‡C. JOHN CASTELL	7
‡HENRY J. LAWRENSON	3	REGINALD F. CROOK	8
*WALTER HUNT	4	GEOFFREY K. DODD	9
REGINALD W. REX	5	HAROLD P. REED	*Tenor*

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal. ‡ First of Kent Royal Rung for the Queen's birthday on April 21st.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 Cambridge, 1,280 Lincolnshire and 1,120 Rutland; with 65 changes of method, all the work for each bell. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

*DON C. EXELL	*Treble*	RODERICK W. PIPE	5
DAVID J. PURNELL	2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	6
*ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN	3	*D. JOHN HUNT	7
BARRIE HENDRY	4	JOHN McDONALD	*Tenor*

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.
* First peal of Spliced.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Mon., April 3, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9¾ cwt.

*ROGER FRY	*Treble*	MICHAEL J. HOBBS	5
A. LESLIE BARRY	2	IVOR GOULTER	6
*NOEL R. WAITE	3	PETER CLARKSON	7
†GILLIAN M. HUSSEY	4	PETER T. HURCOMBE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by PETER T. HURCOMBE.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major in the method. Mr. A. L. Barry has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss S. M. Cole and Mr. L. Lane at this church earlier in the day.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 4, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 11 cwt.

*ROGER FRY	*Treble*	†NOEL R. WAITE	5
PETER T. HURCOMBE	2	GEOFFREY P. GREEN	6
GILLIAN M. HUSSEY	3	GEOFFREY R. DREW	7
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	4	REV. JOHN B. T. HOMFRAY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by PETER T. HURCOMBE.
* First peal of Triples. † First of Bob Triples. First of Triples as conductor.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 7, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*JEFFREY KERSHAW	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
*J. BARRY PICKUP	2	F. JOHN NELSON	6
†JOHN P. PARTINGTON	3	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK	7
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	4	ROBERT B. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.'

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., April 8, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

HENRY STALHAM (89)	*Treble*	HENRY C. WEAVER	5
RICHARD WILSON	2	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	6
ALBERT W. BOND	3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	4	JOHN W. EUSTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. EUSTON.
A memorial peal to John Dearlove.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 8, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW-THE-GREAT.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

E. JANE LANGTON	*Treble*	JOHN G. GIPSON	5
HILARY MUIRHEAD	2	T. REGINALD DENNIS	6
JEAN L. LAVENDER	3	GEOFFREY PRATT	7
GEORGE E. THODAY	4	DEREK E. SIBSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

*GEOFFREY E. CLARKE	*Treble*	DENIS L. HALL	5
ALAN G. HALL	2	RBBERT G. RAYFIELD	6
RONALD G. CONSTANT	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
SIDNEY W. BALL	4	PETER G. RICHARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal and first attempt. A compliment to Canon Elliott H. Mitchell, Vicar of Dartford for the past 30 years, on his retirement.

WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

FREDERICK SCOTT	*Treble*	*DAVID P. HILLING	5
*MONICA BLAGROVE	2	*J. KEITH WARD	6
CHRIS M. BLOOMER	3	KENNETH BUCKINGHAM	7
*EDWARD S. T. FARR	4	FRANK T. BLAGROVE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

* First peal of Kent T.B. Major.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Audrey and Glyn Jenkins, married at Newport, Monmouthshire, on Easter Monday.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 16 cwt.

*BRIAN PICKEN	*Treble*	JOHN W. COLEMAN	5
GEORGE KENWARD	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	6
RUTH A. HIGHLEY	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
†NIGEL D. HAIG	4	JOHN HARMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F.

JOHN P. PARTINGTON	*Treble*	‡JOHN L. FENNELL	5
*GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL	2	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	6
*MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE	3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	7
†W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE	4	F. JOHN NELSON	*Tenor*

Composed by NORMAN SMITH. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise. ‡ First of Major.

To celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. Barker.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.
Tenor 15 cwt. 13 lb.

ERNEST E. GOSLING	*Treble*	DAVID P. HILLING	5
*MRS. WILLIAM F. OATWAY	2	WILFRID G. WILSON	6
ARTHUR D. BARKER	3	†WILLIAM F. OATWAY	7
A. RAYMOND CRAWFURD	4	‡WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Triples. ‡ 250th tower bell peal. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung for the 80th anniversary of the O.D.G. and the Golden Jubilee of the 'R.W.' Also a wedding compliment to Pearl Andrews and Stewart Gibson, members of the local band.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

ADRIENNE GIBSON	*Treble*	A. PATRICK CANNON	5
WILLIAM PARROTT	2	DENNIS J. F. OAKSHOTT	6
EDWARD G. L. COWARD	3	FRANK OAKSHOTT	7
*DAVID HERSCHELL	4	*NICHOLAS D. J. WEBB	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK OAKSHOTT.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. First of Triples as conductor.

Rung for the enthronement this day of the Rt. Rev. George E. Reindorp, Bishop of Guildford.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 12, 1961, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

DOUGLAS A. R. MAY	*Treble*	*DUDLEY P. ELSMORE	5
JILL M. LANE	2	†DAVID J. TUBBS	6
ANNE C. GARNETT	3	HAROLD A. MAY	7
WILLIAM T. BEESON	4	‡STANLEY G. PONTING	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.

* First peal. † First of Grandsire. ‡ 150th peal.

Rung in honour of the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. George E. Reindorp as Lord Bishop of Guildford, which took place in this church earlier this day.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation). Tenor 10 cwt. 44 lb. in G.

ADRIAN J. TUMBER	*Treble*	TOBY C. KIPPIN	5
J. JAMES JEFFERIES	2	MICHAEL J. THOMAS	6
*VIVIENNE M. ROWE	3	†DAVID E. HOUSE	7
†JANICE E. WILLIAMSON	4	TOM CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID E. HOUSE.

* First peal 'inside' and in the method. † First of Grandsire Triples.

A 'get well' peal for David J. Forder; also a birthday compliment to Pamela A. Jones and Michael J. Thomas.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Treble*	HARRY WILD	5
*JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY	2	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE	6
†RITA M. JOWETT	3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	7
RONALD J. JOHNSTON	4	SAM LONGBOTTOM	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by SAM LONGBOTTOM.

* First peal in the method. † First of Bob Major 'inside.'

Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Longbottom and their son's 21st birthday; also a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. B. Schofield.

WORTHING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, HEENE.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*E. JANE LANGTON	*Treble*	HENRY C. WEAVER	5
ROBERT WAKE	2	*W. LESLIE WELLER	6
J. RICHARD WILSON	3	*DEREK E. SIBSON	7
RAYMOND P. WOOD	4	†LEONARD STILWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † 650th peal.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE	*Treble*	*W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE	5
*GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL	2	*F. JOHN NELSON	6
*FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	7
†JOHN P. PARTINGTON	4	ROBERT B. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.'

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE PAULSON	*Treble*	MALCOLM PHIPPS	5
*MICHAEL PAULSON	2	GORDON A. HALLS	6
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	3	MICHAEL R. BLORE	7
RONALD BULLEN	4	BURLEY P. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS

* First peal of Cambridge.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. K. M. Adamson, of Edinburgh.

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TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS.
On Thurs., April 13, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

HAROLD MUNCEY	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS ..	5
PERCY H. PIGG	2	HARRY FOSTER	6
*PAUL J. BERGDAHL	3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS	7
*KEITH J. FUTTER	4	JAMES W. R. QUINNEY ..	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.
* First attempt for a peal. Rung to mark the 237th anniversary of the formation of the Society of Cambridge Youths.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 15, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD ..	*Treble*	†J. COLIN ASHWORTH ..	5
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD ..	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ..	6
*JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY ..	3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY ..	7
RITA M. JOWETT	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY ..	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by VERNON BOTTOMLEY.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First of Surprise.
Rung following the dedication of the Cathedral extension. Also a birthday peal for Gillian Schofield. Tenor 25¼ cwt.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 15, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

JOHN H. SITCH	*Treble*	LAURENCE H. TURNER ..	5
ROBERT C. HEAZEL	2	EDWARD T. SITCH	6
*SYLVIA A. HAYWARD ..	3	BERTRAM C. HINES	7
ERNEST W. FURBANK ..	4	HARRY TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by D. JOHN HUNT. Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
* First peal of Major.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. J. S. Willard, M.A., who was instituted and inducted Vicar of Brentwood on April 13th.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 15, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

JOHN F. PEARSON	*Treble*	WALTER TOMLINSON	5
*CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER	2	IAN R. PANTON	6
ANDREW S. HUDSON ..	3	LOUIS WILLDERS	7
JOHN FREEMAN	4	GEOFFREY PAUL	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal 'inside' and first on eight bells.

HAWKHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 15, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Hubbard's Ten-Part. Tenor 23 cwt. 19 lb.

VIOLET RELF	*Treble*	S. GEOFFREY WATERS ..	5
EDWIN BROMLEY	2	JOHN BROWN	6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ..	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	7
WILLIAM GORRINGE	4	EDWARD G. BAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.
First peal in the method by all except the ringers of 3 and 7.
A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Kemp; 35th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Waters; wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. Pullan (married at Benenden on Easter Monday). Also a compliment to Miss F. Ross Thomson on retiring from the post of secretary to Hawkhurst Parochial Church Council after 15 years' service.

PETERSTONE-WENTLOOG, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 15, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5104 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7½ cwt.

THOMAS YEOMANS	*Treble*	ADRIAN F. R. HARTLEY ..	5
NIGEL LAMPING	2	ROGER G. HAVARD	6
MAGNUS PETERSON	3	BRYNLEY TAYLOR	7
EDMUND J. R. HARTLEY ..	4	DAVID J. LLEWELLYN ..	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DAVID J. LLEWELLYN.
First peal as conductor.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 15, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*ALAN R. BALDOCK	*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL	5
E. JANE LANGTON	2	†ANDREW J. THOMSON ..	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	DEREK E. SIBSON	7
BASIL W. WHITE	4	RAYMOND P. WOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
* First peal. † First of Surprise 'inside.'

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon, April 3, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
In 27 methods: (1) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; (2) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV, Old Oxford and Marple Delight; (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob; (4) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight; (5) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob; (6) Cambridge Surprise; (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

BASIL JONES	*Treble*	NEIL BENNETT	4
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	2	ROBERT B. SMITH	5
IVOR JENKINS	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

KESSINGLAND, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 3, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In five methods, being four extents of St. Martin's Bob, six each of St. Simon's Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and 13 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN W. SAMPSON	*Treble*	MICHAEL UTTON	3
THOMAS J. BROCK	2	RICHARD C. L. BROWN ..	4
		MICHAEL J. PARKER ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL J. PARKER.
First peal in five methods by all. First peal on the bells since rehanging (November, 1960), and first for 41 years.
Rung to celebrate the Easter Festival.

KINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 3, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 13 cwt.

*THOMAS PUGH	*Treble*	THOMAS BOUNDS	4
†MRS. E. C. CHANDLER ..	2	A. BRYAN ELLSMORE	5
LESLIE PREECE	3	BRYAN GIDDINGS	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. BRYAN ELLSMORE.
* First peal. † 50th peal. Rung for the Easter Festival.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 4, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in six methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent and Oxford T.B., (3) Plain Bob, (4) St. Clement's Bob, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

MICHAEL D. FISHWICK ..	*Treble*	F. JOHN NELSON	4
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS ..	2	J. BARRY PICKUP	5
JOHN P. PARTINGTON ..	3	ROGER LEIGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

DROITWICH SPA, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 6, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-WITTON,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents each of Clifford's Pleasure, Old and Plain Bob, six of April Day, 24 extents and three 240's (Morris' arrangement) of Grandsire. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

PETER J. BILL	*Treble*	JOHN C. EISEL	4
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS ..	2	MARTIN D. FELLOWS ..	5
*PETER J. BROWN	3	JEREMY A. TANDY	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARTIN D. FELLOWS.
* First peal 'inside.' Rung for the Easter Festival.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 6, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, GLODWICK,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Kent T.B., (4) Plain Bob, (5) Double Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

ROGER LEIGH	*Treble*	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS ..	4
JOHN P. PARTINGTON ..	2	*F. JOHN NELSON	5
J. BARRY PICKUP	3	†MICHAEL D. FISHWICK ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.
* 50th peal. † 75th peal.
A wedding compliment to Barry J. Wild and Sylvia Harris, both ringers at Rochdale Parish Church, married there on March 25th.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 8, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

DEREK P. JONES	*Treble*	†ROGER F. OVERINGTON ..	4
*IAN HUGHES	2	BRIAN DOWNES	5
*CLIVE SIMPSON	3	MICHAEL P. MORETON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL P. MORETON.
* First peal 'inside.' † First on six bells, and in the method.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 8, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

ALAN R. ANDREWS	*Treble*	JOHN H. GOULD	4
*VERONICA J. MUNSON	2	GEORGE N. ORMAN	5
RACHEL J. R. NEWSTEAD	3	ROY DUESBURY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.

* First peal.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 8, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

PHILIP C. PITCHFORD	*Treble*	ROY W. SPENCER	4
RONALD RUSSELL	2	*FREDERICK DERRY	5
RICHARD A. WEBSTER	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

A 21st wedding anniversary compliment to the conductor and his wife.

STOCKBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 8, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of April Day, 16 of Plain Bob and 24 of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

RUTH HIGHLEY	*Treble*	GEORGE KENWARD	3
*CHARLES W. MANNERINGS	2	ALBERT J. DUNK	4
CYRIL S. JARRETT	*Tenor*		

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

* First peal 'inside.'

A wedding compliment to Beryl Christine Friday (daughter of the churchwarden) and Roger Bruce Gibson, married at this church prior to the peal.

CLOWNE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 12, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in B flat.

ARTHUR B. COOPER	*Treble*	GEOFFREY N. GOODALL	4
LEONARD GOODALL	2	GEORGE E. HANCOCK	5
*FRANK PEACOCK	3	MALCOLM P. PHIPPS	*Tenor*

Conducted by MALCOLM P. PHIPPS.

* First peal. First as conductor. Rung for the Festival of Easter.

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 14, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents with no 6-5's at backstroke. Tenor 10 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

*JEREMY A. TANDY	*Treble*	†JOHN C. EISEL	4
†YVONNE EDWARDS	2	*PETER J. BROWN	5
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS	3	MARTIN D. FELLOWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARTIN D. FELLOWS.

* First peal of Minor, and of Plain Bob. † First of Plain Bob Minor. First of Minor as conductor.

DENTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 15, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE, HAUGHTON,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, one of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

PETER DALE	*Treble*	GORDON RUMNEY	4
CHRISTINE MACNAIR	2	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK	5
JOHN P. PARTINGTON	3	JOHN ROBINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

MINIMUS PEAL

NORTH ASTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 25, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS

Being 212 extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr.

*ELIZABETH MILLER	*Treble*	ROY H. JONES	3
*JULIA A. CHANDLER	2	JOHN S. WALKER	*Tenor*

Supervised by ROY H. JONES.

* First peal at first attempt.

Rung for Lady Day.

HANDBELL PEALS

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 28, 1961, *in* 1 *Hour and* 30 *Minutes,*
IN EAST WING, ST. ANDREW'S VICARAGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. DAVID'S DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

ALAN H. BRIDGES	1—2	DAVID K. WALKLATE	3—4
GEOFFREY BRIDGES	5—6		

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

First peal in the variation, which is R. Canterbury with Antelope singles for bobs.

Also
On Tues., March 2, 1961, *in* 1 *Hour and* 47 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents R. Canterbury, six Clifford's Pleasure, six St. Columb, four Southrepps, four Plain Bob, six April Day, four Kennington and eight Old. Tenor size 14 in D.

ALAN H. BRIDGES	1—2	DAVID K. WALKLATE	3—4
		*DAVID PARKIN	5—6

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

* First peal 'in hand.'

Also
On Sat., March 4, 1961, *in* 1 *Hour and* 25 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5040 CLIFFORD'S PLEASURE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 14½.

ALAN H. BRIDGES	1—2	DAVID K. WALKLATE	3—4
DAVID PARKIN	5—6		

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

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

Also
On Sun., March 5, 1961, *in* 1 *Hour and* 10 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 120 each of Spliced R. Canterbury and Raveningham, Plain Bob and Candlesby, Southrepps, R. Canterbury, Kennington, St. Columb, Besthorpe, Costessy, Seighford, Little Aston, Litchurch, St. David's, two extents each April Day and Clifford's Pleasure, five Plain Bob and 21 Old Doubles. Tenor size 6 in E.

ALAN H. BRIDGES	1—2	DAVID K. WALKLATE	3—4
GEOFFREY BRIDGES	5—6		

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., March 23, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT 66, MELTON ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5248 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

ERNEST MORRIS	1—2	JOHN M. JELLEY	5—6
JOHN A. ACRES	3—4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	7—8

Arranged from E. M. ATKINS'. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., March 30, 1961, *in* 1 *Hour and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT NORTH SWEMMINGS FARM,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

KENNETH B. SISSONS	1—2	ALAN SHEPPARD	3—4
JOHN POTTS	5—6		

Conducted by JOHN POTTS.

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HALF PEAL

ROOS, EAST YORKS.—On April 2nd, 2,568 Plain Bob: J. Bentley 1, Miss C. White 2, H. Pickering 3, D. Stipetic 4, A. Wray 5. A wedding compliment to the brother of the ringer of the 3rd.

LONG LENGTH

QUATT, SALOP.—On April 5th, 2,160 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Tandy 1, M. J. Fellows 2, J. C. Eisel 3, J. E. Pullon 4, P. J. Brown (first of Minor 'inside') 5, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 6. An unsuccessful peal called round.

BABWORTH, NOTTS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Simons 1, H. Smart 2, D. A. Whetton (first quarter) 3, D. McNeal 4, R. G. Fanthorpe 5, J. A. Coats (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of third.

BROUGHTON, LANCS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Maryl Crossthwaite 1, Judy Moir 2, Betty Faunch 3, J. Shaw (first quarter) 4, J. Jolleys 5, W. J. Couperthwaite (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T Barker.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On April 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire and Canterbury Doubles): L. Penfold 1, T. Padbury 2, H. H. Parsons 3, G. Charlton 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. Also on April 13th, 1,260 Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: R. Padbury 1, L. Penfold 2, T. Padbury 3, A. J. Bull (cond.) 4, G. Charlton 5, H. Padbury 6. A farewell to the retiring churchwarden, Mr. F. P. Windsor.

CHARLTON MACKRELL, SOMERSET.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Sparks 1, E. C. Eades 2, Mrs. W. Sherrell 3, T. W. Look 4, W. Turner (cond.) 5, S. White 6. A compliment to Miss Margaret Eades, daughter of the ringer of the second, and Mr. Owen Barret, on their recent marriage.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDS.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hope 1, C. A. Lewis 2, Mrs. E. C. Chandler 3, R. Hatcher 4, F. Reed 5, A. T. Wingate 6, B. Ellsmore (first as cond.) 7, D. Watkins 8. First of Triples for 1, 4 and 8.

COALPIT HEATH, GLOS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): W. A. Cook 1, S. G. Riches 2, J. A. Bennett (cond.) 3, G. W. Smart 4, H. J. Ferris 5, G. A. T. Astbury (first quarter) 6. For the christening of George Michael Stanley Astbury, son of the tenor ringer.

COBHAM, SURREY.—On April 15th, 1,260 St. Andrew's Bob Doubles: A. A. Millidge 1, Susan Rawlings 2, A. S. Bishop 3, K. Newman 4, C. F. Mew (cond.) 5, D. Brookes 6. First in the method for all.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On April 12th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Percy (age 13, first Triples) 1, F. H. Beeney 2, G. Pullinger 3, H. G. Reynolds 4, A. Baldock (first quarter) 5, Mrs. B. Percy (cond.) 6, A. Purdom 7, Miss J. D. Funnell (first Triples) 8. A birthday compliment to 7th ringer.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On April 16th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: R. Durrant (first of Stedman) 1, Trudy Newcombe 2, D. Towers 3, T. Hawkins 4, J. Weeks (first as cond.) 5, D. Langdon 6. For Evensong. Also on March 5th, 1,344 Edmonton Bob Major: R. Durrant 1, Trudy Newcombe 2, D. Langdon 3, T. Hawkins 4, J. Towers 5, J. Weeks 6, D. Hewitt 7, B. Downes (cond.) 8. First in method for all. Rung to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, Rev. S. G. W. Knight.

ESHER, SURREY.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. F. Oakshott 1, Catherine Powell 2, Christine Harbott (cond.) 4, Gwen May 5, L. D. Kingswood 6, J. F. M. Maybrey 7, J. C. Davidge 8. First of Triples as conductor. Rung in honour of the enthronement of the fifth Bishop of Guildford, the previous Wednesday.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Irene A. Cross 1, Hilda Cross (first 'inside') 2, J. Gentleman 3, E. Jaggard 4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5. Conductor's 50th quarter.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On April 12th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. H. Mills 1, P. Joyce 2, M. Cox (first of Surprise) 3, D. P. Treble 4, P. N. Murgatroyd 5, R. E. Finch (cond.) 6. To mark the enthronement of the new Bishop of Guildford, the Rt. Rev. George Reindorp.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On April 16th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: C. Turner 1, J. Papworth 2, H. Nichols 3, H. Langstone 4, G. Everett 5, Miss W. Elliott 6, C. W. Burton 7, A. T. Beckwith (cond.) 8. For morning service.

FLOOKBURGH, LANCS.—On April 12th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: G. E. Braithwaite (cond.) 1, P. Handley 2, E. Edgar 3, R. C. L. Brown (Kessingland, Suffolk) 4, J. E. Dickinson 5, T. F. Metcalf 6.

QUARTER PEALS

GAYTON, NORTHANTS.—On April 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Wilson 1, Susan Kirkup 2, Mrs. F. P. Brangwyn 3, Sandra Freeman 4, W. F. Eyden 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Janet Elizabeth James to Mr. Simon John Westray Bromet.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.—On March 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. W. Shipp 1, E. Greenacre 2, R. Shipp 3, C. Shipp 4, Miss M. Higdon 5, E. A. Shipp (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of the ringers' respect and admiration on the passing of Mr. Tom Greenacre, a ringer at this church for 52 years.

HARLINGTON, MIDDX.—On April 16th, 1,344 Single Oxford Bob Triples: Miss J. Hitchcock 1, C. Stevenson 2, Miss J. Wooders 3, A. Corran 4, D. C. Morgan 5, D. Howell 6, D. B. Shaw (cond.) 7, T. Durn 8. First of Triples for 2, 4 and 8. First in the method for all the band. Rung before morning service to mark the engagement of Mr. Terry Durn to Miss Joan Waye.

HESSLE, E. YORKS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. H. Sharp 1, J. Porter 2, K. Kirk 3, J. A. Singleton 4, R. Ducker 5, D. S. Johnson (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. F. W. Dale, of Hessle, who died on April 11th, after 60 years of ringing.

HUMBERSTONE, LEICS.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, All Saints'): Miss G. Haylock (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Kent 2, E. Bagworth 3, A. Rudge 4, D. Manship (first as cond.) 5, R. Manship 6. For Evensong.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.—On April 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. A. W. Foreman 1, Miss D. Reeve 2, G. Peck 3, N. Watson 4, A. W. Foreman 5, H. Fuller (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. Holman.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Robinson 1, A. J. Backshall 2, J. Backshall 3, R. Peckham 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, G. Harniess 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Jack Dearlove, of Hurstpierpoint.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Batley 1, R. Smith 2, Mrs. R. Deal 3, L. Fox 4, Miss V. Hester 5, C. Willmington 6, J. Crampion (cond.) 7, R. Deal 8. For Evensong.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on April 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: P. G. Sherwood 1, Jill M. Lane 2, S. Huckle 3, Christine M. Harbott (first of Royal as cond.) 4, Ann M. Cox 5, R. Finch 6, C. F. Mew 7, D. A. R. May 8, M. W. Harbott 9, R. R. Savory 10. First of Royal for 1, 7 and 9. For Evensong.

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. T. P. Field (cond.) 1, R. J. Powell 2, R. D. Short 3, A. F. Jopp 4, W. A. Stote 5, A. J. Lewis 6. Rung immediately after the service at which was dedicated the new treble bell erected in memory of Flo, much beloved wife of the conductor.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On April 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. L. Taylor 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, G. S. Morris (cond.) 3, C. J. B. Taylor 4, H. G. Keeley 5, R. Pittman 6, C. W. Powell 7, J. Rattenbury 8. For Evensong.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara J. Carter (first in method) 1, G. M. Harvey 2, J. F. Carter 3, J. A. H. Betts 4, R. K. Russ (cond.) 5, A. J. Burt 6. Rung as a farewell to John and Barbara Carter, of Pangbourne, who move to Norfolk next month.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Cook 1, R. E. Dean 2, E. G. Silvey 3, P. Dean 4, J. Young 5, E. D. Poole (cond.) 6, L. J. Young 7, A. Boarder 8. For Evensong.

MATLOCK, DERBYS.—On April 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. H. Bullen 1, M. Paulson 2, G. Paulson 3, P. Taylor 4, M. Phipps 5, G. A. Halls 6, B. P. Morris (cond.) 7, E. Paulson 8.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Trinder 1, C. Bowsher 2, B. Costar 3, V. Clifton 4, A. Cantwell (cond.) 5, P. Trinder 6. For the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Bauen.

OLD BRAMPTON, DERBYS.—On April 10th, 1,272 Bob Minimus: G. Marsden 1, J. Arkwell 2, C. Plumtree 3, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 4. First quarter by all except tenor. For Easter Festival.

OLDSWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): J. E. Lawley 1, P. L. Bill 2, J. A. Tandy (first as cond.) 3, C. R. Tandy 4, R. Cooper 5, J. Roden 6, A. J. Roden 7, B. Wooten 8. First by an entirely local band of Sunday service ringers. Rung for Matins, and to mark the first anniversary of the forming of the new local band.

PYLLE, SOMERSET.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Phyllis A. Bond (14, first quarter) 1, Beryl D. Mundy 2, D. M. C. Hill 3, H. F. Creed 4, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 5, H. C. Hill (70, first quarter) 6.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.—On April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob and St. Bartholomew's: Miss P. Wallace 1, Mrs. J. Wilding 2, W. A. Wood (cond.) 3, P. Negus 4, S. Rayfield 5, Mrs. Croall 6. Rung for the welcomed visit of Mrs. J. Wilding.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Diane Southam 1, Mrs. F. J. Cheal 2, G. A. Naylor 3, Margaret A. Naylor 4, F. J. Cheal 5, E. C. Barton 6, E. Naylor (cond.) 7, K. Young 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. M. A. Naylor, mother of the 3rd and 7th ringers, and grandmother of the 4th, who died on April 4th.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On April 1st, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: C. Haylings (first of Treble Bob) 1, J. Lawrence (first in method) 2, F. Lawrence 3, D. Price 4, J. Clements (cond.) 5, R. G. Morris 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer. Also on April 14th, 1,260 Newborough Bob Doubles: S. Merrett (first quarter) 1, M. Hawkes (cond.) 2, A. Halling 3, C. Haylings 4, E. W. Penn 5, M. Anne Broxton 6. First in the variation by all the band.

RUGELEY, STAFFS.—On April 2nd, 1,320 Treble Bob Minor (720 combined Oxford and Kent and 600 Kent): Miss M. Mills 1, T. Pendlebury 2, Miss C. Pendlebury 3, J. A. Townsend 4, L. Hill 5, J. H. Joyner (cond.) 6. First in two methods of Minor by all except the conductor. Also on April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Mills 1, Miss A. Ward (first of Minor) 2, Miss C. Pendlebury 3, T. Pendlebury 4, L. Hill 5, J. H. Joyner (cond.) 6. Both quarters rung for the Easter Festival, and in farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. H. L. H. Townsend, who was instituted to the living of Cannock on April 11th.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.—On March 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Mary Elsdon 1, Ann Postlethwaite (first in Major) 2, Sonia Davies 3, Pauline Fennell 4, Mary Taylor 5, J. Baxter 6, J. Faircloth 7, D. Manger (cond.) 8. Also on April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sonia Davies 1, Mary Taylor 2, Christine Cobbold 3, M. Cubitt (cond.) 4, D. Cubbitt 5, J. Faircloth 6, J. Baxter 7, E. Fowles 8.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On March 26th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: I. Ann Abrahams 1, Margaret R. Page 2, Yvonne L. Eloie 3, E. Haines 4, R. Haines 5, E. C. Read 6, H. H. Abrahams 7, L. A. Page (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

SEALE, SURREY.—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary A. E. Bragg (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. Merritt 2, Miss M. Davies 3, C. Poyntz 4, E. Gardner (cond.) 5, Miss V. Martin 6. For the enthronement of the fifth Bishop of Guildford.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Glenda Rowley 1, Sheila Hodson 2, Meril Purslow 3, H. Hodson 4, E. Young (cond.) 5, W. Watkin 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Watkin, mother of tenor ringer.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. N. Evans 1, Myra J. Wilkins 2, Sandra Lewis 3, Rita M. Webb 4, I. G. Smith 5, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Michael Penny, of Warmley, and Margaret Lamont, of Australia.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—At St Stephen's, Rochester Row, on April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. D. Emery (first quarter) 1, I. Hughes (first of Doubles) 2, C. Simpson (first in the method) 3, R. F. Overington (first of Doubles) 4, M. P. Moreton (cond.) 5, J. Ward (first quarter) 6. Also on April 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. D. Emery 1, I. Hughes 2, C. Simpson 3, R. F. Overington 4, M. P. Moreton 5. Conducting shared by ringers of 2, 3, 4 and 5.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Lamerton 1, A. V. Coates 2, J. Hodgson 3, J. Waller 4, H. Waters 5, June Mallinson 6, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 7, F. Lamerton 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam George White, a ringer at this tower for 40 years, interred this day.

WINFORD, SOMERSET.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Peggy Dando 1, A. Worle 2, C. Bishop (cond.) 3, H. Ball 4, C. Clarke (first quarter) 5, C. York 6. Rung in honour of the silver wedding anniversary this day of Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, parents of the ringer of the fifth.

WOODDITTON, CAMBS.—On April 9th, at Sunny View, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Susan E. Cross (age 12, first on eight) 1-2, A. E. Austin 3-4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5-6, J. R. Heath 7-8.

YORK.—At the Minster, on Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: C. Reeves (cond.) 1, D. Clegg 2, Miss I. Lemare 3, Mrs. J. Bottomley 4, Miss M. E. Wilkinson 5, S. H. Steel 6, V. Bottomley 7, M. Maskill 8, H. Walker 9, J. Woolford 10. First of Royal on the bells.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On April 2nd, Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Fisher (first quarter) 1, I. Forrest 2, Ann Sharpe 3, Derek Paine 4, R. Brown (cond.) 5, Valerie Mepham 6. For the Festival of Easter.

ARLESEY, BEDS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss F. Smith 1, P. Rogers 2, R. Fuller 3, K. Barnes 4, A. Simpson (cond.) 5, T. Hyde 6.

BISHOP'S CANNING, WILTS.—On April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Maundrell 1, W. Mortimer 2, D. Taylor 3, J. Romain 4, F. Hale 5, W. Bevean 6, S. G. Grant (cond.) 7, F. Osmond 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Earl of Shaftesbury, president of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

BLACKWELL, DERBYS.—On April 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Smithson (cond.) 1, E. A. Harrison 2, J. Smith 3, J. A. Harrison 4, W. Riley 5.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On Easter Day, 1,320 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. J. Hudson 1, C. Hill 2, Sallie Buchanan 3, J. W. Priest 4, Roy Collins (cond.) 5, Ron Collins 6. First in two methods for 1, 2, 4 and 6. Also on April 9th, 1,320 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Anne Jupp 1, Sallie Buchanan 2, Roy Collins (cond.) 3, J. W. Priest 4, D. G. Blows 5, A. Jupp (first quarter) 6.

DOWNE, KENT.—On April 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Bowers (first of Minor) 1, Mary S. Taylor 2, M. Tong (first 'inside') 3, L. W. G. Skinner 4, J. D. Faircloth (cond.) 5, A. M. Macve 6.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Easter Sunday, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Peck 1, J. Yorke-Parker 2, J. Sharpe 3, Miss D. Reeve 4, H. Fuller 5, W. Paul 6, J. E. Ivings 7, J. Paul (cond.) 8. For morning service.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.—On April 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: I. Middleditch (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Wilby (first quarter) 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, H. Ivings 4, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 5. For morning service.

GLASBURY-ON-WYE, BRECONSHIRE.—On April 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): H. D. Thomas 1, H. Martin 2, E. J. Smith 3, C. A. Lewis 4, N. Martin (cond.) 5, G. D. Griffiths 6.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Bruce 1, J. Cruickshank 2, Miss C. Withell 3, H. W. Badger 4, T. Smith 5, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On April 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Rowe (first in method) 1, H. Worboys 2, R. Tomlin 3, F. May 4, M. Hallett 5, G. Sandwell 6, A. House (cond.) 7, E. Blower 8. For Evensong.

RIPPONDEN, YORKS.—On April 9th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Popplewell 1, Miss E. Westmoreland 2, A. Mitchell 3, W. Holroyde 4, F. Rhodes 5, A. Hinchcliffe 6, J. Pearson (cond.) 7, J. Newton 8. First of Major for 3 and 4. For Evensong.

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ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On April 13th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,272 St. Albans Delight Minor: P. Atkinson 1, M. D. Frost (cond.) 2, Celia Bland 3, Alison Macfarlane 4, Christine Rimmer 5, P. J. Fells 6. First in the method for all. Rung for the Queen Mother's visit.

SWINESHEAD, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On March 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. B. Dawson 1, Mrs. P. H. Reynolds 2, N. Fovargue 3, W. E. Clarke 4, J. H. Taylor 5, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 6, J. Petch 7, J. P. Morriss 8. For the Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lady. Also on Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. B. Dawson 1, R. Howard 2, N. Fovargue 3, J. P. Morriss 4, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 5, E. Wilson 6, C. Stubley covering 8. For Communion service.

TENBY, PEMBS.—On March 22nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Triples: T. Osbourne 1, Mrs. A. R. Price 2, A. R. Price (cond.) 3, J. Webb 4, E. Williams 5, Dorothy Saunders 6, H. Jenkins 7, T. Griffiths 8. A farewell to Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Price, who are leaving the district.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Smith (first of Minor) 1, June Sinfield 2, R. J. Scott 3, J. Claughton (first of Minor) 4, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 5, F. J. Cook 6, W. F. Gladman (first of Minor) 8. For evening service. Also 720 Plain Bob for morning service.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.—On April 10th, at St. Oswald's, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Wright 1, T. Templeman 2, H. Short 3, J. Clouston 4, J. Pladdys (first of Minor as cond.) 5, M. W. Lewis (first touch of Bob Minor) 6. A congratulatory quarter to the treble ringer on the gift of a granddaughter, Ruth.

WHITCHURCH, HANTS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. T. Hibbert 1, Pat Heather 2, T. E. Lee 3, R. K. Russ 4, R. F. Diserens 5, G. K. Dodd 6, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 7, R. F. Crook 8. In memoriam Mr. H. Clark, former captain of Whitchurch band and a member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild for over 50 years.

WHITTLEBURY, NORTHANTS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Dean (first quarter) 1, G. Linnell 2, C. E. Truman (cond.) 3, R. Hinton 4, J. Linnell 5. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Ann Emily Toler-Aylward and Mr. Ian Forster Fisher.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On April 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. E. Roberts 1, L. A. Smith 2, J. Linnell 3, F. C. Case 4, G. E. Green 5, W. F. Eyden 6, C. E. Truman (cond.) 7, G. Foddy 8. For Evensong.

WINDSOR CASTLE, BERKS.—On Feb. 19th, at St. George's Chapel, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Renn 1, Mary Buckingham 2, J. Brooks 3, F. T. Blagrove 4, K. Buckingham 5, A. J. Glass 6, E. S. T. Farr (cond.) 7, J. Painter 8. Rung for the first birthday of H.R.H. Prince Andrew.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Maughan 1, R. Webster 2, Miss M. Machin 3, Miss J. Payne 4, J. Pladdys 5, M. W. Lewis 6, W. Maughan (cond.) 7, A. Applegarth 8. For Evensong.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Another No. 1 reader and subscriber ever since is Mr. James W. Chapman, of St. Leonard's, Streatham, who, we regret to learn, has done no ringing since November, when he had to enter hospital for an internal complaint. He is now home and hopes soon to be back at the ropes. Aged 79, Mr. Chapman was for 38 years captain of the St. Leonard's band.

After over 50 attempts Mr. W. F. Oatway has now scored his first peal of Stedman Triples. This was rung at Maidenhead and was his 40th peal.

Captain of Bramley (Surrey) ringers, Miss Margery Winifred Faulkner, was married at Bramley Church on April 8th to Mr. Peter Coleman. Congratulations!

Miss Ann Cox is leaving the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, at the end of April, having accepted an appointment at the Royal Hampshire Hospital at Winchester.

Mr. B. G. Key informs us that there was an error in reporting the peal of Plain Bob Major at Broughton, Staffs (page 230). It was rung on March 18th and not March 11th.

The highlight of the Derbyshire annual dinner, writes a correspondent, was the presentation of a stay (broken by 'Jafus' at St. Alkmund's, Derby), suitably engraved and carved with an effigy of 'Jafus' at one end.

For his 21st birthday peal, Mr. Roderick W. Pipe, selected Birmingham Surprise Royal, in honour of his happy association with the bells of the city and the university. The peal was rung in his own village church of Grundisburgh and was composed and conducted by him.

The sympathy of a wide circle is extended to Mr. David J. Forder, of North Stoneham, Hants, a former Master of Southampton University. Last October he was knocked from his motor scooter and spent three months in hospital with a broken leg. On Easter Sunday, when he was beginning to use his leg again it broke for no apparent reason. He is now in Winchester Hospital.

The recent quarter peals of Grandsire Doubles by members of the band of St. Mary's, Penzance, were quite an achievement. With the exception of the curate, all the young ringers are choristers or servers of St. Mary's, and they learnt to ring only a short time ago. The conductor is 15. Their own bells being heavy, they walked to Ludgvan, 3¼ miles away, and back again to ring their first quarter. Encouraged by their success, they achieved a quarter on their own bells for Evensong the following Sunday. No quarter peals had been rung by a St. Mary's band for at least 50 years.

The peal at Dartford on April 8th, in 2 hours and 49 minutes, is believed to be the fastest peal of Triples on the bells.

The band who rang the peal of Stedman at Wadhurst, Sussex, on April 15th, would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bassett, who so kindly entertained them to tea, after the peal.

At a recent Thursday practice meeting at Elland, Yorks, no fewer than 31 ringers arrived from eight different towers. 'All who come are most welcome,' writes Mr. D. Smith, the secretary.

The ringers of the peal at Cradley, Worcs, wish to thank Mr. Clive M. Smith, of Lichfield Cathedral, for his interesting remarks, which were found in a note attached to one of the ringer's cycle saddles.

Sunday, May 8th, is Industrial Sunday. A special service associated with industry is being televised from Dartford Parish Church on B.B.C. Television and it is hoped that the bells will be heard between 10.55 and 11 a.m.

Would you believe it! A quarter peal of Minimus has been rung in a minibus. When?—April 10th. Where?—between Plymouth and Hatherleigh. Perpetrator?—John McDonald. Methods?—Plain Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Bob and Little Bob.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles at Pylle, Somerset, is of special interest in that Mr. H. C. Hill, at the age of 70, rang his first quarter, having learnt to handle a bell at the age of 66. His grandson also rang in the quarter.

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The eight bells in St. George's Cathedral, Cape Town, cast at Whitechapel in 1834, were hung dead and clocked from the floor below. Small wonder that the fourth and seventh are cracked.

Ringing was stopped by the architect in 1935 and the bells were lowered to the ground in October, 1952, prior to the rebuilding of the east end.

Towards the cost, the Smith 'bequest' to the Cathedral, in 1945, has now grown to £14,000. Mr. V. Sheppard has, since 1958, carried out an intensive campaign to get the bells ringing again and at the end of January he gave a lecture on the subject to the Cathedral Friends' Society that evoked considerable interest.

A decision to invite tenders for the work from overseas was taken by the Cathedral Building Fund Central Committee. The Dean of Cape Town now indicates to Mr. Sheppard that under the terms of the bequest they could order a completely new ring of bells.

When the bells have received attention or a new ring provided it is suggested that the bells be hung temporarily in the Cathedral precincts till a permanent campanile could be built as part of the completed Cathedral.

The Dean also told 'The Cape Times' that as for bellringers there was a first rate team of St. Mary's, Woodstock, who they hoped would help them for a start and train others to take over on a permanent basis.

DEDICATION

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET

On April 15th, a congregation of over 200 packed the beautiful Church of the Holy Trinity, Long Sutton, for the dedication of a new treble bell, the gift of Mr. Paul Field, in grateful memory of his wife, called to rest April 16th, 1960. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. H. S. Hale, but owing to the unfortunate illness of the Rev. H. F. Warren (Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Guild), who was to have performed the dedication ceremony, this was undertaken by the Rev. A. J. Vincent (Vicar of Kenwyn, Cornwall, and general secretary of the Truro Diocesan Guild).

Immediately following the service a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung after which the tower was open till 9 p.m. to the many visiting ringers present.

The new bell was cast and hung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who are to be congratulated on an excellent job, giving Somerset another glorious ring of six.

The bells and their inscriptions are as follows:

Treble: To the Glory of God and in gratitude for the life of FLORENCE FIELD, called to Higher Service Easter Eve, 1960. The gift of her husband. (Weight 6¼ cwt.)
2: SANCTA MARIA ORA PRO NOBIS.
3: W.S. x I.S. BKL 1816.
4: NOS MDVXLTR.
5: TRINITATEM ADOREMVS.
Tenor: I TO THE CHURCH THE LIVING CALL AND TO THE GRAVE DO SUMMON ALL. (17½ cwt.)

50 Years Ago

'R.W.' April 28th, 1911.—

'Which,' asks a daily paper, 'is the largest weathercock in London? Surely an opportune question for fickle April. Apparently the honour is held by the vane which crowns the little leaden cupola over the city church of St. Peter-upon-Cornhill, and is now being repaired. It is a big key, the symbol of St. Peter, and measures more than nine feet, being a few inches longer than the dragon that surmounts Bow Church, Cheapside. St. Peter's, Cornhill, has a right to a conspicuous weathercock, for it claims to have been the first metropolitan church in England, and to have been originally founded by the British King, Lucius, about four centuries before the arrival of St. Augustine.'

PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE – 17

MR. REGINALD W. REX,
Oxford Diocesan Guild

One of the most enthusiastic and competent ringers of the South of England is Mr. Reginald W. Rex, of Thatcham, Berks. Even the loss of his left arm, in an unfortunate accident at work in 1955, did not dim his enthusiasm, as within a fortnight of this, he was ringing Stedman Cinques and Spliced Surprise. He has since rung 148 peals, and in 1960 he rang 56 peals, including 4 Surprise Major in a day!

Reg Rex was born at Highclere, Hants, on February 10th, 1903, and was educated at the local village school. His father was a keen choirman, and used to take him into the belfry to watch the ringing. He was taught to handle a bell in 1917, and rang Grandsire Double from cards. By attending meetings he learnt to ring Double and Triples properly. In 1922 he went to live in Bournemouth, and occasionally rang at St. Peter's and St. John's, but as he was courting and later married, he did not do very much. However, when he returned to North Hampshire, in 1925, to take up horticultural and nursery work, he joined the band at Woolton Hill, under the leadership of Mr. Henry Balaam, and was soon ringing Cambridge and London Minor. Mr. Tom Lock was also a member, and Reg well remembers the days when they were Boy Scouts together. He did not ring his first peal until August Monday, 1928, when he rang the 3rd to Cambridge Major at Sherfield English, conducted by that doyen of conductors, George Williams. Shortly after this he rang in the first peal on the augmented eight at Highclere, also Cambridge Major, George Williams again conducting.

In 1930 he moved a short distance to Donnington, Newbury, and was, for a time, a member of St. Nicholas', Newbury, later being invited to take over the captainship of Thatcham, and also becoming Ringing Master of the Newbury Branch of the O.D.G. During this time he rang many peals with such well known ringers and conductors as George Williams, Richard T. Hibbert and George Gilbert on all numbers up to Stedman Cinques, and also joined the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. He was a frequent visitor to the two Reading towers, where he gained much experience in 12-bell ringing and Surprise Major. His present total of peals is around 600, of which he has conducted 12. They have been rung in a great number of methods up to Spliced Surprise, and on all numbers of bells. He has rung Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Cambridge, from Minor to Maximus, and has taken part in two 9-bell peals at Basingstoke, but has no wish to even attempt a peal of Minimus!

Reg always enjoys peal tours and outings, and has rung peals in a large number of towers from Yorkshire to Cornwall, and East Anglia to North and South Wales. Some of the peals which stand out in his mind are Double Norwich and Superlative at Sherborne Abbey, a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Laurence's, Reading, with hardly a misblow from start to finish, Cambridge at Aldermaston starting at 2.45 a.m., and a recent peal of 8 Surprise Minor, conducted by Geoffrey Dodd, and rung by a District band, who met each Wednesday, and worked up from Plain Bob. Many of his peals have been rung with such well known conductors as Walter Judge, Alan Pink, Wilfred Williams, Charles Kippin and Frank Harris. He is always willing to help beginners if they show interest, but likes good striking and rhythm.

In addition to ringing, Reg has always been musically inclined. As a lad he learnt to play a cornet in a local band. He became solo horn player in the South Berks band for many years, and later in the Newbury British Legion band. He has taken part in many band contests in the Midlands and West Country, also in London and Brighton. Reg has three sons, but none, he regrets to say, became interested in ringing.

His friends are always amazed at his cheerfulness and energy, and the loss of his arm in no way affects his excellent striking. He is 'game' for anything, and if a band in his area was one short for 40.320 Bob Major no one would be surprised if he agreed to stand in! All his friends will wish him 'good luck' in all his future ringing adventures.

APACE.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Well known King's Lynn ringer, Mr. Thomas Greenacre, died on April 13th, aged 69.

Newbury Branch members tell us that they are specially proud of the peal of Kent T.B. Royal at Newbury Parish Church. It was the first ten bell peal on the bells to be rung by a Newbury Branch band.

Mr. James R. Lawson, carillonneur of The Riverside Church, New York, arrives in London on June 26th and hopes to contact many of his English friends.

We regret to learn that Mr. Harold Chant had an operation on April 17th for the removal of the gall bladder. He is expected to be in hospital for some little time.

In a car mishap recently on Pickering Moors while returning from an outing were Mr. F. A. Munday, of Bradford, and two other ringers. Happily they have suffered nothing worse than bruises and a shaking.

After about 17 attempts by the local band to score a quarter on eight bells, Harlington, Middlesex, ringers have succeeded. After continuous attempts at Grandsire they decided to change to Single Oxford Bob Triples and met with a full reward.

A reader enquires what are Davis silencers and Seages apparatus, both of which are referred to in 'Ringing for Service.' Perhaps the author will explain.

Mr. Alfred J. Whittle, of Reading, writes, through 'The Ringing World,' thanking members of the Surrey Association for their kindness to him, his wife and young son, on the occasion of their annual meeting at Reigate. He regrets that in order to get home he had to leave before the meeting was concluded.

Beaconsfield ringer, Mr. John Howard, who was married at Penn, Bucks, on April 15th, to Miss Wendy Jackson, took part in a touch of Stedman Doubles after the reception. His best man, Mr. Stanley Hatfield, was also ringing. Afterwards 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung by May Wingrove 1, Kathleen Fletcher 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, G. Riglar 4, W. Henley (cond.) 5, A. Bridges 6.

GUILDFORD GUILD AT DINNER

OF the company of 130 attending the annual dinner of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at the Stoke Hotel, Guildford, on April 15th, only 21 knew the editor and founder of 'The Ringing World,' Mr. John S. Goldsmith. The company was received beforehand by the Master of the Guild and Mrs. C. W. Denyer and Bishop F. F. Johnston and Mrs. Johnston, the principal guests. A great welcome was accorded Mrs. A. H. Pulling and Mr. A. C. Hazelden, who will be 85 within a month, and has made a good recovery from his illness. Other visitors included Mr. R. Roger Savory (honorary secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild) and Mrs. and Mrs. Tom Chapman, who had been peal ringing in Guildford that afternoon.

The toast of 'The Memory of J. S. Goldsmith and other officers and members of the Guildford Guild' was proposed by the Master, who said if it had not been for the enthusiasm and work of Mr. Goldsmith, who helped to form their Guild, they would not be there that night, but would still be a part of the Winchester Guild.

HOSTS TO ALL RINGERS

This year they had the honour to be hosts to ringers from all over England and the world on June 17th, when a festival would be held at Guildford to honour 50 years of production of 'The Ringing World,' which as they all knew, Mr. Goldsmith started. He hoped they would support the Guild officers in the arrangements.

Of the others officers who had passed on during the year, the previous Sunday they lost a very faithful officer in Mr. Bert Chaffey, who died suddenly while walking across Windlesham Recreation Ground. For many years he was Ringing Master of the Chertsey District and his name appeared on peal boards in nearly every tower in the Farnham District. Another loss last summer was Mr. Boylett, who rang at Pirbright and did his share in his village church.

The Master concluded with congratulations to 'The Ringing World' on its jubilee issue. 'We must keep the paper alive at all costs,' he said.

The toast was drunk in silence and was followed by a course of Grandsire Triples rung by E. J. Bragg 1-2, E. G. R. Wells 3-4, Tom Page 5-6, W. Viggers 7-8.

HENRY VIII AND GUILDFORD DIOCESE

The toast of 'The Diocese of Guildford' was submitted by Mr. F. Oatway (Leatherhead), who mentioned that Henry VIII came to the conclusion that the Winchester Diocese was too large and legislation was passed creating a Diocese of Guildford, but a bishop was never appointed. The measure was repealed in Queen Victoria's reign and a Bishop of Guildford appointed as a suffragan to the Bishop of Winchester. Guildford became a separate diocese in 1926 and on May 17th the new Cathedral, built to the design of Sir Edward Maufe, would be consecrated.

On March 15th a bell was cast to the memory of Alfred H. Pulling and this would be hung in the Cathedral in time for the consecration. That week their new Bishop was enthroned; he was a live-wire and they all hoped and prayed that under his leadership much would be achieved for the advancement of the Church by the See of Guildford.

The reply was by the Rev. H. R. Wilds, Rector of Farnham, who said Farnham people were feeling very sore about their Castle, but were now pleased that the Castle was to be used in connection with Church work overseas. Those who came there would be ambassadors to the greater world outside their country. Farnham would thus have some little honour in sharing in that privilege.

The toast of 'The Ladies and the Visitors' was proposed by the Vicar of Aldershot, the Rev. T. Dart. He said the toast of 'The Ladies' went back to the days when all the ringers were men and ladies only appeared once a year and then retired behind their antimacassars for 12 months. The toast, he said, would be replied to the charming Miss Powell, who was equally charming in the way she handled a bell rope. She was one of the few ladies of the Guild to have called a peal.

Among the visitors he welcomed were Bishop Johnston, Mr. Roger Savory (honorary secretary of their Senior Guild), Mr. and Mrs. T. Chapman, from Bishopstoke, Mrs. Pulling, Mr. Hazelden and Mr. F. E. Collins, toastmaster. Mr. Dart had a word of congratulation to Miss Nancy Bragg on ringing her first peal.

Miss Catherine Powell and Bishop Johnston replied. The Master mentioned that next Friday Bishop Johnston would be 70 years of age—twice the age of H.M. the Queen, whose birthday was the same day. Bishop Johnston said he left Egypt after 40 happy years, the only crime he committed was of being a Britisher.

An enjoyable entertainment was provided by Joan Althorp, Harold Cole and James Kimber, and the Hersham handbell ringers.

A DAY'S RINGING IN SOMERSET

Three carloads of Cornish pasties and ringers left Stratton at seven on the dismal rainy Bank Holiday morning. The first tower was St. John's, Wellington, Somerset, where we were joined by Tom Myers and the Plymouth ringers. Old acquaintanceships renewed, the ringing began with a good touch of Grandsire Triples. We rang for an hour and then the new six cars set off for Street.

The bells here proved the most difficult of the day as inside the tower they were not easy to hear. Driving on through Wells we reached Chewton Mendip at mid-day; that is except for one carload, which missed the village and conspicuous tower completely, arriving at Farrington Gurney before the mistake was realised. We had some good ringing at Chewton Mendip, touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob, then commandeered the top room of the pub in true ringers' fashion for lunch.

The pasties gone and beer consumed, the party drove back to Wells. We had hoped to ring at the Cathedral, but the bells were not obtainable, and we rang for an hour at St. Cuthbert's.

Our next tower was Chew Magna, where there was some good ringing on these fine sounding bells. And lastly on to Yatton. Here we had the best ringing of the day, and the general opinion was that the bells here were best.

All who took part will endorse a vote of thanks to Henry Trewin, of Stratton, and Billy Bishop, of Bristol, who, between them, arranged the day. J. S.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

THE annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Association held at Moreton-in-Marsh, was attended by well over 200 of its members, together with at least another 60 relatives and friends. There were a number of reasons for this being a record meeting; ballot for a new Master, alterations to rules, a decision on the form of the Skidmore Memorial and the fate of the Association's handbells. Members were welcomed by the Rector, the Rev. Collwyn Hargreaves, M.A., who opened proceedings with prayer. All the reports were accepted as printed and last year's elections of new members ratified. The result of the ballot for Master showed a majority in favour of Mr. Albert Bennett, of Bristol City, and he was duly invested with the badge and chain of office by Mr. W. H. Trueman, whom he thanked for the able way the work had been done during the past months. Mr. Bennett also said that he hoped that Mr. E. T. Newbury, the unsuccessful candidate, would try again and meet with success next time.

There was also a ballot for six places on the Management Committee, so the tellers, Miss D. Edwards, of Sandbach, and Mr. W. Lampard, of Adelaide, Australia, were kept busy throughout most of the meeting. Mr. R. Dowdeswell and Mr. E. F. Hancock were appointed auditors in place of Mr. Leaker and Mr. Martin, who did not seek re-election.

All alterations to rules proposed were passed, viz., (a) clearing up the position re affiliation to Central Council and the nomination of representatives; (b) the affiliation fee payable by Church Councils increased to £1 1s.; and (c) that from the next A.G.M. all vice-presidents will be elected for life, instead of annually, and reasons for their nomination will have to be given.

The Skidmore Memorial will take the form of some object to be used in St. Ambrose's Church, the idea of a library being defeated.

A proposal that the Association's handbells should be permanently given to Bristol Cathedral, was defeated after the secretary had outlined the history of the bells. They will remain available for loan to all affiliated towers.

Three young ladies of Westerleigh were congratulated by the Master on having qualified for the Girl Guides' Ringer Badge, and Philip Gray briefly outlined the Hartpury course. The next A.G.M. is to be at Lydney on April 28th, 1962.

Due to the large number, tea had to be in three sittings, and this delayed service at St. David's Church, by half an hour. In his address the Rector said that although there was little about bells in the Bible, there was plenty about ropes, and took for the text the ropes used to bind Samson being new ropes. The theme was that although new things should be best, they are not always, and we would do well to look to, and hold on to all that is best in the old.

Very good use was made of all towers in the area, and thanks are due to the Rector, Mr. G. H. Harper, and his willing band of helpers for making the day such a success.

A MADRIGAL

Come rise and join in ringing all,
To change-ringing a madrigal:
For us the art of arts is this,
In work or play whiche'er it is.

Still in this science as of old,
Abiding in the Church's fold;
With minds alert and hearts elate
We long to serve both Church and State.

Then let us all with one accord
Ring changes to our heavenly Lord,
That one and all we may agree
That change-ringing is unity.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE WEDDING PEAL AT SUTTON

Dear Sir,—In the letter by Mr. Charles Lawton, of Sutton ('R.W.' page 255), which refers to the peal rung at Sutton ('R.W.' page 232), a number of points stated appear to be a little way from the truth.

As the ringers concerned are quite well known to me, and it did not seem to be that the conduct attributed to them could possibly be true, I contacted the Vicar of Sutton (Rev. R. C. N. Capey). This clearly appears to be another Evesham case!

Apparently, the couple who were married at Sutton (both regular ringers at Sutton Church) expected the bells to be rung for their wedding and perhaps a peal attempt in the afternoon also? Mr. Lawton informed them that as he (Mr. Lawton) would be away, no ringing could be arranged. They arranged their own, asking various members of the Guild to ring at Sutton in the morning and also in the afternoon.

The Vicar was aware that the bells were to be rung both in the morning **and** afternoon, though he thinks that with the arrangements being made hastily by the bride and bridegroom (at present still on honeymoon) a peal was not specifically mentioned to him. This latter point seems to be the one on which Mr. Lawton bases his letter. Presumably, had the peal been unsuccessful, we may never heard anything about this incident.

Perhaps some kind words on the part of Mr. Lawton to those equally innocent ringers would furnish us with a rather pleasant ending to what may have been an unfortunate incident.—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Marple, Cheshire.

P.S.—An **exact** copy of this letter has been sent to the Rev. R. C. N. Capey, at his request.—R. B. S.

RINGING IN HOLY WEEK

Dear Sir,—Reading 'The Ringing World' of April 14th I was perfectly disgusted at the peals and quarters rung during Holy Week. Where are the churchmen of today and where are the incumbents to allow such goings on?

Ever since I can remember, from Palm Sunday morning until Easter Day, the rule was definitely no ringing. In fact, during the whole period of Lent, ringing was **very, very** much curtailed, very often no practice nights. Of course, this ringing half-muffled on Good Friday is a lot of hooey, it just gives the ringer who can't keep his hands off a rope just for one week during the year an excuse to ring. I deplore this Holy Week ringing and I plead with all incumbents to stop it.—Yours faithfully,

F. HOPGOOD.

Teddington, Middlesex.

FAULTS CONTAGIOUS

Dear Sir,—

Though the unbiased layman might suppose
Attacks on poetry should be in prose,
A letter published in your last edition
Discredits this unfounded supposition.

A learned gentleman from Taunton writes
To draw attention to a dread disease
Infecting ringing poets: when it bites
They send you verse with doubtful qualities.

We must beware: for though he might abhor
The faults, of which he gives a neat description,
The plague is shown to be contagious: for
The symptoms all appear in his prescription!

Yours faithfully,

I. EASTHAM HATTON.

Nottingham.

13,440 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I am sending two compositions of Spliced Surprise Major in six methods, on a plan which gives the extent of the 60 courses, 13,440, with the tenors together, which should interest a number of ringers of long lengths. However, the arrangement of methods is rather mixed and it would take a good band to ring the extent, but a number of shorter lengths can be obtained from the compositions, which should be found very musical. —Yours faithfully,

A. J. PITMAN.

13,440 (No. 1)

23456	M	W	H	
52436		—		A
64235	—		—	A
24536	—			A
65432	—		—	B
46532			—	B
53462		—	—	A
45362			—	B
34562		3	—	C
54632		2	—	D
26435	—		—	B
32465		—		A
42635		2	—	D
56234	—		—	B
25634			—	B
63254		—	—	A
26354			—	B
32654		3	—	C
62534		2	—	D
35426	—	—		A
42356		—	—	A

Twice repeated.

13,440 (No. 2)

23456	M	W	H	
43526		2	—	D
54326			—	E
35426			—	B
36524	2		—	F
45623	—		—	B
62453		—	—	E
46253			—	B
24653		3	—	C
64523		2	—	D
56423	—		—	B
52364	2	—	—	G
35264			—	B
23564		3	—	C
53624		2	—	D
46325	—		—	B
24365		—		E
34625		2	—	D
63425			—	A
65324	2		—	F
42356	—	—	—	A

Twice repeated.

Methods:—

A. Rutland, Watford, Wembley, Ealing, Wembley, Watford, Rutland.

B. Rutland, Watford, Wembley, Ealing, Belvedere.

C. Rutland, Watford, Wembley, Ealing, Wembley, Watford, Belgrave, Watford, Belgrave, Watford, Rutland.

D. Rutland, Watford, Wembley, Ealing, Wembley, Watford, Belgrave, Watford, Rutland.

E. Belvedere, Ealing, Wembley, Watford, Rutland.

F. Rutland, Watford, Belgrave, Watford, Wembley, Ealing, Belvedere.

G. Rutland, Watford, Belgrave, Watford, Wembley, Ealing, Wembley, Watford, Rutland.

SURPRISE MAXIMUS RINGERS ARE NOT SNOBS

Dear Sir,—May I reply to Mr. John Pladdys' letter, not on behalf of 'Spliced Surprise Maximus Snobs' or 'Peal mad fools,' but on behalf of the majority of young, up and coming Doubles ringers.

I, myself, have rung only a very few peals, most of which have been Doubles methods, but I, like many young ringers, hope one day to reach greater heights and to do this there has to be someone setting an example. Most of us see their names in the 'R.W.' each week and hope one day to be like them: they are our example.

Mr. Pladdys calls them 'snobs,' which means 'A pretentious person; one who affects a higher position than he can rightfully claim.' Rubbish! Mr. Pladdys can't have met many Surprise Maximus ringers, otherwise he would know they are among the most modest of ringers. No, Mr. Pladdys, it is you who is the snob and the fool. I met Messrs. Peter Border and Jack Millhouse after a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Newark, which reminds me that I must congratulate Mr. Border on his masterly performance on the tenor, the first time it has ever been turned in to a peal. Their hospitality, even to a humble Doubles ringer, was something to be wished for from many non-peal ringers.

As for being fools, which means 'A weak-minded person,' this is absolutely ridiculous, no fool could ring Surprise Maximus, sir, although I have heard it said that one ringer you mention did try to light a cigarette halfway through a peal at Loughborough bell foundry! Rather foolish, don't you think? No, Mr. Pladdys, you are wrong, most of them are dedicated men, to improve the standard of change ringing and Sunday service ringing, and at the same time enjoying the hobby they know and like best. Knock that chip of your shoulder, Mr. Pladdys, and let's have some constructive criticism, instead of that lot of rubbish.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN R. PRATCHELL.

Southwell, Notts.

P.S.—Is Ernest Morris nothing but a peal grabber? I doubt it.—J. R. P.

PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE—15

Dear Sir,—It was a pleasure to find two grand veteran friends of mine honoured in the portrait page on April 14th (Messrs. Winch and Marriner). I enjoyed 12 peals with Alfred, between 1903 and 1914, mostly in his own district, but with George only two are recorded, both in 1906, one of which was his first peal of Stedman. Undoubtedly both these loyal and faithful service ringers have set a fine example to the younger generation, which will take some beating.—Yours sincerely,

Wm. SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Sir,—I should like to offer Mr. E. Jenkins my heartiest congratulations on his 1,000 peals. May he ring many more.—Yours sincerely.

E. W. PYE.

Saffron Walden, Essex.

A Visit To London

A party of members of the South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association spent an interesting day in London on April 5th, with a visit to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, where they saw a bell cast, which is destined for East Africa. They were also given a practical demonstration of handbell tuning and their assembly. The foundry museum and the new Bow bells also attracted close attention. Messrs Mears and Stainbank are thanked for an interesting tour. Sightseeing and a theatre completed the day.

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD DINNER

ON Saturday, March 11th, the annual dinner of the Cambridge University Guild was held in the hall of Selwyn College. Both peal attempts were successful. At Eaton Socon, a good peal of Stedman Triples, though delayed by the fact that two members of the band were riding on the wrong make of motor bike, was brought round under the able hand of Mr. Cook, in time for beer and sandwiches. It was found on descent that a Bedford ringer and his wife had seen fit to sit by the churchyard to listen to the peal—a touching tribute. A good peal of Spliced Cambridge, Yorkshire, Rutland and Lincolnshire was rung more soberly at Trumpington.

The afternoon's ringing began at St. Bene't's, where a good course of London was achieved, with oddments of Cambridge and Kent. At St. Andrew's was seen the quaint Cambridge custom of tying one rope firmly to the frame: to the perpetrators the effect was doubtless well worth the effort involved. Thereafter followed some fair Stedman, a course of London and some spliced, and a short service was held in the church at this point, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. N. Evans.

A modest interval for tea was allowed before the rigours of the Roman Catholic church. Ringing here was better than usual and included Stedman, Cambridge and Yorkshire. The ringing chamber at Great St. Mary's was as crowded as usual, but from the apparent chaos there emerged some pleasing Stedman Cinques, some Cambridge Royal and Stedman Caters.

After a very satisfactory dinner, to which some 80 people sat down and which included a Scotch woodcock run down on the wing by Robin Heppenstall, somewhere north of Grantham, the non-resident members were welcomed by the vice-president, Mr. W. J. Ridgman. The toast of 'The Guild' was proposed by Mr. Frank Haynes who was immediately summoned by a Voice of Authority from the top table to 'Speak up.' He wondered whether the purpose of a university was the advancement of learning or the cultivation of beards, whether Dinner Day was not an excuse for nostalgic graduates to return to their old pubs, and whether indeed peal ringing itself was not merely an excuse for getting home late. At a time when nearly all Universities had their ringing Associations, Cambridge could still be said to be well in the lead and the present generation to be well the equal of the past. In honour of the memory of the late Canon A. C. Blyth, president of the Guild, Mr. Haynes felt that he could not do better than repeat the tribute of Tyrwhitt-Drake to the first president: 'It is impossible to calculate the debt which the Guild owes to the president.'

59 RINGERS IN RESIDENCE

In reply, the Master, Mr. J. R. Taylor, gave a concise acount of the present state of the Guild. The resident membership, he said, was 59: a large number of ringers had been lost in July and thus the peal total of 12 was rather low, but it was hoped that this would improve as the present bands gained experience. The gain of 25 new members, of whom only one was an expert, had laid the emphasis on training at various levels. For learners this had included the usual practices at St. Bene't's, muffled practices at St. Andrew's, cycle outings and Sunday ringing at Trumpington. Surprise Major had been pursued at the practices at St. Andrew's and a recent good quarter of four-spliced was a sign of the progress made there. Progress had been made, too, on ringing on higher numbers at Great St. Mary's and a variety of touches had been achieved: thanks were due to Mr. Brown and Mr. Dennis for their help on Sunday evenings. Art for art's sake had produced a revival of handbell ringing and the decoration of the ringing chamber at St. Andrew's. The Master finally said that it had been felt desirable to establish some memorial to the late president, and that suggestions as to the form which this might take would be welcomed.

The toast of 'The Guests' was proposed by the secretary, Miss Frances Secker. This was delivered from the lower end of the tables in response to another Voice of Authority there sitting. The secretary touched on the problem of the feminine influence in ringing and suggested that, in the Guild, perhaps the greatest difficulty might be the finding of a decent equivalent to the 'Master.' Amid anecdotes—and interruptions from divers Voices of Authority—the guests and visitors were warmly welcomed, and particular mention was made of two evergreen members of the Cambridge Youths.

In his reply, Mr. David Martin, vice-president of the London University Society, admitted to his confusion over the distinction between guests and visitors: any Guild member could have explained that this was purely financial. After some very amusing stories of his own Society's tour in Cumberland—in which they were seen on television to be lowering bells confidently to Grandsire Triples—Mr. Martin confessed that he had discarded the dictionary definition of 'guests' as 'an animal or vegetable parasite' and he thanked the hosts for their entertainment.

With this the gathering adjourned to the Tower Room for handbells and sherry (pro rata). Ringing on Sunday included Erin Cinques in the morning and some spliced at St. Andrew's in the evening, an attempt at sabotage by making off with the key of St. Andrew's being foiled by the finding of a duplicate. Finally, after a most successful weekend, on which those who made the arrangements are to be congratulated, the visitors gradually departed, leaving ringing in Cambridge in the safe hands of the residents for another year.

P. B. H.

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A CHESHIRE RINGING BRIDE

ON March 25th, Miss Hilary Kirkman and Mr. Peter Horn were married at St. James' Church, Sutton, Cheshire, the Rev. N. Capey officiating. Both bride and bridegroom are keen, active ringers and are members of the Sunday service band.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full length dress in white Swiss lace and carried a bouquet of carnations, lilies of the valley and hyacinth pips. She was attended by Miss Audrey Rowbotham.

The bells were rung prior to the wedding and the bridegroom rang a course of Cambridge and Plain Bob before the bride arrived.

After the reception the couple left for their honeymoon in Majorca.

A peal in seven Minor methods was rung in their honour during the afternoon.

[Photograph by S. Strudwick.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

The Society travelled to the very edge of the Archdeaconry on March 25th, and visited Gnosall, one of the largest villages in England. The venue was the fine old Church of St. Laurence, with its magnificent Norman arches. This tower has recently experienced a revival of enthusiasm for ringing, due in no small way to the advent of Mr. B. G. Key and family.

The ancient bells, the earliest cast in 1711, were rung to a variety of Minor and Doubles methods and supervised by the Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. John H. Allen. During the afternoon the six bells of Haughton were also available.

A short service was conducted by the Rev. A. M. Farmer. This grand old man had returned from retirement to deputise for the Vicar, the Rev. H. Lowe, who was recovering from a recent operation.

After the service the congregation made its way to the nearby church school, where an excellent tea awaited. Approximately 100 people sat down to a spread provided by the local band, churchworkers and parishioners. Mr. Downes, the vicar's warden, extended a welcome to the Society and said how delighted he was to see so many people present. Later in the evening, the six bells at Church Eaton were available and quite a number of ringers called there on their way home.

Grateful thanks are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Key, the local ringers and their many friends for the splendid hospitality afforded to the Society. We have happy memories of this meeting and look forward with pleasure to the prospect of visiting Gnosall once more in the not too distant future.

D. J. T.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN DEARLOVE

A member of the Hurstpierpoint, Sussex, ringers, Mr. J. Dearlove passed away on April 1st, after a prolonged illness, at the age of 70.

A Berkshire man by birth, he learned to ring at East Hagbourne, and there scored his first peal in February, 1911. Shortly afterwards he emigrated to Canada, and became associated with the ringers of the Cathedral of the Holy Rosary, Vancouver. War service with the Canadian Engineers brought him back to England, where he married, and after active service in France he returned to Canada at the end of the war.

By 1922 he was back again in England, and had joined the band at St. Peter's, Brighton, where he rang in a peal of Stedman Triples in January. His abilities soon obtained him a place among the regular ringers at St. Peter's, where he eventually totalled 62 peals on the bells, including the first peal of London Surprise Royal in the No. 2 (Brighton) version under the conductorship of Keith Hart.

From 1937 to 1940 he was committee member for the Southern Division of the Sussex Association and held the office of peal secretary from 1945 to 1954. Having moved to Hurstpierpoint in 1934 he was instrumental in combining for practice his own tower and that of Keymer. In 1960 the Hurstpierpoint ringers presented him with a bronze plaque in recognition of his long service, but owing to illness he was unable to be present at the ceremony.

The funeral service took place at his own church, where the bells, together with those of Keymer, were rung to muffled quarter peals.

A large number of his ringing friends were present at the service, and the Association was represented by the Master, Mr. R. Johnson, Mr. L. Stilwell, peal secretary, Mr. H. Brown and Mr. S. Brown, of Hurstpierpoint; Mr. H. Stalham, St. Nicholas', Brighton; Miss Stevens, of Cuckfield; Mr. K. Knight, Ringing Master of the Southern Division, and Mrs. Stella Knight.

Jack Dearlove's long career in ringing made him a friend of all. He had infinite reserves of patience with beginners and experts alike and was always ready to hold out a helping hand to all. He never showed disappointment or annoyance, and when a peal was lost, even in the last course, he would look round with a smile and say, what might well be his epitaph, 'We had a good ring, anyway.'

MR. F. W. DALE

A prominent member of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association, also a founder and committee member of the Beverley and District Society, Mr. Francis W. Dale, of Hessle, died on April 11th, after an illness lasting a few months, aged 81.

His ringing career started over 60 years ago at Holy Trinity, Hull, where his grandfather and family were ringers. Much of his early ringing was with the late Charles Jackson and George Williams, two noted Hull ringers. On coming to Hessle, he joined the All Saints' Church band.

The late Mr. Dale was held in great affection, as he was a regular attender at ringing meetings and for many years served on the General Committee of the Yorkshire Association, playing a prominent part in starting the Bell Repair Fund. A widower, he leaves three daughters and a granddaughter, Mrs. J. M Harrop, who with her husband rings at Howden Minster. A quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung at Hessle on the eve of the funeral. May he rest in peace.

H. S. M.

MR. F. J. SHEPHERD

The death occurred on April 18th, at Brighton Hospital, of Ferris John Shepherd in his 79th year. In his younger days he was prominent in London circles and later in Surrey. He was fond of calling Holt's Original and called it at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on his 21st birthday in 1903. His last peal was at Sunbury, in 1926, when he called a peal of Stedman Triples. Ill-health put an end to active ringing.

W. S.

MR. E. E. BARBER

A member of the Worcestershire and Districts Association since 1901, Mr. Ernest Edgar Barber, of 240, Worcester Road, Malvern Link, has died, aged 87.

Mr. Barber had rung in a great number of towers throughout the country and took part in 55 peals for the Association.

A member of the original band of St. Matthias', Malvern Link, Church Bell Ringers, which was formed in 1900, he was a competent change ringer and until his death maintained an intense interest in all matters connected with bells and ringers.

He was be remembered as leader of the local ringers for many years and though ill-health prevented him taking an active part in the Sunday ringing, he still remained a member of the band.

At the funeral service at St. Matthias' Church the bells were rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. Barber.

One of the ringers was Mr. Harry Chance, a friend of Mr. Barber, who, although he is over 80, travelled from South Wales.

A NORTH BUCKS TOUR

DESPITE the inclement weather, five carloads of ringers set out on Easter Monday morning from St. Albans area to visit ten towers in North Bucks.

Although all five set out independently, they arrived simultaneously at the first tower, Whaddon, a very good six. Then on to Calverton, where a chase through pouring rain produced the key from the Rectory. This tuneful Bowell six are rarely rung, but go well. Beachampton, which has a charming Gillett five, hung in a minute tower (internally six feet square, and the frame sits **on** the tower walls), was visited before adjourning to the village inn to enable most of the party to wash down sandwiches with the local brew.

The afternoon programme was closely timed. First came Lillingstone Lovell, with a plaintive mino: five, then Maids Moreton, where we found a post-war Taylor six worthy of the splendid 15th century church. By now, the rain had stopped and we moved on to Padbury, to try out the heavy-going Briant six. By the time the party reached Great Horwood, the young non-ringers were clamouring for food! Here we not only enjoyed the fine heavy six, but admired the Oxford Guild banner, made by craftsmen-ringers from the village. A picnic tea in the middle of the green was accompanied by handbell ringing.

The next bells, Little Horwood, proved a handful; an unguided, long draught five, with a cracked stay on the third. At Mursley, we rang, among other things, a touch of Spliced Minor on the lovely six, before moving on to Drayton Parslow, where, despite rumours to the contrary, the bells were in very good condition. (Apart from the clapper of the second, which appeared to be suffering from rheumatism!) However, a little gentle exercise cured it within five minutes. What a pity that the charming little six are so rarely rung.

That was the **official** end of the day, but, ringers being what they are, when passing Stewkley on the way home, and hearing the bells going, the temptation to snatch proved too great, and so we joined the Totternhoe ringers for a few minutes. I hope they will forgive our mass intrusion!

Finally, mention should be made of those who so kindly gave up their time to meet us. We are deeply grateful to them all.

J. D.

The band at Stockbury express sympathy with Mr. G. A. Naylor and Mr. E. Barton, who, owing to the death of their mother and mother-in-law, were unable to stand in a recent peal. Their places were taken by Mr. C. S. Jarrett and Miss R. Highley. The band also express their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. F. Friday for their entertainment after the peal.

AN EASTER TOWER GRAB IN KENT

The Kent tower-grabbers were strengthened for their Easter outing on April 5th, by visitors from as far afield as Essex and Cheltenham. The company gradually assembled at Stockbury, where various Doubles methods were rung, before moving on to Hartlip (6), set among fields of cherry blossom. At Rainham we were met by several local ringers, who had very kindly got the bells up for us. Ringing on the very pleasant eight included Double Norwich, Plain Bob Triples and Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major. At Cuxton, the good lady at the local pub tolerated our sandwiches and our handbells. ('Are those like they have on the television?').

Ringing on either bank of the Medway at Wouldham (6) and Halling (6), entailed using the ferry, operated by a long-bearded individual, who, when confronted by 19 determined ringers, consented to make an extra trip to bring us back. A course of Grandsire Doubles on handbells was rung for his benefit and we believe this to be the first course ever rung in mid-Medway. So as not to delay him unduly, ringing at Wouldham had to be confined to bells up, a couple of courses of Plain Bob Minor, and bells down.

At Snodland (6) we had to contend with a level-crossing, where the two trains of the day chose to pass as we were arriving and departing. Birling bells had not been rung for 14 years, and the Vicar there was so impressed by our wanting to try that he and his wife gave us an excellent tea beforehand, in order to build up our strength. This was followed by Evensong, when John Baldwin played the organ and Peter Newing and Nicholas Davies read the lessons. All the children in the village turned out to watch the ringing and Dr. Hatcher, secretary of the Kent County Association, was also present.

The pleasant six at Boxley made a fitting end to an enjoyable day. Special methods were Hull Surprise Minor and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Spliced Beverley and Surfleet, London, Cambridge and Norwich Surprise Minor, Double Stedman, Double Oxford and Double Bob Minor were also rung. Thanks are due to all incumbents and to Nicholas Davies, who organised everything so competently.

B. W. A.

MR. D. H. B. MILLWARD'S 200 PEALS

Tower captain at Buckley, Flintshire, for many years, Mr. Dennis H. B. Millward, has now rung 200 peals. The list includes 12 'firsts for the Guild,' 26 'first peals in the method,' and they were rung in 54 different towers:

Doubles.—Grandsire 1, three methods 1.

Minor.—Plain Bob 3, Kent T.B. 1, Cambridge 2, two methods 1, three methods 2, four methods 2, six methods 3, seven methods 10, nine methods 2, ten methods 1, 12 methods 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 19, Stedman 9, Erin 1, London Bob 1, Hereward Bob 2, Double Grandsire 1, Reverse Grandsire 1, College 1, Oxford Bob 6, Carshalton Bob 1, Plain Bob 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 20, Little Bob 5, Kent Treble Bob 5, Double Norwich 17, one each of the following: Spliced Plain/Little, Spliced Plain/Little/St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Little Oxford, St. Clement's, Marlborough, Winchester, Gainsborough, Little Bob, Loughborough, Cheltenham, Colville, Painswick College, Chesterfield, Buckley Imperial, Daresbury Imperial, Grosvenor Imperial, Liscard Imperial, Westminster Imperial, St. Valentine Imperial, Malpas Imperial, Bebington Imperial, Cholmondeley, Double Bob, Poulton Imperial, Christleton, Farndon Imperial, Handbridge Imperial, Shrewsbury Bob, Hodnet Imperial, Queen Imperial, Ellesmere Little Court, Double Oxford, Hampton Imperial, Chester Imperial, Little Albion Treble Bob, Cheswardine Imperial, Ercale Imperial, Kinnerton Imperial, Hedingham Bob, Overleigh Imperial, Littleton Imperial, St. Francis' Imperial, Tilstock Imperial, Hereward Bob, Pershore Bob.

Surprise Major.—Superlative 2, Lincolnshire 1, Southwell 1, Cambridge 6, New Cambridge 1.

Caters.—Stedman 4, Grandsire 7, Double Norwich Court Bob 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 6, Little Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 1.

Cinques.—Grandsire 2.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 1.

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BIRTH

HILL.—On Tuesday, April 18th, 1961, to Marjorie and John, of 23, Tavistock Road, Ickenham, a son (Ian Philip). 8090

ENGAGEMENT

MILLS—MUNSON.—The engagement is announced between Jennifer Munson, of Wormingford, and Donald L. Mills, of Lyford, Bures, Suffolk. 8092

MARRIAGE

SMITH—KNIGHT.—On March 25th, 1961, at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Claverdon, Warwicks, David John Smith to Jean Margaret Knight. 8095

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. W. A. Morley, secretary, Derby and Ilkeston District (Derbyshire Association), is now 'The Knoll,' Laund Close, Belper, Derbyshire. 8128

DAVID SMITH (honorary secretary, Witney and Woodstock Branch, Oxford Guild) and Jean now live at Lye Cottage, High Cogges, Witney, Oxon. 8096

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

BED and Breakfast, residential district, Plymouth, 12s. 6d. Shopping centre of West. Variety ringing available. Holiday Caravans, Paignton. Vacancies to June 3rd, 17th-24th, July 8th-22nd, August 12th onwards.—Thomas, 15, East Park Avenue, Plymouth. 8114

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PERSONAL

E. T. PAUL FIELD tenders sincere thanks to all those kind friends who honoured the memory of his beloved wife by attending the dedication of the Memorial Treble Bell at Long Sutton on April 15th, and especially to those who took part in the first quarter on the six. 8094

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CANCELLATION

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meetings at Guilsborough **cancelled.** 8110

PUBLICATION

'ELEMENTARY CHANGE RINGING,' by F. F. Rigby: an exceptionally good introduction to the art of change-ringing: 3s. 6d.; postage 3d.—S.P.C.K., Holy Trinity Church, Marylebone Road, London, N.W.1. 5250

MISCELLANEOUS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—The peal secretary of the Association is now Mr. P. C. Wright, 15, Stoberry Avenue, Wells, Somerset. Conductors are asked to send all reports of peals to him and are reminded that the peal fee is now 1s. per rope, being 6d. for the Association peal booking fee and 6d. for 'The Ringing World.' No peals will be published for the Association unless the fees are paid in full.—G. Salmon, Sec. 8100

ST. MATTHEW'S, UPPER CLAPTON.—Due to demolition of the church spire all ringing has now ceased until further notice.—C. Neal. 8125

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the 'Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, April 29th, at 6.30 p.m. Forthcoming practices: May 2nd, St. Paul's Cathedral, 6.30; May 9th, St. Giles', Cripplegate, 6.30; May 16th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, 6.30; May 23rd, Southwark Cathedral, 6.45 p.m.—John Chilcott. 8097

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, North Cadbury (6), April 29th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 8051

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Ten bell practice at Minehead, Saturday, April 29th, 6.30 p.m.—A. R. Tudball. 8111

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Derby District) and SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Joint meeting, Saturday, April 29th, at Sawley. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to A. Morley, The Knoll, Laund Close, Belper.—A. Morley and A. Henson, Hon. Secs. 8084

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Cranleigh, April 29th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Look up Double Oxford Bob Major and St. Clement's Triples. Names for tea to S. Ponting, Highdown, Milford Heath, Milford, Godalming 2176. 8081

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting, Bromyard, April 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard. 8069

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—April 29th, Elstree (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. R. Hyde, 37, Elstree Hill North, Elstree.—G. W. Seaman, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8062

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants Branch.—Annual District meeting, April 29th, at Milton Ernest. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please send names for tea to Miss Rivett, 117, Stagsden Road, Bromham, Bedford. 8019

LADIES' GUILD—Central District.—Annual District meeting, Reading, April 29th. Ringing, St. Laurence's, 3-4 p.m., followed by service. Tea and business meeting in St. Mary's Church House. Evening ringing from 6 p.m., at St. Mary's. Gentlemen cordially invited.

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Annual General Meeting,
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SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Meeting at Rolleston-on-Dove, Saturday, April 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. No tea arranged, bring sandwiches, cups of tea provided. 8055

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Rayleigh, April 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Dedication of peal board 4.15. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. All friends welcome.—R. D. Tomlin, Hon. Sec. 8052

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-East District.—Meeting, Leiston (8), Saturday, April 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. W. Blythe, 29, Holton Road, Halesworth. 8067

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), on Monday, May 1st, at 7 p.m. 8089

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Evening practice at SS. Philip and Jacob's, Bristol, Wednesday, May 3rd, 7.30 p.m. All members and friends welcome. 8086

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Next meeting May 6th, Cross Stone, Todmorden. Names for tea to Mr. P. Schofield, 3, Joshua Street, Todmorden, not later than May 5th. No names no tea. All welcome.—D. Smith. 8035

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting at Dronfield, 2.30 p.m., Saturday, May 6th. Tea 4.30 p.m., at the 'Green Dragon.' Names for tea must be sent to Mr. G. Goodall, 6, Elm Tree Crescent, Dronfield, near Sheffield.—A. B. Cooper, J. Seager, Secs. 8120

DEVON GUILD.—N.D. Branch.—Combined meeting with N.W. Branch at Combe Martin (8), May 6th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by May 3rd **imperative,** to D. Jewell, Victoria Street, Combe Martin. 8101

DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A joint practice meeting with the Mid-Devon Branch, will be held at Exminster, on May 6th, 6-8 p.m.—G. Skinner, 38, Manston Road, Exeter. 8102

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Little Waltham, Saturday, May 6th. Striking competition 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. General ringing after tea. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury, Chelmsford. 8049

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting and ringing competition, Mistley, Saturday, May 6th. Competition 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Bells (6) 6.30 to 9 p.m. Numbers for tea **must** be received by Wednesday, May 3rd, by Mr. A. Honeywood, 27, Harwich Road, Mistley. 8082

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting, Frensham (6), May 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to Mr. C. J. Beadle, Longlands, Frensham, Surrey. 8017

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—Meeting, Presteigne, Saturday, May 6th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names early please, to J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster. 8104

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—Saturday, May 6th, practice meeting at Madeley (8), 6 till 8.30 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich and Treble Bob.—H. Edge, Dis. Sec. 8112

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting, May 6th, at Weston and Graveley. Both towers open from 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 8050

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A by-meeting will be held at Biggin Hill (6), on May 6th, with ringing after the meeting at Brasted (6). Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Notify for tea by Tuesday, May 2nd, to W. H. Dobbie, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 8058

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly meeting at Scorton, on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Anderton, Springfield Farm, Scorton, Lancs.—P. Handley, Branch Sec. 8117

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Frampton, Saturday, May 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Church House, at 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, May 1st, to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 8113

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting at Harlington, on May 6th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Evening ringing at Cranford. Names for tea to L. Grice, 15, Burnham Gardens, Harlington.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, May 6th, Horton. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 3rd, to Mr. W. Heath, Horton Lodge Bungalow, Heath House Lane, Rudyard, Leek.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 8056

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

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Meeting, Benefield (6), May 6th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., for those who book by Tuesday previous only, to Mrs. P. E. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle.

ST. MARY CRAY PARISH CHURCH (6 bells).—Annual ringers' festival, Saturday, May 6th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided. All welcome. 8083

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Saturday, May 6th, meeting at Orston. Ringing at Staunton, 2.30-4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting, Orston, 4.45, followed by District cup contest, 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Foster, Chapel Street, Orston, Notts, by previous Wednesday, please.—B. N. Reed., 8074

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hollesley (8), on Saturday, May 6th. Ringing 2.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea **please,** to C. R. Lovett, Meadow View, Grundisburgh, not later than Thursday, May 4th.—C. R. Lovett, Hon. Sec. 8116

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West C. District.—Evening meeting at Cotton, on May 6th. Bells (8) 6 to 9 p.m.—H. Mitson, Dis. Sec. 8064

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Dane Hill (6), (**not** Ardingly as advertised), on Saturday, May 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., to those who notify by Wednesday, May 3rd, Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, T.N. 438. 8093

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, St. Olave's Parish Hall, Mark Lane, E.C.3, Saturday, May 6th. Ringing: St. James', Clerkenwell, 10.30-12 noon; St. George's, Borough, 3.15-4.15 p.m. Early afternoon ringing will be arranged. Service, St. Olave's, 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. 8080

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, May 6th. Hinton Admiral (5) 2.30 p.m. Christchurch Priory (12) 6 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Priory Restaurant, Christchurch. Names for tea by Thursday previous, to W. T. Godfrey, 'Pine Hurst,' Shorefield Way, Milford-on-Sea, Lymington, Hants. 8085

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Scarborough (8), May 6th. Bells 2.15-8 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Bert Sutton, 12, Highfield, Scarborough, by Thursday, May 4th.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 8121

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Mid-week practice meeting on Wednesday, May 10th, at Gressenhall. Bells (8) available 6 till 9.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please make an effort to attend.—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 8122

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (North Lindsey Branch).—Joint meeting, Hedon (8), May 13th, from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, in Alison Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea **definitely** not later than May 11th, to Mr. C. Hunter, 59 Westlands Drive, Hedon, Hull. 8106

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival St. Michael's, Macclesfield, Saturday, May 13th. Service 4 p.m. Preacher, the Ven. T. Clarke. Tea 5 p.m., in the Stanley Hall Annexe, Castle Street, followed by business meeting. Tickets for tea, 4s. each if purchased before May 8th, 4s. 6d. afterwards, obtainable from Mr. H. C. Lonyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield, and Branch secretaries. Towers available: St. Michael's (12) 2-4 p.m. and after the meeting, Christ Church (10), St. Peter's (8) and Sutton (6) 2-3 p.m.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 7965

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Crusader meeting, Stanford-le-Hope, May 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please to Mrs. C. Blatch, Brick House, Malting Lane, Orsett. 8053

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—Annual meeting, May 13th. Great Dunmow, ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Stebbing, ringing 5.30 to 6.45. Dinner, Saracen's Head, Dunmow, 7.15 p.m. Names by May 6th, to D. L. Gullick, Mount View, Stevenage. 8061

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Sarratt (5), May 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Chilton, Virginia Cottage, Sarratt, near Rickmansworth. 8109

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 13th, Old Alresford. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. Harbott, 20, The Street, Ashtead, Surrey. New Alresford (8) bells 6.30-8 p.m. 8103

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—May 13th, St. Lawrence's, Brentford, 2.30-4 p.m. Isleworth 2.30-4.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Church Hall 5.30. Further ringing, Isleworth, 7.30-9 p.m. Everyone welcome. Names for tea please.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth. ISL 3921. 8124

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The festival will be held at Calne, on Saturday, May 13th. A.G.M. in Town Hall, 2.15 p.m., welcome by the Mayor, Councillor L. M. Angell. Festival service, Parish Church, 4 p.m., conducted by Vicar, Rev. W. D. O'Hanlon. Meat tea, Town Hall, 5 p.m., by ticket only, 5s., to be obtained before Wednesday, May 10th, from F. S. Slatford, 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook, near Trowbridge. Bells available: Calne (8), Bremhill, Broad Hinton, Lyneham, Heddington (6), Compton Bassett, Yatesbury (5) 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. and 6 to 9; Wootton Bassett (8), Hilmarton (6) 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Others bells by arrangement.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham. Phone 2297 8087

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held, D.V., on Saturday, May 13th, at Thrapston. Committee meeting at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., the preacher being the Archdeacon of Oakham. Tickets for tea at 3s. each, c.w.o. from address below, before May 6th. Ringing from 11.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Addington, Woodford and Ringstead; 12 to 2.30 at Twywell and Wadenhoe; 12 to 3 at Aldwincle, Brigstock, Sudborough, Lowick, Raunds and Tichmarsh; 12 to 3.30 at Islip; 2.30 to 4 at Thrapston. All towers open after tea.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering, Northants. 8065

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Nottingham District) & LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District).—Joint meeting on Saturday, May 13th, Sutton Bonnington (5) bells 2.30 to 4 p.m. Kingston-on-Soar (6) bells 3.30 to 8 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington, by May 8th. 8115

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — A.G.M., Saturday, May 13th, at St. Peter's, Brighton. Ringing: Good Shepherd 3-4 p.m., St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' 2.30-4 and 7.30-8.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15 p.m., 3s. per head. Names for tea by May 10th, to R. Percy, 147, Oldfield Road, Willingdon, Eastbourne. 8088

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at York, on May 13th. Bells available: Minster (12) 1.15-2.25, 3.30-4 and 6.30-8.30 p.m.; Acomb (6) and Institute of Architectural Study (6) 3-4.15 p.m., and again after meeting. Tea, followed by meeting, 4.30 p.m., at York Railway Institute. Names by May 11th to Miss M. E. Wilkinson, 10, St. Oswald's Road, York. Subscriptions are now due, end reports will be available. Members and friends cordially invited to Diocesan family service, in the Minster, at 2.30 p.m. Address by the Lord Archbishop of York (Dr. A. M. Ramsey).—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford 9. 8119

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held at Chelmsford, on Whit Monday, May 22nd. Service in Cathedral at 11 a.m. Address by the Archdeacon of Southend. Annual meeting immediately after service. Light refreshments in Cathedral Hall from 10.15 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m., cost 5s.; tea, as a running buffet, from 5 to 6.15 p.m., cost 2s. 6d. Admission to lunch and tea by ticket only, to be obtained from general secretary by Tuesday, May 16th. Ringing: Cathedral from 9.30 to 10.45 a.m. Service touch at 10.45 a.m. Further ringing from 4 p.m. From 3 to 6 p.m., Widford (8), Great Baddow (8), Writtle (8), Sandon (6), Little Baddow (5). From 6-9 p.m., Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), High Easter (6), Springfield (6).—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex. 8129

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On March 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Medway (first quarter) 1, M. Blagrove 2, A. Bird (first on eight) 3, J. Drewett 4, K. Buckingham 5, B. Taylor (cond.) 6, F. Blagrove 7, J. Brooks 8. For Evensong.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch

The quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch, held at Powerstock on April 15th, had two points of special interest in that it was the first meeting to be held there since the arrival of the new Vicar. It was also the first quarterly meeting since the hanging and dedication of the new treble, which took place in the autumn of last year. Nine towers of the Branch were represented, with a visit in the afternoon by Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, from Crewkerne.

The Rev. G. S. Wilby, Vicar of Powerstock, conducted the Guild service and gave the address. The Powerstock ringers and their wives gave the tea to which 24 sat down.

The Rev. J. S. Arthur, Branch chairman, presided at the business meeting, which was 'brought round' in ten minutes! The next meeting was fixed for Askerswell on July 15th. This tower should also prove interesting, since it was about 1929 when ringing stopped in this tower, which was then a ring of five. The new treble and the whole was rededicated by the Bishop of Salisbury on December 3rd last.

Mention was made of Mr. A. F. Martin-Stewart, whose death had recently been announced. He was Master of the Guild from 1910 to 1913, and for years a frequent visitor to West Dorset meetings.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Members of the Elloe Deaneries Branch had a very successful meeting at Bicker on April 15th. The light, easy-going bells were made full use of both before and after service. The Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Wright, extended a warm welcome to all and preached a most inspiring address. Tea was served in the Village Hall by ringers' wives and members of the P.C.C., the 40 members thoroughly enjoying a good country spread.

In the absence of the Branch president, Mr. R. C. Noon was in the chair for a short business meeting. Twelve new members were elected. It was agreed to hold an evening meeting at Tydd St. Mary on June 3rd and the next quarterly meeting at Crowland on June 17th.

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