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GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS

LAST week we recorded two peals rung by the Guild of Clerical Ringers during their annual week from April 25th to April 29th, centred on Taunton, headquarters being within a few yards of the great tower of St. Mary Magdalene. The party of 23 resident members and two wives of members was the largest yet assembled. Three members joined for one day only, and Mrs. Powell accompanied the party for three of the days. As to ages, the oldest was ordained 52 years ago and another only last year.

Tuesday began with a corporate Communion at St. Mary's. A peal band set out for Kent T.B. Major and modestly ascribed the failure to inability to ring the method. Meanwhile the remainder began at West Monkton their acquaintance with bell towers and 'ton' tenors, which was a feature of the week. Next came Weston Zoyland, where the defeated peal band had already arrived, and Bridgwater, where a crowd of sighthseers were astonished at the spectacle of such clever and muscular clergy! Enmore, set among its trees and beside its castle, and Kingston, another tall and ornate tower, were visited.

Wednesday was occupied with an excursion into Devonshire, calling first at Bradford-on-Towe, a remarkable ring of six, with two mediæval 'Jesus' bells, and Rockwell Green. Ringing at Cullompton, an excellent ten, was followed by welcome hospitality from Mr. and Mrs. Sellwood. At Uffculme, the first touch of London for the Guild was rung, and Culmstock's noisy bells inside the tower required a shouter to amplify the conductor's orders. Here the Rev. W. M. K. Warren most liberally entertained his fellow-members to tea. At Hemycok, the last Devonshire tower to be visited, St. Clement's was among the methods rung on the heavy six.

On the Thursday, ringing at Norton Fitzwarren and a peal of Cambridge at Milverton started simultaneously, the non-pealers going on through tortuous lanes to Hill Farrance, a massive tower, and then to Halse, a fascinating church which contained treasures of every age. Even narrower lanes led on to Fitzhead where, in the intervals of ringing, Scouts brought the glad news that Milverton bells were still ringing. The peal, brought round in one minute under three hours, was the first of Cambridge by a band of clergy and the first Surprise peal by them since 1912.

After lunch the party moved to Wiveliscombe, where the Guild apparently made history by pulling up the tenor in peal single-handed. The narrowest of all lanes led to Ash Priors, where Roger Semson cast his glorious bells 400 years ago. After tea came ringing at Bishop's Lydeard, and in the evening a recording was made for the B.B.C. on the bells of St. James', Taunton. At the annual meeting the Rev. C. C. Cox and Preb. E. V. Cox were re-elected president and secretary respectively and Chester chosen as the centre for the next tour.

Drayton was the first tower on Friday, the party waiting for a peal band to start for Kent T.B. Major. One of the band who was missing came in with a story of a lamb with two heads and a turkey with four legs, which no one believed. He was shown an apt notice in the tower which read, 'Someone is bound to be last, but he need not be late.' The peal was the Rev. C. C. Cox's 50th as conductor, and the first for the Guild by a clergyman of the Church of Wales (the Rev. S. J. Richards). Lunch was taken at the Rectory of Shepton Beauchamp, and after Ilminster, with its glorious eight, the party hurried back to Taunton to hear themselves in the 'Week in the West' feature, but alas, the repairing of the Whitehall tunnel and the return to Devport of a frigate proved for the time being to have more news value than clerical ringers. A visit to Trull, the 31st and last tower of the week, was followed by farewell to Mr. W. G. Gigg, who had given invaluable help in arranging the tour. Here also the Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Trevelyan provided generous hospitality to clerical and local ringers. All who took part in this tour would wish to express their gratitude.

J. H. B. A.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., May 3, 1949, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF LINDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... Treble	JOHN PINFOLD ... 7
ALBERT WALKER ... 2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	JOHN S. MASON ... 9
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 4	HENRY H. FEARN ... 10
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 5	LEONARD TREVOR ... 11
ARTHUR D. COOK ... 6	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

The first peal in the method. Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

MRS. R. F. DEAL ... Treble	T. MARK WHITE ... 7
*MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS ... 2	KENNETH W. MAYER ... 8
MISS BETTY SPICE ... 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 9
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 4	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 10
GEORGE H. CROSS ... 5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 11
†FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 6	§THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE E. SYMONDS. Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

* First peal of Maximus. † First of Surprise Maximus. ‡ First peal on 12 bells. § First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

*EDWIN HOPKINSON ... Treble	FREDERICK A. ADAMS ... 6
†JOSEPH SAXTON ... 2	†GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 7
†SAM SCATTERGOOD ... 3	†CYRIL WRIGHT ... 8
†ARTHUR B. COOPER ... 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 9
†STANLEY SLANEY ... 5	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

* First peal on 10 bells. † First of Little Bob Royal.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 1, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*WILLIAM CLOVER ... Treble	ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... 6
GEORGE SAYER ... 2	HERBERT C. READ ... 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 8
†F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 4	HENRY TOOKE ... 9
N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY ... 5	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* 300th peal for the Association. † First peal of Treble Ten. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. N. J. A. Pumphrey, of Aylsham.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C sharp.

ROGER O. FRY ... Treble	*DAVID G. YEO ... 6
*HILDA M. PRESCOTT ... 2	†EDWARD J. CHIVERS ... 7
HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... 3	†C. HENRY VOWLES ... 8
LEONARD DERRICK ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 9
†NOEL J. DISERENS ... 5	†WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

* First on ten bells. † First of Caters in the method. The composition is now rung for the first time.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*WILFRED KERR ... Treble	THOMAS PRICE ... 6
HARRY F. HOLDING ... 2	†THOMAS W. LAMB ... 7
*JOHN E. BROUGH ... 3	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 8
*EDWARD J. BOFFEY ... 4	HOWARD HOWELL ... 9
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 5	GEORGE A. PACKER ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by GEORGE A. PACKER.

* First peal of Royal. † First of Bob Royal. First of Royal as conductor. Tenor 20 cwt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALICK CUTLER ... Treble	†E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 2	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 6
*C. EDWARD LANKESTER ... 3	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 7
†THOMAS E. DAVIES ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

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

HURST, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLIAM J. PARKER ... Treble	*MRS. JOAN A. RANCE ... 5
BERNARD C. CASTLE ... 2	†ALBERT FLEET ... 6
MISS MARY R. JAYCOCK ... 3	*HAROLD SMITH ... 7
*MRS. VIOLET N. CASTLE ... 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † 75th peal. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Harold Smith. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

HOUNSLOW, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ALICK CUTLER ... Treble	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 5
FREDERICK A. FINCH ... 2	*JOHN B. SANSON ... 6
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... 3	RICHARD E. PRICE ... 7
DEREK R. JUDD ... 4	WILLIAM H. COLES ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a welcome to Rev. H. R. Holloway, the new Vicar. Tenor 8½ cwt.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

GEORGE A. COOKE ... Treble	†EDWARD BARKER ... 5
STANLEY G. ELSEY ... 2	ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 6
GORDON DYE ... 3	VINCENT R. OVENS ... 7
*GEORGE ADAMS ... 4	BERT GOGLE ... Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by E. H. MASTIN.

* First peal of Bob Major. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Bert Gogle. Tenor 19½ cwt.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 1, 1949, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

SYDNEY FLINT ... Treble	DENIS BOOTH ... 5
MARGARET RIDYARD ... 2	JOHN MCKEE ... 6
GEORGE SKELLAND ... 3	WILLIAM H. DEACON ... 7
PHYLLIS BOOTH ... 4	THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by T. S. HORRIDGE.



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ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ALAN JACQUES Treble	SIDNEY O. CHENEY 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY 6
*JILL POOLE 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER 7
†REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 4	ALFRED BALLARD Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First of Major in the method. † First in the method. Tenor 11½ cwt.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 3, 1949, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5028 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

*WILLIAM H. BARRETT ... Treble	CHAS. W. H. GRIMWOOD ... 5
ALFRED H. PULLING 2	†FREDERICK A. MUNDAY ... 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 3	*T. MARK WHITE 7
*ERIC T. LEE 4	HAROLD A. MAY Tenor

Composed by YORKE GREEN.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' A birthday compliment to the Lord Bishop of Guildford.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 3, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.	
MRS. F. METHAM ... Treble	CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 5
*MISS JOYCE GIBBONS 2	†CHARLES E. BROWN 6
†MISS M. A. SWANN 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 7
MISS JEAN METHAM 4	HAROLD MARCON Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 6, 1949, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Morris' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt.	
ERNEST C. PEARSON ... Treble	JOHN S. WALTON 5
*CYRIL H. KINCH 2	EDGAR J. SMITH 6
WILLIAM J. CROSS 3	EDMUND E. PEARSON 7
HARRY J. HATFIELD 4	LESLIE G. WARD Tenor

Conducted by EDMUND E. PEARSON.

* First peal of Triples 'inside.' First as conductor. Rung for the Bicester Deaherv Branch as a tribute to the work of the resigning secretary, Mr. Frederick Sharpe.

WATLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb.

MISS D. R. FLETCHER ... Treble	ROLAND BIGGS 5
MISS D. COKER 2	WALTER AVERY 6
JESSE HARRISON 3	F. DONALD BOREHAM 7
ANTHONY E. COX 4	WALTER LEE Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by WALTER LEE.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD.

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHN N. LINDON ... Treble	ARTHUR D. COOK 5
JOHN S. MASON 2	HENRY H. FEARN 6
*TERRY R. HAMPTON 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 7
JOHN PINFOLD 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal of Yorkshire. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in G.	
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... Treble	JAMES DRAYCOTT 5
JOHN E. S. MORETON 2	*GEORGE GARDNER 6
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR 3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON ... 7
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH 4	LEONARD TREVOR Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'

LENTON, NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*L. BERRY Treble	T. WHEAT 5
G. E. PADGETT 2	R. NARBOROUGH 6
W. L. PADGETT 3	E. ELSON 7
†H. ROGERS 4	P. NIX Tenor

Composed by J. PARKER.

Conducted by R. NARBOROUGH.

* First peal on tower bells. † First in method. In honour of the installation of Lord Trent as the first Chancellor of Nottingham University, which is situated in Lenton Parish. Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

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

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDERICK RICHARDSON Treble	TREYOR A. CROSS 5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL 2	VICTOR A. JARRETT 6
*MISS GLADYS K. JARRETT ... 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... 7
CYRIL S. JARRETT 4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by BENJAMIN ANNABLE.

Conducted by V. A. JARRETT.

* First peal. Birthday peal for the ringers of 5 and 6. Congratulatory peal to Mr. R. E. Norris and Mrs. Norris on the gift of a son.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM J. LEACH ... Treble	*BARNABAS G. KEY 5
NOREEN BRAIN 2	SIDNEY H. JONES 6
HAROLD E. HARRISON 3	GORDON HARRISON 7
ALAN FOSTER 4	*GEORGE L. RODEN ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* 25th peal together. A birthday compliment to Mr. S. D. Ainger.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING ... Treble	CHARLES CATCHPOLE 5
CECIL A. THOMPSON 2	FREDERICK J. ROOPE 6
*FREDK. A. ELLIOT 3	ERNEST C. STAFF 7
CYRIL J. BARBER 4	CHARLES W. LOOME ... Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY WORRALL ... Treble	WILLIAM JONES 5
GEORGE CASE 2	LESLIE BARRY 6
IVOR WHITING 3	*CHARLES ROUSE 7
HARRY BARNETT 4	CHARLES LARNER Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES ROUSE.

* First peal of Triples.

WOBBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

HORACE H. SMITH ... Treble	C. HENRY HARDING 5
HAROLD P. BURTON 2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 6
EDMUND HOBBS 3	ALFRED E. RUSTON 7
RONALD C. SHARP 4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

In honour of 90th birthday of mother of H. P. Burton.

BRAUGHING, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

BRUCE MCKIE ... Treble	*STANLEY HUCKLE 5
*ERIC EDMONDSON 2	STANLEY A. CARTER 6
REGINALD DORE 3	†JOHN WELCH 7
*J. MARTIN PAGE 4	†SYDNEY F. CARTER ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON.

Conducted by SYDNEY F. CARTER.

* First peal Kent T.B. Major. † 50th peal together. Tenor 19 cwt.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*PETER BENNETT Treble	CHARLES HAYTINGS ... 4
†KATHLEEN PRESTON ... 2	JACK ROBERTS ... 5
†KENNETH SPIERS ... 3	†REGINALD HILL ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES HAYTINGS.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal on six bells. † First peal. Farewell peal to D. Spiers, who is leaving for Australia.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent T.B. and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

ROLAND T. FLINT ... Treble	RICHARD REECE ... 4
MISS BESSIE MOSS ... 2	FREDERICK FLINT ... 5
*GEORGE CHALLONS ... 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal. 70th birthday compliment to R. T. Flint.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents: (1) Double and Single Court; (2) Double Bob and Plain Bob; (3) Oxford Bob; (4) Double Oxford and Thelwall; (5) St. Clement's and Childwall; (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JOHN COOKE Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 4
†STANLEY G. ELSEY ... 2	ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 5
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

* First peal in 11 methods. † First peal in 11 methods 'inside.'

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 32 methods: (1) Munden, Chester, Newcastle, Alnwick, Morpeth and Canterbury; (2) Westminster, Allendale; (3) Northumberland, Carlisle and Sandiacre; (4) London Wells and Cuneastre; (5) Beverley, Surfleet, Hexham, Berwick, York and Durham; (6) Wearmouth, Lightfoot, Stamford, Rossendale, Nether-seale and Annable's London; (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne. Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS CUMMINS ... Treble	ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... 4
JOHN R. KEMP ... 2	EDWIN FISHER ... 5
ARTHUR YOUNG ... 3	JOHN R. YOUNG ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

First peal in 32 Surprise methods by all the band. 104 changes of methods. First peal in 32 Surprise methods for the Eastern Branch.

LODERS, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Stedman, 12 of Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire.

CUTHBERT W. POWELL ... Treble	J. LEONARD GLYDE ... 4
ROGER KEeley ... 2	JOSEPH T. BARRETT ... 5
*MICHAEL POOLE ... 3	†HARRY G. CRABB ... Tenor

Conducted by CUTHBERT W. POWELL.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. In honour of the birth of a son and heir to the Rev. O. L. and Mrs. Wilmott. Tenor 19 cwt.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 2, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 11 methods with 37 changes of method, viz.: Thelwall and Childwall Bob, Double Oxford and St. Clement's Bob, Plain and Single Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Bob, Fulbeck Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

*NORA HONEY Treble	R. GORDON CROSS ... 4
*KATHLEEN HIGGINS ... 2	*WALTER F. JUDGE ... 5
MARIE R. CROSS ... 3	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in 11 Minor methods. The conductor's 200th peal as such.

DINGLEY, NORTANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being nine 120's each of April Day and Plain Bob (four callings each), and four spliced 240's of Grandsire and Morris's, four of Pitman's, and four of Price's Arrangement. Tenor 7½ cwt.

CHARLES E. GILBY ... Treble	PERCY AMOS ... 3
ERNEST MORRIS ... 2	EDWARD G. BENNETT ... 4

ARTHUR MILLWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

NANCY HALL Treble	F. CHAS. GOODMAN ... 4
HARRY J. HALL ... 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 5
MRS. F. CHAS. GOODMAN ... 3	HENRY TOOKE ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

In memoriam Frederick William Middleton, donor of the treble bell and a ringer for 64 years.

GREAT WAKERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

MRS. C. G. WOODGATE ... Treble	WILLIAM PERRY ... 4
THOMAS E. LOXTON ... 2	GERALD FROST ... 5
JACK BELCHAM ... 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

To celebrate the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Woodgate.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb.

MRS. G. E. WATSON ... Treble	JOHN E. SKERRITT ... 4
*ARTHUR GIBBS ... 2	ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 5
GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... 3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

* First peal in seven methods.

BEKESBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN BAXTER Treble	†PETER NEWING ... 4
JABEZ WALTER ... 2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 5
*THOMAS F. YOUNG ... 3	SIDNEY WALTER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung for 16th birthday of Peter Newing.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob, 720 Kent T.B. and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

SYDNEY CARNALL ... Treble	†WALTER COATES ... 4
*ERNEST PRESTON ... 2	JOHN NEWBERT ... 5
MISS JOSEPHINE SALT ... 3	HAROLD DENMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal of Minor.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one 720 St. Clement's three 720's of Oxford Single Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, rung alternately. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*KENNETH GRAY Treble	LESTER L. GRAY ... 4
†HUGH ROBERTS ... 2	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 5
ALEX. J. WEBSTER ... 3	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by ERIC J. GILBERT.

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

KEMPSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 5, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WM. H. A. COMPTON ... Treble	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 4
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 2	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY ... 5
THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 3	CHARLES J. CAMM ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

The conductor's 200th peal for the Association.

PUCKINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 8, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 120 Stedman, 600 April Day, 1,920 Plain Bob, 2,400 Grandsire (21 callings in all). Tenor 12 cwt.

REGINALD WELCH ... Treble	FREDERICK WELCH ... 4
*REGINALD BEALE ... 2	JACK W. DREW ... 5
HARRY J. GAYLARD ... 3	THOMAS J. HILL ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.

* 40th peal. First peal in four methods by all the band. A birthday compliment to Mr. Donald L. Preston, Weston-super-Mare.

HANDBELL PEALS

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Wed., Apr. 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT 46, BATH PARADE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*RUTH M. K. HOW ... 1-2	BETTY SPICE ... 5-6
†DAVID GALLOP ... 3-4	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 7-8
*PETER W. B. SEMMENS... 9-10	

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by BETTY SPICE.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Royal on an 'inside' pair.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Comprising 1,248 Little Bob, 2,496 Plain Bob and 1,344 Double Bob, with 300 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4	ROY C. HURST ... 7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN. First peal in three spliced methods by all, and may be the first for the Guild 'in hand.'

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Fri., Apr. 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT 26, ST. MARGARET'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

KATHLEEN HIGGINS ... 1-2	JOHN E. SPICE ... 5-6
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 3-4	*RODNEY B. MEADOWS ... 7-8

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

* First peal on eight handbells.

BARDNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., May 1, 1949, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,

AT ELSEY VILLA, SILVER STREET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor size 16 in B.

OWEN A. NEEDHAM ... 1-2 | MAURICE J. THURMOTT ... 3-4

*KENNETH L. BROWN ... 5-6

Conducted by MAURICE J. THURMOTT.

* First peal on 'handbells.' Rung in honour of the jubilee of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

ALBERT H. WARD ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY... 3-4 | ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

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'The Ringing World' was founded in the year 1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.

LATE NEWS

Mr. Frederick J. Pittsow passed away at Saffron Walden on Sunday. He had been treasurer of the Saffron Walden Society for 25 years and was secretary of the Essex Association, 1921-34. The funeral was yesterday at Saffron Walden Parish Church.

The peal of Lindsey Surprise Maximus was rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on Mr. Albert Walker's 73rd birthday. It was originally attempted on April 19th, but was lost due to the breaking of the clapper of the 9th at the end of the fourth course. The method was produced by Nolan Golden.

Mr. George A. Cooke has completed 'the circle' of Fakenham, Norfolk, tower.

The Sunday service band of St. Mary's, Frampton, have rung a peal of Spliced Surprise Minor in 32 methods. Has this been equalled?

Mr. Ernest Morris believes that the peal at Dingley, Northants, was the second on these bells, which were rehung in 1890. It was his 1,109th peal.

Rainham, Kent, bells will be silent for a few weeks, as the clappers have been removed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. for much needed attention.

Mr. Herbert C. Spencer's 200th peal was rung at Wendron, Cornwall, a tower which has expressed its indebtedness to him for his valued instruction.

The conductor of the peal of London Surprise Major at Hushorne Crawley, Beds, writes that he has since discovered that the composer of the peal was Mr. Frederick Dench and not Mr. F. Dexter.

Thirty-seven towers in Devon and Cornwall are included in the tour Sussex ringers are arranging from July 3rd to July 10th. Ringing Masters on different days are Messrs. O. Sippetts, G. Cecil, R. Overy, L. Stilwell, E. Stich, A. E. Laker, F. Hairs and E. Rapley.

Mr. E. Barnett writes in regard to ringing in the Isle of Man that the other rung after Mr. Hattersley's peal mentioned in Mr. C. E. Borrett's letter was one of Stedman Triples, which either John Carter or Frank Dawe called in the early 1890's.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths have produced 'their talent of the country' for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, rung at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, thus following in the wake of the Ancient Society. They do not in any sense wish to belittle the fine effort of the College Youths at Exeter.

Mr. Cecil J. Matthews rang his 50th twelve-bell peal at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on May 7th. Mr. Albert Reife has 'circled' Frant (Sussex) tower.

The bells of St. Mary's Church, Axminster, Devon, are being rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston at a cost of £285. The work commenced on May 6th and it is hoped to have the bells ready by June.

Last Saturday was the 25th anniversary of the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major. This landmark was recalled by the ringing of the late Mr. J. W. Parker's spliced peal of Cambridge and Superlative in one minute longer than the original peal. The conductor was Mr. Denis A. Bayles.

East Ilsley ringers had a very enjoyable outing on Easter Monday around Worcester. Ringing took place at Hinton-on-the-Green, Great Hampton, St. John's, Worcester, Malvern Links, Malvern Priory and Upton-on-Severn. The day was memorable for Mr. Bob Warwick, who has been ringing at Ilsley for 60 years. Everywhere the company stopped he found a relative.

The resolution submitted to the Lancashire Association that all members of the committee with the exception of the general and branch secretaries should retire at the end of two years was carried by a majority of two to one and not referred back for redrafting, writes a correspondent. He also points out that it did not receive a poor reception. The matter was discussed at length at the meeting of the Liverpool Branch at Rainhill.

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The Central Council Agenda

The second session of the twentieth Council (52nd annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, June 7th, 1949, in St. William's College, College Street, York, at 11 o'clock.

The morning session will be adjourned at 1 o'clock, and the afternoon session will commence at 2.15 or as may be decided.

AGENDA.

Report of the Hon. Secretary as to representation of societies and as to subscriptions.

Apologies for absence.

Presentation of new members to the President (Rule 11).

1. Election of Honorary Members. The following retire and are eligible for re-election: Mr. C. H. Kippin and Mr. W. Rowe.

2. Loss of members through death.

3. Minutes of the last meeting.

4. Report of the Honorary Librarian.

5. Statement of the general accounts.

6. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine. Trustees, Messrs. A. A. Hughes and A. Walker.

7. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following committees:

To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.

- (a) Standing Committee,

- (1) Report of sub-committee appointed to consider the rules of the Council.

- (2) Report of sub-committee appointed to consider the decisions of the Council.

- (b) Peal Collection.

- (c) Methods.

- (d) Peal Analysis.

- (e) Records.

- (f) Towers and Belfries.

- (g) Literature, Press and Broadcasting.

- (h) Peal Boards.

- (i) Biographies.

- (k) 'Ringing World.'

MOTIONS.

8. That in the opinion of this Council too much of the available space in 'The Ringing World' is devoted to peal recording.

Proposed by Mr. G. L. Grover.

Seconded by Mr. A. C. Hazelden.

9. That we of the Essex Association deprecate the editorial policy of 'The Ringing World,' sponsored, apparently, by the Editorial Committee of the Central Council, particularly in the matter of items included and omitted.

Proposed by Mr. F. V. Gant.

Seconded by Mr. F. B. Lufkin.

10. That this Council undertakes to review the principles of method structure with the purpose of adopting criteria for the recognition of the extended form of a basic method.

Proposed by Miss M. R. Cross.

Seconded by Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher.

11. To fix the place of the next meeting.

12. Other business (if any).

GEORGE W. FLETCHER, Hon. Sec.

The White House, Caister-on-Sea,
Great Yarmouth.

EASTER DAY QUARTER PEALS

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—1.264 Plain Bob Major: W. R. White (first in method) 1. J. P. Blond (first quarter) 2. A. H. Webb 3. J. Gordon 4. F. R. Robey 5. G. W. Bishop (first 'inside' in method) 6. R. B. Blond 7. B. L. J. Brown (first in method as cond.) 8. **TOTTENHOE, BEDS.**—1.260 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 360 St. Clement's, 180 Plain Bob): Alan Broyd (first quarter) 1. Joan Newman 2. R. J. Scott 3. F. Cook 4. W. Twidell 5. J. G. Newman (cond.) 6.

OBITUARY

MR. E. B. HARTLEY.

By the tragic death of Eric Hartley, of 43, Grendon Gardens, Wembley Park, at the early age of 35 years the Exercise has lost a ringer of outstanding merit. Those of us who knew him best found beneath his reserve qualities of a sterling character, and in him I have had a close and staunch friend for many years. As a ringer he had reached a high standard, both in methods and striking, and in 1947 rang his 100th peal. He had rung in over 800 different towers and with the writer he was one of the foundation members of the N.U.T.S., who had many happy cycle tours before the war.

Whilst on his way to Aldenham for a peal last November he sustained a compound fracture of the leg when his motor-cycle collided with a stationary car in the fog. Since then he had been confined to bed and was apparently progressing well, but last Sunday morning he died suddenly without any warning.

At the inquest, held on Thursday last, it was learnt that his death was due to a clot of blood formed as result of the accident. His interest in ringing never waned, and during his illness he was engaged in compiling a complete list of the rings of bells in the British Isles.

The first part of his funeral service was conducted by the writer at St. Augustine's Church, Wembley Park, where he was a server and church worker, and the interment took place on Saturday at Southport in the family grave.

To his father and fiancée we extend our deep sympathy and thoughts. Although he is parted from our sight, his influence will live on in many towers and in the lives of those who knew him. May he rest in peace. K. C. D.

MR. W. H. YOUNG.

Readers will regret to hear of the passing on April 23rd, after a long illness patiently borne, of Mr. William Henry (Harry) Young, of Thrupton, Allensmore, Hereford, aged 81 years. His connection with ringing extended over 65 years. Never spectacular, he worked in a quiet way and kept no records of peals rung.

He was with the Worcestershire Association during the first part of his ringing years and joined the Hereford Diocesan Guild in the days when change ringing in the county was considered quite a feat. For many years he acted as instructor to the Hereford Guild, attending belfries (in those days travelling by bicycle) teaching the art of change ringing. His main work, however, was regular ringing for Sunday services, teaching and encouraging young ringers. For several years a ringer at Hereford Cathedral, he held office as conductor and foreman at Allensmore Church for 40 years. The last time he rang was in two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles at Kingstone Church on the occasion of the birth of Prince Charles.

The funeral took place at Thrupton Church on April 26th. During the evening the bells were rung half-muffled by the local band at Kingstone Church. The band also rang a half-muffled quarter-peal on the Sunday.

STOKE-UNDER-HAM, SOMERSET

Work has already begun on the restoration of the bells in this ancient tower, which contains a ring of five with a tenor of approximately 18 cwt. They have been unringable for some months owing to the state of the old oak frame, which is riddled with death-watch beetle. Now they are to be rehung in an entirely new iron frame, with new fittings throughout, including ball bearings, and the old treble, which is very sharp, will be retuned, as also will the other four to a lesser extent.

A new treble to form a ring of six is being given by his widow in memory of the Rev. Everard S. Powell, who is buried in this church-vault. The work is entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor, of Loughborough, and the dedication fixed for October 1st.

Guildford Diocesan Guild

DISCUSSION ON 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

The amount of space devoted to peals in 'The Ringing World' was heatedly discussed at the annual meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held at Guildford on May 7th.

Mr. George L. Grover, the secretary, reported that the executive committee were of the opinion that too much space was devoted to the recording of peals, and, anticipating the support of the Guild, had forwarded the following motion to the Central Council: 'That in the opinion of this Guild too much of the available space in "The Ringing World" is devoted to peal ringing.'

Since the beginning of the year, said Mr. Grover, there had been 220 pages of 'The Ringing World.' Of these 74 had been for the recording of peals, 12 for quarter-peals, 43 for news, letters and articles of general interest, 10 pages for technical articles, 81 for advertisements, notices and the leader. That meant that one-third of the paper was devoted to the interests of about a tenth of the Exercise.

Mr. H. V. Young said that at least annual meetings and other meetings concerning business of importance should be reported in 'The Ringing World,' so that people who had not attended could read what had been said. He considered that more rested on the ordinary matters of the Exercise throughout the country than on peals. He did not want to do away with some record of peals in the paper, but he thought the peal ringers were having more than their fair share.

The amount of space given to peals in 'The Ringing World,' said Mr. A. C. Hazelden, was giving a false picture of the Exercise as a whole, because the bulk of the ringers were those whose names never appeared in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. F. E. Hawthorne reminded the meeting that they became bellringers for the purpose of ringing for Sunday services, and that every association in its rules and regulations had the clause that the prime duty of the association was to foster bellringing for Sunday services. He suggested that peals in 'The Ringing World' were not omitted, but that they were printed smaller and in three columns.

The Chairman, the Rev. K. C. Davis, of Hawley, also stressed this side of ringing, that it was primarily for the glory of God, and that ringers were church workers. Mr. J. Euston said that in his experience it was the peal ringers who were at church on Sundays.

Mr. Hawthorne proposed that the Guild's representatives on the Central Council be asked to do the best they could to see whether a change could be made with regard to the printing of peals in 'The Ringing World,' and the meeting expressed agreement.

GODALMING'S BELLS.

The annual report of the executive committee drew attention to bells in the Guild's area in need of restoration and repair. At Godalming it was suggested that it was high time a ring worthy of the borough was installed. Seven only out of the eight were ringable, and these had not good musical qualities. The light six at Putterham when in action 'make a row suggestive of the tower roof bouncing up and down,' and those at Ockley, Ranmore, Cron-dall, East Molesey and Frensham were in need of attention.

During the year 47 peals were rung by the Guild, 40 of them on tower bells. Twenty members scored their first peal. The accounts, presented by Mr. L. C. W. Hunter in the absence of the treasurer, Mr. J. Corbett, showed a balance of £73 18s., compared with £59 2s. 11d. the previous year.

A report on the Guild library was given by Mr. A. C. Hazelden, and the Library Committee were re-elected. The Guild officers were also re-elected.

Prior to the meeting a service was held at Holy Trinity Cathedral Church, at which the Provost of Guildford, the Rev. R. S. B. Sinclair, preached.

GEORGE WILLIAMS COMMEMORATION DINNER

Decision of Bournemouth Ringers' Rally

A decision that the Bournemouth ringers' rally shall in future be known as 'The George Williams Commemoration Dinner' was agreed to at the third annual dinner, held at Christchurch on May 7th. The gathering, which took place on the late George Williams' birthday, was highly successful.

The Rev. R. P. Price, Vicar of Christchurch, presided and the guests of honour included the Mayors and Mayoresses of Bournemouth and Christchurch and the Bishop-designate of Peterborough (Canon Spencer Leeson, Vicar of Southampton and the Rural Dean of Bournemouth).

The Chairman read apologies from the Bishop of Winchester, who was in the Channel Islands, the Bishop of Southampton, Mr. Phillips, Mr. J. York-Bramble and a telegram from Miss Mary Davies wishing the rally every success.

He spoke of the debt of the clergy to bell-ringers and regarded them as partners. 'We clergy raise our rather ineffectual voices in the Church, but the bells carry the music of the gospel far and wide.'

In his welcome, the chairman had a special word for Mr. Albert Walker, Master of the St. Martin's Guild, and they had guests with them from Oxford, Stourbridge, Dunstable, Birmingham, Shepton Mallet, Alford (Lincs), Guildford and Sutton Valence.

The toast of 'The Church and State' was proposed by Mr. W. B. Cartwright (Birmingham). He said if the individual's relationship with the Church was all right, then his relationship with the State would be good. He deplored that ringers went to church on a Sunday, but did not stop to the services they rang for. If ringers did the right thing they would stay to the service. Ringers owed everything to the Church—they used the Church's instruments. If the bells belonged to the State could they imagine permission being given to ring a peal? Ringers should look more closely into these things and endeavour to improve their relationship.

Canon Spencer Leeson, who replied, said: 'I am certain that the devil was asleep when church bells were made. We scored a point on him, and we did the same when Christmas carols were invented.'

'Occasionally you hear it said that the Church is down and out. All of us know it is not the case. We know this country is waiting for the message that only the Church can give, and it is our task, if we have the care of bells, to proclaim that Gospel by word and example and leave the rest to the Almighty Father we are all proud to serve.'

The toast of 'The Borough of Christchurch' was an occasion for domestic politics in view of the prospect of Christchurch's incorporation with Bournemouth. The Mayor and Rural Dean of Bournemouth proposed the toast and the Mayor of Christchurch replied.

QUALITIES OF CITIZENSHIP.

'The Bells and Bellringers' was submitted by Mr. H. C. Galton (churchwarden of Christchurch) and replied to by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Vicar of St. Michael's, Southampton. As a ringing parson, he would like to say on behalf of the ringers in general and of his own Guild (the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild) that the relationship between ringers and clergy was a very good one indeed, and also to his knowledge the great majority of churches had loyal ringers, not only in the ringing of the bells, but as churchmen and churchwomen.

Ringing was something that needed a sense of rhythm and those qualities desired in a good citizen. He was sure the way in which ringers had to concentrate and work together as a team was of benefit in their relationship with the Church and the State.

The Chairman announced that last year they

had with them their old friend Mr. George Williams, who had since passed to his rest. It was proposed that the ringers' rally and dinner should be known as the George Williams Commemoration Dinner, and he asked Mr. George Pullinger to make the proposition.

Mr. George Pullinger described Mr. George Williams as a friend of all ringers, and said he was probably more closely associated with him in recent years than any other ringer. He first met Mr. Williams at Wickham in 1908, but there were others present who had known him longer—Mr. Preston, Mr. Martin Stewart and Mr. Albert Walker.

Mr. George Williams was ringing before the Winchester Diocesan Guild was formed. He had told him many stories of those early days of how he cycled on a 'penny farthing' from Droxford to Southampton to ring the bells of Holy Rood half-muffled when Livingstone's body was brought ashore on its journey to its last resting place in Westminster Abbey.

'THE OLD REV.'

Mr. Williams could tell many stories of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, the ringer who first rang 1,000 people. Mr. Williams always referred to him as the 'Old Rev.' They were ringing a peal at Romsey Abbey and the tenor did not go too well, and the 'Old Rev.' who was ringing the tenor, let Mr. Williams, who was on the seventh, know that he could not go on, so they decided to change over at back stroke. They both stepped off their boxes together and missed the back strokes and another peal was lost!

Coming to that dinner last year, Mr. Williams met the Bishop of Salisbury, and, to the great amusement of the people in the carriage, started talking of old times. The story was told of a Bishop of Exeter (Lord Cecil), who was a very forgetful man. He was travelling in Hampshire with a young curate, and the curate in conversation said, 'I lived in your diocese at one time, my lord,' and added, 'It was in the parish of Beer and, strange to relate, my name is also Beer.' They chatted on and as the curate left the train the Bishop said, 'Good afternoon, Mr. Guinness!'

Mr. Williams was a great ringer. He not only rang a great many peals, but rang them at a time when peals were worth getting; as he said at one of these dinners, he had to scour the diocese to get a band of ringers. His long list was, therefore, all the more creditable. He did his full share of teaching and instruction and most of the ringers in the diocese owed what they knew to him. In addition, he was a great Sunday service ringer; he never neglected Sunday service ringing.

He understood the local committee had decided to call the function in future the 'George Williams Commemoration Dinner' on the same lines as the Henry Johnson dinner at Birmingham. In the words of Mr. Davies, in some ways Mr. Williams did more for ringing than Henry Johnson. In addition, he was known to a far greater circle of ringers than Henry Johnson. Mr. Pullinger then submitted the proposition, which was accepted by those present saying 'Aye.'

MEMORIAL SUGGESTED.

The concluding toast, 'The Ringing World,' was given by Mr. Albert Walker. Commenting on the proposition to commemorate George Williams with the dinner in future, he described it as an excellent idea. He had known George Williams for about 40 years. 'I used to call him "Dad" and he called me "Pop." We rang many peals together and you are doing well to commemorate the name of George Williams in your annual function.' George Williams was one of the early pioneers and, of course, his greatest work was in Hampshire. 'I do not know if it is wise to make a comparison between Henry Johnson and George Williams. I hope as the ringers of England put up a headstone in Aston Churchyard to Henry Johnson that this Guild will do some-

thing to mark the resting place of George Williams.'

He congratulated the committee and Mr. Arthur Davis on the excellent arrangements made for the visitors and on the splendid coach outing.

In a reference to 'The Ringing World,' he said he was in favour of a 4d. paper of 16 pages.

The Editor replied and mentioned that in 13 weeks' time the 2,000th issue would be published.

The entertainment programme was of a high standard. There were songs by Mr. Alan Gray, some Spiced Major on handbells by Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, R. Hurst, W. G. Young and D. T. Matkin, and tune ringing on handbells by the St. John's (Surrey Road) band (a very fine effort).

Mr. Arthur V. Davis writes, as hon. secretary of the organising committee, expressing thanks to the Vicar of Christchurch for his sustained interest and magnificent leadership as chairman; to Mr. W. E. Cheater, District Ringing Master, who so ably conducted the coach tour, and to Mr. F. Hart (Wimborne Minister) and Mr. George Preston (Christchurch Priory). He also expresses thanks to Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart for the beautiful flowers which adorned the tables, and to those who contributed to the programme. Next year's 'George Williams Commemoration Dinner' will be at Bournemouth on May 6th.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

JUBILEE MEETING.

The jubilee meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Lincoln on April 30th, when a large gathering of members and friends from far and near enjoyed the full day's ringing on the bells of the Cathedral and other city churches. The Bishop of Lincoln gave an inspiring address to the large congregation at the Cathedral evensong.

Over 100 were present at the luncheon and more than 200 at tea, including the Bishop of Lincoln, the Bishop of Grimsby and the Sub-Dean of Lincoln.

Before leaving for another engagement the Bishop of Lincoln thanked the members for making him their patron. He said that he enjoyed the friendship of many ringers, but had not himself been bitten by the ringing bug.

At the business meeting the Sub-Dean took the chair. All the officers were re-elected, with Mr. G. E. Feirn to the new office of hon. peal secretary.

It was unanimously decided to invite the Central Council to visit Lincoln in the near future.

The meeting ended with Mr. W. Ayre, Hertford County Association, wishing the Lincoln Diocesan Guild continued success. This was seconded by Mr. A. W. Coles, Middlesex County Association.

OUTING

Ringers of Christ Church, Macclesfield, held their annual outing on Easter Monday. The first stop was at Chester, where the party of 36 boarded a river steamer and sailed up to Eccleston Church. There they were met by Mr. S. Jones, sen., and the towerkeeper, Mr. F. Jones. This very fine ring was soon going to Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Plain Bob. Unfortunately, the time here was all too short. The return journey to Chester was by steamer, where a first-class lunch was soon brought home!

The next call was at Bromborough, where the heavy eight were put to good use. Methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major were rung. New Brighton was the next on the list, where a pleasant two hours was spent before once again taking to the road to Prenton Park with late dinner as the attraction. From here we made our last call at St. Saviour's, Oxtown, where we arrived behind schedule—the first slip of the day. Stedman, Plain Bob and Treble Bob were rung on this very good eight before the journey home was undertaken via the Mersey Tunnel.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TWO DEBATABLE POINTS

Dear Sir,—The question of 4ths and 6ths place Bobs seems to be exercising the minds of some of our leading ringers. One fails to understand why, when as one correspondent states—6ths place is all right—no objection—4ths place is the recognised one. Both are right, but together they are wrong! That's the first time I ever knew two rights to be wrong.

If the Council decide to debar such peals, then they must also debar Spliced London, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol, where if in the latter method 4ths place Bobs are used, for in such peals you have Bobs altering the work of three bells, also others altering the work of five bells. If it is all right for one type of peal, then it must be right for the other.

So much for that—now another matter. 'Libra' in last week's issue suggests that our '5 bell friends' should amend method names. Why?

In the Council's own publication of Minor methods, which they named themselves, scores of the methods are identical. Places may be made in lieu of a dodge or vice versa to make a different method and given a different name. Also whole leads of many methods are identical and at the lead head or end a different place is made and it becomes a new method with a new name.

In Major, particularly the 'Surprise' class, we have identical methods with, in one say, 7th place made, in another 2nd, in another maybe both, yet they are given different names. Similarly lots of these 'Surprises' are one method above the treble and another below, but we do not say it is 'Spliced So-and-so'; it becomes another method and given a different name.

Therefore, our five bell friends should have the same facility, remembering always that before ever there were eight or eight bells in 90 per cent. of towers there were five bells. It is definitely harder *physically* to ring a peal on five bells even if not mentally. They are limited in numbers, why limit them in methods? Each variation should be given a different name as in the case of higher numbers.

ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

AUSTRALIAN GIFT PARCELS

Dear Sir,—I recently received a further gift parcel from the New South Wales Change Ringers' Association, and I appreciate very much the kind thought of Mr. Will Rowe, the Editor of the 'Ringing Towers,' and those who supported him in his efforts to send parcels to England.

It shows a remarkable enthusiasm not only for the church bells, but friendship of those who ring the bells. The Association has only been established about three years and it has built up a record to be proud of. The monthly journal has become a popular link with its activities. To encourage the best striking an annual ringing competition is held, followed by a dinner and social and presentation of the shield. Tours by motor launch and even a tour by aeroplane, which must be unique, is recorded. I shall not be surprised if some time a ringing party from Australia touches down in England to carry out a ringing enterprise.

Dover.

CHARLES TURNER.

'TRUMPET BLOWING'

Dear Sir,—Ringers in the Ely Diocese are well acquainted with Mr. Warrington's skill as an exponent of the art of 'Trumpet Blowing,' of which his letter in this week's 'Ringing World' is a fine example.

It seems a great pity that valuable printing space in our weekly paper should be used for this purpose. Finally, may I remind Mr. Warrington of the old saying, 'Self praise is no recommendation.'—Yours sincerely,

Cambridge.

H. L. MARTIN.

AUSTRALIAN RINGERS & IMITATION BELLS

Dear Sir,—We, ringers of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, read with great interest your leading article, 'Imitation, but . . . ' in your issue of December 31st, 1948. We also deplore the use of any imitation gadoes and I can assure you that we shall discourage their use whenever possible. I did not hear the imitation myself, but from what I gathered from people who did hear it, they were not favourably impressed, and it is not likely to be very popular. Even Professor Bernard Heinzi told me himself that he preferred the charm of the Cathedral bells.

I would also mention the fact that the Lord Mayor of Melbourne instructed that the Cathedral bells should be given priority in ringing to proclaim the royal birth. As far as I know, electronic carillons have not been installed in any churches in Victoria, although I believe a few use amplified recordings of English bells.

Through your grand old journal I would like to send greetings to all our friends in the homeland, and to assure you and everyone that we in Melbourne are striving to uphold the traditions of our fine old art. — Yours faithfully,

J. W. SPENCER, Captain,
St. Paul's, Melbourne.

A RINGER'S BLAZER

Dear Sir,—Now that clothes rationing at home has been dispensed with, I should like a proposal to be submitted to the Central Council that a campanologist's blazer be designed. We already have a very appropriate badge, but it may be thought fit to alter this to accommodate the occasion.

A blazer, of course, could be worn by ladies as well as men, perhaps with a minor change of design. No doubt this will arouse a considerable divergence of opinion, but, by the time the C.C. meet in 1950, someone may be sufficiently interested to put this matter before them for me for discussion and decision.

I think it may have advertising advantages and might attract many more recruits. It will mean a lot of thought as to what stage a beginner should be allowed to wear one and so on. If it is decided in favour of the suggestion it may be thought fit to protect the same by registration with 'Arms and Heraldry.'—Yours faithfully,

FRANCIS THOS. WAITE.

Durban, S.A.

PEAL REPORTS

Dear Sir,—I should like to try and correct certain wrong impressions which Mr. Robbins seems to have had from my last letter, and would ask him to read my first letter on the subject ('Ringing World,' February 18th). In this I suggested that:—

(1) All (note, all) peal reports sent to you on the Monday of each week should be printed in the following Friday's issue; not weeks, or even months, late as at present.

(2) That all footnotes should be printed *in full*. (I am even now engaged in a private argument with a well-known ringer on this subject!)

To make this possible, I advocated the use of much smaller type and a condensed style of reporting; but I did not suggest the omission of any reports, nor of any relevant matter from such reports.

My last letter, on which Mr. Robbins comments, was a reply to further letters ('Ringing World,' March 4th), and I would request Mr. Robbins to read these also.

I, too, like to see when a ringer with whom I have seen struggling with Grandsire Doubles has rung his first peal of Bob Major 'inside': but, as things are at present, he may well be ringing London Surprise before ever his peal of Bob Major is published! C. W. WOOLLEY.

Bushey.

Cambridge Maximus at Exeter

Dear Sir,—Please allow me to add my tribute to the band that rang the peal of Cambridge Maximus at Exeter on April 30th.

With others of my Plymouth St. Andrew's ringers I journeyed up especially to hear as much of the peal as possible, and reached Exeter at 5.30 p.m. to hear this 'grandest of all grand rings' swinging majestically to Maximus. 'Grandison' was doing treble work in front and we listened with admiration as he dodged and lay with the 'chipping treble.' I turned a critical ear to the 11th, and heard at once that an expert had been entrusted with the task of piloting this bell through. Having rung that same bell to 5,003 Grandsire Caters on January 14th, 1905, the first peal on the bells by a band of resident members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, I can modestly claim to know the qualifications required.

Then each bell in turn received my attention and was given full marks for the manner in which it was being 'put in its place,' thus ensuring that regular and rhythmical striking which is the delight of all good ringers. So it went on, hour after hour, each bell doing the bidding of its master. Peals at Exeter are few and far between, for the obvious reason that good heavy-bell ringers are equally scarce.

It was a treat to hear these bells 'turned in,' and those of us who were fortunate to be able to listen offer our hearty congratulations to this band—'the talent of the country'—on their magnificent achievement.—I am, Yours truly,

G. H. MYERS.

Plymouth.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

41st ANNUAL MEETING.

The 41st annual meeting of the Guild was held at Stratford-on-Avon on April 30th. There was a record attendance of 110 members and friends. The recast and augmented ring of ten bells was in great demand. The Guild's form of service was incorporated in evensong, which was conducted by the Vicar (Canon Prentice), who gave a short address.

The business meeting followed the service and was presided over by the Guild's president, the Rev. R. T. Murray.

The balance sheet showed a balance of £5 5s. 3d., the low state of the finances being due to the high cost of printing the reports. The Bell Repair Fund stood at £14 8s. 8d., the donation of £5 to Bulkington balancing the income for the year.

The general hon. secretary's report showed that 61 peals had been rung during 1948, three of them being firsts for the Guild—Double Norwich Caters, Yorkshire Surprise Royal and Bob Maximus. Eleven rang their first peal and 94 their first in the method. Eight junior members (ages from 12-18) rang peals ranging in number from one to sixteen. The deaths of W. Tayler and W. Malins, both of Rugby, were noted with regret.

The reports of the district secretaries showed progress in all areas.

The officers were re-elected en bloc with the exception of the Coventry district secretary. Mr. T. W. Sheppard did not seek re-election, so Mr. F. E. Pervin offered his services in that capacity.

The next meeting in July was fixed for Southam. The president will then be Rector of Southam, having left Chilvers Coton a month previous.

New members elected totalled 21, being made up of 13 hon. members and eight resident members. Six ratifications of non-resident members were also made.

A proposition was made by the Master to charge the junior members 1s. per year instead of them being admitted free. This was discussed and finally it was decided to charge 1s. up to age 15, 2s. from 15-18, and after that age the 2s. 6d. adult fee would be charged.

QUARTER PEALS

ASHTON - UNDER -
LYNE, LANCs.—On April 18th at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Taylor 1, W. Harrison 2, R. H. Wimpenny 3, J. T. Walmley 4, D. Ogden (cond.) 5, R. Edwards 6. A 70th birthday compliment to H. Wolstencroft.

BARNET, HERTS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dennis Bowen 1, S. Casley 2, E. Marshall 3, J. Lewis 4, W. Vince 5, B. McKie 6, C. Ward (cond.) 7, G. Herbert 8. First quarter 1 and 4. A wedding compliment to F. Smerdon, a local ringer.

CHILTENHAM, GLOS.—On Easter Day, at St. Mary's Church, 1,320 Grandsire Cinques: E. Evans 1, J. Southerst 2, K. Higgins 3, C. M. Trist 4, H. Miles 5, G. Waters 6, P. T. Robbins 7, M. E. H. Barrow 8, D. Gallop 9, T. Newbury 10, P. W. B. Semmens (cond.) 11, W. Newman 12. First of Cinques for 4, 7, 8, 9 and 11.

CLUTTON, SOMERSET.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Holbrook 1, H. Griffin 2, C. Bennet 3, J. Light (first 'inside') 4, D. Hoare (cond.) 5, T. Connock 6.

DONINGTON, Lincs.—On April 18th, 1,260 Minor (360 Kent, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob): J. E. Allen 1, E. Staples 2, G. Pearson 3, S. V. Woods 4, C. Wander (cond.) 5, H. R. Woods 6. In memoriam Rev. H. P. Cole, Vicar.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. H. Hawker 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, R. H. Duke (first 'inside') 3, Hy. Steed 4, Hy. Pink 5, J. W. Smith 6, P. H. Toccock (cond.) 7, H. W. Gale 8. First quarter 1 and 8.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.—On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Melhams 1, J. F. Smallwood 2, P. Bettridge 3, W. T. Godfrey 4, M. V. Chilcott (cond.) 5, J. B. Sansom 6, J. E. Chilcott 7, J. Hammett (first quarter) 8.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. Blake 1, F. Whilby 2, L. Cordell 3, B. Burton 4, V. Tipton 5, S. Clark 6, W. Aley 7, W. Wheeler (cond.) 8. First in method 1 and 4.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On April 24th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, P. D. Beedie (first in method) 3, H. G. Hart 4, J. R. Mayne 5, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 6.

HIGHGATE, LONDON.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rachael Yeld (first quarter) 1, G. F. Carter 2, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 3, J. S. Hawkins 4, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 5, D. Harman 6, T. Bevan 7, J. T. O'Dell 8. In memoriam Prebendary G. Wallace Johnston.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On April 24th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Nicholls 1, J. W. C. Blythe 2, L. W. Fisher 3, S. Gilbert 4, D. Sanderson 5, F. Warrington (cond.) 6. First quarter of Surprise 3 and 5.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On April 24th, 1,350 Erin Caters: Miss R. J. Pett 1, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 2, N. G. Hollingworth 3, Miss E. Farrell 4, S. Croft 5, E. Dodds 6, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, F. D. Bishop 8, D. J. Charnley 9, F. Hongood 10. First in the method by all and on the bells.

LLANSTEPHAN, CARMS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Mayhook 1, Wilfred L. Williams 2, T. Owen 3, D. Haydn Davies 4, D. J. Curtis (cond.) 5, L. T. Curtis 6.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On April 23rd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: C. W. Powell 1, R. Keeley 2, G. S. Morris 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, G. H. Whitmore 5, Rev. C. C. Cox (cond.) 6, H. G. Keeley 7, S. H. Green 8. First of Superlative by 2, 4 and 5.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Madeley 1, F. Price 2, S. Hughes 3, W. Lycett 4, T. Price 5, A. M. Hickman 6, E. V. Rodenhurst (Hodnet, cond.) 7, F. Simester 8. First of Triples 1 and 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—On April 24th, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. B. Valentine (first quarter of Stedman) 1, W. J. Dove 2, E. Nobles 3, F. Burgess 4, W. R. Parker 5, T. Tebbutt (cond.) 6, G. S. Valentine 7, W. H. Austin 8.

PENHURST, KENT.—On April 18th, at St. John the Baptist's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Ladd 1, Doris E. Colgate 2, B. Pankhurst 3, H. Markwell 4, A. H. Jones 5, B. V. Collision 6, T. E. Sone (cond.) 7, R. Collins 8. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. G. Edwards, formerly captain for 56 years.

PRITTEWELL, ESSEX.—On May 1st, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Royal: Peter King 1, T. E. Loxton 2, W. S. May 3, P. Sadler 4, R. Brown 5, J. Belcham 6, F. C. May 7, F. Souter 8, G. Frost 9, F. B. Luffin (cond.) 10.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Carter 1, J. Holbrook 2, D. Hoare 3, H. Griffin 4, E. Connock (cond.) 5, T. Griffin 6. A wedding compliment to Christine Ashman and a birthday compliment to the conductor.

REPTON, DERBYS.—On April 24th, 1,440 Bob Minor: P. Hole 1, Mrs. S. H. Jones 2, Miss R. Hemmings 3, H. Minion 4, J. B. Stennitt 5, S. H. Jones (cond.) 6. First of Minor by 1, 2, 4, 5. A farewell to J. B. Stennitt.

SANDHURST, GLOS.—On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Price (first quarter) 1, W. Richings 2, I. Whiting 3, E. Price (first quarter) 4, H. Daniels 5, J. Whiting (first quarter as cond.) 6, L. Barry 7, C. Larnier 8.

SCOTHERN, Lincs.—On April 19th, 1,260 Bob Minor: C. H. Jeffery 1, G. Parker 2, W. S. Hill 3, M. Ward 4, E. Russell 5, G. A. Dixon (cond.) 6. First quarter 2, 4, 5. A compliment to Mr. C. V. Cade (Upton) on the christening of his son.

SPELDHURST, KENT.—On April 23rd, 1,264 Bob Major: A. R. Turley (first quarter) 1, W. R. Manser (first on eight) 2, J. L. Morris 3, R. L. Sills 4, Miss E. Sills 5, M. A. Causley 6, P. C. Wright 7, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 8.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's on April 17th, 1,260 Bob Triples: Mrs. Fergusson 1, H. V. Frost 2, Miss A. Bailey 3, H. G. Mason 4, A. Dale 5, F. J. Spicer 6, R. W. Darvill (cond.) 7, F. J. Bailey 8. First by all except conductor.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Woodward 1, Miss M. Clarke 2, C. L. Catlin 3, C. Hall 4, K. R. Holtom (cond.) 5, R. Fennell 6. Rung for the engagement of Miss P. Jackson, tower secretary.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On April 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Charge 1, E. A. Reeve 2, R. Sanders 3, C. D. Nichols 4, S. Howard 5, J. W. Chapman 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, T. W. Welbourne 8.

SUTTON BINGER, WILTS.—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Bridgeman 1, G. Eyles 2, T. Davison (cond.) 3, H. Heath 4, H. Marsh 5. First quarter by 1 and 2 and first on the bells.

TWYFORD, BERKS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1-2 leading): Mrs. W. Hunt (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Jeffries 2, Miss M. Young (first quarter) 3, Miss J. Cudby (first quarter) 4, Miss P. Holloway (first quarter 'inside') 5, Mrs. H. Smith 6, H. Smith (cond.) 7, G. Farthing 8.

WALPOLE ST. PETER, NORFOLK.—On April 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Harpley 1, Miss D. Wiskin (first 'inside') 2, W. J. Hammond (first quarter) 3, J. E. Fox (cond.) 4, R. Wiskin 5, R. Reed 6.

WANSTROW, SOMERSET.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. S. Mounty 1, F. Warren 2, W. Colwell (cond.) 3, W. Pearce 4, F. Mounty 5, F. Newport 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. F. G. Colwell, ringing captain for over 30 years.

WHISTON, YORKS.—On April 19th, 1,344 New Cambridge Surprise Major: D. Holland 1, G. Briggs 2, J. E. Turley 3, G. Graham 4, W. E. Critchley 5, P. E. North 6, H. O. Chaddock 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. First in method 1 and 6.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On April 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Arbury 1, S. Skinner 2, B. Pidgeon 3, C. Deem (first of Major) 4, J. Quick 5, G. Retter (cond.) 6, C. Turner 7, J. Glanvill 8.

NOTICES

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All notices must be prepaid. Notices must be received not later than Monday.

DEATH

HARTLEY.—Eric Bretherton Hartley, 43 Grendon Gardens, Wembley Park, beloved son of Fred Hartley, who died on May 8th, 1949, aged 35 years. May he rest in peace. 5263

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. Stafford H. GREEN is Sunnybank, Turnpike Road, Sampford Peverell, near Tiverton, Devon. 5247

HANDBELLS WANTED

Wanted, set of 12 handbells A.17. Reply, giving price and condition, R. Emmons, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield, Notts. 5250

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

LLANDUDNO.—Board residence, moderate terms, good cuisine, close to sea, bowls, tennis, trams and buses, beautiful view.—Mrs. L. S. Griffiths, Maesteg Guest House, Clarence Road, Craig-y-don. Telephone Llandudno 7271. 5246

SITUATION VACANT

GARDENER-HANDYMAN for Fountains Park, near Southampton, with occupancy of The Lodge. State experience and gross value of required wages to S/Ldr. A. York-Bramble (Netley Abbey). Good ringing. (10) locally. 5273

MISCELLANEOUS

YARLEY PARISH CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM.—Will all friends kindly note that all ringing has been discontinued for the time being. 5212

RAINHAM PARISH CHURCH, KENT.—Will all friends kindly note that all ringing has been discontinued for the time being. 5272

EXTRA COPIES.—It is an advantage if those requiring extra copies should send their orders at the time copy of peals or quarter-peals are submitted.

PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittance must be sent with peal report.

PUBLICATIONS

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3 Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no

MODERNISED in the light of recent experience, Central Council's handbook on the Installation, Preservation and Repair of Bells, Bell-frames and Fittings. Price 1s. post free. Hon. Librarian, W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring, Hertfordshire.

SURPRISE ROYAL AND MAXIMUS COLLECTION.—Publication postponed pending discussion on Surprise Royal proposition at C.C. meeting. 370 Surprise Major Methods (2nd impression), 2s. post free.—A. J. Corrigan, Bitton, near Bristol. 5174

No better pen picture of early ringing societies has been published than J. Armiger Trollope's 'COLLEGE YOUTHS', illustrated, 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

The reprint of 'THE COLLECTION OF DOUBLES AND MINOR METHODS' will be welcomed by many who have shown interest in the recently published four-way Table of Minor Methods. This table is for use with the collection, which can now be obtained from the Librarian (3s. 3d. post free), Osmington School, Tring, Herts.

MEETINGS

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Hawden, May 21st. Bells 2. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5235
 Good attendance, please.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Cobham, Saturday, May 21st. Usual arrangements. Numbers for tea to W. E. Matthews, 48, Freeland Road, Cobham, early please. 5177

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting due for May 21st at High Halden is cancelled owing to illness near the church.—T. Cullingworth. 5223

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Bagshot (8) on Saturday, May 21st, at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 5231

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Hayfield, May 21st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis, Sec. 5234

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—A meeting will be held at Broughton (near Brigg) on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel 623. 5233

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Basingstoke District), **OXFORD GUILD** (Newbury District).—Combined meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, May 21st. Bells from 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea 5. 5206

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guild festival at Dorchester on Saturday, May 21st. Annual meeting, Old Shire Hall, 2 p.m. Guild service, St. Peter's Church, 3.45 p.m.; preacher, the Ven. L. F. Addison, Archdeacon of Dorset. Tea in Shire Hall 4.45 p.m. (1s.). Towers available: 8 bells, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Blandford, Wyke Regis; 6 bells, Fordington, Abbotsbury, Martinstown, Puddletown, Upwey; 5 bells, Bradford Peverell, Stratton. (A peal attempt is contemplated at Wyke in the morning).—F. L. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kingston Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 5254

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Corporate Communion, Yatton, May 22nd, 8 a.m. Bells from 7 a.m.—Mr. L. Pullin, Newton House, Hill Road, Clevedon. 5220

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Newmarket, May 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Requests for tea by May 25th.—Miss D. Reeve, Hockwold, Norfolk. 5237

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Special general meeting at St. Peter's, Croydon, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. H. Blow, 1, Edgar Road, Sanderstead, by Wednesday, May 25th. It is particularly hoped that every effort will be made to attend this meeting in view of the importance of the business on the agenda.—C. de Ste. C. Parks, Hon. Sec. 5178

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Invitation meeting at Thorney on Saturday, May 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5, followed by meeting. Names for tea not later than the 23rd to G. Newman, 156, London Road, Bishop's Stortford. All ringers welcome.—A. S. Carter, Sec. 5214

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Walmer, Saturday, May 28th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 1s. 6d. Names for tea, with cost for same, to reach us not later than Tuesday, May 24th.—B. J. Lusk, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 5222

MIDDLESEX (N.E.) and HERTFORD (St. Albans) COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.—Joint meeting, Saturday, May 28th, Monken Hadley (8) 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service and tea following. Barret (8) from 6.30 p.m.—T. J. Lock and T. J. Southam, Dis. Secs. 5224

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Horsell on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, 24th.—F. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. 5225

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual meeting, London, Saturday, May 28th. St. James', Clerkenwell, bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 n.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. St. Giles-in-the-Fields bells from 7 n.m. Names for tea by May 23rd to Miss D. E. Lidbetter, 22, Mervyn Road, Ealing, W.13. 5198

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Eastchurch (6) on Saturday, May 28th. Usual arrangements. Names to B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Sittingbourne, by Tuesday, May 24th. 5221

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Visit to grave of J. S. Goldsmith at Pyrford, May 28th, in conjunction with Guildford District meeting. Coach (fare 2s. 6d.) leaving Godalming 2 p.m. via Guildford, Merrow and West Clandon (ringing and tea) to Pyrford (service 5.15). Then to Send (ringing) and return to Godalming via Clandon and Guildford. Applications for coach tickets (stating joining place) and numbers for tea to be sent to G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, by May 23rd. 5210

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting of the Association will be held at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, on Saturday, May 28th. The bells will be available at 3 p.m. The committee meeting will be held at 3 p.m. in the Church Hall. A service at 4.15 p.m. will be followed by tea at 5 p.m. Will members requiring tea please advise Mr. R. A. Gofton, 8, Hermiston, Monkseaton, Northumberland, not later than May 26th.—John A. Brown, Hon. Sec. 5213

LADIES' GUILD and COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD (Coventry and Rugby District).—Joint meeting, Church Lawford, May 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea (Coventry Guild) by May 25th to Pervin, 62, Newfield Road, Coventry. 5253

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Branch.—Annual, Brill (6), May 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by 21st.—C. Kinch, 3, Causeway, Bicester. 5252

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Marshfield (3), May 28th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss M. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7. 5248

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Frodsham, May 28th. Please advise Mr. J. E. Bibby, Beyher, London Road, Frodsham, if requiring tea, by the 25th. 5257

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough and Syston Districts.—Joint meeting, Mountsorrel, May 28th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Vicarage Room. Please notify by May 24th C. W. Hall, The Terrace, Copt Oak, near Markfield. 5258

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION and CHESTER GUILD (Crewe Branch).—Joint meeting at Market Drayton, May 28th, 2.30 p.m. Local cafes available for tea. 5259

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting, Elmham, Saturday, May 28th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please reply promptly to W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 5260

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Thorverton (8), May 28th. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15. Names by May 25th.—E. J. Ryall, Alphonix, Dunsford Hill, Exeter. 5262

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Twyford, Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in School 5 o'clock. Names to Mr. Roger Spencer, Twyford, by the 25th. 5267

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Broughton, May 28th, 2.30. Names for tea by May 24th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishonestoke, Eastleigh, Hants. 5266

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting, Ashbourne, May 28th, 3 o'clock. Tea 2s. 9d. Names to me by 25th latest.—J. Wilkinson, 1, Cromford Road, Chad-desden, Derby. 5264

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—Practice meeting, Congresbury, Saturday, May 28th, 5 n.m.—E. J. Averr, Hon. Sec. 5265

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District.—First annual meeting will be held at Church Lawford, May 28th. Bells (6) available 3 n.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Monday previous to secretary, J. M. Griffiths, 16, Watery Lane, Keresley, near Coventry. 5275

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Annual meeting at Basford, Saturday, May 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Pinder, 61, Church Street, Old Basford, Nottingham, not later than Wednesday, May 25th. Buses start from Council Square, Nottingham. All ringers welcome.—Jill Poole. 5232

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Bexhill, Saturday, May 28th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Names for tea Rev. P. J. Boulsover, Chantry Croft, Barrack Road, Bexhill. 5277

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Birstall, May 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d. per head) arranged for all who notify Mr. S. Britton, 22, Kings Drive, Birstall, by May 24th. Business meeting in tower 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 5270

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Clewer, Saturday, May 28th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by May 23rd.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 5270

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Thorne (8), May 28th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. 5268

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting at Beckford, Saturday, June 4th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Names for tea by 31st to Mr. E. T. Newbury, 2, Western Hill Road, Beckford, near Tewkesbury. 5261

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Hever (6), June 4th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge, not later than May 31st. 5245

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Thaxted (8) on Saturday, June 4th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. All welcome. Names for tea by June 2nd, please, to G. Blake, District Sec., 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 5271

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Newport Pagnell, Saturday, June 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by May 30th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 5269

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Whit Monday, Peterborough. Committee meet St. John's Vestry 2.30. Service 3.30 in Cathedral, with address by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough. Tea 4.30, followed by business meeting and election of officers. Names for tea must reach the Guild Sec. by May 28th. Will all those attending please meet outside the Cathedral at 3 p.m. for a group photograph. Bells available Oundle 11 to 12: St. John's and St. Mary's, Peterborough, Woodston, and St. Mary's, Whittlesey, all from 11 a.m.—Robert G. Black, 2, Stamford Road, Geddingdon, Kettering. 5227

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival, Clun, Whit Monday, June 6th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15. Annual meeting 5 p.m. Bells (8) 11.30 and Clunbury (6). Notify tea before June 3rd.—Rev. E. G. Benson, Burghill Vicarage, Hereford. 5244

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 6th. Service in the Cathedral at 11 a.m., conducted by the Provost, the Very Rev. C. K. Waller, M.A.; preacher, the Right Rev. Hugh Gough, M.A., O.B.E., Bishop of Barking. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. Lunch at the County Hotel at 1.30 p.m. Applications for lunch tickets to the hon. general secretary not later than June 1st. Members 2s.; non-resident members and non-members 4s., to be prepaid, enclosing stamped, addressed envelope for the return of the tickets. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. The following are available from 3 p.m. to 9 n.m.: Great Baddow (8), Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Galleywood (8), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6).—Robert C. Heazel, Hon. Gen. Sec., 19, Brook Road, Tillingham, Essex. 5255

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NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, St. Matthew's, Buckley, Whit Monday, June 6th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 3.30, followed by business meeting. Tea 5. Numbers for tea must reach me by May 29th. — W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 5278

DEDICATION AT GREAT BRINGTON, NORTHAMPTON.—The ring of six (tenor recast, 18 cwt.), which has recently been rehung with new frame and fittings by John Taylor, will be rededicated on Saturday, June 11th, at 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards. All ringers invited. A summer fair in aid of the Bell Fund will be held the same afternoon near the church; teas, sideshows, stalls, etc. Numbers for tea, please, by June 6th to the Rector. 5163

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Owing to unavoidable circumstances, the Society's next meeting, planned for July 23rd, has had to be brought forward to June 18th. Further details later.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 5256

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Preliminary notice.—The annual dinner will be held at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, on Saturday, October 8th. Accommodation is limited, so please book early! Tickets (12s. 6d. each inclusive) are now available from the undersigned.—Peter N. Bond, Asst. Hon. Sec., 56, Stanhope Gardens, S.W.7. 5251

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On May 1st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Packham 1, Catherine A. Lish 2, F. Cruttenden 3, E. Lish 4, F. Parsons 5, E. Morey 6, E. Packham 7, B. White (cond.) 8. First in the method by all.

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