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SOLVENCY IS POSSIBLE!

(With ordinary talent and extraordinary perseverance all things are attainable.)—T. F. BUXTON)

MUCH has been said and written about making 'The Ringing World' pay its way, but still it doesn't. Why? The basic point is that for running a paper on any particular activity there must be enough people interested in that activity and buying the paper, so as to create sufficient subscription-revenue and promote adequate 'circulation' appeal to potential advertisers in its columns.

Is the Exercise large enough to support a ringing paper? The answer being in the affirmative, why then is the problem one that has arisen with every ringing paper yet produced?

There is clearly something wrong, that is primary and fundamental. So let's face it! The fact is that the paper has not a sufficiently wide appeal. There are both towers and individual ringers who will say that is why they've stopped taking it, or wouldn't begin!

Now this is not a criticism of higher administration. The paper is not the property of some vague, remote 'they,' who can be conveniently blamed for any shortcomings. Indeed, as can be judged, all those concerned directly with its issue give 100 per cent. to the job, and more! And no doubt this has always been so. No! The paper is the property of the Exercise—the company of which you and I, through our Central Council, are its directors, so to speak; and this being so, if the paper now fails we have only ourselves to blame. How, then, can you and I aim to promote a wider appeal by this paper throughout the Exercise? And in so aiming what possible steps may be taken?

Consider the facts:—

(1) Donations and voluntary peal-publication fees, generous though they are, remain but palliatives for the malady. To rely on them indefinitely would be thoroughly bad business.

(2) Wishful thinking, such as, 'If only each tower became a postal subscriber,' and the like, will get us nowhere. ACTION is needed —by us.

(3) It all boils down to this: We've got to widen the margin between, on the one hand, costs of production and distribution and, on the other, the revenue from subscribers and advertisers; and such widening depends primarily upon the APPEAL of the paper itself. Secondary factors, of course, must also be considered. (See below.)

As to the extent and nature of the appeal itself of the paper to potential subscribers, this will have been the earnest and careful consideration of the Editorial Committee and, through them, of the Editor himself; and there is little doubt that their ideas and plans are many and various. But they can no more make bricks without straw than could the Israelites. They have not, for example, that same 'straw' as has a national daily newspaper. That has an organisation, costly and widespread, continually bringing in the MATERIAL, the very stuff of which the paper is made—its 'copy,' and its advertisements. Where is the parallel in our paper? The truth is, we have none.

Or should I say, 'have had none?' For the seed of a similar potential organisation, in miniature, has just been sown. The circular letter recently sent out to Guilds and Associations of the Central Council, by its secretary, Mr. E. A. Barnett, on this question, makes proposals the full implications of which are probably not generally

realised. Therein is the first-class suggestion of appointing 'representatives' of the journal in every District or Division of each Association. And some are already appointed and getting down to the job.

This honorary job can be one of the most important in the interests of the Exercise; the amount of good done being dependent on the ability, energy and enterprise of the individual taking it on. The work includes canvassing for subscribers, for copy and, indeed, where opportunity occurs, for advertisements. The material flowing into the editorial office through such channels should, in due time, be adequate for discharge of such above-noted plans for improving the paper; which, in turn, will assist the representatives in their drive for increased circulation.

What 'copy' can such a representative secure or stimulate? Well, what does a Press representative get? Reports; interviews; articles by local people of authority on matters of local interest in towers and ringing; accounts by those who have become experts in their own fields—composing, method-building, conducting, instructing, tower and belfry maintenance, tours and meetings organising, handbell ringing, propaganda work, funds raising, public relations, recruiting and several other aspects of ringing activity and associated work. Material for some features comparatively new to our columns might be sent in—e.g., 'Answers to Correspondents,' 'Monthly Quiz,' 'Ringing Cross-words (competition or otherwise),' 'Problems in Composition,' 'Biographies and, essentially, a 'Beginners' Corner.' BUT, all this material needs to be gathered or introduced. It certainly won't walk into the Editorial Office unaided!

Armed with a publication of much wider appeal and interest, the representative should be able to increase the circulation in his district in no small measure; indeed, in some cases he might well become a postal distributing centre, i.e., receiving the copies in bulk, and so cut out the losses through newsgents' commission.

Here are some key factors for consideration and action:—

- (a) Increasing circulation by direct contact with towers and individuals where the paper is unknown or unrecognised.
- (b) Proof of the advantages of being a postal subscriber, to both reader and paper.
- (c) Enlarging advertisement clientele—(Yes, apart from the bell founders and rope-makers!), e.g., stationery, pens, pencils, etc., essential for students of paper-work, for secretaries, beginners, composers and others. Proprietary brands of anti-blister cream. Vendors of oils and greases. Car and coach hirers for outings. Further exploitation of the small-ad. columns, e.g., holiday accommodation, caterers and the like. The rates for small ads. might be slightly increased—they are below average.
- (d) Issue of an 'official peals supplement' with the paper, instead of publishing all peals performances in the front pages, and entering in the supplement all peals to be officially recognised, under a serial registration number and for a small peal-publication fee.
- (e) Possible elimination of all newsgents' distribution of the paper.
- (f) Quarterly sales drives.
- (g) Last resorts: Increased price per copy. Reduction of issues to fortnightly or monthly with slight 'bulk' price reduction.

But when all is said and done, the essential and primary thing rests upon us, namely, the promotion and maintenance of a flow of interesting and informative material to the Editorial Office, and then, with the more generally interesting paper, to double and treble its circulation. Every one of us can do something towards these ends, even if only by discussing some of the foregoing proposals to crystallise views for our Council representatives!

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.



IN HONOUR OF THE HOMECOMING OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II MAY 15, 1954

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 17, 1954, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

*SAMUEL A. MARTIN .. Treble	†JOHN A. ACRES .. 7
HAROLD J. POOLE .. 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 8
†BRIAN MARTIN .. 3	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 9
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. 10
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 5	JOHN B. BENNETT .. 11
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 6	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Maximus. † First peal of Surprise Maximus away from the treble. ‡ First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

PHILIP H. WHITAKER .. Treble	†DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 6
CHARLES W. WALKLATE .. 2	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 7
HAROLD TAYLOR .. 3	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 8
*FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 4	SAMPSON WALKLATE .. 9
MARK BARKER .. 5	†WILLIAM CLARE .. Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD. Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

* 175th peal. † First peal of Caters. ‡ First peal. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor

OSSETT, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in D.

*FRED BENNETT .. Treble	*DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 6
*HOWARD SCOTT .. 2	*JOHN W. GIBSON .. 7
GORDON BENFIELD .. 3	*MARK L. LOCKWOOD .. 8
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 4	*LESLIE FISHER .. 9
WILFRID F. MORETON .. 5	*JAMES H. KIRBY .. Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 CRAYFORD COLLEGE BOB ROYAL

HERBERT G. MASON .. Treble	REGINALD W. DARVILL .. 6
AUDREY M. BAILEY .. 2	FREDERICK J. SPICER .. 7
HAROLD V. FROST .. 3	JACK S. DEAR .. 8
FRANCIS KIRK .. 4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 9
CHARLES F. SAYER .. 5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. Tenor

Arranged by G. W. DEBENHAM. Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.

First peal in the method for all and first for the Association.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

*PETER NASH .. Treble	J. MICHAEL LAKIN .. 6
†REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD .. 2	REGINALD W. REX .. 7
BERYL R. PITTAWAY .. 3	JOHN H. GILBERT .. 8
NELIA M. LEAHY .. 4	REGINALD A. REED .. 9
GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. Tenor

Composed by F. E. DARBY.

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First ten-bell peal. † 50th peal. First peal of New Cambridge Royal in the county, by the band and by the Guild.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.

THE ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

On Sun., May 16, 1954, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 31½ cwt. in C sharp.

STANLEY C. WILLIAMS .. Treble	JOHN J. F. ROPER .. 6
*BRENDA L. SHEPPARD .. 2	†GERALD WESTON .. 7
VALERIE W. WILLARD .. 3	*NORMAN E. WILLIAMS .. 8
*BARBARA J. BESSON .. 4	PHILIP M. J. GRAY .. 9
JOAN GRAY .. 5	*CYRIL R. WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal. First peal of Caters by a Sunday service band.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

RONALD CHAFER .. Treble	HARRY HALL .. 5
C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 2	JACK BRAY .. 6
ARTHUR HOODLESS .. 3	ARTHUR CROWDER .. 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 4	PHILIP BARNES .. Tenor

Composed by E. H. LEWIS.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

Rung to welcome the Royal Yacht into home waters.

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*GEORGE L. E. BROWN .. Treble	REX J. CORKE .. 5
J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 2	G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON .. 6
EDWARD J. BRAGG .. 3	PATRICK PAGE .. 7
WILLIAM H. VIGGERS .. 4	TOM PAGE .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by TOM PAGE.

* First peal. Edward J. Bragg has now 'circled the tower.'



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THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CYRIL WRIGHT Treble	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE .. . 5
MRS. L. HOLMES .. . 2	ARTHUR B. COOPER .. . 6
*GRAHAM DAVISON .. . 3	STANLEY SLANEY .. . 7
PAMELA J. LEANING .. . 4	JOSEPH SAXTON .. . Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLLS. Conducted by STANLEY SLANEY.

* First peal. First peal in method as conductor.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. HELEN AND MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS .. . 5
MARGARET SWANN .. . 2	WILLIAM T. COOK .. . 6
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. . 3	PHILIP A. F. CHALK .. . 7
†RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN .. 4	JOHN T. HOMFRAY .. . Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP A. F. CHALK.

* 100th peal. † First peal of Stedman.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

GEORGE W. MOODY .. Treble	HAROLD MORWOOD .. . 5
HARRY HALL .. . 2	C. AUBREY HARRISON .. . 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. . 3	JACK BRAY .. . 7
RONALD CHAFER .. . 4	PHILIP BARNES .. . Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

LEONARD CHAMBERLAIN .. Treble	DOROTHY T. GARDINER .. . 5
WILLIAM J. LEACH .. . 2	GORDON HARRISON .. . 6
*ARTHUR R. WRIGHT .. . 3	BARNABAS G. KEY .. . 7
PETER FOSTER .. . 4	GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal on eight bells and in the method.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*MAVIS WILSON .. Treble	WILLIAM TYSON .. . 5
*JOHN C. CARPENTER .. . 2	ROBERT B. SKELTON .. . 6
†ERIC OLIVER .. . 3	RICHARD OLIVER .. . 7
J. EDMUND HENDERSON .. . 4	PHILIP G. DRAFFAN .. . Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by PHILIP G. DRAFFAN.

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

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 11 cwt. 61 lb.

MRS. G. WHATMORE .. Treble	DENNIS WHATMORE .. . 5
TREVOR REYNOLDS .. . 2	CHARLES R. GODFREY .. . 6
*BETTY WRIGHT .. . 3	J. DENNIS HOLDEN .. . 7
ERIC E. SPEAKE .. . 4	FREDERICK HOLDEN .. . Tenor

Conducted by J. DENNIS HOLDEN.

* First peal (age 16).

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JANET E. MITCHELL .. Treble	ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD .. . 5
ALLEN W. CANSDALE .. . 2	JAMES G. STANNARD .. . 6
ALAN R. ANDREWS .. . 3	GEORGE N. ORMAN .. . 7
GEORGE W. BUTTON .. . 4	ROY DUESBURY .. . Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.

* First peal on eight bells.

EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-APOSTLE.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

*MRS. W. A. WILLS .. Treble	FREDERICK WREFORD .. . 5
WILLIAM A. WILLS .. . 2	REV. J. G. M. SCOTT .. . 6
HAROLD P. BURTON .. . 3	EDWARD W. BIFFIN .. . 7
MARIELLA E. MUNDY .. . 4	FRANK WILLS .. . Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD W. BIFFIN.

* First peal. All performing members at St. Thomas'.

FAIRFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*GILBERT BURGE .. Treble	RALPH E. W. WENBAN .. . 5
*MRS. W. A. GODWIN .. . 2	*BRIAN R. MYLES .. . 6
*JOYCE MORSE .. . 3	WILLIAM A. GODWIN .. . 7
*HUGH FALKNER .. . 4	*RAYMOND G. PEARSON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

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

GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CRYPT,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

MARGARET SMITH .. Treble	RONALD FORSTER .. . 5
JOAN BUSSEY .. . 2	DAVID J. KING .. . 6
WILLIAM RICHINGS .. . 3	LESLIE BARRY .. . 7
THOMAS NEWMAN .. . 4	HARRY NEWMAN .. . Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 22 cwt. in D.

ANN JOHNSTONE .. Treble	ROGER HAYWARD .. . 5
ALFRED BALLARD .. . 2	BERT RIDGEWAY .. . 6
NANCY MARKLEW .. . 3	EDGAR VALLANCE .. . 7
FRANK LONG .. . 4	FRANK MELLOR .. . Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*VIVIEN BARNES .. Treble	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. . 5
MRS. J. THOMAS .. . 2	RALPH HARRIS .. . 6
MRS. P. HARRIS .. . 3	PATRICK HARRIS .. . 7
JOHN THOMAS .. . 4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN .. . Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Major.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation.		Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.	
MRS. H. J. POOLE	.. Treble	JOHN A. ACRES	.. 5
HAROLD J. POOLE	.. 2	WILLIAM A. WOOD	.. 6
PETER J. STANFORTH	.. 3	S. ANTHONY JESSON	.. 7
E. CHARLES TURNER	.. 4	*PAUL DAVIES	.. Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation).		Tenor 25 cwt.	
HERBERT W. PEARCE	.. Treble	RAYMOND P. SATWAY	.. 5
WALTER H. POOLE	.. 2	ALBERT W. DYER	.. 6
TREVOR E. MARKS	.. 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	.. 7
*CYRIL SAVAGE	.. 4	WILLIAM G. TURK	.. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* First peal on eight bells.

READING, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

MRS. A. DISERENS	.. Treble	FRANK W. LEWIS	.. 5
*ROY D. TOMLIN	.. 2	RONALD F. DISERENS	.. 6
AUDREY B. DISERENS	.. 3	NOEL J. DISERENS	.. 7
*JOHN N. DISERENS	.. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON	.. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.	
*SHEILAGH JONES	.. Treble	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	.. 5
WM. GEOFFREY HAIR	.. 2	RHODA HEMMINGS	.. 6
AUDREY S. NOBLE	.. 3	SIDNEY H. JONES	.. 7
†MRS. S. H. JONES	.. 4	WILLIAM E. MINOR	.. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY H. JONES.

* First peal of Triples. † 50th peal.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY BAKER	.. Treble	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	.. 5
*GEOFFREY PEARSON	.. 2	WILFRED W. RING	.. 6
JOHN R. COOPER	.. 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	.. 7
MARK W. MARSHALL	.. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	.. Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal of Yorkshire.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (2nd Observation).		Tenor 12½ cwt.	
*ALAN L. WESTWOOD	.. Treble	TERENCE L. ELLIOTT	.. 5
*ALAN P. COX	.. 2	JOHN F. BUTLER	.. 6
MARGARET E. MOODY	.. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	.. 7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	.. 4	H. T. KEITH HASLAM	.. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

* First peal.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ROY T. PANKHURST	.. Treble	JOHN CANNELL	.. 5
DORIS E. COLGATE	.. 2	THOMAS E. SONE	.. 6
ROBERT COLLINS	.. 3	PETER N. BOND	.. 7
*REGINALD L. SILLS	.. 4	WILLIAM ROGERS	.. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*AUBREY BAREHAM	.. Treble	PHILIX BENSLEY	.. 5
MRS. E. C. JARVIS	.. 2	*VICTOR CONNELL	.. 6
OLAVE E. BROYD	.. 3	ALBERT CATTERWELL	.. 7
ERNEST BROWN	.. 4	JACK H. BRETT	.. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by A. CATTERWELL.

* First peal of Treble Bob

SNAITH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation).		Tenor 12 cwt.	
MISS D. M. HAWLEY	.. Treble	FRED TERRY	.. 5
*ALAN SHEPPARD	.. 2	†JOHN J. TAYLOR	.. 6
HORACE S. MORLEY	.. 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	.. 7
†WILLIAM GRAVES	.. 4	§DOUGLAS BARKER	.. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

* First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

‡ 25th peal. § First peal.

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On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

J. BRENDA SOFTLEY	.. Treble	CHARLES N. LEA	.. 5
MRS. N. I. LEA	.. 2	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	.. 6
ENID SOFTLEY	.. 3	ALAN N. BROWN	.. 7
STANLEY HEWITT	.. 4	ROBERT BELL	.. Tenor

Composed by J. HOWES.

Conducted by FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

MARGOT R. THOMPSON	.. Treble	RICHARD S. PAYNE	.. 5
WALTER KERRISON	.. 2	C. JACK GIBSON	.. 6
*G. A. SUTHERLAND	.. 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	.. 7
E. JACK THURLOW	.. 4	†REGINALD J. DARCH	.. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* First peal of Bob Major 'inside.' † First peal of Bob Major. 25th peal as conductor.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Elloe Deaneries Branch.)

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRED BRIGHTMAN	.. Treble	FREDA OLDERSHAW	.. 5
FRANK TAYLOR	.. 2	HORACE HARRISON	.. 6
GEORGE R. G. BUTLER	.. 3	JOHN G. AMES	.. 7
THOMAS H. CHARLTON	.. 4	MAURICE BENNETT	.. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN H. TAYLOR Treble	GEORGE R. DAWSON 5
PHILIP H. REYNOLDS 2	ALBERT H. BENNETT 6
†ARTHUR T. RANDALL 3	JACK PETCH 7
WILLIAM B. DAWSON 4	WILLIAM E. CLARKE Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Bruerton's.	Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb.
*KENNETH W. GRAHAM .. Treble	B. STEDMAN PAYNE 5
JEAN A. KIRKMAN 2	F. KEVON THOMPSON 6
JEAN A. BROOKS 3	MARY C. PAYNE 7
ROYSTON WILMORE 4	†CHARLES SANDERS Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.

WALLINGFORD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-MORE,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 21½ cwt.
*HARRY E. WELLS Treble	JAMES P. BLOND 5
FREDERICK S. SMITH 2	*FRANK ABSOLOM 6
ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH .. 3	ROBERT B. BLOND 7
ERNEST G. GARRARD 4	JACK O. BERRY Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

WALTER AYRE Treble	D. KAY ADKINS 5
WALTER G. PAUL 2	ALBERT C. WENBAN 6
*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN 3	RICHARD G. BELL 7
ERNEST H. DURRANT 4	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN.

* First peal 'inside' and on eight bells

WEYBRIDGE, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in F.

*EILEEN M. TURNER .. Treble	JAMES F. DODSON 5
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	E. JOHN WELLS 6
ANN M. COX 3	ROLAND W. MORANT 7
GORDON P. T. PETERS .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob. First peal in method on the bells.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Mon., May 10, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

M. J. Morris' Var. of Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.
*ROY THURMAN Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 5
GEOFFREY HAIRS 2	ROLAND BENISTON 6
JOHN HAWTIN 3	PERCY W. GRICE 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON 4	A. BRIAN WILDE Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal.



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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.
LEONARD WALSH Treble | GORDON WHEWELL 4
*WILLIAM RAMSBOTTOM .. 2 | DEREK WHITFORD 5
BRIAN H. WOOD 3 | ROGER LEIGH Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

*First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal on the bells since recasting.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In ten methods: (i) Chester and Munden. (ii) London and Wells. (iii) Cuneastre. (iv) Lightfoot and Wearmouth. (v) Cambridge. (vi) Netherseale. (vii) Norwich. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JANE PLUMBE Treble | WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT .. 4
TERENCE G. MORTON .. 2 | AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. 5
WALTER AYRE 3 | DEREK E. LATCHFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

BARKBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 16 extents of Plain Bob, six extents of Grandsire and four extents of April Day, Northrepps, Canterbury, Southrepps and Clifford's Pleasure. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

MARY TAYLOR Treble | THOMAS H. EARBY 4
ROBERT D. FLOWERS .. 2 | *WILLIAM ILLSTON 5
GEORGE A. JAMES 3 | *ALAN JAMES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. JAMES.

*First peal. First peal in seven methods by all the band.

BERROW, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

RONALD D. SHORT Treble | MARJORIE LEGG 4
GEORGE RUCK 2 | KENNETH MEDWAY 5
BRYAN HILL 3 | GEORGE PRESCOTT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Oxford Bob, two extents of Plain Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and two extents of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

J. PHILLIP EASTLAND .. Treble | MARION BRADLEY 4
DOREEN ARMSTRONG .. 2 | *WILFRED RILEY 5
ARTHUR SMITHSON 3 | FRANK BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

*First peal in four methods.

Rung by Sunday service band.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being twelve extents of Plain Bob and thirty extents of Grandsire. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE CORBETT Treble | JOHN CLEMENTS 4
ALFRED S. TOMPKINS .. 2 | RICHARD BETHELL 5
JOHN H. THOMAS 3 | *WILLIAM TURNER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN CLEMENTS.

*First peal.

BRITFORD, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt.
FREDERICK E. MANNS .. Treble | WILLIAM E. THEOBALD .. 4
*EDWARD A. HAINES .. 2 | PETER BLACKMAN 5
†MARGARET R. PAGE .. 3 | JAMES LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by MARGARET R. PAGE.

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

COALPIT HEATH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.
CYRIL W. BATTEN Treble | ALBERT RODMAN 4
GERALD W. D. SMART .. 2 | WALTER R. HENDY 5
*DAVID B. PENNAL 3 | P.C. WM. F. SCUDAMORE .. Tenor

Conducted by P.C. WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE.

*First peal.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 4,320 Grandsire and 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.
S. A. HAYZELDEN Treble | *MARGARET HARRIS 4
L. MAYNARD 2 | R. HARRIS 5
A. WEBB 3 | R. STEDMAN Tenor

Conducted by S. A. HAYZELDEN.

*First peal.

EAST GARSTON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., May 16, 1954, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 18 cwt.

REGINALD RIVERS Treble | PHILLIP E. DODD 4
*PETER NASH 2 | GEOFFREY K. DODD 5
*MICHAEL H. MAISEY .. 3 | FRANK W. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

*First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten callings. Tenor 16 cwt.
*ANTHONY PLUCK Treble | †LESLIE EVEREST 4
*GEORGE FRY 2 | JOHN T. MEDHURST 5
LUTHER J. HONESS 3 | HARRY MANSEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN T. MEDHURST.

*First peal. †First peal on six bells.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Oxford Bob and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.
*ROY HEAD Treble | *KENNETH C. TIMBURY .. 4
JOHN CHURCH 2 | FRANK W. CROFT 5
GEORGE CHERRY 3 | PETER W. CROFT Tenor

Conducted by PETER W. CROFT.

*First peal. First peal as conductor, who has now 'circled the tower.'

HUNTINGDON.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Norwich Surprise and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.
*MICHAEL J. DYER Treble | HAROLD S. PEACOCK 4
JOHN R. G. SPICER .. 2 | NORMAN MALLETT 5
GORDON D. WHITEHEAD .. 3 | STANLEY GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY GILBERT.

*First peal in 'seven' methods.

HUTTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 14 extents each of Grandsire, Plain Bob and All Saints'.

Tenor 7 cwt.

JUDITH D. SHEDEL Treble	CHARLES E. HILL 3
GWENDA A. DAVIES 2	WILLIAM T. HILL 4

BRYAN E. SHEDEL Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN E. SHEDEL.

LLANFRECHFHA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 8 cwt.

REV. ROY HALLETT Treble	REV. FREDERICK A. OSWELL 4
DONALD G. CLARKE 2	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS .. 5
LESLIE F. G. BAINHAM .. 3	ROBERT E. R. SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. R. SMITH.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

ROY STEVENS Treble	*ROBERT BRIDGES 4
LEWIS CORDELL 2	HARRY KING 5
SIDNEY STEVENS 3	WILLIAM WEDLOCK Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WEDLOCK.

* First peal 'inside.'

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's and five of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 9½ cwt. in G sharp.

A. SPENCER BROTHERS .. Treble	JACK KING 4
MIRIAM A. HIGDON 2	KENNETH L. BROWN .. 5
*EDWARD G. CURSON 3	DAVID HEIGHTON Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

LONG SUTTON, HAMPSHIRE.

On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

IN ROOM 20, LORD WANDSWORTH COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 18 in G.

GEO. MACDONALD WARNER 1—2	ALEC R. WILLIAMS 3—4
CECIL P. W. TAYLOR 5—6	

Conducted by CECIL P. W. TAYLOR.

First peal at the College and first peal by all.

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 16, 1954, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

JOHN S. HARRISON 1—2	MAURICE BAILEY 3—4
W. RODNEY HARRISON 5—6	

Conducted by W. RODNEY HARRISON.

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LATE NEWS

A new record was established last Saturday
by a peal in 42 Surprise Major methods rung at
Handsworth, Sheffield, by the band that created
a new record in Surprise ringing on February
13th.

Five peals were attempted
at Bath on May 15th: Grand-
sire Triples at St. Mary's,
Bathwick, failed after one and a half hours;
Grandsire Triples at All Saints', Weston, after
one hour; Grandsire Triples at Corston after
one and a quarter hours; Stedman Caters at
Bath Abbey after two and a quarter hours. The
only success was Grandsire Doubles at St. Mat-
thew's, with a local band.

Mr. Fred Bennett, who rang his first peal of
Stedman at Ossett for the Queen's homecom-
ing, scored it at the 15th attempt.

Mr. George Bennett, for many years captain
at Ossett, Yorkshire, has died. He was remem-
bered when local ringers rang a peal of Sted-
man Caters for the Queen's homecoming.

The late Mr. Francis G. Gleaves, whose
obituary was reported in our last issue, rang
147 peals for the Ely Diocesan Association,
and not 14 as stated. The error is regretted.

Two peals of Stedman were attempted in
Cambridge on May 15th, one for the University
Guild which, unfortunately, came to grief, and
in the evening the attempt at Bourn, which was
successful.

Mr. E. Alex Young entered his 90th year on
May 22nd. His letter to the Editor was accom-
panied by a sketch of a Japanese pagoda to
illustrate an architectural point. At Newcastle
this week-end we are sure he will be remem-
bered.

Peals at Weybridge (Surrey) are few and far
between. The peal there on May 15th was the
first since 1925, and the last peal of Major was
rung there in 1875, reports the conductor, Mr.
A. Patrick Cannon. A member of the band
was Mr. Alfred H. Winch, who went to school
at Weybridge and has been waiting over 50
years to ring a peal on the bells.

BELFRY GOSSIP

At Llanfrehfa, Monmouth, the vicar and his curate rang in the peal for the Queen's safe return. Is this the first time that a vicar and his assistant priest have rung in a peal? It is certainly the first time in the history of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.

There were six first peal of Triples in the homecoming peal at Fairford, Glos.

Shirley Surprise is Tipler's D54/1. It was rung at Shirley, Birmingham, for the first time on May 13th.

Mr. Harry J. Millatt is 'The Ringing World' representative for North-East Essex, and not Mr. Oliver as was previously stated in this column.

An unusual start to peal ringing was the performance of 18-year-old James Phillips. He rang the 48-cwt. tenor of Southwark Cathedral to a peal of Stedman Cinques. In the conductor's words, 'He made a very good job of it.'

Two promising youngsters, Anthony Pluck and George Fry, rang their first peal in their own tower, East Peckham, for the 'welcome home.' The peal was organised by Mr. Luther J. Honess, who previously had rung a quarter at Barming and at Hadlow.

Norman Mallett, of No. 6 R.A.S.L.S., Royal Engineers, R.A.F., Wyton, Huntingdon, is endeavouring to arrange a peal attempt by members serving in H.M. Forces, to take place in the Cambridgeshire area during July. Those interested are invited to contact him as soon as possible.

When Warley ringers had their first outing on May 22nd they toured East and South-East Leicestershire. They raised Arnesby bells for the first time in three years! Although not in the best order, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung. Other towers visited were Thurnby, Billesdon, Hallaton, Medbourne and Illestone.

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MAMMOTH RINGING PROGRAMME COUPLED WITH WARM FRIENDSHIP AWAITS VISITORS

IT was the eighth Council that visited Newcastle-upon-Tyne in June, 1913, for the 23rd annual meeting. Now the time draws very near for the visit of a new Council, the 22nd—for Newcastle-upon-Tyne in 1954 takes a year that used to be the London year—and preparations for the 57th annual meeting approach completion. To use a well-worn expression, 'much water has flowed under the bridges' since then. Over the Tyne an additional bridge has been built in the interval, but it is believed that the main concern has been the traffic that would flow over it rather than the water that would flow underneath it!

The interval of 40 years has seen very many changes with the upheavals wrought by two world wars, and most of those who formed the eighth Council must by now have passed on. Many would doubtless fall in the Great War of 1914-18, which exacted a heavy toll of ringers in general and the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association in particular, as can be gauged from the 41 names inscribed on the Association War Memorial in Newcastle Cathedral. Happily, when, in 1952, the additional tablet was erected for 1939-45 there were only ten names to be inscribed.

The writer was not born in those far-off days and so he is unable to indulge in any comparisons of 1913 with 1954. There will be others who can, but their age will probably cause them to become nostalgic, shake their heads and bemoan the fact that 'things are not what they were.' What impressions were left by Newcastle on the eighth Council are history, and our concern has been to try to make the visit of the 22nd Council a favourable and pleasant one, and some last-minute notes for the guidance of visitors may serve to assist in attaining that objective.

The ringing and sight-seeing trips have now been definitely fixed and all those who made inquiries or applications will have received an individual communication with the programme and booking slip. There may yet be some who, at the last moment, find that they could participate and it may be possible to accommodate them after arrival in Newcastle. Motorists who wish to accompany the bus will be welcome, but meals for them can be booked only with advance payment.

HADRIAN'S WALL

On Whit Sunday, leaving Newcastle after lunch, the route lies westward, following the military road and providing glimpses of Hadrian's Wall, built to keep out the invading Picts and Scots. The hopes of ringing at Hexham Abbey have not been fulfilled as service and baptisms clash with the time that had been selected. Rather than miss the scenic beauty on this route, afternoon ringing has been sacrificed and the route extended slightly to provide more interest including a closer inspection of part of the Wall, if time and weather permit. Rothbury provides a convenient place for tea before ringing for Evensong at the Parish Church. The County Hotel, where high tea has been arranged, provides an excellent view. At Morpeth the bells hang in the Watch Tower and give rise to the couplet:—

'Hast' not seen the Morpeth wonder
Church and Steeple a mile asunder?'

The bells were recast and rehung by the citizens in commemoration of the Festival of Britain. The A1 road leads back to Newcastle, with the vast Town Moor between Gosforth and Newcastle, rather quieter at the beginning of June than it will be at the end.

Whit Monday will see the bus head westwards again but forking left at Heddon to pass through Corbridge and there cross the

THE PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

It is an added privilege to my being President of my Association this year in that I have the honour and great pleasure of bidding welcome to the Central Council.

In Newcastle-upon-Tyne they will find a city of classic lines and dignified architecture, and full of a busy, friendly people; while in the surrounding counties of Northumberland and Durham they will find, I am sure, many pleasant surprises.

Too much emphasis is often placed on the pit villages and the bleak moorlands, but there are very many spots in both counties as rich and splendid as anywhere in the country. The northern scene is prodigal in historic monuments, and mighty glories like Durham Cathedral and Alnwick Castle remain in the mind for ever.

But it is in our welcome that we hope to shine most, and we look forward with pleasure to the visit, after so long a while, of the Central Council.

RICHARD A. GOFTON,

President, Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

Tyne to reach Hexham. Hexham is a very pleasant market town and its Abbey contains much of interest. The first ringing of the day takes place there. An attractive moorland run lies ahead before Stanhope is reached for lunch at the Phoenix Hotel. The scenery changes and it is in a softer countryside that Barnard Castle and Staindrop provide further ringing.

DURHAM CATHEDRAL

It is not long then before the industrial area is entered again but a visit to the north-east would not be complete without a visit to Durham Cathedral. Many will doubtless have seen the Cathedral dominating the Durham scene as they passed northwards by road or rail on the journey up. One cannot do justice to it in a few sentences and so it is left with just the assurance that it will not disappoint the visitor—unless perhaps he judges it solely by its bells! From the Cathedral of the present one passes to the Cathedral of the past, for Chester-le-Street held that proud position before Durham for over 100 years from 883, while the body of St. Cuthbert rested there. In contrast to Durham, Chester-le-Street will not disappoint, even if judged solely on its bells! The second ring only to be hung on ball bearings, the back six remain untouched by the bellfounder since 1911. As on Sunday, the journey to Newcastle ends on A1, but this time from the south.

The ringing programme as published does not take in all the bells in the area by any means. To publish details of all the towers that have so generously been placed at our disposal would give a much longer list, but the result might well be chaos. When four or five towers are open simultaneously it can quite easily happen that 30 or 40 ringers can be dispersed over the area with no complete band at a single church. Towers outside the programme lie at greater distances from Newcastle, and those interested in special towers should contact Mr. K. Arthur, 29, Cherryburn Gardens, Newcastle 4, but in seeking to make arrangements they should themselves ensure sufficiency for a band.

Information of how to get to the various towers will be available at headquarters, where a room has been set aside for the Council's use, but a few explanatory notes may be helpful here.

Ringling on Saturday may be had continually from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. except for the lunch break of two hours. For those newly arrived in the city, the Cathedral, St. Stephen's, St. John's and Gateshead are within a few minutes of the Central Station. For those already booked in a convenient tour can be made to take in Gosforth, Fenham and Benwell before returning to the city centre, where the final ringing is convenient for headquarters.

SUNDAY'S PROGRAMME

The service ringing on Sunday that is listed is practically all at churches where the local band will be able to accommodate even the odd visitor with change ringing. Sunday afternoon provides one of only two opportunities to ring at Durham Cathedral. Visitors should note that access to the tower is gained from the south transept and they should be there at 2.20 p.m. or 2.45 p.m. Chester-le-Street can be taken in on the return journey. Those interested in the seaside may care to visit South Shields from 9 to 9.30 a.m. and then cross the ferry to call at North Shields or Whitley Bay.

Monday presents some problems as many local ringers will be on annual outings and therefore out of the district. The ringing has consequently been planned only on a limited scale and for the most part takes place at those towers handy for the Central Station and new arrivals. Tuesday's ringing, following the civic reception, takes place at the central churches only.

At the time of writing it seems likely that peals will be attempted at Stockton, Sunderland and North Shields.

Well, there it is. The programme has been drawn up and we now await the guests. We hope that your visit will be a pleasant one and you will receive a welcome not only from fellow ringers but from the Church and the Civic Authority as well, for the Bishop of Newcastle and the Lord Mayor have promised to attend. Welcome then to Newcastle-upon-Tyne at Whit-sun, 1954.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

SATURDAY, JUNE 5th

St. John's, Newcastle (8), 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 8.20 p.m. to 9 p.m.
St. George's, Jesmond, Newcastle (8), 11 a.m. to 12 noon.
Newcastle Cathedral (12), 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
St. Stephen's, Elswick, Newcastle (8), 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.
All Saints', Gosforth (10), 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
St. Mary's, Gateshead (8), 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
SS. James and Basil's, Fenham, Newcastle (8), 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.
St. James', Benwell (6) 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6th (Service Ringing)

Newcastle Cathedral, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
St. Stephen's, 9 a.m. to 9.30 a.m., 2 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
St. George's, 10.30 a.m. to 11 a.m.
St. John's, 10.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
SS. James and Basil's, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
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Central Council at Newcastle—Cont.**SUNDAY (continued)**

- St. James', 6.30 a.m. to 7 a.m., 9.30 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
 St. Mary's, Gateshead, 10.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
 All Saints', Gosforth, 8.45 a.m. to 9.10 a.m., 10.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
 Durham Cathedral (8), 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.
 Christ Church, North Shields (10), 10.15 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
 St. Hilda's, South Shields (8), 9 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
 St. Paul's, Whitley Bay (8), 10.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
 SS. Mary and Cuthbert's, Chester-le-Street (8), 10.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 7th

- Newcastle Cathedral, 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 St. John's, 11 a.m. to 12 noon, 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 St. Mary's, Gateshead, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.
 Durham Cathedral, 4.45 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 St. Stephen's, 5 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
 All Saints', Gosforth, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 SS. Mary and Cuthbert's, Chester-le-Street, 7 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.
 St. James', 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8th

- Newcastle Cathedral, 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 St. Stephen's, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 St. John's, 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

RINGING ON TOURS

(Times approximate only)

- Sunday: Rothbury (8), 5.45 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.; Morpeth (8), 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 Monday: Hexham (8), 11 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.; Barnard Castle (8), 2.30 p.m. to 3.15 p.m.; Staindrop (8), 3.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.; Durham and Chester-le-Street, as above.

THE HEADQUARTERS

The headquarters of the Central Council will be at the Crown Hotel, Clayton Street West, Newcastle, where a room will be available for visiting ringers.

The meeting of the Central Council in the Cathedral Library on Whit Tuesday at 10 a.m. is open to all ringers apart from the representatives.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World'
 June 5th, 1914

HERE AND THERE**TOUCHES FROM ACROSS THE ATLANTIC**

Although the doings of the ringers in Vancouver, British Columbia, have not been much heard of lately, the band is still, we hear, practising with more or less regularity, and we record with pleasure a quarter peal of Bob Major rung at the Pro-Cathedral on March 1st for evening service by: A. C. Limpus 1, W. Judd 2, R. J. Carrier 3, F. Taylor 4, J. G. Pearce 5, M. Bennett 6, A. Thomson 7, G. W. Foster (conductor) 8. On March 8th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples was rung. Another 504 in the same method was rung on St. Patrick's Day, as well as 168 on handbells, the latter by G. Foster 1-2, R. J. Carrier 3-4, J. G. Pearce 5-6, A. C. Limpus 7-8, and another 168 with F. Taylor ringing 3-4.

AT BOSTON

On the other side of the Continent the Boston Guild rang 720 Grandsire Doubles at the Perkins Institute, Watertown: P. J. Allfrey 1, George Moore 2, Gordon Mackman 3, E. E. Randall 4, William Bashford 5, Richard Newton 6.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**Membership of 1,596 Reported**

THE Lancashire Association held their annual meeting at Wigan on Saturday, April 24th. The day commenced with ringing in the early afternoon at the Parish Church of All Saints and at St. James', Poolstock. At 4 p.m. the ringers and friends congregated at All Saints', where a short service was held. The preacher was the Rev. F. L. M. Bennett, Rector of Wigan, and before commencing his sermon he welcomed the ringers and friends to Wigan.

Approximately 180 people attended the meeting held in the National Blue Coat School. The president, the Rev. St. John Smith, took the chair and the meeting opened with apologies from several members followed by the minutes of the last annual meeting. Arising out of the minutes, it was reported that no communication had been received from Garstang Church, and this tower would now be included in the Fylde Branch.

The following officers were appointed for 1954-56:—Vice-president, Mr. E. R. Martin; auditor, Mr. E. C. Birkett; Central Council representatives, Mr. F. Dunkerley, the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, Mr. A. Tomlinson and Mr. J. Ridyard; general secretary, Mr. F. Dunkerley.

MR. PETER CROOK'S SUCCESS

In the committee's report, read by the secretary, members were informed of the cancellation of the arrangements for the annual dinner due to lack of support. Members were also informed that the committee had accepted, with regret, the resignation of Mr. Sandiford as treasurer and Mr. F. Dunkerley as ringing secretary when the positions become due for election next October. The committee were pleased to inform the members, however, that Mr. Peter Crook sen. and Mr. Stephen L. Parry were willing to allow their names to go forward as nominees for the respective posts. The services of Mr. Peter Crook sen. were recorded. Mr. Crook has recently retired from the post of secretary of the Bolton Branch, a position he has held for 25 years.

The meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect to the six members who had passed away during the year.

During the year 83 new members joined the Association, making a total membership of 1,596 made up of 65 honorary life members, 507 non-resident members and 1,024 ringing members.

PEAL TOPICS

The attention of members was drawn to the fact that a few peals had been rung in which one or more of the ringers were in arrears with their subscriptions. The committee appealed to these members to amend their ways in fairness to the other members of the bands.

The ringing secretary reported that 136 peals had been rung during the year, including the following 'first peals in the method':—Verulam, Langley, Watford and Ealing Surprise Major and Langley Surprise Royal, all conducted by Mr. J. Ridyard, also Southgate Surprise Major conducted by Mr. E. Jenkins. Many members rang their first peal, and two members their 'first as conductor.' Mr. A. Tomlinson again heads the list of conductors with 15 peals, whilst Mr. J. Ridyard conducted 14 peals.

Mr. Sandiford, the treasurer, read the balance sheet, which showed the Association to be in a very healthy state financially. He hoped it would be kept so and stated that in his opinion the balance should be maintained.

A proposed alteration to Rule 7c by the Liverpool Branch, altering the system of ballot for the election of officers was rejected after discussion. An additional Rule proposed by the committee, that the president and general secretary shall appoint a scrutineer after nominations have been received, was accepted unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP SCROLLS

Under any other business it was decided to have membership forms printed to be issued by the Branch secretaries. It was also decided that the general secretary should issue to each new member, free of charge, a membership scroll. These membership scrolls to be obtainable for existing members on application to the general secretary at a cost of one shilling, this procedure to continue until the stock of approximately 900 is exhausted.

It was arranged to hold the next annual meeting at Bolton.

The secretary reminded members that the half-yearly meeting would be held at Southport on October 9th.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks, moved by the president (the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith) and seconded by Mr. E. R. Martin, to the Rector (the Rev. F. L. M. Bennett), the organist, Wigan Branch secretary (Mr. Farrimond) and the tower captains and local ringers.

IRISH ASSOCIATION**The Gabriel Lindoff Cup**

The annual meeting of the Eastern District, Irish Association, was held in Drogheda on Easter Monday.

The contest for the Gabriel Lindoff Cup resulted in the trophy being awarded to St. John's, O.S.A., Dublin, who now have their name on the Association trophy for the first time. The standard of striking was high, in the words of the judge, Dr. Stan Darmon, only 146 faults having been incurred.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Chairman, James MacManus (re-elected); treasurer, William D. Graham; secretary, Mrs. F. E. Dukes, 26, William Street, Drogheda; Ringing Master, Mrs. S. E. Darmo.

A resolution in condemnation of recorded bells was accepted by the meeting and sent to the Executive Council for discussion and approval.

The place of the next annual meeting was decided for Arklow, with interim meetings at Bray and Blessington.

ST. MARGARET'S, LEICESTER, VISIT CHESTER

Some 40 ringers and friends of St. Margaret's, from the Cathedral, All Saints', St. John's, Syston, Wigston, etc., had a most delightful day on Saturday, May 8th. Starting from the church punctually at 8 a.m. the first call was at Tamworth, whose glorious church has the only double stairway in England where any two persons starting at the bottom (one inside and one outside) would not see each other again till the top of the tower was reached! Here the fine octave was rung to various methods to give everyone a chance.

To Lichfield for a short break to visit the Cathedral, etc., and thence to Stafford, where the central tower is square and then an octagon. After viewing the old ringers' leather jack, the ancient font and other treasures, the party traversed the curious ascent up spiral stairways and along tunnels in the thickness of the walls. The ten bells were rung for an hour.

Then on to Chester and after a grand tea the party was welcomed at the Cathedral. Here again the ascent to the belfry is somewhat involved. One begins at the Abbey Gate, thence through the cloisters and chapter house, up a long spiral in the transept and walks along the narrow ledge above the triforium with more steps to the belfry.

The return home, with a brief stop at Ripley, was a delightful run, and in such ideal weather it was deemed yet another 'of the best' and makes one impatient for the next year's 'do.'

E. M.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BOB TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—I understand that the question of Plain Bob on odd numbers is to be brought up at the next Council meeting and that some peals of Bob Triples, etc., rung last year, Coronation Year, may not be accepted under a rule dating back to 1927. Bob Triples has been rung and accepted from this District in 1951-2.

It the member of the Council who has dug this rule up was a member in 1951-2, which he must have been, as this year is a new Council, he is as guilty of breaking the rule as those of us who have rung them, because he has allowed peals to be accepted which he knew were a breach of the rules.

If Plain Bob on odd numbers is to be barred I suggest it should start from 1955, to be fair to the youngsters.

May I add that we do not ring Bob Triples for the sake of ringing it, but as a stepping stone from Minor to Major. Those who have to teach learners and not get ringers ready-made, will appreciate this point.—Yours sincerely,

EDWIN G. BUCK.

Baldock, Herts.

THE ADVANCED BEGINNER

Dear Sir,—There must be a large number of ringers who, after reading Mr. Hazell's letter in 'The Ringing World,' are, like myself, feeling suitably humble this week-end. I had imagined that anyone capable of ringing Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, etc. (the etc. presumably including Caters, Cinques, Double Norwich and Treble Bob), had left behind the chrysalis stage of the art.

I feel sure, however, that for many of us the greatest shock of this pronouncement will be the necessity of revising our estimates of many of the giants of the Exercise, to whom in the past we had looked up, and whose feats we attempted, with, however, little success, to emulate. Many of them had never struck a blow in Surprise methods, but were masters of the advanced beginners' syllabus enumerated above.

At the same time it would be interesting if an analysis could be made of the number of Surprise peals attempted in relation to those achieved, as against peals of Stedman Triples attempted and those brought round. I imagine the Surprise methods would have an overwhelming preponderance, which would express more than I can hope to condense into a short letter.—Yours faithfully,

A. R. POYNTZ.

Shaldon, S. Devon.

A HAMPSHIRE EXAMPLE

Dear Sir,—The Wolverton (Hants) band appears among those ringing quarter peals for the Queen's homecoming. This band was noticed some years ago for the youngness of its members, and ever since the bells were released it has played its part in opening and building up a new chapter in church bell ringing.

Its continued success is built on two simple but sure foundations: (a) Every ringer attends the service to which he or she has called others; (b) the younger the better. This 'method' is spreading rapidly. It calls for immense patience and perseverance in the captain, but it is a great source of strength to the parish that has it, and it spreads the knowledge and practice both of worship and change ringing where it is most valuable—among the young.

D. L. BOARD.
Rector of Wolverton.

CLERICAL RINGERS OF TO-DAY

Dear Sir,—In 1952, under the heading of 'Forty Years Ago,' you reported the peal of Superlative rung by a band of clerical ringers in 1912, and suggested that the ringing clergy of to-day would find it difficult to repeat that performance. This passed unchallenged in spite of the fact that in 1949 the Guild of Clerical Ringers had rung a peal of Cambridge.

Now, in a footnote to a report of the activities of the ringing clergy in 1913, you write: 'The clerical members of the Exercise at the present day would—unfortunately—have difficulty in equalling these performances.' This time I do not propose to permit your implication of the degeneration of clerical ringers to pass unchallenged, and would point out that the rare appearances of the clergy in peals is due to neither lack of ability nor lack of interest, but to lack of time, which is due to the increasing complexity of parochial life and to the grave shortage of clergy throughout the country.

I would suggest that in such men as the Revs. C. E. Wigg, K. W. H. Felstead and M. C. C. Melville we have ringers who, given the opportunity, would be fully capable of equalling or excelling the performances of any of those mentioned in your 1913 list.

R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH.

Bolton, Lancs.

THE SHERWOOD YOUTHS

Dear Sir,—A young inquirer recently asked me who are the Sherwood Youths. I was able to tell him that the Society was very ancient, having been founded in 1672 with its headquarters at St. Mary's, Nottingham, and I was also able to tell him of the almost legendary Doubleday Crofts and point out his resting place in the peaceful churchyard below.

This casual inquiry started a train of thought. Is the Society still nominally in existence? Who are the officers and why is not something done by them to revive this once flourishing Society with its great tradition of ringing going back through the centuries?

Who has the custody of the Society's records—its priceless peal books, its minutes of bygone days?

Surely, with such a foundation to build upon, the Society can be revived and given a new lease of life. What a pity if through apathy or inertia the surviving officers and members allow their heritage to lapse until the only evidence of a once great institution is the mouldering peal boards in St. Mary's Parish Church.

What about it, Nottingham?—Yours faithfully,

J. W. RAITHBY.

Balderton, Newark.

NO 'PRESS GANG' METHODS

Dear Sir,—By his letter I gather that Mr. H. J. Hazell understands the bulk of the contents of 'The Ringing World.' This being the case, wouldn't it be a fine idea to educate the beginners into reading and understanding it also?

By all means induce the beginner to subscribe, but no 'press gangs,' please. Speaking as a beginner who has had every conceivable form of encouragement, I say ring your peals and quarters, show them their names in print, and very soon they will be almost clamouring for 'The Ringing World,' either to paste the cuttings into their scrap book, as do I, or at least read with pride their achievements.—Yours sincerely,

S. J. HAINES.

Oadby, Leics.

THE ROYAL HOMECOMING

AT SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL

On April 21st at the conclusion of the weekly practice Southwark Cathedral's 12 were rung to Queens and 'fired' as a birthday greeting to our Queen. This was a curtain raiser to May 15th, when 18 of the regular Cathedral ringers assembled to greet the Queen's homecoming. Some 15 visitors had taken their stand on top of the tower when the Tower Bridge opened, and shortly after the bells were up in Queens, and as the Royal yacht tied up were 'fired' in three bursts, followed by further Queens till 1.45.

A break for refreshments (and some rearrangements so that all had a chance in the day's ringing) and the 12 were going again in Queens and as the Royal yacht shot London Bridge the Queen was saluted by three prolonged bursts of 'firing.' Ringing continued till 3.45. Those present were Jeanne Pilkington, J. Robinson, J. Phillips, C. Rew, Mr. and Mrs. Brattley, T. Farmer, C. H. Meers, J. Waugh, Lord Wrenbury, A. C. Winn, Maureen Massam, Shirley Batten, K. Cherril, Benedicta Whistler, A. Ward, R. Williams and K. Hayes.

PLYMOUTH'S GREETINGS

To celebrate the safe return of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. on May 15th Plymouth St. Andrew's bells were rung at intervals between 2.45 and 4.45 p.m. to the following touches:—720 Plain Bob Minor: C. Holmes 1, H. W. Milford 2, T. G. Myers (conductor) 3, S. O'Shaughnessy 4, W. J. Harvey 5, R. A. Southwood 6, R. Wood 7 (tenor behind); 336 Plain Bob Major and three courses Grandsire Caters, Messrs. H. F. Myers, A. Mitchelmore and D. F. Wheeler completing the band. Rounds on ten were rung for a visiting ringer from Tintagel, in Cornwall, it being his first ring on ten.

THREE MINUTES' INTERLUDE AT EVERCREECH

A touch of Grandsire Triples was in progress at Evercreech, Somerset, when the rope of the fifth broke just below the sally, the bell setting at backstroke. With only a moment's hesitation, the ringer, who happened to be the conductor and steeple-keeper, called the bells to ring rounds. He nipped smartly up to the next floor, spliced the rope in under three minutes, adjusted the rope, dropped it back through the floor and went down and carried on with the ringing. While this was happening one of the youngsters had taken charge and called the bells to ring a few call changes so that the missing bell passed unnoticed, especially as the ringing had been with 9, 8, 10 covering.

PORTSMOUTH'S WELCOME

During the passage of the 'Britannia' through the Solent and Spithead a quarter peal of Stedman was rung at Portsmouth Cathedral. As the tower is close to the sea and the wind was off-shore, it is quite possible that they were heard by those on deck. The next day a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung on these bells and later in the day a peal of London Surprise Major at St. Mary's, Portsea. By a coincidence this is the first occasion that peals on these two rings in the city of Portsmouth have been rung on the same day.

A meritorious performance was the quarter peal at Twickenham, where, except for the conductor, all the ringers only commenced to ring when the bells were installed in the tower just over three years ago. There were seven 'first' quarter peals.

Another encouraging performance was the peal of Grandsire Doubles at Widcombe, Bath. Here the conductor had four first peals and one first 'inside' in his band.



QUARTER PEALS FOR THE RETURN OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II

MAY 15, 1954

ABERAVON, GLAM.—1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Hannington 1, T. M. Roderick 2, E. Phillips 3, J. Lovett 4, B. Williams 5, G. I. Lewis 6, A. J. Pitman (cond.) 7, E. Morris 8.

ADLINGTON, LANCS.—On May 15th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor and 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: D. Sheffield 1, M. E. Openshaw 2, E. Baldwin 3, T. Turner 4, I. Jones (cond.) 5, J. Blackburn 6.

ALDERTON, NORTHANTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hall 1, G. Webb 2, F. Hall 3, C. Hall 4, G. Atkins (cond.) 5.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Pamela Law 1, Mary W. Brown 2, Diana Gough 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (first in the method as cond.) 5, Valerie Mephram 6.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. W. Nuttall (first quarter) 1, Doris A. Banks (first quarter 'inside') 2, Susan K. M. Knight 3, F. G. Barron 4, G. Verrill 5, R. C. Beal 6, H. A. Nobes 7, J. Hedges 8.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: S. N. Bristow 1, Audrey Yarde 2, Florence Norman 3, Phyllis Norman 4, D. T. North (cond.) 5, J. Smith 6. First of Stedman for 3, 4 and 6.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On May 16th, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. J. Yardley 1, A. Short 2, E. J. Franklin 3, J. W. Pettigrew 4, G. W. Critchley 5, J. L. Gray 6, G. Davis (cond.) 7, A. H. S. Rainey 8. Rung before Matins. Also on May 16th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: J. L. Gray 1, A. Short (cond.) 2, Miss C. A. Harding 3, G. W. Critchley 4, R. C. Ingram 5, J. W. Pettigrew 6, E. J. Franklin 7, G. Davis 8, J. F. Butler 9, A. H. S. Rainey 10. Rung before Evensong.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On May 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Hatfield 1, H. Wingrove (cond.) 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, E. G. Swift 4, J. Harrison 5, A. Newton 6, W. Edwards 7, A. Bridges 8.

BETHESDEN, KENT.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Pamela Cooling 1, P. Jarvis 2, M. Marshall 3, W. Marshall 4, W. Ring (cond.) 5, H. Jarvis 6.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Watts 1, F. Goodall 2, H. Payne 3, H. Deacon 4, L. Payne 5, K. Acland 6, C. Deacon 7, V. Paine 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering.

BIGBY, Lincs.—On May 15th, 1,272 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 552 Plain Bob): G. Blanchard 1, C. A. Harrison 2, H. Morwood 3, Miss S. Wickens 4, J. Bray (cond.) 5, P. Barnes 6.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Phillips 1, A. Hodges 2, V. G. Phillips (cond.) 3, C. Gough 4, F. W. Thorpe 5, J. Gascoigne 6.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On May 16th, 1,440 Bob Minor: J. Vincent 1, Miss Y. Wilkins 2, B. Bladon 3, B. Sheppard 4, Miss D. Lewis 5, W. Trueman (cond.) 6.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On May 16th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: E. J. Thurlow 1, Miss M. R. Thompson 2, G. A. Sutherland 3, R. S. Payne 4, C. J. Gibso 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (420 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob and 360 Grandsire): R. F. Baker (cond.) 1, Lucy Allen 2, Elizabeth Graham 3, J. Allen 4, E. Whiting 5.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On May 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Lovett 1, E. Phillips 2, E. Morris 3, A. J. Pitman 4, A. Hannington 5, B. Williams 6, T. M. Roderick (cond.) 7, G. I. Lewis 8.

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's Church, on May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Stanford (first quarter) 1, Miss H. Tesson 2, T. Edwards 3, Miss E. Roberts (cond.) 4, M. Sprackling 5, K. Kear 6. Rung by members of the University of Bristol Society.

BROSELEY, SALOP.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 1-2 leading): J. Garbett 1, G. Oliver 2, D. Powell (first quarter on changing bell) 3, Dorothy Garbett 4, Joyce B. White 5, Wm. J. Garbett 6, A. J. Garbett (cond.) 7, Wm. Hartshorne 8.

BUCKERELL, DEVON.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Broadhurst 1, F. H. Parr 2, J. A. Broadhurst 3, R. J. Bakke 4, F. J. Wheaton (cond.) 5, F. E. J. Parr 6.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.—On May 16th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain Bob): E. G. L. Coward 1, Miss M. Brown 2, Miss E. Clear (first of Minor) 3, C. J. Champion (cond.) 4, A. P. Cannon 5, K. R. Holtom 6.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.—On May 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. H. Hayes 1, R. P. Robinson 2, J. E. Usher 3, P. C. Roberts 4, A. G. Watkin 5, F. H. Birks 6, D. H. B. Millward (cond.) 7, L. R. Millward 8.

CADOXTON, NEATH, GLAM.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. G. Lewis 1, J. E. Bloxham 2, D. J. Lewis 3, E. Phillips 4, G. I. Lewis (cond.) 5, B. Williams 6.

CANNINGTON, SOMERSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Plain Bob, 600 Grandsire): F. Fackrell 1, L. Pople 2, W. Stevens 3, W. Heyward 4, H. Pople (cond.) 5, R. Fowler (first quarter) 6.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Plain Bob, 120 All Saints', 120 Canterbury Reverse Pleasure and 900 Grandsire): D. Borley 1, W. Benton 2, A. E. Barker 3, A. Armstrong 4, G. Bradbury (cond.) 5, E. Borley 6. First quarter peal in four methods by all the band.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Watts 1, S. Wyburn (cond.) 2, E. Parker 3, A. Bellamy 4, A. Chubb 5, M. Cook 6.

CAWTHORNE, YORKS.—On May 15th, 1,320 Minor (600 Bob and 720 Oxford): R. Swift 1, W. Broadhead 2, G. Crompton 3, C. Rusby 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6.

CHECKENDON, OXON.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Ellis (first quarter) 1, M. Baughan 2, G. J. Hearis 3, B. Wakefield 4, E. Baughan (cond.) 5, C. Baughan 6.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On May 15th, 1,920 Grandsire Doubles: A. Street 1, A. Worth 2, R. Barratt 3, A. Campbell 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, H. Callwood 6.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Baber 1, L. Pullen 2, C. Cornelius 3, J. Futz 4, H. Ford 5, R. Dudden 6, J. Bartlett (cond.) 7, C. Ford 8.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. E. Lloyd 1, J. Draycott 2, Miss M. Beamish 3, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 4, J. Ford 5, A. H. Beamish 6, J. F. Clarke 7, J. E. Moreton 8.

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Gale 1, S. Smith 2, C. Tarr 3, H. Purchase 4, G. Davis (first quarter as cond.) 5, H. Commins 6.

CLERKENWELL, E.C.—On May 16th, 1,280 Bob Major: J. Hawkins 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, W. Prockson 3, F. Barker 4, Dr. W. Winterston 5, R. Beggie 6, A. W. Coles (cond.) 7, J. Euston 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On May 15th, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. J. Lewis, sen., 1, W. G. Cook 2, A. Painter 3, F. J. Lewis, jun., 4, H. L. Cooke 5, E. H. Jefferies 6, W. H. Hayward (cond.) 7, S. Eastbury 8.

COTTESMORE, RUTLAND.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Scott (cond.) 1, Miss J. Brandon 2, H. Wand 3, G. Vickers 4, E. Tawas 5, E. E. Gibson 6.

CREATON, NORTHANTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Duckett (first quarter) 1, A. Brown 2, S. Brown (first quarter as cond.) 3, R. Seaton 4, H. Brown (first quarter) 5. First quarter by a local band.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (3 extents each Plain Bob and April Day and 44 Grandsire): W. Cummings 1, E. J. Lambert 2, J. Higgins (cond.) 3, F. Lambert 4, E. R. Lambert 5, E. C. Noble 6.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Perry 1, J. T. Locke 2, Miss A. J. Burge (first quarter 'inside') 3, J. W. Drew 4, B. R. Hartland 5, G. A. Hartland 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, H. C. Burge 8.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Royston 1, Yvonne Drewe 2, Pat Lambert 3, Mary Dowsett 4, J. West 5, I. J. M. Saunders (cond.) 6.

DERBY.—At St. Luke's Church, on May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Double, 7, 6, 8 covering: V. Horton 1, M. Hatch 2, D. Gebbet 3, P. J. Skinner 4, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 5, J. MacArthur 6, D. Shakespeare 7, B. P. Howe (first quarter) 8. Average age of band 16 years.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On May 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss K. Harrison 1, F. C. Roper 2, J. B. Morley (cond.) 3, A. G. Harrison 4, C. Catchpole 5, H. Moss 6, A. E. Cook 7, T. C. Ford 8. Also to mark the engagement between the Rev. D. Ward, curate of Diss, a fellow-ringer, and Miss A. Taylor.

DORKING, SURREY.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Clark 1, Miss K. Dowling 2, Miss E. Clear 3, Miss M. Brown 4, B. Reed 5, E. Coward 6, A. Harman (cond.) 7, G. Coldman 8.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. R. Tudball 1, Mrs. P. Tudball 2, P. Tudball 3, H. W. Lloyd (cond.) 4, G. Maidment 5, I. Farmer 6, E. R. Warner (Woking) 7, J. Tudball 8.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Wade 1, G. Lorin 2, F. Limb 3, F. Claydon 4, G. Trendell 5, W. Arnold (cond.) 6.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.—On May 16th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. J. Board 1, J. Carter 2, C. Savage (first 'inside') 3, C. C. Deem 4, S. Skinner (cond.) 5, J. Quick 6.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Carol Buckingham (first quarter) 1, L. Maynard 2, S. A. Hayzelden 3, Margaret Harris 4, R. Harris 5, H. Webb 6.

EAST REITFORD, NOTTS.—On May 15th, 1,344 Oxford Bob Triples: J. Segar 1, Miss W. Wilkinson 2, C. Cook 3, Miss D. Wear 4, H. Webb 5, W. Coates 6, K. Beardsall (cond.) 7, H. Willows 8.

EDINBURGH.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, on May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia Craig 1, M. Simpson 2, R. St. C. Wilson 3, Kate Branson (cond.) 4, A. W. Lloyd 5, J. Newton 6, C. R. Raine 7, W. H. Pickett 8.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.—On May 15th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. R. Agg 1, J. R. Mossop 2, A. Eilbeck 3, J. A. Haile 4, G. Tembey 5, J. Rothery 6, H. Wilson 7, S. Richardson (cond.) 8.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Peck 1, S. Atkins 2, J. Sharpe 3, W. Bowers 4, D. Reeve 5, H. Fuller 6, J. Paul (cond.) 7, H. Ivings 8.

ETWALL, DERBYS.—On May 15th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: F. G. Murfin 1, D. Murfin 2, J. F. Murfin 3, S. Waiklate 4, D. K. Waiklate (cond.) 5, A. Fisher 6.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Holt (first quarter Triples) 1, Renee Marwood 2, E. J. Munday 3, N. J. Smith 4, A. H. Sturges 5, A. E. C. Noble 6, H. A. Nobes 7, G. Miles 8.

FRESHWATER, I.O.W.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (480 All Saints' and 780 Grandsire): C. A. Saunders 1, A. W. Green 2, H. Thomas 3, E. F. Ridett 4, F. A. Green (cond.) 5, P. R. Stephens 6. First in method by all.

FROME, SOMERSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Scudamore (first quarter) 1, J. Topp 2, Eunice D. Overend 3, W. H. Mills 4, E. Bray 5, W. Flower 6, D. Flower (cond.) 7, H. Vennell 8.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 120 St. Martin's, 360 Plain Bob and three 240s Grandsire): Miss J. Robotham 1, T. A. Wickins 2, Miss J. R. Wells 3, J. F. Penfold 4, F. W. Lawrence (cond.) 5, Mrs. C. Court 6.

HAMPTON, BEDS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Deason (first quarter) 1, D. Hawkins (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. Lawrence (first 'inside') 3, R. Woodcock 4, P. Ridgway 5, S. J. Woodcock (cond.) 6.

HARTSET, SUFFOLK.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Garwood 1, M. Willoughby 2, F. Payne (cond.) 3, G. Jennings 4, R. J. Truin 5.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 4, 6, 8 covering: Miss B. Corderoy 1, D. Jordan (cond.) 2, W. Gilks 3, F. Corderoy 4, P. Davies 5, D. Lawson 6, W. Corderoy 7, D. Bosley 8. Also on May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering: Miss F. Sampler 1, D. Lawson 2, Miss P. Bray (first quarter) 3, D. Jordan (cond.) 4, D. Bosley 5, Miss M. Luker 6, W. Gilks 7, A. Saunders 8.

HASFIELD, GLOS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: F. Bullock 1, T. Steward (cond.) 2, H. S. Ball 3, F. Chamberlain 4, E. Franklin 5, A. Chamberlain 6.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Powell 1, Miss A. Wood (first quarter Triples) 2, A. H. Kemp 3, W. Gorringe 4, L. W. Jarvis 5, G. Billenness (cond.) 6, J. Brown 7, B. Harris 8.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On May 17th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, N. Mallett 3, G. D. Whitehead 4, F. W. Lack 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, OXON.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Hatto 1, R. Vaughan 2, J. Eymor 3, C. Tigwell (first of Triples) 4, F. Henbest (first of Triples) 5, E. Nash 6, A. K. Street (first as cond.) 7, J. Smith 8.

HENSINGHAM, CUMBERLAND.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Johnston 1, G. Tembey 2, J. R. Mossop 3, A. R. Agg 4, J. A. Haile 5, S. Richardson (cond.) 6, H. Willson 7, H. Southward 8.

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HERTHERSETT, NORFOLK.—On May 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss E. Bracey 1, C. H. Moore 2, Miss S. Barker 3, M. J. Day 4, A. J. Sercombe 5, R. G. Lofly 6, J. Moore 7, H. Tooke (cond.) 8.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On May 15th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss R. Lake 1, Mrs. G. E. Retter 2, W. D. Ashdown 3, A. Holway 4, D. Callard 5, J. Salway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. E. Retter 8.

HULME, MANCHESTER.—At St. Philip's Church, on May 15th, 1,440 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 720 Plain Bob): W. A. Cooper 1, Miss C. A. Muirhead 2, Miss E. M. Mitchell 3, B. A. Tomlinson 4, R. G. Turner 5, W. L. Robinson (cond.) 6.

IRTON, CUMBERLAND.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Rodgers 1, J. R. Mossop 2, J. A. Haile 3, A. R. Agg 4, G. Tembey 5, H. Wilson 6, S. Richardson (cond.) 7, T. McKay 8.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLEX.—On May 16th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. O. L. Rogers 1, Miss J. Creak (first quarter of Major 'inside') 2, Miss E. Farrell 3, Mrs. K. F. Parr 4, S. Croft 5, J. R. Ketteringham 6, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, F. D. Bishop 8.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Fagg 1, P. Hollingdale 2, C. W. Linington 3, S. A. Hall 4, C. D. Linington (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. H. Smith (first quarter) 1, D. K. Lane 2, R. R. Nutt (first quarter 'inside') 3, G. H. Lane (cond.) 4, W. G. Lane 5.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. G. Jones (first quarter) 1, L. H. Colcombe 2, R. G. Powell (cond.) 3, T. J. Gunoy 4, A. Colcombe 5, R. A. Colcombe 6.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Pilcher 1, Clare Chambers 2, Barbara Marks 3, A. Childs 4, B. L. Marks (first as cond.) 5, P. Wells 6. Also in three nearby villages.

KING'S WALDEN, HERTS.—On May 16th, 1,440 Hull Surprise Minor: Miss A. Willes 1, Mrs. G. Dodds 2, R. Castledine 3, M. Orme 4, D. Jones (cond.) 5, G. Dodds 6. First of Hull by all.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain and Cambridge Royal: C. Smart 1, A. H. Winch 2, Miss M. Lewis 3, G. Mariner 4, G. Peters 5, B. Hawkins 6, W. Newbery 7, A. Smith 8, H. Young 9, A. Harman (cond.) 10.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 240 Canterbury Pleasure, 300 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): M. Blason 1, D. Ringrose 2, J. Kightley 3, A. Ford 4, L. Battison (cond.) 5. First quarter peal for all except the conductor.

LINCOLN.—On May 15th, at St. Peter-at-Gowts' Church, 1,260 Plain Bob: C. Pople 1, H. Hurst 2, A. Melton 3, V. Briggs 4, F. Dixon 5, F. Crowe (cond.) 6.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles: F. Millier 1, Miss R. Hutchings 2, S. White 3, Miss J. Legg (first quarter) 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, M. Hutchings 6.

LOIS WEEDON, NORTHANTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Hinton 1, B. Saunders 2, M. Saunders 3, W. J. Chester (cond.) 4, S. Daniels 5, G. Shellard, jun., 6.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Old Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): J. Eales 1, Rhona Pebody 2, R. Wilson 3, M. F. Amos (cond.) 4, R. S. Holland 5.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On May 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. L. Taylor 1, C. W. Powell 2, R. Keeley 3, Mrs. Powell 4, G. S. Morris (cond.) 5, E. Rawson 6, G. Whitmore 7, J. Rattenbury 8.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on May 15th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: J. Simkins 1, Miss M. Walshaw 2, F. Barraclough 3, H. Hollingworth 4, B. Walshaw 5, A. Ridyard 6, H. Reynolds 7, A. Ward 8, R. Longden (cond.) 9, H. Longden 10.

MARKSBURY, SOMERSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Smith (first quarter) 1, Mrs. H. Kimber 2, Miss R. Smith 3, Miss D. Smith 4, W. J. Gait 5, W. A. Prescott (cond.) 6.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. H. Wareham (first quarter) 1, P. Bray 2, Eunice D. Overend 3, G. H. Wareham 4, W. H. Mills (cond.) 5, H. Vennell 6.

MERROW, SURREY.—On May 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: G. M. Battersby (first away from tenor) 1, Jillian H. Wilson (first 'inside') 2, Eva Taussig 3, A. Pamela Warren 4, J. A. Etherington (first as cond.) 5, R. F. Warren (first quarter) 6. First quarter by the local band.

MEYSEY-HAMPTON, GLOS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Roderick 1, G. Peare 2, E. H. Peare 3, W. A. Godwin (cond.) 4, H. Day 5, N. G. Peare 6.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss N. Osmond (first quarter) 1, M. Horseman 2, Mrs. R. Quint (first 'inside') 3, L. Derrick (cond.) 4, D. Yeo 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

NEWTON, PORTHCAWL, GLAM.—On May 15th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Hannington 1, E. Morris 2, J. Lovett 3, E. Phillips 4, B. Williams 5, G. I. Lewis (cond.) 6.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. H. Andrews (cond.) 1, P. W. J. Harding 2, F. S. Slatford 3, G. W. Massey 4, J. Romain 5, W. C. West 6, L. E. Hitchins 7, S. G. Grant 8.

NORTON, HERTS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Merrell 1, Miss I. Werrett 2, H. Werrett 3, Miss A. Willes 4, I. Werrett 5, W. Hitch (first in method as cond.) 6, R. Dixon 7, Miss J. Sanderson 8.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's Church, on May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. H. Niblett 1, A. Gammon 2, W. H. B. Wilkins 3, D. O. Wilks 4, G. F. Jenkins 5, J. H. Smart 6, B. S. Nichols (cond.) 7, W. F. Holloway 8.

OXHEY, HERTS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Grandsire, and 240 each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Stedman): Gillian Flitton 1, Mary Flitton 2, F. W. Brinklow (cond.) 3, T. Clark 4, Mary Deiderfield 5, C. Randall 6.

PETERBOROUGH.—On May 16th, at St. John's Church, 1,264 Bob Major: H. Goakes 1, S. Wright 2, W. Rose 3, M. Dyer (first of Major 'inside') 4, G. Bush 5, H. S. Peacock 6, W. Ransome 7, N. Mallett (cond.) 8.

PORKHERRY, GLAM.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Smart (first away from tenor) 1, H. Green 2, H. W. Dimond (first 'inside') 3, M. Williams 4, L. J. Malings (cond.) 5.

PAULERS PURY, NORTHANTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Booth 1, Miss N. Tomlin 2, K. Sheidon 3, J. Foster 4, P. Foster (cond.) 5, A. Kingston 6.

POULTON-LE-FYLDE, LANCS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (360 All Saints', 360 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire), with 7, 6, 8 covering: Miss O. W. Barrett (cond.) 1, J. Nevin 2, B. Atkinson 3, Miss D. M. Barrett 4, B. H. Hall 5, Miss J. K. Barrett 6, R. Parkinson 7, P. S. Barrett 8.

ROCHDALE, LANCS.—On May 15th, at All Saints' Church, Hamer, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Buckley 1, Beatrice Wood 2, Alwyn Taylor 3, K. Abbott 4, I. W. Taylor 5, J. Taylor (cond.) 6.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. B. Kynaston 1, Miss B. M. Strange 2, Miss M. Harry 3, D. Bounds 4, Miss B. J. Strange (cond.) 5, T. I. Holborow 6.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 6, 4, 8 covering: Miss A. Knight (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Smith 2, M. Northway (cond.) 3, G. Northway 4, J. Page 5, M. J. Bray (first quarter) 6, C. Herbert 7, D. Greenlaw 8.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On May 15th, 1,872 Little Bob Royal: W. E. Critchley 1, M. Mills 2, Mrs. N. Chaddock 3, G. K. Chaddock 4, B. Holland 5, F. Fisher 6, H. O. Chaddock 7, A. Firth 8, Rev. G. G. Grahame 9, N. Chaddock (cond.) 10.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—On May 15th, at the Church of St. Andrew, a quarter peal comprising Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles: Mrs. W. Vann 1, E. Hunt 2, W. Vann 3, J. Underwood 4, A. Barlow (cond.) 5.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Rodgers (first quarter) 1, J. A. Haile 2, A. R. Agg 3, G. Tembey 4, J. R. Mossion 5, H. Wilson 6, S. Richardson (cond.) 7, T. McKay 8.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. King 1, F. J. Lambert 2, E. Avery 3, A. Hoad 4, A. Smith 5, W. H. Hoad (cond.) 6, J. Harris 7, F. Hook 8. Also a farewell to the Rev. C. E. Ward on his retirement after 41 years as Vicar of the parish.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Doubles (2 extents Stedman, 2 Spliced Grandsire and Plain Bob, 24 Grandsire, 4 Plain Bob): Mrs. W. Simpson 1, Shelagh Kilbourn 2, R. A. Hickton 3, W. E. Simpson 4, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 5, R. G. Newsum 6.

SHAFTESBURY, DORSET.—On May 15th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Cook 1, C. Pring 2, M. J. Hallett (first as cond.) 3, A. Woods 4, J. B. Powlesland 5, M. Fisher 6.

SHIPLEAKE, OXON.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss O. Smith (first quarter) 1, W. Wicks 2, Mrs. B. A. Roberts (first quarter) 3, Miss L. Roberts (first quarter) 4, A. K. Street (cond.) 5, F. Henbest (first quarter) 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss O. Smith (first of Triples) 1, H. Hatto 2, Miss L. Roberts (first of Triples) 3, E. Nash 4, C. Tigwell 5, F. Henbest 6, A. K. Street (cond.) 7, D. Neate 8.

STANMORE, MIDDLEX.—On May 15th, 1,736 Grandsire Triples: Joan Wilcockson 1, Miss M. Mesley 2, R. Stoddard 3, E. J. Leversuch 4, T. Clark 5, S. A. Warwick 6, W. Wenban (cond.) 7, C. Wenban 8. Longest length by 1 and 2.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gladys M. Smith 1, Jean Horton 2, Rita Curson 3, A. Piercy 4, W. H. Curtis (cond.) 5, F. Blunden 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 4.

TOTTERNOE, BEDS.—On May 15th, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: D. Broyd 1, J. Newman 2, P. Mehew 3, M. Collings 4, J. Scott 5, A. E. Sharman 6, D. Knox (cond.) 7, J. Sinfield 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On May 15th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. D. Divali 1, S. J. Ponting 2, C. A. Bassett 3, A. F. Lewry 4, W. Kitchenside 5, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 6. First in the method 1 and 2.

TURNERS HILL, SUSSEX.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): J. A. Bonnett (first in two methods) 1, H. J. Wilde 2, H. Mead 3, C. F. Bonnett 4, I. A. C. Butcher (cond.) 5, E. Constable 6.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Boore (first quarter) 1, P. Robinson 2, S. A. Hill 3, C. H. Wickens (cond.) 4, P. Hollingdale 5.

UPLOWMAN, DEVON.—On May 17th, 1,260 Doubles (being 360 Plain Bob, 360 Stedman, 540 Grandsire): S. N. Bristow 1, W. C. Panter 2, Audrey Yarde 3, Phyllis Norman (first in more than one method) 4, D. T. North (cond.) 5, R. Perry 6.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—On May 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. F. Neal 1, Miss G. L. Friwell 2, M. Sinden 3, J. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkins 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. M. Bryce (first quarter) 1, D. Banks (first in method) 2, P. Woodward 3, K. Parks 4, G. Townsends 5, L. Boumphrey 6, J. Kirby 7, W. Moreton (cond.) 8.

WALBRIDGE, SUSSEX.—On May 15th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Sylvia Streeter 1, Miss B. Haselgrove 2, Miss H. Haselgrove 3, C. H. Shepherd 4, E. Treagus (cond.) 5, H. J. Peskett 6. First quarter for ringers of 1, 2 and 3.

WALKERN, HERTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Double Court Minor: Miss M. Jackson 1, R. Sharp 2, J. Sinfield 3, J. Church 4, M. Orme 5, D. Jones (first in method as cond.) 6. 50th quarter peal together by 5 and 6.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): D. Absolom 1, P. Wilson 2, F. Smith 3, W. Absolom 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, W. Faulkner 6. Also 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire): P. Jeffries 1, F. Godun 2, R. Tuckwell 3, W. Absolom 4, J. Godman (cond.) 5, W. Faulkner 6.

WARMISTON, WILTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Hawkins 1, J. Hippen 2, E. Gray 3, N. Kne 4, S. Evans (cond.) 5, T. Mallard 6.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Maples (11) 1, Miss H. Skinner 2, Miss E. Willard 3, J. Young (13) 4, F. F. Brooks (cond.) 5, J. Luff 6. First quarter 1 and 4.

WESTMINSTER, W.C.—At St. Margaret's Church, on May 15th, 1,323 Stedman Caters: Mrs. E. E. Davis 1, W. Williams 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, W. H. Hewett (cond.) 4, R. Charge 5, R. W. Stannard 6, R. Story (first of Stedman Caters) 7, J. W. Chapman 8, R. Sanders 9, J. Euston 10.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss T. Duck 1, G. W. White 2, A. Hunter 3, D. Elwick (first as cond.) 4, S. R. Elwick 5, H. Waters 6, J. Hodgson 7, C. Tindale 8.

WHITCHURCH, OXON.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Short 1, J. Carter (first quarter) 2, Miss L. Slad 3, G. Hearns 4, B. Cracknell (first quarter as cond.) 5, J. Chambers 6.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On May 15th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: J. Chambers (first of Treble Bob) 1, T. E. Roberts 2, Miss K. M. Cowley 3, F. C. Case 4, W. A. Yates 5, G. W. Holland 6, F. Vickers 7, G. E. Green (cond.) 8. First in the method for 3 and 8.

WICKHAM ST. PAUL, ESSEX.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss T. Bird (first quarter) 1, C. Corder 2, C. Weavers (cond.) 3, T. Bird 4, R. Rippingale 5.

WINTERTON, Lincs.—On May 15th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. Chaffer 1, Mrs. H. Hall 2, R. Chaffer 3, B. Freeman 4, J. Freeman 5, H. Hall (cond.) 6.

WOLASTON, WORCS.—On May 15th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Bass 1, F. W. Gibbs 2, S. G. Thompson 3, S. Cook 4, H. V. Cooper (cond.) 5, F. G. Handley 6.

WOLVERTON, HANTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dorcen Cane 1, Jean Pike 2, Margaret Cane 3, D. Cane (cond.) 4, H. Allen (first 'inside') 5, H. Chant 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6 (ages 12 and 14).

WONSTON, HANTS.—On May 15th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss N. Smith 1, R. Smith 2, T. Parrot 3, A. Tumbler 4, J. A. C. King 5, N. Andrews (cond.) 6.

EASTER MONDAY IN SOUTH DEVON

A small party of ringers spent Easter Monday enjoying a six bells outing arranged by Mr. Wilf Panter, organised with his usual efficiency, but this year omitting his famous 'Trials Section.'

First tower was Halwell (14 cwt.); then on to East Allington, where, however, no ringing could take place owing to a death. A local ringer suggested Sherford (12 cwt.), where permission to ring was readily given, together with an invitation to come again. The last tower before lunch was Charleton (12 cwt.). Before ringing at Churchstow (16 cwt.) a good meal was enjoyed at the old-world Church Inn. Ringing at Thurlstone (12½ cwt.) had to be curtailed as the local captain had not been acquainted of the party's visit and there was a long delay whilst he was fetched from a local football match.

Before a sumptuous tea at Hope Cove, two more towers were visited, South Milton (12 cwt.) and Galmpton (6 cwt.). After ringing at Marlborough (11 cwt.), the last and perhaps the best bells of the day, the members of the party dispersed for their homeward journeys. E. T. P. F.

PRESENTATION TO MR. ALBERT CRAWLEY

A presentation was made during evensong on May 16th at Wistaston, Cheshire, to Mr. Albert Crawley to mark his retirement from the position of captain of the tower.

The Rector, the Rev. G. M. Morgan-Wynne, paid tribute to Mr. Crawley's work and said how sorry the parish was that ill-health had forced him to resign and leave the district after 30 years as head ringer.

His presence will be missed, not only at Wistaston, but at many other towers, particularly those in the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild, where he was a regular attender at meetings.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Crawley has taken part in every one of the 76 peals which have been rung at Wistaston. One of these, which he conducted, was the 2,000th peal for the Chester Guild. J. D. S.

LATE NOTICES

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambs and Hunts Districts.—Joint meeting at Bourn, Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, H. S. Peacock. Dis. Secs. 4519

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch and Furness and Lake District Branch.—Joint meeting at Silverdale (6 bells), Saturday, June 12th. Ringing 2.30–8. Tea 4.30. Names for tea to W. Bolton, Kirkmeade, Cove Road, Silverdale.—R. F. Eccles, N. M. Newby, Branch Secs. 4521

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Our first ever at High Erccall, eight, restored, left-hand eight, June 12th. Midland Red 1.10 and 3.10 p.m. from Shrewsbury, 2.10 and 4.10 p.m. from Wellington. If you require tea you must advise W. A. Farmer, 99, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury, by 9th. 4522

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, Fordingbridge (2.30 p.m.) and Ringwood, Saturday, June 12th.—A. V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 4518

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Meeting, Lutton (6), June 19th. Usual arrangements and times. Names to Mr. G. R. G. Butler, Lutton, Spalding, by June 12th. 4523

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District), **BARNSELY, DONCASTER AND SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETIES.**—Annual joint meeting at Wath-on-Dearne, June 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Green, 28, Sandymount Road, Wath-on-Dearne, by Thursday, June 17th. 4520

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Saturday, June 5th, 3.30; The Ship, Talbot Court, 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 4460

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Wilburton (6), June 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening meetings; June 12th, Rampton (5); June 19th, Sutton (6).—Miss M. Grain. 4271

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Elstree (6), Saturday, June 5th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names to R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. 4457

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Chart Sutton (6), Whit Saturday, June 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 4438

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting, Shipbourne, Saturday, June 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (1s. 9d.). Names, with cash, please, to Miss J. French, Woodbine Cottage, Shipbourne, Tonbridge. 4445

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Bourne (6), Whit Saturday, June 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Phipp's Cafe. Meeting follows. 4485

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday, June 7th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4479

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Chelmsford, Whit Monday, June 7th. Service in the Cathedral 11 a.m., conducted by the Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral. Address by Ven. W. N. Welch, M.A., Archdeacon of Southend. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. Lunch at the Cathedral Hall at 1.30 p.m.; members 4s., non-resident and non-members 5s. To celebrate the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the Association, Evensong will be conducted by the Rev. J. O. Nicholas in Writtle Parish Church at 6 p.m. Tea will be served as a running buffet in the Church Room, Writtle, from 4.30 p.m. until 5.45 p.m. at 1s. 6d. per head. Bells available: Cathedral (13) 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.; the following towers are available from 3 p.m.—Great Baddow (8), Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Galleywood (8), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6), Sandon (6).—F. V. G. 4421

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Annual Festival, Plymouth, Whit Monday, June 7th. Service St. Andrew's 12 noon. Luncheon, Invicta Hotel, Osborne Place, 1 p.m. Meeting to follow at 2 p.m. Ringing: St. Andrew's (10) 9.30–11.45; Emmanuel (8) 10–11.30; Plympton St. Maurice (8) 10–11.15; all three towers also open after the meeting. For luncheon tickets and particulars of other towers available in the Plymouth area, apply to E. J. Taylor, General Sec., Westhayes, Post Hill, Tiverton. 4394

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Maulden on Saturday, June 12th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 4484

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Beverley, Saturday, June 12th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, June 9th, to Mr. A. Taylor, 28, Albert Terrace, Beverley. 4512

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak and Chesterfield Districts.—Joint meeting, Saturday, June 12th. Edensor (6), 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Baslow (6), 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—H. E. Taylor, A. B. Cooper, District Secs. 4517

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Crediton (8, 27½ cwt.), Saturday, June 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea, Kirtan Cafe, 5. More ringing after meeting. Names, by Tuesday, June 8th, to F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 4450

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Lamberhurst (6), June 12th. Names to Mr. W. Morland, Court Lodge, in whose garden tea will be served. Look up London Surprise. — C. A. Bassett. 4500

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Meeting, Great Bardfield, June 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to be sent, not later than Wednesday, June 9th, to J. Jennings, 1, Pont Place, Great Bardfield. Important.—H. A. Pratt. 4459

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District. — Meeting at Thaxted (8) on Saturday, June 12th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Church Hall. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 4508

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Bishopstone (8), June 12th. For tea advise Mr. W. Daniell, 58, Brunswick Street, Swindon.—W. B. Kynaston. 4273

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice 6-9 p.m. at Bentley (6), Saturday, June 12th.—G. S. G. Joyce, Dis. Sec., 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 4499

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kingston District.—Meeting at King's Pyon, Saturday, June 12th. Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business after. Names for tea, by Tuesday, June 12th, to J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster. 4488

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tring (8), Saturday, June 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by June 9th to D. Cartwright, Miswell Orchard, Miswell Lane, Tring, Herts. 4480

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — Quarterly meeting, Tiverton, June 12th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow. Other towers available: Ottery St. Mary 11-12; Uffculme 2.15-3.15; Huntsham 7.30-8.30. Lunch at Ottery St. Mary. Names for lunch and/or tea and details of coach from Bath/Bristol district, to Miss M. Taylor, Upcott, Uplands Road, Saltford, Bristol. 4492

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Annual meeting to be held at Coleshill on June 12th. Bells at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to be sent, not later than June 8th, to Audrey A. Timms, 28, Westminster Road, Coventry. 4505

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — Meeting at Singleton on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to be sent, not later than Wednesday, June 9th, to James Wilson, 20, Church Road, Singleton. 4515

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's Parish Church, Woolton, Saturday, June 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. 4489

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Bilsborrow, June 12th. Bring own food. Preston-Garstang main road, alight Roebuck. Please look up St. Clement's Major.—L. Walmsley. 4495

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, June 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Practice method: Cambridge. Meat teas or sandwiches, etc., can be had at the Bay Horse nearby.—F. Pritchard. 4493

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District. — Meeting, Barton-on-Humber (8), June 12th. Service at St. Peter's 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by June 9th, to Mr. A. Hoodless, 11, Holydyke, Barton-on-Humber. 4468

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Lincoln District).—Meeting in Leadenham (6) June 12th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 4275

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 12th, St. George's, Barkingside, two minutes' Gants Hill Station, 3 p.m.-4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Business meeting, St. Mary's, Woodford, South Woodford Station, 6 p.m. and further ringing.—L. W. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 4509

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Harrow Weald on Saturday, June 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—T. J. Lock. 4487

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Biddulph, Saturday, June 12th. Names for tea to Mr. J. Stanway, School House, Biddulph, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 4486

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch. — Annual Branch meeting at Great Horwood, Saturday, June 12th. Bells (6) at 2.45. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45. Names for tea by June 9th.—F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 4270

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury and Reading Branches.—A joint practice will be held on Saturday, June 12th, at 6.30 p.m. at Tilehurst, Reading (8).—J. Cooper and N. Swann. 4490

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Summer meeting at Stourton on June 12th. Visitors welcome. Write: Rev. William Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 4482

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting at Windsor (Berks) Parish Church, Saturday, June 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15 followed by tea and business meeting. Slough bells (10) available 6.30-8 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, June 9th, please, to Mr. A. J. Glass, 237, St. Leonard's Road, Windsor, Berks.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 4483

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Stanford-le-Hope (8) on Saturday, June 12th at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please make own arrangements; cafe near church. Further ringing after tea. 4507

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Crawford Cup Contest and meeting at Workshop (8), Saturday, June 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by 8th, to Mr. L. B. Smith, 46, Woodland Drive, Workshop.—H. Denman. 4272

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Nutfield, June 12th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea, by June 9th, to Mrs. Owen, The Rectory, Nutfield. 4464

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. — Practice meeting at Kirdford (6) on Saturday, June 12th, at 2.30. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday, to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 4501

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Micheldever, June 12th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Village Hall. Names, by previous Tuesday, to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 4461

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Practice meeting, Andover, June 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in local cafe. Names for tea, by June 8th, to Mr. O. G. Smart, Charlton Road, Andover. 4510

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Monday, June 14th, 7.15, practice St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Everyone welcome. 4449

LADIES' GUILD (North Eastern District) and **DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION** (Northern District). — Meeting at SS. James and Basil's, Fenham, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on Saturday, June 19th. Ringing commencing at 3 p.m. 4513

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Llangibby, Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by June 14th, please.—Jacqueline Evans, 1, Hughes Crescent, Chepstow, Mon. 4481

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION and **SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A joint meeting of the South Norfolk Branch and Suffolk Guild will be held at Thetford on Saturday, June 19th. St. Peter's (8 bells) from 2.30 p.m. Service St. Peter's 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All names for tea, by Tuesday, 15th, to Mr. H. B. Fuller, 97, Nelson Crescent, Thetford, Norfolk. Elveden, Suffolk (8 bells) after tea.—A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec. 4506

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Annual Branch meeting at Watlington, Saturday, June 19th. Bells at 3. Service at 4. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea by June 15th.—H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. Telephone Thame 193. 4502

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual meeting, Lichfield, June 19th. Bells: Cathedral (10) 2.30-3.15 and 6.15-7 p.m.; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 2.30. Service St. Mary's 3.30. Tea 4.15. Tickets for tea, accompanied by a deposit of 1s., from Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. No applications accepted after Tuesday, June 15th. No ticket—no tea. 4504

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Meeting at Southwold (8) on June 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. S. Payne, Southwold. 4496

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 19th, at Skipton. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Names for tea should reach Mr. C. S. Scott, 2, Prospect Place, Skipton, not later than Thursday, June 17th. Subscriptions are now due and annual reports for 1953 available.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4498

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT.—Annual meeting and prize contest, Elland, June 26th. For teas apply, by June 19th, F. Linfoot, 78, Elland Lane, Elland. Entrance fee, 10s., to A. Farland, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Roughtown, Mossley, Manchester, Lancs. 4514

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—75th annual festival and meeting, Winchester, Saturday, July 3rd.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4495

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—Diocesan Festival, St. Colum Major, Saturday, July 17th, 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30, St. Colum, followed by tea. Bells: St. Colum (8), St. Enoder (8), St. Wenn (6) and others.—H. Trehwella, Crantock, Newquay. 4497

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