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A COURSE OF TRUE LOVE

HONESTLY, ducks, I never thought it'd go that far. I was just going over the road, and I felt one of my nylons go, so I just bent down to put a dab of varnish on it, you know, to stop it running any further, and I happened to look round, and there was this nobby little car at the side of the road, and him in it, looking as if his eyes would fall out any minute.

"So I just said, "Pardon me, I'm sure. I hope you'll recognise me next time," and he said, "Gosh, what a blue line! I mean, excuse me, miss, but could I give you a lift part of the way?"

"Well, I wasn't going anywhere particular, but it was a bit damp, and he had lovely wavy hair and ever such nice eyes, sort of big and expressive, like a spaniel or something, and I thought, "Well, it can't do any harm," so he opened the door, and I got in, and I said, "If you're going as far as the Ritz Cinema, I'd be obliged if you'd drop me." He drove on quite quiet for a bit, and then he said, "I say, miss, if you're not mad keen on the flicks, would you care to come along with me for the evening? I think you'd quite enjoy it. I'm just going along for a practice with the boys." Well, I didn't like the sound of it, and I was going to say so, only he explained, "I'm a bellringer. We're always on the lookout for new material, and the moment I saw you I thought to myself I'd like to get you on the end of a rope." So I asked him to stop the car and let me get out, and he came over all confused, and looked at me with those big eyes, and said he hoped he hadn't said anything to offend. Well, of course, after that I just sort of gave in and went.

"He stopped outside a church, and we went through a little door, and up an iron ladder. Well, you know that new-line dress I got from Marks, honestly, he made me go first, and I've never been so embarrassed. I didn't know where to look, and when we got up there, all I could see was a lot of fluffy things with stripes hanging from the ceiling and some little old men sitting in a corner and muttering. So I sat down in a corner, too, and presently they all got messing about with ropes, up and down, up and down; you never heard such a clatter. By and by they stopped again, and the dirtiest little man came over to me and said, "You a ringer, Miss? Like a bit o' Stedman?", and I said, "Oh, no, thanks, I only drink Coca-Cola," and my gentleman friend came and said, "She doesn't ring yet, Joe, but she's going to learn," which was news to me.

"So Joe said, "Ah, I'll go up and tie a bell for 'er," which I thought was ever so sweet of him, because after all I don't suppose it's every girl that has a bell tied for her. Well, after that, ducks, you honestly wouldn't believe all the things that happened to me. My friend said, "Catch hold of Sally," and shoved one of the fluffy things into my hand. Then he said, "Go on, pull off, gently, no, a bit harder, no, go on, pull!", but he didn't tell me what it was going to do after that, and I nearly had my arms dragged off. Surprised! Well, it sort of left me and went up through a little hole and came back again with a terrible bang. My friend (his name's Frederick, he won't let me call him Fred for short, says it's not refined) said, "Mind the stay, mind the stay," and, after all, I'd only just met him, I thought that was a bit much. It was awful after that. I didn't know what to do. Every time I tried to let go and walk away he pushed me back and shouted, "Shorten your rope" (he'd given me another bit to hold as well by that time), and he kept grabbing Sally and shoving her back up again till I was nearly dead. Then he stops and says, "That's not the Cathedral method, but it'll do you," and I said, "You're right, it'll do me. I don't want any Cathedral methods after that lot," and he seemed pleased and patted me on the shoulder and said, "Good girl!" So after that he said he'd take me for a drink, and I said I didn't really, couldn't we go to a milk-bar. I knew ever such a nice one with a juke-box, and he rather rushed me down that awful iron ladder then, because he said he didn't think old Joe would ever let me up in the belfry again if he heard me talking like that. He didn't think much of women anyway, and when could he see me again?—no, not Joe, silly, Frederick, of course!

"So I said, "Well, I'm free same time next week, if that suits you; where shall we go?", and he looked quite surprised and said, "Practice again, of course, where else?" and oh, Beryl, I don't know what I'm going to say to Mum, but I'm afraid, like it or not, I'm one of those lady ringers now!"

D. R. C.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 4 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 48 cwt.

MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Treble	JOHN S. MASON 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 2	JOHN PHILLIPS 8
*ROBIN G. LEALE 3	RICHARD E. PRICE 9
FRANK E. DARBY 4	PHILIP A. CHALK 10
ALAN F. THIRST 5	JOHN H. CRAMPION 11
JAMES G. PRIOR 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal on 12 bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Feb. 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON 2	†ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
PHYLLIS POOLE 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 8
JOHN M. JELLEY 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS 9
JOHN A. ACRES 5	PETER J. STANFORTH Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Cambridge Royal.

GREENWICH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. Treble	GORDON P. T. PETERS 6
*HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 2	*GEOFFREY PEARSON 7
THOMAS J. LOCK 3	*JOHN R. COOPER 8
MRS. THOMAS J. LOCK .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 9
ARTHUR G. MASON 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

* First peal of Royal in the method. First peal of Royal in the method as conductor.

LEICESTER

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE PREBENDAL CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C sharp.

*PETER J. KIRK Treble	†J. JULIAN PAWLEY 6
ERNEST MORRIS 2	†JOHN MOORE 7
ALAN CATTALL 3	T. EDWARD HARROLD 8
†RICHARD J. CARTER .. 4	S. ANTHONY JESSON 9
KENNETH A. ROE 5	COLIN P. WALKER Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by COLIN P. WALKER.

* First peal. † First of Royal.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Miss Jean Brooks, of Syston, who is leaving for New Zealand in March.

LEICESTER

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	G. RONALD EDWARDS 6
PHYLLIS POOLE 2	†BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 7
*DAVID J. SIMPSON 3	†ERNEST J. JELLEY 8
†ROLAND H. COOK 4	†JOHN M. JELLEY 9
WILLIAM THORNEY .. 5	§ALBERT I. COOKE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal. † First peal of Caters in the method. ‡ First peal of Caters. § First peal on ten bells. First peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to Peter Desbrow (member of the local band) and Mary Hall, who were married at this church earlier in the day.

SOUTHOVER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

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

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

LEONARD STILWELL .. Treble	†DORIS E. COLGATE 6
ERNEST J. LADD 2	WILLIAM ROGERS 7
RAYMOND OVERY 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD .. 8
THOMAS E. SONE 4	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 9
*E. WINIFRED KEYS 5	†ARTHUR J. HART Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Stedman Caters 'inside.'

‡ First peal of Stedman Caters. The conductor has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.

A fifth birthday compliment to Anne, daughter of W. Arthur Riddington.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

*HENRY H. FEARN .. Treble	JOHN PINFOLD 5
†ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. 2	†ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 6
MURIEL REAY 3	FRANK E. HAYNES 7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 4	*GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON.

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

* 600th peal together. † First in the method. ‡ 600th peal.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
HORACE O. OVER 2	ERNEST J. JELLEY 6
*JACK BENISTON 3	ROLAND BENISTON 7
JOHN W. RAWSON 4	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Feb. 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

PHYLLIS POOLE .. Treble	JOHN A. ACRES 5
JOSEPH W. COTTON 2	BRIAN G. WARWICK 6
JOHN M. JELLEY 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

EAST COKER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt.

Parker's Twelve-part (fourth observation).	
HERBERT W. PEARCE .. Treble	†SIDNEY W. WHITE 5
WILLIAM E. TURNER 2	WALTER H. POOLE 6
*ROGER J. FOX 3	JOSEPH T. BARRETT 7
RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. 4	ALBERT W. DYER Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND P. SELWAY.

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

ESHER, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

Carter's Odd Bob One-part.	
G. WILLIAM MORRIS .. Treble	*ALAN J. FROST 5
*PETER A. LAWRENCE 2	ROGER BALDWIN 6
*SIDNEY J. WOODCOCK .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
ROGER KEELEY 4	S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

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

LLANBADARN, FAWR, CARDIGANSHIRE.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Padarn.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*UNA HOPKINS Treble	*GEORGE HARRIS 5
*ROBERT HITCHCOCK 2	†PETER F. ROMNEY 6
†THOMAS GWILLIAM 3	†DAVID K. WALKLATE 7
†ALAN EVANS 4	*J. MANSEL EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by J. HOLT. Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Triples.

Rung by the Sunday service band.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

W. Shipway's Irregular Six-part. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*EMILY B. P. WALKER .. Treble	*EDWARD C. BARTON 5
†HAZEL V. DADSON 2	WILFRID S. PALIN 6
†KATHLEEN M. WALSH 3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR 7
FRANCIS J. CHEAL 4	WILLIAM HOLLANDS .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* First peal of Oxford Bob Triples. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Derek Baldock and Lionel Doubleday, R.N., both members of the Rainham, St. Margaret's, band.

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

PETER T. HURCOMBE .. Treble	E. TREVOR NEWBURY 5
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS 2	DAVID J. MARSHALL 6
IVOR GOULTER 3	CYRIL A. WRATTEN 7
DAVID W. BEARD 4	R. GORDON CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.

Rung as a farewell to R. Gordon Corby, who has taken a new appointment at Bedford.

TIVERTON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

WILLIAM H. WARE .. Treble	PERCY J. MAYNE 5
JACK SALWAY 2	R. JOHN KELLAND 6
MRS. C. F. MILES 3	GEORGE E. RETTER 7
BRIAN PIDGEON 4	RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. RETTER.

Rung in memory of Ernest J. Taylor (Hon. Secretary, Guild of Devonshire Ringers) and Stafford H. Green, both ringers at this church; also Mrs. E. M. Payne, mother of A. W. Payne, Secretary of the local band.

WHITTLESEY, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Thos. Day's Six-part. Tenor 19 cwt.

HERBERT GOAKES .. Treble	TREVOR BEVIS 5
HAROLD S. PEACOCK 2	JOHN H. BLUFF 6
*FRANK BAKER 3	FRANK NEWMAN 7
G. C. GALLEY 4	†A. T. HOWES .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal on eight bells.

Rung for the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Noel E. Hudson, as Bishop of Ely.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 10, 1957, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

DAPHNE R. CASTELL .. Treble	BRIAN BLADON 5
*BRYAN S. COPE 2	PHILIP MEHEW 6
*FRANK A. BARRETT 3	STEPHEN IVIN 7
RALPH BIRD 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

* First peal of London.

Rung in honour of the enthronement of the new Bishop of Dorchester (the Rt. Rev. D. G. Loveday).

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., Feb. 11, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*MRS. G. W. HUGHES .. Treble	JAMES S. EASTWOOD 5
†STELLA HUGHES 2	ERNEST STITCH 6
†P. GEORGE GOLDER 3	KENNETH W. KNOWLES .. 7
GEORGE W. HUGHES 4	ARTHUR T. DUTTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST STITCH.

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

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ebbe.

A PEAL OF 5184 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

LESLIE T. OLIFFE .. Treble	CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 2	FRANK A. BARRETT 6
*MICHAEL J. HALLETT 3	†ROBIN A. HODGSON 7
BERTRAM J. COGGINS 4	DONALD H. NIBLETT .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major on tower bells.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5152 ARUNDEL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

ERNEST H. KILBY .. Treble	DENNIS KNOX 5
MRS. T. J. LOCK 2	*JOHN R. MAYNE 6
ALICK CUTLER 3	†ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
THOMAS J. LOCK 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* 200th peal of Surprise. † 400th peal. The first peal in the method.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Rochdale Branch.)

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Saviour,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALLAN SMITH, JUN. .. Treble	G. CHEETHAM 5
JOHN T. WALMSLEY 2	HAROLD HAMER 6
ALLAN SMITH, SEN. 3	PHILIP HUDSON 7
*G. S. MILLS 4	COLIN TAYLOR .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD HAMER.

* First peal in the method.



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BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. Treble	W. ARTHUR CROWDER .. 5
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 2	GWEN I. RUSBY .. 6
LOUIS WILLIERS .. 3	*GILES C. GALLEY .. 7
MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal in the method.

In memoriam J. W. Crowder.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM F. OATWAY .. Treble	DAVID E. PARSONS .. 5
KATHLEEN E. WELLER .. 2	CHARLES W. MUNDAY .. 6
RAYMOND I. F. PARSONS .. 3	ERIC EDMONSON .. 7
*DEREK G. SPITTLE .. 4	JOHN HILL .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JOHN HILL.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside'.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Shelagh Whitehouse and Miss Mary Helder, of All Saints', Banstead.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

MRS. J. W. BLYTHE .. Treble	E JACK THURLOW .. 5
RICHARD S. PAYNE .. 2	REGINALD J. DARCH .. 6
C. JACK GIBSON .. 3	PETER S. BEDFORD .. 7
JACK PILGRIM .. 4	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 3).

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

Rung to welcome Rev. E. J. and Mrs. Button to Halesworth, following Mr. Button's induction as Rector.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

CHARLES GEARY .. Treble	*GORDON A. HALLS .. 5
BRIAN BUSWELL .. 2	*VIVIANNE M. HORTON .. 6
ALBERT HARTLAND .. 3	*HAROLD TAYLOR .. 7
*DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 4	ARTHUR SHEPPARD .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by BRIAN BUSWELL.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. Treble	VERNON GREEN .. 5
†RICHARD F. PRINE .. 2	ALAN E. HARTLEY .. 6
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE .. 3	†JOHN MOORE .. 7
WILLIAM A. LACEY .. 4	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by W. A. LACEY.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Yorkshire Major.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 18 methods, being 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Claybrooke, Cray, Eastcote, Lindum, Lincolnshire, London, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Rutland, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire, and 160 each of Hitchin, Superlative, Uxbridge and Watford, with 144 changes of method.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

JAMES FERNLEY .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 6
EDWARD JENKINS .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS .. 7
JOHN WORTH .. 4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

The first peal in 18 Surprise Major methods by the Guild, on the bells and by all the band.

In memoriam Walter W. Wolstencroft, who took part in the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods for the Guild on these bells on April 13th, 1935.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 11 methods: (1) Morning Star and Norbury; (2) College Exercise; (3) Ockley and Duke of Norfolk; (4) Oxford; (5) Oxford, Capel and Sandal; (6) Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston; (7) Kent; 21 changes of method.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*FRANK OSBALDISTON .. Treble	*ALAN MCFALL .. 4
MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON .. 2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 5
*BERNARD GROVES .. 3	†ROBERT SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

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

FOY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents in (1) Single Court, (2) Reverse Canterbury, (3) St. Clement's and Childwall, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

CHARLES G. JONES .. Treble	*JAMES WARD .. 4
JOSEPHINE GREEN .. 2	PHILIP G. MORGAN .. 5
C. WILLIAM NUTT .. 3	REGINALD T. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

* First peal in eight methods.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*ALAN ELLIS .. Treble	ARTHUR S. BROTHERS .. 4
PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLLE .. 2	GEORGE SAYER .. 5
*PETER M. ADCOCK .. 3	ARTHUR G. BASON .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR G. BASON.

* First peal.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of St. Simon's and ten extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in E.

*JOHN H. WILLIAMS .. Treble	ALBERT J. COOPER .. 3
ERNEST G. ORLAND .. 2	†ROGER E. HOLLAND .. 4
MICHAEL F. AMOS .. Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside'.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods: (1) College and Wavertree College; (2) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall; (3) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; (4) Single Court; (5) Reverse Canterbury; (6) Single Oxford; (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*CHARLES G. JONES .. Treble	*\$PHILIP G. MORGAN .. 4
†JOSEPHINE GREEN .. 2	†JAMES WARD .. 5
†C. WILLIAM NUTT .. 3	REGINALD T. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

* 25th peal together. † First peal in 12 methods. ‡ First peal in 12 methods 'inside'. § 50th peal for the Guild. First peal in 12 methods as conductor.

OLD MARSTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Bob Doubles (four callings) and 30 extents of Grandsire (ten callings).

Tenor 6 cwt.

KENNETH G. TASKER .. Treble	MICHAEL J. HALLETT .. 3
*ALEC GAMMON .. 2	ROY H. JONES .. 4
DAVID C. WOODWARD .. Tenor	

Conducted by MICHAEL J. HALLETT.

* 50th peal. First peal as conductor.

Rung for the anniversary of the Queen's accession. Also to mark the election of James Adams as Branch Secretary of Oxford City Branch, and the election of the ringer of the second as Branch representative to the Guild.

SHORNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 26 extents of Grandsire and 16 extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

RONALD C. BURNS Treble	TERENCE BARTON 4
GEORGE KENWARD 2	CYRIL S. JARRETT 5
ALBERT J. DUNK 3	LESLIE B. DOBBIE Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Edward Dobbie, son of the tenor ringer.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Hereward and Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor.

Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb.

DONALD B. MUNRO Treble	GEORGE W. ORMAN 4
ARTHUR G. BUTTON 2	FRANK V. PYKE 5
ALAN R. ANDREWS 3	ROY DUESBURY Tenor

Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.

CHEDWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 11 cwt.

A. C. MERVYN DAY Treble	WILLIAM A. GODWIN 4
PATRICK A. BARTLETT 2	JOHN DOWDESWELL 5
DAVID HICKS 3	RALPH E. W. WENBAN .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

Rung in memory of the Rev. Noel E. Hopk. M.A., Master, 1938-1947.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

GEOFFREY P. GREEN .. Treble	*CLIVE WIXEY 4
PETER T. HURCOMBE .. 2	R. GORDON CORBY 5
*SIDNEY J. PUGH 3	FREDERICK E. T. TRANTER Tenor

Conducted by R. GORDON CORBY.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

ELSHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Feb. 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. in B flat.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	STEPHEN BROMFIELD 4
GWEN I. RUSBY 2	MICHAEL W. CROWDER 5
W. ARTHUR CROWDER .. 3	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL W. CROWDER.

First peal as conductor.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

DENNIS LAUD Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN 4
JOHN R. MAYNE 2	A. PATRICK CANNON 5
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

FORNHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

*JOE PETTITT Treble	KENNETH G. BROWN 4
RICHARD ROSE 2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 5
*ARTHUR W. ROLFE 3	LESLIE N. MELTON Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

HUNTINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of St. Martin's, Grandsire and St. Simon's, and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

C. JACK GIBSON Treble	PETER W. KINDRED 3
MRS. J. W. BLYTHE 2	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 4

JOHN W. BLYTHE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 15, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of St. Clement's, 720 of Kent T.B. and four 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently, all 5-6's at backstroke.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN J. PRENTICE .. Treble	ROBERT E. LESTER 4
*PETER R. J. LESTER (age 13) 2	KENNETH G. BROWN 5
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP .. 3	LESLIE N. MELTON (age 15) Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.

* First peal in three methods. First peal in three methods as conductor.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 15, 1957, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

*HAROLD BLAKE Treble	RAYMOND G. LOFTY 4
STANLEY W. COPLING 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	GEORGE SAYER Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 15, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*JOHN C. MACBETH .. Treble	ALLEN W. CANSDALE 4
DONALD L. MILLS 2	EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE .. 5
FELIX H. ERITH 3	A. EDWARD LEGGETT Tenor

Conducted by DONALD L. MILLS.

* First peal. The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower' twice. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

CADOXTON, NEATH.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 480 Stedman, 1,440 Plain Bob, 3,120 Grandsire (ten six-scores and eight 240's.)

HARRY BOYCE Treble	EDWARD PHILLIPS 4
JOHN T. WILLIAMS 2	GWYN I. LEWIS 5
EDMUND MORRIS 3	*FRANK GORDON Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* First peal.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Dobbins, of Gorseinon, on their golden wedding.

HANDBELL PEALS

SALTDEAN, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(The St. Peter's, Brighton, Society.)

On Sun., Feb. 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT REDLANDS, 86, LONGRIDGE AVENUE,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 18.

W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 1-2	O. MICHAEL SLANEY 5-6
ALBERT W. BOND 3-4	JOHN V. LONSBROUGH .. 7-8

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by O. MICHAEL SLANEY.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5093 GRANDSIRE CATERPILLARS

No. 33. Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
MICHAEL J. E. BEST 3-4	DOROTHY T. GARDINER .. 7-8

*PHILIP N. TUBBS 9-10

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal on ten handbells.

QUARTER PEALS

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Rundle (first quarter) 1, Mrs. T. Cullingworth 2, H. S. Wickens 3, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 4, F. G. Huckstep 5, G. Pearson 6, T. Cullingworth 7, A. Jones 8. For Evensong.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.—On Feb. 17th at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. B. Clayton 1, Miss P. S. Gatty 2, N. Bennett 3, A. W. Stone 4, J. P. Schoolden 5, D. Ogden (cond.) 6, R. M. Edwards 7, D. F. Yates 8. Rung half-muffled by the local band as a tribute to Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, for 50 years ringing master at this church.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent and 720 Bob): J. J. Prentice 1, A. E. J. Lester 2, P. R. J. Lester 3, G. R. Goodship 4, R. E. Lester 5, L. N. Melton (first in two methods as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BRADFORD.—At the Cathedral, 1,260 Minor (360 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 540 Bob): Mrs. H. B. Schofield 1, Mrs. M. Evans 2, H. B. Schofield 3, F. Rayment 4, A. Ashton 5, E. H. Simon (cond.) 6. T. Pedder tenor covering. For evening service and as a birthday compliment to Joe Hardcastle on his 87th birthday.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.—On Jan. 31st, 1,320 Bob Doubles: R. Hughes (first quarter) 1, Linda Grehnam 2, R. E. Lambert 3, E. Brurger 4, C. A. Tester (cond.) 5, J. Pocock 6.

CARDIFF.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Muller 1, S. Marchant 2, Mrs. J. E. Daniels 3, E. Coombes (cond.) 4, F. Rowsell 5, J. Evans 6, J. E. Daniels 7, W. Dare 8.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss F. E. Wyman 1, R. V. Johnson 2, K. Snelling 3, R. Overy (cond.) 4, J. Jeffreys 5, H. Lilley 6, F. Godsmark 7, E. Brett 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Annie Apps, who died on February 4th.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Feb. 10th, 1,264 Bob Major: B. Martin 1, J. H. Crampion 2, R. Smith 3, Miss M. Turner 4, N. J. Fleetwood 5, E. D. Smith 6, C. E. Williamson 7, L. S. Woods (cond.) 8. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford to preach at Evensong.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret McKay (first quarter) 1, F. Osbaldeston 2, Dorothy Stafford (first 'inside') 3, Wm. Dowse 4, B. Groves (first as cond.) 5, Margaretta Braddock (first quarter) 6. First of Grandsire by all. Average age of band 14 years.

DUBLIN, EIRE.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. H. Brown 1, E. G. Buchanan 2, J. McMorran (cond.) 3, W. H. Wilson 4, H. W. Jones 5, A. R. Pocklington 6, J. A. Atkinson 7, J. M. Marill 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Tait, wife of R. Tait, one of the Society's ringers, whose funeral took place this day.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Feb. 10th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss M. Harte 1, Miss A. Garnett 2, Mrs. C. Watts 3, J. Allsop 4, W. Langdon 5, B. Lunn 6, James Phillips 7, W. Cook 8, John Phillips (cond.) 9, H. Page 10.

HALESOWEN, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Harris 1, J. H. Cox 2, Miss N. Tromans 3, L. Clissett 4, B. E. Woodall 5, H. Shilcock 6, T. Greenhall (cond.) 7, J. Byng 8. For the 70th birthday of the 2nd ringer.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On Feb. 17th, at All Souls' Church, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss M. V. Coppine 1, Miss J. Henderson (first quarter, 13) 2, Miss P. Reeve (first quarter, 15) 3, Miss F. Scott (first quarter, 14) 4, D. Hollas 5, R. M. Mann 6, E. M. Fielden (cond.) 7, V. Bottomley 8.

HARTIST, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Garwood 1, M. Willoughby 2, F. Payne (cond.) 3, H. Clarke 4, R. J. Truin 5. To celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. R. Seabrook. Mr. Seabrook is one of the regular ringers.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLEX.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. W. Goodfellow 1, M. Palmer (first in method) 2, A. R. G. Twinn 3, A. R. Turley 4, N. D. Robinson 5, N. Genna 6, T. G. Bannister (cond.) 7, C. Ashpool 8. For Evensong.

HOUGHTON REGIS, BEDS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Calcott 1, B. J. Meachem 2, J. W. Sleaford 3, P. J. Pratt 4, D. Knox (cond.) 5, G. Woolfson 6. First quarter for 2, 4 and 6. Rung as a tribute to Mr. Albert Gadsden, a ringer for 53 years, who retired in December.

LAVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Bob and 660 Grandsire): A. W. Alliston (first quarter) 1, J. Weaver 2, P. Holmes 3, Rev. F. A. Sanders 4, B. Garrett (cond.) 5, R. G. Hassell (first quarter) 6.

LINCOLN.—On Feb. 3rd, at the Church of St. Giles, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. F. Metham 1, Mrs. L. Dickinson 2, J. L. Millhouse 3, Mary Payne 4, S. A. Chambers 5, G. R. Parker 6, H. L. Pask (cond.) 7, G. Paul 8. To welcome the Lord Bishop of Lincoln to Evensong.

LLANBADARN FAWR, CARDS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,344 Bob Triples: Glynys Thomas 1, R. Hitchcock 2, T. Gwilliam 3, A. Evans 4, G. Harris 5, P. F. Romney 6, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 7, M. Edwards (first quarter) 8. First quarter of Bob Triples by all except ringer of the 3rd. For evening service.

MANGOTSFIELD, GLOS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Beakes 1, C. E. Jefferies 2, W. Richings 3, M. J. Jefferies 4, T. Jefferies 5, J. W. Jefferies 6, J. G. Jefferies (cond.) 7, E. Cooksley 8. A farewell to M. J. Jefferies, who is joining the R.A.F.; also 21st birthday compliment to T. Jefferies.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss R. Main (first quarter) 1, F. J. Stimson 2, M. D. Staniforth 3, R. H. Cook 4, R. E. Manton 5, R. Hill 6, H. Clayton 7, P. A. Corby (cond.) 8.

MEYSEY HAMPTON, GLOS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Peare 1, D. Hicks 2, W. A. Godwin (cond.) 3, E. H. Peare 4, H. Day 5, H. Falkner 6. For morning service, and a farewell to the ringer of the 2nd on leaving for H.M. Forces.

MUCH WENLOCK, SALOP.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. E. Edwards 1, H. Perks 2, J. E. Fox (cond.) 3, L. Evans 4, L. Longlands 5, H. G. Childs 6, H. Edge 7, A. G. Mathews 8. Rung half-muffled after the interment of Ald. William Lloyd, parochial church councillor, and sidesman over 40 years.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (240 St. Simon's, 240 Grandsire, 240 Kennington and 540 Bob): H. Hardwidge 1, Mrs. R. Quint 2, M. J. Horsemann (cond.) 3, Miss M. Fray 4, L. Derrick 5, Mrs. D. Strong 6. Rung for the engagement of Miss M. Fray, of Clutton, and M. J. Horsemann; also for the Sunday School prize-giving at the church.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Anne Boulden 1, S. J. Boulden 2, Olive Boulden 3, H. S. Humphrey 4, Maisie Vantom (first in method) 5, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 6, R. Swift 7, A. L. Terry 8.

NORTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Garnet (first quarter) 1, R. Selley (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. G. Reece 3, R. Barnes 4, W. Button (cond.) 5, J. Epps (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. Stevens 1, Janet Evans 2, L. Cordell 3, R. Bridges 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. Rung at the institution of the Rev. T. C. Thorpe.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—At the Church of St. Andrew, on Dec. 31st, 1,560 Doubles (480 Reverse Canterbury, 480 Bob and 600 Grandsire): Angela Mellor 1, T. H. Smith 2, S. A. Scott 3, D. C. Bowen 4, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6. For New Year's Eve. Also on Jan. 6th, 1,300 Bob Minor: J. Cruickshank 1, M. Stone 2, S. A. Scott 3, R. J. Trebilcock 4, M. Eason 5, T. H. Smith (cond.) 6. Rung to congratulate the ringer of the 2nd on his engagement to Miss Mary Brown. Also on Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Linda Forward 1, S. A. Scott 2, D. Simms (cond.) 3, J. Crickshank 4, R. J. Trebilcock 5, R. Brown 6. A farewell to Alan Scott, who is leaving for Abingdon.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Jones 1, H. Kingston 2, N. Carter (first quarter) 3, H. Hancock 4, D. Wright (cond.) 5, J. Ribbons 6. For Evensong.

OXFORD.—On Feb. 3rd, at the Church of St. Giles, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Wynn (first quarter) 1, J. R. Chaundy 2, J. H. Gardner 3, D. O. Wilks 4, D. J. Roaf 5, Miss D. R. Castell 6, A. H. Gearing (cond.) 7, P. Walker 8. For Evensong.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Feb. 10th, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Rose 1, Miss R. Morgan 2, J. Haw 3, H. Goakes 4, J. Bluff 5, W. Baker 6, G. Bush (cond.) 7, F. Boyall 8. Rung in honour of the 58th wedding anniversary of the parents of the conductor.

RIPLEY, DERBYS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Marshall 1, P. Sewry 2, F. Hill 3, J. Faulkner 4, R. Stretton (cond.) 5, B. Beardsley 6. For morning service. Also on Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Marshall 1, P. Sewry 2, F. Hill 3, J. Faulkner 4, R. Stretton (cond.) 5, R. Hopson (first quarter) 6.

ROTHLEY, LEICS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Bishop 1, B. S. Payne 2, G. M. Brewin 3, R. A. Brewin 4, P. Plowright 5, M. Westbury 6. Rung silent and unaccompanied by the Sunday service band for Matins. First unaccompanied quarter by all the band.

SALISBURY.—On Feb. 13th, at St. Martin's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. A. Roles 1, Miss Y. L. Eloie 2, Miss A. Bacon 3, J. Sutton 4, Miss M. Page 5, R. Marlow 6, H. H. Abrahams (cond.) 7, J. Maidment 8. A 78th birthday compliment to the captain (Mr. W. Chalk).

SHAFTESBURY, DORSET.—On Feb. 10th, at St. James' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sally Brooks (first quarter, 15) 1, C. W. Morgan (first quarter) 2, A. E. Woods 3, J. Powesland 4, W. Whatmore (cond.) 5, J. Morgan (first quarter, 16) 6. For Evensong and as a farewell to the Rector. Also at Holy Trinity Church, on Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joy Godfrey (first quarter) 1, A. E. Woods 2, J. Powesland 3, C. W. Morgan 4, M. Hallett (cond.) 5, J. Morgan 6.

SHOTWICK, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss J. M. P. Raban (first quarter) 1, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 2, H. O. Baker 3, Rev. J. Kingdon 4, S. Jones 5, J. W. Clarke 6.

SOMERTON, OXON.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure): J. H. Gregory 1, C. C. Clarke 2, W. Ivings 3, R. A. Reeves 4, G. F. Burton 5, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 6. First in two methods for 1, 2, 3 and 4.

STARSTON, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss M. J. Alden (14) 1, C. A. Thompson 2, E. Whiting (cond.) 3, W. J. Flatt 4, R. Plummer 5, L. E. Etheridge 6. For Matins.

STOGURSEY, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: F. Sweet (cond.) 1, D. Miller 2, C. Clarke 3, W. Stevens 4, R. Short 5, H. Pople 6. First of Stedman on the bells. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rev. A. J. Hook, past master of the Bath and Wells Association, interred earlier this day.

STOKE, COVENTRY, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Bob Major: B. Bingham (first quarter) 1, F. Brassington 2, R. D. Hayne 3, D. Sibley (first of Major) 4, H. Folwell 5, D. Ellender 6, R. F. B. Speed 7, H. Sibley (first of Major as cond.) 8. For Evensong.

THRYBERGH, YORKS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Treble Bob Minor: Miss B. Marchant 1, B. Heppensall 2, F. Brunt 3, T. Cutts 4, G. R. Hiner 5, H. Mortemore (cond.) 6. *

TRURO, CORNWALL.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. A. Johns (first quarter) 1, B. A. Parkin 2, A. Carveth (cond.) 3, A. Burley 4, D. Burnett 5, A. Locke 6, D. Penrose 7, A. Edwards (first quarter) 8.

TWYFORD, BERKS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Brown 1, Sylvia Jones (first quarter) 2, Sylvia Castle (first 'inside') 3, Mrs. H. Smith 4, Mrs. E. C. Castle 5, W. Hunt 6, H. Smith (cond.) 7, F. Hicks 8. For the Feast of Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Whitcher 1, Mrs. C. W. Roberts 2, M. C. Austin 3, F. Digby 4, H. Duncan (first as cond.) 5, H. Davis (first quarter) 6. Rung by the local band as a compliment to Mr. F. Digby on his 75th birthday, and to Mr. M. C. Austin on his 21st.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Feb. 17th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: F. Sykes (first quarter, aged 13) 1, H. Rumens 2, D. Hewitt 3, F. C. Maynard 4, C. T. W. Coles 5, A. J. N. Boyack 6, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 7, M. J. Hayes 8. For Evensong, and also a birthday compliment to the conductor's mother.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**Farnham Review Successful Year**

The Farnham District should be in for a very successful year if their annual meeting on February 16th has set a pattern. The meeting, held at Farnham on Saturday, February 16th, was extremely well attended, only one tower in the District being not represented, and there were many visitors from other areas. There was ringing during the afternoon, under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. Rex Corke.

The Rector, the Rev. H. R. Wilds, conducted the service, during which he welcomed all visitors. Mr. F. Anthony was the organist, and local ringers formed the choir.

Tea was served in the Owen Hall before the business meeting, when Mr. C. W. Denver, a vice-president of the Guild, presided. Reports were read by the Ringing Master and the secretary, Mr. C. J. Beadle. Both told of a year's good work, with Sunday service ringing being maintained in most towers, and meeting and combined practices well attended. Membership was up, and five peals had been rung for the District—many ringers scoring their 'first.' The treasurer, Mr. R. Mills, submitted the financial report, which showed a substantial balance.

After balloting, Mr. Rex Corke was re-elected Ringing Master and Mr. Tom Page elected as assistant Ringing Master. Other officers were re-elected.

Seven new members were elected—Farnborough (4), Farnham (2) and Bagshot (1); and two compounding members were elected from Binstead.

An excellent social evening followed, with Mr. R. Whitford, of Aldershot, acting as M.C. During this time it was apparent that the 'friendly spirit' fostered in the Farnham District is still very much alive.

A BULWELL COMING-OF-AGE

A special 21st birthday peal for Miss Maureen Patrick, who is both a ringer and a Sunday School teacher at St. Mary and All Souls' Parish Church, Bulwell, unfortunately came to grief on January 26th, after only about an hour's ringing. The ringers decided that such an occasion should not go unmarked, and attempted a quarter peal in the same method, Grandsire Triples. This was successfully brought round by David Boden 1, Margaret E. Hill 2, Mrs. A. Simpson 3, Maureen Patrick 4, William L. Exton 5, F. William Midwinter 6, Allan Simpson (conductor) 7 and Sydney Adams 8.

The ringers would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. Patrick for their kind hospitality following this quarter peal, and congratulate Maureen on her 21st birthday.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The St. Albans District held a meeting at Barnet and Hadley on February 16th. The winter sunshine brought out ringers from Hertfordshire and Middlesex, and both towers were well filled.

Ringing at Barnet took place in the afternoon from 3 until 5 p.m., when a short business meeting was held in the tower. Members made their various ways for tea and arrived at Hadley at 6 p.m. for more ringing. The Rector welcomed the party and said that this was the first meeting to be held at Hadley since the bells had been recast and rehung. He also took prayers. Ringing continued until 8 p.m. During the meeting various methods were rung, with rounds for those less proficient. M. A. C.

EAST HARLING RINGERS' MARDLE

The East Harling and District Befringers' Mardle was held on February 16th at the Crown Inn, Kenninghall, Norfolk. Proceedings were opened at roughly 6 p.m., when eight ringers forgathered at St. Mary's Church, Kenninghall, and rang a touch or two to warm up for supper.

Forty-four members and guests sat down to an excellent three-course dinner. The Rev. O. A. E. Comely, Vicar of Kenninghall, welcomed all and thanked the St. Mary's company for their untiring efforts during the year to form a Sunday service band. He welcomed the chairman (Dr. Paul Jonason) to Kenninghall.

The chairman expressed the thanks of the assembled company to the Vicar and the Kenninghall members for use of the bells, and hoped that their efforts would be rewarded. The Rev. H. G. Lillingston, president of the Norwich Association, was present as guest of honour. The peal board, dated March 23rd, 1783, in St. Mary's Church was mentioned, as it is probably the oldest record of a peal in Norfolk outside Norwich city. Appreciation was again expressed of the excellent 20 years' work put in by Mr. Albert G. Harrison, the retiring secretary of the Southern Branch, and the new secretary, Mr. C. W. F. Phillippo, of Bunwell, was welcomed.

After dinner, touches were rung on handbells, and some excellent stories beautifully recounted by Mr. C. E. Last. Well refreshed and in good spirits, the party finished at 11 p.m. P. J.

ROTHLEY, LEICS.—On Feb. 6th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: P. J. Wilkinson (first quarter) 1, S. M. Stone (first 'inside') 2, N. Bishop 3, R. M. Brewin 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, P. Plowright 6. A birthday compliment to the 3rd ringer.

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Christ Church, Southgate. N.14, band ring their quarter peals chiefly for church services and special occasions connected with the church. At the annual meeting of ringers the Vicar (the Rev. C. H. Plummer) suggested that a donation should be sent to 'The Ringing World' from church funds instead of separate amounts. We are pleased to acknowledge a cheque for 2 gns.

The number of changes in the peal of Stedman Caters rung at Norwich on January 29th (see 'R.W.', page 98) was 5,079.

The Cathedral bells of St. Saviour's, Southwark, will be on the air next Sunday during Children's Hour at about 5.5 p.m.

The peal of St. Clement's C.B. Major rung at New Mills, Derbyshire, on January 12th was 5,056 changes and not 5,040 as printed.

Further information regarding Hudson's New Light (which is the Ilkeston variation with 6th place bobs) can be obtained from 'The Ringing World' of March 18th, 1921.

Miss F. E. Wyman regrets she will be unable to arrange a Sussex ringing tour this year. She would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who have helped her to make them so enjoyable for the last eight years.

The quarter peal at Shirley, Worcs. on February 3rd marked the completion of 55 years' ringing service to the church for A. Morris. 45 years for G. Bailey and 25 years for Mrs. Watts. The total service of the band of six to Shirley Church was 155 years.

The recent meeting of the Beverley and District Society received a very full report in the 'Beverley Guardian.' No doubt the fact that there are two very fine rings of ten in Beverley provides a great attraction, and under the able leadership of their president, Mr. A. E. Sellars, the ringers of the Beverley District will continue to make good progress.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. A. W. Alliston, of Whitchurch, Hants, whose first quarter, rung at Laverstoke, Hants, is recorded this week, learnt to ring in his 64th year. He hopes shortly to reach his 65th birthday.

Mr. James Adams is the new secretary of the Oxford City Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Miss Jean A. Brooks, a member of the System, Leicestershire, band, sails for New Zealand this month. We wish her God speed.

Mrs. Diana Pipe sails for Australia next Tuesday to join her husband George. A farewell peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung at Grundisburgh on February 16th. We wish her bon voyage.

The brothers Henry and George Fearn have rung 600 peals together. The 600th peal was at Tanworth-in-Arden on February 2nd, and this peal was the 600th for Mr. Arthur V. Pearson.

His many friends will be sorry to hear that Mr. Reg Lathbury, of Walton-on-Thames, has had an operation at St. Peter's Hospital, Chertsey. He is making satisfactory progress.

Conductor Harold Chant, commenting on the peal at Cawthorne on February 16th, writes that it was Mr. W. F. Moreton's first peal of 'cartwheel' Minor and first in seven 'irregular' methods.

Who is the youngest conductor to call Carter's Odd Bob one-part of Stedman Triples? Mr. Roger G. Leale, who is 20, called it at Esher on February 9th, and the band in congratulating him are anxious to discover a younger conductor.

We are sorry to learn that a peal attempt at Nether Stowey, Somerset, in thanksgiving for the life and work of Preb. A. J. Hook, past Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, was unfortunately lost after about an hour's ringing.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Preliminary Notice

The first session of the 28th Council (60th annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, June 11th, 1957, in the Shirehall, Chelmsford.

In accordance with Rule 13, notices of motion, signed by two members of the Council, must be received by the secretary not less than six weeks previous to the meeting, i.e., by April 29th, 1957.

Under Rule 4 (iv.), names and addresses of representative members must be forwarded to the secretary by not later than May 14th, 1957.

PEAL ATTEMPTS

Members wishing to take part in peal attempts are requested to communicate as soon as possible with Miss H. G. Snowden, 3, Belle View, Hedingham Road, Halstead, Essex, stating any preference regarding method, number of bells, etc.

TOURS

Arrangements are in hand for a half-day ringing tour on Whit Sunday and a full-day tour on the Monday.

Further details on this and other matters will be announced later.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District

The ancient Church of St. Nicholas, Chislehurst, was visited for the first quarterly meeting of the year, and 50 members enjoyed a good afternoon and evening's use of the bells, under the direction of Miss M. R. Andrews, Ringing Master.

Owing to the absence of the Rector on Diocesan business, no service was held, so the order of the day was ringing, tea, business meeting and further ringing. All degrees of talent were catered for, rounds and Bristol Surprise equally attracting ready hands.

Mr. E. Barnett (Crayford) presided at the business meeting, exhibiting that quality of being a genial martinet, so apt—though difficult to attain—for the purpose. Eleven ringers were elected members of the Association, and the elections of three members were ratified.

Mr. A. S. Richards read a report of proceedings at the committee meeting held at Maidstone on November 24th, which was adopted with a vote of thanks.

West Wickham was chosen as the place of next meeting, to be held on April 27th. It was also agreed tentatively, to hold the summer meeting at Crayford, and the annual meeting at Dartford.

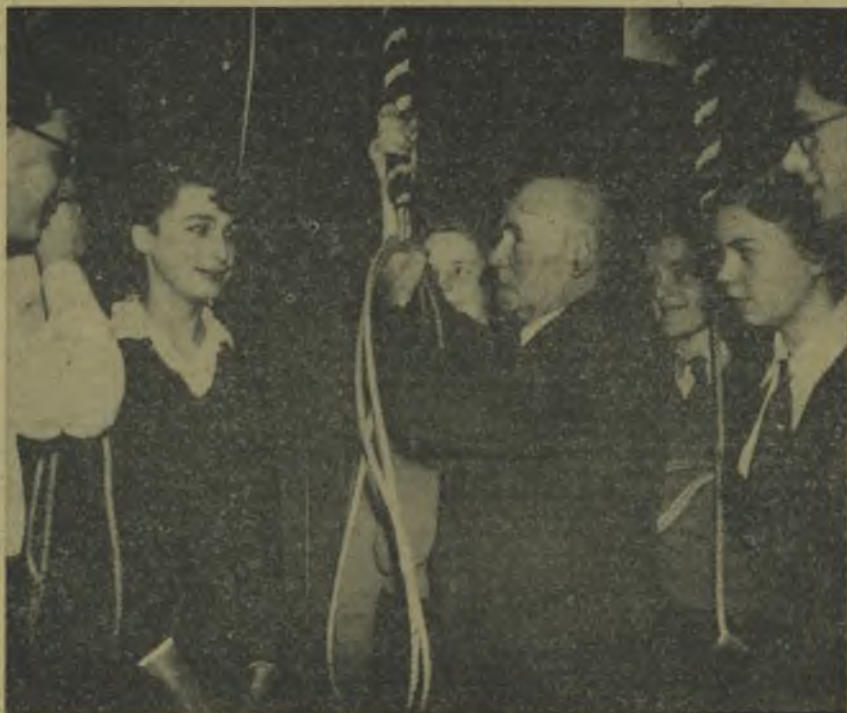
The passing of two aged and long-serving members of the District—Mr. G. H. Daynes, of Deptford, and Mr. I. Emery, of Bromley—was marked in the traditional manner, after tributes to their memory had been paid by Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. J. Dafters and Mr. P. Spice.

Members were unanimous in congratulating Mr. F. J. Cullum on his appointment as Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths—the second successive Master of that august body to be recruited from the Lewisham District. Mr. Cullum suitably responded, and informed the meeting that another of its number, Mr. J. L. Morris (Bexley), had been appointed assistant secretary to the Cumberlands.

Another pleasant duty, eagerly discharged, was to congratulate the chairman on the completion of 60 years' membership of the Association. Acknowledging this esteem for him, Mr. Barnett spoke modestly without self-denigration, pointed with pertinent reminiscences, adequately without tautology.

Votes of thanks to the Rector and to Mr. Draper, of the local band, ended the business.

MR. ALBERT WALKER EXPLAINS



VETERAN Albert Walker surrounded by pupils who rang on February 7th at the annual foundation service for schools of the foundation of King Edward VI in Birmingham. The service was at St. Martin's Church, and Mr. Albert Walker, Mr. John Pinfold and one or two other St. Martin's ringers were there to assist.

Ringing was first on the middle eight, in which seven of the ringers were from the schools, and there was one 'regular.' The back eight were then rung by four St. Martin's and four schools ringers. The ringing was rounds and ended with a few plain courses of Grand-sire Doubles, which included four of King Edward's ringers.

Of the seven schools attending the service four were represented in the ringing, but they had never rung together before as a band. However, five of them are regular ringers at Handsworth, the other two coming from Harborne and Great Barr respectively.

This may not seem a very great achievement (writes A. N. S.), but considering that four out of seven of the King Edward ringers had never rung at St. Martin's before, the bells of which are not the easiest for beginners, and of the remaining three, one had broken a stay there the previous Sunday (see 'Belfry Gossip,' February 22nd), perhaps it was not too unworthy an effort.

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A Record Attendance At Wirral Branch Dinner

The ninth annual dinner and dance of the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild, held on February 2nd at the Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton, attracted a record gathering of 160 ringers and friends.

The company began to forgather in the private lounge bar at 5.15 p.m., and prominent amongst the early arrivals was 'Old Joe,' from Southport, who was soon decrying absurd licensing laws which kept him thirsty for approximately two minutes after his arrival.

Guests of honour were Rev. C. R. and Mrs. Whereat, of Oxon (who recently returned after a lengthy sojourn in Australia). The president, Mr. J. Cooke, was supported by Mr. W. R. Stanley (chairman), Mr. T. Rogers (Ringing Master), Mr. A. J. Martin (hon. secretary), Mr. C. B. Pemberton (assistant Ringing Master) and Mr. and Mrs. G. Pemberton (vice-presidents). Mr. A. Houston, of West Kirby, officiated as toastmaster. Ringers were present from Birkenhead St. Mary's, Bidston, Bromborough, Bebington, Moreton, Neston, Oxton, West Kirby, Wallasey St. Hilary, Wallasey St. Nicholas, Upton, Woodchurch, Liverpool and Southport.

After the loyal toast the Rev. C. R. Whereat proposed the toast of the evening, 'The Wirral Branch.' He spoke of the great service rendered by ringers and of the very unostentatious way in which they went about their business. Speaking from his own experience, he had found that ringers carried out their duties conscientiously and with the minimum of fuss, and if other Church organisations ran as smoothly a parson's life would be much less onerous. The toast of 'The Ladies' was proposed by the hon. secretary, and Mrs. S. D. Sutton made an admirable response.

Speeches were interspersed with entertainment provided by Wirral Handbell Ringers, Mr. C. Hallwood (bass) and Mr. J. Irvine (comedian), whilst Mrs. N. Brown acted as accompanist.

After a short interval, whilst the ballroom was cleared, dancing continued until midnight with but a short break for light refreshment.

The committee would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. G. Pemberton for floral decorations, the generous Wirral ringers for raffle prizes and other gifts, ticket sellers and all who supported this function to make it such an outstanding success.

A PEAL IN EVERY RINGING TOWER IN LEICESTERSHIRE

MR. ERNEST MORRIS TELLS HIS EXPERIENCES

IN 1906 a youth rang his first peal and his father was mightily pleased. Calling the boy into the church one day he (the father) requested him to make their name respected and revered in the church they both served, and in the ringing circles they both loved. That youth was Ernest Morris, and how he reacted is shown by his achievements both in the church and in the belfry.

In the former—in due time—not only did he follow his father as verger and tower keeper but served as sidesman, on Parochial Church Council, on Diocesan Advisory Committee, and Clerk of the Select Vestry. In ringing circles he has excelled by taking part in more peals than any other living ringer (and these include many record long peals), and now has achieved his life's ambition by ringing a full 5,000 in every possible tower in his native Leicestershire, and —*laus Deo*—his father has lived to see him do it! At nearly 90 years of age, Josiah Morris—the rhythm king, as he was affectionately called, because of the wonderful way he handled the tenors in many handbell peals—still retains an active interest in all bell matters, although now confined to bed in hospital.

In achieving this remarkable record in going around the Leicestershire towers, Ernest Morris has met with many adventures both grave and gay, and here in his own words is a very brief account of some of these.

SHOCKING CONDITIONS

In my quest to ring these peals I have had some very difficult and strenuous tasks, for we found in some of the outlying towers with five and six bells much neglect and shocking conditions in both bell-chambers and ringing rooms. In some cases almost unringable bells through the bearings remaining unoiled for years; wheels and fittings loose; ropes in shocking condition, and the dust and dirt of years with bird droppings everywhere. However, in most cases, after much hard work in clearing debris, mending wheels, ropes, etc., then the shedding of many tears and much sweat, blistered hands and wet shirts, we have successfully rung full peals. In this connection I remember with gratitude my old Ratby and Groby friends, my Billesdon friends, for helping and taking me around, as well as many others too numerous to mention. We had some happy times, many adventures, and lots of fun!

My first peal (in 1906) was rung 100 miles from home—at St. Andrew's, Grimsby, and my first in Leicestershire appropriately began with 'A' at Anstey. Here was an octave recently augmented from five which had three awful bells, 6, 7, 8, hopelessly out of tune. In later years these three were recast, the tenor now being the only one in England with the name King Edward VIII. I took part in many subsequent peals here, the most outstanding being one described by the late Samuel Cotton as the best ever rung, viz.: Double Norwich, with my dad on tenor, and I called it from sixth. It was his 100th and my 68th peal, the composition 5,168.

MY FIRST DRINK OF BEER!

Like that of its sister church of King's Norton some half-mile distant, a contemplated peal at Galby (6) was fraught with difficulties. The church was rebuilt in 1741 by Squire Fortrey, who gave five bells, to which he added a sixth in 1746. These hang in the original frame, and—like all old bells—take a full swing from the canons, necessitating huge wheels and long ropes. No peal was ever rung on these bells till old Joe Norton, of Billesdon, and his 'boys' determined to get one for me. They went over several times to tighten up bolts, wedge the frame, mend wheels, take ropes, etc., and an attempt made. Minor was not suggested owing to the cupboard between treble and tenor, who never see each other while ringing. On April 2nd, 1927, a peal of Grandsire Doubles was successfully rung in 3 hours 2 minutes. All had to strip for the job: the second man (Joe) stood among the coal slack and rubbish heap: the rest simply had a 'do or die' look, and with two Geary brothers on 3-4 and two Ernests on 5-6 the peal was rung. The lighting accommodation consists on an upright bar fixed in a huge stone with a couple of candles on top! The belfry is on the ground floor of bare bricks littered with odds and ends not wanted in church.

However, having rung Doubles, the band were not satisfied but must try Minor, so the following January they again went, and after 3 hours 12 minutes' real tough going, accomplished the second peal—these being still the only two rung there. During this peal a roadman insisted on sitting in the belfry, promising not to disturb us. He remained about two hours or more, then got up and to my great consternation went up the belfry steps. I was ringing the tenor and saw his feet, which did not disappear out of sight but turned round and remained about six steps up. They never shifted till the end of the peal, when the man came down. Asked what he had been doing, he said he had a bottle of beer in his pocket and was dying for a drink. He dare not get it out in front of us, so went and sat on the steps to finish it off. He had another bottle which he handed round, but I refused at first—never tasted alcohol in my life! I was pretty well exhausted after the peal, and there being no possible means of getting refreshment nearer than Billesdon, I was pressed to have a 'swig' like medicine—it was grand! I wonder if anyone else ever had their first drink of beer in a church?

LOCAL REHANGING OF BELLS

In my peal book, regarding the first peal at Barkby (then 5) in 1927, I add: 'A most arduous task, but "labor omnia vincit", and state: 'A notice in the belfry inaptly says, "rehung on the latest pattern roller bearings," by a local firm of engineers—the band only rang the peal through grim determination and long suffering, the "go" being dreadful and the bells most difficult to handle. This is a case of the proverbial watch going to the blacksmith.'

Other cases where a local firm of clock makers were employed to rehang bells are at Church Langton (8), Swithland (6) and Appleby Magna (6). The first named are unpealable,

and the only octave in the diocese I have never rung a peal. Swithland is the only place where my father had to give up a peal—after two hours, but where I later rang the tenor (hung unevenly) to Minor after a very great effort. These bells are now on ball-bearings. Appleby Magna bells have never been rung to a Minor peal, but after shedding much sweat and many tears I have rung peals of Doubles on them. This shows the foolishness of employing firms who do not understand the work.

Arnesby (5) we found in a dilapidated state, and much oiling, tightening up of bolts, etc., had to be done before a peal attempt could be made. One bell had no stay so I rang this to the first peal. Later on, Dr. Stedman Poole desired a peal here, so we obliged, and did he have any medals?—hands full!

Aylestone old six were a tough proposition, with long draught of rope and no guides, and heavy going. However, after several abortive attempts I rang the tenor, and called the only peal ever rung on them. Of recent years these have been rehung with new fittings and two trebles added, also rope guides added, and form a nice octave.

Asfordby (6) are rung from the ground floor, open on three sides to the church, with a very long draught of rope.

The first peal on them was no easy matter, but Alban Disney did a good job on the tenor, and the local blacksmith and carrier—a hefty fellow—put the fourth (an awfully false-struck bell) through and we rang a good peal. Since then these bells have been rehung and on ball-bearings, with rope guides below, and are a real grand ring.

To accomplish the first peal on Willoughby Waterleys (5) some preliminary work had to be put in by the late Harry Webb (who beautifully carved many slate peal tablets), who spliced ropes and cleared the place generally, and H. Bird, who partially cleared the refuse and dirt deposited on the bells and wheels by his feathered namesakes—the birds! While this peal was in progress—a very strenuous job—the Rector was given a copy of Standard Methods to digest, and although he knew nothing of change-ringing, the following lines he composed on the spot shows his ready grasp of the technical terms:—

'TREBLE TO TENOR A SNAPPING'
'Up' and 'down' and 'in' and 'out,'
Do not 'course' if you have gout,
'Hunting,' 'leading,' 'changes,' 'strokes,'
Do not think that these are jokes.
'Dodge the middle,' 'behind,' 'before,'
Be a 'Bob' but not a bore;
Don't go 'wrong' but get 'right' 'home,'
Else climb down from up the dome.
'Maximus' is just a twelve,
'Tuffings' not the only helve.
'Minors,' 'Majors,' 'Triples' call
Men of muscle, short or tall.
'Caters,' 'Royal,' 'Cinques' there are,
'Singles,' 'Doubles' don't debar;
Then you'll flourish 'touch' or 'peal,'
Show your nous—prove your zeal.

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E. A. INGHAM, Rector.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UNRINGABLE TOWERS

Dear Sir,—Sorting through the mass of evidence that I have uncovered during the past two years, I have come to the following conclusions regarding the towers which are usually marked 'UR.'

There are now no unringable rings of 12, but there are:—

5 rings of 10	171 rings of 6
73 rings of 8	216 rings of 5

making a grand total of 465, including 21 in Wales and two in Scotland.

The greatest concentration is in East Anglia, there being 43 in Suffolk and 54 in Norfolk. This is amazing, as no other county approaches anything like these two; the next highest on the list are Gloucestershire and Wiltshire, both with 24.

It should be borne in mind that this list is comprehensive, as it includes many towers in which a 'Parsons Gay' applies. Many readers would be surprised at the many towers which have 'UR' Parsons. At the other end of the scale are towers such as Layston, Herts, and Swineshead, Beds, where the fittings are in an advanced state of decay. There is also a ring in which the bells were hung with all ringing fittings, but owing to the frame's construction it is impossible to pull the bells up. (Yes, this is true.)

I hope that this may be of use to those who keep statistics.—Yours, etc.,

ERNEST J. ROWE.

London, N.15.

THE HOAR CROSS PEAL

Dear Sir,—The peal rung at Hoar Cross on November 24th, 1956, seems to have caused quite a number of people to rush into print because the footnote 'Quickest peal on the bells' was added.

As conductor of this peal I was responsible for submitting this particular footnote based on information which was supplied locally—information which has since proved to be untrue. I should like to apologise for making the claim although the only way to find out is to make the claim and then see if anyone has a prior claim—as in this case.

There was absolutely no intention on the part of the band to ring a quick peal, as we had all the afternoon and evening in which to ring it. Mr. D. P. Jones stated that he had to employ every device he knew to ring a 720 in 30 minutes. Why, I do not know, as there were no gymnastic efforts on the part of our tenor ringer in achieving a time of a little under Mr. Jones' 30 minutes per 720. The majority of the band, I must admit, are not used to ringing slowly, but that did not detract from the quality of the ringing. The peal was in eight methods and included were an extent each of Double Oxford and St. Clement's, both of which call for hard work when working on the front.

A person like Mr. Jones ringing the tenor in 3½ hours obviously is not ringing the bell—the bell is ringing him. Mr. Jones' remark that he was nursing the ringing is only an excuse. Mr. A. P. Cannon has reminded us that a peal was rung in 3 hours and 17 minutes and (he tells us) was a well-struck peal. Was Mr. Jones' peal? If so, the front bells must have found it extremely hard work to hold them up for 3½ hours. It also meant that Mr. Jones was free-wheeling along without any effort while his colleagues did all the work.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN G. WARWICK.

South Wigston.

FOUR-BELL TOWERS

Dear Sir,—I should like to support the suggestion by D. P. Jones that rings of four bells, if hung for ringing, might at some future time be included in 'The Bellringer's Guide to the Church Bells of Britain.' There may be quite a number of such rings in the country, though perhaps widely separated.

One exists in this district, about three miles from where I live, viz., Barkham, Berks, where there used to be a regular band of ringers, all members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. I believe I am right in saying that the bells are the product of Warner's old Cripplegate foundry.

Years ago we used to hold Guild practices there to encourage the local band, and much enjoyed our humble extents of Bob Minimus. As Mr. Jones points out, one never knows if, given an interested incumbent in the parish, the bells may one day be augmented to a ring of five or even six.

One hopes that Mr. Dove may feel disposed to take an interested view of this suggestion.

W. J. PAICE.

Wokingham.

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the letter from Mr. Derek Jones concerning four-bell towers, and agree that a list of such towers where the bells are in a ringable condition would be both interesting and worth while, if only from the point of view of raising local interest and enthusiasm towards augmentation, etc. I append, for the information of Mr. Jones and others who may be interested, a list of ten four-bell towers in which I have had the pleasure of ringing, and no doubt others can add considerably to this short list:—

Burrough-on-the-Hill, Leics.—Tenor about 8 cwt. An excellent ring by Taylors, in good ringing order.

Margaretting, Essex.—A pre-Reformation ring, tenor about 8 cwt., hung on ball bearings in a five-bell frame. Going order very good.

Newtown, Hants.—Tenor about 7 cwt. Cast about 1880. Going order fair.

Over Compton, Somerset.—Tenor about 15 cwt. Hung on ball bearings in wooden frame. In quite good going order, although tower movement is considerable.

Slindon, Sussex.—Tenor about 8 cwt. Going order fair.

Trotton, Sussex.—Tenor about 9 cwt. An excellent ring by Taylors, in H frame. Going order good.

Tealby, Lincs.—Tenor about 14 cwt. Hung in six-bell frame on ball bearings. Going order excellent.

West Chinnock, Somerset.—Tenor only about 4 cwt., but a beautiful little ring of excellent tone.

Welby, Lincs.—Tenor about 10 cwt. Hung in extremely small tower, but going order excellent.

Yapton, Sussex.—Tenor about 7 cwt. Cast by Gillets in 1909 after a fire in the tower. Hung in H frame with pits for six bells. Going order good.

I hope very much that Mr. R. H. Dove may one day be able to add a supplement to his excellent 'Ringer's Guide' to include all towers containing 'fours' which are in ringable condition.—Yours sincerely,

PETER N. BOND.

Aldenborough, Kent.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 10th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): Mrs. A. Jones-Walters 1, Mrs. H. Hawthorne 2, G. Higgs 3, Miss M. Hogg (first quarter) 4, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 5, G. Jones-Walters (first quarter) 6. For Evensong and for the christening (in Malta) of Adrian Varnham, second grandson of Mrs. Kitchen, also for the ninth birthday of grandson of ringer of 3.

WHERE RUNG?

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read Mr. A. W. Rolfe's comment that the peal at Forham All Saints in November, 1956, was not the first on the bells, as my article suggested. I have looked at my records again (and checked whether I had inadvertently entered the peal under Forham St. Martin) and find no trace of one. I wonder, therefore, if it was ever published. However, I should be most grateful if Mr. Rolfe would kindly send me particulars of this peal of 1927 or 1928.

Whilst writing, I would also be most grateful if readers would kindly help me with the following peals. The details given when published were not sufficient for me to pin-point the towers even by secondary information (dedication of church, weight of tenor, etc.):—

February 4th, 1890. Grandsire Triples; tenor 14½ cwt.; Lancashire Association; 'Bell News,' page 532.

June 28th, 1894. Stedman Triples; Oxford: Oxford Diocesan Guild; 'Bell News,' page 91.

October 6th, 1923. Kent Treble Bob Major; London; tenor 14½ cwt.; London County Association; page 644.

November 12th, 1932. Stedman Triples; London; tenor 24 cwt.; London County Association; page 767.

April 10th, 1948. Doubles (three methods); Sandhurst, Kent, St. Giles' (this is probably St. Nicholas'; but I would like confirmation); tenor 7 cwt.; Hawkhurst and District; page 181.

October 11th, 1952. Bob Major; Blackpool, All Hallows'; tenor 10½ cwt.; Lancashire Association; page 626.

July 4th, 1953. Bob Minor; Ely, All Saints'; tenor 12 cwt.; Ely Diocesan Guild; page 482.

Yours faithfully,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

Dear Sir,—Writing as a student of the College of Campanology, I should like to express both mine and my colleagues' views upon its merits.

Previously, we were a band of self-taught ringers, literally going round in circles getting nowhere. There was obviously a necessity for expert tuition to enable us to progress. The College of Campanology has met that need by some of its tutors conducting practices in our tower. There was no doubt in our minds after their first visit that the course would be a success for it brought new light and enthusiasm to us all. Needless to say, there were many technical faults in our ringing action to be corrected, but this was tackled in a good spirit and we soon realised that economy of effort was necessary to become a good ringer.

The Manual of Instruction may seem elementary and unnecessary to those concerned with peal ringing, yet I wonder how many of those people have ever considered all the points that it lays down, and practised them in their ringing. To us it is a foundation of basic facts—a necessity in any field of learning. Our good wishes to all who are following this course of instruction.—Yours faithfully,

PAMELA J. SULLIVAN.

Westbourne, Sussex.

STOWING, KENT.—On Feb. 9th. 1,260 Bob Minor: R. J. Carlton (cond.) 1, T. Cullingworth 2, K. Finn 3, Miss P. Lowes 4, L. C. Smith 5, C. T. Hillis 6.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Feb. 9th. 1,260 Bob Minor: F. Pickering 1, Miss Betty Marchant 2, F. Brunt 3, B. Heppenstall 4, G. R. Hiner 5, H. Mortimore (cond.) 6.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On Feb. 10th. 1,260 Bob Triples: Frances Spavins 1, A. E. Butcher 2, Angela Grainger 3, Anne Spavins 4, P. Newing (cond.) 5, I. N. Pett 6, K. G. Spavins 7, B. Grainger 8. First of Bob Triples for all the band. A birthday compliment to Frances Spavins.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

North and East District

The annual meeting was held at St. James', Clerkenwell, on February 9th, when over 50 were present. Ringing also took place at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, in the evening. A service in church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. T. M. Browne), with Mr. W. Prockson as organist. The usual high quality tea was prepared by ladies, including Mrs. and Miss M. Prockson and Mrs. R. Deal.

Mr. H. G. Hart, vice-president, took the chair at the business meeting. In his report, the District secretary said that 11 meetings had been held, with an average attendance of 30 ringers representing nine affiliated towers. Five members had been lost through death. Twenty-six new members had been elected. Recognition of long service was recorded when congratulations were offered to three members of the Southgate band. Messrs. Wade, Glasscock and Tomlinson, upon the completion of 60, 57 and 52 years' service as ringers respectively. Appreciation was shown of the efforts of Messrs. E. Kilby and A. Warren and the Misses S. Clayton and G. Newcombe as 'Ringing World' representatives.

A total of 118 quarter peals was rung, mostly for services, and this figure is the highest for the last nine years. Restoration work had been completed at Monken Hadley, where the ring of eight was recast and rehung on ball-bearings in the old frame. The statement of accounts showed a healthy position, with a balance of £35 8s. 6d. carried to the Association's central fund. In addition, a total of £7 3s. 9d. was collected for the Bells Restoration Fund.

Officers for the ensuing year are Mr. A. Cutler, Master; Mrs. H. G. Hart, assistant; Mr. T. J. Lock, secretary; Mr. C. F. Neal, assistant. Mr. J. R. Mayne was elected auditor in place of Mr. R. F. B. Speed, to whom thanks were accorded and who has now left London.

The provisional election of Mr. S. E. Darmon (Northwood) was ratified, and the following new members were elected: The Misses P. C. Clark and M. J. Reed (Kingsbury), Miss J. M. Morrison (Wood Green), Miss A. Aldridge and M. Stanyon, J. Wallman (Southgate), D. Gray (Upper Clapton), T. Carless, J. Jobber, L. J. North (Stanmore) and J. Coles (St. Mary, Walthamstow). A full list of proposed meetings on the second Saturday in each month was arranged, which includes the Association's 60th anniversary, service and dinner on June 8th.

Thanks were accorded to all incumbents and members for providing facilities for this and other meetings, and for all ringing occasions.

T. J. L.

ST. JOHN'S, HILLINGDON

The St. John's, Hillingdon, Guild of Ringers held its annual dinner at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, on February 1st. Especially welcome among the 52 members and friends present were the Vicar, the Rev. F. C. Tyler, who had just returned from convalescence, Mr. W. H. Coles, now happily back in the belfry after his accident in September, and Mr. and Mrs. Davies, who were visitors from America.

In proposing the health of the Guild, the Vicar said that while in hospital he could hear the bells of St. John's, and they had been a source of inspiration and comfort to him during his long illness. Mr. Davies replied to the toast of 'The Visitors.' He said that, as an American, he felt honoured to be invited to a function connected with so English an art as change-ringing. The technicalities of ringing, he said, had remained a closed book to him, but the art seemed to make its adherents such amiable people that it was a pity that ringing was not made a 'compulsory subject' for would-be heads of State of all nationalities!

The evening finished with a course of Grand-sire Caters on handbells, song, a violin solo and a piano duet.

N. D. R.

CISTERCIAN BELL AT MARKET DRAYTON



From Los Angeles, Mr. Ernest Weatherby sends us this interesting photograph of the old Grammar School bell of Market Drayton, Salop, his home town.

This bell was cast by the Brothers of the Cistercian Abbey of Combermere at the same time as the tower was built by them, in 1325, and its weight is stated to be 20 cwt. After the Reformation the bell was taken out, and in 1555 was placed in the Grammar School, which had recently been built and endowed by Sir Rowland Hill, who was at that time Lord of the Manor and Lord Mayor of London.

In 1931 new schools were built and the Grammar School was closed and converted into flats. The bell was taken out and stored in St. Mary's Church tower, Market Drayton, and when the bells were taken out to be recast it was rung for all services. It is still chimed from the bottom of the tower for daily services and for the last five minutes before Sunday services. So the old bell is still doing duty.

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HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Bob Triples: A. Gargrave 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, S. Penfold 3, F. V. Gant 4, J. Fowler 5, D. M. Salisbury 6. A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 7, A. Ammerlann (first quarter) 8.

HELSTON'S RESTORED BELLS

By REV. A. S. ROBERTS

We read recently of the restoration of the bells of St. Michael's, Helston, and it is rather remarkable that this church should have had four rings of bells in 189 years. The very first mention of bells at Helston is found in the inventory of church goods ordered by Edward VI when John Rekynner, John Godolphin and John Killigrew were appointed Commissioners for the King for this purpose. It is recorded thus: 'Chapell of St. Michael in the borough towne of Helston in the parisse off Saint Wendron, Item three bellis hanging in the towre. Item ij sacring bellis.' No details of these bells are known.

The town Parish Church of St. Michael, Helston, with its 96ft.-high tower, was rebuilt by the last Earl of Godolphin in 1763. It is no longer connected with Wendron, a large rural parish on the outskirts, which has a ring of six. Four years after the church was rebuilt the Earl gave a ring of six. These were cast by Mears. The tenor weighed 17 cwt. and was inscribed: 'These six bells were the gift of the Right Honourable Francis Lord Godolphin, Anno 1767. Hugh Rogers, Esq., Mayor.'

In 1825 the six were completely recast, and in Cornwall at the Copperhouse Foundry, Hayle. From 1825 to 1832 this foundry cast about 17 bells for Cornwall, and the Helston bells seem to have been their only complete ring. These bells were all dated, as was the custom of the foundry, with the day of the month and year. Treble to tenor they were dated June 30th, 1825. Treble, second and tenor were inscribed with the churchwardens' names (T. W. James and R. Bennets), with the addition on the tenor of that of the Mayor, John Borlase, Esq. The second and tenor also had a lion's head within a circular cable border. The diameter of the tenor was 40½ inches, which means the tenor was three or four hundredweight lighter than the previous one.

In 1905 there was another complete restoration. Messrs. Taylor and Co. provided a new ring of eight, tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. These bells, hung on one level, were always considered a splendid ring. Two or three years ago it was found that rust had got into the foundation steel girders, and it was decided to rehang the bells, and to put in foundation beams of teak. It was also decided to provide a new tenor. This means that the old treble has been broken up and the metal used in the new tenor, which weighs a few pounds short of 16 cwt. in F. The second and sixth bells of the former peal have been tuned a half-note flatter. The cast-iron framework has been reconstructed to carry this larger ring. Ball bearings have been provided throughout. Because of the larger tenor two bells have been hung above six.

When the old steel foundation girders were to be taken out it was found they were so firmly grouted into the tower walls that there would be great difficulty in doing so, and they were left in position, which meant that the whole bell frame had to go higher in the tower, and the whole ring is now high up in the rather large number of louvres. It is open to question whether this is ideal for the sound of the ring outside. It seems a pity now that the ring was not lowered in the tower, and the ringing chamber made on the floor below the present one.

Helston now has a fine ring, but there seems something a little different in ringing there. No doubt it is that this heavier ring is higher up in an unbuttressed tower. The work has been well done by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,440 Minor (360 each of Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Bob and Oxford Treble Bob): A. Walpole 1, W. Warner 2, S. Conling 3, G. Walpole (cond.) 4, H. W. Barrett 5, E. Long 6. In honour of Mr. D. Fenn's 80th birthday.

OBITUARY

PREBENDARY A. J. HOOK

On February 11th, at the age of 79 years, the Rev. Preb. Arthur James Hook, M.A., a great friend of ringers, passed to his rest. With the exception of a period during World War I., when he was honorary chaplain to the Forces, he spent his clerical life as curate, priest-in-charge and rector in Somerset, his last living being that of Wrington, and his last active work as chaplain to the Quantock Hospital. He was, until his retirement from Wrington in 1945, a Prebendary in Wells Cathedral.

He did not start ringing until fairly late in life, but he was always interested in ringers and ringing and was the Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association for eight years. One instance of his devotion was the fact that at an advanced age he drove some 90 miles to Marksbury, where the ringers wished to have their banner dedicated. Always he was an unfailing source of inspiration and spiritual strength.

So, under the shadow of Quantock hills, he was buried at Stogursey. The service was conducted by his son-in-law, the Rev. E. R. Sholl, Vicar of Stogursey. The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was represented at the funeral by Mr. F. Sweet (Ringing Master of the Bridgwater Branch) in the unavoidable absence of the Master and general secretary, and the Branch by Mr. G. Duckham, of Stockland. No doubt more would have been present if longer notice had been possible.

A half-muffled quarter peal was rung at Stogursey Priory on the day of the funeral. The bells in other towers in the Diocese were also rung half-muffled. J. D.

MR. WALTER PRIOR

With regret we announce the death of Mr. Walter Prior, of Stansted, Essex, at the age of 88, which took place in the Herts and Essex General Hospital, Bishop's Stortford, on February 9th. He had one of his legs amputated about four years ago, which ended a long ringing career.

Walter was an excellent ringer and striker in all methods. He was always ready to give a helping hand and was good company with all his ringing friends. He had rung approximately 150 peals in the following methods: Bob Major, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, New Cumberland, New Cambridge, Old Cambridge, Bristol and London.

He was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths on December 26th, 1898, and was also a member of the Ely Diocesan Guild, the Essex Association and Hertfordshire Association. Walter rang most of his peals together with his brother, William, at St. Mary's, Stansted, and St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford.

On February 12th the coffin was resting in St. John's Church, where he was a chorister for many years. Here the ringers of Stansted and Bishop's Stortford paid their last tribute. At St. Mary's Church the bells were rung half-muffled to Kent Treble Bob Minor (tenor covering) by J. Foreman 1, R. Hayden 2, F. Bird (conductor) 3, H. Watt 4, F. Tharby 5, H. Bird 6, H. M. White 7.

The funeral took place at St. Mary's Church on February 13th, and on Thursday evening ringers from Potter Street, Harlow, Stansted, and St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, rang, with bells half-muffled, a quarter peal of his favourite method, Stedman Triples. The ringers were: R. Hayden 1, H. Bird 2, H. Watts 3, F. Bird 4, F. Tharby 5, W. Wheeler 6, S. Clarks (conductor) 7, T. Camps 8. Ringers present at the funeral were F. Tharby, H. Watts and P. A. F. Chalk. F. B.

MR. W. W. WOLSTENCROFT

The funeral service for Mr. Walter W. Wolstencroft, for 50 years captain and tower-keeper of St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, took place at Stoke Poges on February 15th. He was buried in the same grave as his wife, who had shared his love of bells.

The tower bells were rung muffled for the service, which was attended by many ringers. These included the Rev. E. S. C. Lowman (chairman of the E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch, Oxford Diocesan Guild), Mr. A. Cox (Branch Ringing Master) and Mr. A. D. Barker (Guild treasurer, also representing the Ancient Society of College Youths). At the graveside a touch on handbells was rung by A. D. Barker 1-2, Mrs. A. D. Barker 3-4, W. Welling 5-6, W. Kenley 7-8.

Floral tributes were received from Windsor Parish Church and Curfew Tower; friends at Slough, Old Windsor and Stoke Poges; Miss Guggin and the Fulmer ringers; Ringing friends in Lancashire and Cheshire; the Bowdon and Stockport Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild; Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. R. Elkins (Altrincham); his two great friends—Mr. Frank Sinkins and Mr. H. Worsfold.

APPRECIATION

I first met Walter W. Wolstencroft in 1937, when I left home to work in Lancashire. I was given an introduction to him from the Loughborough Bell Foundry, where I had just learned to handle a bell.

Walter Wolstencroft taught me the beginnings of change ringing, and I was a member of his band until war broke out. He was a perfect gentleman, and many were the hours I spent in his company and that of his wife, both at meetings at church and in his home. He was a most devout churchman and devoted to St. Peter's, Ashton. The bells were rung twice every Sunday—by a band of boys and girls—and many were the times when he kept us all 'right.' He proposed me as a member of my first Guild—the Chester Diocesan. It was not until after the war that I was able to ring my first peal with him though, and that through the kindness of a later instructor of mine at Wimborne (St. Giles'), Dorset.

It was W. W. W. who introduced me to many of my present friends, and I have a memorable vision of him turning in Manchester Town Hall tenor to Kent Maximus whilst I rang the 2nd with someone behind me.

He was a man of extremely high principles, a teetotaler and a non-smoker, a man of the highest integrity as well as being a member of the choir, Sunday School and other organisations.

E. F. M. SAMSON (Maj.).

B.A.O.R.

As secretary of the Watford District of the Hertford County Association, I should like to express on behalf of the District its sympathy on the death of Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, of Stoke Poges.

He was a most frequent and well-loved visitor to many of the District's meetings, and it was obvious to all who knew him that he enjoyed every minute of the ringing and also the topical conversation at tea time. Invariably he used to travel by a 'Green-Rover' bus ticket and he often recommended this method for travelling to and from meetings; he was so aptly given the name of 'Pet-Rover' by one of the District's members.

I feel quite sure that his presence and ringing ability at meetings was an inspiration to all who saw him, and certainly to the younger ringers. He will be sadly missed.

KENNETH R. DUNSTAN.

Mr. J. Burgess, of Friezland, writes: 'Please let me add my note to the many references I am sure you will receive. Walter was ever faithful and an inspiration to us all. He was never happier than when he had a tower full of learners. Yes, Minor and Treble Bob methods. I shall always remember him.'

MR. WALTER ROBINSON

The death occurred on January 12th of Mr. Walter Robinson, a member of All Saints', Northampton.

Mr. Robinson, a native of Barton Seagrave, near Kettering, in his younger days was a ringer for some years at Bolsover, Derbyshire, and rang in several peals there. He returned to his native county to join the Northamptonshire Constabulary; on retirement he came to live in Northampton.

He gave loyal service to the All Saints' company. Walter, as he was always affectionately known, loved his ringing, and was a keen gardener. He will be sadly missed by his fellow ringers. He was a member of the National Guild of Police Ringers and, I think, a founder member.

On January 15th, the day of his funeral, as a mark of respect, half-muffled touches of Stedman Triples were rung in the evening at All Saints' by members of All Saints' and St. Peter's; W. J. Allen, W. H. Austin, T. Bass, F. Brown, W. J. Dove, F. Farey, W. G. Farey, E. Foster and W. R. Parker. W. J. D.

MR. C. HENRY HARDING

The Bedfordshire Association has lost a faithful friend and ringer in the person of Mr. C. Henry Harding, of 2, Grange Road, Blunham, who has passed away at the early age of 42.

Mr. Harding was at work as usual on February 22nd, but was taken ill about 9 o'clock in the evening and removed to Bedford Hospital, where he died early the next morning from cerebral hæmorrhage.

Mr. Harding was unmarried, but great sympathy will be felt for his fiancée, Miss Joan Arkinstall, of Enfield, Middlesex. K. M. L.

MR. ARTHUR H. HAYWARD

The death, on February 21st, is announced with regret of Mr. Arthur H. Hayward, of Wilton, Taunton, one of the grand 'old men' of the Taunton Deanery and a member of the Wilton band of Surprise ringers which was so prominent 20 years ago. His funeral service was held at Staplegrove Church, Taunton, last Monday.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH

Winchester District

About 40 members, including visitors from Bishopstoke, North Stonham and Sherborne St. John, attended the annual meeting of the Winchester District at Winchester on February 2nd.

Six new ringing and honorary members were elected, bringing the total now to 121 and 30 respectively. All the officers were re-elected en bloc—chairman, Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth; secretary, R. F. Brewer; assistant secretary, P. Nash; treasurer, F. C. Moreland; Ringing Master, R. Smith.

The chairman, in thanking the Ringing Master for his helpful assistance, stressed the need for closer co-operation between peal ringers and learners. He asked peal ringers to relate their engagements to practices and quarterly meetings of the Guild.

Tea was followed by Evensong at the Cathedral, and afterwards the bells were put to good use in a variety of methods.

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BIRTH

TURLEY.—On Feb. 19th, 1957, at 34, Granville Road, Hillingdon, Middlesex, to Evelyn (née Hyman), wife of Anthony, a son. Ian Roy, a brother for Moyra. 9838

DEATHS

BROOKS, William, of 118, Belle Vue Road, Shrewsbury, aged 72. An enthusiastic member of the Shropshire Association and a loyal ringer at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, for nearly 50 years. 9831

MILLHOUSE.—On Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 1957, at St. George's Hospital, Lincoln, Lucy Millhouse, loving mother of Jack and Betty. 9840

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MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Felmersham at 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 2nd. Service 4.30 p.m.—Phyllis M. Gray, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9810

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—Meeting at Little Waltham (6), Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Cornerways, Plantation Road, Boreham. 9789

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, Saturday, March 2nd. Ringing, St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, 4.30 to 5.45 p.m. Practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth, 7.30 p.m., March 4th, and first Monday in each month. Everyone welcome. 9823

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting at Ranmoor, 3 p.m., on Saturday, March 2nd. Committee meeting, 2.30 p.m.—J. Seager, Sec. 9791

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Cuckfield (8), Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—I. Butcher. 9812

ST. MARY'S, HENDON, N.W.4.—Sunday, March 3rd, 6.30 Evensong is 'Ringers' Service.' Local ringers will act as servers, read the lessons, etc., and the sermon will incorporate ringers and ringing. Bells available from 5.30. All visitors welcome. 9748

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, March 4th, at 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 9800

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BARNSELEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Horbury, March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify not later than March 6th Mr. Ed. Atkinson, Ivy Dene, Medlock Road, Horbury, Wakefield. —James Buxton, Temp. Sec. 9839

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Meeting at Fivehead, Saturday, March 9th. Usual arrangements. Notify for tea.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 9822

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Old Whittington, Saturday, March 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to G. J. Newman, 54, Brearley Avenue, New Whittington, Chesterfield.—A. B. Cooper. 9797

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—South Shields, Saturday, March 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Mar. 7th to Miss M. A. Soffley, 88, Mowbray Road, South Shields. 9807

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, March 9th, at Heanor. Bells 3.15 p.m. Tea can be obtained at Market Café, Godfrey Street, near church.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 9821

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual, East Grinstead, Saturday, March 9th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business at Crown Hotel. Names to Miss K. Shepherd, 34, Cantelupe Road.—C. A. Bassett. 9809

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Stratton St. Margaret (8), Saturday, March 9th. Names for tea to Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 9828

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Stone (6), March 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Notify for tea March 6th Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 9837

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Saturday, March 9th. Broxbourne. Please bring own tea.—T. S. Southam, Dis. Sec. 9826

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Wrotham, Saturday, March 9th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 9777

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Annual general meeting at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, S.E.10, on Saturday, March 9th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 7th, please, to Miss M. Bullard, 36, Crooms Hill, Greenwich. All ladies welcome—gentlemen cordially invited.—Jill Waters, Hon. Sec. 9771

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Annual meeting at Clent, Worcs, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, March 5th, to Stella Hughes, 3, Delves Road, Walsall. Frequent bus service. No. 318 from Stourbridge or Haslev (Cattle Market) to Clent. 9792

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Annual meeting will be held at Bitton on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea essential, please, to Mrs. de Jong, 6, Beresford Close, Saltford, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Combined ring with members of the Association committee. St. Anne's Parish Church, St. Anne's-on-Sea, Saturday, March 9th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. and after tea until 7.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. at 2s. 6d. per head. Names, not later than Wednesday, March 6th, to Mr. W. H. Ratcliffe, 40, Hope Street, St. Anne's-on-Sea. Branch business meeting 6 p.m. 9833

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Helens Parish Church, Saturday, March 9th, at 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (5 p.m.) to A. Wallace, 11, Whitefield Road, St. Helens.—G. Howlett. 9821

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Preston St. Mark's, Saturday, March 9th. Names for refreshments, please, by Wednesday, 6th, to Mr. T. Marsden, 100, Wellington Street, Preston.—L. Walmsley. 9796

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Hoby (5) on Saturday, March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by March 7th to Mr. J. Burnham, Hoby, Leicester.—Mrs. P. A. Corby, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9825

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at St. Botolph's, Lincoln, on Saturday, March 9th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 9768

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Edmonton on Saturday, March 9th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting. Bus 128 passes church, or 659, 679 trolley bus to Town Hall.—T. J. Lock. 9801

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Padbury, Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to me by March 6th.—E. F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 9818

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Martin, Saturday, March 9th. Bells 2.15 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Take Flemington's bus, leaving Canal, Salisbury, 1.40. Leaves Martin 5.50 for return via Coombe Bissett for evening ringing. Names must be sent for tea, please, by Tuesday, March 5th, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 9764

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, March 9th, Shaftesbury Holy Trinity. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Visitors welcome. Please notify the Rev. R. A. Wells, Iwerne Minster Vicarage, Blandford, Dorset. 9842

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Malins Lee, Saturday, March 9th. Handbell ringing and business meeting 2.30 p.m. Tower bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 6th, to E. V. Jones, 30, Oakley Street, Belle Vue, Shrewsbury. 9832

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Mansfield Woodhouse (6) on Saturday, March 9th. Bells 2.30 to 5 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Mansfield (8) from 6 to 9 p.m. Business in Mansfield belfry at 6 p.m.—H. Denman. 9813

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Stowmarket, Saturday, March 9th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, March 5th, to Mr. B. Chilvers, Coiton, Stowmarket.—J. Blythe, Gen. Sec. 9787

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Annual general meeting at Clare, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss R. J. Seabrook, Clare. 9788

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Angmering, on Saturday, March 9th. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday, to G. Francis, Hook Cottage, Itchingfield, Horsham.—W. Leslie Weller. 9811

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, March 9th, at Brockenhurst. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business follows. Notify, please, secretary, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 9815

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Stockbridge, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. at the Vine Inn. Names by previous Tuesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 9814

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Malvern Link, Saturday, March 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, March 5th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 9817

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner will be held on Saturday, March 16th, at Kish's Restaurant, Bedford, at 7.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. Tickets are available from Miss P. Gray, 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Beds. Mr. L. Bywaters, 24, Langford Road, Henlow, Beds, and Mr. K. Spavins, 8, London Road, Woburn, Beds; price 10s. 6d. each. All names must be given by Friday, March 8th. 9760

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Stebbing (6), Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 13th, to A. H. Little, Cowlands Cottage, Stebbing, Dunmow. 9827

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Hythe, Colchester, Saturday, March 16th. Bells (6; 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, March 13th, to Mr. F. Oliver, 25, New Park Street, Colchester. 9805

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual committee meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church House, Reading, at 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 16th. Names for tea before Wednesday, March 13th, to Mr. A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. St. Mary's bells 2 to 2.50 p.m.—M. R. Cross. 9819

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, St. John-the-Baptist, Croydon, Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting, Silverdale Hall, 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by March 14th, please, to W. F. Oatway, 233, Thornton Road, West Croydon. 9793

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—Because of a clash of dates, with the annual festival of the Chester Guild and the annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association, the annual general meeting of the Railwaymen's Guild will take place at Christ Church, Crewe, on Saturday, June 22nd. Arrangements will be made for a mid-day meal but names must be received before June 15th.

Ringling: Crewe (10) Nantwich (8), Sandbach (8) and more towers if necessary. Fuller information later.—W. Frank Stenson, North Col, 142, Minshull New Road, Crewe. 9767

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual festival will be held in Salisbury on May 18th, 1957. Details later.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec. 9835

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Oct. 12th, 1957, Shirehall, Chelmsford. Details later.—F. V. G. 9834

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

South Norfolk Branch Secretary Retires

Members of the South Norfolk Branch heard, with regret, at their 23rd annual meeting on February 9th that their Branch secretary, Mr. A. G. Harrison, is retiring this year for business reasons. The president, the Rev. H. G. Lillingston, said he would like to say how much they appreciated the faithful work Mr. Harrison had given over the past 20 years.

Before handing over his duties, Mr. Harrison thanked the members for their loyal and faithful support during the 20 years he had been their secretary, and hoped they would support their new secretary as they had done him in the past. He also welcomed Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Last to their Branch.

Dr. P. H. A. Jonason conducted the meeting in his own inimitable manner, and was re-elected as chairman. Mr. C. F. W. Phillippo was elected the new secretary, Mr. W. Flatt Ringing Master, Mr. A. G. Harrison and Mr. F. Arnold to the standing committee, Miss B. Syrett, Messrs. E. Whiting, H. Moss, F. Roper and W. G. Saunders Branch committee.

Seventy-two members and friends from 39 parishes in Norfolk and Suffolk attended the meeting. Mr. Leonard E. Last was elected a member, and Mr. Anthony R. Mann, of Newmarket, a life member.

The Rev. L. O. Kenyon, Rector of Diss, conducted the service in Diss Parish Church, assisted by Rev. H. G. Lillingston, Canon T. A. Nock, R.D., and Mr. H. J. Watts, lay reader. In an address the Rector said the art of bell-ringing was comparable, in the broad sense, to the Christian life. 'Although you have enjoyed ringing the bells this afternoon, not everyone will have enjoyed listening to them.' He went on to say: 'The bells were a reminder of the true character of the Gospel; a good bell is true, has a good tone, must be in tune and keep in time so that it rings in harmony. The bells were intended to help people to remain conscious of these things.'

LATE NEWS

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Rowland John Fenn, of Barking, Essex, on February 16th, aged 80 years. A memorial service was held at St. Margaret's, Barking, on February 21st. A memoir will appear in our next issue.

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