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BATS IN THE BELFRY

ARE bell ringers 'bats' in the belfry? When I tell people I ring bells, they look at me agape. I do really believe they think I'm dotty, but of course they are much too polite to say so.

Perhaps bell ringers are crazy, but I find it a pleasant kind of craziness. I suppose to the layman, going out ringing church bells sounds a pretty curious business. And then, of course, they must think people are pretty mad to go out peal ringing for hours at a time. I have not yet aspired to that particular brand of eccentricity, neither have I any intention of doing so at present, but my more experienced colleagues tell me I will, sooner or later.

You know, I sometimes think that the layman is more 'bats' in the belfry than we ringers are. Someone told me the other day that the sound of the bells always made her want to cry. Mind you, I've heard bell ringing in my time that's made me want to cry, but that was only because the striking was a bit rough. Of course, she didn't mean that—like most of the uninitiated she doesn't appreciate the difference between good and bad ringing—doesn't know there is any good and bad really. I cannot help feeling that the best cure for this odd melancholia would be for her to go into a tower and learn to ring. She would then find bells and bell ringing a happy affair. Of course, she might feel like shedding a tear or two when she was first learning, but she'd soon get over that. Like the rest of us. I must suggest it to her one day—we could do with some new recruits in our tower.

I don't really believe we are as daft as people might think and, even if we are, we seem to achieve a happiness and companionship that appears to be peculiar to the belfry. There you meet people, who are all sorts and conditions of men, brought together by one common denominator—a love of bell ringing. There is a wonderful satisfaction in being part of a team of ringers, whether you ring rounds, Grandsire or Surprise methods, and you cannot quite achieve the same spirit anywhere else.

Are we mad because at week-ends we go off to ringing meetings up and down the country? I for one don't really

care if we are, because I have spent some very happy hours at these functions. There's not only the ringing, you know, but meeting and talking to people at tea time. Tea at a ringing meeting always seems to me to be an awfully important affair. You can talk about so many things. The iniquities of the Parochial Church Council who are loth to add two new trebles to a local ring of four bells . . . the way the so-and-so band have improved lately . . . reminiscences about old times . . . and the exciting discovery that your neighbour at the tea table, who has been ringing energetically all the afternoon, is eighty-four years old and rang his first peal in 1890. And then after tea back to the tower to spend another pleasant hour or so. And if that's being mad—I'm glad I am.

Is it crazy to have a hobby which allows you to have a friend in practically every part of the country? It is with a deep sense of gratitude that I realise, however far away from home I might be, I need never be lonely and without friends. All I have to do is find the nearest belfry, where there will be people who are ready to welcome me and make me feel at home. And that isn't so crazy, you know.

But when all is said and done, how can bell ringers be bats in the belfry when Sunday by Sunday it is their joyful duty and privilege to ring the bells to the praise and glory of God? And because they do this, how can they help but be happy, friendly people? All I can say is that I'm jolly glad I'm a bell ringer, and I only hope I shall be able to go on being one for a long time to come, bats in the belfry or not.

NANCY E. KEMPSSELL.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., March 16, 1957, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY Treble	A. FRANK UDALL 7
STELLA HUGHES 2	ARTHUR D. COOK 8
ALBERT WALKER 3	JOHN R. JOYNER 9
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 4	W. NORMAN PARK 10
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN 11
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 6	FRANK E. HAYNES Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

A birthday compliment to A. Frank Udall.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

TIVERTON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

HORACE BUTT Treble	ARTHUR REED 5
E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 2	FREDERICK WREFORD .. 6
RICHARD BOWDEN .. 3	BRIAN PIDGEON 7
NORMAN MALLETT .. 4	WILLIAM GIGG Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).

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

ROGER K. STRETTON .. Treble	*JOAN K. BROWN 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. 6
JOHN M. JELLEY 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 7
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 4	ALBERT J. COOKE Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., March 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Treble	PHYLLIS POOLE 5
*JOAN K. BROWN 2	†JOHN A. ACRES 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 3	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. 7
ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 4	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. 4).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † 350th peal.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).

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

FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. Treble	MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. 5
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS .. 2	*SEPTIMUS NEAVE 6
STEPHEN BROMFIELD .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 7
ARTHUR W. CROWDER .. 4	GWEN I. RUSBY Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Triples. The conductor's 600th peal.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HAMPTON,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*PATRICIA A. TURK .. Treble	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 5
*DAPHNE L. R. TURK .. 2	ROBERT W. COLE 6
GERALD C. HEMMING .. 3	WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. 7
REV. ALBERT WEBB .. 4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal of Major as conductor.

A farewell peal to Daphne L. R. Turk, who is leaving Evesham for South America.

MALDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*CECIL J. MANN Treble	ERNEST RICHARDSON .. 5
ARTHUR H. EVERETT .. 2	BERNARD MANN 6
SIDNEY R. LINNETT .. 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN 7
HARRY APPLETON 4	SYDNEY C. EASTER Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal.

Rung fully muffled in memory of Horace J. Mansfield.

MALPAS, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 16, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING .. Treble	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 5
HAROLD F. WHITE 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 6
*HENRY O. BAKER 3	*JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 7
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.

* 300th peal.

OLVESTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Sat., March 16, 1957, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5072 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING .. Treble	†PATRICK J. BIRD 5
*BRIAN J. WYLDE 2	DAVID HEIGHTON 6
ARTHUR R. WRIGHT .. 3	TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 7
PATRICIA M. BOURN .. 4	FRANK D. MACK Tenor

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER. Conducted by PATRICIA M. BOURN.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell and on eight bells. † First peal on eight bells.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 16, 1957, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF 5088 JEDBURGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

ERNEST J. LADD Treble	ROBERT COLLINS 5
DORIS E. COLGATE 2	WILLIAM ROGERS 6
RAYMOND OVERY 3	FRANK H. HICKS 7
THOMAS E. SONE 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

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

A birthday compliment to Doris E. Colgate and a 10th birthday compliment to Yvonne, grand-daughter of the conductor.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., March 16, 1957, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

EDMUND MALIN Treble	ALFRED BALLARD 5
LEONARD TREVOR 2	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 BEDFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in F.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN 5
ELSIE K. HART 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 6
MARION J. SKINNER .. 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 7
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by DENNIS KNOX.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the Diocese and for the Guild.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints and St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

*HORACE W. EASEY Treble	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 5
GEORGE W. HOWLETT 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT 6
BEN S. THOMPSON 3	JOHN W. G. KINDRED 7
*DOUGLAS MITCHELL 4	PETER KINDRED Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PETER KINDRED.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
In memoriam John E. Burton.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., March 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In two methods, consisting of 2,944 Yorkshire and 2,208 Cambridge, with 92 changes of method. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

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

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. † First peal of Spliced Surprise. First peal of Spliced Surprise as conductor.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., March 21, 1957, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter, Mancroft,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstan's Four-part.

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

WILLIAM LOVE Treble	CLIFFORD BIRD 5
ARTHUR G. BASON 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT 6
F. CHARLES GOODMAN 3	BERT GOGLE 7
GEORGE SAYER 4	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Edward Burton.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Thurs., March 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James-the-Great,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B flat.

GEORGE E. FEARN Treble	H. DAVID HOLLAND 5
PAUL J. RIGBY 2	J. THOMAS GWILT 6
EDWARD T. LLOYD 3	VINCENT A. HEMMING 7
JOHN R. JOYNER 4	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD Tenor

Conducted by VINCENT A. HEMMING.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Arthur Morris, in the tower he so faithfully served for over 55 years.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., March 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

ALICK CUTLER Treble	DENNIS KNOX 5
THOMAS J. LOCK 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE 6
*JAMES WALLMAN 3	JOHN R. MAYNE 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal in the method.

LEYTON, LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., March 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH Treble	CHARLES W. OTTLEY 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	LEONARD W. BULLOCK 6
CHARLES A. HUGHES 3	PETER J. HUTCHINGS 7
*LEWIS J. BATLEY 4	FRANK R. L. BLEWER .. Tenor

Conducted by NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH.

* First peal in the method.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 22 methods, being 480 Cambridge, 320 each of Bristol, Claybrooke, Lindum, London, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Rutland and Wordsworth, and 160 each of Acton, Apsley, Coddenham, Cray, Eastcote, Hitchin, Lincolnshire, Ripon, Superlative, Uxbridge, Yorkshire, Watford and Wembley, with 144 changes of method.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

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

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

The first peal in 22 Spliced Surprise Major methods by the Guild, in the county and by all the band.

A welcome to the Rev. E. P. Tyson; a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Worth, and a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*ERIC PEPPER Treble	†LAWRENCE D. CLEMENT .. 4
ALAN CAPSTICK 2	W. NORMAN CAMPBELL .. 5
*BERYL MAYOR 3	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

NEW BUCKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILFRED E. GARROD .. Treble	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. 4
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 2	JOHN S. BARNES 5
ALBERT E. ROBINSON .. 3	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN S. BARNES.

Rung on the eve of the wedding of Beryl A. Saunders, daughter of the ringer of the second, to Terence Cole-Wilkin.

NORTON ST. PHILIP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Philip and James,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings).

Tenor 10 cwt.

*GRAHAM C. GRANT .. Treble	PERCY BRAY 4
W. JOHN PHIPPEN 2	ERNEST E. BRAY 5
†LESLIE A. FEAR 3	*JACK GRIFFIN Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST E. BRAY.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.



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RINGWOULD, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS. A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

*AMOS FURMINGER Treble	PETER J. RYE 4
*EDGAR H. HARDING 2	FREDERICK A. RYE 5
†AUDREY BANKS 3	FREDERICK W. LAWRENCE.. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. LAWRENCE.

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

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. A. E. Sellers, on his retirement. Also rung to celebrate the augmenting of the original five to six by the adding of a new tenor.

FORNHAM ALL SAINTS, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., March 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS. A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 extents of Grandsire (ten callings) and 22 extents of Plain Bob (four callings).

*JOE PETTIT Treble	ARTHUR W. ROLFE 3
KENNETH G. BROWN 2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 4

†LESLIE N. MELTON Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

* First peal of Doubles. † First of Doubles in two methods.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. (Wirral Branch.)

On Fri., March 15, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, WOODCHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob, and one extent of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*D. JOHN POOLE Treble	VIVIAN T. O. BOASE 4
ALEXANDER J. MARTIN 2	CHARLES B. PEMBERTON 5
*ROGER J. H. VEYSEY 3	ERNEST T. CARVELL Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES B. PEMBERTON.

* First peal.

GRESENHALL, NORFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., March 15, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

*VERA M. NELSON Treble	S. HARRY WATERFIELD 4
GEORGE T. BUNNING 2	JOHN S. BARNES 5
*JUNE E. NELSON 3	GEORGE P. ADAMS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN S. BARNES.

* First peal.

Rung in memory of Mrs. Hall, wife of a former rector.

BITTESWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods: (1) Childwall Bob, (2) St. Clement's Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A flat.

J. HARRY COOK Treble	BRIAN G. WARWICK 4
ERNEST J. JELLEY 2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 5
*ROLAND H. COOK 3	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in seven Minor methods.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods, viz.: (1) St. Clement's, Childwall; (2) Primrose Surprise; (3) Double Oxford, Thelwall; (4) Cambridge and Bourne Surprise; (5) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (6) Single Oxford, Plain Bob; (7) Single Court.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM E. GREEN Treble	RONALD APPLEWHITE 4
*GERALD T. SPEED 2	JOHN F. PEARSON 5
AMOS INGALL 3	LOUIS WILLDERS Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS WILLDERS.

* First peal in 12 methods. First in 12 methods as conductor.

Rung by a Sunday service band for the wedding of Mr. Charles Edward Woodcock to Miss Patricia Greensmith, which took place in the above church prior to the peal.

CATHERINGTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

*SAMUEL J. HARDING Treble	ALAN H. STURGES 4
JOHN A. G. BALL 2	FREDERICK W. BURNETT 5
†DAVID S. M. JONES 3	JOHN H. HUNT Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

CLOWNE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents called differently.

*RUTH DICKINSON Treble	DENNIS A. SMEDLEY 4
SAM SCATTERGOOD 2	FREDERICK A. ADAMS 5
MARY E. BARLOW 3	WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED L. ROBINSON.

* First peal.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

*WILLIAM H. DOWSE Treble	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 4
*FRANK OSBALDISTON 2	*ROBERT SMITH 5
*BERNARD GROVES 3	*ALAN MCFALL Tenor

Conducted by ALAN MCFALL.

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

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 11 lb.

*ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. Treble	PETER J. CAME 4
†MICHAEL EDWARDS 2	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 5
MARY DOWSETT 3	JOE E. G. ROAST Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* 75th peal. † First in seven methods 'inside.'

Rung as an engagement compliment to Mr. P. J. Eves and Miss Pamela Dowsett, the latter being the sister of the ringer of the third.

HELMDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 16, 1957, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Primrose, York, Carlisle, Beverley, Wells, London and Cambridge.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE SHELLARD Treble	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS 4
BARRY SAUNDERS 2	*ROGER KEELEY 5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER 3	WILLIAM A. YATES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods. 50th peal as conductor.

Rung on the eve of the christening of Richard William, infant son of the conductor.

LYDIARD MILLICENT, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 16 methods, viz.: Two extents each of Reverse New Bob, Reverse Huntspill, Reverse St. Vedast, New Bob, Huntspill, St. Vedast, and three extents each of St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, St. Remigius, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Osmund, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman.

Tenor 8 cwt.

ANTHONY R. PEAKE Treble	ERIC SUTTON 4
FRANCIS G. WILTON 2	*IAN H. ORAM 5
RAYMOND C. WESTNEY 3	†VICTOR GRIFFIN Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* 50th peal. † 25th peal.

The first peal in 16 methods by all the band and on the bells.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., March 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

ROBERT E. LESTER Treble	LESLIE N. MELTON 4
JAMES BENNETT, SEN. 2	KENNETH G. BROWN 5
LEONARD S. SHARPE 3	*RONALD W. STEWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

* 250th peal.

STOCKBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 120's of Plain Bob (four callings) and 30 120's of Grandsire (ten callings).

Tenor 15 cwt.

*EMILY B. P. WALKER .. Treble	†FRANCIS J. CHEAL 3
†WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 2	‡CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. 4
ALBERT J. DUNK Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal on five bells. † 50th peal together. ‡ First peal of Doubles, also on five bells.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., March 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb.

C. JACK GIBSON Treble	JOHN W. G. KINDRED 4
MRS. J. W. BLYTHE 2	PETER KINDRED 5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Paul Blythe (brother of the conductor) and Miss Jean Gibson (daughter of the treble ringer), which took place earlier this day.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., March 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) London Surprise, (2) St. Clement's, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Double and Single Court, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Treble	GILES C. GALLEY 4
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 2	ROBERT W. PARKER 5
MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

BRILL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

*FRANK CUSS Treble	WILLIAM A. GODWIN 4
A. C. MERVYN DAY 2	PATRICK A. BARTLETT .. 5
CYRIL H. KINCH 3	*ARTHUR W. CROZIER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

* First peal.

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oswald Delight, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

RONALD DAWSON Treble	ELIZABETH M. BAGSHAW .. 4
MRS. MARGARET FINLOW .. 2	JACK T. MARRIOTT 5
HERBERT E. TAYLOR 3	HENRY KIRK Tenor

Conducted by HENRY KIRK.

Rung to congratulate the ringer of the fourth on her engagement to Mr. George Barton.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSLEY.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Barnsley and District Society.)

On Sat., March 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Violet, London Scholars, Sandal, Duke of York, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*JAMES W. BUXTON Treble	CYRIL RUSBY 4
*TREVOR TARBATT 2	HERMAN RUSBY 5
FRED COWLING 3	NOEL F. MOXON Tenor

Conducted by NOEL F. MOXON.

* First peal in seven methods.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Jack W. Fish, ringer at Cawthorne for 48 years.

CHEDDINGTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5040 ALLENDALE SURPRISE MINOR

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE Treble	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 4
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 2	JOHN R. MAYNE 5
WILLIAM WENBAN 3	STEPHEN J. IVIN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

The first peal in the method.

COBHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

IN THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

RONALD C. BURNS Treble	GEORGE KENWARD 4
TERENCE BARTON 2	CYRIL S. JARRETT 5
BRIAN BLADON 3	RALPH BIRD Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

HANDBELL PEALS

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., March 7, 1957, in 2 Hours,

AT 27, CHALK HILL ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents called differently.

EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 1-2	WILLIAM H. BARRETT .. 3-4
ARTHUR G. BASON 5-6	

Conducted by ARTHUR G. BASON.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., March 12, 1957, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and April Day.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 1-2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 3-4
JOHN POTTS 5-6	

Conducted by JOHN POTTS.

First peal as conductor.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

AT 20, ELM GROVE LANE.

A PEAL OF 5120 BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*GEORGE P. ADAMS 1-2	BERT GOGLE 5-6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3-4	ARTHUR G. BASON 7-8

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., March 17, 1957, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

IN THE SCHOOL.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 13 in E.

GEOFFREY DODDS 1-2	WALTER AYRE 3-4
JOYCE DODDS 5-6	

Conducted by JOYCE DODDS.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

A birthday compliment to Mr. S. H. Ayre, eldest brother of the ringer of 3-4.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 17th. 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Linda M. Forrest 1. Pamela R. Gough 2. S. W. Brown (cond.) 3. Valerie Mephem 4. I. C. Forrest 5. R. D. Brown 6. The conductor has now called a different method from each bell in the tower. For Evensong.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 24th. 1,260 Grandire Doubles: M. Bagg 1. I. Hillburn 2. K. Prime (cond.) 3. W. Cavill 4. C. Norton 5. F. Cave 6. Rung on the occasion of the 21st birthday of the conductor, and for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Cavill.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.—On Mar. 24th. 1,260 Bob Triples: B. Piper 1. E. A. Lewis 2. Kathleen Beasley 3. J. T. Symonds 4. P. J. Jackson 5. J. Hayns 6. D. G. Astridge (cond.) 7. H. H. Hayns 8. First in method by all. Rung for Evensong, and as a compliment to Miss Penelope Letter on the eve of her 21st birthday.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 2nd. 1,320 Bob Minor: P. R. J. Lester 1. L. N. Melton (cond.) 2. G. R. Goodship 3. J. J. Prentice 4. R. E. Lester 5. W. S. Girling 6. For Evensong. The tenor ringer has now 'completed the circle' to quarter peals.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 11th. 1,260 Grandire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): G. A. Masters 1. Miss E. M. Foot 2. A. D. V. Hunt 3. Miss C. Whitfield 4. Miss K. Stisted (first as cond.) 5. J. F. Whitfield 6. I. S. Holland 7. G. Prodger 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7. First quarter on the bells since before the war. Rung by members of the Sunday service band. A birthday compliment to 2 and 7, and also to congratulate 2 on her engagement.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 24th. 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Teresa Jones 1. Mrs. Randall (first quarter) 2. P. Bray 3. J. Phippen 4. A. Fear 5. E. Bray (cond.) 6. G. Grant 7.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Mar. 20th. 1,260 Grandire Triples: J. Tumber 1. H. T. Wilson 2. B. W. Willgress 3. T. Milsted 4. H. Luck 5. J. Russell (cond.) 6. A. Hinkley 7. T. Day 8. First quarter on the bells since rehanging. For Confirmation service by the Bishop of Dover.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.—On Mar. 10th. 1,260 Grandire Triples: Olive D. Couchman 1. G. Waghorn 2. E. Bromley 3. F. Bromley 4. C. A. Tester 5. R. E. Lambert 6. R. T. Lambert (cond.) 7. W. Fuller 8. For Evensong.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.—On Mar. 23rd. 1,260 Minor (360 Double Court, 360 Double Oxford, 360 St. Clement's, 180 Bob): Mrs. H. F. Oatway 1. L. A. Tidy 2. R. Davies 3. G. P. T. Peters 4. W. F. Oatway (first in four methods) 5. C. J. Champion (cond.) 6.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe. On Mar. 18th. 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss D. Fairhead (11, first quarter) 1. E. J. Butler 2. Miss E. Appleby 3. G. W. Barnes 4. F. G. Oliver 5. B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 6.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 20th. 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Honeyball 1. Miss R. J. Seabrook 2. O. C. Ballard 3. P. Mayle 4. S. J. Twitcheit (cond.) 5. S. H. Honeyball 6. F. Kemp 7. F. Bensley 8. For the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Honeyball.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On Mar. 22nd. 1,260 Grandire Triples: D. Overton 1. H. Wyre 2. A. G. Hall 3. L. R. Hall 4. H. White 5. R. Dunn 6. H. J. Shuck (cond.) 7. W. Lloyd 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Arthur Wyre, leader in this tower for many years and a ringer for 50 years.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—On Mar. 17th. at St. Cuthbert's Church. 1,264 Bob Major: Miss B. Cooke (first on eight bell) 1. Miss P. Dowse (first on eight bells) 2. E. Mashiter 3. Mrs. R. M. Cooke 4. T. Senior 5. D. Newton (first quarter) 6. T. Hill 7. T. Cooke (cond.) 8. A compliment to Dennis R. Airey (vice-captain of the local band) and Dorothy Johnson, married at this church the previous day.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Mar. 11th. 1,260 Grandire Triples: E. C. Stacey 1. W. E. Critchley (cond.) 2. E. Dalngwater 3. E. Short 4. F. A. Staveley 5. H. Wagstaffe 6. J. McCluskey 7. D. A. Chapman 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon A. L. Davies, Vicar of Doncaster, 1935-1950.

ELLAND, YORKS.—On Mar. 21st. 1,260 Bob Minor: A. Hinchliffe 1. Miss C. Linfoot 2. P. Birkett 3. H. Kenstow (first quarter) 4. D. Smith 5. F. Linfoot (cond.) 6.

ELLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.—On Mar. 24th. 1,260 Grandire Doubles: J. Hodges 1. A. Hodges 2. V. Phillips 3. H. Jones 4. B. Collins (cond.) 5. J. Cross 6. For Confirmation service.

FARNINGHAM, KENT.—On Mar. 16th. 1,440 Minor (Cambridge and Bob): R. Bird 1. Mary R. Andrews 2. P. G. K. Davies 3. J. L. Morris (cond.) 4. B. W. Aldridge 5. P. Mehew 6.

FLITTON, BEDS.—On Mar. 23rd. 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, April Day, Reverse Canterbury, Bob and Garndire): Anne Amor 1. Jennifer Davies 2. Angela Grainger 3. A. E. Butcher 4. P. Newing (cond.) 5. B. Grainger 6. First in five methods for all.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Mar. 17th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. A. Ainger 1. P. Green 2. P. J. Spencer-Phillips 3. P. J. Eves 4. D. Symonds 5. H. Carter 6. P. T. Spencer-Phillips (cond.) 7. F. Payne 8. Rung to commemorate Mr. George Green's 70 years as a ringer at this church.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Mar. 17th. 1,440 Bourne Surprise Minor: F. W. Croft 1. G. Cherry 2. S. H. Ashton (first in method) 3. L. Runnacles 4. K. C. Timbury 5. P. W. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong on St. Patrick's Day.

GRESSEHALL, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 26th. 1,264 Bob Major: Vera Nelson 1. G. T. Love 2. G. T. Bunning 3. B. Hammond 4. June Nelson 5. S. Marshall 6. R. C. Bunning 7. G. P. Adams (cond.) 8. First quarter 1 and 3. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Hall, wife of a former Rector.

GRIMLEY, WORCS.—On Mar. 24th. 1,260 Grandire Doubles (10½ different callings): W. Collins 1. P. Bullock 2. C. Davis 3. F. C. Pugh 4. J. Gwilliam (cond.) 5. S. Abley 6. For evening service.

HANDSWORTH, YORKS.—On Mar. 15th. 1,264 Bob Major: Miss H. Archer 1. Mrs. D. E. Matti 2. Miss S. Chaddock 3. N. Chaddock 4. Miss S. M. Schofield 5. Mrs. E. D. Kelly 6. Miss E. Bate (cond.) 7. Miss E. A. Wardill 8.

HESTON, MIDDLEX.—On Mar. 3rd. 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Saunders 1. M. V. Chilcott (cond.) 2. K. E. Weller 3. W. W. Webb 4. P. A. Ruch 5. P. Bettridge 6. G. Ruck 7. J. E. Ricketts 8. Rung before Evensong.

HOLLOWAY, N.—On Feb. 10th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. A. Hales 1. Miss D. A. Deverill 2. T. H. Taffender 3. R. Newman 4. C. W. Outley 5. F. P. Mead 6. P. J. Hutchings (cond.) 7. L. Batley 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Mar. 10th. 1,264 Little Bob Major: Mrs. D. M. Wright 1. S. Penfold 2. J. Carrott 3. Dr. C. E. Wright 4. M. Bland 5. J. Fowler 6. A. J. Salisbury 7. F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. A welcome home to Dr. C. E. Wright after two years' National Service in Hong Kong.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Mar. 23rd. 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandire, 540 Bob): M. Baker 1. C. E. Hill 2. L. H. Turner 3. W. T. Hill 4. H. Turner (cond.) 5. Rung at the wedding of the grand-daughter of Hermon J. Oliver, an esteemed ringer in this district.

LONGWOOD, HUDDERSFIELD.—On Mar. 16th. 1,957 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Popplewell 1. E. Pickles 2. D. Woodhead (longest touch) 3. W. Dransfield 4. F. Linfoot 5. A. Hinchliffe 6. J. Pearson (cond.) 7. J. Newton 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Hubert Armitage, upwards of 30 years a ringer at this church, interred March 15th.

LYMPSTONE, DEVON.—On Mar. 16th. 2,160 Bob Minor: S. H. Seager 1. Miss J. Addenbrooke (first quarter) 2. L. K. Dawe 3. R. T. Perry 4. S. Skinner (cond.) 5. J. Quick 6. Also 1,260 Doubles (720 Bob, 540 Grandire): S. Skinner (cond.) 1. Miss J. Addenbrooke 2. J. Quick 3. S. H. Seager 4. L. K. Dawe 5. R. T. Perry 6.

MARSTON, OXON.—On Mar. 10th. 1,260 Grandire Doubles: P. May (first quarter) 1. B. C. Machon (first 'inside') 2. A. Gammon 3. C. H. Woodward 4. C. Holloway (cond.) 5.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Mar. 20th. 1,260 Bob Doubles: Valerie A. Bundy 1. P. A. Bird 2. Jill M. Lane 3. A. Pamela Warren 4. D. A. R. May (first as cond.) 5. P. G. Smart 6. For Evensong.

NASEBY, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 17th. 1,260 Grandire Doubles: F. Lane 1. W. Copley 2. A. Flutter 3. C. Swann 4. D. Griffin (cond.) 5. For Evensong after the christening of Derek Lane, son of treble ringer.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On Mar. 25th. 1,260 Grandire Triples: A. Ingram 1. Gillian Masters 2. D. Jones (first 'inside') 3. C. Simpson 4. T. B. Holloway (cond.) 5. L. Hitchens 6. F. Penn 7. A. Grist 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 4 and 8.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Mar. 16th. 1,260 Bob Minor (on the front six): M. V. White 1. D. C. Jackson (first of Bob Minor) 2. P. W. M. Jones 3. Isobel Inman 4. R. E. Finch 5. Ruth A. Carey (first of Minor as cond.) 6. Rung by members of the Southampton University Guild as a 20th birthday compliment to the conductor, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss J. E. Exwood.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Mar. 24th. 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss J. Moss 1. A. Pound 2. H. Werrett 3. R. Day 4. Miss J. Sanderson 5. W. Hitch (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 2.

ROCHDALE, LANCs.—On Mar. 17th. 1,260 Grandire Triples: A. Smith (jun.) 1. S. L. Parry 2. B. Wild 3. A. Smith (sen.) 4. H. D. Mills 5. F. Appleton (cond.) 6. H. Hamer 7. C. Taylor 8. In memoriam James Knight, former ringer at Rochdale Parish Church.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Mar. 10th. 1,260 Grandire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): W. Penn 1. Mrs. K. Smith 2. W. Beard 3. Mrs. D. Stafford 4. L. H. Jones (cond.) 5. R. Beard (first quarter) 6. H. Meek 7. W. J. Harper 8. A farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. R. C. Stebbing).

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Mar. 10th. 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. M. E. Brown 1. Jennifer Stratford 2. Dorothy Stratford 3. Rita Stratford 4. R. F. Roe 5. M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. F. W. Abbott, 29 years churchwarden. Also on Mar. 14th. 1,440 London Surprise Minor: Mrs. M. E. Brown 1. Rita Stratford 2. Christine Stratford 3. Dorothy Stratford 4. M. Vernon 5. M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Dorothy Stratford. All Sunday service band except the ringers of the fifth.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Mar. 17th. 1,260 Stedman Doubles: E. J. Rowe (cond.) 1. Miss P. Rowe 2. M. Cubitt 3. H. Howson 4. M. Rowe 5. L. Green 6. Also on Mar. 24th. 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 Stamford, 720 Rossendale): M. Cubitt 1. Miss J. Secker 2. Miss F. Secker 3. B. Bladon (cond.) 4. M. Rowe 5. E. J. Rowe 6. First in these methods by all.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Mar. 3rd. 1,260 Bob Minor: F. Dixon 1. M. Hill 2. Dr. R. Brocklehurst 3. J. Lavers 4. W. Naylor 5. P. Gray (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKS.—On Feb. 10th. 1,260 Bob Minor: Janet Porter (first quarter, 13) 1. B. Clarkson 2. T. W. Thirkell 3. Mrs. R. Ducker 4. C. R. Robinson 5. R. Ducker (cond.) 6. Rung for the reception of the Deanery Book at Evensong.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 10th. 1,260 Bob Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): J. Bonnett 1. A. J. Butcher (first 'inside') 2. H. J. Wilde 3. C. F. Bonnett 4. I. A. C. Butcher (cond.) 5. F. Stone 6. E. J. Constable 7. M. McLeod 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. G. S. Foss, Rector until January 7th, who died two weeks after emigrating to Australia.

TWYWELL, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 21st. 1,260 Doubles (60 Grandire, 1,200 Plain): Miss J. E. Baker 1. D. Edwards 2. C. R. Baxter (first quarter) 3. A. B. Clarke 4. P. G. K. Davies (first as cond.) 5. First of Doubles for 1 and 2. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Baker.

WEST DIDSbury, MANCHESTER.—On Mar. 24th. 1,260 Doubles (240 St. Simon's Bob, 240 St. Martin's, 360 Bob and 420 Grandire): Anne B. Lucas 1. Barbara Kay 2. V. Griffin (first in four methods as cond.) 3. D. F. Manning 4. A. Bennion 5. P. J. Forrest 6. First in four methods by all the band except conductor. For morning service.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 23rd. 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Mrs. Margaret Edmonds (first quarter) 1. D. J. Edmonds (aged 12) 2. Miss G. A. Ashby 3. T. L. Pendred 4. P. Amos (cond.) 5. Rung for the wedding of Joseph Eric Thompson to Margaret Lillian Ives.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Mar. 24th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Tomsett 1. M. Sinden 2. M. P. Moreton 3. Susan Jacobs (first of Stedman) 4. P. Dewarish 5. A. Bishop 6. F. Corfield (cond.) 7. E. Jacobs 8.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

The March meeting of the Society was held at Penkridge on the 23rd. The weather was ideal for a country meeting, and the fresh green in the hedgerows and early spring flowers made an attractive setting for the fine parish church. A feature of the meeting was the large proportion of young ringers included in the attendance of 66. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. F. Wright), who also gave a most interesting address.

A bountiful tea was served in the Parish Hall, and Mr. E. Malin and his lady helpers deserve special thanks for their efforts in this connection. Ringing during the afternoon and evening was under the direction of Mr. George Hughes (Ringing Master), who in his usual manner saw that all ringers present were catered for according to their respective abilities.

The next meeting of the Society will be at Penn on May 25th. F. C. A. B.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

The annual meeting of the Sudbury District was held at Clare on March 9th, when there was an attendance of just over 30. The bells were kept going on various methods until 5 p.m., when a service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. S. Swithinbank).

At the business meeting Mr. S. J. Twitchett and Miss R. J. Seabrook were re-elected Master and secretary respectively.

It was decided to hold another supper and social this year, if possible at Lavenham.

The next meeting was provisionally arranged for Great Thurlow on June 1st. This is a ring of five recently restored by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

THE LADIES' GUILD Kent Branch

A meeting of the Kent District held at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on March 9th, provided the few members and friends who attended with the unusual opportunity of ringing on either the front or middle eight of a ring of ten, the clapper of the tenor having been broken (not by the ladies!). After the service, which was conducted by the Curate (the Rev. R. S. Gibson), an excellent tea was served by members of the local band, whose efforts were greatly appreciated. Despite the strenuous efforts of Mr. Jack Dafters, the 22 members and friends present found it impossible to dispose of all the food provided.

At the business meeting, presided over by Mrs. Mitchell, the secretary (Mrs. Jill Waters) tendered her resignation on account of the heavy amount of work imposed on her as a farmer's wife and the difficulty in getting to the more distant meetings. This was received with great regret, and the very sincere thanks of the Branch are due to Mrs. Waters for her work during her years as secretary. Because of the unrepresentative character of the gathering it was decided to defer the election of a new secretary until the next meeting, which it is hoped to hold in Maidstone on May 5th; but Mrs. E. A. Barnett agreed to act as secretary until then. Mrs. Mitchell was re-elected vice-president and Miss O. Couchman was elected to take the place of Mrs. Carter on the committee.

A feature of the occasion was the fact that the gentlemen (being few in number) were prevailed upon to do the washing up so that the local ladies could attend the business meeting. O. D. B.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A successful meeting of the South and West District was held on March 16th. In the afternoon Chiswick was visited, and after a spate of weddings had cleared itself away the eight bells were set going to a variety of methods, from 'Stoney' to Surprise. Our own members were rather thin on the ground, but there were plenty of visitors to make up the deficiency.

Ringling finished here at 6 o'clock, and the majority of the company then went to Barnes, where we were welcomed by Mr. Hollingsworth, and where the ringing again ranged from rounds to Surprise. Bristol was unsuccessful, but we finished with a good course of Superlative.

Thanks are due to the respective incumbents, and to Mr. Turley at Chiswick and Mr. Hollingsworth at Barnes, for allowing us the use of their bells. Both these gentlemen are endeavouring to train bands of learners at their respective towers with very little assistance, and any help that could be given in that direction would be appreciated. W. T. C.

RINGWOULD, KENT, HAS SIX BELLS

On the first Sunday in March, the day he preached his farewell sermon, the Rev. Walter Sellers, Rector of Ringwould, Kent, dedicated a new tenor bell in his parish church.

Since 1638 Ringwould has had five bells, and it had always been the intention to have a sixth bell. The new bell, weighing 7½ cwt., was cast by the Whitechapel Foundry and is the gift of Mrs. A. O'Callaghan, of Walmer, in memory of her husband, Major O'Callaghan.

The service was largely attended, and ringers from other churches in the locality were present.

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Miss Audrey M. Bailey, who is in Canada, plans to leave Montreal on May 31st and travel home by a boat leaving Vancouver. She is looking forward to ringing at Victoria, B.C. On a recent visit to Quebec she was impressed by the progress of the local band, under the direction of Mrs. Pickles.

The Jasper Snowdon commemoration dinner will be held at Rotherham on October 25th.

Mr. Peter J. Roberts writes suggesting that the weight of Pershore tenor is 28 cwt.

We understand that the late Mr. G. F. Woodhouse left his ringing machines to the Lancashire Association.

Miss Jennie Armstrong, of Morpeth, adds to our list of 4-bell towers with Newbiggin-by-the-Sea.

A lament appeared in the 'Leicester Mercury' of March 22nd that ringers could not be found to ring for a wedding at North Kilworth Parish Church.

Mr. E. Weatherby, of Los Angeles, in a letter by this week's mail informs us that he has heard from Mr. Izard, of Victoria, B.C., that a ring of eight is to be cast for a tower in Calgary.

Ruardean ringers showed their appreciation of their vicar (Rev. R. C. Stebbing) not only by ringing a farewell quarter peal, but by presenting him with a walking stick, suitably inscribed. The tower leader, Mr. W. Beard, made the presentation.

Crewe is to have a bell tower with a 21½ cwt. hour bell and four quarter bells. The bells have been provided by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and the clock by Messrs. Thwaites and Reed, of London. It is expected that the clock will be in service by Easter. The bells are being hung dead.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Going overseas to South America is Miss Daphne L. R. Turk, of Evesham. She rang her first peal on eight bells in her farewell peal on March 16th.

The seven lady ringers who took part in the quarter peal at Handsworth, Yorks, on March 15th are grateful for the one gentleman standing in at the last minute.

Miss Gwen I. Rusby and Mr. A. W. Crowder have 'circled' to peals in Holy Trinity Church tower, Barrow-on-Humber. The event took place on March 16th.

Silver wedding congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Worth were rung at Macclesfield with a peal of 22 Spliced Surprise Major methods on March 23rd.

March 24th was a day Felmersham, Beds. ringers will remember. It was the first occasion a local band had rung a quarter peal. The bells were rung as a farewell to Mr. David Cook, who is leaving for Canada.

Mr. W. A. J. Knight is wrong in his conclusion that Nynehead, Somerset, was never a 4-bell tower; when Ellacombe visited the church on May 27th, 1872, that was the number he recorded. They consisted of a pre-Reformation tenor and three others by the Purdues.

A set of three new peal tablets will be dedicated in the Church of St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, during Evensong next Sunday, before being placed in the ringing chamber. Peals recorded are Kent T.B. Major for the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the octave, Grand-sire Caters (half-muffled) in memory of the donors of the bells, and Stedman Caters for the centenary of the church. A special invitation is extended to those who took part in these peals to come and ring after the service.

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Adventures at Hoby

IT has been said that if you wish to be safely directed you should place yourself in the hands of an older and more experienced person. Thus, two young members of the Leicester District should, in accepting the guidance of a vice-president of the Guild, have been in very safe hands. It could hardly be their fault if all three alighted from the bus a stopping-place too late. Indeed, they are to be admired for their enterprise in the face of adversity: rather than walk back along the main road they insisted that a walk across the fields and the railway line to Hoby church, which was well in sight, would be the best means of overcoming the vice-president's lapse in not recognising the proper bus stop.

It remains true that the shortest distance between two points is a straight line but, alas, if you walk across fields in a rainy season you must be prepared for well-concealed boggy patches of ground, the sort when, if you are unlucky, you may leave your shoe behind and go over your ankles in water. Readers will by now have guessed that such a tragedy did in fact occur on March 9th. However, gone are the days when belfries were like draughty barns, and Hoby, like all the more progressive belfries, is equipped with an electric fire, which is obviously intended solely for drying out the shoes of bog-engulfed ringers; and if the prospect of a young man wearing a pair of red carpet slippers several sizes too large for him is a little unusual in a belfry, at least he had the consolation and comfort of the brand new pair of socks that he had been able to buy from the village shop—they had the special merit of being dry.

The meeting was the usual happy and friendly occasion; and indeed if you knew the Rector of Hoby (Rev. T. Howell Evans) and the captain of the ringers (Mr. Jim Burnham) you would realise that no meeting at Hoby could be otherwise. The pleasant ring of five was put to good use to a variety of methods, both in the afternoon and evening. The Rector conducted an informal service, in which the hymns had to be specially selected to suit the limited repertoire of the volunteer organist, Mr. John E. Cook, whose reluctant efforts were much appreciated. (He is a bit of a dark horse really, when it comes to playing the organ.)

There was a tea such as only the Melton District can provide. (Hungry town-dwellers please note that the next meeting is at Wymondham on May 11th.) At the business meeting, presided over by the genial District chairman (Mr. Harry Cook), it was arranged that the District should hire a bus to enable members to attend a joint meeting with the Nottingham District of the Southwell Guild on June 1st at Cotgrave: arrangements would also be made to ring at other towers en route. There is to be a District meeting at Somerby, subject to permission, on July 6th, and a social function of some sort, possibly a dinner or possibly a social when you eat ordinarily, in Milton on December 7th. Members were also reminded of the annual meeting of the Guild in Leicester on the Saturday after Easter.

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CAPE TOWN NEWS LETTER

The year began when the tenor, freed from her 1956 muffle, proclaimed midnight, and we broke into open rounds. Afterwards, toasting each other, we wondered what was in the ringing to know.

store for us, and within three weeks we began First came Pat Cahill, of Durban, home from a year of ringing in England, with tales to whet our appetites.

The last practice of January saw Nancy Butler, of Guildford, ringing here again as she passed through en route to Australia and New Zealand. The following practice was held on Monday for the visit of Frank Perrens. Everyone had a pull with him, and it was an illuminating lesson to watch Coventry's president in action; his words of advice and encouragement were much appreciated. We are only sorry that in his 36 hours here Table Mountain sulked under a steady downpour.

Ten days later, the Rev. Brother Alan Butler, S.S.M., an enthusiastic ringer, of Bournemouth, passed through to his new mission station up country. Although we did not manage to set eyes on him in the few hours between ship and shore, we managed to exchange letters, and entertain hopes for his vacation.

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

This week is the first issue of the new quarter and is an opportune time for new postal subscribers to enrol. Will readers whose subscriptions are due kindly remit without delay to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall. Rates: 3 months 7/6, 6 months 14/6, 12 months £1 8s.

Practice of February 19th was the occasion of the Rev. Mr. Healy joining the band; formerly of Bishop's College and St. Mary's Church, Cheshunt, he has now become a regular member, and will be a most useful asset to us. (Mr. Newnham please note.)

We had all been looking forward to the return of the Rev. and Mrs. Godley, of Yetminster, and when the ship arrived on March 10th even the weather showed off. Ringing was to start at 5.45 p.m., and a couple of anxious ringers waited impatiently for the tugs, Customs, port health and stevedores to finish, whilst the gap was just too much to shout across. When the gangway went down it was 5.10 p.m.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild badge identified Mrs. Godley; and from then on a whirlwind rush to tea. Leaving the broken remains of speed limits behind us, we arrived safely at the tower. The bells were up as we galloped into the belfry, and it was not yet 6 p.m. when the bells went into changes. In the haste, no one had thought to open a window, and Bill left his tie on, so there were some pretty limp persons when 'This is all' signified the first quarter peal in Africa by a lady ringer. We offered our congratulations, and promptly decided to hold practice the following evening when Mrs. Godley astonished us by ringing a method new to her at the first attempt, bobs an' all, as she went along. This exhibition of basic reasoning, when explained, humbled us with its logic and simplicity.

Winchendon Place Bob, which had been our bête noire for some months, was brought to bay on March 19th. It was the first in the method by all, and in Africa, whilst the ringer of the fifth scored his first quarter on an inside bell.

The prospect for the future is promising, for recent intelligence from Chile (of all places) warns us to expect two visitors next month—sailors from H.M.S. 'Protector'.

We still feel that not many ringers know of the bells at Cape Town and Durban. Pat Cahill has some choice stories of belfries where this country was unknown! A. V. S.

AMERICAN IDEAS FOR HANDBELL RINGING

In the current issue of 'Overtones,' the quarterly magazine of the American Guild of English handbell ringers, the following ideas are given by Edward Johe, director of First Congregational Church, Columbus, Ohio, for improving technique of handbell ringing:—

Bell teaching, like writing music for bells, is a new frontier, and all directors are probably always searching for ways and means to teach their ringers how to improve their techniques. Here is something that occurred in one of our rehearsals which we now use constantly. In piano teaching it is called 'keyboard harmony'; in bell teaching it is called 'limbering up harmony.' Here is the gist of it and it's fun.

To limber up we improvise, using scales and chords as our mental materials. We will play up and down scales, varying the rhythm, the tempo and the nuance; we call for various accents, crescendos and decrescendos, etc. Also, we devise elemental rhythmic figures (as in vocalising) to co-ordinate the tonal line of the bell ringers. Young people particularly like the challenge this sort of rehearsing brings and it helps develop real ensemble—the most difficult thing in any musical endeavour.

Another warming-up device is 'bell harmony,' which means calling out chord numbers (tonic-dominant, etc.), and with or without direction, have the ringers ring these chords in arpeggio and/or solid form. Since anyone participating in a musical organisation will profit by some knowledge of simple, elemental fundamentals of harmony, this pre-rehearsal technique is good mental arithmetic. Of course, an explanation on the blackboard of what all of this means is necessary before attempting to carry it on verbally.

Young people really like the challenge this limbering up offers, and it is one way that the bells can be used to teach music fundamentals. Some directors may say: 'This takes all the fun out of it for the kids.' The reaction here has been just the opposite. This is fun!

A USEFUL BOOK

Many requests reach 'The Ringing World' for more and yet more instructional articles for beginners in our Art. The Central Council has authorised a further book of instruction, and the committee which has been appointed will no doubt report progress at Whitsuntide. Efforts have also been made in other quarters to provide instruction for instructors. A very useful little book is 'Elementary Change-Ringing,' which is not generally known. The author is the Rev. F. F. Rigby, M.A., B.Sc., former president of the Lancashire Association. In this book, Mr. Rigby explains in simple language the various terms which puzzle beginners, and he gives instructions which can be easily understood, how to ring Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob. At the end of each chapter there are exercises which the learner is called on to do; and it is stressed again and again that until these are mastered it is useless going on to the next step. The learner is told that he has to study at home, and be quite sure of what he is expected to do in the tower.

The author quite correctly condemns the practice of someone standing behind the learner and telling him blow by blow what to do. He advises rather that the learner should stand behind the more practised ringer and learn by observation. We commend his final advice: 'Remember, no method, either simple or advanced, sounds pleasing to the ear unless the striking is good.'

This book has been recently reprinted (2nd edition), is published by the S.P.C.K., and costs 3/6. Learners would do well to obtain a copy and will find it to be very helpful. J. F. S.

HELPFUL LISTS OF FOUR-BELL TOWERS

23 IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Dear Sir,—With reference to previous correspondence on the above subject, there are, as far as I can ascertain, 23 towers in Nottinghamshire with four bells. I have very little information about the state of the bells, but I enclose the following list for what it is worth.

Arnold, St. Mary; Calverton, St. Wilfrid (dated 1623, 1667, 1879, the third being a gift from the vicar and the parishioners, intended to replace the bell taken from the church in the reign of King Edward VI. The fourth was added to commemorate the jubilee of Queen Victoria); Car Colston, St. Mary (one dated 1623); Epperstone, Holy Cross (1585); Farn-don, St. Peter (ringable); Flintham, St. Augustine; Gedling, All Hallows; Gonalston, St. Lawrence (dated 1684 and 1853); Gringley-on-the-Hill, SS. Peter and Paul; Grove, St. Helen; Hawton, All Saints (unringable due to unsafe floor); Laneham, St. Peter (dating from 1312); East Leake, St. Mary-the-Virgin (three recast and rehung in 1902); Normanton-on-Soar, St. James (recast 1897); Norwell, St. Lawrence (recently rehung in a steel frame for six); Osberton, St. John; Oxtun, SS. Peter and Paul; Rolleston, Holy Trinity (three are inscribed, one dated 1697 and two others 1628 and 1778, rehung 1892 but now almost unringable); Saundby, St. Martin; Sibthorpe, St. Peter; East Stoke, St. Oswald (dated 1591); Upton, St. Peter (one recast in 1887, the others 1611, 1589 and 1589); Woodborough, St. Swithin (from 1612 to 1680).

There are also 56 3-bell towers, including some very old bells. The three at Thurgarton were rehung two years ago.—Yours faithfully,

W. L. EXTON.

Newark, Notts.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE AND RUTLAND

Dear Sir,—For the benefit of those seeking information upon 4-bell towers, here is a complete list of all inside Northants and Rutland, with a few others I have visited from time to time just outside these boundaries.

NORTHANTS.—Achurch, 5½ cwt. Apethorpe, 8½ cwt. Ashby St. Ledger (unringable, not had attention from a bellhanger since 1806, but very historical and once had another bell), 12 cwt. Bainton (unringable, third cracked, tenor 15th century), 11 cwt. Barby (good ringing order), 15 cwt. 3 lb. Braybrooke (shocking condition, not seen a bellhanger since 1806, only one with complete wheel), 7½ cwt. Charwelton (third pre-Reformation), 11 cwt. Church Brampton (minor four, last rehung 1867, rung up till the last war), 10½ cwt. Cold Ashby (good ringing order, in metal frame for five, second bell dated 1317 in Roman figures is the oldest in Northants and said by some to be the second oldest dated bell in England), 7 cwt. Cranford St. Andrew (unringable), 6½ cwt. Crick (unringable), 11 cwt.

Draughton (require spanner and oilcan each time before ringing, all by Joseph Eayre, 1767), 6 cwt. Easton-on-the-Hill (good ringing order, second early 16th century, by Mellor), 10½ cwt. Edgcote (second 1592, by Atton, sounds very tinny), 8½ cwt. Fawsley (all genuine Henry Jordon 15th century fine specimens, unringable, require new wheels to make ringable), 11 cwt. Fotheringhay (unringable, recent talk of re-hanging, treble 1595, lantern tower, magnificent

church, very historical), 11 cwt. Hargrave (not tuneful, tenor late 15th or early 16th century, by Robert Mellor), 7 cwt. Little Harrowden (totally unringable, believed not restored since 1732, tower leans, is cracked and unsafe; bells, however, good tone), 8 cwt. Helli-don (only just ringable, treble headstock weak), 9 cwt. Hemington (third and tenor Elizabeth I period), 5½ cwt. Holcot (unringable, wheels removed from first three in 1900, when tenor added as a clock bell hung 'dead': first three swing by levers, all sound notes of 1, 2, 3, 6 of a ring of six; treble 1703, one of Henry Penn's very first castings), 9½ cwt.

Kilsby (good ringing order), 10 cwt. 1 qr. 3lb. Lamport (require oilcan and spanner each time before ringing; last rehung 1872 in frame for five, tower big enough for eight), 8 cwt. Luton (good, keen band hoping to get a fifth; ringable, last rehung 1892), 7 cwt. Newton Bromswold (unringable, main beams got death-watch beetle, third believed by Richard Brayser, of Bury St. Edmunds, about 1430), 5½ cwt. Pilton (only just ringable, require oilcan each time, and ringing with tight ropes; tenor assigned to Henry Jordon, 1442-1470, treble to Robert Newcombe, 1550), 8 cwt.; a beautiful church.

Scaldwell (all fittings got woodworm badly, not advisable to be rung, although been known rung of late; frame 1818, by W. Brown), 9½ cwt. Stanion (restoration pending, second and tenor 16th century, one shown Madonna and Child), 9½ cwt. Stowe IX Churches (rehung 1924, good ringing order, leaning tower, tenor 14th century, believed by Symon-de-Hazfelde; second by Edward Newcombe, 1590), 13 cwt., a minor four. Ufford (rehung 1896, third and tenor assigned to Sanders, of Reading, 1539-1559), 11 cwt. Wansford (unringable, death-watch beetle frame, treble and tenor 1897; third 16th century), 3 cwt. Yarwell (rehung 1926 at same time as tenor added, in frame of steel for five; second assigned to John-de-Colsale), 5 cwt. 4 lb.

RUTLAND.—Ayston (rehung 1877; treble and second 16th century by Newcombe; third 1626), 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. Braunstone (rehung 1914, treble early Newcombe, about 1530; third, Francis Watts, about 1595), 10 cwt. 25 lb. Brooke (shocking condition, untouched by a bellhanger since 1811, by Robert Taylor; tenor 1811), 6½ cwt. South Luffenham (unringable, treble earliest known Watts bell inscribed H. E. W. Watts, 1563, figures reversed as well as letters in casting; tenor assigned to Richard Brayser, of Bury St. Edmunds, about 1430; second and third recast 1886), 6 cwt. Lyndon (rehung 1889, treble assigned to Richard Benetlye, 1597), 7 cwt. Morcott (restored 1930, tenor believed by Brayser, 1430), 6½ cwt. Ridlington (restored 1903, treble to make four added 1911; small tower, not room for five except by tight squeeze), 7 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. Tinwell (restored, in metal frame, 1883; belfry a kind of half-circle corridor), 9½ cwt.

BEDFORDSHIRE.—Carlton (recast and rehung in frame for five, 1920; one of best rings of four to be heard anywhere), 9½ cwt. Chellington (church with good steeple across fields by itself; second out of its bearings one side; frame not so bad as made out locally, but bells otherwise totally unsafe, of varying dates in the

17th century), 6½ cwt. Bolnhurst (good ringing order; church stands by itself; two of the four by John Dier, 1587), 8 cwt. Melchbourne (minor four, require new bearings, although ringable at present; treble by local-born resident who went to London in 1764 to set up bell-founding), 13 cwt., not 16 cwt., as assumed locally. Yeldon (only just ringable, treble one of first castings of Thomas Eyre), 6½ cwt. Dean (recently been restored and made five after several talks to the rector by the writer of this letter), second about 1555, period not mentioned at all by North; tenor 12 cwt.—Yours, etc.,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell, Northants.

SOMERSET FOUR-BELL TOWERS

Dear Sir,—I have rung in 15 of the Somerset 4-bell towers and found most of these little rings in very good order, and some with regular bands. One or two are not so little though, as Withycombe, recently rehung I think, has a tenor of about 20 cwt.

To my knowledge, Aisholt (two bells, probably to be sold), Kilton, Thurlbere and Ilton (three bells on floor) are unringable; also, I believe, are Walton, Ile Brewers, Brompton Ralph and Beercrocombe.

As far as I know East Quantoxhead bells are not now rung owing to the state of the tower.—Yours faithfully,

R. SHORT.

Bridgwater.

There are two 4-bell towers near Dover, writes Mr. E. J. Walker—Alkham and East Langdon.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

A most successful meeting of the Luton District was held at Barton-le-Cley on March 23rd. Ringing commenced at 3.15 p.m. and continued until 4.30 p.m., when a short service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. H. W. Cleaver), who extended a very warm welcome to everyone present. He said that a ringing meeting had not been held there for at least five years.

A very nice tea, which had been arranged by the Rev. and Mrs. Cleaver, was served in the Church Hall. There being no business meeting the secretary (Mr. K. G. Spavins) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and all those who had helped with the tea, also to the organist (Mr. Maurice Locket, of Maulden), who so often—and so ably—fills the gap when a local organist is not available.

The bells were once more set in motion about 5.45 p.m., when all tastes were catered for. During the evening it was quite amusing to see groups of people either coming or going at frequent intervals, as a meeting of the Hertfordshire Association was also taking place at Offley, only a few miles away, and ringers at both towers were obviously taking the opportunity of 'grabbing' two towers in one day.

Attendance was very good, there being about 45 visitors, including Mr. Pat Cannon, who said that this was his 2,058th tower. F. S.

If the ringer who left a pair of gloves at Worle, Somerset, on March 23rd will write to Mr. G. Prescott, Oakdene, 1, High Street, Worle, Weston-super-Mare, they will be forwarded to him.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TURNED IN TENOR OF LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir,—In reference to the last paragraph of the letter by Mr. C. T. Blundell on page 203, I did not have the permission of the ringer in question to give his name, as the matter was not mentioned to him. However, as there were about 50 ringers present I am sure the name will reach Mr. Blundell in due course. The whole point of the article was to stress the need for someone to be responsible for sending these news items to the Editor. Incidentally, the course of Cambridge Major may not have been rung, for one ringer broke a stay on the fourth or fifth. This only stresses what the chief ringer rightly demands, viz.: that all who desire to ring must be capable of handling.—Yours faithfully,
E. R. MARTIN.
Preston.

ASSOCIATION'S 70th BIRTHDAY

Dear Sir,—The East Derbyshire and Notts Association is now on the eve of its 70th birthday, and its official birthday is Easter Monday. The meeting this year will be at its birthplace, Clay Cross, by kind invitation of the vicar, the warden and ringers.

We have still with us several stalwarts of the early days of the Association who attend meetings when health and weather permit. To mention just a few: Mr. W. Dobb, past president, now vice-president, of Selston; Mr. H. G. Fretwell, now at Castle Donington, many years hon. secretary; vice-president Mr. A. Elliott, who rang in peals for the Association over 50 years ago. These I know are well on their way to celebrating their diamond jubilee as members. There is one life member of many years standing of whom we have no trace—Mr. Joseph Lord, one time of Derby. His many friends would appreciate news of him. May I close with saying how pleased we, as an Association, will be to see any old friends at our 70th jubilee.—Yours faithfully,

B. A. SOLLIS, Hon. Secretary.
Sutton-in-Ashfield.

PLAIN BOB

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Spriggs' letter, I would like to point out that it is the word 'Bob' in 'Plain Bob' which indicates that the treble has a plain-hunting path, while the word 'Plain' refers to the method itself.

I agree that 'Reverse Bob' and 'Double Bob' are wrongly named. It would be more correct to refer to them as 'Reverse Plain Bob' and 'Double Plain Bob'.

Assuming that 'Double Norwich Court Bob Major' and 'Double Court Bob Minor' are different stages of the same method, 'Single Court' and 'Double Court' should be called 'Single Norwich Court' and 'Double Norwich Court'.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM HALL.

Belfast.

TRUMPINGTON TO HAVE A RING OF EIGHT

Dear Sir,—I think some of your readers may be interested to know that Messrs. John Taylor and Co. are completely restoring the bells at Trumpington, Cambridge. The fifth, dated 1450, is now on view in the church: she developed a crack in August, 1955. The other five bells have gone to Loughborough: more metal will be added to make a ring of eight. There is an excellent oak frame, put in the tower by Mr. White, of Appleton, in 1928; this, of course, is being used with the necessary additions for the two new bells. The five bells which are to be recast are a mixed lot and very unmusical.—Yours truly,

CATHERINE E. WILLERS.

Trumpington, Cambridge.

COMMENTS ON FOUR-BELL TOWERS

Dear Sir,—I am very pleased to see the interest that has been aroused by the letters from Mr. Paice and others over the matter of the very large number of 4-bell towers in this country; as may have been gathered already, I am one of those who are very interested in these towers, and I was pleased to see from Mr. Dove's letter that he is already beginning to accumulate information for what must be a very difficult task. I hope very much that he will one day be able to publish the list as an addition to his invaluable 'Guide.'

Mr. M. V. White's letter made very interesting reading, and it has prompted me to write again to make what is, I think, one correction to his list, and make a few additions and amplifications. I think that Mr. White will find that St. James', Devizes (Southbroom), is a 6-bell tower, tenor about 7 cwt. With regard to his second list, I can vouch for the 'ringability' or otherwise of some of the towers he mentions, as follows:—

Breamore, Hants.—Ringable and a good little ring, hung in a wooden belfry surmounting a Saxon central tower, and rung from the choir stalls.

Bury, Sussex.—Definitely unringable, in fact at least one bell has been taken down and lies on the floor of the tower.

Droxford, Hants.—Ringable, and quite a heavy ring. I believe that the late Mr. George Williams learnt to ring at this tower.

Fotheringhay, Northants.—Derelict at present.

Kirkwall, Orkney.—Quite unringable, and only clocked.

Oving, Sussex.—Unringable, owing to decay of fittings. The frame forms part of the spire timbers.

Peasmarsh, Sussex.—Barely ringable.

Wartling, Sussex.—Unringable; in fact here again at least one bell has been taken down.

I can also make a few additions to Mr. White's list of ringable fours, again as follows: Barby, Northants, tenor 15 cwt. 3 lb.; Fritwell, Oxon, tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr.; Kilsby, Northants, tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.; and Randwick, Glos, tenor 7 cwt. Also I believe that the fours at Braunston, Rutland, tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb., and Cold Ashby, Northants, tenor 7 cwt., are ringable.

May I, in conclusion, add a few observations about a 4-bell tower in this district, which Mr. Holloway's letter concerning Stanford Dingley brings to mind. The tower in question is Danehill, Sussex. This is a case where, through the keenness of Mr. I. Butcher and his brother, local interest has been aroused, and a scheme is under way for the ring of four, tenor 7½ cwt., by Taylor and Co., to be augmented to six. There is a very keen local band which rings at least twice every Sunday and holds a weekly practice night; in addition, boys from a local boarding school are being taught to ring in the tower, and they will, it is hoped, continue their interest in ringing when they move away. All congratulations are due to those who have been keen and interested enough to open up an excellent but long-unrung four—doubtless the local authorities would be pleased to receive contributions to the fund from anyone interested!—Yours sincerely,

PETER N. BOND.

P.S.—As I conclude this letter, two more towers come to mind, this time in my own county of Kent, namely Alkham (ringable, I believe) and Adisham (unringable and chimed by Ellacombe apparatus).—P. N. B.
Hildenborough, Kent.

STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—A very long time ago Mr. G. E. Symonds, of Framlingham, produced touches of the above method in every number of changes from 100 to something in excess of 200 changes, with the exception of 108.

Is it still as he found it—impossible to compose a true touch of 108 of Stedman Triples?—Yours faithfully,

T. C. RYDER.

Rotherham.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Thirty-seven ringers and friends attended a meeting of the Newark District, held at All Saints' and St. Mary's Church, Bingham, on March 16th. The bells were raised in peal at 3 p.m. The 'go' was rather rough, the second causing considerable difficulty, but this improved with ringing.

A short service was conducted by the Rector (Bishop A. M. Gelsthorpe), who welcomed the ringers to Bingham. He also explained to the ringers all the interesting details of his fine church.

The business meeting followed tea, presided over by the District chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter. Elston was confirmed as the place for the meeting in May. The collection for the Bell Repair Fund realised 12s. 6½d. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to all concerned. Ringing was continued until 8.30 p.m.

W. L. E.

A VISIT TO SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE

The twin drawbacks of petrol rationing and pouring rain did not deter a party of ringers from Nailsea and district from spending a very enjoyable Saturday afternoon in South Gloucestershire on March 9th. The handicap of one Austin 7 between the party added to difficulties, but some careful research into the mysteries of the local bus services revealed that to a certain degree, by skilful planning, the journeys from tower to tower could be arranged to coincide with the running of the buses.

The first tower was Iron Acton (6, 13 cwt.) where, although a good rise took place, it became increasingly apparent, from the position of the sallies at backstroke, that the local ringers must be a race of giants. A few hassocks were hastily obtained for those who needed them. After ringing various Doubles methods, and a course of Double Oxford, we set off for Yate. What a magnificent tower this church has, and what a pleasure to find such a clean, well-kept and spacious belfry. The ring of six (tenor 20 cwt.) is very musical, although the 'go' of the bells is not quite up to the mark, and the record of a peal of Minor rung in 1950, which was given a casual glance on arrival, was regarded with a new respect when we left.

It was still raining when the bus took us across the bleak expanse of Wapley Common to Westerleigh, where the tower captain, Mr. Ferris, and his wife gave us a very warm welcome and a much-needed cup of tea. After a rest when 'ringing shop' monopolised the conversation, we walked across to the church of St. James-the-Great, with its long-draughted six (tenor 20 cwt.), for what proved to be the best ringing of the day. These lovely-toned bells were rung to a variety of methods, ranging from Cambridge to Stedman, although London proved to be a failure. Both the ringing and the rain ceased shortly after 8 p.m., and after a pause for some well-earned refreshment, the party split up to journey home by bus and car respectively.
J. B.

THE WELDING OF CRACKED BELLS

By R. W. M. CLOUSTON

(Continued from page 204)

THE METALLURGICAL PROBLEMS IN WELDING BELLS

THE casting of tin bronzes is a delicate operation and it is, therefore, not surprising that welding is tricky too. Most tin bronzes have a wide melting range and tend to be hot-short, a trouble accentuated by the presence of lead. This phenomenon is brittleness on cooling through certain elevated temperature ranges, so that stresses of any magnitude in the material as it passes through these temperature ranges can cause the metal to crack. Consequently tin bronzes are not easy to weld, and this is true in particular of gas welding. Moderate pre-heating to 200 degrees-300 degrees Centigrade is desirable before welding, and a low temperature heat treatment is required after welding to relieve the shrinkage stresses.

Two methods of welding tin bronzes apply to bells, namely, arc welding and gas welding. The former is recommended, as the latter can cause porosity if done with a neutral or reducing flame, and can lead to the formation of oxides which reduce the strength and corrosion resistance of the joint, if performed in an oxidising atmosphere.

In the case of arc welding, if zinc is present volatilisation will occur, whereas if lead is present, hot-shortness will result. The purity of parent metal in the bell is thus of considerable importance.

THE PRESERVATION OF OLD BELLS

Before dealing with the bells which have been welded, it will be convenient here to consider any alternatives to welding to produce a sound bell from a cracked one. In the past the only remedy was recasting; the old bell would be broken up with a sledge-hammer and the old metal used to cast a new bell. The old inscription could be reproduced in facsimile on the new bell, but borders, plaques, etc., are bound to lose detail in recasting. In addition, the loops on the crown of the bell are not used now, and new bells are cast with flat crowns. Thus any ornamentation on these loops in the way of heads, mouldings, etc., would be lost unless the founder casts the bell in the old manner at increased cost.

Considering the fine Flemish bell at Iona, it would be a very great antiquarian loss to have a bell of modern design with a flat crown instead of the original bell of 1540. A new bell may have a finer tone than the bell of 1540, but the genuine Flemish product would have been lost for ever.

Frequently the old cracked bell is disused and put on show in the church, museum or similar place, and a new bell cast to take on the duty in the belfry. This is to be encouraged, but welding in certain cases can enable such a cracked bell to be repaired and used as before, thus saving the considerable extra expense of providing a new bell.

BRITISH EXPERIENCE IN WELDING BELLS

One British firm has had considerable experience in welding bells, ranging over more than 20 years. A recent catalogue lists 32 bells which have been repaired: of these the writer has personal knowledge of nine, five of which were hung for change ringing. Four bells, the fourth, sixth, seventh and tenor in a ring of

cracked and welded. Some years later the bell was again cracked and was recast.

The single bell formerly in Blythburgh Church, Suffolk, was welded by this firm and remained quite satisfactory until being recast to form one of the bells in the new ring of six bells.

Another bell repaired before the recent war was the 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ cwt. second bell in Metfield Church, Suffolk. This bell was cast in 1568 and was cracked from the mouth to half way up the waist. After some 20 years in use the weld is undamaged, but there are two horizontal cracks, one slightly above the end of the weld in the waist and the other in the thickest part of the soundbow. Both cracks are visible for about seven inches. However, neither seems to affect the tone unduly. This bell is swing-chimed.

The treble bell in Kettlebaston Church, Suffolk, was welded by this firm in 1934. This bell was cast by John Darbie, of Ipswich, in 1663, and was cracked in the crown and to half way down the waist. The repair remains entirely satisfactory. This bell is not swung, and is chimed with a hammer.

Since the recent war the interesting Flemish bell of 1540, noted earlier, which was cracked in the soundbow, has been welded by this firm. The writer is informed by the Rev. Dr. George McLeod, of the Iona Community, that the bell is not quite so resonant as formerly but is by no means 'dead,' and after two years' use has certainly not cracked again.

One of the 17th century bells in the ring of bells in Wingfield Church, Suffolk, was found to be cracked in the crown, and another firm repaired this bell by welding in 1948. Recent examination has shown that one of the five cracks was not entirely cut out, and has continued to spread.

DUTCH EXPERIENCE

During the recent war there was considerable pillaging of church and other bells in Holland, many were melted down, others were recovered just in time but had been cracked or damaged in being transported. Two firms have been engaged in repairing these bells by welding, one in Amsterdam and the other in Rotterdam. The former had pre-war experience and handled all the bells up to 20 cwt., the remainder being repaired at Rotterdam. All the bells treated were only cracked, and it was deemed not worth while repairing bells in separate pieces.

Dr. E. W. von Heuven, who has kindly communicated the above information to the writer, in his thesis 'Acoustical Measurements on Church Bells and Carillons,' page 111, gives much useful information on the repairing of cracked bells and on judging the results. The main criterion of a satisfactory repair is the length of the reverberatory time which is very much shortened if cracks are present. Judging on this basis, the work of the Dutch firms may be summarised as follows:—

	Welded at	Total Number	Successful Cases
Rotterdam	5	5	3
Amsterdam	14	14	10

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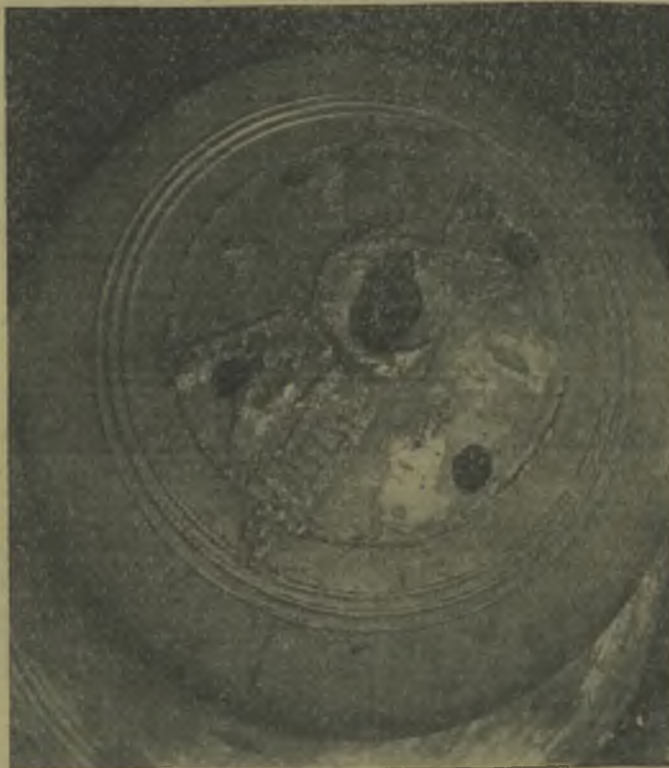


FIG. 2.—Welding repair of bell from Wingfield Parish Church, Suffolk. This 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ cwt. bell, cast in 1602, was found to have five severe cracks in the crown, all emanating from the centre hole. The cracks were cut out and a hole $\frac{3}{16}$ in. diameter drilled through the end of each crack. The first two inches of each crack was then filled up by arc welding, using 10-S.W.G. tin-bronze electrodes and the remainder of the grooves with 8-S.W.G. electrodes. After welding the bell was planished and tuned.

eight (tenor 25 cwt.), in St. Mary's Church, Woodbridge, Suffolk, cast in 1799, were found to have cracks in the crowns, and they were welded by this firm before the recent war. Subsequently two of these bells, the fourth and seventh, became cracked again and they were recast.

The seventh bell in the ring of twelve in St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich, Suffolk, an historic bell by the celebrated Colchester founder, Miles Graye I., cast in 1607, was also

much useful information on the repairing of cracked bells and on judging the results. The main criterion of a satisfactory repair is the length of the reverberatory time which is very much shortened if cracks are present. Judging on this basis, the work of the Dutch firms may be summarised as follows:—

Welding of Cracked Bells.—Cont.

Of course, even the unsuccessfully welded bells may have been quite usable, though perhaps not as musical as they ought to be. Unfortunately, in all cases it was not known what the bells sounded like before being cracked: the reverberatory time used as a comparison was an average time associated with an average bell of that size and weight.

CONCLUSIONS

In considering the above evidence it seems that:—

1. Cracks in the crowns of bells can be repaired by welding with a fairly good chance of success.
2. Cracks in the soundbow can be welded, but the chances are that the reverberatory time will be reduced, and if the bell is in a ring of bells and swung in a full circle, that cracks will again develop after only a few years.

With the present rate of technological advancement generally, it is to be hoped that this subject will receive its due share and that the above unfavourable limitations will soon disappear.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Farnham District

Another very successful Farnham District meeting was held at St. Michael's, Yorktown, on March 23rd. During the afternoon a variety of methods were rung, under the leadership of the Ringing Master, Mr. Rex Corke.

The ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. E. Paterson), with Mr. S. F. Medland as organist. Ringers formed the choir. A sumptuous tea, arranged by Mr. Farr and the local ladies, was served in the Church Hall, and this was followed by a short business meeting. Then it was either handbell ringing or back to the tower, where the bells were rung until 9 o'clock.

M. A. C.

Chertsey District Progress

A welcome visitor to the Chertsey District meeting on March 23rd at Chertsey was Mr. J. F. Smallwood, who said how pleased he was to see so many of the same young people as he met on his last visit to the District a year ago. He told the meeting that unlike marriage, where the first 50 years were the worst, in ringing it was the first 18 months. He advised them to stick to it. The 40 ringers present included visitors from Leatherhead, Sutton, Reading, Kettering and Merrow.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. G. S. Archibald), who in welcoming the Guild to Chertsey said there was a hope that Chertsey bells would soon be rung once again by Chertsey ringers.

At the business meeting Mr. W. Shepherd was in the chair. Two new members from Ottershaw were elected. Members were reminded of the forthcoming A.G.M. at Guildford on April 27th, and urged to attend.

Methods during the day ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major, several ringers scoring (surprisingly) their first course of Oxford T.B. Major.

R. C.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCs.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy Ellam 1, David Aspdon (first 'inside') 2, Jennifer A. Ellison 3, G. Lloyd 4, P. A. Millward (cond.) 5, D. Burgess 6.

OBITUARY**MR. J. W. FISH**

A well-known ringer, Mr. Jack Fish, passed away at Cawthorne, South Yorks, on March 12th at the age of 81. He rang his first extent of Minor in 1903 and continued as a member of the local band until 1951, when he rang his last extent which was Violet, his favourite method. In 1954, when the bells of All Saints were rehung, he came up the tower for a short touch on the tenor which he had rung for so many years.

Jack rang but one peal, in seven methods, and although he could ring a good number of methods he always aimed at perfect striking. He took part in many contests and rang the tenor when Cawthorne won the Hoylandswaine Cup in 1925, 1926 and 1928. A man noted for his plain speaking, in his retirement he spared no feelings when he commented on our rough ringing.

Local ringers rang a half-muffled extent at the funeral at Cawthorne, and a peal in seven methods was rung by local and Shelley ringers the following Saturday.

N. F. M.

MR. W. A. HUDSON**AN APPRECIATION**

The news of the passing of Mr. William Arthur Hudson was received with regret by members of the Selby and District Society at their meeting at Eastrington on March 23rd.

Mr. Hudson commenced ringing at the age of 15 and in 1912 joined the Yorkshire Association. He had rung a total of 42 peals (conducted 17) for the Yorkshire Association, and in his earlier days was a very enthusiastic and helpful person. Unfortunately, during the last ten years, he had been afflicted with a heart complaint which prohibited him from ringing. He was, however, still interested in the art of change-ringing, and it was not unusual for him to sit in the vicinity of a church and listen to a whole peal of 5,040 changes being rung. He was a genial personality and one who would go out of his way to give advice and help to all ringers.

He passed away on February 23rd last, and he rests in the cemetery close to Hemingbrough Church, where he spent many years as an eminent and enthusiastic member of that band.

L. M. W.

MR. ARTHUR WYRE

With the death of Mr. Arthur Wyre on March 19th, in his 69th year, Cradley has lost one of its staunchest workers at the Parish Church of St. Peter. He was a keen church worker the whole of his life and last year he completed 50 years as bellringer, during many of which he held the office of leader. He was also closely associated with the Sunday School, and served a long period as a member of the Parochial Church Council. He loved the bells and was proud of the fine record of Sunday service ringing which his band enjoyed. No sacrifice was too great for Arthur, and despite his indifferent health of late he continued with the work so near to his heart, to keep the bells ringing. His last visit to the belfry was on New Year's Eve, when he rang the 12 strokes of midnight, a job he carried out for over 40 years.

He was laid to rest on March 23rd, four of his band of ringers acting as bearers. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. L. Davies), assisted by the Rev. R. W. Yaxley, B.Sc., a former vicar of Cradley.

Mr. B. C. Ashford represented the Worcestershire Association and Mr. Arthur Peakman represented the Dudley and Districts Guild.

A half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the evening of the funeral by members of the local band.

H. J. S.

MR. JOHN E. BURTON

AN APPRECIATION

Mr. John Burton, of Norwich, was the last of a quartet of unusually gifted ringers who, learning to ring at an early age, went on to make a great contribution to the Exercise both locally and nationally. They were his brother George Pestell Burton, Charles Edward Borrett and Jabez Armiger Trollope. As boys in their teens they met together frequently to master the art of handbell ringing, and their enthusiasm occasionally disturbed the serene atmosphere of the Norwich Scholars, as an entry in their minute book for 1894 testifies. Later on, in 1907, following the unfortunate dispute between the Vicar and the Scholars, and with Armiger Trollope residing at Ealing, they formed the nucleus of the new band and remained together until 1923. With Mr. Burton's wholehearted support the Mancroft Guild added a flat sixth, the 'Gabriel' bell, in 1910.

Elected a member of the Diocesan Association in 1892, John Burton rang his first peal on January 19th, 1893. It was a peal of Bob Minor 'in hand,' conducted by J. A. Trollope. That year four more handbell peal attempts were successful and two on tower bells. The first was at Framlingham, Suffolk, in August, and the second, his first as conductor, a seven-method peal of Doubles, the only peal ever rung on the five at St. Peter Parmentergate in the city of Norwich. The next year saw the ringing and publication of J. E. Burton's popular four-part peal of Bob Major. There followed a period of some years when Mr. Burton was comparatively inactive in the belfry.

Educated at the King Edward VI Commercial School in Norwich, he was articled to a well-known local architect. In the early years of the century John Burton designed several Norfolk schools, but he is best known as a specialist in church restoration which brought him often in contact with rings of bells. Two of his recent works in this connection were the Saham Toney tower previous to the rehanging of the bells, and the repairs, completed only a few weeks ago to Tacolneston tower, which with its derelict ring of five was in imminent danger of collapse.

Besides his interest in ringing Mr. Burton was enthusiastic about sailing, and he was a familiar figure on the nearby Broads.

Altogether, Mr. Burton took part in 65 peals for the Norwich Association, 19 of which were on handbells. His last was Stedman Triples in 1923, and it was fitting that the present members of the Mancroft Guild, whose Master once he was, should pay tribute to his memory with a half-muffled peal on the back eight of the bells which he loved so much.

NOLAN GOLDEN.

BARNESLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Good use was made of the bells when the Barnesley District held their monthly meeting at Horbury on March 9th. Towers represented were Bolderstone, Cawthorne, Felkirk, Leeds, Rothwell, Sandal, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Sowerby, Shelley, Thornhill and Wakefield.

Following tea in the Church Room, the Rev. J. Seebold presided at the business meeting and gave a hearty welcome to the company present. Miss Eileen Womack, of Sandal, and Mr. W. F. Moreton, of Wakefield, were elected new members. The Vicar, wardens and local company were thanked on the proposition of Mr. N. Moxon.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of St. Martin's, Winchendon Place Bob, Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 300 Grandsire): Miss C. Coleman 1, H. Wooding 2, E. Smart 3, N. Line 4, R. Line (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. W. G. Robinson, churchwarden for many years.

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BIRTHS

HIBBERT.—On Sunday, March 24th, 1957, at Corbar Hall Maternity Home, Buxton, to Frances and Arthur Hibbert, the gift of a son, William Arthur, a brother for Elizabeth Anne. 05

KNIGHT.—On March 26th, 1957, to Stella (nee Wickens) and Kenneth, of 17, The Gattons, Burgess Hill, Sussex, a daughter (Paula Margaret). 04

WEDDING RINGING

The bells will be ringing on Easter Monday (D.V.) for the wedding of L/M (E) Edward S. Laker, R.N., and Miss Pamela M. Collins at St. Mary's, Balcombe, at 2 p.m., after which the bells will be available to any visiting ringers. Those requiring tea please let me know by Monday, April 15th.—A. E. Laker, 2, Woodside, Balcombe, Sussex. 10

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MISCELLANEOUS

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—The cost of the 1957 tour at Bingley, Yorks (July 26th to August 3rd) will now be 25/- per day for board and lodging at the College. Will all members who intended to come please inform Mr. W. F. Moreton, The Close, Hereford, whether they still so intend, in view of the charge. Will they also state a preference for either a seven- or an eight-day tour. 09

INDEX FOR 1956.—Copies of this index for those who desire to bind their copies of 'The Ringing World' will be forwarded on the receipt of a stamped addressed envelope.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The dedication of the newly rehung and recast ring of eight by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. at Halstead by the Lord Bishop of Colchester at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 6th. Tea afterwards. All ringers welcome.—Hilda G. Snowden. 9904

COMPLETE YOUR FILES.—Back numbers of 'The Ringing World' are available for most issues of 1956, 1955, 1954 and 1953. Also odd copies back to 1945. Price 6d. per copy post free.—'Ringing World' Office, c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford.

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Holy Week Publication

In Holy Week readers should receive their copy of 'The Ringing World' on Thursday, April 18th.

Notices for insertion in this issue should reach 'The Ringing World' Office, Onslow Street, Guildford, by Saturday, April 13th. No guarantee can be given for notices received after that date.

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—St. Dunstan's, Stepney, Saturday, April 6th, at 3.30 p.m. Ship, Talbot Court, at 6.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 9963

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Daresbury on Saturday, April 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. Branch Sec. 19

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Eyam (6), Saturday, April 6th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 9953

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Swavesey (6) on Saturday, April 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Over (8) from 6 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting at Edenbridge on Saturday, April 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. 9889

LADIES' GUILD.—North Western District.—Joint meeting with Lancashire Association (Wigan Branch) at Southport (Christ Church), Saturday, April 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Please do your best to come.—Stella P. Wain, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9956

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 6th, at Handsworth Parish Church. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28; 'phone SPR 1025. 9919

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Maiden Newton, Saturday, April 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting follow.—Hayne, Sec. 9973

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Carlton-juxta-Snaith, Saturday, April 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. 9994

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Ardingly (6), Saturday, April 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turner's Hill.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Cheriton, Saturday, April 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. 9921

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Whitchurch, Saturday, April 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Parish Room. Laverstoke bells after tea. 9941

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dedication of new ring of six at Saxthorpe by the Lord Bishop of Norwich, Sunday, April 7th, at 6.30 p.m. Bells available after service for all who wish to ring. 9920

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A combined practice will be held at St. Martin's, Epsom, on Monday, April 8th, from 7.30 to 9.15 p.m. All are welcome.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 9998

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT.—Meeting at Hoylandswaine, Saturday, April 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—James W. Buxton, temp. Sec. 06

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Heniow, Saturday, April 13th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Let's have a good meeting.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 9978

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Meeting at Driffild on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (6) available 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. H. Huddleston, 2, Wansford Road, Driffild. 17

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Withyham, Saturday, April 13th. Tea 5 p.m., Dorset Arms. Names to H. Vaughan, 17, Balls Green, Withyham.—C. A. Bassett. 08

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Cherryhinton, Saturday, April 13th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Saturday, April 13th, Hemingford Grey (6). Bells 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. After tea Hemingford Abbots (6).—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 14

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Peter, Saturday, April 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 07

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western District.—Quarterly meeting, West Ham, Saturday, April 13th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. McPhail, 12, Wingfield Road, E.15. 9969

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Blunsdon (6), Saturday, April 13th. Names for tea to Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 9991

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—Quarterly meeting at Quatt on Saturday, April 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea before Wednesday, April 10th, to H. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock, Salop. 9985

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Rainham, on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. J. Cheal, 49, Ivy Street, Rainham, Gillingham, Kent, as early as possible.—Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Annual meeting at Eagle, near Lincoln, Saturday, April 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea not later than Monday, April 8th, to Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. 9971

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting, Saturday, April 13th, at Cuckfield (8). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting and further ringing. A good attendance, please, ladies and gentlemen. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 10th, to Miss Yeo, Hon. Sec., 118, Station Road, Hailsham.

LADIES' GUILD.—North Eastern District.—Combined meeting with the Western District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, April 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea by April 6th to Mr. S. C. Walker, 21, Avondale Terrace, Chester-le-Street. 9945

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Flookburgh (6), Saturday, April 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names to A. Edgar, Holker, Grange-over-Sands.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 21

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, April 13th at St. Peter's Church, Woolton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Hackett, 40, Woolacombe Road, Liverpool, 16. —G. Howlett. 16

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Croston on Saturday, April 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, by 10th to Mr. P. Ascroft, 19, Highfield Road, Croston. Buses 96, 98, 298, 367.—L. Walmsley. 9948

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Healey, Rochdale, Saturday, April 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 1s. 6d. Please send names by Wednesday, 10th, to B. Coop, 123, Market Street, Whitworth, near Rochdale.—F. Pritchard. 9989

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Burbage, Saturday, April 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Old Schools 5 p.m. Names, please, by Wednesday previous, to F. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage, Hinckley.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 9988

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting at North Kilworth on Saturday, April 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen. 02

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Barkby, Saturday, April 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. R. D. Flowers, The Cottage, The Drive, Barkby. 9986

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Next meeting, Ticknall, Saturday, April 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. Marriott, Estate Cottage, Ticknall, near Derby. 9995

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Titchmarsh (8), Saturday, April 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for teas by Tuesday previous, please.—L. Witten, 4, John Street, Thrapston, Kettering. 9997

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY AND DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at Dronfield, 3 p.m., on Saturday, April 13th (not 6th). Names for tea must be sent by 11th to Mrs. Bliss, Green Dragon, Church Street, Dronfield.—A. B. Cooper, J. Seager, Secs. 9974

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at East Drayton (6), Saturday, April 13th. Brumptions bus from Anchor Inn, Retford, at 1, 3.15 and 4.15 p.m. No tea arrangements.—H. Denman. 12

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Charlwood (6), on Saturday, April 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by April 10th to Mr. A. J. Ede, Claremont Villas, Charlwood. 9951

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Amberley (5), 2.30 to 4.15 p.m., and Storrington (6), 6 to 8 p.m., on Saturday, April 13th. Tea, Storrington, 4.30. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday to G. Francis, Hook Cottage, Itchingfield, Horsham.—W. Leslie Weller. 13

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Church Oakley, Saturday, April 13th. Bells from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 9th.—J. Ches-terman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 11

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting at Milford on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Please notify by Wednesday, April 10th, Admiral Everett, Gillinghams, Milford-on-Sea, Hants. 9999

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Wrington Easter Monday, April 22nd. Service 12 noon, followed by lunch and business meeting. Names for lunch tickets (enclosing S.A.E.) to Mr. H. W. Knight, Woolmer's, Cleve, Bristol. Tea available also. Ringing at Wrington 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon, and 6 p.m.; Nailsea, 10.30 to 11.30 a.m., and 6 to 7.30 p.m.; Long Ashton, Chew Magna, Congresbury, Backwell and Wraxall, 6 to 7.30 p.m.; Yatton 6 to 8 p.m. —R. O. Fry, Gen. Sec. 9947

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Bedford, Easter Monday, April 22nd. St Paul's (majestic ten) 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Lunch 1 p.m. at Dujon, followed by business meeting. St. Peter's (8) 2.30 to 4.30; St. Paul's 3 p.m. onwards. Reservations for lunch must be received before 16th by J. W. Sinfield, Malmsey House, Cumberland Street, Houghton Regis, Beds. 9984

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting at Sidmouth on Easter Monday. Bells from 3 to 8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., business after. Names for tea by April 17th to Mr. P. Davis, 8, Peasland Road, Sidmouth.—W. Webb, Hon. Sec. 9980

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting and 70th birthday on Easter Monday, April 22nd, to be held at its birthplace, Clay Cross, by kind invitation of the Vicar, wardens and local band. Bells ready 2 p.m. Thanksgiving service 4.15 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. Wynford Phillips, B.A., B.D. Tea 5 p.m.; business meeting afterwards. All welcome. Numbers for tea to Mr. B. Turvey, 147, Thanet Street, Clay Cross, Derbyshire. —B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 9996

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Sevenoaks, Easter Monday, April 22nd. Service 12 noon. Lunch at Bligh's Hotel 1 p.m. Tickets: members 4s. 6d., others 6s. 6d., from Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, together with information leaflet. Morning ringing at Sevenoaks, Tonbridge, Seal Chart and Brasted. Same towers after meeting, together with Leigh and Westerham.—E. S. John Hatcher. 01

LLANDEFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Cardiff, Easter Monday. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 9987

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Worcester, Easter Monday, April 22nd. Service in All Saints' at 11 a.m. General business meeting in College Hall at 12.15 p.m. prompt. Coffee obtainable in College Hall at 1.15 p.m. and tea arranged at 5 p.m. for all who notify me before

Wednesday, April 19th. Please notify by this date. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 6 to 7.30 p.m., All Saints' (10) from 10 a.m., St. John's (8), Hallow (8) and Powick (6), all 2.15 to 4.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 15

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual general business meeting, Newent, Saturday, April 27th, at the Stardens Country Club, 2 p.m. sharp. Tea to follow, at 3s. per head. Notifications for tea not later than Monday, April 22nd, to Mr. R. S. Chew, Callow Farm, Dymock, Glos. No notification, no tea. Bells available: Newent, 11 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.; also the following upon application to the above—Blaision, Corse, Dymock, Hartpur, Huntley, Bromsberrow, Redmarley, Staunton. Divine service at Newent Parish Church 6 p.m.—W. F. Scudamore, Gen. Sec., Woolaston. 03

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest, Liversedge, Saturday, April 27th. For teas please notify by April 13th G. Jones, 240, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Blackburn, Saturday, April 27th. Towers available: Blackburn Cathedral (10), Holy Trinity (8) (five minutes' walk from Cathedral), and the Church of St. Michael (8) (Wilpshire or Brownhill bus to Bastwill, 14d. stage), all from 1 to 3.45 p.m. and 6.30 to 9 p.m. It would be desirable if local ringers could be in attendance to meet visitors. Service in the Church of St. Michael 4 p.m. Tea in St. Michael's School 5 p.m., 3s. 6d. per head. Names, together with remittance, by Wednesday, April 24th, to Mr. T. Wilson, 118, Langham Road, Blackburn. Tower secretaries are asked to make block orders for their towers. Meeting to follow at approximately 6 p.m. in St. Michael's School.—F. Dunkerley, Gen. Sec. 9993

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Ipswich, Saturday, April 27th. St. Margaret's 9.45 to 11 a.m., St. Mary-le-Tower 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Business meeting, St. Stephen's Hall, 2.30 p.m. Service, St. Mary-le-Tower, 4 p.m. Tea, Co-op Restaurant, 5 p.m. St. Clement's, St. Margaret's, St. Mary-le-Tower, St. Matthew's—all available after tea. Names for tea by Saturday, April 20th, to me.—John Blythe, 29, Holton Road, Halesworth. 9992

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (established 1623).—Preliminary notice.—The 334th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (12) available all day. Twelve-bell ringing guaranteed. Lunch and tea arranged for those notifying me.—L. E. Pitstow, 27, Highfields. Phone: 2074.

LATE NEWS

DEATH OF MR. E. C. S. TURNER

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Ernest C. S. Turner, hon. secretary of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, which occurred at 6.30 a.m. on Tuesday at Edgware General Hospital, aged 47 years. He was taken to hospital early on Saturday morning. Mr. Turner had been a member of the Central Council since 1935, with a break of one year. Funeral, Friday, Stanmore, 11.15.

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