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DUBLIN'S RINGS OF BELLS

DURING the last century there were, in all, nine rings of bells in the city of Dublin. St. Patrick's Cathedral had a mixed lot of eight bells by Perdue, Covey, and recastings by Kilpling. Subsequently some of these were recast by Murphy, of Dublin, in the 1840's and 1870's. Christ Church Cathedral also had a Perdue-Covey ring. It was originally a 'six,' and these bells were cast in 1670 at the same time as St. Patrick's bells, originally an 'eight,' by the same founders who brought all the metal and implements for casting from Bristol to cast the bells in the churchyard adjacent to the Cathedral. These itinerant founders also cast bells in the same way at Kilkenny, Limerick and Galway.

In the 1860's and 1870's the two cathedrals were restored—St. Patrick's by Sir Benjamin Lee Guinness, of brewery fame, and Christ Church by Henry Roe, of Dublin whiskey fame. In these restorations the bells were not forgotten, and the Dublin bell-founder, John Murphy, had the task of augmenting Christ Church to a 'ten,' and of recasting some of St. Patrick's and rehangng the eight bells. The augmentation at Christ Church gave them the heaviest tenor bell in Ireland, reputed to be 39 cwt. but later scaled at 43 cwt.

In 1897 Lord Iveagh—also of Guinness fame—provided a new ring of ten bells for St. Patrick's. They were cast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, the tenor being 45 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. A few years previously Dean Jellett had some trouble with the paid band of ringers and 'sacked' them. He created the amateur band, led by Richard R. Cherry, Q.C., later Lord Chief Justice of Ireland. Cherry was a keen ringer and took part in the College Youths' peal at Waterford in 1873. He, along with Gabriel Lindoff, who was brought to Ireland as instructor at St. Patrick's, founded the Irish Association of Change Ringers in 1898. Cherry augmented the ten to 12 in 1909. A further treble was added in 1923 by Lady Seeds-Kaye. Thus St. Patrick's could have Major and Minor twelves. Christ Church bells have remained the same, apart from restoration by Gillett & Johnston in 1936.

SS. Augustine and John's, the Augustinian Church—or John's Lane, as this church is familiarly known—had eight bells by Murphy in 1873, whose foundry was opposite the church. These were augmented to ten by Carr, of Bir-

mingham, in 1898. The tenor is about 24 cwt. Access to the tower is by an iron spiral open staircase from over the organ to the roof of the nave, and in through a hole in the belfry wall. It is said that when the tower was completed the builders had forgotten about a staircase!

St. George's Church, Dublin, on the north side of the city, was designed by the bell-ringing architect Francis Johnston, who presented a ring of eight bells, by Mears of London, to the church in 1828. The tenor is 19½ cwt. The bells were retuned and rehung in a steel frame by Taylor's in 1928. All these four rings of bells will be available during the visit of the Central Council.

The three oldest bells in Ireland, one of which is dated 1423, form part of the ring of six bells in St. Audeon's Church, Dublin. This church is situated between Christ Church and John's Lane. The other three bells were cast by Murphy. The bells have been idle since 1896 and are unringable. There was a ring of six bells in St. Werburgh's Church, Dublin, opposite Christ Church. As the tower was considered to be in a dangerous condition it was pulled down about the middle of the last century. The bells lay for many years in the church porch before being distributed to St. Mary's Parish Church, its chapel-of-ease, Clonsilla Church, and Castleknock Church. One remains in a turret in St. Werburgh's Church. The sixth found its way into a founder's furnace.

The Sheridan ring of eight bells in St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay, after having been idle for many years was converted to a chime by M. O'Byrne, the Dublin bell-founder, about ten years ago. Another ring of bells to be distributed to various churches in recent years was the old eight of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. The third and tenor remain in the Cathedral and are used for daily services; the other six were given on 'permanent loan' to the following churches: Irvinestown, Co. Fermanagh; St. Bartholomew's, Belfast; St. Columbanus', Ballyholme, Co. Down; Kenmare and Killonglin, Co. Kerry; and Killaney, Co. Down.

The ninth ring of bells was a secular one, originally cast by the Aldbourn Foundry for the old Crow Street Theatre, Dublin. They were purchased by Francis Johnston, the above-mentioned architect, when the theatre closed and its contents were sold. He erected a tower in the back garden of his home at Eccles Street, Dublin, about 100 yards or so from St. George's Church. The bells were

hung here, for ringing. Johnston and his bell-ringing friends spent many enjoyable hours in the tower, not, it is said, without some annoyance to the neighbours. After Johnston's death in 1829 the bells remained idle until 1845, when they were auctioned, and six of them were bought for £180 for SS. Philip and James' Church, Holywood, Co. Down. In 1890 they were replaced by the present ring of eight bells in that church; all but one found their way into the Loughborough Foundry.

Dublin was once famous for its bells: at one time there were three bell-foundries which cast bells and hung them for ringing as well as for the ordinary tolling. It is unfortunate that there are now only four rings functioning. It is hoped that what Dublin lacks in quantity will be made up by the quality of the bells and the amount of ringing time available at each tower. **FRED E. DUKES.**

FIVE PEALS IN A DAY

The following five peals were rung for the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

LONGPARISH, HAMPSHIRE.

On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in A.

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| PHILIP MEHEW Treble | GEOFFREY K. DODD 4 |
| TREVOR A. CROSS 2 | RALPH BIRD 5 |
| ROBIN G. LEALE 3 | A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor |

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

BARTON STACEY, HAMPSHIRE.

On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Bob and Single Oxford, Cambridge, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 12 lb. in A flat.

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| GEOFFREY K. DODD Treble | RALPH BIRD 4 |
| TREVOR A. CROSS 2 | ROBIN G. LEALE 5 |
| A. PATRICK CANNON 3 | PHILIP MEHEW Tenor |

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

First peal in eight methods on the bells.

WONSTON, HAMPSHIRE.

On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in A flat.

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| A. PATRICK CANNON Treble | ROBIN G. LEALE 4 |
| GEOFFREY K. DODD 2 | PHILIP MEHEW 5 |
| WILLIAM S. DEASON 3 | RALPH BIRD Tenor |

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

OVERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

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| RALPH BIRD Treble | TREVOR A. CROSS 5 |
| GEOFFREY K. DODD 2 | ROBIN G. LEALE 6 |
| WILLIAM S. DEASON 3 | PHILIP MEHEW 7 |
| REGINALD W. REX 4 | A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor |

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

First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

DEANE, HAMPSHIRE.

On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. in G.

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| PHILIP MEHEW Treble | WILLIAM S. DEASON 4 |
| GEOFFREY K. DODD 2 | A. PATRICK CANNON 5 |
| ROBIN G. LEALE 3 | RALPH BIRD Tenor |

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* 50th tower in Hampshire for a peal. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 9, 1958, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

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| RICHARD GRANT Treble | RICHARD F. PRIME 7 |
| AVRIL THACKRAY 2 | *SHIRLEY BURTON 8 |
| DOREEN D. DUTTON 3 | JOHN A. ACRES 9 |
| *HERRICK B. BOWLEY 4 | S. ANTHONY JESSON 10 |
| ERNEST MORRIS 5 | PETER J. STANFORTH 11 |
| HAROLD G. JENNEY 6 | †WILLIAM J. ROOT Tenor |

Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.

* 150th peal together. † 100th peal on 12 bells.

Rung in honour of the visit of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, to the city of Leicester this day.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 10, 1958, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

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| JOHN E. CHILCOTT Treble | ARTHUR G. MASON 7 |
| G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 2 | GEORGE E. FEARN 8 |
| CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY 3 | LESLIE BOUMPHREY 9 |
| FRANK W. PERRINS 4 | JACK L. MILLHOUSE 10 |
| *ROBIN G. LEALE 5 | MICHAEL P. MORETON 11 |
| ARTHUR V. PEARSON 6 | FREDERICK E. COLLINS Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

* First peal of Yorkshire Maximus. First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus on the bells, and by the Surrey Association.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 12, 1958, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

Tenor 25 cwt.

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| HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. Treble | RICHARD GRANT 7 |
| *AVRIL THACKRAY 2 | HAROLD G. JENNEY 8 |
| MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 3 | JOHN A. ACRES 9 |
| DOREEN D. DUTTON 4 | WILLIAM A. LACEY 10 |
| SHIRLEY BURTON 5 | WILLIAM J. ROOT 11 |
| ERNEST MORRIS 6 | S. ANTHONY JESSON Tenor |

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

Conducted by MRS. P. J. STANFORTH.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

Rung on the 21st anniversary of the first peal on the bells, the ringers of the fifth and eighth ringing the same bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

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| SHIRLEY HARRIS Treble | LESLIE BOUMPHREY 6 |
| *FRANK OSBALDISTON 2 | †DEREK F. YATES 7 |
| *BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3 | BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 8 |
| *ROBERT B. SMITH 4 | *NEIL BENNETT 9 |
| †WILLIAM H. DOWSE 5 | BRIAN HARRIS Tenor |

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal on ten. The conductor's 200th peal.

A birthday peal for Bernard Groves.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5080 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 29 cwt.

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| JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. Treble | †WILLIAM E. ALLMAN 6 |
| *JOHN S. DEAN 2 | CECIL RADDOON 7 |
| †WALTER ALLMAN 3 | HARRY W. HOWARD 8 |
| *JOHN ORME 4 | HARRY PARKER 9 |
| *FRED JACKSON 5 | PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor |

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

* First peal of Royal. † First of Kent Royal.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM

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

On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

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| RICHARD C. INGRAM .. Treble | VIVIENNE M. HORTON .. 6 |
| MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 2 | FRANK E. HAYNES .. 7 |
| STELLA HUGHES .. 3 | G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 8 |
| EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 4 | PETER J. STANFORTH .. 9 |
| MRS. G. W. CRITCHLEY .. 5 | FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. Tenor |

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

A compliment to Mr. Albert Walker on his 82nd birthday.

LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 25½ cwt.

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| JAMES G. NEWMAN .. Treble | GEORGE HAWKINS .. 6 |
| ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. 2 | RICHARD KENDALL .. 7 |
| J. MICHAEL STEPHENS .. 3 | ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 8 |
| ARTHUR J. SMITH .. 4 | BRIAN PATISON .. 9 |
| RONALD J. SHARP .. 5 | STEPHEN J. IVIN .. Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALFRED E. RUSHTON.

A wedding peal for John W. V. Sinfield and June E. Gladman, who were married in this church earlier in the day.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 3 Hours and 9½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb.

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| HAROLD CHANT .. Treble | JAMES H. KIRBY .. 6 |
| MRS. W. F. MORETON .. 2 | CHARLES BARKER .. 7 |
| WILFRID F. MORETON .. 3 | JOHN E. KIRBY .. 8 |
| PETER WOODWARD .. 4 | GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. 9 |
| DAVID CUBITT .. 5 | *HUBERT NAYLOR .. Tenor |

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal

Rung to welcome back Cpl. K. Park from service in Cyprus.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Tues., May 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in E.

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| KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH .. Treble | DERMOT J. ROAF .. 6 |
| DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 2 | GLYN F. JENKINS .. 7 |
| D. ROY STODDARD .. 3 | ROBIN A. HODGSON .. 8 |
| ROBIN N. PITTMAN .. 4 | COLIN J. B. TAYLOR .. 9 |
| JAMES H. PAILING .. 5 | STEPHEN IVIN .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

Rung to celebrate the engagement of Glyn F. Jenkins and Audrey Wainwright.

STEPNEY, LONDON, E.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 10, 1958, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 28½ cwt. in C sharp.

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| *WILLIAM S. DEASON .. Treble | WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 6 |
| WILLIAM ROGERS .. 2 | WILLIAM C. PORTER .. 7 |
| WILLIAM F. BUTLER .. 3 | WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 8 |
| WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 4 | WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 9 |
| WILLIAM T. COOK .. 5 | WILLIAM HIBBERT .. Tenor |

Composed by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

Non-conducted and silent.

* First peal on ten bells. First non-conducted peal rung by a 'same name' band.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CHEADLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 3 Hours,

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

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| CHARLES S. RYLES .. Treble | EDWIN SHARRATT .. 5 |
| GEOFFREY BURTON .. 2 | WILLIAM CARNWELL .. 6 |
| GEORGE WILKINSON .. 3 | OWEN WILLIAMS .. 7 |
| J. LESLIE SHENTON .. 4 | ARTHUR W. HALL .. Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHT.

Conducted by CHARLES S. RYLES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. J. Conolly, parish priest of this church.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

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

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| PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. Treble | PAUL J. RIGBY .. 5 |
| MURIEL REAY .. 2 | ARTHUR D. COOK .. 6 |
| ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3 | NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 7 |
| JOHN PINFOLD .. 4 | GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor |

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Collins.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., April 21, 1958, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F.

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| MURIEL REAY .. Treble | NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 5 |
| DIANA J. PERRINS .. 2 | JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 6 |
| ANTHONY AGER .. 3 | PAUL J. RIGBY .. 7 |
| ERIC E. SPEAKE .. 4 | GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor |

Composed by H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 23, 1958, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In two methods, consisting of 3,264 Cambridge and 1,824 Superlative, with 108 changes of method. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

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| RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. Treble | JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 5 |
| ERNEST MORRIS .. 2 | BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 6 |
| JOHN M. JELLEY .. 3 | ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 7 |
| JOHN A. ACRES .. 4 | BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

Rung for St. George's Day.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

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| REGINALD H. NEWTON .. Treble | EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 5 |
| FREDERICK PRICE .. 2 | FREDERICK G. BEDDOW .. 6 |
| CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 3 | HAROLD F. WHITE .. 7 |
| PHILIP J. EVANS .. 4 | ERNEST F. WILLCOX .. Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 13 cwt.

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| *GLENYS EVANS .. Treble | †GEOFFREY MARCHANT .. 5 |
| THOMAS YEOMANS .. 2 | WILLIAM T. PETTY .. 6 |
| TREVOR LEWIS .. 3 | WILLIAM DARE .. 7 |
| JAMES DANIELS .. 4 | WALFORD DAVIES .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM DARE

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

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

On Mon., April 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
 AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F.

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| PAUL J. RIGBY Treble | JOHN PINFOLD 5 |
| RUTH M. BORDER 2 | *ANTHONY AGER 6 |
| BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY 3 | GEORGE E. FEARN 7 |
| *JOHN A. ANDERSON 4 | PETER BORDER Tenor |

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of London.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-APOSTLE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

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| Dexter's variation. | Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. |
| SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. Treble | GEOFFREY S. MILLS .. 5 |
| DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 2 | *J. COLIN ASHWORTH .. 6 |
| HAROLD HAMER 3 | IVAN KAY 7 |
| PETER SCHOLFIELD 4 | JOHN T. WALMSLEY .. Tenor |

Conducted by IVAN KAY.

* First peal in the method.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John T. Walmsley, of Oldham.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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| Vicars'. | Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. |
| *M. W. SEYMOUR (14) .. Treble | FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW .. 5 |
| †MICHAEL J. PALMER (15) 2 | ALBERT R. G. TWINN .. 6 |
| †DAVID ROBINSON 3 | FRANK C. PRICE 7 |
| †ANTHONY R. TURLEY 4 | WILLIAM H. COLES .. Tenor |

Conducted by FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW.

* First peal and first attempt. † First in the method. ‡ First on eight bells and in the method. First peal by a local band since 1934. Rung to celebrate the 225th anniversary of the three peals of Grandsire Triples rung at St. John's in 1733, and recorded at the time as by 'the young ringers of Hillingdon.'

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 STANMORE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

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| *TREVOR E. CARLESS .. Treble | †H. GEORGE HART 5 |
| ELSIE K. HART 2 | ALICK CUTLER 6 |
| WILLIAM WENBAN 3 | RICHARD G. OUSTON .. 7 |
| JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 4 | †JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor |

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal. † 50th peal together. First in the method by all the band except the ringer of the third.

Rung as a farewell to Miss Diana G. Ward, of the local band, who sailed for Canada on April 25th. Also as a farewell to the retiring vergers, Mr. Blake, and his wife.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 7, 1958, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

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| ERNEST MORRIS Treble | DEREK P. JONES 5 |
| *RICHARD J. CLIFTON 2 | BRIAN G. WARWICK 6 |
| JOSEPH W. COTTON 3 | ERNEST J. JELLEY 7 |
| JOHN A. ACRES 4 | G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor |

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 7).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Cambridge Major 'inside.'

A birthday compliment to Mrs. B. G. Warwick.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 10, 1958, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

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| Brook's variation. | Tenor 21½ cwt. in E. |
| GILBERT R. GOODSHIP .. Treble | *EDWARD E. DAVEY 5 |
| GEORGE E. SYMONDS 2 | CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 6 |
| JAMES BENNETT 3 | ERNEST V. BLAKE 7 |
| HARRY D. LISTER 4 | *ALAN CLARK Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

* First peal of Stedman.

EBBW VALE, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 10, 1958, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 2 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

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| PATRICIA H. JONES .. Treble | BRIAN WERRY 5 |
| JACQUELINE S. KING .. 2 | REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS .. 6 |
| ROBERT STEPHENS 3 | DAVID J. KING 7 |
| *BRYAN J. JOHNS 4 | THOMAS STEPHENS Tenor |

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.

* First peal on eight. The fastest peal on the bells.

A compliment to Mr. J. Jaynes, an Ebbw Vale ringer, on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

HUISH EPISCOPI, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 10, 1958, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).

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| THOMAS W. JEANES .. Treble | HENRY G. KEELY 5 |
| HARRY J. GAYLARD 2 | JAMES E. LOOKER 6 |
| WALTER H. POOLE 3 | H. E. GEORGE JEANES .. 7 |
| FREDERICK W. SWEET .. 4 | WILLIAM G. GIGG Tenor |

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.

First peal of Major on the bells.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 10, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| THOMAS E. SONE .. Treble | GEOFFREY PEARSON 5 |
| CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 2 | WILFRED W. RING 6 |
| *JOHN L. MORRIS 3 | †JOHN R. COOPER 7 |
| *IAN H. ORAM 4 | THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Tenor |

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* 50th peal together. † First in the method.

A 21st birthday peal for Ian H. Oram.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Court and Oxford Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM T. GOADBY .. Treble | J. HARRY COOK 4 |
| *MRS. SHEILA CLIFFORD .. 2 | †ROLAND H. COOK 5 |
| RICHARD C. CLIFTON .. 3 | ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. Tenor |

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First peal in three methods. † 50th peal. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

THRUXTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., April 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's in ten methods, viz.: (1) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall; (2) Double Bob; (3) Cambridge; (4) Single Oxford; (5) Oxford Treble Bob; (6) Kent Treble Bob; (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. in A.

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| A. PATRICK CANNON .. Treble | TREVOR A. CROSS 4 |
| PHILIP MEHEW 2 | ROBIN G. LEALE 5 |
| RALPH BIRD 3 | GEOFFREY K. DODD Tenor |

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

The first peal on the bells, augmented to six in 1953.

HARDINGSTONE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents of April Day and 16 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| *HAROLD E. JACQUES .. Treble | TERRY M. HAINES 3 |
| *GEORGE FAWCETT 2 | ROBERT ROBERTS 4 |

MICHAEL R. BENNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by TERRY HAINES.

* First peal. First peal on the bells for many years.

Rung for the 18th birthday of Robin V. Baker.

FLITTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: (1) Stamford and Rospendale; (2) London and Wells; (3) Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge; (4) Durham and York; (5) St. Clement's and Double Oxford; (6) Oxford and Kent T.B.; (7) Oxford and Plain Bob; 82 changes of method. Tenor 6 cwt.

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| JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. Treble | ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 4 |
| JAMES G. NEWMHAM .. 2 | PHILIP MEHEW .. 5 |
| RONALD J. SHARP .. 3 | C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Tenor |

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

Birthday compliments to M. Anthea Munday, Charles Stimson and Arthur Cox.

ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

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| GEORGE ARMITT .. Treble | ROY WORRALL .. 4 |
| BARRY CORBISHLEY .. 2 | VICTOR STONIER .. 5 |
| CHARLES W. LAWTON .. 3 | MRS. C. W. LAWTON .. Tenor |

Conducted by BARRY CORBISHLEY.

Rung to celebrate the birth of Peter John Corbishley (a brother for Susan Jane).

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Kent and Oxford, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Double Oxford, (4) Thelwall, (5) Childwall, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

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| JOHN RHODES .. Treble | EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 4 |
| ROY BETTLEY-COOKE .. 2 | MAX P. PAGE .. 5 |
| DAVID ATKINS .. 3 | J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Tenor |

Conducted by ROY BETTLEY-COOKE.

First peal in eight Minor methods by all except the fifth. First of Minor as conductor. 50th peal in the tower and first of Minor on the bells.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents with the tenors never reversed.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

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| WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. Treble | *JOHN W. RAWSON .. 4 |
| *PAMELA J. PEARSON .. 2 | JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 5 |
| *ARTHUR R. WRIGHT .. 3 | DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor |

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. Mr. W. F. Woodward has now 'circled the tower' to peals.

ST. BRIDES MAJOR, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

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| JOHN F. JAMES .. Treble | DAVID J. KING .. 4 |
| *ANTHONY HUTCHINGS .. 2 | ROBERT E. COLES .. 5 |
| MRS. D. J. KING .. 3 | *JOHN THOMAS .. Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT E. COLES.

* First peal and first attempt. Believed to be the fastest peal on the bells.

Rung for the Festival of Wales.

SOUTHILL, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, three extents of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and one extent each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

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| KEITH WAKEFIELD .. Treble | RONALD J. SHARP .. 4 |
| JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. 2 | PETER J. SHIPTON .. 5 |
| ANNE E. AMOR .. 3 | BRYAN PATTISON .. Tenor |

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

TENDRING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

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| ANN M. COLLIER .. Treble | IVAN COOPER .. 4 |
| *GERALD A. WOODRUFF .. 2 | WALTER F. DOWNS .. 5 |
| ANN E. PRYKE .. 3 | EDWARD E. DAVEY .. Tenor |

Conducted by EDWARD E. DAVEY.

* First peal.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

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| T. CHARLES BROWNE .. Treble | JOHN R. SMITH .. 4 |
| WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 2 | WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE .. 5 |
| FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 3 | CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO .. Tenor |

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. and Mrs. D. H. Mee.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 7, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Consisting of 40 six-scores and one 240. Tenor 9 cwt.

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| ARNOLD G. MOORE .. Treble | HAROLD ROBERTS .. 4 |
| ELIZABETH E. ROBERTS .. 2 | WILLIAM G. TALBOT .. 5 |
| ALBERT H. LAWTON .. 3 | WILLIAM WATKINS .. Tenor |

Conducted by ARNOLD G. MOORE.

First peal in the method for all the band except the conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

RYE, SUSSEX.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Good Friday, April 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE FORECASTLE,

A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

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| RUTH S. HODGSON .. 1-2 | DAVID HODGSON .. 5-6 |
| DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 3-4 | ROBIN A. HODGSON .. 7-8 |

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by DAVID HODGSON.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., May 11, 1958, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes.

AT 24, MANOR STREET,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

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| BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 1-2 | JOHN M. JELLEY .. 3-4 |
| ERNEST MORRIS .. 5-6 | |

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

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QUARTER PEALS

ACTON, W.—On May 13th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Elsie K. Hart 1, Shirley H. Dorey 2, Marion Skinner 3, R. E. Waters 4, H. G. Hart 5, C. E. Slade 6, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 7, F. P. Wright 8. First in method for 2 and 4. Rung on the occasion of the Hammersmith Deanery Choirs Festival held at this church.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On April 27th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: I. C. Forrest (first of Treble Bob) 1, Pamela R. Gough (first of Oxford) 2, Valerie Mephram 3, Diana M. Gough (first of Oxford) 4, H. W. Brown 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung for the enthronement of the Bishop of Chichester. Also on May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret E. Perry (first in method) 1, Pamela R. Gough 2, Diana M. Gough 3, Valerie Mephram 4, I. C. Forrest 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Carter (cond.) 1, D. F. C. Malloch 2, F. Shallock (12, first 'inside') 3, D. K. Malloch (15) 4, A. D. J. Goodwin (14) 5, D. R. Lamont (14, first quarter) 6.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On April 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, Kathleen Fletcher 3, D. Lamb 4, J. Harrison 5, J. Meads (first in method) 6, F. Reed 7, A. Bridges 8. For Evensong by the Sunday service band.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On May 11th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. Deal (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Jarvis 2, Mrs. M. Moore 3, H. Moore 4, C. Barker 5, K. Lewsey 6, R. Suckling (cond.) 7, W. Winthrop 8. Rung after Evensong.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Doubles: 1, W. Allen 1, E. Whiting 2, Maureen Allen 3, Lucy Allen 4, R. F. Baker (cond.) 5. Rung for St. George's Day.

BRENT KNOLL, SOMERSET.—On May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Best (first of Minor) 1, K. Prime 2, D. Gay 3, H. Pople 4, C. Clarke (cond.) 5, R. Short 6.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On April 6th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Bob, 900 Grandsire): T. Thomas 1, T. Frole 2, S. Henson 3, J. Hole 4, D. W. Davies 5, T. E. Hiddens 6, W. T. Petty (cond.) 7, D. L. Hughes 8. Rung with 1 and 2 leading. Also on May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Henson 1, T. E. Hiddens 2, C. Gerrish 3, H. Preece 4, W. T. Petty (cond.) 5, D. L. Hughes 6.

BROOKFIELD, N.—On May 10th, at St. Anne's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. M. Payton 1, Elizabeth Yeld 2, R. Newman 3, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 4, M. Carter 5, L. E. Tubb 6, P. G. Foote 7, J. W. E. Dennis 8. Rung for the 105th birthday anniversary of the church.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—On May 4th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. A. Palmer 1, Jane Hodgson (first 'inside') 2, A. Forsyth 3, R. Briggs 4, A. Hodgson 5, J. Boustead (cond.) 6, J. Ling 7. For Evensong.

CHENIES, BUCKS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. W. R. Picton 1, Miss M. Erik (first 'inside') 2, D. J. Goodman 3, R. J. Picton 4, B. M. Barker (cond.) 5, W. J. Atkins 6.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Hall 1, H. J. Shuck (cond.) 2, Mrs. H. White 3, A. G. Hall 4, H. White 5, L. R. Hall 6, H. Wyre 7, J. Griffiths 8.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—On April 21st, at St. Cuthbert's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss B. Cooke 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, Mrs. T. Cooke 3, Miss D. M. Killingley 4, T. Senior 5, G. R. Parker 6, T. Cooke (cond.) 7, F. Hodgeson 8. First in method for 1 and 2.

EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.—On May 3rd, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. Reed 1, H. Elsey 2, G. Adams 3, W. W. Cousins 4, J. E. Fox 5, A. Rolfe 6, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 7, C. Cousins 8.

EAST WOODHAY, HANTS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 60 Grandsire): W. Kewell 1, P. E. Dodd 2, J. F. Scott 3, M. J. Dodd 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, J. Webb (first quarter) 6. Rung to mark 50 years in the ministry by the Rev. E. Omerod, 25 of these being as Rector of East Woodhay.

EWELL, SURREY.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Good 1, Maureen Candy (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. Marjorie Hill 3, J. Hill 4, A. S. Bessant 5, C. W. Munday (cond.) 6, J. E. Beams 7, G. Hill 8. For Evensong.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): P. Clarke 1, R. Clarke 2, E. J. Coope 3, J. Sims 4, Brenda Slark 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, F. Hurrell 8. For Evensong, and also a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hurrell on their 56th wedding anniversary.

ETWALL, DERBYS.—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. H. Willows 1, D. K. Walklate 2, J. F. Murfin (cond.) 3, E. Merry 4, R. G. Bessant 5, P. E. Thorpe 6. First quarter 4, 5 and 6.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On May 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: G. S. Joyce 1, R. H. Mills 2, Mrs. J. L. Joyce 3, Miss M. A. Finch 4, W. W. Wright 5, P. N. Murgatroyd (first as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

FRIEZLAND, YORKS.—On Mar. 4th, 1,320 Minor (Kent and Oxford): J. Smith (cond.) 1, G. Perrin 2, C. Henshaw 3, F. White 4, J. Burgess 5, H. B. Schofield 6. Rung as an appreciation to H. B. Schofield, of Bradford.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Croft 1, L. Runnacles 2, K. C. Timbury 3, J. Church 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, P. W. Croft 6. For Evensong.

HADDENHAM, CAMBS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Oxford Treble Bob: Mrs. Joyce Lant 1, H. Sharpe 2, H. Collin 3, D. Murfitt 4, D. E. R. Knight (cond.) 5, A. Yarrow 6. "A farewell to the Rev. L. J. Stanford on his appointment as Vicar to the united benefices of Tirley with Hasfield, Glos.

HARDINGSTONE, NORTHANTS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Care 1, D. Warren 2, T. Haines (cond.) 3, G. Fawcett 4, M. Bennett 5. For Easteride.

HARROLD, BEDS.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. H. L. Blick 1, Margaret Mackonchie (first 'inside') 2, L. Duffield 3, J. H. Edwards 4, E. White 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.—On April 12th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. Rolfe (first quarter) 1, W. W. Cousins 2, S. Elsey (first quarter) 3, R. Reed (first quarter) 4, J. E. Fox 5, A. Rolfe 6, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 7, C. Cousins 8. Rung for the 85th birthday of R. A. Ferguson, churchwarden and former peal ringer at this church.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Strawford 1, N. Leslie 2, M. Edney 3, J. Hut 4, D. Leslie (cond.) 5, C. Timms 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. C. G. Seymour Meiford, chairman of the V.W.H. branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

LEYLAND, LANCS.—On May 11th, 1,440 Plain Bob Major: J. Higham 1, S. Walmsley 2, Dorothy Crook (first quarter) 3, J. H. Owens 4, E. P. Sparks 5, P. Barrand 6, L. Walmsley 7, A. Meadows (cond.) 8. For evening service on Rogation Sunday, the 29th anniversary of the reinstallation of the bells.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Phelps 1, Miss R. Beer (first 'inside') 2, Miss P. Welch (cond.) 3, Miss J. Birch 4, Miss Margaret Way 5, Miss Mary Way 6. First ladies' quarter by a resident team in the present Diocese of Llandaff. Rung by members of the Sunday service team at Llandaff Cathedral as a farewell to Miss C. Phelps on her departure to London.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.—On May 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. E. Cobb 1, L. Derrick 2, Mrs. J. Gray 3, D. G. Yeo 4, P. J. Gardner (first of Triples) 5, J. Brain 6, J. H. Gilbert (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, H. Hardwidge 8.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jill S. Cranshaw (first on six) 1, Dorothy Stafford 2, F. Osbaldiston 3, B. Groves (cond.) 4, A. Osbaldiston 5, W. Dowse 6.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dorothy Strong 1, L. Derrick 2, C. Kortright (cond.) 3, T. Phillips 4, H. Hardwidge 5, Ruth Gaunt 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—On May 11th, at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss N. G. Williams 1, G. F. Roome 2, F. Burgess 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, Miss D. M. Miller 5, J. C. Rainbow 6, A. R. Jones 7, R. V. Baker (first of Major as cond.) 8. For morning service.

OCKLEY, SURREY.—On May 11th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Jill M. Lane 1, Ann M. Cox 2, P. A. Bird 3, D. A. R. May (cond.) 4, P. G. Smart 4, L. H. Luig 6. First in the method by all except 2.

PORTSMOUTH.—At St. Mary, Portsea, on May 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. W. Rogers 1, J. D. Harris (86) 2, T. R. Taylor 3, R. Wake 4, L. Duguid 5, E. J. Salmons 6, E. Winifred Keys (first in method as cond.) 7, T. W. Macey 8. For Evensong.

RADYR, GLAM.—On May 10th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: T. Yeomans 1, G. Marchant 2, B. Kingston 3, B. Taylor 4, D. Llewellyn 5, G. Strickland 6, W. Dare 7, T. Lewis (cond.) 8. First of Major for 3, 4, 5 and 6. A welcome home to the Rector after a long period of illness.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's Church, on April 27th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: Mrs. R. F. Deal 1, T. H. Francis (cond.) 2, C. A. Hughes 3, A. R. Ling 4, F. E. Hawthorne 5, P. J. Eves (first of Stedman Cinques) 6, G. McKay 7, R. F. Deal 8, F. D. Bishop 9, B. F. Baker 10, F. J. Matthews 11, A. J. House 12. For Evensong.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On April 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Snowden 1, R. E. Lester 2, H. A. Mitson 3, W. B. Duncan 4, G. R. Goodship 5, E. A. Cracknell 6, J. L. Girt 7, O. G. Barnard (cond.) 8. For rededication service for restored and rebuilt organ.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Mole 1, J. H. Jones 2, J. W. Jones 3, M. Davis 4, J. Corbett (cond.) 5, A. J. Collins 6. For Evensong, "also to mark the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Collins.

TENBY, PEMBS.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob): T. Griffiths 1, Mrs. Stella Lewis 2, G. Thomas 3, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 4, L. H. Jenkins 5, N. Bennett 6.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On May 3rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: B. Newton 1, Mrs. F. Penn 2, G. Harding (cond.) 3, P. Harding 4, A. Knight (first of Caters) 5, J. Lucas 6, C. Butcher 7, D. Knight 8, F. Penn 9, R. Burbridge 10. Rung to open the parish campaign named 'The Road to Life.'

TWYFORD, LEICS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Cooper 1, M. A. Abel 2, A. E. Hinman 3, R. C. Tyler 4, C. E. Cooper 5, G. A. Bowcutt (cond.) 6. A welcome to the Lord Bishop of Leicester, who preached at Evensong and dedicated a belfry screen in memory of Mr. Ernest A. Greasley, Rector's warden for 40 years and chorister for 75 years.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): D. Aven (first quarter) 1, I. Campbell 2, L. Hawkins 3, N. Knee (cond.) 4, D. Battersby 5, A. Bull 6, T. Mullard 7, P. Roynon 8. A compliment to ringers 2 and 5, students of St. Boniface's College, who are leaving to be ordained; also to Mr. Marlow ('Old Ted') on his 83rd birthday.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Myra J. Wilkins (first quarter) 1, B. W. Metcalfe (first quarter) 2, Sandra Lewis 3, Rita M. Webb 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, P. G. King 6. Rung half-muffled by a Sunday service band in memory of Mr. J. A. Warner, local parishioner, interred this day.

WESTERLEIGH, GLOS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): J. Powell (aged 13) 1, J. Ferris 2, P. Delanay 3, M. Webb (aged 15) 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5, M. Higgins (aged 15) 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6.

WIDFORD, HERTS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. J. Southam 1, Miss J. Walsh 2, C. E. Hayer 3, J. Thwaites (first of Doubles and as cond.) 4, M. D. Frost 5, R. Porter (first of Doubles) 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On April 13th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: E. Jacobs 1, Susan Jacobs 2, J. Tomsett 3, A. Bishop 4, M. Sinden 5, F. Corfield (cond.) 6. First in the method for all.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Sharland (first quarter) 1, G. Betts 2, T. Gooding 3, J. Glanville (cond.) 4, W. Sharman 5, K. Dawe 6, J. Briggs 7, J. Gooding 8. For Rogation Sunday evening service.

WORLESDON, SURREY.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Farminer (first quarter) 1, S. Petter 2, K. Newman 3, F. Cherryman 4, G. Enever 5, Miss E. Turner (cond.) 5, C. Slyfield 7, J. Avenell 8. For Evensong.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**Losses By The V.W.H. Branch**

The quarterly meeting of the Vale of the White Horse Branch, held at Ashbury on May 10th, recorded two serious losses by death to the Branch.

Miss M. Cross, the general secretary of the Guild, who presided, supported by Mr. R. F. J. Gilling (Branch secretary), referred to the passing of the Rev. C. G. Seymour Metford, who had been chairman of the Branch for nearly 16 years until the time of his death. During that time he had been a tower of strength to all who met him, the membership of the Branch had been consolidated and the results of it were now being seen. He was also a great priest.

The Branch had also lost one of its oldest members. Mr. Frank Wheeler, who had been buried at Faringdon that afternoon. Miss Cross spoke of the quiet, conscientious work done by him in the Faringdon tower. It was chiefly through his efforts that a band of ringers was formed when the bells were rehung at Faringdon in 1926, and the results were still showing fruit; he had always been very faithful to the Branch since he had become a member in 1920.

The members stood in silence for a few moments in respect of the memory of these two great men.

The Rev. J. L. Street (Vicar of Stanford-in-the-Vale) was elected the new Branch chairman, and in accepting the office he said he would do all he could for the Branch. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Buckland on September 20th. Members were reminded of the Guild festival at Oxford on July 19th.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. E. G. Mortimer (Vicar) for conducting the service, the Rev. J. L. Street for his address, to Mrs. Mortimer for playing the organ and Mrs. Fleet for providing teas.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Another new band was welcomed into membership of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild at their meeting on April 26th—the team at Fittleton, who also keep Sunday service ringing going at Netheravon, the two parishes forming a plurality. Three of their number were among the 25 ringers present at the quarterly meeting at Great Durnford. The Vicar (Rev. P. Higham) was unfortunately away, convalescing after prolonged illness, so the customary service was not held; but Mrs. Higham joined the visitors at tea, which was prepared by Mrs. Palmer and others.

Mr. A. Trimby (vice-chairman) presided at the short meeting, the chairman being also on the sick list. Several of the Wilton band came on from the big men's festival service at the Cathedral—part of the celebrations for the 700th anniversary of its consecration. Ringing continued for a short time on the five at Durnford, after which a move was made to Woodford, and the six were kept going till about 8.30.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Some 40 ringers and friends attended the South Wales District quarterly meeting, held at Sketty, Swansea, on April 26th. The service was conducted by Canon H. C. Williams, who gave a warm welcome to the Guild. Tea was afterwards served in the Church Hall, and Mr. R. E. Coles thanked Mrs. Whitworth and her helpers on behalf of the visitors.

At the business meeting five new members were elected. These were Miss June Tarling (Nash), Miss Jean Howell (Baglan), Miss Judith Robinson and Miss Joan Richards (Sketty), and Miss Victoria Price (Bedwellty). It was decided to hold the next meeting at Ebbw Vale.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**Lewisham District**

The spring meeting of the Lewisham District was held in the ancient church of St. Martin in the renowned village of Eynsford and attended by 50 members. Fourteen towers were represented. Mr. F. S. Macey (trustee of the Association) and ringers from Tunbridge Wells were very welcome visitors. Ringing, directed by Mr. A. S. Richards (Ringing Master) commenced at 3 p.m. and continued until service time.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. A. Tuffin), who gave an interesting address. Mr. A. A. Parson (churchwarden) played the organ and the lesson was read by Mr. E. Barnett (Crayford).

Mr. E. A. Barnett (vice-president), who presided at the business meeting, asked that respect should be paid to the memory of Mr. A. Grove, of Woolwich. Grateful remembrance was signified in the traditional manner.

Fifteen ringing members of the Association were elected and the election of two non-resident members ratified. Mr. A. S. Richards (West Wickham) read his report of proceedings at the committee meeting held at Ashford on Easter Monday, which was adopted, with a vote of thanks to Mr. Richards for preparing it. Beckenham was chosen for the next meeting, to be held on July 26th. It was decided to hold the annual meeting with the Surrey Association (Northern District) at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on October 11th.

Members were gratified to see Mr. A. Bates, of Farningham, once again active among them after his recent serious illness. Performances on his ancient handbells preceded the return to the church for further ringing on the tower bells.

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It was intended to ring a peal of Stedman Cinques at Aston Parish Church for Mr. Albert Walker's 82nd birthday, but unfortunately the band met short. In its place a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung. Mr. Walker had not sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to take part, but came to Aston to welcome the ringers before the start. All will be pleased to know that he is now once more ringing at St. Martin's on Sunday rings.

Oxford University Society think their peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Appleton was the first peal of Royal rung by any University with a resident band.

Mr. T. E. Harrold sends the following correction to F.C.H.'s of Kebworth Surprise Major (page 279). These should read: 32465, 43265, 53624, 65432.

Mr. Josiah D. Harris, aged 86, rang the second to a quarter of Stedman Triples at St. Mary's, Portsea, on May 4th. His striking was excellent throughout, although it is some time since he last rang a quarter peal.

After the peal of Stedman Triples rung at Heptonstall on May 10th, Mr. and Mrs. Walmsley, for whom it was a silver wedding compliment, entertained the ringers to dinner. This will probably be the last peal Mr. S. H. Dearden will ring in the north for some time as he is leaving shortly to take up an appointment in Cardiff.

Those who participated in the 'William' peal which was rung non-conducted at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on May 10th, would like to express their thanks to Mr. Frederick Scott, of Slough, who sat in the belfry throughout the peal to umpire the performance. They are very glad, however, that he had nothing to say but 'Go' and 'Stand'! The band had travelled a total distance of 650 miles to participate in the peal.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

The peal of Stedman Cinques rung at Leicester Cathedral on May 12th was the 21st anniversary of the first peal on the bells, rung May 12th, 1937, which was also the coronation peal of King George VI. The composition for both peals was the same, the first being conducted by the late Harold J. Poole; and it was pleasing to the band for this one to be conducted by his daughter, Jill. Only three ringers who took part in the first peal are now members of the Cathedral Society—Harold G. Jenney and Shirley Burton ringing the same bell in both peals; the other member, Harry Broughton, is a regular service ringer, but his general health would not allow him to ring in this peal.

Mr. Neil Bennett has completed Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

By ringing the tenor to a quarter peal of Doubles at East Woodhay, Hants, on April 30th, Mr. J. Webb becomes the first ringer from this tower to ring a quarter peal.

St. Margaret's, Ipswich, bells are to be retuned and rehung. Work on them will be started by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank on May 27th.

Chepstow, Mon, bells were heard for the last time as an eight on Easter Sunday. They have now been committed to the care of the Loughborough Bell Foundry, where they will be retuned and augmented to ten. 'They're all yours, Paul—look after them,' writes our correspondent.

Mr. T. Jeanes, of Taunton, went to Huish Episcopi on May 10th to hear a peal attempt of Plain Bob Major on the bells of his native village. The band, which had travelled many miles, arrived one short. The 69-year-old veteran obligingly rang the treble and the peal was scored. The first quarter of Major on these bells was rung on April 23rd, 1937, just after the bells were augmented.

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FIVE PEALS IN FIVE TOWERS IN A DAY

FOUR ringers with recent long peal experiences totalling 146,000 changes were only too pleased to accept Geoffrey Dodds' invitation to establish a new record—that of ringing five peals in five different towers in one day, the attempt to take place on April 26th.

On Friday evening at least one person was probably worrying what had happened when the chauffeur was delayed 50 minutes by dense London traffic, but calm was soon established when he and Robin arrived, and before leaving Dorking for Newbury we enjoyed another slight delay—Mrs. Cannon's charming hospitality being much appreciated. Soon we were making all possible haste along the North Downs, a drizzle limiting speed and turning the woods into a dark, damp enclosing curtain, until the beacon light from Geoff's cottage window was thankfully seen. After a welcome and cheerful supper, accompanied by the usual badinage, we realised that the time was approaching 1 a.m., and as we planned to leave at 3 a.m. three of the party scorned two hours sleep and continued talking—no prizes for successful guesses!

Longparish Church was reached at 3.45 a.m., and two minutes later we heard Ralph's motor-cycle enter the village, a remarkable piece of timing after a ride from Croydon. The first peal passed without incident save that the conductor's voice took on the strange muted quality of the fully-muffled bells—a doubly rare experience! The prearranged breakfast was quickly despatched and we arrived at Barton Stacey behind schedule, catching up with a peal rung as fast as the low ropes would permit, the almost machine-like striking evoking hushed comment by the tenor king. Another fast peal was rung at Wonston, on bells which require much effort to strike properly, and then, thankfully—lunch!

At Overton we met Reg Rex at the 'normal' time of 3 p.m. and much enjoyed the change to a peal of Major, the resulting physical and mental relaxation confirming Derek Jones's letter in the previous day's 'R.W.', and giving us renewed enthusiasm for the last attempt. This took place at Deane, Robin saying en route that these were easy bells to ring. However, several of the bells were very slow striking and much care was needed to produce the desired standard of striking. We learnt that the clappers had been recently rebushed—perhaps these were still tight?

On Sunday the church of Husbome Priors was visited for another ring on bells which had their first peal for 45 years quite recently. The tenor here is a real 'dunce's bell,' the rope coming down right in the corner, such that one faces the corner to ring it! In the afternoon another peal was rung at Thruxton, these very musical bells being a sheer delight to ring—a fine conclusion to our weekend's ringing.

At tea in Andover it was congratulations and thanks all round—to our conductor, to Geoff for his excellent arrangements, to Philip for being our chauffeur, to Trevor for his honesty in saying that he ought to attempt only three peals (he was recovering from a heavy cold), to Bill Deason for being an able first reserve, and to Reg Rex for enabling us to ring Major at Overton. 'CALLIGRAPH.'

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The meeting of the Tonbridge District, at St. Peter's, Hever, on May 3rd, enabled the Rector (Rev. J. B. Collins) to hear his bells for the first time since his arrival in the parish six months ago. He gave a cordial welcome to the Association, conducted the service and later joined in ringing.

The bells are badly in need of restoration, and advice was given to the Rector on steps to this end. Two of the younger members—Eric and Stanley—spent the morning oiling, etc., in preparation for the visit.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION'S SECRETARY MARRIED



On Saturday, May 3rd, Mr. J. W. V. Sinfield and Miss June E. Gladman were married at Luton Parish Church. The bridegroom is the well-known general secretary of the Bedfordshire Association of Change Ringers, and the bride is on the Luton District committee of that Association.

Canon W. Davison (Vicar of Luton) officiated at a most impressive ceremony in this ancient and beautiful church, where the bride learned to ring some eight years ago.

The chief bridesmaid was Miss Cynthia Horsley and the matron-of-honour was Mrs. Enid Scott, who was initiated into the mysteries of change-ringing at the same time as the bride. The other two bridesmaids, Miss Josephine Hawkins and Miss Susan Oliver, are also Luton Parish Church ringers, and the tiny attendants were Bridge Sinfield (cousin of the bridegroom) and Susan Walters (cousin of the bride).

At the conclusion of the service the splendid ring of ten bells was set going to a touch of Stedman Caters, and later in the day a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung in honour of the occasion.

Among the many friends present in church was Mr. A. King, to whom this happy day must have brought back memories of 65 years ago! The reception was at the George Hotel and about 100 guests were present. The best wishes of a wide circle of ringing friends are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Sinfield for their happiness in the years that lie ahead.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Will the conductor of the peal at Starston on April 28th please forward the method rung? (No address with copy.)

Mr. Terry Haines has been informed that the committee of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild has recognised the peal at Newnham (see page 669, October 5th, 1957) as a true peal.

All Odd Fellows ringers will receive a warm welcome at St. John's Church, Blackpool, on Sunday, June 1st, at 10 a.m. for the special service in connection with the A.M.C.

We regret to learn of the death on May 7th of Mr. T. G. Macdougall, who had a fatal stroke while in the belfry of St. Andrew's, Horncchurch. He was aged 81 years. A memoir will appear in our next issue.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

UPWARDS of 50 members and friends attended the meeting held at Cambridge on May 3rd. Met by members of the Cambridge Youths and Cambridge University Guild, the London train party was escorted to the city centre where ringing took place on the new eight at Great St. Andrew's, whilst others enjoyed ringing at St. Bene't's, this having been the home tower of one to whom the Ancient Society will always be indebted—Fabian Stedman.

During lunch at the Dorothy, Sidney Street, Canon Woodard, of Great St. Andrew's, speaking on behalf of the Ely Diocesan Association, welcomed the Society to Cambridge, and hoped the meeting would be a successful and happy one. Canon Woodard also extended good wishes to the Master (Dr. P. A. F. Chalk) on his forthcoming marriage, wishing him and his bride all good fortune.

The Master thanked Canon Woodard for his personal good wishes, and on behalf of the Society thanked the Cambridge members for their hospitality, particularly Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ridgman and Dr. C. M. P. Johnson for the excellent arrangements made.

In the afternoon Cinques and Maximus were rung at St. Mary-the-Great and a short business meeting followed in St. Andrew's Church Hall. The last tower was that of the R.C. Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, where the ringing was worthy of the majestic bells.

The programme allowed time for leisurely strolls through the sunlit streets, and many visitors took the opportunity of 'umpiring' the ringing in the delightful settings of the college grounds.

It was particularly pleasing to see members present from as far afield as North Lincolnshire, Derby and Coventry, and this, with the warmth of welcome received from the goodly number of local members present, combined to make a most enjoyable and memorable meeting. J. C.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

The Parish Church of St. Nicolas, King's Norton, was the venue of the quarterly meeting held on April 26th, and ringing on the pleasant ring of ten bells was enjoyed by about 40 ringers. The Guild's form of service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. G. Ashford), who welcomed the members and afterwards joined them at the excellent tea, kindly prepared by ringers' wives and helpers.

Before commencing the business meeting, the Master (Mr. F. E. Haynes) referred to the passing of Frank E. Pervin, who had rung many peals for the Guild and was a ringer of sterling qualities. The members stood in silence.

Two new members were elected—Miss Judy Robinson and Mr. J. K. Foot—both from Shirley Parish Church; and the life membership of Mr. Alan J. Frost, of Kettering, was ratified.

The principal business was to discuss the decline in attendance at the Henry Johnson commemoration dinner, and to decide whether it should be held next year. Arising from a lengthy discussion, one of the chief reasons suggested to account for the smaller attendances was the increase in the number of Associations who now hold their own annual dinners. The general opinion was that the commemoration should be held on a smaller scale by restricting numbers and by increasing the cost of the tickets, if necessary, to avoid sustaining a loss. The meeting was against any attempt to popularise this function by the provision of an elaborate entertainment.

The next meeting will be held on July 5th at Northfield.

The Master welcomed several visitors to the meeting, including Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, Mr. J. S. Mason and Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard, of South Africa.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AT DINNER

MR. LEWIS COCKEY'S CANADIAN IMPRESSIONS

A MOST enjoyable dinner and social evening was held by the London County Association on April 19th. The venue was The Victoria, Buckingham Palace Road. Excellent entertainment of high quality was provided by the Domenica Quartet of madrigal singers. The singing was divided into three groups, interspersed with speeches and handbell ringing.

Mr. T. H. Taffender, I.S.O., general Master of the Association, occupied the chair. Mr. H. W. Rogers was toastmaster, and the toasts were by Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, Mrs. O. L. Rogers, Mr. F. J. Cullum and Mr. J. A. Hales.

Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, in proposing the toast of 'The Church and the Ringing Exercise,' mentioned the real joy at being again with ringing friends in London, on his return after 24 years in Winnipeg, and after travelling about 9,000 miles. He and his wife had so very much appreciated the many kindly letters and messages so often received, which meant much to them both.

It was hard to express how greatly one missed the music of the ringing bells in Winnipeg. Bells there were plenty, but only of the chiming variety. The nearest ringing bells were at Quebec, about 1,300 miles, and at Victoria, about 2,000 miles distant. He had, in fact, received a kind letter from Mr. Izzard at Victoria, inviting him to have a ring with them, and had he remained longer in Winnipeg would probably have made the journey. His stay in Winnipeg had, he felt, been really worth while, and had been a wonderful experience in broadening his mind and in getting a more realistic impression of matters outside the Old Country.

CANADA'S LOYALTY

He had been greatly impressed by the cheerful friendliness and kindness of Canadians, and in particular of the members of the Anglican Church of Canada. There was a great loyalty to the monarchy, but it was stressed that the monarch was 'Queen of Canada.' One noted that in every public building, large and small, such as schools, post offices and the like, was a portrait of the Queen in a prominent place, and one he particularly noted was a large portrait in a Ukrainian church hall. The Union Jack was everywhere, including churches and schools.

As to the Anglican Church, he became a member of the congregation of the beautiful Metropolitan Cathedral of St. John-the-Evangelist, Winnipeg, the seat of the Primacy, and had met the Archbishop of Rupert's Land, the Primate, on several occasions—a very impressive man, who had control of the Church from Vancouver to Newfoundland, a distance of over 5,000 miles. The Dean of Rupert's Land, too, was a very brilliant preacher, and the congregation generally had shown great kindness to Mrs. Cockey during her recent severe illness, and it was with great regret that one parted from all these kindly people.

THE FUTURE DARK

In proposing the toast of 'The Church,' he wondered sometimes what was really meant by this. The Anglican Communion first, of course, but should not one really include 'the whole of Christ's Church militant here on earth'?

especially in view of the grim and foreboding dangers ahead.

'In the meantime, the future is dark. In the near East, the hosts of Islam, cruel and savage, with an undying hatred of the Cross, are gathering, backed by the evil hosts of militant atheism from Russia; and one wonders, sometimes, if the Church may yet have to fight another and greater Crusade, culminating in Armageddon, before the way is clear. The Christian Church, therefore, will need all its firmness, unity and strength to face these evil things, and it may well be centuries before the hosts of the East are brought into the fold; but in the end, the Cross will eclipse the Crescent, and we shall be in sight of the Millennium.'

As to the ringing Exercise, he could not say much that was new, but could only stress the goodwill and friendliness that he had received from Scotland in the north to London and the south, and the real pleasure that it was to be in ringing circles once more.

AVOID CLASH OF LONDON MEETINGS

A sincere and well received toast to 'Kindred Societies' was proposed by Mrs. O. S. Rogers, who commenced by welcoming Mr. and Mrs. Cullum. As the guest of honour, Mr. Cullum was requested to convey the Association's very best wishes to the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, of which he was again Master this year. Regrets were expressed at the non-attendance of Dr. P. A. F. Chalk, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Dr. Chalk had accepted an invitation to attend, but had later had to turn it down as a result of his duties at the London Hospital. Mrs. Rogers requested any member of the Ancient Society present to convey the good wishes of the L.C.A. to the next meeting.

Mrs. Rogers appealed for greater collaboration and more fraternisation between the various ringing Societies operating in the London area. In this area, probably more than any other, most ringers were members of more than one Society or Association. Normally, and rightly so, each ringer owed greater allegiance to one Association than the others, but nevertheless liked to attend meetings of the other Associations. This was not made easy for him as frequently two or three meetings in London were on the same day.

As a practical proposal for dealing with this overlapping she suggested that the secretaries of the Associations concerned met once each year, to discuss arrangements which would generally avoid clashing and enable ringers to attend any of the meetings without feeling that they should be elsewhere. The L.C.A. would co-operate fully and would be happy to provide a central meeting place.

As to individual ringers, Mrs. Rogers asked: 'Do we ring for ourselves, for what we can get out of it, or as a service to God, to call His people to worship? We are all equal in His eyes, providing we are doing our work sincerely and well, so it matters not whether we ring at a great cathedral or a small parish church; whether we stand on the largest tenor box or just on the floor. As we are all performing the same service to God and His Church, why not resolve to be equal in each other's eyes and so rub smoothly with our fellow ringers?'

JOINT MEETINGS

Last year the Association held a most successful joint meeting with the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, and looked forward to many more and similarly with other kindred Societies.

In his reply, Mr. Cullum stressed the favour with which he viewed joint meetings, in fact, arrangements were well ahead for one between his Society and the Ancient Society of College Youths.

It being the wish of senior members to take wine with the Master, Mr. J. A. Hales preceded this with a very able and extemporary speech. In this he referred to days and incidents which occurred before many of those present were born, and to towers which were now non-existent, in which he had rung peals with Mr. T. H. Taffender.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

The lovely little village of Polstead, set in beautiful Suffolk countryside and renowned for its cherry orchards and Maria Marten murder, attracted a record attendance of over 60 ringers to the meeting there on May 10th. It was a very fine day and those who were not in the tower ringing were able to go out into the churchyard either to talk or to ring handbells.

An inspiring service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. P. H. Biddlecombe), himself a call-change ringer, and the lesson was read by one of the Polstead ringers. A collection was taken for the Church Heating Fund.

An excellent tea was served in the Village Hall by the ringers' wives and friends. The Rector was elected chairman for the business meeting. Mrs. J. O. Bailey, of Stratford St. Mary, was made a ringing member and the Rev. P. H. Biddlecombe an honorary member of the Guild.

It was decided to hold evening practice meetings at Clare on May 31st and at Long Melford on June 28th. The next quarterly meeting, subject to permission, will be held at Kedington on July 26th.

The bells at both Polstead and Assington were rung during the evening, and a small party went down to inspect the bells at Boxford which have not been rung for many years. R. S.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

The A.G.M. of the University of Bristol Society was held on May 6th. It was decided to hold the Society Corporate Communion at St. Michael's on June 8th at 8 a.m.

The Society's best wishes for the future were extended to the many members going down this year, and Mr. Michael Sprackling made a short speech of farewell on their behalf. A vote of thanks was expressed to Mr. David Heighton for his year's hard work as Master after he had declined to stand for the office for a further period.

The following officers were elected for the next session: Master, P. J. Bird, secretary, B. J. Wyld, tower secretary, R. Blackler, treasurer, Miss J. Cook. A first year representative remains to be elected, and enquiries from intending students would be welcomed by the Secretary, Society of Change Ringers, c/o Victoria Rooms, Clifton, Bristol, 8.

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CARTER'S ODD BOB PEAL

Dear Sir,—If I may again join in the correspondence about Carter's Odd Bob peal of Stedman Triples, which has been going on during the past few months, and at the same time correct Mr. Brian Buswell's letter which appeared on January 10th, I think I can answer Mr. Donald Boreham's query concerning the ringing of that composition in December, 1903.

The composition was first published, in what has come to be considered a simplified form, in 'The Bell News' of December 24th, 1898: John Carter himself, whose abilities as a practical ringer perhaps tend to be overlooked, calling it the first time it was rung. As Mr. Buswell said, the other version, usually described as the Odd Bob One-part, appeared on October 18th, 1902, both on tower- and handbells; it will thus be seen that the version which is given in 'Stedman' appeared before, not after, the 'One-part.' The latter was next rung at Bishops-wearmouth on December 1st, 1902, conducted by W. T. Robson, and it was also rung at Erith on February 8th, 1903, conducted by W. Pye, so that it had been accomplished at least four times before the achievement of the local band at Hughenden.

I sometimes wonder whether the 'simplified' version, which I felt rather pleased at calling ten years ago, is really any easier to call than the other. Easier to learn, yes, because of its greater regularity, but both peals contain the same number of calls (420), and the various different types of course are alike in both peals. The people who are really to be admired, of course, are those who can conduct peals of this nature from a non-observation bell, something I, for one, would never hope to do.—Yours faithfully,
E. A. BARNETT.

A MAIDEN TOWER

Dear Sir,—The ring of six bells of St. Peter's Church, Bratton Fleming, near Barnstaple, were rehung in a new cast-iron H frame by John Taylor and Co. in December, 1956. Particulars of this grand ring are:—

Treble: 5 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in D, Mears and Stainbank, 1895.

Second: 6 cwt. 6 lb. in C, Thos. Mears, 1792; recast by John Taylor and Co., 1956.

Third: 7 cwt. 2 qr. in B flat, Thos. Mears, 1792.

Fourth: 8 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in A, Mears and Stainbank, 1895.

Fifth: 10 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in G, Thos. Mears, 1792; recast by John Taylor and Co., 1956.

Tenor: 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F, Thos. Mears, 1792; recast by John Taylor and Co., 1956.

Bands wishing to visit this tower must apply to Mr. F. G. Bale, Glendale, Bratton Fleming, near Barnstaple. The practice night is Monday at 8, and visitors are welcome. A peal has never been rung on these bells, and I personally would like to see Bratton Fleming tower 'put on the map'.—Yours faithfully,
G. L. TRIBE.

Bratton Fleming, N. Devon.

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL'S NEW MASTER

Dear Sir,—At the close of a recent excellent broadcast of the bells of Liverpool Cathedral, the retiring Ringing Master thanked the Cathedral bell-ringers for their help during the difficult days when the ringing of the bells was subject to the completion of the building of the tower.

It was with pleasure that the new Ringing Master's invitation to stay on in the band was accepted. When these great bells are next rung, for the Whitsun Festival, Mr. Joseph Ridyard, South West Lancashire's popular C.C. representative, will be in command.—Yours, etc.,
ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS,
retiring Master.

GOATHURST'S RULES

Dear Sir,—The following lines were taken from a belfry card at Goathurst, Somerset (on a visit mentioned in the 'R.W.' on May 2nd: 'Ringing and Skittles'). I have 'modernised' the spelling but it appears to be as interesting a set of rules as any I've seen printed, and may therefore interest our fraternity. I do not know the date.—Yours, etc.,
J. H. GILBERT.

'VERSES' FOUND IN GOATHURST TOWER

Let awful silence first proclaimed be
And praises given to the Trinity.
Then Love and Honour pay unto our King.
Thus with a blessing raise the cheerful ring.
Hark how the chirping treble sings it clear
And covering Tom comes rolling in the rear.
Now up on end at stay and let us see
What laws are best to keep sobriety.

Who swears or curses, or in angry mood
Quarrels or strikes, although he draw no blood,
Who wears his hat or spurs or turns a bell
Or by unskilful handling mars a peal,
Let him pay sixpence for each single crime,
'Twill make him cautious 'gainst another time.
But if the Sexton's fault an hindrance be
We call from him a double penalty.

Who doth our Parson disrespect
Or Warden's orders any time neglect.
Let him be held in foul disgrace
And ever after banished from this place.
Now round lets go with pleasure to the ear
And pierce with pleasing sound the yielding air.
And when the bells are ceased then let us sing
God save the Church, God bless the King.

CHURCHWARDEN RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I would suggest that all those concerned in the controversy of churchwardens, bells and ringers should consider the example of Messrs Percy Williams and Stanley Seymour, both wardens of St. Euny's, Redruth.

These two gentlemen have both held office as tower captain, and as serving wardens they today combine those offices with offices of captain and vice-captain of the tower. For many years before the war this combination of offices—warden and captain or warden and vice-captain—was held, I believe, in the same tower by the late W. H. Cornelius.

If the history of one tower can demonstrate this integration of warden and ringer for long periods with the complete accord of the rector of the parish, why is it necessary that the situation of warden against ringer be tolerated either by the people, the incumbent or diocesan authority?—Yours sincerely,
E. V. WILLIAMS.

Stoke Newington, London.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

After a lapse of 27 years the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford held a meeting at All Saints' Church, West Bromwich, on May 10th. One would hardly expect a large attendance at a Black Country town on a fine Saturday afternoon in May, and it was therefore a pleasant surprise for the Society's officials when some 85 ringers and friends turned up. A bright, fully choral service, conducted by the Vicar (Preb. N. W. Watson), a bountiful tea at a most reasonable price, and plenty of ringing on good bells to suit all tastes were features which contributed to the success of this meeting, and Messrs. A. Mills and G. W. Peart and their helpers are deserving of special thanks for their excellent arrangements.

The next meeting of the Society will be the 'annual' at Lichfield on June 21st.

HANDBELLS AS AN AID TO TEACHING CHANGE RINGING

By NORMAN CHADDOCK

(1) Give one of a set of three handbells (preferably the treble) to the pupil. The instructor takes the other two. Ring the bells UP (hand-stroke) in order down the scale (1, 2, 3) then down (backstroke) in order (1, 2, 3) until the pupil can strike the bell fairly well, realising he is in first place.

Now let the pupil ring a few whole pulls in seconds place (still ringing treble), next a few blows in thirds place (bells ringing in the order 2, 3, 1). The pupil can now hear and *perhaps* see his bell striking in 1st, 2nd or 3rd place as the case may be.

Explain to the pupil that instead of ringing a lot of blows in the same place, you want him to ring just one blow in 2nds, two in 3rds, 1 in 2nds, 2 in 1sts, after ringing up and down once in 1sts place (i.e., whole pull and 'go'). In this way the pupil will quickly learn 'plain hunt' on three bells by ear.

(2) The instructor now brings in another ringer and another bell and, giving the pupil the treble, once more explains that he must now ring in the following places: 1st, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 4th, 3rd, 2nd, 1st, 1st, etc., also explaining that this work is known as 'plain hunting.' To help the pupil at first, the instructor may have to count aloud as the bells ring, 123, 123 (or 1234, 1234, 1234, etc.). The pupil will be able to ring treble to Bob Minimus in a few minutes in this way.

(3) Bring in additional bells and ringers, and progress in this way to plain hunt on five, then six bells, then introduce him to Plain Bob Minor. After a little practice the counting aloud by the instructor may be omitted except when a trip appears to be imminent. At first the pupil learns the inside work by the places he strikes in, viz.: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6, 5, 4, 3, 4, 3, 2, 1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 1, etc., and rings purely by listening. Later he is encouraged to ring by sight as well and also learn places where treble is met up and down.

Advantages of this use of handbells are:—

(a) Training in listening to one's own and all the other bells, leading to better striking.
(b) Counting one's place becomes automatic and causes less trouble than is often the case when tower bell ringing is attempted.
(c) The instructor finds out before wasting time and risking jangling tower bells whether the pupil knows the method sufficiently well to warrant him being given a turn on a tower bell, i.e., no method ringing on tower bells until the pupil has proved on handbells his willingness to learn the method.

(4) To help the pupil to count and hear all the bells it is a good idea at first for all the ringers to count aloud the place in which their bell is ringing, and even if the pupil fails at first to hear so many bells ring, he will hear the numbers called out so that if he is due to ring in 4ths, he will after hearing another ringer say 3rd (or 3) ring his bell and shout '4th' or '4.'

Six complete novices will ring plain hunt on six in this way almost at once.

The next step is for the tutor only to count aloud, and then for no one to count aloud.

Use of handbells in this way lightens an evening's practice on lashed bells and can fill in usefully many an odd minute or two. As the pupils will become quite adept in the use of handbells, new methods may be rung on handbells before being practised on tower bells. The pupil's interest is also greatly stimulated by being able to ring interesting methods on handbells by the time he can master plain hunt on tower bells.

NOTE.—In the above the pupil is referred to as 'he': as often as not it is 'she'; but that does not make the practice any less successful.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Out Of Order Bells To Be Minuted

ON Saturday, May 3rd, the Norwich Diocesan Association met in Norwich for their annual meeting, some 120 members and visitors attending.

The service, held in St. Peter Mancroft Church, was conducted by the Vicar (Canon John Waddington), assisted by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, and the lesson being read by Miss D. E. Lidbetter. The sermon was preached by the Rev. R. G. E. Dodson (Rector of Gressenhall), chairman of the Western Branch. In his address he stressed the importance of ringers being practising Christians, as well as ringers. He suggested that all annual meetings should consider the restoration of bells which were out of order. This would ensure that it would appear in the minutes of the Church Council; ringers should play an active part in this and support the Church in every way. Much could be done with little expense, such as cleaning bell chambers and belfries. Furthermore, he could see no future for bellringing unless the young people in the Church were encouraged to ring. If this was done every church with a ring of bells would have its own service band, which would be to the ultimate good of the Church and of the Exercise.

A hearty welcome was given to the Vergers' Guild, who took part in the service.

Tea, arranged by the local ringers' wives, and the business meeting which followed were held in the Chantry Hall.

The proceedings were overshadowed by the absence of the president (Rev. H. G. Lillingston), owing to health reasons. The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (vice-president) took the chair and opened the meeting with prayers. The company was asked to stand for a moment's silence in memory of brother ringers who had passed on to higher service during the past year.

PRESIDENT'S RESIGNATION

The general secretary read a letter from the president, saying how distressed he was that he was unable to attend the annual meeting. In tendering his resignation of office he said he felt compelled to give up being president through lack of time to carry out the duties as he felt he should do, and for health reasons. He expressed his pride in the honour that the Association had done in allowing him to act as president for the past three years, and his sincere gratitude to all members for their help and co-operation, and above all, their friendship. He concluded his letter with: 'May God continue to bless you all, and the great work you are doing for Him.' The chairman proposed that a letter should be sent to the Rev. H. G. Lillingston, thanking him for his past services, and with the best wishes of the members for a quick recovery to health and strength. He spoke of the great work that the president had done, being a leader in every sense of the word. The proposal was passed with acclamation.

The annual report records that 1957 was the 80th anniversary of the Association, and recalls the names of some of the great personalities who helped to build the foundations of the present-day organisation: the Rev. C. L. Kenanway, Canon J. J. Raven, the Rev. Earle Bulwer, Arthur Coleman, George P. Burton, Chas. E. Borrett—to mention a few whose influence was felt throughout the Exercise.

200 NEW MEMBERS

Present-day members were keeping the Association in the forefront of the ringing world, as witness the recruitment of approximately 200 new members during the last three years, and a total of 356 over that period. Membership had risen to a record total of 487 at the end of the year. Four new companies had joined the

Association, and many new bands were being trained at various towers in the diocese.

A new ring of six had been dedicated at Saxthorpe, believed to be the second lightest ring of six hung in any tower, tenor weighing 2 cwt. 94 lb. in E. Restorations were completed at Dereham, North Creake and Yaxham. A new treble had been added at Yaxham, given by Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Gogle in memory of their parents. On the other side of the picture, at St. Mary's, Thetford, the five bells had been taken down (three are in London to be sold, two are going to another church, and the remaining one is to be rehung in the tower). At Wood Dalling the bells had been lowered for safety.

The Ringing Master (Mr. H. W. Barrett) reported the record total of 142 peals rung during the year, with 193 members taking part and 34 conductors. At all meetings he had attended the standard of ringing had been good, and many of the clergy had remarked how pleased they were to see so many young ringers. Mr. Barrett said that there were approximately 500 members, and he could see no reason why this number should not be considerably increased. This could be done by each one of the members finding and training at least one new boy or girl. He congratulated Mr. H. W. Lidbetter, of Acle, on ringing a peal on his 85th birthday.

The accounts showed an excess of income over expenditure of £8 18s. 8d. This is lower than 1956, but is accounted for by the increased cost of printing reports and the purchase of a further gross of Association badges. The general fund account stands at £199 4s. 9d. and the belfry repair fund at £106 11s. 2d.

The meeting passed on to the election of officers.

MR. NOLAN GOLDEN NEW PRESIDENT

Mr. F. Nolan Golden was elected president. Mr. Golden, in thanking the members, said how proud he was of the honour they had done him. Elected a member in 1924, Mr. Golden has held every office in the Association, with the exception of auditor: Branch secretary, South Branch 1929-36, North Branch 1935-36; general secretary 1937-40, Ringing Master 1945-54, elected vice-president 1956, Central Council representative since 1945, serving on the Methods Committee; has rung over 1,000 peals. No one deserves this honour more, and his fellow members wish him a happy and successful term of office.

All other officers were re-elected en bloc, with the addition of the Rev. H. G. Lillingston as a vice-president.

A proposal for alteration to rules—to include the publishing of quarter peals in the annual report—was defeated. The deciding factor in this is the rising cost of printing. Notice of motion was given for alteration to Rule 6—'To delete General Secretary, and insert Branch Secretary.'

Votes of thanks were passed to all who had made this a happy and successful meeting.

The most striking fact of the meeting was the large attendance of young ringers, which augurs well for the future prosperity of the Association.

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ST. MARGARET'S, LEICESTER, RINGERS' OUTING

Each year we say: 'This was the best yet!': and of our outing this year we can repeat this quite confidently, thanks to the co-operation of good friends at the towers visited. Our party of about 40 comprised ringers and friends from All Saints' and St. John's, Leicester, Wigston Magna and South Wigston.

We arrived at Luton in time for some nice touches before a wedding at 11 o'clock. It was here noted that the verger emeritus took particular notice of this wedding because he thought he might learn something! Then on to Waltham Abbey where the 12 bells were rung to a good course of Maximus, Caters, and a course of Bristol on the back eight, in which one of the young local enthusiasts got his first touch in the method. We were delighted to meet Mrs. C. W. Roberts, organiser of the visit.

A quick run to St. Albans, where Mr. Arnold welcomed us and guided us up the long spiral, through the clerestory passages, then up again to the curious ringing room, where huge beams obscure the view of several ringers. Despite these difficulties we managed a bob course of Grandsire Cinques, a touch of Stedman Cinques, Cambridge Royal, and a beautifully-struck course of Bristol ended a pleasant visit. Then a walk to St. Peter's, where Mr. Johnson welcomed us to this finely-appointed belfry with its grand ten. Good use was made of the opportunity to ring here, and a course of Yorkshire ended what was originally our intended day. But after a good tea it was felt we were still capable of further efforts, so we called at Woburn, where Mr., Mrs. and Miss Spavins most kindly welcomed us and readily consented to allow us half-an-hour before another party came for an hour. The grand eight were made good use of till the arrival of friends from Rushden and Irthlingborough. It was a pleasure and honour to ring a touch of Stedman with a mixed band of both parties, who specially requested that 'Uncle Ernest' should call it!

On the way home a call at a local was made at Creeton, Northants, and it was observed that Ernest unobtrusively crept in and came out with a pint of shandy and a packet of crisps, much to the astonishment of some of the younger element, who threatened to tell 'Auntie Beatie' all about it! Then Sid Harrison, who with his handbells had enlivened the journey in the bus, got going with gusto and the local folk loved it.

We arrived home safe at midnight, and what Beatie said to Ernest as he crept in softly cannot be printed! Our thanks are due to all those who helped make this outing one of real happiness and pleasure.

JOINT MEETING AT WORKSOP PRIORY

Perhaps the unusual privilege of being allowed the use of Worksop Priory bells for a ringing meeting attracted the large number of ringers to the joint meeting of the North Notts District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild and the Chesterfield District of the Derbyshire Association held at this tower on May 10th. Between 60 and 70 ringers attended from 12 towers.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., competing successfully with both the band playing for the street pageant held on behalf of the League of Hospital Friends and the pleasure fair in a nearby recreation ground. Mr. Cyril Wright was in charge of the ringing, which continued in various methods until 7.30 p.m. Methods rung included Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich Court Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Little Bob Major, Kent and Oxford T.B. Major, Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise Major. One of the visitors was Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, convener of the 'Ringing World' Committee.

After the meeting, 16 of the company visited Creswell for further ringing.

M. J.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD REPORT ON RECORD YEAR

THE annual meeting of the Leicester Diocesan Guild was held in Leicester on the Saturday at the end of Easter week, as is the custom by rule. The bells of St. Margaret's, All Saints' and the Cathedral were in use from 2 p.m., and it soon became evident that there were not enough bells available to cater adequately for all the members and visitors who wished to ring. The actual standard of ringing was only moderate, as it was necessary, of course, to make sure that all people were given the opportunity to ring, especially at the 12-bell towers.

The service was held in the Cathedral and was taken by Canon F. W. Pratt, who gave an inspiring address to the hundred or more who were present.

Following the service, tea was taken in St. George's Hall in Colton Street. It was most unfortunate that some people did not find the rather complicated way to this hall but, in apologising, it must be remembered that there are very few buildings large enough in the centre of Leicester that can cope with over 100 for tea.

After the tea, the business meeting followed. The president (Mr. P. L. Taylor) was supported by the Archdeacon of Loughborough (Ven. R. B. Cole), vice-president (Mr. E. C. Turner), hon. treasurer (Mr. A. E. Rowley), hon. peal secretary (Mr. S. Burton) and hon. general secretary (Mr. B. G. Warwick). In his opening remarks the president welcomed members to the meeting and then referred to the great loss the Guild had sustained by the tragic death of one of its leading peal ringers—Mrs. H. J. Poole, and also by the death of Mr. Felix Sutton, who was an honorary life member.

Apologies for absence were received from the Bishop of Leicester, the Archdeacon of Leicester, the Provost, Canon Blackmore, Rector of Bottesford (an honorary member) and Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth. Quite a large number of visitors were present from Reigate, Stoney Stratford, Lichfield, Bedford and Aston (Birmingham). These were given a warm welcome by Mr. E. C. Turner (vice-president).

MEMBERSHIP UP

Presenting the reports, the hon. general secretary (Mr. B. G. Warwick) reported that the year 1957 was very successful from the Guild point of view. All Districts had produced increased amounts from members' subscriptions. On December 31st the membership figure stood at 625 (604 in 1956). In addition, 102 (128 in 1956) members had failed to pay their 1957 subscription. It was to be hoped that they would do so before the end of 1957 otherwise they would cease to be members. During 1957, 101 resident members, 21 non-resident, 1 rejoined and 1 honorary member were elected. This showed a pleasing increase as the comparative figures for 1956 were 55 resident and 38 non-resident.

From the peal secretary's report it was noticed that there was an increase in the number of peals rung. This was a healthy sign. It should be emphasised that in the realm of peal ringing nothing but the best would do for the Leicester Diocesan Guild, which was, without doubt, the leading Guild in the country.

The hon. treasurer (Mr. A. E. Rowley) reported that 1957 had been one of the best years from the financial point of view. The year had commenced with £32 17s. 2d.; there had been a balance on the year's working of £45 1s. 9d. which left a balance in hand of £77 18s. 11d. This had been achieved by restricting expenditure where possible, and by increasing the income from advertisements in the annual report. There was a balance in the Bell Repair Fund of £171 4s. 3d. and in the Catering Reserve Fund of £9 12s. 11d.

The peal secretary (Mr. S. Burton) stated that during 1957 191 peals had been rung, of

which 39 were on handbells. This was an increase of 19 over 1956. Outstanding performances were a peal of Tythorn Delight Major, which was rung for the first time, a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in seven methods, and a peal of Spliced Plain Major in four methods on handbells. Twenty-four people rang their first peal. 228 their first in the method, 16 their first in the method as conductor, and the conducting was shared by 37 different people. The leading conductor was the general secretary (who was the leading conductor for the country), who called 61 peals, and the leading peal ringer was Mr. J. A. Acres (who had the distinction not only of ringing 100 peals in 1957 but who was the leading peal ringer for the country).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Great interest obviously centred round the election of the president and vice-presidents. A ballot was held for the election of the president, and the result was Mr. P. L. Taylor 56 votes, Mr. P. J. Staniforth 35, and Mr. E. C. Turner 7. For the election of the vice-presidents the result was: Mr. P. J. Staniforth 81, Mr. E. C. Turner 62 and Mr. F. K. Measures 49. Mr. P. J. Staniforth and Mr. E. C. Turner were elected. The remaining officers were re-elected

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD HAS NEW OFFICERS

MR. C. W. DENYER, Ringing Master of the Farnham District, was on May 10th at Guildford elected Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers. The other nominee was Mr. Harold Pitstow, of Banstead, who is in charge of the ringing at Westminster Abbey.

The retiring Master, Mr. A. Harman, of Beare Green, who had held the office for 15 years, was in the chair, and the annual meeting of the Guild showed its appreciation of his past services by electing him a vice-president.

There was another important change of officers. Mr. G. L. Grover, of East Clandon, who had been secretary of the Guild since 1938, had resigned and also Miss W. Oliver, of Guildford, the assistant secretary. The new secretary is Mr. S. Russell, of Ash, and his assistant Miss R. Hide, of Farnham.

The retiring officers and their wives are to be guests of honour at the Guild's annual dinner to be held at the Stoke Hotel, Guildford, on October 4th.

536 ACTIVE RINGERS

The report of the executive committee gave the strength of the Guild as 536 ringing and 107 honorary. The meeting approved of the revival of the Guild's summer festival to be held at Herisham on June 14th, at which the president (the Bishop of Guildford) would preach. The report added:—

'Our Lord Bishop has an appreciative ear for good ringing, and we especially urge tower leaders to see that there is worthwhile ringing at all special services, such as confirmations and dedications at which he is present. We can assure them that their efforts, if they warrant it, will not pass without appreciation.'

The meeting stood while those members who had died during the year—Mr. Bob Whittington (Cranleigh), Mr. R. Lathbury (Walton), Mr. J. Hessey (Chertsey), Mr. L. Crocker (Chertsey), Mr. W. Denyer (Aldershot), Mr. H. Charman (Cranleigh), Mr. D. Warner (Horsell), Mr. A. J. Stedman (honorary member, Farnham) and Messrs. G. Elson and J. Elliott (former members), also the Ven. G. B. Smith—were remembered.

en bloc. The committee would like to thank Mr. B. Cracknell, of Reigate, and Miss Joan Beresford, of Lichfield, for their work in acting as tellers.

The next quarterly meeting would be held at Kibworth on July 12th. The annual dinner would be held in the Co-op Café, High Street, Leicester, on November 1st at 7 p.m. Tickets would soon be available, price 11s.

The committee had decided that Mr. F. K. Measures should be the Guild Ringing Master, whose duties would be to arrange and control the ringing on general meeting days.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The monthly meeting of East Hertfordshire's bell-ringers was held at Much Hadham on May 10th. About 16 members sat down to tea at the Red Lion Hotel, and attended the business meeting which followed. Several more members put in their appearance after this, at the evening ringing. St. Andrew's Church has a light ring of eight (tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.) with a long draught of rope of about 80 feet. The ringing, however, was on the whole quite good, and touches of Bob Minor, Grandshire Triples, Stedman Triples, Cambridge Major and Kent Treble Bob were rung. J. D. W.

Mr. C. W. Denyer said the family of the late Mr. W. Denyer were erecting to him a memorial tablet in the ringing chamber of Aldershot Parish Church. Later there would be the gift of a paten and chalice to the church where he was a communicant. Friends were invited to be associated with the latter gift.

PEAL RINGING DROP

Major E. J. Bragg (Aldershot), peal recorder, reported that only 21 peals had been rung during 1957, 13 fewer than the previous year, but the number of ringers taking part went up to 97. There were 18 different conductors.

Since the formation of the Guild 919 peals had been rung. Of these Mr. A. H. Pulling had conducted 334. [Applause.] He was one of the greatest ringers of all time, with nearly 1,500 peals to his credit.

Major Bragg regretted the ringing of a non-Association peal at Chiddingfold. On behalf of the Guild he asked captains of towers to urge their incumbents that permission to attempt peals should only be granted to people who had the good of the Exercise and the Church at heart.

MERROW CONGRATULATED

Mr. Pulling congratulated the young Merrow ringers, two or three of whom recently scored their first peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. He urged them to ring local peals, and added: 'You can ring hundreds of peals, but there is nothing like a local band ringing a peal, and it is far better than any Surprise peal.'

The following new members were elected: Michael Weston (Cranleigh), junior member, the Rev. J. F. Bowen and Messrs. G. Chapman (Aldershot), B. Tebenham, T. Phillips, J. Reed, P. Parfree and Miss M. Nursey (Albury), Mr. John Griffiths (West Clandon). Mr. Roger Keeley and Miss M. Beamish were elected compounding members.

A motion to limit the period of the Master in office to not more than three consecutive years from the Leatherhead District was defeated. Another that the annual meeting should be held on a fixed date was carried.

The service was held in St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Rev. C. Marshall, at which the preacher was the Rev. Eric Woods, both of whom come from Leatherhead and are ringers.

OBITUARY

MR. T. A. KING

We regret to report the death of Mr. Thomas Alfred King at Shipley, Yorks, on May 1st, aged 89 years.

He was brought up as a ringer at Lavenham, Suffolk, under the late Arthur Symonds. He rang his peals for the Ely Diocesan Association with Samuel Slater, and it was with pleasure that he used to talk about the peal of Grandsire Caters which he conducted at the Norman tower in Bury St. Edmunds. He was a good and safe conductor in all he did; another record of his was calling Holt's Original at Lavenham on the famous Miles Graye tenor.

Before leaving Lavenham for Shipley, Yorkshire, on December 31st, 1906, his last peal there was one of Bob Major on December 1st, 1906, which was the first for E.H.S. and S.H.S. Joining the Yorkshire Association, he was always willing to help with service ringing.

On May 6th, at Bradford Cathedral, a quarter peal of Minor was rung to his memory, and also in memoriam Mr. F. Davison, of Idle Parish Church. Those taking part were S. B. Schofield (10) 1, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 2, S. G. Schofield 3, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 4, A. Ashton 5, H. B. Schofield 6, F. Raymond tenor covering. E. H. S.

MR. ALFRED UPEX

It is with regret we announce the death of Mr. Alfred Upey, of Warmington, on May 1st.

Mr. Upey joined the ringers 63 years ago when he left the choir on his voice breaking. He was a member of the Oundle first Deanery Association and later a member of the Oundle Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. Until a few years ago he was a regular attendant at every meeting. He had taught many young ringers, including his own two sons.

A half-muffled quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung to his memory at Warmington on May 6th by W. L. Ferrar 1, A. B. Clarke 2, Mrs. P. E. Clarke 3, G. Jeffs (conductor) 4, A. C. Wills 5, P. Stretton 6.

MR. FRANK WHEELER

All Saints' Church, Faringdon, Berks, has lost its oldest bell-ringer by the death of Mr. Frank Wheeler, which occurred at his home in Southampton Street, Faringdon, on May 7th, at the age of 77 years.

Frank ('Dusty'), as he was known to all his fellow ringers) was the instigator of change-ringing to Faringdon tower 40 years ago, as previously it had only a call-change band. He was a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and also the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

He started to learn to ring at the age of 11 and kept keen interest in it up to his death. Though he had not been able to ring himself since Christmas Day, he was always around to give advice to others.

A saw doctor by occupation, he was working until a few weeks ago. The widow shares her bereavement with two sons and a daughter.

The funeral took place at All Saints' Church, Faringdon, on May 10th, and was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. H. G. Davey). At Frank's request, he was carried by four of his fellow ringers—Messrs. D. Vincent, J. Strawford, F. H. Whipp and C. R. Miles. Other ringers present were Mr. C. I. J. Pearce (foreman of the Faringdon tower and V.W.H. Branch Ringing Master), Mr. J. Belcher, Mr. H. Taylor, Mr. E. Cadle, Mrs. Vincent, Mrs. Kinch, Mr. R. F. J. Gillling (secretary of the V.W.H. Branch), Miss M. Cross (the general secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Mr. J. Moore and Mr. M. Walker.

In the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung half-muffled with 4, 6, 8 covering by M. Edney 1, N. Leslie 2, J. Strawford 3, J. Hutt 4, D. Leslie 5, J. Moore (first quarter) 6, C. I. J. Pearce (conductor) 7, D. F. Vincent 8.

WELSH RESTORATION



PORTHKERRY CHURCH

[By courtesy of 'Barry and District News']

Weathering of the stonework of Porthkerry Church (Glamorgan) had reached the stage where it was considered advisable to take down and rebuild the parapet. The ivy, picturesque but deadly, was cut down a few years ago, but as the stonework of the parapet is being removed the roots can be seen.

The church, which holds about 80 people, overlooks the Bristol Channel near Barry, and there are only half-a-dozen houses nearby, the nearest village (Rhoose) being a mile distant.

An appeal was launched in September for £750. In the first six weeks £500 was raised by direct subscription, and the remainder is now in hand or promised. Work started in April and it is hoped the bells will soon be ringing again. Two trebles were added in 1950 to make a ring of six, with a tenor of 7½ cwt.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE TO MR. E. EVANS

Canon R. H. Babington conducted a dedication service in the belfry of St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich, on May 11th, of a plaque and photograph inscribed: 'To the memory of Edward Evans, who passed away August 6th, 1957, aged 75 years: a ringer in this tower for many years.'

Among those present were the widow, Mrs. E. M. Evans, of Felixstowe, Mr., Mrs., the Misses Winifred and Audrey Jennings (Trimley), Mr. and Mrs. R. Davey and Mrs. J. Hambling. Also present was Mr. Lewis W. Wiffen, of Braintree, who with Mr. Evans rang in the first two peals of Cambridge Maximus (see 'R.W.' leading article, April 18th). About 12 members of the Suffolk Guild were also present.

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BIRTH

EDGE.—On May 15th, 1958, to Julia Mary (née Preston) and Ewart H. Edge, a son (Martin Ewart), at 6, Court Lane, Wolstanton, Newcastle, Staffs. 2397

DEATHS

ROWE.—On Sunday, May 18th, 1958, Ernest Rowe, father of Ernest James, of Stamford Hill tower, after a long illness patiently born. 2402

SEAR.—On May 14th, 1958, in Glasgow, Walter Sear, formerly of Blechley, Bucks, and at one time secretary of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, aged 72 years. 2393

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The address of the general secretary, J. W. Sinfield, is now c/o 345, Dallow Road, Luton, Beds. 2377

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MISCELLANEOUS

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GREAT OPPORTUNITY.—The Yorkshire Association offer for sale back numbers of its annual reports. These reports, which are renowned, contain amongst other details all compositions rung for the Association since it was founded in 1875. All years available excepting 1881-2, 1904-5, 1916-20. Write to Bert Sutton, 12, Highfield, Scarborough, for your copies, at the give-away price of 1s. each plus postage. 2363

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Derby District) and SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at Shardlow on Saturday, May 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements—cafes nearby.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 2401

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Fownhope, Saturday, May 24th. Service 4.15. Names for tea to A. Wingate, Huntington House, Hereford. 2367

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at Hythe, Saturday, May 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Cookham, May 24th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor (Windsor 1484). 2368

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Stowmarket District.—Meeting at Cotton on Saturday, May 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—B. Chilvers, Cotton, Stowmarket. 2322

DEVON GUILD.—Annual meeting, Holsworthy, Whit Monday, May 26th. Service 12.15 p.m. Lunch at Corner Café. Tickets (5/6) from Mr. W. Simmonds, 100, Hartop Road, St. Marychurch, Torquay. Stamped addressed envelope, please. Bells 11 a.m. and after meeting. 2326

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday, May 26th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2361

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Whit Monday, May 26th, at Chelmsford. Service in Cathedral at 11 a.m. Preacher, Very Rev. G. E. Gordon, Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral. Meeting after service to be concluded by 1.20 p.m. Light refreshments available from 9.30 a.m. in Cathedral Hall. Lunch 1.30 p.m. (cost 4s. 6d.). Tea as a running buffet from 5 to 6.15 p.m. (cost 2s.). Ringing: Cathedral, 9.30 to 11 a.m. and from 5 p.m. From 3 to 6 p.m.—Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6), Little Baddow (5). From 6 to 9 p.m.—Galleywood (8), Widford (8), Whittle (8), Danbury (6), Sandon (6). Applications for tea and lunch tickets, with remittance and stamped addressed envelope, please, to F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex. 2375

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Evening combined practice at Godstone (8) on Thursday, May 29th, at 8 p.m. All welcome.—A. Streeter, Dis. Sec. 2375

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—A business meeting will be held at The Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., on Saturday, May 31st, at 6 p.m. Practice ringing beforehand.—J. Chilcott. 2388

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ilminster, Saturday, May 31st. Please notify for tea J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 2382

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Wootton Wawen on Saturday, May 31st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by May 28th, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warks. 2357

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Thrybergh on Saturday, May 31st. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Brunt, The Channings, Doncaster Road, Thrybergh, near Rotherham.—G. Watson, Sec. 2400

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Evening meeting at Fulbourn (6). Saturday, May 31st. Bells 6 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 2386

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Great Tey, Saturday, May 31st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, May 28th, please, to Mr. J. Dyer, Guildhall Cotts, Great Tey, Colchester. 2353

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Special meeting to re-form Stow Branch, Bourton-on-the-Water, Saturday, May 31st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by Monday, 26th, to the Rev. J. K. Nettleford, The Rectory, Bourton-on-the-Water, Glos. (No names—no tea).—W. F. Scudamore, Gen. Sec. 2385

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Combined practice, Wistanstow, Saturday, May 31st. Bells (8) 4 p.m. 2399

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Rodmersham on Saturday, May 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea definitely not later than Tuesday, May 27th, to T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 33, Ruins Barn Road, Sittingbourne. 2360

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Albans, Saturday, May 31st. Ringing at St. Michael's 3 p.m. Service 4.30 followed by tea at 5 p.m. in the Memorial Hall, Branch Road. Business meeting and further ringing in evening. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mrs. T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Herts. 2333

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Messingham, near Scunthorpe, on Saturday, May 31st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 27th, to Miss J. Blackburne, Scotter Road, Messingham, near Scunthorpe, Lincs.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 2346

LADIES' GUILD (Beds and Northants Branch) and **BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Bedford District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, May 31st, at Kempston. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 28th, to Miss M. Stephens, 24, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Beds.—A. E. Amor. 2390

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting of Bolton and Preston Branches at Chorley, Saturday, May 31st. St. Lawrence's (8) and St. Mary's (8) available afternoon and evening. No tea arrangements—tea shops nearby.—J. Thornley and L. Walmsley. 2370

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Guiseley on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, 29th, to Mr. A. C. Walsh, Dunster, Oxford Avenue, Guiseley. 2381

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, May 31st, Cwmcarvan (6). Usual arrangements. Names for tea and for lifts from main road bus stop by May 27th, please.—J. S. King. 2387

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Saham Toney on Saturday, May 31st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, 29th, to Mr. B. Eastment, 36, The Oval, Saham Toney, Thetford. 2364

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Brixworth, Saturday, May 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names essential for tea, please, by Tuesday previous to G. F. Roome, 116, Derby Road, Northampton. 2371

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Donhead St. Mary, Saturday, May 31st. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Please bring your own food, but notify for cups of tea by 20th.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 2362

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Broad Hinton (6), Saturday, May 31st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please.—Canon White, The Vicarage, Broad Hinton, Swindon, Wilts. 2398

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—General meeting, Mansfield, Saturday, May 31st, to consider forming separate Mansfield District. St. Peter's bells 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting at Grove House, Brunts Street, Mansfield, 4. Business meeting, 6 p.m., at Grove House. Own tea arrangements.—J. W. Raithby. 2347

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Practice meetings at Clare, Saturday, May 31st, and Long Melford, Saturday, June 28th, both from 6.30 to 9.30 p.m. 2396

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Bramshott, Saturday, May 31st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by May 27th.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash, Southampton. 2352

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting, Broadclyst, Saturday, June 7th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (limited) by June 2nd to R. T. Perry, Redcliff, Lympstone. 2343

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (S.W. District) and the **SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Joint meeting, Prittlewell, Saturday, June 7th. Bells (10) 4 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Thorpe Bay, St. Augustine's (8), available 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. Bus service between towers. Names for tea, please, by Thursday, June 5th, to Mr. P. A. Sadler, 21, Dulverton Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex. Trains from Fenchurch Street, to Southend and Thorpe Bay, and from Liverpool Street to Southend and Prittlewell.—C. E. Wilmington, A. W. J. Butler. 2376

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting at Sevenoaks on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 4th, please, to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 2383

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District.—Meeting at Polesworth, near Tamworth, on Saturday, June 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Ringing at both Polesworth and Grendon in the evening. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 3rd, to Mrs. C. A. Barron, 17, Dulvern Grove, Kings Heath, Birmingham, 14. 2389

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting with the Notts District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild at Melton Mowbray, Saturday, June 7th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 4th, to Mr. M. D. Stanforth, 7, Chapel Street, Melton Mowbray. 2379

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Interim meeting, Garboldisham, Saturday, June 7th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 3rd, to Mr. S. J. Nunn, 65, The Street, Garboldisham, Diss. 2405

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Shenley on Saturday, June 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Please notify me for tea by May 31st.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 2392

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Langham, Saturday, June 7th, from 3 to 8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Miss Jean Hoy, 54, Braunston Road, Oakham. 2391

BEDFORDSHIRE and HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.—Joint summer festival on Saturday, June 14th. Service 4.15 p.m. at St. Mary's, Woburn. Tea in Town Hall, Woburn, 5 p.m. Names for tea before June 7th, please, to J. W. Sinfield, c/o 345, Dallow Road, Luton. Beds. Ringing arrangements: Maulden (8), 9 to 10 a.m.; Luton (10), 9 to 10 a.m.; Dunstable (8), 10.15 to 11.15 a.m.; Leighton Buzzard (10), 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Aspley Guise (6), 1.30 to 2.15 p.m.; Husborne Crawley (8), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Woburn (8), 3 p.m. onwards. 2378

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Meeting, Ilminster, June 14th. Coach from Bristol/Bath area. Ringing, Castle Cary, 10 a.m.; East Coker, 11.30 a.m.; Street, 7.30 p.m. Ilminster: ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by meeting. Names by June 7th to Miss B. Johnson, 10, Lancashire Road, Bristol 7. 2404

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Meeting at Southwold on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, by 12th.—R. S. Payne, Hotson Road, Southwold. 2358

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary notice.—The diocesan festival will be held at St. Stephen-in-Brannel on Saturday, June 14th, with the neighbouring towers.—H. Trehwella, Sec. 2384

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