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THE DUKE WHO LOVED BELLS

EATON HALL, situated in the parish of Eccleston, Cheshire, has been very much in the news of late and its fate the cause of much speculation. This stately mansion, completed in 1873, was built for the first Duke of Westminster by the famous Victorian architect Alfred Waterhouse and replaced a previous hall erected by Porden only 60 years previously. The present building shows Waterhouse in his most flamboyant and expensive mood. The Duke was probably the richest man in England, and this fact was clearly expressed by the architect, the design being in the style of a French chateau with steep roofs and many gables. The dominating feature is the lofty clock tower adjoining the chapel and which in silhouette resembles Barry's tower at Westminster, famous as the home of Big Ben. The tower at Eaton, however, contains one of the few foreign carillons in the British Isles, the 28 bells being cast by Chevalier Severin Van Aerschodt of Louvain in 1877. The Louvain foundry was opened by Peter Van Den Ghein about the middle of the 16th century and developed into one of the greatest of the Low Country bell foundries. In the 19th century it was in the hands of Van Aerschodt, who succeeded to it by marriage.

In the tower at Eaton the bells are hung in a framework of oak which occupies the space between the operating room and the clock dials above, the bells being arranged in tiers with the bourdon at the base. An iron spiral staircase ascends through the centre of the frames, giving access for adjustments to the striking mechanism. Both clock and carillon are weight-driven, and 31 tunes can be played from the five hardwood barrels, each of which is ten inches in diameter and studded with brass pins. Barrels 1 and 2 are set for hymn tunes (for use on Sundays) while the others produce secular tunes ranging from a Bach fugue to 'The Bluebells of Scotland.' The carillon is set in motion by the clock mechanism which causes one tune to be played after the hour has struck. This music was formerly much enjoyed by the many visitors who walked in the park, but the carillon has not been heard for a number of years now. The tone of the bells, however, can be judged from the chimes which are still heard from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily, and from the deep note of the bourdon as it marks the hours. All the bells are inscribed with an ornamental W on the waist, and the bass bell bears the following inscription:—

THIS PEAL OF 28 BELLS WAS CAST AT LOUVAIN FOR
HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF WESTMINSTER BY VAN ALRSCHODT A.D. 1877

The bourdon, which is 60 inches in diameter with a strike note C, must weigh at least three tons. In contrast, the smallest bell has a diameter of only 12 inches.

In 1884 it became necessary to create a new parish in Chester on the south side of the Dee, and the Duke immediately offered to build a church, largely at his own cost. He did not forget the bells, and at the dedication on June 18th, 1887, the fine eight were heard for the first time when, according to a contemporary report, 'they attracted much favourable comment for their remarkable sweetness of tone.' They were cast at Whitechapel and hung in the iron frame which is still in use. In 1894 the Duke was considering the construction of a narrow-gauge railway to link the Hall with the Great Western main London line at the village of Balderton, some four miles distant. His agent was sent to Duffield to discuss the project with Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., who had for a number of years been experimenting in

this branch of engineering and had, in fact, laid down seven miles of track on his own estate. He had also designed and built the locomotives. The name of Sir Arthur is an honoured one among ringers for as a ringer and conductor he was outstanding, and in the field of composition no less distinguished. It was he who was largely responsible for the founding of the Central Council, and he became its first president in 1891, an office which he held for nearly 30 years. Sir Arthur readily agreed to visit Eaton to discuss the project, and so it was that a Duke who loved bells and a great ringer came together.

A careful survey was made and eventually Sir Arthur agreed to build a track of 15-inch gauge, together with special rolling stock and locomotive, at an estimated cost of £6,000. The work of laying the track was completed within the year, using local labour under professional supervision. In the meantime Sir Arthur had designed and built the first locomotive, 'Katie.' One of the engineers associated with the project was Mr. Henry W. Wilde, and on the completion of the work he was appointed to the post of resident engineer, a position which he held until his death in 1932. Those who were present at the Central Council meeting held at Chester in 1925 will remember with pleasure the runs on this miniature railway which Mr. Wilde was able to arrange and which formed one of the distinctive features of that meeting. Henry Wilde was a talented ringer, composer and conductor, and was well known in ringing circles all over the country. His compositions are still popular. A house was built for him at Belgrave near the railway, and on taking up residence he joined the tower at Pulford nearby, where a keen band rang a variety of Minor methods.

In 1896 the Duke decided to build a new church at Eccleston, although the existing building had only been standing since 1802. Bodley was chosen as the architect, and the design was in the Perpendicular style, with vaulted roofs, flying buttresses and a massive western tower. The old church—except part of the south wall, which was left as a 'picturesque ruin'—was taken down to provide foundations for the new which was built on an adjoining site. As the building grew and Bodley's drawings were translated into stone His Grace visited the site almost daily, frequently viewing the scene from a coppice opposite. As might be expected, the bells were given very careful consideration, and it has always been held locally that Mr. John W. Taylor was summoned to Eaton to discuss the matter and confronted with the suggestion that a ring of eight should be cast with a tenor in C to match the lower bells of the carillon in Eaton tower. Mr. Taylor no doubt emphasised the fact that such a scheme was impracticable, with the result that a fairly heavy eight hung at one level was decided upon. It is sad to relate that the Duke never heard these bells or saw his church completed for he died at Christmas, 1899, five months before the consecration. Neither muffled peal nor passing bell was heard when he was laid to rest in the shadow of the warm sandstone wall which marked the site of the old church.

The new church was completed in May of the following year and dedicated on Ascension Day with due ceremony. At this distance of time it is difficult to understand why the organ bellows should be placed in the ringing chamber some 40 feet above the instrument and the bells sounded by a manual chiming apparatus, but such was the case. It was not until seven years later that matters were put right. The organ was moved to the east end, the ringing chamber cleared, and at last this glorious eight was properly heard—a Taylor masterpiece. Mr. H. W. Wilde was invited to form a band: the invitation was accepted, and in due time the bells were rung regularly for services. Mr. Wilde's death in 1932 was a great loss not only to this tower but to the Exercise generally.

Since that time ringers from far and wide have visited Eccleston, the picturesque village on the Dee, with its beautiful church and bells. Many more will visit it in the future. Before the peal or touch perhaps they will spare a few moments to think of Hugh Lupus, the duke who loved bells.

J. W. C.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 16, 1960, in 4 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5280 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in B.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	† WILLIAM H. DOWSE 7
*FRANK OSBALDISTON 2	PETER LAFLIN 8
BASIL JONES 3	†DEREK OGDEN 9
BERNARD F. L. GROVES 4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	ROBERT B. SMITH 11
JOHN WORTH 6	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Arranged by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of Belgrave Maximus 'inside.' † First of Belgrave Maximus. First of Maximus in the method for the Association.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.
AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK.
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

DENNIS BERESFORD Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT 7
WALTER H. DOBBIE 2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 8
JOAN BERESFORD 3	WILFRID G. WILSON 9
*PHILIP A. CORBY 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH 10
SHEILA M. DOBBIE 5	PETER BERESFORD 11
DORIS E. COLGATE 6	JOHN R. COOPER Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* 600th peal.

WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 53 Minutes.
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY AND ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 35 cwt.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS Treble	JOHN S. MASON 7
RUIH M. BORDER 2	R. ROGER SAVORY 8
RONALD F. DISERENS 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 9
*ROBERT C. KIPPIN 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS 10
ALAN F. THIRST 5	PETER BORDER 11
WILLIAM T. COOK 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Maximus. First of Maximus in the method in the county and by the Guild.
Rung to mark St. George's Day.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5001 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 25½ cwt.

ALBERT W. BOND Treble	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	RAYMOND P. WOOD 7
LEONARD MANNERING 3	ERIC J. HITCHINS 8
JOHN CHILCOTT 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 9
HERBERT W. WOOLVEN 5	HENRY C. WEAVER Tenor

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb. in E.

RONALD G. BECK Treble	DAVID HOARE 6
HENRY J. SANGER 2	VICTOR G. ROBERTS 7
ERIC NAYLOR 3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS 8
*MICHAEL ROSE 4	GWILYM SALMON 9
ANTHONY J. SANGER 5	ARTHUR WHITE Tenor

Composed by G. J. HAWKINS. Conducted by GWILYM SALMON.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters.
Rung on St. George's Day. Also a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Anthony J. Sanger and Mr. Michael Rose.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

ARIHUR GIBBS Treble	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 6
JAMES G. NEWMAN 2	ALFRED E. RUSHION 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 3	*GERALD C. HEMMING 8
RONALD J. SHARP 4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN 9
RONALD C. NOON 5	BRYAN PATTISON Tenor

Composed by JOHN A. BURFORD. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
* 150th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EAST CROMPTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G sharp.

DAVID HODGSON Treble	NEIL BENNETT 5
GEOFFREY S. MILLS 2	DEREK OGDEN 6
*JOHN H. FIELDEN 3	F. JOHN NELSON 7
*PETER SCHOLFIELD 4	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Witness: GORDON ROHWELL.
Rung silent and non-conducted.

* 25th peal together. Believed to be the first non-conducted peal of Major rung for the Association.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

J. EDWARD CAWSE Treble	MARTIN C. FAULKES 5
ALFRED BALLARD 2	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY 6
*BERYL E. CAWSE 3	PETER J. STANFORTH 7
W. ERNEST RAWSON 4	†ALAN E. HARTLEY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.
* First peal in the method. † First of Major in the method.

GREAT DUNMOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE SAUNDERS Treble	*ANDREW T. BECKWITH 5
*PETER L. WOOD 2	EDWARD E. DAVEY 6
HARRY J. MILLATT 3	ALAN R. SYDER 7
JOHN A. WARNER 4	TERRY EARLE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW. Conducted by TERRY EARLE.
* First peal in the method.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

LEONARD STILWELL Treble	ROBIN J. ELLIOTT 5
BERNARD G. MOORE 2	DENIS R. MITCHELL 6
GEOFFREY R. CRISP 3	PETER H. LANGTON 7
BERNARD E. MATTHEWS 4	W. LESLIE WELLER Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.
First peal of Major by an Old Collyerians band.

PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in G.

PAUL MARTIN Treble	A. JAMES POYNOR 5
PATRICIA A. WARDLE 2	MARTIN C. FAULKES 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS 7
BRIAN G. WARWICK 4	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. B.69).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EGWIN.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

GORDON T. BROWN Treble	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 2	*R. ROGER SAVORY 6
WILLIAM B. POMEROY 3	†TOM CHAPMAN 7
MARTYN HAWKES 4	*GERALD C. HEMMING Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.
* 50th peal together. † First in the method. First of Lincolnshire as conductor.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Easter Monday, April 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In two methods, consisting of 1,248 Little Bob, 3,840 Plain Bob, with 263 changes of method.	Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.
*BRIAN G. WARWICK Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 5
†PATRICIA A. WARDLE 2	*A. JAMES POYNOR 6
JOHN M. JELLEY 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
†BRIAN M. SMITH 4	†RUSSELL S. MORRIS Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 50th peal together. † First of Spliced.
Rung for the Festival of Easter; also for the wedding of Peter R. Johnson (ringer at Wanlip), who was married earlier in the day to Patricia James, of Birstall.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.		Tenor 13½ cwt.	
JEAN HORTON	Treble	†GEOFFREY REX	5
*MARIAN SKINNER ..	2	RAYMOND P. WOOD ..	6
LEONARD STILWELL ..	3	HENRY C. WEAVER ..	7
WINIFRED E. KEYS ..	4	ROBIN HEASMAN ..	Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding this day of Mr. Walter Jennings (a ringer at this church) and Miss Brenda Myram.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

THOMAS R. SIMMONS ..	Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON ..	5
MIRIAM A. HIGDON ..	2	PATRICK J. BIRD ..	6
TUDOR EDWARDS ..	3	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ..	7
MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING ..	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Dr. David Heighton and Miss Bridget Mutimer on the occasion of their marriage at this church on this day. Bridget has been a regular service ringer at St. Mary's for several years.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN T. CHAPMAN ..	Treble	STANLEY E. BENNETT ..	5
JOHN G. AMES ..	2	REV. R. W. H. NIND ..	6
RONALD C. NOON ..	3	MAURICE BENNETT ..	7
BERNARD B. TYRRELL ..	4	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT ..	Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

A farewell peal by the local company to the Rev. R. W. H. Nind, for the past four years curate at this church, who is leaving to become assistant priest to a number of parishes in Jamaica, West Indies.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

GEOFFREY S. MILLS ..	Treble	JOHN P. PARTINGTON ..	5
*JOHN H. FIELDEN ..	2	PETER SCHOLFIELD ..	6
†PATRICIA DOORN ..	3	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK ..	7
†NORMAN SMITH ..	4	ROGER LEIGH ..	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

* 25th peal for the Association. † 25th peal. ‡ 50th peal in the tower. The ringer of the treble has now 'circled the tower' with peals.

AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 19, 1960, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

*ROBERT J. WARRILOW ..	Treble	CHARLES A. S. WEBB ..	5
†K. PETER JONES ..	2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW ..	6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW ..	3	GEOFFREY DAVIES ..	7
CYNTHIA BIBBY ..	4	DAVID W. FRIEND ..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDERICK E. WILSHAW.

* 50th peal. † First of Surprise 'inside.'

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 19, 1960, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23½ cwt.

WILLIAM JUDGE ..	Treble	BRIAN R. WHITE ..	5
J. HOWARD FREEBORN ..	2	*BERTRAM J. COGGINS ..	6
CHARLES COLES ..	3	FRANCIS A. WHITE ..	7
*BERNARD COGGINS ..	4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK ..	Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to celebrate the safe arrival of a son to Bob and Helen Bennett, of Christ Church, New Zealand, now at Harwell, Berks.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

FRANK TAYLOR ..	Treble	JOHN RYDER ..	5
*IAN C. POTTS ..	2	CLIFFORD SHAW ..	6
JOHN C. BREEZE ..	3	HAROLD WORRALL ..	7
ROY FOSTER ..	4	MICHAEL THOMPSON ..	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

* First peal.

Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD ..	Treble	JOHN H. FIELDEN ..	5
†S. BARRY SCHOFIELD ..	2	PETER SCHOFIELD ..	6
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD ..	3	DEREK OGDEN ..	7
†RITA M. JOWETT ..	4	*HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD ..	Tenor

Composed by J. CARRIER.

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

* 25th peal together. † First of Stedman.

Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

MARION WALL ..	Treble	MICHAEL BLORE ..	5
*MICHAEL H. PAULSON ..	2	RONALD H. BULLEN ..	6
GEORGE H. PAULSON ..	3	A. FRANK UDALL ..	7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ..	4	BURLEY P. MORRIS ..	Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 8½ cwt.

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.			
*ALISON M. MANN ..	Treble	ARTHUR HUBBLE ..	5
ALAN R. SYDER ..	2	*BERNARD C. MANN ..	6
*HARRY R. APPLETON ..	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN ..	7
*BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD ..	4	URBAN W. WILDNEY ..	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, viz.: 1,120 Rutland, 1,280 Cambridge, 1,280 Lincolnshire and 1,440 Yorkshire, being all the work of each method for every bell, with 69 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F.

EDWARD W. COLLEY ..	Treble	MICHAEL ELSON ..	5
MURIEL REAY ..	2	RODMUND W. PIPE ..	6
ANTHONY AGER ..	3	EDMUND MALIN ..	7
JOHN McDONALD ..	4	JOHN A. ANDERSON ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 3 Hours.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 25 cwt.

Parker's Twelve-Part.			
*MRS. FRANCIS J. CHEAL ..	Treble	RONALD E. NORRIS ..	5
CYRIL J. GOULD ..	2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ..	6
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ..	3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ..	7
ALAN WRIGLEY ..	4	DEREK NORRIS ..	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* 35th peal.

Rung for the Queen's birthday; also as a silver wedding compliment to Cyril and Mabel Gould, and to Derek and Brenda Norris, on the birth of a daughter; also birthday greetings to the treble and fifth ringers.

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CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 HARTHILL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

MARION ARCHER Treble	JOHN S. SEAGER 5
MRS. PAT A. M. HALLS .. 2	H. DAVID HOLLAND 6
CYRIL RUSBY 3	GORDON A. HALLS 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 4	IAN M. HOLLAND Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

First peal in the method.

Rung as a coming-of-age compliment to the treble ringer.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTINGDONSHIRE. THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E flat.

JOHN SCHOFFIELD (King's) .. Treble	DAVID KIRBY (Selwyn) .. 5
FRANCES SECKER (Girton) .. 2	CHRIS. JOHNSON (Selwyn) .. 6
TERRY PAGE (Downing) .. 3	HUGH NEILL (St. Cath.'s) .. 7
STAN HOOD (Trin. Hall) .. 4	JAMES TAYLOR (S. Cath.'s) Tenor

Composed by N. J. PRISTOW.

Conducted by HUGH NEILL.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. Treble	JOHN S. DEAN 5
*IRENE MARSHALL 2	GEORGE F. SPERRING .. 6
†ROBIN J. LEE 3	PERCY SWINDLEY 7
JOHN PARSONAGE 4	GEOFFREY PARTING Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEOFFREY PARTING.

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

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BICKENHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Thurs., April 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 APRIL DAY BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JANE R. SHAW Treble	ROGER E. TALLIS 4
PAMELA M. TURNER .. 2	MAURICE C. HUGHES .. 5
MICHAEL HART 3	VICTOR H. NASH Tenor

Conducted by ROGER E. TALLIS.

ARLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., April 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 7 cwt. 12 lb. in A flat.

VICTOR H. NASH Treble	JAMES CLARK 4
PAMELA M. TURNER .. 2	MAURICE C. HUGHES .. 5
MICHAEL HART 3	ROGER E. TALLIS Tenor

Conducted by ROGER E. TALLIS.

Rung for the christening of Prince Andrew.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., April 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Oxford Bob, (2) Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B., (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (4) Double Court, (5) College Single Reverse, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.

RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	*RODERICK W. PIPE .. 4
ROBERT E. LESTER .. 2	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. 5
*†HUBERT A. MITSON .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal in nine methods. † 25th peal.

COMPTON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) London Surprise, (2) Plain Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Plain Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

ERIC WOOLGROVE Treble	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 4
REGINALD W. REX 2	REGINALD F. CROOK .. 5
ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

First peal in more than one Minor method on the bells.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents (four callings).

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*BRIAN SCHOFFIELD Treble	PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 4
†BRIAN HARRIS 2	†BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
JOHN R. KENNETH 3	††ROBERT B. SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First of Minor in the method, having now completed the London 'family.' †† 200th peal.

PEASEMORE, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Plain Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr.

ERIC WOOLGROVE Treble	ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. 4
REGINALD W. REX 2	REGINALD F. CROOK .. 5
RONALD F. DISERENS .. 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

WHITTINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being five extents of Oxford and Kent T.B. combined, and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK H. DICKINSON Treble	PHILIP J. EVANS 4
ROGER W. POWELL 2	COLIN SMITH 5
VALERIE LEE 3	F. HECTOR BENNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by F. HECTOR BENNETT.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

MRS. D. MOORE Treble	STANLEY W. GALL .. 4
MIRIAM A. HIGDON .. 2	WILLIAM LOVE 5
ARTHUR G. BASON .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

A wedding compliment to Dr. David Heighton and Miss Bridget Mulimer, married at Saxlingham Nethergate the previous day.

STAVERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

MICHAEL R. BENNETT .. Treble	*HILARY M. JOHNSON .. 4
*GILLIAN TAVERNER .. 2	ERIC BILLINGS 5
*HUGH M. JOHNSON .. 3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. Treble

Conducted by PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.

* First peal in four methods.

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BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., April 20, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, one each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
 Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

ROBERT E. LESTER Treble	HUBERT A. MITSON 4
ALICE A. J. LESTER 2	LESLIE N. MELTON 5
*RODERICK W. PIPE 3	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* 100th peal.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT EMMANUEL UNITARIAN CHURCH, BROOKFIELD, GORTON,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 30 six-scores (ten callings) and six different 240's (Morris's).

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

*CHRISTINE LIVSEY Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES.. 3
*E. MICHAEL QUINN 2	*GORDON RUMNEY 4

†JOHN ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* First peal. † First of Doubles. Believed to be the first of Doubles on the bells.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., April 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven differently-called extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

PAMELA J. DOLMAN .. Treble	EDWARD W. COLLEY .. 4
*PENELOPE SEDGWICK .. 2	CLIVE M. SMITH .. 5
FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal.

Rung for the Easter Festival, and as a birthday compliment to H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

MARKFIELD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 13 methods: (1) Fulbeck, Reverse, Canterbury, Double and Plain Bob; (2) Cambridge Surprise; (3) Thelwall and Double Oxford Bob; (4) Childwall and St. Clement's Bob; (5) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (6) Single Oxford Bob; (7) Plain and Double Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

BRIAN M. SMITH Treble	MARTIN C. FAULKES.. 4
ERNEST MORRIS 2	A. JAMES POYNOR .. 5
JOHN A. ACRES 3	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

Rung for the Festival of Easter.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., April 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

*PENELOPE SEDGWICK .. Treble	ROGER E. TALLIS .. 4
†BERYL CAWSE 2	CLIVE M. SMITH .. 5
†ANN BARR 3	JOHN McDONALD .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Minor in the method. Last peal on the bells prior to being augmented to eight.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 44 methods: (1) Fulbeck, Reverse, Canterbury, Double and Plain Bob; (2) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Humber, Willesden, Braintree, Clarence, Charwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal, Morning Star, Elston (15 methods by A. G. Driver); (3) Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, Durham, York and Berwick Surprise; (4) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne Surprise; (5) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (6) London 'Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (7) Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall and St. Clement's. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

MARY ROAST Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 4
*JOHN WARNER 2	JOE E. G. ROAST .. 5
*ALAN R. SYDER 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* Most methods yet rung to a peal.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. R. J. Harrison and Miss J. Scales; also birthday compliments to H. W. Egglestone and Stedman H. Symonds.

SALTER STREET, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., April 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

JANE R. SHAW Treble	PAMELA M. TURNER .. 3
V. ROY TALLIS 2	MAURICE C. HUGHES .. 4

ROGER E. TALLIS Tenor

Conducted by ROGER E. TALLIS.

Average age of band 16½ years.

BIRSTWITH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Plain Bob and Oxford T.B., and three of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

JOAN M. DAWSON Treble	*MICHAEL S. BRUCE .. 4
*SHELAGH M. BRUCE .. 2	PETER M. DAWSON .. 5
*D. PETER J. BRUCE .. 3	JOHN RHODES Tenor

Conducted by PETER M. DAWSON.

* First peal.

For the wedding anniversary of Joan and Peter Dawson.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods: (1) Plain Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Kent T.B., (5) St. Clement's, (6) and (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

RALPH BIRD Treble	IAN H. ORAM 4
ANDREW M. MACVE .. 2	STANLEY JENNER .. 5
*ISOBEL INMAN 3	ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

* First peal in five methods.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESIER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents (four callings). Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

ROBERT B. SMITH Treble	MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. 4
*DOROTHY M. STAFFORD .. 2	*JOHN ROBINSON .. 5
†FREDERICK SHALCROSS .. 3	†WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † 25th peal. ‡ 150th peal. First in the method on the bells, and by all the band.

SHIPBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being an extent each of Ipswich, London, York, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

*ANN GEORGE Treble	ANDREW M. MACVE .. 4
*STANLEY JENNER 2	IAN H. ORAM 5
ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. 3	RALPH BIRD Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* First peal in seven Treble Bob methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT No. 29.

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor size 14 in D.

MRS. J. THOMAS 1-2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. 5-6
DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 3-4	CYRIL A. WRITTEN .. 7-8
VIVIEN BARNES 9-10	

Composed by WM. KENT.

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
 A farewell peal to Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Marshall, who are leaving the district for Long Eaton.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,

A PEAL OF 5016 SPLICED MAJOR

Being nine methods: Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Plain Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob, Wellington Little Court, Little Bob, Crayford Little Court, Bastow Little Court and Kent Little Court; 461 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL.. 1-2	GEORGE E. FEIRN .. 5-6
*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 3-4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal of Spliced Major 'in hand.' This is the greatest number of changes of method that have been made in any peal.

QUARTER PEALS

ALTON, STAFFS.—On April 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. H. Willows 1, D. Atrill 2, Miss R. M. Bull 3, C. Hughes 4, D. Parkins 5, J. F. Murfin 6, R. J. Stretton 7, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 8. First on eight for 1 and 5.

AMBROSDEN, OXON.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. Sayer 1, J. Coggins 2, C. M. A. Coggins 3, B. J. Coggins 4, A. Sayer 5, B. Coggins 6, B. R. White (cond.) 7, W. Haynes 8.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On April 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: N. Leslie 1, D. Leslie 2, J. Drewitt 3, E. Drewitt 4, M. Edney 5, E. Moore 6, N. Allnatt 7, F. C. White 8, F. A. White (cond.) 9, B. R. White 10. First of Caters for 1, 2, and 5.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On April 10th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Cantledine 1, M. Hopkins (first in method) 2, June Dear 3, D. Sutcliffe 4, P. F. Lack 5, L. Scott 6, J. Dear 7, C. Harwood (cond.) 8.

BARKINGSIDE, LONDON.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Lonsdale 1, 1. Attwater (82) 2, 1. Prior 3, J. Barrance 4, D. Ellison 5, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 6, D. Runchman covering. For St. George's Day.

BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. D. Thomas (first quarter) 1, Mrs. T. Rushton 2, Miss D. M. Rushton 3, R. Billings 4, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 5, S. G. Palmer 6. For morning service.

BRAY, BERKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): Maureen Charlewood (first quarter) 1, Janet Barker (first quarter) 2, Wenda Harris 3, Diana Harris (first 'inside') 4, T. Mitchell 5, B. May (first 'inside') 6, Doreen Hague (cond.) 7, J. Notworthy 8. For Evensong.

BRAYWOOD, BERKS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. G. Rowlands 1, Anna C. Smith 2, P. A. Lawrence 3, E. R. Gorham 4, J. R. A. Muller (first as cond.) 5. Rung as a fourth wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Gorham (St. Margaret's, Uxbridge).

CHEDDINGTON, BUCKS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. D. Pearson 1, Josie Hutchings 2, W. Sear 3, I. Pett 4, F. K. Williamson (cond.) 5.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Marlene P. Robbins (first quarter) 1, Peggy M. Butcher 2, A. W. Fuller 3, June F. Carter (first as cond.) 4, A. J. Butcher 5, W. J. Sale 6. For Evensong.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth A. Negus 1, Gillian Tavenor 2, Hilary M. Johnson 3, P. I. Chapman 4, H. M. Johnson 5, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 6. For Mothering Sunday.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Adrienne Gibson 1, W. Parrott 2, Carolyn D. Cockman 3, Sylvia Marsh 4, N. D. J. Webb 5, G. A. Cockman 6, F. Oakshott (cond.) 7, J. Munton 8. For Evensong and to mark the completion of the belfry redecoration.

FARINGDON, BERKS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss A. Cox 1, M. Ling 2, Miss S. Parsons 3, I. Goulter 4, C. A. Wratten 5, F. E. T. Tainter 6, P. T. Hurcombe (first in method as cond.) 7, L. Edwards 8. First of Bob Triples for 1, 2, and 8.

FORDHAM, CAMBS.—On April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Munns 1, A. R. Mann 2, R. Palmer 3, R. Morley 4, M. J. Tester (first as cond.) 5, D. Morley (first quarter) 6. Rung for the induction of the Rev. R. J. Cole on the previous Friday.

HAREFIELD, GLOS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. T. Price 1, B. Williams 2, D. Friday 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, H. Lyes 5, F. Brookings 6. Rung half-muffled as a loving tribute of respect to Flo, wife of the conductor, who on Easter Eve passed away very suddenly at the Beacon Hotel, Harefield, where she was stopping on holiday with her husband. The conductor's grateful thanks to the band who made this tribute possible.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. George 1, J. Martin 2, Gwen May 3, Joan Smith 4, J. M. Maybrey 5, C. N. Chinnery 6, J. King (cond.) 7, S. Davies 8. A farewell tribute to the Vicar, the Rev. St. Clair Gower, Williams on his retirement.

HONITON, DEVON.—On April 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Stedman Morris (cond.) 1, J. E. Looker 2, C. Webb 3, H. Keeley 4, J. Manley 5, G. Gaylard 6, H. Gaylard 7, W. Webb 8.

HUTTON CRANSWICK, YORKS.—On April 20th, 1,296 Minor (576 Cambridge Surprise, 720 St. Clement's): Miss J. Porter 1, J. R. Perrett 2, K. Kirk 3, J. S. Rank 4, D. S. Johnson 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6.

KIRK ELLA, YORKS.—On April 24th, 1,360 Minor (640 Spliced, Plain and Little Bob, 720 Plain Bob): Miss N. Bond 1, I. N. Goldthorpe 2, K. Kirk 3, J. R. Perrett 4, D. S. Johnson 5, J. S. Rank (cond.) 6. For Matins.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. D. Whalley 1, Pat Robinson (first 'inside' Grandsire) 2, P. S. Whalley 3, R. Arrowsmith 4, L. Whalley 5, G. W. Biddulph 6, D. R. Whalley (cond.) 7, A. Heath 8. For Harvest Festival.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: L. Fox 1, Miss P. Heather 2, L. Batley 3, Miss V. Hester 4, C. Willmington 5, H. Neill (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Scway 1, P. Cox 2, S. White 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, W. E. Turner 5. Rung 'open' to the Glory of God and as a thanksgiving for the life and devotion of Flo, wife of the conductor, who was laid to rest at Long Sutton earlier in the day. 'Sleep on now and take thy rest.'

MALDON, ESSEX.—On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Mann 1, B. Mann 2, 1. Pantan 3, S. Easter 4, J. Clarke (first in method) 5, J. Towler 6, A. Hubble (cond.) 7, F. White 8. For Evensong.

NASEBY, NORTHANTS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Barton 1, F. Lane 2, D. Griffin 3, W. Cropley 4, A. Millward (cond.) 5. For the golden wedding of the parents of the treble ringer.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.—At St. Peter Mancroft, on Easter Day, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. G. Bason 1, S. Boar 2, M. T. Sprackling 3, S. Brothers 4, C. Curson 5, J. Cox 6, W. Love 7, D. Heighon (cond.) 8, C. Bird 9, C. Goodman 10. For Evensong.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. W. Stead 1, W. C. Buchanan 2, Mavis P. Coffin 3, C. Taylor 4, J. Hartless (cond.) 5, R. Buchanan 6. Rung as a tribute to Mr. R. H. Reed for his services to the art of change ringing from 1934.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On April 16th, 1,386 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Turner 1, C. C. Turner 2, J. Ayres 3, J. Quick 4, E. Marks 5, J. Arbury 6, C. C. Deem (cond.) 7, R. Wood 8. Rung as a diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Wilson, of Wootton Bassett, a former member of this band. Also on Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Kemp 1, J. Ayres 2, L. G. Hine 3, C. C. Turner 4, F. Shepherd 5, E. J. Manley (cond.) 6, J. Arbury 7, C. Claville 8. For Evensong and also in honour of the christening of Neil Ernest, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Deem.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Good Friday, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. Tomlin 1, Miss E. Hatch 2, A. Boyack 3, P. Avev 4, E. Blower 5, D. Belcham 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. Rung half-nuffled.

ROCHDALE, LANCs.—At St. Chad's Church, on April 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Hamer 1, B. Wild (first of Stedman) 2, J. Meadowcroft 3, K. Abbot 4, M. D. Fishwick 5, I. Kay 6, P. J. H. Hudson (cond.) 7, C. S. Taylor 8.

ROOS, YORKS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob, April Day): Mrs. R. Ducker 1, R. Ducker 2, J. R. Perrett 3, D. S. Johnson 4, J. S. Rank (cond.) 5.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Howard 1, R. Sams 2, W. P. Sams (cond.) 3, F. Wright 4, A. A. Livings 5, N. Ward 6. For Evensong.

RUISHTON, SOMERSET.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Ford 1, M. Baker 2, A. Williams 3, J. Ford 4, E. J. Ford (cond.) 5, C. Trechard 6.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.—On Easter Day, 720 Kent T.B. Minor, 540 Plain Bob: R. Forder 1, Miss B. Parsons 2, Miss B. Lovell 3, T. Bragg 4, P. Starr 5, P. Makeham (cond.) 6. For morning service.

SHIPDHAM, NORFOLK.—On April 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: H. A. Bennett 1, W. G. Heyhoe 2, S. H. Waterfield 3, W. J. Bailey 4, P. J. Woodcock (cond.) 5.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.—On April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Graham Bonsor 1, Elizabeth A. Negus 2, I. Frances Johnson 3, Gillian Tavenor 4, H. M. Johnson 5, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 6. Birthday compliments to ringers of 4th (17) and tenor (15).

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Heard 1, W. G. Lavers 2, H. Stacey 3, H. Trowin 4, M. Sinden 5, C. Taylor (cond.) 6, J. W. Sangwin 7, S. T. Stacey 8.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On April 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Stanley 1, V. Griffin 2, Miss M. Wright 3, S. J. Withey 4, E. Sutton 5, A. R. Peake 6, A. T. Collins 7, C. G. Jones (first as cond.) 8. For children's service.

STRENSHAM, WORCS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: C. Haylings 1, F. Lawrence 2, J. Firkins 3, D. Price 4, F. Hawkes 5, M. Hawkes (cond.) 6. First in the method by all except 3.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Easter Day, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss M. Wright 1, W. W. T. Daniel 2, Mrs. P. Minchin 3, Rev. R. C. Bryant 4, Mrs. B. Bladon 5, A. G. Wells 6, P. Minchin 7, B. Bladon 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, E. Vincent 10. For Evensong.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On March 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Meynell 1, Kathleen M. Yeo (cond.) 2, Violet I. E. Relf 3, W. Tickner 4, P. Relf 5, A. E. Stanger 6. For Evensong and as birthday compliments to Miss K. Yeo and Mr. P. Relf. Also on April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Winifred Millen 1, Kathleen M. Yeo (cond.) 2, Violet I. E. Relf 3, W. Tickner 4, P. Relf 5, A. Gorham 6. Rung for the institution and induction of the Rev. Canon Harold Willis, M.A., as Vicar.

TETBURY, GLOS.—On April 23rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. Wood (first of Major) 1, M. Ling 2, Miss S. Parsons 3, P. T. Hurcombe (cond.) 4, C. A. Wratten 5, L. Edwards 6, F. E. T. Tranter 7, G. P. Green 8. For St. George's Day.

THORNER, YORKS.—On April 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Beryl Hartley 1, R. J. Lumley 2, Shirley Mudd 3, A. E. Hartley (cond.) 4, L. Sheare 5, J. Rhodes 6. For the festival of Easter.

TILEHURST, BERKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Haines (first quarter) 1, H. Hunt 2, A. Haines 3, Mrs. A. Fevre 4, K. Chambers 5, D. Drayton (first 'inside') 6, W. Marsh (cond.) 7, G. Runham 8.

TOPSHAM, DEVON.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Wannel 1, Miss M. Browne 2, P. Jupp 3, F. Bye 4, R. Coles (cond.) 5, R. Berry 6.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew Bob Doubles: A. Halling 1, M. Hawkes 2, J. Firkins 3, C. Haylings 4, E. W. Penn (cond.) 5, D. Williams 6.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on April 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. F. Neal 1, Mrs. G. L. Neal 2, W. F. Jarvis 3, Miss N. Hales 4, J. A. Hales 5, J. M. Steele 6, D. W. Gray 7, D. Neal (cond.) 8.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. McIlhone 1, Jean Exon 2, Helen Butler 3, Margaret Thewlis 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, A. Howes 6, V. Fox 7. First quarter for all except conductor.

WATH JUXTA RIPON, YORKS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Plain Bob, April Day, Grandsire): J. Lumb 1, R. D. Gibson 2, J. S. Rank (cond.) 3, K. Goldthorpe 4, I. N. Goldthorpe 5, J. Singleton 6.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—On Easter Day, at the Cathedral, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: K. Prime 1, Miss A. M. Bailey 2, M. Rose 3, G. Salmon 4, V. Roberts 5, P. Wright (cond.) 6, M. Stone 7, C. Clarke 8, R. D. Short 9, D. Purnell 10. For Evensong, also a compliment to Miss Audrey M. Bailey and Mr. Ronald D. Short on their engagement.

WEST TANFIELD, YORKS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Lumb 1, J. J. Booth (first quarter) 2, R. D. Gibson (first as cond.) 3, J. Singleton 4, J. S. Rank 5, K. Goldthorpe 6.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On April 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. A. Yates 1, J. Linnell 2, R. Keeves (first of Stedman) 3, G. E. Green 4, F. C. Case 5, C. E. Truman 6, T. E. Roberts (cond.) 7, G. Foddy 8. Also on April 12th, 1,260 Double Court Bob Minor: F. C. Case 1, T. E. Roberts 2, C. E. Truman 3, D. Taylor 4, J. Linnell 5, G. E. Green (cond.) 6. First in method for 3, 4, 5 and 6.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Court, 540 Plain Bob): C. Lean 1, Mrs. R. G. Corby 2, Miss D. Hopkins 3, L. E. Duffield 4, J. H. Edwards 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Harrison, of Chelmsford, who were married earlier in the day.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On April 24th, 1,276 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Caroline Carpenter 1, Anne Garnett 2, Barbara Manship 3, Susan Rawlings 4, A. Bagworth 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: L. Walley 1, Miss P. Robinson (first quarter) 2, Miss R. Snell 3, Miss R. Mitchell 4, J. Nixon 5, P. S. Whalley (cond.) 6, C. W. Biddulph 7, D. R. Whalley 8.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—On April 24th, 1,152 Grandsire Major: S. Penfold 1, F. G. Richardson 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, A. J. Salisbury 5, J. Fowler 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. For Matins.

KENWYN RINGERS' OUTING

There is a saying, 'The devil looks after his own,' and this certainly rang true when Easter Monday dawned fine and clear. A coach wending its way through the deserted streets of Truro at 07.30 hours announced the commencement of a pilgrimage of ringers to England. The Kenwyn band were supported by members of the 'enemy' tower of the Cathedral, and of Kea, St. Gluvias, Carbis Bay, Redruth, Cheltenham and Hartley, Kent (no bells). Indeed they needed 'supporting,' for it was a haggard lot that met outside the post office, the six o'clock ringing on Easter Sunday morning having had its effect.

We soon crossed the border to the cheers of the Englishmen and the groans of the Cornish peasants. Our first call was at Appledore (8, tenor 10 cwt.) a picturesque church situated near the water's edge and with an almost 'al fresco' belfry. I think these bells grow on you after a while and we succeeded in ringing quite a respectable touch of Stedman. On then a mile or so to Northiam (8, tenor 17 cwt.). One or two of these fine bells are a little tricky to handle but I don't think we actually disgraced ourselves. We discovered the second stay missing, so our poor long suffering Vicar was put to work on this.

A highlight of the day was the glorious octave (tenor 18 cwt.) at Bideford. 'Scientific' ringers catch hold here in fear and trepidation after viewing the numerous 'first class' ringing certificates on the walls. Here we met Norman Mallett, who, complete with tape recorder and seemingly miles of cable, asked if he could make a recording of a touch. We obliged with a quite good touch of Grandsire. Afterwards we proceeded to lower vast quantities of roast chicken, 'tidy oggies' (pasties to you!) and ale.

Next came the only six bell tower of the day, at Fremington (tenor 9 cwt.). These bells are somewhat out of tune and one or two go a bit sluggishly. As one remarked, 'Those bells have character,' he didn't say what sort of character though!

To get to Tawstock (8, tenor 17 cwt.) we had to make a detour to avoid a low bridge. The ringing chamber situated in a central tower is reached via a curious gallery and a narrow chute through the tower wall. It was here we met the rivals of Bideford as the bells are magnificent, both in 'go' and tone. The church possesses a quaint two and a half-gallon ringers' 'jugge' decorated with paintings of bells.

Our next bells were the heaviest of the day, the octave (tenor 25 cwt.) at Pilton. They can be described as a beefy, full toned ring, which cannot be hurried. It was here that one young lady, in the words of Dorothy Sayers, got 'embrangled' with the tenor, and had to be relieved while the bell was still double clapping.

By this time our capacious appetites had once more been aroused, and a move was made to Barnstaple for food. A slightly longer run now to our last tower, and after crossing a deserted airfield, we arrived at Winkleigh (8, tenor 20 cwt.).

All too soon it was time to leave, and after a lamentably brief stop for liquid refreshment at Okehampton we eventually arrived in Cornwall's sprawling metropolis at midnight. Our thanks are due to the incumbents and ringers of the various towers visited, for their welcome, and last but not least to our vice-gaffer Alan Carveth, for so kindly making all the necessary arrangements.

R. A. S.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Silent tribute was paid to two well-known and loved members at the Salisbury Branch meeting at Tisbury on St. George's Day. They were Mrs. Blanche Hibberd, a benefactor of ringing, and Mr. Frank Taylor, of Wylle. Certificates of proficiency were presented to Mrs. M. Baverstock (Damerham), Alan Chalk (Broadchalke) and Terry King (Hindon). Denis Chalk gained his during the afternoon's ringing. There was also ringing at Barford St. Martin.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Lord Bishop of Derby (the Rt. Rev. G. F. Allen) preached at the service in St. Peter's Church, Derby, held in connection with the annual meeting of the Derbyshire Association on April 23rd. Ringers from all parts of the county attended and visitors from Manchester. The bells of the Cathedral, St. Peter's and St. Luke's Churches were available.

Tea was served in St. Peter's Parochial Hall and was followed by the business meeting with the Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes, Provost of Derby, who is president of the Association, in the chair. In his address he stressed the importance of recruitment and giving publicity to the art.

The Bishop was elected patron and Messrs. A. Mould and G. A. Halls Central Council representatives.

The general secretary (Mr. B. P. Morris) in his annual report referred to the Association's performances in peal ringing, of which he said it could feel justly proud, but, at the same time if the Association was to flourish all must play their part in encouraging new members. A grant of £5 was made from the Bell Repair Fund to Chelmsorton, where the ring of four bells was being restored and augmented to five.

Mr. D. A. Carlisle said the Association was very honoured by the forthcoming visit of the Ancient Society of College Youths to Derby. On behalf of the Ancient Society Mr. J. F. Smallwood extended an invitation to Association members to attend the luncheon at which the guests would be the Mayor and Bishop of Derby.

The president presented a watch to Mr. A. B. Cooper as an appreciation of his services as general secretary of the Association over a period of eight years.

Thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting were expressed by Mr. Smallwood.

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Mr. George E. Feirn has set handbell ringers a new objective. A peal of Spliced Surprise Major in nine methods has been rung with 461 changes of method. No other peal has yet been rung with so many changes of method.

The successor to Miss Evelyn Steel as president of the Bedfordshire Association is Mr. Alfred Rushton, of Luton.

The latest addition to the list of school peals at was that at Horsham on April 9th by ex-members of Collyers Grammar School, Horsham.

Mr. G. Dodd points out that the composition of Mr. Nolan Golden for Rose of England Treble Bob (page 284) is also true to Rutland Surprise.

Mr. J. W. Clarke has written Part VI of 'Cheshire Bells' dealing with the deaneries of Mottram and Stockport. They make interesting reading and we hope to publish a review at a later date.

Next Sunday morning service from Waltham Abbey, Essex, is to be televised on I.T.A. (all regions). Prior to the service, which commences at 11.15 a.m., the twelve bells will be rung by the local band.

A peal of Yorkshire Surprise was lost at Oswaldtwistle on April 20th, which was to have been a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Ogden, of Oldham. To them the band offer their congratulations.

Hurstpierpoint ringers appeared on B.B.C. Television recently in 'Town and Around' programme. Three of the tower's four veterans were shown ringing—Harry Richardson (started 1898), Charlie Diplock (1898) and George Mansbridge (1911). Jack Dearlove unfortunately was unwell.

Amongst the first to congratulate Mr. Henry O. Baker, general secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild, on his election to the office of churchwarden, were the members of his own tower at St. Mary-on-the-Hill, Chester, who prefaced their ringing on Palm Sunday with an expression of good wishes.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Members of St. Mary's Handbridge, tower rang changes on handbells from behind the organ screen before the consecration, by the Bishop of Chester (Dr. Gerald A. Ellison, who is himself a ringer), of the new Church of Holy Trinity-without-the-Walls, Chester, on Easter Even, as a compliment to the Rector, the Rev. Arthur L. Minns, a ringing member of the Chester Diocesan Guild. The church, which is situated on a new housing estate, is of traditional design, with the fabric clad in brickwork, and has a tower designed to accommodate six bells.

Congratulations to Mr. Albert Walker on his 84th birthday last Tuesday. On Saturday he will have completed 63 years' service at St. Martin's, Birmingham.

St. John's, Eastbourne, which was badly damaged during an air raid during the war, has been fully restored and the Parochial Church Council have under consideration the installation of a new ring of bells.

An interesting peal at East Crompton, Lancs, on April 9th was a silent and non-conducted peal of Plain Bob Major. The band believe this is the first non-conducted peal of Major for the Lancashire Association.

The beautiful bells at Godshill, Isle of Wight, have been recorded by the B.B.C. and will be included in a programme to be broadcast next Sunday at 9.45 p.m. on the West Regional programme. The broadcast is an excerpt from the quarter peal.

Mr. Norman Chaddock writes enthusiastically about the success of the course at Grantley Hall, near Ripon. His regret is that so many students had to be turned down, but the warden, Mr. C. Rigg, has promised another course next year. Full story later on.

When Mr. Geoff. Parting, of Dodleston, Ringing Master of the Chester Branch, leaves to start his National Service at the beginning of May, he will take with him to Aldershot the good wishes of a host of ringing friends in Cheshire and North Wales.

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Arrangements For Whitsun

Headquarters will be the Princes Hotel, Bouverie Road West, and all members and friends will be welcome there during the week-end.

WHIT TUESDAY

Holy Communion in the Parish Church at 7.30 a.m. Council Meeting in the Town Hall at 10 a.m. Members are asked to be in their places by 9.45 a.m.

Civic reception in the Sun Lounge of Leas Cliffe Hall at 5.45 p.m. Admittance by ticket only (2 per member) available from Mr. A. Berry, 7, Quenn's Street, Folkestone. Please state your Association or whether Honorary or Life.

RINGING TOURS

The following coach tours have been arranged, and applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made as soon as possible to Mr. J. R. Cooper, 8, Birling Road, Ashford, Kent.

SUNDAY, JUNE 5th.—Leaving Headquarters 1 p.m. Ringing at Ashford (8) 1.45 to 2.45 p.m. Wye (8) 3 to 4 p.m. Tea at Wye Hill Cafe 4.15 p.m. Ringing at Chilham (8) 5.15 to 6.30 p.m. Elham (8) 7.45 to 8.30 p.m. Total cost 10s.

MONDAY, JUNE 6th.—Leaving Headquarters 9.30 a.m. Ringing at Lenham (8) 10.30 to 11.15 a.m. Harrietsham (8) 11.30 to 12.15 p.m. Lunch at the Flower Bowl Cafe, Maidstone 12.45 p.m. Ringing at Maidstone (10) 2 to 3 p.m. Leeds (10) 3.15 to 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Beams Cafe, Headcorn 4.45 p.m. Ringing at Headcorn (8) 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. Biddenden (8) 7 to 8 p.m. Total cost 15s.

MONDAY, JUNE 6th.—Leaving Headquarters 9.30 a.m. Ringing at Dover (8) 10 to 10.45 a.m. Walmer (8) 11.15 to 12 noon. Lunch at the 16th Century Tea House, Sandwich 12.30 p.m. Ringing at St. Lawrence-in-Thamet (10) 2 to 3 p.m. Margate (8) 3.30 to 4.15 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea in Margate. Leave 5.30 p.m. Ringing at Quex Park (12) 6 to 7 p.m. Wingham (8) 7.30 to 8.15 p.m. Total cost 14s.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

SATURDAY, JUNE 4th.—Folkestone (8), Hythe (8), Cheriton (8), Saltwood (6), Newington-next-Folkestone (6) all 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon. Elham (8), Lymington (8), Burmarsh (6), Lymington (6) all 2 to 4 p.m. Brookland (5), Appledore (8) 4 to 6 p.m. Lydd (8), New Romney (8) 6 to 8.30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 5th.—Folkestone (8) 9.30 to 10.15 a.m. and 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. Cheriton (8), Hythe (8) 10.15 to 11 a.m. and 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. Canterbury: Cathedral (12) 2 to 2.45 p.m. St. Stephen (8), St. Dunstan (6) 10 to 11 a.m. and 5.45 to 6.30 p.m. St. Alphege (6) 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. St. Lawrence-in-Thamet (10) 9.45 to 10.15 a.m. and 5.45 to 6.30 p.m. Great Mongeham (6) 9 to 9.45 a.m. and 5.45 to 6.30 p.m. St. Peter-in-Thamet (8), Birchington (8), Margate (8), Walmer (8), Deal (6), Ringwood (6), Thanington (5) all 10.15 to 11 a.m. and 5.45 to 6.30 p.m. Quex Park (12) 2 to 5 p.m. Petham (6), Littlebourne (6) 5.45 to 6.30 p.m. Wickhambreaux (6) 6.30 to 7 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 6th.—Elham (8), Lymington (8) 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 7 to 9 p.m. Wingham (8), Barham (5), Bekesbourne (6), Deal (6), Eastry (5), Goodnestone (6), Great Mongeham (6), Northbourne (6), Ringwood (6) 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Canterbury: Cathedral (12) 4 to 5.30 p.m. St. Alphege (6) 2 to 4 p.m. St. Dunstan (6) 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. St. Stephen (8) 6 to 8 p.m. Chatham (6), Petham (6), Thanington (5) 7 to 9 p.m.

All ringing at Lymington is subject to the bells being rehung by Whitsun.

PEAL ATTEMPTS

Members and visitors wishing to take part in peal attempts are requested to communicate as soon as possible with Mr. J. R. Cooper at the above address, stating any preference regarding method, number of bells, etc.

NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES

Would Secretaries who have not yet forwarded their Representatives' names and addresses for the new session, please do so at once, or papers will be sent to last year's members.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE - No. 19



MR. E. MORRIS,
F.R.Hist.S., F.R.G.S., M.R.S.L.

Mr. Ernest Morris can be described as the undoubted historian of the Exercise. For years he has been a kind of Public Relations Officer between ringers and the public. His books are well known amongst the older members, but for the benefit of new-comers his work on 'The History and Art of Change Ringing' is outstanding. It is a mighty tome and represents many years of hard and painstaking work. Others of his works are 'Legends of the Bells', 'Bells in English Life', 'Chimes and Chime Tunes', and 'Towers and Bells of Britain'. His latest work 'Tintinnabula' is the most authoritative work yet published on bells. He has written articles dealing with door knockers, fire backs, horse brasses, wool weights, locks and keys, church fountains, and village crosses.

Mr. Morris had only the advantage of elementary schooling at St. Margaret's, Leicester. He left at the age of 14 and went to work in a leather warehouse. His father was not in a position to send him to high school, being a shoemaker by trade. His mother died when he was only eight years old. So it can be seen that Ernest Morris is a self-taught

man. He did not have the facilities which were available to J. A. Trollope—another famous self-taught historian, for Trollope was able to make countless visits to the British Museum, where he was able to get invaluable information, which made his work much easier than was the case with Ernest Morris. Josiah Morris, his father, was once dubbed by the late Harold Poole 'The Rhythm King,' for his striking was faultless, and he always insisted on a very high standard.

Born in 1889, Ernest learned to ring when he was 13 years old. His first peal was at Grimsby in 1906. He has always borne in mind his father's advice and instructions which were 'I want you to make the name of Morris revered here in the Church, up there in the belfry, and in the Ringing World.' Everyone will agree that Ernest has lived fully up to that advice, for he has been always at the forefront in helping struggling bands in and around Leicestershire and has been equally happy to ring in Doubles and Minor as in Cinques and Maximus. He has been a devoted Sunday service ringer, before, during and after his 21 years' service as verger of Leicestershire's largest church.

He served as general secretary of the old Midland Counties Association for 20 years, and is now treasurer of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. He serves as consultant for bells on the Diocesan Advisory Committee. He is now rapidly approaching his 2,000th peal (second only to the record of the late William Pye), and he has conducted over 670 of them. Included in these are 10,912 Kent T.B., 7,840 Oxford T.B., 6,720 Little Bob, 6,720 Little Canterbury, 9,120 Ilkeston T.B., and 9,600 Worcester T.B. He took part in the records of 12,896 Cambridge Major, 12,663 Stedman Cinques at Oxford, and 10,976 Bristol Surprise Major, also a peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark, by 12 secretaries, and a peal of Cambridge Maximus on the old Bow bells; a peal of Stedman Caters on the old ten at Manchester Town Hall, conducted by James Washbrook, and a peal of Cambridge Maximus on the new bells there.

Although now 70 years old, Mr. Morris is still actively taking part in many peals, and his enthusiasm is unabated. He has a truly remarkable record, and is well on the way to achieving the record of having rung more peals than anyone. We heartily wish him every success, and if his father were still alive, he would be the first to admit that his boy had not let him down.

JAFUS.

WEDDING OF DR. D. HEIGHTON AND MISS B. MUTIMER

The wedding took place on Easter Monday at Saxlingham Nethergate of Dr. David Heighton, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Heighton, of Thorpe Hamlet, Norwich, and Miss Bridget Mutimer, daughter of Mrs. Mutimer and the late Mr. H. F. Mutimer, of Saxlingham.

Dr. Heighton, who is now at Bristol, commenced his ringing at Norwich and was also a server at the Cathedral at the time the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow was Precentor. His bride has been a regular Sunday service ringer at Saxlingham and took an active part in village affairs, including the drama group. The Saxlingham ringers gave her a barometer.

The Rector (the Rev. C. T. Hearn) and the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow, of Great Yarmouth, officiated at the service. The bride was dressed in full length white flowered perlon over nylon taffeta, nine yards round the hem, and her headdress was a coronet of mother-of-pearl with elbow-length veil. There were five bridesmaids. Dr. Michael Sprackling was best man and Dr. Tudor Edwards and Mr. Patrick J. Bird ushers.

Saxlingham ringers, assisted by Mr. H. W. Barrett (Ringing Master of Norwich Diocesan Assn.) and Mr. A. G. Bason, rang before and after the ceremony. Later, a well-struck peal of Plain Bob Major was rung, the band including the best man and two ushers. The reception at Caistor Hall Hotel was attended by over 100 guests and the honeymoon is being spent in the Lake District.

Tips For Beginners—19

If you are able to ring Double Norwich and Cambridge you will find it easy to pick up Superlative, which is a double method like Double Norwich, and the places are like Cambridge with the addition of an odd place and a dodge.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Through Mr. David Jewell, calling 'This is all' instead of 'bob' at the end of the final lead a quarter of Grandire Triples was lost at Stratton, Cornwall. It was to have been in honour of the birth of the first grandchild to the Vicar, the Rev. L. Dodd.

The ten bells of St. Michael's Church, Aylsham, Norfolk, are at present being quarter turned, retuned and fitted with ball-bearings, and structural alterations are also being made to the frame. The date of the rededication service will be announced in 'The Ringing World'.

A new series by John Betjeman on B.B.C. Television will commence on Sunday, May 15th at 7 p.m., entitled 'The A.B.C. of Churches.' The first talk will be on Aldbourne Parish Church, Wilts, and shots of the church and bells will be shown. The Aldbourne band of ringers has been grievously depleted since the photographs were taken and are indebted to the ringers from Swindon and district who supplemented the ringing, which consists of a bob course of Stedman Triples.

NOT A DYING ART

The following correspondence, between the College of Campanology and the B.B.C., speaks for itself.

'Dear Mr. Michelmore.—In the television programme "Tonight" on Tuesday, April 12th you included an item on the chiming of bells by one person (not unique) in which item it was stated—"Bellringing is a dying art."

This, in fact, is far from the truth: particularly if, by "bellringing" is to be understood the more appropriate phrase—"changing-ringing."

This is a uniquely British art, dating from the middle of the 17th century, since when there has been steady development not only in its practice but also in its science. It is true that in some rural areas difficulty is experienced in getting recruits: but change-ringing, as such, is still advancing in what are known as the "higher methods"; and ringers of all ages, in both sexes, and in all walks of life, are to be found.

There is country-wide organisation of ringers into "associations"—territorial, occupational and university: and their activities are knit in the "Central Council of Church Bell Ringers," of which there is a Literature and Broadcasting Committee.

This College of Campanology, a voluntary organisation founded in 1956, exists to collect and disseminate information on the art and science of bellringing in all its branches, working in conjunction with ringers' associations generally.

If further information is of interest we shall be most happy to co-operate.—Yours sincerely,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE,
Principal.

April 13th. 1960.

BRITISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION

'Dear Mr. York-Bramble.—Thank you for your letter of April 13th addressed to Mr. Michelmore about the item in "Tonight" on bellringing.

Your letter is being brought to the attention of the Editor of the programme in case it is possible to make use of the information it contains, for which we are most grateful. You will, however, appreciate that we receive a great many more suggestions for the programme than we are able to use and it is not often possible for us to return to a subject for this reason.

If, however, we are able to take advantage of your kind offer of assistance the producer concerned will get in touch with you direct.—Yours sincerely,

P. JOAN HYMANS,
Secretariat.

April 19th. 1960.

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EAST RIDING RINGERS ON TOUR



PICTURED above, outside East Witton Church, Yorks. are the East Riding Ringers during their successful tour. Left to right: J. Lumb (Rise), J. S. Rank (Kirk Ella), I. N. Goldthorpe (Kirk Ella), R. D. Gibson (Cottingham), J. I. Booth (Cottingham), J. Singleton (Hessle) and K. Goldthorpe (Kirk Ella).

The tour started from Beverley on a typical East Yorkshire April morning—cloudy and windy. After an hour of steady cycling, Market Weighton was reached. Grandsire, Bob Doubles, Clifford's Pleasure and April Day were well struck despite the numerous flies which persisted in crawling up the legs of ringers wearing shorts. Ringing was not so good on the noisy six at Accomb. At Huntington, Peter Came joined the party and night was spent at York Youth Hostel.

There were more flies the following morning at the first tower, Whitley (a very fine light six), where St. Martin's Bob Doubles was added to the repertoire. At Aldborough we were joined by our seventh member, who had cycled that morning from Sunderland. Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor and St. Simon's were rung on this delightful ring of six. After lunch at Boroughbridge, the noise of the clock in the church nearly overwhelmed a good touch of Stedman. At Kirkby Hill the rise and fall were good, but the band fell away in the middle. The night was spent at Ellingsring Youth Hostel, but the adjournment to the 'Boot and Shoe' gave the party a shock: it turned out to be 'the pub with no beer,' as only the first two could be served.

The next day was warm and sunny and a short ride brought us to East Wilton. After some well-struck touches there was an invitation to tea and biscuits at the vicarage which was much appreciated. The fine eight at Middleham were much enjoyed. A hearty meal of youth hostel sandwiches and beer in an

'ale-house' was followed by the heavy and awkward eight at Bedale, where flies did not improve the ringing. Masham proved to be like Bedale and we were ready for the excellent meals there, where we stayed the night. There was an evening visit to Kirkby Malzeard.

On the next day at West Tanfield, R.G. called his first quarter and the band were so excited that at the next tower they repeated their performance with some perfect striking. After lunch at Ripon, Brafferton-Helperby bells proved to be an awkward ring. This was our last tower before our long ride to York and later to home. Thanks are due to I.G. and J.R. for their organisation and all the clergy and tower captains.

R. D. G.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

A curate took his Sunday School class to a country village noted for its scenery and beautiful church. Walking along a lane the party met a very old man with a bent back trudging along. The curate plied him with questions and eventually asked him his age. Said the old man: 'I be nointy next birthday.' Whereupon the curate remarked: 'I suppose they don't die very often in this part of the country.' With a wry smile, the old man replied: 'No sir, only wonce.'

HOPE, DERBYSHIRE.—On April 18th, 1,568 Cornwall Surprise Major: Eileen Fearn 1, S. Hough, jun., 2, Carol Fernley 3, F. Osbaldeston 4, A. P. Whitehead 5, A. Richards 6, D. Taylor 7, D. Mottershead (cond.) 8.

SIBBERTOFT, NORTHANTS.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela Dexter 1, Anne Morris (first quarter) 2, R. Loake 3, N. Spencer 4, D. Williams (cond.) 5. First quarter by a Market Harborough Grammar School band.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE AND APRIL DAY

Dear Sir.—When I read Mr. Pattison's letter, I straightway thought of that old saying about 'the pot calling the kettle black,' for if ever there was any unmitigated nonsense printed in your journal, it is those last two paragraphs of his letter on page 283.

Where he gets the idea from, that five bell ringers are 'jealous' of his peal performances, really gets me guessing. Is there any money or other prize at the conclusion of ringing a peal, or any record value attached these days? The argument sounds very childish and unworthy of Mr. Pattison, who should also bear in mind that because one lives in a parish or attends a church on Sundays with only five bells it does not necessarily brand him 'a five bell ringer.' If he goes to a parish some 12 miles from here he will find almost every member of the band rings peals on 6, 8, and some have done so on 10 and 12, yet five bells is their lot on Sundays—there is no slur in ringing five bells.

Mr. Pattison would do well to read (if he hasn't already done so) the opening words of Mr. Boamphrey's letter on the same page as his own! The parable of the man with ten talent and the man with one has probably never struck Mr. Pattison—just as he has probably never recognised the stark fact, that not every church can have 8, 10 or 12 bells, or the tower built for these numbers?

Mr. Pattison is but a youth, with big ideas of himself, who would have done well to have lived in the days of the late William Willson, the Rev. A. Law-James, and a few more I well remember. These would soon have told him he was merely juggling with words to get round things—his favourite being the word 'variation.'

I say again in reality, whether you alter a structure by way of the plain course by a mere difference of a place, or by a bob, does not alter the fact, that one is merely changing the position of the bells from that structure, and therefore creating a variation in both instances. We can ignore the old worn-out argument about plain courses, as having little bearing on the truth of the meaning of the word 'variation.'—Yours faithfully,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell.

NOTE.—Mr. Pattison desires to make a correction to his letter. The reference to April Day should read: 'April Day is Plain Bob Doubles whose Bob is a Grandsire Doubles single.'—Ed.

Dear Sir.—I am sure that Mr. P. Amos did not have any jealous nature in mind when he suggested that there was no more difference in the variation of Braunstone Surprise to Yorkshire than April Day to Plain Bob.

As one of the few ringers—in fact I would go so far as to say the only ringer—who has rung a full peal of April Day and Braunstone Surprise, I have always felt that there is more difference in the Doubles Variations than in these Yorkshire Surprise Variations of Braunstone and Biddenham (or should it be Biddenden?) which only differ in the Yorkshire 5-6 triple dodge: in fact a number of the so called different Surprise methods only differ in the intermediate work in 1-2 and 3-4 places in Minor and 1-2 and 5-6 places in Major.

The majority of the so called upper class of Surprise ringers look down on the Doubles ringers, such as Mr. Amos, who practise these Doubles Variations, the only difference between them and the parent method being the type of bob used. However, as one staunch eight bell ringer once said, it takes a really

good band to ring a peal on five bells and strike them properly: he has never done so yet.

I have the greatest admiration for conductors such as Brian Warwick, Pat Cannon and Derek Jones who have called peals on five bells including these Doubles variations and are also capable conductors on up to 12 bells, but none of whom comes under the category of ringing snobs.

So, Mr. Pattison, I agree with your explanation on the differences of Yorkshire variations and April Day, etc., but still maintain that these Surprise methods are only slight variations of one another and to ring them is only just a matter of changing the name; the method is the same, the places different.—Yours sincerely,

G. K. DODD.

Highclere.

Dear Sir.—I hope I don't step on anybody's toes by writing this letter, but I should like to fire what I hope will be the last bullet in the war between Mr. P. Amos and Mr. Pattison.

Perhaps Mr. Amos didn't chose a very good illustration of a variation when he compared April Day and Plain Bob with Yorkshire and Braunstone but I think we all know what was in his mind, and to my way of thinking a variation is a variation, whether the slight difference be in the plain course or the call. Surely what's good for the goose is good for the gander.

Mr. Pattison, I thought, finished off his last letter in rather a distasteful way. He gave the impression that ringing fancy Surprise Major methods is the thing and that ringing Doubles is something to be looked upon with contempt, but if the one peal of Surprise Major that I've rung, with what was supposed to be a crack band, is anything to go by then I'd rather ring a peal of Doubles any day.

One thing we should appreciate, whatever our stage of attainment, is that so much depends on opportunity. Some of us have been lucky and others not so lucky, but before we start thinking less of the not so skilful in our noble art let us remember 'There, but for the grace of God, go I.'

Finally, this childish 'slanging' of people is surely something to be deplored. It's so very unnecessary and what's more very unchristian. It's not a very good example of Christian charity and tolerance to set to our younger readers when the more mature of us have to embark upon these nasty little outbursts of spite.—Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL F. AMOS, C.A.

London, N.W.1.

HANDBELL RECORDS

Dear Sir.—Further to my letter in your issue of February 19th, about the gramophone record of Spliced Surprise Major on handbells, I am pleased to say there was a good response and the records are now in my possession. The price (including postage) is 18s. 6d., and remittances should be made out to 'The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers' and not to me personally.

If anyone else is interested there are a number of spares available.

As this is a busy time of year for me I must apologise in advance for any delay which may occur in despatch, but perhaps anyone who does not hear within three weeks of writing would get in touch with me again.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.
Hon. Secretary.

26, Iron Mill Lane,
Crayford, Dartford,
Kent.

RINGERS AND BELFRY MAINTENANCE

Dear Sir.—At the annual meeting of the Worcestershire and Districts Change Ringing Association held on Easter Monday, I made a statement about ringers' contributions towards rope maintenance and general tower expenses when peals are attempted at this church, and I expressed the wish that such contributions should be made at the rate of 2s. 6d. a rope.

This was reported, as I knew it would be, and I am told that such headings as 'Mean ringers attacked by Rector of Hanbury' have appeared. The popular press is already on the telephone and the usual storm is about to break. I shall not bow my head to it. I did not use the word 'mean,' nor did I intend to imply it. I merely pointed out that ropes are expensive, and that the cost of renewals (about £36) falls heavily on a country P.C.C.

I am always glad to welcome visiting ringers here. But let us face facts. Some people play golf, or cricket, or bowls and such like as a hobby. Ringers who come here on a Saturday afternoon ring mainly for their own enjoyment and for the pleasure of achieving a peal. Golf would cost them 10s. 6d. a head; the cinema at least 2s. 9d. A half-crown is a moderate contribution to ask for three hours' enjoyment, and I expect it to be honoured when a peal is booked.

My relationship with ringers in general, and the members of our Association in particular, has always been cordial, and I cannot see why my request should impair it. I stand by my statement. The bells at Hanbury are generally readily available for those who will co-operate with us. Others must ring their peals elsewhere.—Yours sincerely,

LEONARD J. BIRCH.

Rector.

Bromsgrove, Worcestershire.

NOTE.—Interviewed by a Birmingham newspaper, Mr. G. E. Fearn is quoted as saying, 'I think sixpence from each ringer is as much as the Rector can reasonably expect.'—Ed.

A NEW NOTATION

Dear Sir.—I thank the correspondents who commented on my recent letter. If Mr. Wratten has a system of listing in Notation Order, the simple example he gives is not sufficient to show how he deals with the x rows and double places. Perhaps he would give further details.

Mr. Pattison offers a logical system of classification, but as it takes the form of groups, each with branches, it is essentially a 'Filing Cabinet' system, and unless it could be adapted for printing, it would not serve the purpose I envisaged, of a single list in a known order.

Meanwhile, another critic has pointed out that recent methods have three adjoining places, and these should be included where applicable. The following amendments should therefore be made to the original Table of Places:

Change	Amendment
4-5	Add 1456.
6-7	Delete 1258 already lettered rt.
8-9	Add 1236, 1238.
12-13	Add 1238, 1258, 3458.

Should the system of lettering be adopted, it would need extending accordingly.

Would one of your correspondents, please, verify that the Table of Places is now complete.—Yours faithfully,

T. G. HAWKINS.

Windsor, Berks.

NOTE.—For original letter see page 235 of March 25th issue.—Ed.

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ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

By T. J. LOCK

"F"

FALSE COURSE END.—The matter of proving the truth of any composition is, to say the least, confined to those ringers who are used to putting pencil to paper. And, it need hardly be said, one finds that the first occasion a composition is checked is far more laborious than, for instance, the one hundred and first. Before each composition is examined for truth certain preliminaries are necessary. For example, has the method to which the composition will be used a clean proof scale or any internal falseness? In Treble Bob and Surprise methods falseness may occur when the treble bell strikes in any similar position when going up away from the lead or coming down to the lead. To put it another way, in a lead of a treble bob method the treble bell strikes four times in any one position so there are four rows which have to be examined for falseness or repetition. It thus may mean a detailed examination of the method, which entails marking the In course and Out of course rows, usually done with the signs + and - respectively. The next step is to find the false lead heads, which are quite often numerous. But the majority of these false lead heads are when the two heaviest bells—the 'two tenors'—are other than in their natural coursing order, and as nearly all compositions for eight bells and over are rung with the tenors not affected in their coursing order, the number at issue is very much reduced. Moreover, as we are now under the heading of False Course End we look down the list of false lead heads to see which of them have the tenors in their home position—these are the False Course Ends.

To illustrate the diversity and complexity of falseness you will read in the article 'Double Norwich Court Bob Caters' written by Edgar C. Shepherd that whenever a start is made to ring Double Norwich Court Bob Caters on the thirds place bob variation, three rows occur that belong to the first lead 123456789. They are 214365879, 241638597 and 426135879. These three rows must inevitably be rung, for no calls can affect the method until the fourth row is reached. The false leads against these three rows are two in number, 132645879 and 152648379. These two leads must never on any consideration appear in any composition.

FIRING.—If you have not yet heard firing, being done properly, on bells you have, I think, a treat in store. Firing is when the tenor takes the lead in striking and all the other bells follow in quick orderly succession with treble last. It is done so quickly that it takes less than a second for all the bells to be heard at each stroke and the effect is, on a well tuned peal, a very pleasant reception in the ears of a 'humming octave.' The firing can, of course, continue indefinitely with everyone following the lead of the tenor but it is not rung or practised much because, for one reason, much greater stresses and strains are set up in the bell frame and in the tower which would cause undue wear and tear and eventual damage.

FIXED BELL.—To produce figures for a peal a composer has certain matters to consider and certain conditions to comply with before the composition is proved true. But apart from these obstacles he usually strives to produce as musical a composition as is possible. This often means that at certain points in the composition the greatest number of the bells are kept in their coursing order for as long as can be. For instance, in Major, the sixth could be a fifths place bell in the coursing order whilst the fifth and then the fourth would be called to be sixths place bell in the coursing order, thereby producing, firstly, as many changes as possible with course ends, . . . 6578 and, secondly, . . . 6478. In this case the sixth would be a fixed bell or, in other words, a bell undisturbed in its coursing order by any calls.

A very good example for you to study is N. J. Pitstow's three-part composition of Superlative or Yorkshire Surprise Major. It will be seen that the call Before is the only

The Royal Wedding

Today (Friday), in Westminster Abbey, is being solemnised the marriage of H.R.H. the Princess Margaret to Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones. While the Abbey bells will be rung for the service, ringers everywhere will during the next few days be ringing in celebration of this, the second big Royal event of 1960.

It seems especially appropriate, however, that the bells which will be heard during the Royal processions through Parliament Square to the Abbey will be those of St. Margaret's, Westminster. Since the time of Elizabeth I the bells of St. Margaret's have been rung whenever the Sovereign has been going past the church, whether on the way to the Abbey, to the opening of Parliament or in connection with State visits from foreign powers. Indeed, the last occasion was when H.M. the Queen, was escorting President De Gaulle from Victoria Station to Buckingham Palace.

St. Margaret's is also the parish church of Parliament. One of the first acts of every new Parliament is that the Lords and Commons proceed to their parish church for a service to ask God's blessing on their deliberations. As Parliament is the representative body of every one of us in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, St. Margaret's can be said in one sense to be a parish church for all of us. The ringers of St. Margaret's, under their conductor, Mr. W. H. Hewitt, will therefore be expressing the loyal sentiments of us all and our wishes for the future happiness of the Princess and her groom.

W. G. W.

one to affect the sixths place bell, also that the sixth is the fixed bell in this position for one part, the fourth is the fixed bell in this position for another part, and the fifth is the fixed bell in the remaining part.

The state of being a fixed bell can be protracted to a touch of three leads of, say, Kent Treble Bob Major, which can be brought into rounds by calling a bob at every lead end and in which the fifth, sixth, seventh and tenor would be said all to be fixed bells.

FORWARD HUNTING.—I have noted before that the treble is always considered to be a forward hunting bell with handstrokes making the odd numbers of changes and backstrokes the even numbers. Study the Plain Bob method and you will see that all the bells do forward hunting. It is most usually not until you have had fair experience in change ringing that you will depart from forward hunting, but the departure should not worry you, in fact to many it presents no difficulty whatsoever, and even the mixture of forward and backward hunting will come and go as a matter of course.

FURNITURE.—The contents of a ringing chamber does create impressions good or otherwise and to this extent has an effect upon the ringers and consequently upon the ringing. Some ringing chambers, even excepting those where ringing takes place around the font or amongst the choir stalls, have no room for furniture but where some is possible, do not crowd it in. A table with drawers and a chair or two, seats or benches to provide accommodation for people numbering say three times as many ropes, plenty of hat and coat hooks (but not against a non-washable distempered wall!) a notice board fixed at the right height for all to read should be a minimum aim. Items such as carpets, mats, lino, bookcases, cupboard, means of adequate lighting, lidded boxes or platforms on which ringers of the heavy bells can stand, peal boards and tablets, lavatory accommodation are all incidental to each ringing chamber, but, ladies, don't you like to see a vase with a lovely spray of flowers in it?

OBITUARY

MR. E. W. BIFFIN

The funeral service for Mr. Edward W. Biffin took place at St. Thomas' Church, Exeter, on April 12th. Those present included the president and general secretary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, the chairmen of the Exeter and Mid-Devon Branches of the Guild, and many ringing friends and sympathisers. Muffled touches were rung on the bells after the service.

Mr. Biffin came to the district about 1920 from Milverton, Somerset, being employed, until his retirement, as a railwayman of the Western Region. He joined St. Thomas', Exeter, band at the time of the restoration of the bells in 1923, and three years after was elected Ringing Master, a position he had most ably filled up to the time of his death. He was also church councillor and sidesman.

Whilst there are no dates or figures available immediately, his other offices connected with ringing include being Central Council representative for about 20 years and Exeter Branch Ringing Master for about the same time. He has rung about 80 peals and conducted quite a half of them. He was particularly proud of the peals of Stedman Triples he had called and his 'one and only' of Surprise Major he had rung in the company of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Poole. His last peal, which he also conducted, was at St. Thomas', Exeter, of Grandsire Triples, in honour of his golden wedding on June 18th, 1958.

Ted had done more than his share of teaching recruits, travelling many miles to local struggling towers, and many of the leading exponents of the art in the Exeter district owe much of their success to the early ground work provided at St. Thomas'. The Vicar, the Rev. J. P. Henton, who conducted the funeral service, aptly summed up the life of Edward W. Biffin as one of loyalty—loyal to his church and family, to his 'own' band, and to his Guild. St. Thomas', Exeter, and the Guild of Devonshire Ringers will find the gap, created by his passing, difficult to fill.

F. W.

MR. GEORGE BURDFIELD

Hurstpierpoint, Sussex, has lost a sincere churchman and loyal ringer by the death on April 7th of Mr. George Burdfield, aged 77.

His punctual attendance for both service and practice ringing perhaps sprang from his work as a railway signaller. He was a most genial companion. Previous to coming to Hurstpierpoint he lived at Three Bridges and while there for over 30 years served Worth Parish Church as a chorister and bell ringer (His grandson is now carrying on in choir stall and belfry.)

It was at Worth that he was laid to rest on April 11th, and as a token of respect—for he left behind an example worthy of emulation—that the bells of both Worth and Hurstpierpoint were rung half-muffled.

S. W. B.

MR. E. J. GOLDSTONE

Portishead has lost its oldest ringer and the Bath and Wells Association one of its longest serving members by the death of Mr. Ernest J. Goldstone, following a short illness.

A life-long resident of Portishead, Mr. Goldstone had recently completed 60 years as a member of the local band. In recent years, he was partially crippled by a rheumatic complaint yet, despite this, his enthusiasm for ringing never diminished. Peal boards in Portishead belfry testify to Mr. Goldstone having taken part in about a dozen peals in his own tower, mostly of Grandsire Triples, several of which he conducted. As a lad of 14, he was present in the ringing chamber when the first peal of Triples on the bells was rung in 1900.

During the evening, on the day of the funeral, the Portishead bells were rung half-muffled to some well struck Triples, as a token of respect to one who had, in all respects, proved himself worthy of his calling as a ringer in God's service.

A. J. G.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SUPPORT FOR 'RINGING WORLD'

Bridgwater was chosen as the venue for the 70th annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Association, and on Easter Monday the largest company of ringers present for many years met there. Doubtlessly, they were attracted by the glorious sunshine, the accessibility of the town, and the numerous six bell towers available for ringing.

The service in St. Mary's Church was conducted by the Venerable G. F. Hilder (Archdeacon of Taunton) who is a vice-president of the Association, and he was assisted by the Master, the Rev. H. F. Warren. In his address, the Archdeacon traced the origin of change ringing, reminding those present both of the integral part it plays in the preparation for worship, and of the great responsibility placed upon all ringers. Their duty was not complete when the last bell had sounded but they should be present for divine worship, regularly kneeling at the altar to receive their Holy Communion.

After the service, members partook of luncheon at the Tudor Cafe, and from there made their way to St. Mary's Hall for the meeting, which was excellently conducted by the Master, who opened proceedings with prayer. Apologies for absence were received from the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells, the Bishop of Taunton, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, R. O. Fry, W. A. Prescott, W. A. Osborn, E. T. P. Field and Miss N. Williams.

The secretary (Mr. D. Hoare) read the minutes of the previous annual meeting and these were duly signed and adopted.

In his remarks the Master expressed regret at his inability, through ill-health, to take a very active part in the affairs of the Association. However, he was delighted to say that he had now completely recovered. During the past year, he had been kept well informed of happenings in the Diocese by the secretary, who had, he said, spared no effort to keep the Association's affairs in good order.

ANOTHER RINGING PARSON

He then told members that their secretary had felt God's call to serve as a priest and was therefore commencing his training for Holy Orders later in the year. It was unfortunate that the Association would lose his services after only two years, but one more ringing parson would be a valuable asset! He wished Mr. Hoare well in his new-found vocation and coupled with this his sincere thanks on behalf of all for the work which he had willingly undertaken during his term of office.

The secretary presented his report for 1959 which showed great activity throughout the Diocese in all directions. Because Parochial Church Councils had responded so well to the requests for increased affiliation fees, the committee had been able not only to produce a booklet on the elementary principles of ringing ('Ringing a Bell', price 6d.) but also to reintroduce organised courses of instruction which had so far been granted to four towers. Grants, too, had been increased and one P.C.C. had received a substantial amount which would be a great help in rehanging the bells. Mr. Hoare mentioned a restoration contemplated at Hemington.

'One branch,' he said, 'which really deserves congratulations is the Glaston.' It had for some years been a depressed area but, due to local enthusiasm, it was now very flourishing.

In conclusion, he said that it had been a pleasure and privilege to serve as general secretary and thanked members for their unfailing support which had greatly helped him.

FINANCES BETTER

The treasurer (Mr. G. Salmon) presented the balance sheet which proved to be outstanding. Branch returns were considerably up and the general fund balance had increased by about £50. Affiliation fees had totalled £85, 50% of this had been retained for instructional purposes, while a similar amount had been transferred to the bell fund, which had also benefited by three branch collections totalling £5. Strangely enough, the printed report had cost £25 less. This was

due to an increased number of advertisements and a change in printers.

Mr. Harry Sanger (peal secretary) reported that nine fewer peals had been rung during 1959 than during the previous year. Nevertheless, the all round standard had greatly improved and this was very pleasing. The highlights were a peal of Doubles in 18 methods at Ashcott, conducted by Mr. George Prescott, several peals of Surprise Major, conducted by Mr. John Gilbert, and a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal at Yeovil. Mr. Sanger explained that the drop in numbers was due to certain members commencing study in connection with their careers and the transfer of affections by some members from the Doubles field to the Minor. He felt that the organised instruction would provide a good grounding for the future generation and secure an even higher all-round standard.

OLD BELLS AND SCRAP

Finally, the Tower Advisory Expert (Mr. R. H. Gardiner) told members that he and Mr. W. A. Osborn had visited ten towers during 1959 and in a comprehensive report he gave full details of the recommendations which he and his colleague had made. He impressed members that they should, as ringers, always condemn the selling of bells for scrap as they were often irreplaceable. They had succeeded in persuading one P.C.C. from doing such a thing and impressed upon that body the desirability of the use and purpose of bells.

Mr. S. G. Coles then proposed that the reports be adopted en bloc with grateful thanks to the officers for their able administration. This was seconded by Mr. F. C. Mogford and carried unanimously.

PEALS AND 'RINGING WORLD'

The Master then placed before the meeting the following resolution which was proposed by Mr. E. J. Chivers and seconded by Mr. R. G. Beck. 'That on January 1st next, this Association institutes a further minimum charge of 6d. per rope for every peal rung for the Association; the money to be forwarded to "The Ringing World" to help this paper in its financial difficulty. Also that no peal be recorded for the Association unless the peal booking fee and "Ringing World" fees are fully paid.' Considerable discussion followed and, in the course of this, it was pointed out that a good 60% of the Diocesan ringers already made a voluntary contribution and so this would no more than regularise what was happening already.

Mr. Brain felt that while the idea was admirable, a better alternative would be for the Association to make a straightforward grant which could be reviewed annually. However, after one or two other points had been clarified, he allowed his suggestion to remain open for the time being. It was interesting to note that not one person present expressed unwillingness to co-operate and so the motion was carried with great enthusiasm.

It should be placed on record that some months previously the subject of 'The Ringing World' had appeared on the agenda of every branch meeting and so the motion placed before the annual meeting had been well discussed at a branch level and a real interest and feeling of responsibility towards the ringers' own paper had been created.

P.C.C. AFFILIATION FEES

Mr. Hoare then proposed and Mr. Salmon seconded the following amendment to Rule 4. 'That the words "Each tower is asked to pay an affiliation fee of not less than 2s. annually" be deleted and the following words substituted: "That every Parochial Church Council be asked to pay an annual affiliation fee, the following amounts being the recommended sums: half-guinea for towers containing five or six bells and one guinea for towers containing eight bells or more."'

The proposer explained that the purpose of this proposition was merely to regularise what was now happening because under that new scheme the old rule was obsolete.

The Rev. Dr. Pollard said that his own P.C.C. had raised no objection and that they had said that a body asking for only 2s. was not worth supporting. The resolution was therefore carried unanimously.

In the course of the annual elections, the following officers were appointed to serve for the next twelve months, all of whom were recommended by the General Executive Committee:—

The Rev. H. F. Warren (Master); Mr. G. Salmon, of 9, Kennion Road, Wells (general secretary); Mr. E. Naylor, of 7, Priory Close, Ralph Allen Drive, Combe Down, Bath (treasurer); Mr. F. Andrews (auditor); Mr. H. J. Sanger (peal secretary); Messrs. R. H. Gardiner and W. A. Osborn (Advisory Expert and Assistant, respectively); Messrs. G. Salmon, H. J. Sanger, A. H. Reed and Miss N. G. Williams (Central Council representatives).

Under Any Other Business, Mr. S. G. Coles proposed that the secretary be granted the usual honorarium, and coupled with this his thanks for past work. Mr. D. White seconded and the proposition was carried. Similarly, Mr. Chivers proposed a grant of £20 towards the Central Council representatives' expenses. Mr. A. Lee seconded and this, too, was carried.

In conclusion, Mr. H. Sanger thanked Canon Swan for so readily allowing members the use of the bells and church, the Archdeacon of Taunton for conducting the service and speaking so delightfully, the organist for his kind help, Mr. R. Short, the local secretary, for making the many arrangements, and finally the Master for conducting the meeting.

After the Master had closed proceedings with prayer, members adjourned to the many neighbouring towers where ringing continued until 8 p.m.

EAST DERBYSHIRE & NOTTS ASSOCIATION

Visitors from Lincolnshire, Lancashire, Leicestershire and Staffordshire augmented members of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association to enjoy the fine eight at Sutton-in-Ashfield on Easter Monday, when the Association's meeting was held. Young lady ringers of the home tower, under the guidance of Mrs. B. A. Sollis, wife of the local captain, served a sumptuous tea.

At the business meeting the president (Mr. J. W. Price) presented the shield for Sunday service ringing, progress and attendance at meetings to Sutton-in-Ashfield, who had won it for the fourth year. It was received by the youngest pupil, Miss B. Gascoigne.

There was a change in the election of officers. Mr. C. M. Heathcote, who for almost a quarter of a century had been honorary treasurer, retired owing to his recent illness, and Mr. R. Mason, of Shirland, was elected as his successor. Mr. B. A. Sollis was again elected secretary and Central Council representative. Two ladies were added to the Executive Committee—Miss Ashby (Shirland) and Miss Wharton (Sutton-in-Ashfield).

Two very old members of over 50 years' standing, Mr. A. Elliott (Kilburn) and Mr. W. Dobb (Selston), moved that the title of the Association be changed from East Derbyshire and Notts Association of Change Ringers to that of Church Bells Ringers and this was agreed to. Honorary life membership was conferred on Mr. J. W. England and Mr. C. M. Heathcote and 12 new members were elected. Further ringing ended a remarkably happy meeting. A. B. S.

Joint Meeting At Darlington

A most enjoyable meeting of the Southern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association was held at Holy Trinity Church, Darlington, on April 23rd. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. N. Goldie), who at the tea table afterwards said the sound of church bells was one of the things he missed most when away from this country. He was delighted to find, on coming to Holy Trinity, that it had a fine ring of bells. A joint meeting with the Yorkshire Association at Barnard Castle was announced for July 2nd. Ringing ranged from Plain Bob to London Surprise.

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MEETINGS

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Ashted, Saturday, May 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 5666

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Burwell, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 5846

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting at Anstey on May 7th, at 5.30 p.m.—E. G. Buck, Dis. Sec. 5707

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting Bushey Heath (8), May 7th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—G. W. Seablan, Dis. Sec. 5830

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting Saturday, May 7th. Sundridge (6) 3-5 p.m. Brasted (6) 6-8 p.m. Please bring own tea. 5832

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District combined with Rochester District.—By-meeting May 7th at Frinsted (5), from 3-5 p.m. and Tunstall (8), after tea. Please bring your own tea.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 5845

LADIES' GUILD.—Central and Southern Districts.—Joint meeting, May 7th. St. Peter's, Staines, 3 p.m. Service and tea 4.30 p.m. St. Mary's, Staines, available 6.45-8.15 p.m. Everyone welcome. 5671

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Nottingham District).—Joint meeting Saturday, May 7th. Ringing 2.30 to 4 p.m. Prestwold (8). Wymeswold (6), 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. and after tea. Service Wymeswold 4.30 p.m. Tea in Village Hall, Wymeswold. 5 p.m.—C. W. Hall, S. Adams.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Saturday, May 7th. 5 p.m. Shalstone (5). 4 miles Buckingham. 4 miles Brackley.—F. Vickers. 5874

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Pangbourne, Saturday, May 7th. Note change of date. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Whitchurch (6) after tea. 5837

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Cup Contest meeting and election of President at Beighton, on Saturday, May 7th. 3 p.m. Cups of tea available. Bring own food.—J. Seager, Sec. 5686

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South Eastern District.—Meeting Offton (6), May 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., only by notification to G. Goodship, Pipers Ley, Burstall Hill, Ipswich. 5831

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Cuckfield (8), Saturday, May 7th. 3 p.m.—Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Hon. Sec. 5829

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.—Annual ringers' service, Sunday, May 8th. 6.15 p.m. Ringing at 4.30 p.m., and after service. All welcome.—C. D. Launder, Hon. Sec. 5861

BARNSLY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting Ecclesfield, near Sheffield, Saturday, May 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea. Please notify Mr. Leslie Smith, 3, Park Crescent, Ecclesfield, Sheffield. 5869

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, East Coker (8), Saturday May 14th. Service 4.30 p.m. Notify for tea.—R. J. Fox, 109 Middle Street, Yeovil. 5890

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Charlton Horethorne (8), May 14th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 5865

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Freshford, Saturday, May 14th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to J. Simpson, The Inn, Freshford.—A. Lee, Sec. 5881

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Blunham, May 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Canterbury Pleasure and York Surprise. Your presence will be appreciated.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec. 5881

DO NOT FORGET.—City of Bristol Festival of Ringing, Saturday, May 14th. Luncheon tickets (8s. 6d.) and programmes essential, before May 9th.—A. Bennett, 151, Kingsway, Bristol 5. 5697

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at Consett on Saturday, May 14th. Committee 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Bells available: Benfieldside (6) 2-3 p.m.; Blackhill St. Mary's R.C. (8) 3-4.45, and St. Aidan's (8) 3.30-4.15; Consett (8) 3-3.15, 4.15-4.30 and 7-9 p.m. Names for tea to R. Oliver, Aldington, Wesley Terrace, Castleside, Consett. 5886

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at Godstone, Saturday, May 14th. Tea at Curds tea rooms.—C. A. Bassett. 5889

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Ickleton, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business includes election of one representative to Diocesan Committee.—E. W. Bullman. 5870

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 14th. Dunmow. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to H. W. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Dunmow. 5848

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W.—Crusader meeting, High Ongar, May 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. Willmington, 79, Wallwood Road, Leytonstone, E.11. 5836

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Walton-on-Thames on Saturday, May 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to Mr. P. Alderton, 4, Churchfield Road, Walton-on-Thames. 5850

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Sarratt, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (5) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 10th, to Miss J. Chilton, Virginia Cottage Sarratt Green. No names no tea.—J. Good. 5841

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Standon, Saturday, May 14th. 'Mainly for beginners.' For tea, please inform: Mr. J. Little, New Street, Standon, near Ware, Herts.—Durrant, Dis. Sec. 5868

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Ribchester, May 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. 'Buses from Blackburn at 26 mins. past each hour.—John Pilkington. 5864

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Crosthwaite, near Kendal, Saturday, May 14th. 2.30 p.m. Names to R. Hudson, Fell Side Farm, Crosthwaite, near Kendal.—N. W. Newby. 5884

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Chad's Church, Poulton-le-Fylde, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m.—J. F. Turner. 5875

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Next meeting at St. Luke's, Crosby, May 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, May 11th, to Mr. E. Porter, 1a, Endbutt Lane, Great Crosby, Liverpool 23.—T. E. Radcliffe. 5888

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Chipping, Saturday, May 14th. Bring own food. 'Buses from Preston Coach Station No. 10 direct 1.38. No. 8 change Longridge 2.23.—L. Walmsley. 5818

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Mountsorrel on Saturday, May 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names by the previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. R. Wilmore, 80, Hawcliffe Road. 5871

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Coningsby, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, May 9th, to Mr. E. Flintham, Harrowdene, Thorpe Road, Tattershall, Lincoln. 5840

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Winterton (6) May 14th, usual arrangements. Names for tea by May 11th, to Mr. Brumpton, 23B, West Street, Winterton, Scunthorpe. 5805

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, May 14th, at Skenfrith and Grosmont. Skenfrith (6) at 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business at Bell Hotel, Skenfrith. Names essential please by May 10th. Both towers available after meeting.—J. S. King. 5814

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, May 14th. St. Mary's, Barnes, S.W.13. 3-4.30 p.m. Tea and cakes available in Church Hall from 3 to 5 p.m. Business 5.30 p.m. in St. Nicholas' Church, Chiswick, ringing 6 to 8 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 151, 5921. 5876

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION—N. and E. District.—Meeting at St. Gabriel's, Warwick Square, S.W.1. Saturday, May 14th. Further details next week.—D. T. C. Smith. Hon. Dis. Sec. 5873

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Cromer, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by May 11th, please, to W. H. Holdom, 17, Shipden Avenue, Cromer.—C. Bird. Hon. Sec. 5854

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Central Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice at Quainton (5) on Saturday, May 14th, at 6 p.m. Refreshments available at 8 p.m. for those notifying me by Wednesday previous.—D. G. Wheeler, 47, Whaddon Chase, Aylesbury, Bucks. 5866

THE RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD—Annual general meeting, Birmingham, Saturday, May 14th. Bells available: 11 a.m.-12 noon Edgbaston (8), 12.15-1.15 p.m. Lunch in City, 1.30-2.15 St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral (8), 2.30-3.15 Cathedral (12), 3.30-4.30 p.m. Aston (12). Tea at the Co-operative Restaurant in High Street, 5 p.m. Ringing at St. Martin's (12) after meeting. Will those who are attending, please advise Hon. Gen. Sec. giving B.R.S. Association No.—J. Arthur Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Ffreeslach, Swansea. 5674

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD—The May 14th, 1960. Meeting in Assembly Hall of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School at 2.15 p.m., the Chairman of U.D.C. will welcome the Guild, 4 p.m. Service in the Minster, conducted by the Vicar. Meat tea in Grammar School at 5 p.m. Bells available: Wimborne Minster (10) 11.30 a.m. to 2 p.m., 6-9 p.m.; Poole (10) 11.30-12.30, 6-8; Wimborne St. Giles (8) 11.30-1.30, 6.30-8.30; Cranborne (8) 11.30-1.30, 6.30-8.30; Wool (6) 11.30-1.30, 6.30-8.30; Wareham (8) 6.30-8.30; Hampreston (6) 11.30-1.30, 6.30-8.30; Canford (6) 11.30-1.30, 6.30-8.30; Sturminster Marshall—tenor bell out of commission but is expected to be available in time for the Festival, if so ringing from 11.30-1.30, 6.30-8.30 p.m. Tea tickets 4s. 6d. from F. Slatford, 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook, near Trowbridge, before May 9th, please.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec. 5813

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Meeting, Whitchurch (8), Saturday, May 14th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Further ringing from 6.15 p.m. onwards. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 11th, to Mr. B. Malam, 13, Yardington, Whitchurch, Salop.—F. Cattell, Hon. Sec. 5856

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD—Quarterly meeting at St. Nicholas' Church, Codsall, near Wolverhampton, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by Wednesday, May 11th, to Mr. A. Richards, Tralee, 6, Lane Green Road, Codsall, nr. Wolverhampton.

SUFFOLK GUILD—North West District.—Meeting, Euston (5), Saturday, May 14th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting following tea. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 11th, to Mrs. H. Ivings, Post Office, Euston, near Thetford. 5835

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION—A.G.M. Saturday, May 14th, The Good Shepherd, Brighton. Ringing, afternoon till 4.15 p.m. The Good Shepherd and St. Peter's: evening St. Nicholas' and St. Peter's 7.30-8.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m., 3s. per head, members under 16, 1s. 6d. Individual names for tea, stating those entitled to allowances, to reach me by May 11th.—R. Percy, 47, Oldfield Road, Willington, Eastbourne. 5808

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Norton, near Evesham, Saturday, May 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting. Names for tea by May 12th. W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 5878

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE and YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS—Joint meeting at Carlton-in-Cleveland on Saturday, May 21st, at 3 p.m. Method for practice: St. Clement's Major. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 17th, to P. W. B. Semmens, 52, Belle Vue Grove, Middlesbrough. 5887

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—N.E. District.—Meeting, Thorington, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, May 18th, please, to Mr. A. R. Andrews, Hall Cottage, Thorington. 5879

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS—Annual meeting and dinner, Saturday, May 21st. Ringing Benington (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Aston (6) available after tea (bring your own). Dinner 7.15 p.m. 'Coach and Horses', Stevenage. Names to D. L. Gullick, Mount View, Stevenage. 5809

LADIES' GUILD—South Wales District.—Meeting at Abergavenny, May 21st. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Gentlemen welcome. Names for tea by May 18th, please, to Miss L. Temlett, Park Villa, Hereford Road, Abergavenny.—J. S. King. 5882

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Belton, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) afternoon. Epworth evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. George L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 5877

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday May 21st, at Blewbury. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 17th, to A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 5858

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD—Newark District.—Meeting, Barnby-in-the-Willows (6), Saturday, May 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Look up Sandiacre Surprise.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 5862

SURREY ASSOCIATION—Northern District.—The Annual Striking Competition will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on May 21st. Service 2.30 p.m. Draw 3 p.m. Entries welcomed from any Sunday service band in the county. Forms on request from Secretary. Names for tea should be sent by non-competitors by Thursday previous, to Frank Oakshott, Downsview, Lewins Road, Epsom, Surrey. Quarterly business meeting after tea followed by ringing.—W. Parrott, 19, Eastdean Avenue, Epsom, Surrey, Hon. Sec. 5863

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Southern District.—Annual meeting joint with DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY, at Arksey, near Doncaster, May 21st. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names by 19th, to Mr. R. E. Cooper, 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster. Barnby Don bells (6) will also be available from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Subscriptions are now due and annual reports will be available. A good attendance is hoped for. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 5885

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—The annual general meeting will be held, D.V., on Saturday, May 28th, at Potterspury. Committee meeting at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., the preacher being the Archdeacon of Northampton. Tickets for tea at 3s. each. C.W.O. from Mr. W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham, before May 21st. Ringing will be available at the following towers: Gayton 6. Alderton 5. Grafton Regis 5. 11 a.m. to 12 noon: Towcester 6. Cosgrove 6. Stoney Stratford 12 to 1 p.m.: Easton Neston 8. Whittlebury 5. Paulerspury 6. Wicken 8. 1.30 to 3.15 p.m. All except Easton Neston open after tea. Potterspury 6. 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.: Green's Norton 6. 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—G. W. Jeffs. 5883

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Invitation To Central Council Under Consideration

IN beautiful weather the 67th annual meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at All Saints', Newport, on Easter Monday. The attendance—about 75—was not quite as large as usual. The bells were made good use of and Mr. G. I. Lewis, the Master, saw to it that all had a chance to ring. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. R. Sproule-Jones, who welcomed the Association. Visitors were entertained to tea in the Parish Room, kindly catered for by the ladies of the parish.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Vicar. The treasurer, the Rev. I. J. Richards, presented the balance sheet, which showed a credit balance of £12 13s. 8d on the year's working. He pointed out that the officers, including the Central Council representatives, had not claimed their expenses. If they had done so there would have been a debit balance.

The secretary in his report, stated that the membership at 286 was about stationary, but pointed out there must be a lot of wastage, bearing in mind the number of new members elected at the quarterly meetings. He deplored the number of towers that were silent through lack of ringers. Thirty-seven peals had been rung, 26 by resident members and 11 by visiting bands.

Mr. G. Ward, of Abergavenny, was elected Master for the ensuing year. The general secretary, C.C. representatives, auditors, and treasurer were all re-elected. Mr. D. King reported that the annual dinner at Newport was a success—about 60 members having an enjoyable evening.

The finances of 'The Ringing World' were discussed. The secretary read an answer to the questionnaire he had sent to the Editor regarding circulation, subscribers, etc. He appealed to all who did not already take a copy to start doing so and detailed the advantages of being a postal subscriber.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Cardiff. Mr. Clive Bryant asked if Abergavenny could not be included in the rota for annual meetings in place of All Saints' and at the next annual meeting he would move that Abergavenny be included. Mr. D. King suggested that the Central Council be invited to hold its annual meeting at Cardiff in 1962. It was decided that the three secretaries, C.C. representatives, Masters and treasurer be appointed as a committee to make inquiries and report on the matter.

Mr. J. M. Roderick said there were prospects of 2 extra bells being installed at Newton Nottage in the near future.

The secretary brought up the matter of doing something to accommodate the books left by the late J. W. Jones. No action was taken. He also said that stocks of badges and 'Beginners Handbook' were running low and asked for permission to order more.

Mr. D. King proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies for the tea, and the Rev. I. J. Richards thanked the Vicar for taking the service and presiding at the meeting. Four new members were elected.

F. J. H.

The latest news of Eaton Hall, the home of 'the Duke who loved bells,' the subject of our front page article, is that the chapel and bell-tower are to be left standing—the remainder demolished.

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ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss C. Wheeler 1, R. Smith 2, J. H. Cook (cond.) 3, H. T. Bonshor 4, R. H. Cook 5, K. J. Panter 6. Rung for the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. R. Ingram 1, A. S. Burbage 2, M. G. Ingram 3, R. C. Ingram 4, Mrs. J. Atherley 5, A. Short 6, E. J. Franklin (cond.) 7, D. J. Atherley (first quarter) 8. First of Triples for 1, 2, 3 and 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Atherley.

BUSHLEY, WORCS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew Bob Doubles: D. Penn 1, J. Firkins 2, A. Halling 3, C. Haylings 4, M. Hawkes (cond.) 5, E. W. Penn 6. First in the method by all the band. Rung half-muffled during Holy Week.

CAMBRIDGE.—On April 24th, at Great St. Andrew's Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: T. S. Page 1, Frances Suker 2, Hilary Muirhead 3, H. Bishop 4, J. Schofield 5, A. J. Griffin 6, H. Neill 7, P. H. Langton (cond.) 8. First of Cambridge for 4 and 6.

EMNETH, NORFOLK.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. K. Phillips (first quarter) 1, P. A. S. Minall 2, Elizabeth Brown (first 'inside') 3, M. R. Reed 4, G. J. Mann (cond.) 5. First known quarter on the bells. Rung on the retirement of Mr. A. Image as churchwarden. Also on April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. K. Phillips 1, P. A. S. Minall 2, Elizabeth Brown 3, M. R. Reed 4, G. J. Mann (cond.) 5. For the Boy Scouts' service.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Croft (cond.) 1, Miss M. Preece (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. Croft 3, G. Cherry 4, A. Harris 5, L. Runnacles 6. For Mothering Sunday.

KINGS LANGLEY, HERTS.—On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. W. R. Picton 1, K. Waples 2, Miss G. Graney 3, Miss M. Erik 4, A. Hill 5, R. J. Picton (cond.) 6, B. M. Barker 7, G. E. Hazlewood 8. For morning service.

SHELFORD, NOTTINGHAM.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Susan Meridith 1, Robert Mills 2, Ruth Blackshaw 3, M. Harrison 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Rung for the silver weddings of Mr. and Mrs. R. Mills and Mr. and Mrs. W. Meridith.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On April 19th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Judy Robinson 1, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 2, Linda Hughes 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, M. S. Hart 5, R. C. Warburton 6, R. E. Tallis, jun., 7, P. S. Bennett (25th quarter) 8.

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