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THE T.V. GUILD

WHILE the Boundaries Commission are battered this way and that by the rival claims of the Duchy of Cornwall and the County of Devon, and people with tidy minds but scanty local knowledge want to make the Tamar the county boundary throughout its length, the ringers of N.W. Devon and N.E. Cornwall decided back in 1889 that the Tamar and the county boundary didn't mean much up here anyway, and founded the Guild you never heard of—the Tamar Valley Guild of Ringers. Yes, of course that's what T.V. stands for: what else?

Oddly enough, the Tamar Valley Guild was in its inception probably the most far-sighted of all the ringers' societies in Devon. The Guild of Devonshire Ringers at its foundation never admitted the possibility that belfry reform and change-ringing could be separated: hence the missionary zeal with which, in the early days, the pioneers went out into the heathen call-change bush to spread the gospel of Service and Scientific. The call-changers, they thought, sunk in the mire of prize-ringing, could only be pulled out by the Blue Line. It was not long before the call-changers, stung into unity by the invasion, founded the Devon Association for the Promotion of Round Ringing, which is the ancestor of the present D.A.—wedded as it is to competitions (but not for money prizes) and to call-change ringing.

It remained for the remotest corner of the county to produce a ringers' guild which was not constitutionally tied either to method-ringing or to competitions. On November 16th, 1889, the Tamar Valley Guild of Ringers held its first meeting in St. Bridget's Church, Bridgerule, on a fine, dry day, under the leadership of the Rev. Frank Hawker Kingdon, who had been instituted to this, his first living, the previous year. The preacher was the Vicar's brother, Fr. Reggie Kingdon, of St. Peter's, London Docks.

Since that day, the T.V.G.R. has stood for good ringing and good churchmanship; at the festival people ring what they like, though it's almost always call-changes, and something over 100 ringers from 16 towers fill one of the churches for the service to sing a number of remarkable hymns, several of them composed by one or another of the Kingdon brothers. Although there are apparently no rules in existence, and although there is one business meeting and one festival only each year, the fact remains that in the area covered by the Tamar Valley Guild there is

probably a higher proportion of church attendance among ringers than in any comparable area in England; there are very few unmanned towers, and almost every tower affiliated has its bells rung at least once a Sunday. A great deal of the credit for this record must surely be given to the same Fr. Frank Kingdon, who died—still Vicar of Bridgerule and a legend in the diocese—just 69 years and six days after the Guild's first festival. Nor is his record a solitary one: until this year the secretary for 27 years has been Mr. William Slee, of Pyworthy; and Mr. Slee has been a member for 67 years and is now a life member.

The Guild this year has 161 members—perhaps more. They are all genuine ringing members, and there are none unattached, and about 130 of them came to the Festival on May 14th—at Bridgerule, where the first was held and where the green mound above the mortal body of Frank Kingdon, priest, lies to remind us of the immortality of faithfulness and service and the love of God. After the service, a very brief meeting in the churchyard, and then the usual Tamar Valley tea in the Village Hall—splits and cream and saffron cake as much as a man can put away—and then it's the Guild's custom that every tower affiliated is open, and the bands criss-cross the district from Poughill to Bradford, Hartland to Ashwater, for the rest of the evening. Our Guild may not be very big, and it may have some odd aspects; but that's how we do it, and it seems to work. Indeed we feel that the Guild might well take for itself the bell motto—

Quamvis sum parva, tamen audior ampla per arva
or its English paraphrase—

By all I'll have it understood
That though I'm little, yet I'm good.

J. G. M. S.

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A DERBYSHIRE TOUR

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
TIDESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

On Mon., June 13, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 11 lb. in F sharp.

MARY ROAST Treble	JOHN R. MAYNE 5
JOE E. G. ROAST 2	†DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS.. 6
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 3	‡HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 7
*GEOFFREY R. DREW 4	PETER J. EVES Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by PETER J. EVES.

* First peal in the method. † 200th peal. ‡ 150th peal. First in the method as conductor. First in the method on the bells.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.

On Tues., June 14, 1960, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

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

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F.

GEOFFREY R. DREW .. Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 4
*SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 2	*‡HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 5
†JOE E. G. ROAST 3	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of London Surprise Minor. † 200th peal. ‡ 100th peal together. The conductor's 500th peal.

MATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE.

On Wed., June 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE TEMPLE HOTEL, MATLOCK BATH.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 1-2	*HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 5-6
JOHN R. MAYNE 3-4	*DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 7-8

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of Major on handbells.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

On Wed., June 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. Treble	*PATRICK W. SALTMARSH.. 5
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 2	JOE E. G. ROAST 6
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 3	*DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 7
*PETER J. EVES 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.
* First peal of London Surprise Major. First in the method on the bells.

BRASSINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

On Thurs., June 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods, as follows: (1) Lightfoot and Wearmouth. (2) Alnwick and Newcastle. (3) Chester and Munden. (4) London and Wells. (5) York and Durham. (6) Beverley and Surfleet. (7) Ipswich and Cambridge.

Tenor 8 cwt. 26 lb. in A.

DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. Treble	JOHN R. MAYNE 4
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 2	PETER J. EVES 5
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.

On Fri., June 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 56 methods, as follows: (1) Plain, Reverse, Canterbury Pleasure. Double. Fulbeck. St. Clement's, Childwall. Thelwall. Double Oxford. Lytham and London Bob. College and Wavertree College. Frodsham. Windermere. Cumberland and Horsmonden Bob. and Ennerdale and Killarney; (2) College Bob IV. St. Albans, Wilsden. Wragby. Old Oxford. Neasden. Newdigate. Charlwood, Marple. Braintree. Taxal. Humber. Elston and Clarence Delight. and Morning Star Treble Bob; (3) Lightfoot. Wearmouth. Rossendale. Stamford. Annable's London and Netherseale Surprise; (4) Beverley. Surfleet. Berwick. Hexham. York and Durham Surprise; (5) London and Wells Surprise; (6) Chester and Munden Surprise; (7) Cambridge. Primrose. Norfolk. Ipswich. Bourne and Hull Surprise.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in A.

MARY ROAST Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 4
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH.. 2	JOE E. G. ROAST 5
*JOHN R. MAYNE 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal in 56 methods.

HOPE, DERBYSHIRE.

On Sat., June 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.

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

JOHN R. MAYNE Treble	*HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 5
PETER J. EVES 2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 6
*GEOFFREY R. DREW 3	JOE E. G. ROAST 7
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 4	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

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

TWELVE BELL PEAL

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 11, 1960, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN WORTH Treble	†DENNIS H. HENSHAW .. 7
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 8
*ROBERT WARRILOW 3	EDWARD JENKINS 9
BASIL JONES 4	BRIAN HARRIS 10
†BERNARD F. L. GROVES.. 5	†IAN HOLLAND 11
†HAROLD C. LONYON 6	PETER LAFLIN Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Stedman and Cinques. ‡ First of Cinques.

Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of Mr. P. Laflin's first peal of Stedman Cinques, in which peal he also rang the tenor.

TEN BELL PEALS

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in D flat.

HAROLD C. LONYON .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS 6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2	WILLIAM DOWSE 7
BASIL JONES 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 8
JOHN WORTH 4	ALAN A. POTTS 9
EDWARD JENKINS 5	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 14, 1960, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

ARTHUR G. BASON .. Treble	GEORGE ADAMS 6
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN .. 2	WILLIAM LOVE 7
CHARLES F. GOODMAN .. 3	BERT GOGLE 8
PETER ADCOCK 4	OLIVER BARNARD.. .. 9
STANLEY GALL 5	WILLIAM H. BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. BASON.

Conducted by ARTHUR G. BASON.

Rung to welcome the Rev. F. Jarvis, who was instituted Vicar of this church on June 8th.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM.

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

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

DAVID G. PAPWORTH .. Treble	JOHN CHILCOTT 6
MRS. P. LEWINGTON .. 2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 7
JAMES PHILLIPS 3	JOHN H. CRAMPTON .. 8
RAYMOND G. BURTON .. 4	WILLIAM HIBBERT .. 9
JAMES H. PAILING 5	WILLIAM H. RAMPTON .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

J. DENNIS HOLDEN .. Treble	ERIC E. SPEAKE 5
DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 2	EDMUND MALIN 6
*CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 3	ROBERT B. SMITH 7
*EDWARD W. COLLEY .. 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal in the method.

A 20th birthday compliment to John E. Dolman, of this tower.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN K. SMITH Treble	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 5
ANN BARR 2	PAUL W. WEBB *6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE 4	ROLAND BENISTON Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

Rung for the fifth anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. A. J. Day.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, being 960 each of London and Rutland and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
JOHN WORTH 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 6
ROBERT B. SMITH 3	PETER LAFLIN 7
BRIAN HARRIS 4	BASIL JONES Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (rev.).

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

LISS, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

ALBERT DISERENS Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. 5
BRIAN BLADON 2	FRANK W. LEWIS 6
REGINALD W. REX 3	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 7
ERNEST J. MUNDAY 4	NOEL J. DISERENS Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 13, 1960, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

*BRIAN G. WARWICK Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 2	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 6
A. JAMES POYNOR 3	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 7
†SANDRA E. CHESTERTON .. 4	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER (No. B 70). Conducted by B. G. WARWICK.

* 100th peal together. † First of Yorkshire 'inside.'

ROTHBURY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 11, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

*THOMAS O. PIERCY Treble	GEORGE S. DEAS 5
*DENNIS ELLISDON 2	KENNETH ARTHUR 6
JOHN E. ANDERSON 3	ERIC N. HARRISON 7
MARION S. AINSWORTH .. 4	BRYAN PATTISON Tenor

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE.

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

* First peal of Surprise.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

*ROY FORSTER Treble	FRED JACKSON 5
†ROGER KING 2	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN .. 6
WALTER ALLMAN 3	JOHN E. BIBBY 7
HAROLD WORRALL 4	DENIS MADDOCK Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

* First Surprise peal. † First in the method. First of London on the bells.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 17, 1960, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23½ cwt.

WILLIAM JUDGE Treble	NOEL J. DISERENS 5
J. HOWARD FREEBORN .. 2	EDGAR J. SMITH 6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY 3	PHILIP H. TOCOK 7
*ROBERT A. REEVES 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by DENNIS KNOX.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method.

BERRINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 18, 1960, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

*ROSALINE A. FARLOW .. Treble	ALFRED S. BAYLEY 5
JOSEPH L. STANIER 2	ALAN A. ELSMORE 6
DENNIS HOLDEN 3	HARRY EDGE 7
LEO EVANS 4	RODERICK J. LEES Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by RODERICK J. LEES.

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

Rung in memoriam Mrs. W. Downes and Mr. L. Challenor, benefactors of the bells.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

MARION ARCHER Treble	NORMAN SMITH 5
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 2	JOHN H. FIELDEN 6
RITA M. JOWETT 3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. 7
PETER SCHOLFIELD 4	IAN M. HOLLAND Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

MRS. T. J. LOCK Treble	WALTER AYRE 5
THOMAS J. LOCK 2	ALICK CUTLER 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 4	JACK S. DEAR Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

MARY C. POYNOR Treble	PHILIP J. EVANS 5
RICHARD E. MORRIS 2	JOHN R. THOMAS 6
*ROGER W. POWELL 3	ROBIN J. LEE 7
†TREVOR HOLMES 4	COLIN SMITH Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by COLIN SMITH.

* First peal of Major. † First peal. First of Major as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's.

* Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

*CHARLES E. WEBBER .. Treble	WALTER STEVENS 4
DAVID T. NORTH 2	GEOFFREY J. GAMMON .. 5
IVOR G. HUGHES 3	GORDON WALFORD Tenor

Conducted by GORDON WALFORD.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a 65th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN MINOR

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. Treble	ANDREW M. MACVE 4
RITA A. GOWER 2	RALPH BIRD 5
ROSEMARY E. GOWER .. 3	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

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RUCKINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In two methods, being 24 extents (ten callings) and three 240's (Morris' and Pitman's) of Grandsire, and 12 extents (four callings) of Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*MARGARET M. JONES .. Treble	†ANDREW M. MACVE .. 3
†JOHN R. COOPER .. 2	†CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 4

RALPH BIRD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. COOPER.

* First peal of Doubles. † First on five bells.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

ANDREW M. MACVE .. Treble	JOHN E. CANNELL .. 4
*JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH .. 2	COLIN F. MCGILL .. 5
†JOHN C. PERRIN .. 3	RALPH BIRD Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

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

Rung for the marriage this day of Ronald Audus (of the local band) and Rosemary Margaret Watton. Also to mark the installation of Ald. G. J. Cole (churchwarden) as Mayor of Croydon.

BABWORTH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

JOHN COATES Treble	DENNIS A. SMEDLEY .. 4
*GEOFFREY N. GOODALL .. 2	HAROLD DENMAN .. 5
MALCOLM P. PHIPPS .. 3	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

* First peal in four methods.

Rung to mark the engagement of Mary Maddison to Roy Mills.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

*GEORGE F. ROOME .. Treble	†TIMOTHY A. WOODING .. 4
PERCY AMOS 2	†JOHN W. HALL .. 5
†VICTOR A. PERRY .. 3	*†ALLAN R. JONES .. Tenor

* 25th peal together. † First peal in the method.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. R. Rutter as Vicar of this parish.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's in 12 methods: (1) Double Court, (2) Hereward Bob and Oxford Bob, (3) Thelwall and Childwall, (4) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (5) Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

MARGARET M. JONES .. Treble	RALPH BIRD 4
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 2	IAN H. ORAM 5
RAYMOND J. CARLTON .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

The conductor's 150th peal for the K.C.A. (conducted 76).

INGESTRE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., June 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Treble	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 4
FREDERICK R. WIGGIN .. 2	ROY K. MOWFORTH .. 5
DAVID HARMAN 3	DAVID W. FRIEND .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID W. FRIEND.

COWFOLD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Trinity Sunday, June 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Kent T. Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

CECIL R. LONGHURST .. Treble	LEONARD STILWELL .. 4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	GEORGE FRANCIS .. 5
BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. 3	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. Tenor

Conducted by BARWELL B. DIBBEN.

Rung at the home church of Bernard G. Moore, who this day was ordained Deacon at York Minster.

TIBSHELF, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 13, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 2,880 changes of Kent Treble Bob and 2,160 changes of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*CLIVE LONGDEN .. Treble	MALCOLM P. PHIPPS .. 4
KENNETH R. GOODALL .. 2	GEORGE E. HANCOCK .. 5
GEOFFREY N. GOODALL .. 3	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

* First peal at first attempt.

GNOSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., June 14, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (15 callings).

Tenor 17 cwt.

*JUNE M. KEY .. Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY .. 4
†DAVID N. FRIEND .. 2	HOWARD HOWELL .. 5
E. MARION KEY 3	†JOHN W. DYKE .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal in the method. † First of Stedman Doubles. ‡ First peal.

A birthday peal for the ringers of 1 and 4, and Ian Friend, also of the local band. Also a 20th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Key.

BUCKFAST, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Wed., June 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE BENEDICTINE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

E. MAURICE ATKINS .. Treble	*MARY RUSSELL .. 4
*REV. P. ANGOLD 2	†REV. P. DOWLING .. 5
*REV. O. MOWAN 3	WILLIAM G. LAVERS .. Tenor

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

Rung for the eve of the Feast of Corpus Christi.

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HASKETON, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., June 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720's as follows: (1) College Bob, (2) Oxford Bob, (3) Double Court, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) St. Clement's Bob, (6) Double Oxford and Plain Bob, (7) Kent and Oxford T.B. Tenor 9½ cwt.
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP .. Treble | JAMES BENNETT 4
HUBERT A. MITSON 2 | FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
RODERICK W. PIPE 3 | RONALD W. STEWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

SHISTED, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.
*JEAN HILTON Treble | ANDREW BECKWITH 4
ALAN R. SYDER 2 | FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
URBAN W. WILDNEY .. 3 | MAURICE E. DOWNS .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal.

YATTENDON, BERKSHIRE. THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thurs., June 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In six methods, being one extent each of Surfleet, Beverley, London, Durham, York, and two of Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ERIC WOOLGROVE .. Treble | BRIAN MILLS 4
*HAZEL WHITE 2 | *REGINALD F. CROOK .. 5
†REGINALD W. REX .. 3 | †GEOFFREY K. DODD .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First of six Surprise Minor. First of Surprise as conductor, and 200th peal.

Rung to the memory of Stella Davis by ringing friends of the Andover and Newbury Branch.

COTTESMORE, RUTLAND. THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.
JEAN HOY Treble | RONALD HILL 4
*JUNE THOMAS 2 | MICHAEL STRACEY 5
JOHN H. BLUFF 3 | JOHN MERREDITH .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

* First peal. Rung on her birthday.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET. THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge and three each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

*HAZEL YOUNG .. Treble | EDWIN BROWN 4
†RODNEY THATCHER .. 2 | JOHN HOLBROOK 5
DAVID HOARE 3 | FREDERICK CARTER .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

* First peal. † First on tower bells.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge, Beverley, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in G.

JOHN MCCULLOCH .. Treble | VIVIAN T. O. BOASE .. 4
MRS. C. B. PEMBERTON .. 2 | EDWIN JONES 5
MARJORIE E. WEBSTER .. 3 | CHARLES B. PEMBERTON .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN JONES.

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The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

HALF PEAL

ATCHAM, SHROPSHIRE.—On June 18th, two 720's each of Oxford and Kent T.B. Minor: F. H. Bennett 1, E. Stith 2, E. V. Rodenhurst 3, W. Davies 4, M. G. Turner (cond.) 5, H. Howell 6.

ALVASTON, DERBY.—On May 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Gosling (first quarter) 1, Mrs. B. A. Manning 2, E. Thomas 3, D. F. Roberts 4, B. R. Manning (cond.) 5, R. Laurence (first quarter) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to treble ringer.

BRETFORTON, WORCS.—On May 21st, 1,344 Kent T.B. Major: M. J. Hobbs 1, F. Skidmore 2, Gilliam M. Hussey 3, F. J. Sampson 4, S. G. Riches (first of Kent) 5, B. A. Shackleton 6, P. L. Pearce (first of Kent) 7, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 8. Rung as a welcome to the new incumbent.

BURSTWICK, E. YORCS.—On June 15th, 1,272 Minor (St. Clements, Kent and Oxford T.B.): R. Ducker (cond.) 1, Miss B. Fisher 2, Mrs. R. Ducker 3, T. W. Thirkell 4, C. R. Robinson 5, D. Johnson 6.

BURNLEY, LANCS.—At St. Peter's, on June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Jennifer Whamond 1, Mary J. Smith 2, Sheila M. Smith (first quarter) 3, Pamela Blakeley 4, N. Smith (cond.) 5, K. Lawson 6. Rung during the annual Procession of Witness.

CANNINGTON, SOMERSET.—On June 6th, 600 Plain Bob Doubles and 660 Grandsire: A. Webber 1, L. Pople 2, F. Fackrell 3, W. Heyward 4, H. Pople (cond.) 5, R. Fowler 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Doreen J. Wimble and Mr. Eric A. Maile, married in this church this day.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. Dixon (first quarter) 1, Miss E. N. Everest 2, Miss R. A. Stevens 3, G. Apps 4, R. V. Johnson 5, J. W. Jeffery 6, F. Godmark (cond.) 7, E. J. Brett 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of H. E. Lilley, ringing member of this church, interred at Cuckfield Church.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On June 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. E. Pearson 1, Christine V. Pullin 2, D. Bowen 3, C. C. Clarke 4, P. D. Warren 5, W. Ivings 6, W. N. Genna (cond.) 7, B. Sykes 8. First in method 6 and 8. A birthday tribute to H.R.H. Prince Philip.

DROITWICH-SPA, WORCS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Cliffords Pleasure, Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Kennington, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire): J. E. Pullon 1, Hether M. Pullon 2, M. J. Fellows 3, P. Catermole (cond.) 4, M. D. Fellows 5, L. H. G. Gittins 6. Most methods in quarter by all except conductor.

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.—On June 15th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 1, H. L. Parfley 2, A. F. Lee 3, C. J. A. Brown 4, J. J. Jefferies (first of Stedman) 5, A. F. Butt 6. Rung as birthday compliments to the Rector and his wife (Rev. and Mrs. G. Evans).

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Luxton 1, L. G. Bolt 2, G. Ellett (first quarter) 3, G. West 4, M. J. Board (first as cond.) 5, F. Snow 6. Rung for the wedding of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On May 1st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. P. Howard 1, Evelyn M. Hicks 2, E. R. Ropley 3, F. J. Roberts 4, E. J. Ladd 5, B. V. Collison 6, J. A. Howard 7, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 8. First of Treble Bob 1 and 7. First of T.B. Major 2 and 4. For Evensong.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. V. Rockett 1, S. Delve 2, M. Horseman 3, H. Carlsson 4, F. Neate (cond.) 5, G. Watt 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. Ramsay, wife of the Rector, who was buried this day.

EDMONTON, MIDDY.—On June 19th, 1,320 Little Bob Minor: Iris George 1, D. Langdon 2, W. George 3, T. Bailey 4, J. Weeks (first of Little Bob) 5, T. Hawkins (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

ELING, HANTS.—On June 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Gladys D. Kitcher 1, Mavis P. Coffin 2, M. D. G. Northway (cond.) 3, L. D. Smith 4, C. M. White 5, R. Buchanan 6. First in four methods for all the band and on the bells. Rung for the wedding this day of Miss Gwen Lee to Mr. Brian Mackrell, both ringing members of this tower.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Whit Sunday, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Paul (cond.) 1, Mrs. A. Peachey 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, H. Ivings 4, G. Miller 5, W. Ivings 6, J. E. Ivings 7, I. W. Paul 8. For morning service.

QUARTER PEALS

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: P. Treble 1, P. Murgatroyd (cond.) 2, Miss M. A. Finch 3, G. S. Joyce 4, P. J. Joyce 5, R. E. Finch 6. For Evensong.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: C. Nokes 1, A. Frith 2, P. Hill 3, Mrs. Ketteringham 4, G. Ingleby 5, C. McCartney 6, F. Pinchbeck 7, K. Ketteringham 8, R. Stephenson 9, H. R. Woods (cond.) 10. In honour of Alderman Mrs. D. Stepman and Miss Clare Sansbury, recently elected Mayor and Mayoress of Grantham.

HOOD, KENT.—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Alan Wrigley 1, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 2, J. Sellens 3, A. Wrigley 4, C. T. J. Norris 5, A. Vidgion 6.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, Lincs.—On May 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Hunt 1, Miss J. Gilbert 2, J. Bailey 3, L. H. Taylor 4, J. R. Kemp 5, A. E. Flatters 6, D. Flatters 7, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 8. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. Flower.

LEICESTER.—At St. Mary De Castro, on June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. E. Smith 1, K. B. Townsend 2, I. Fraser 3, P. J. Chilton 4, J. M. Jelley 5, S. Harrison 6, S. J. Poyner (cond.) 7, F. Crane 8. Rung for the annual Trinity Hospital service.

LONDON, E.C.—On March 20th, at St. James', Clerkenwell, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Prockson 1, Miss J. A. Harding (first of Plain Bob Major) 2, R. J. Trebilcock 3, R. G. W. Robertson (first of Major) 4, G. A. Parsons 5, W. Prockson 6, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 7, J. Euston 8. For Matins. Also on March 20th, at St. Olave's, Hart Street, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss J. A. Harding 1, Miss E. J. Langton 2, J. M. Lakin 3, M. R. Rose 4, R. G. W. Robertson 5, G. Pratt 6, S. Brown 7, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 8. First of Cambridge S.M. for 2, 5 and 7.

MARSTON, OXFORD.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. S. Walker (most changes in one method) 1, C. Woodward 2, N. Deam (first as cond.) 3, A. Gammon 4, R. H. Jones 5. Rung as a welcome to the return of the Vicar, the Rev. P. Rimmer, after illness.

NORTHAMPTON.—On May 29th, at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. F. Roome 1, Miss J. A. Downing 2, G. F. Roome (cond.) 3, T. Jennings 4, J. C. Rainbow 5, Miss A. Shackshaft 6. A tribute to the Northamptonshire Regiment on their amalgamation with the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment on June 1st, 1960.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Stead 1, A. Tumber 2, J. Murphy 3, N. Hayes 4, Mrs. Alice Reed 5, C. Taylor 6, R. A. Reed (cond.) 7, A. Smith 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss Ivy Taylor in appreciation of her work for the church.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On May 7th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. G. Coward 1, R. Bird 2, Miss J. L. Lavender 3, G. Oliver 4, F. E. Darby (cond.) 5, S. F. Kimber 6. Rung after a peal failure in honour of the marriage of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones.

NUTHALL, NOTTS.—On June 19th, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. King 1, E. Wilcot 2, H. Young 3, Tonie Poole 4, T. Harrison 5, E. Jenkinson (first as cond.) 6. First quarter 3 and 4. A 16th birthday compliment to Tonie Poole.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On June 15th, 1,280 Doubles (St. Simon's, Rugby, Braywood, St. Martin's, Slapton, Welford, St. Nicholas', Longford, Fundenhall, Winchenden, Thornborough, Haddiscene, St. Remigius, Hascombe, Reverse Canterbury, Dorton, Plain Bob, Candlesby, Boxford): A. H. Bates 1, R. B. Wawman 2, W. Butler (cond.) 3, D. W. Stone 4, C. Waison 5. First quarter in 19 methods by all except conductor.

OXTON, CHESHIRE.—On June 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. E. Smith 1, L. N. S. Smith 3, E. T. Carnell (first in method as cond.) 4, A. J. Martin 6, P. S. Bennett 7, T. Morgan 8. First quarter at first attempt for 1 and 3. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. M. Pasterfield.

PORTBURY, SOMERSET.—On June 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Goodliffe (first quarter) 1, J. Riley (first 'inside') 2, Mary Powell 3, Monica Horseman 4, M. Horseman (cond.) 5, R. Hashins 6.

RANDWICK, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—On June 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob, Old, April Day, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Southrepps, P.B., Clifford's P., and St. Columb's P.): J. H. Fryer 1, W. M. Rowe 2, W. D. Watson (first as cond. on tower bells) 3, Audrey E. Peters 4, J. C. Sheehy 5, D. C. Hughes 6. Most methods to a quarter by all the band.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Whit Sunday, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: W. Ward 1, Miss E. Hatch 2, F. May 3, G. Blower 4, E. Blower 5, M. Hatch 6, D. Belcham 7, A. House 8. Rung for Evensong.

READING, BERKS.—On June 12th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Diserens (cond.) 1, Mrs. H. M. Diserens 2, R. K. Russ 3, Mrs. F. E. Diserens 4, A. R. Mann 5, J. N. Diserens 6, C. E. Lewington 7, F. W. Lewis 8. Specially arranged for A. R. Mann, of Newmarket, and rung for Trinity Sunday. Also at the Church of St. Giles, on June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Clapp (first quarter) 1, Janet K. Secker 2, Mollie Tibbly 3, Patricia Heather 4, Jennifer M. Davies 5, P. M. Wilkinson 6, Lucy E. Allen (cond.) 7, F. J. Sage 8. Rung by members of the Reading University Society for Evensong.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On June 5th, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): June E. Wright 1, L. Wright 2, M. Rose 3, L. Nice 4, R. Rose (cond.) 5, E. Nice 6. Rung half-muffled for morning service and in memoriam Rev. Paul Greaves, former Rector, interred previous day at Hardington Mandeville, Somerset.

RUISHTON, SOMERSET.—On May 19th: J. D. Hagin (first quarter 1, W. J. Lowman 2, Miss J. Lowman (cond. and first 'inside') 3, A. Williams 4, D. Baker 5, R. Cullen (first quarter) 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Mr. Speakman on his leaving for Australia.

SHIRLEY, WORCS.—On May 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Bragg (first of Minor) 1, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 2, J. T. Clark 3, Judy Robinson 4, C. D. Baugh 5, E. T. Lloyd 6. For Confirmation.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On June 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Valerie Hoby 1, Pamela M. Jervis 2, Linda J. Kew 3, M. Hatchett 4, D. K. Walters 5, W. Birmingham 6, F. R. Scott 7, J. K. Ward (cond., first of Major) 8. For Confirmation service, conducted by the Bishop of Buckingham.

SOUTHAMPTON, BITTERNE PARK.—On May 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): D. Hawkins 1, Janice E. Williamson 2, D. E. House 3, Pamela A. Jones 4, M. J. Thomas (cond.) 5, Daphne Hymas 6, B. Harvey 7, J. Dann 8. Rung for Ascensionide and as a compliment to the ringers of 6 and 8 on their engagement.

STAINES, MIDDY.—At St. Peter's, on June 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss C. A. O'Kelly (first quarter) 1, J. D. Tomkinson 2, Miss J. E. Williams 3, G. Pickett 4, E. T. Skipsy (first as cond.) 5, P. Williams 6. For Confirmation service. Also on June 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. A. O'Kelly (first on Minor) 1, J. D. Tomkinson 2, R. I. Shepherd 3, D. S. Hawkins (cond.) 4, M. Bartlett (first of Minor) 5, E. T. Skipsy 6. For morning service.

STOKE GOLDINGTON, BUCKS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Whiting 1, J. Geary 2, A. Armstrong 3, O. Warren 4, W. Mawby 5, P. D. Taylor (first as cond.) 6.

STORNINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Chacksfield 1, Mrs. Chacksfield 2, J. R. Maple 3, Jean Horton 4, J. Newall (cond.) 5, K. Pritchard 6. For Ascension Day.

STRENSHAM, WORCS.—On June 6th, 1,320 Beverley Surprise Minor: M. Hawkes 1, Brenda Smith 2, Jacqueline Roberts 3, W. B. Pomeroy 4, G. C. Hemming (cond.) 5, G. J. Hemming 6. First of Beverley for 2 and 3. Also on June 10th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: J. Firkins 1, C. Haylings (first in method 'inside') 2, M. Hawkes 3, D. Price (cond.) 4, F. Lawrence 5, E. W. Penn 6.

SWINESHEAD, Lincs.—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Randall 1, J. P. Morris 2, Mrs. R. Reynolds 3, W. E. Clarke 4, W. B. Dawson 5, P. Reynolds (cond.) 6, A. E. Bennett 7, C. Stubley 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of F. A. Bullock, for over 30 years a ringer and sidesman at this church.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On June 12th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Downs 1, Mrs. P. W. Mills 2, Marian H. Mills 3, F. Harvey 4, P. W. Mills 5, P. Wood (cond.) 6. For morning service and as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. R. Bartholomew 1, Mary G. Bartholomew 2, R. D. Bell 3, B. B. Hullah (first 'inside') 4, R. G. Smith 5, D. Laud 6, R. G. Bell (cond.) 7, M. Howard 8. For Confirmation.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Angela Ayres (14, first quarter) 1, G. Mellone (13, first of Triples) 2, E. Gerrard 3, F. Smith 4, F. Godden 5, W. Fulker (first Triples 'inside') 6, R. Blond (cond.) 7, W. Tame 8.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Hobbs (cond.) 1, Jill Easom 2, Valerie Waterfield 3, Margaret Womack 4, C. Scott 5, D. McNeil 6. For morning service.

QUARTER PEALS

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Delia F. Leslie (first quarter) 1, W. A. K. Gray 2, Sheila Beale (first 'inside') 3, Marion Nobes 4, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 5, S. Kathleen Knight 6, F. G. Barron 7, M. R. Walker 8. Rung for the engagement of Marion Nobes to Andrew McDowall.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On May 31st, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): Eileen Moore 1, Julian Oathwaite 2, D. Manger (cond.) 3, M. Legg 4, J. Parker 5, Ann Buncombe 6. For Confirmation service. Also on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Grandsire): Hillary Martin (first quarter) 1, D. Manger (cond.) 2, N. Martin 3, M. Legg 4, J. Parker 5, A. Smith 6. For Evensong and also as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Ann Buncombe.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Joan Cotton 1, R. J. Clifton 2, D. Eames 3, D. P. Jones (cond.) 4, J. W. Cotton 5. A 15th birthday compliment to David Eames.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.—On June 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Cadwell 1, J. Powell 2, J. Georg 3, C. Walker 4, R. Keeves 5, A. C. Cogens 6. First of Minor for 1, 2, 3.

ECKINGTON, WORCS.—On June 6th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. J. Hemming (cond.) 1, Jacqueline Roberts 2, Brenda Smith 3, W. B. Pomeroy 4, M. Hawkes 5, G. C. Hemming 6.

EVESHAM, WORCS.—On May 21st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. W. Selby 1, Jacqueline Roberts (first 'inside') 2, M. G. Selby 3, F. P. R. Hartley 4, W. B. Pomeroy 5, M. Hawkes 6, G. J. Hemming 7, G. C. Hemming (cond.) 8. First Surprise Major for 1 and 4.

THE WEEK TO JOIN

The new quarter starts with this issue. New postal subscribers will be welcome. Remittances to Mr. J. E. Jeuter, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall. Rates: 12 months £1 15s., six months 18s., three months 9s. 6d.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On June 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Major: R. W. Rex 1, Hazel White 2, Cherry White 3, B. Mills 4, R. C. Christopher 5, E. Woolgrove (first 'inside') 6, G. K. Dodd 7, R. F. Crook (cond.) 8. Rung after the induction service of the Rector, Rev. T. Lewis.

KINGS LANGLEY, HERTS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. Medland (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Erik 2, B. M. Barker (cond.) 3, K. D. Waples 4, D. J. Goodman 5, R. V. Wallis 6. For Evensong.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On May 22nd, 1,274 Plain Bob Triples: P. Sloman 1, B. Saddler 2, Miss J. Rowe 3, A. G. Rose 4, D. Belcham 5, J. Belcham 6, W. Smith (cond.) 7, G. Bacon 8. For Evensong.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On June 18th, 1,280 Cambridge Major: G. West 1, G. Olliver 2, M. Fuller 3, F. E. Roberts 4, A. Streeter 5, E. G. L. Coward 6, A. J. Bull 7, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 8. Rung by a Southern District band.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of St. Simon's and Reverse Canterbury, 360 Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire): Marion Webb (first quarter) 1, Christine Lansley 2, V. Griffin (cond.) 3, C. G. Jones 4, A. R. Peake 5, A. Hatherall 6. For Trinity Sunday.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Whit Sunday, 1,320 Stedman Doubles: R. P. Wood (cond.) 1, Miss M. Skinner 2, C. B. Skinner 3, M. Fromm 4, B. W. Farhall 5, W. Cherriman 6. For Evensong and a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Hone, on the birth of a daughter.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On June 6th, 1,296 Surfleet Surprise Minor: G. J. Hemming 1, Jacqueline Roberts 2, Brenda Smith 3, W. B. Pomeroy 4, G. C. Hemming 5, M. Hawkes (cond.) 6. First of Surfleet for 2 and 3.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On June 11th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Jean Sutton 1, Rita M. Webb (first of Surprise) 2, C. G. Jones 3, A. F. Lee 4, E. Sutton 5, V. Griffin (cond.) 6. First quarter of Surprise on the bells. Rung following the failure of a peal attempt, to mark the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Webb, also the Patronal Festival.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCs.—On June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Young 1, Miss C. Knight (first 'inside') 2, J. Cunliffe 3, A. Greenhalgh 4, J. Warby 5, G. Fothergill (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Judith Anne, daughter of the 3rd ringer.



THE tower of St. Anta and All Saints, Carbis Bay, Cornwall, was completed last year. Previously it ended just above the termination of the buttresses, and there was a slate covered pyramid roof. An unusual feature is that there are no louvre openings. The sound of the bells escapes through a roof lantern which is completely concealed by the battlements, and in the roof of this there is a Perspex glass dome which floods the bell-chamber with light. The bells are particularly quiet near the church, but as one moves from the church they sound clear and distinct. This is the only ring of ten in Cornwall, outside Truro Cathedral—it is the youngest parish church. The tower is at the south east corner of the church.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Biggleswade District's monthly meeting at Eaton Socon on June 11th was well supported by visitors from Huntingdonshire. In all, 25 towers were represented and about 40 ringers managed to squeeze into the room where tea had been prepared by a local ringer and his wife.

The Vicar (Rev. D. Jackson) conducted the service and welcomed the visitors to the church. He also presided at the business meeting, when five ringers from the Huntingdon District were made non-resident life members. Attention was drawn to the summer festival at Kempston on July 23rd and the next meeting on August 15th.

Members of the Ely Diocesan Association said how much they enjoyed ringing with their Bedfordshire friends, and Mr. A. Smith, the secretary, said that he had received a suggestion that a joint meeting should be held with the Huntingdon District later in the year.

Thanks to the Vicar and to those who had prepared the tea were expressed by Mr. B. Sims, who supervised the ringing during the afternoon. Ringing ranged from Plain Bob to Superlative, which was one of the special methods.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Presentation To Mr. R. G. Howson

Civic recognition of ringers was forthcoming at the annual meeting of the North Bucks Branch at Buckingham on June 4th by the presence of the Mayor (Cdr. A. G. F. Marcott), and at the request of the company he made the presentation of a wallet and cheque to Mr. Reg. H. Howson, of Newport Pagnell, in appreciation of his valued services to the Branch as hon. secretary and treasurer for over 20 years.

Tributes paid to Mr. Howson included one from his successor, Mr. Frank Vickers, who said he had done a wonderful job of work for bell-ringing in North Bucks and for the Guild in general. In his reply Mr. Howson said although he had relinquished the position of secretary he was sure that it was a true saying, 'Once a ringer, always a ringer.' He would continue his interest in the Branch.

The Mayor, in an appreciation of ringers, said they were a happy people, whose efforts at their respective churches brought pleasure and happiness to many people. At Buckingham they were indeed most fortunate in having a splendid and conscientious band, amongst whom was the new Vicar, who was fast becoming keen in the art of change-ringing.

Mr. H. L. Roper, Guild librarian, said that it was most important to encourage youngsters and bring them along to meetings, so that they could be inculcated with the good fellowship of ringers. He was struck that there were so few youngsters in the North Bucks Branch, which seemed a Branch of old men.

In his report, Mr. Vickers said the strength of the Branch was 134 ringing and four honorary members, slightly lower than the previous year. He regretted that Great Linford and North Crawley towers seemed to be 'fading away,' and suggested missionary work at these places.

Elections.—The Rev. A. Campbell (Bletchley), Branch chairman; Mr. Vickers, secretary and treasurer; Messrs. H. C. Edwards and J. E. Whitlock, Branch representatives.

The service in the Parish Church was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. H. B. Elkerton), and a collection for the Guild Restoration Fund amounted to £2 9s. 9d. Tea was provided by members of the Mothers' Union. Ringing was at Buckingham and Maids Moreton.

OUTING

ST. AMBROSE GUILD, BRISTOL

An enjoyable day's outing was spent by St. Ambrose Guild on May 21st in the villages of the Cotswolds. An early start was made at 8 o'clock and a run through some of the beauty spots of Gloucestershire, brought us to Northleach for morning coffee, for the party who numbered 41 (not all ringers). Although not ringing in this village, the church was visited, and found to be of exceptional interest with a long history. We then made our way to Blockley, which is the northernmost tower in Gloucestershire. Good use was made of this ring of eight for three quarters of an hour.

At Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, a ring on the eight at St. Mary's preceded an excellent lunch at a local hotel.

Brailes, Warwickshire, was the highlight of the day for ringers. This glorious six was really enjoyed, the tenor, 33 cwt., was turned in on a touch of Plain Bob Minor. A run into Worcestershire, brought the party to Badsey, where the eight bells were sampled before proceeding to Evesham, for tea. A band then went to Bretforton, and rang a quarter peal of Kent as a welcome to the new rector, who was in residence, but had not then been inducted. The others enjoyed themselves boating at Evesham.

This concluded the ringing for the day and a drive through Gloucestershire brought us to Chipping Sodbury, where supper had been arranged and which was followed by a sing-song. Leaving here about 10.30 p.m. we were soon home, having had a most enjoyable day with no rain and some very good ringing.

F. R. H.

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The peal at Buckfast Abbey on June 15th was the first peal on the bells in which any of the monks have taken part, and it marks another step forward in change-ringing here. It was the first peal of Minor on the bells and was rung on the back six of the front octave.

We are sorry to learn of the ill health of Mr. P. H. Marshall, the secretary of Yatton ringers, and wish him a speedy recovery to health and ringing.

An attempt for a peal of Little Bob Maximus on June 6th at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, came to grief after an hour's ringing. As there was not time for a second attempt a quarter of Plain Bob Royal was rung.

Mr. W. M. Rowe, chairman of the N.S.W. Association, and captain of St. Jude's, Randwick, has again entered the active ringing lists after being out of action for about four years due to ill-health. He rang a quarter peal on June 12th.

The University of Nottingham Society have elected the following officers for the session 1960-61: Hon. president, Mr. P. L. Taylor; chairman and Ringing Master, Bruce Grainger; hon. secretary, Martin Bishop; treasurer, Miss Barbara Marsh; committee, Miss Angela Bedwell and Christopher Morris.

With the peal of Surprise Minor rung at Yattendon in memory of Miss Stella Davis, Mr. G. K. Dodd has completed 200 peals plus a peal of Bob Caters rung at Basingstoke not recognised by the Central Council. Included in his total are two peals of Minor on previously unringable bells, and peals starting at 1.30 and 4 a.m., and the first of Minimus on tower bells.

Sincerest apologies are offered by Gloucestershire ringers to Thame ringers. Through their coach breaking down they were 1½ hours late and had to forgo ringing. Troubles did not end there. Standing outside Leighton Buzzard Church, congratulating themselves on being dead on time, the secretary suddenly realised that he was at the wrong church and should have been at Lynslade. They made it and had their first ring of the day.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

Through the ball of the clapper of the tenor parting company with the shank, a peal of Minor in ten methods was lost at Cuddesdon on June 19th. The attempt was arranged to commemorate the consecration that day of a former Principal of Cuddesdon Theological College, the Rev. E. G. Knapp, as Bishop of Pretoria; and its loss, having regard to the object, was a disappointment to the band, which consisted of D. C. Woodward 1, E. Venn 2, D. C. Bowen 3, E. J. Munday 4, M. S. Cloke 5, A. R. Pink (conductor) 6.

Miss Elizabeth Rogers, of Little Chart, Ashford, Kent, is flying to Canada next week. She will be away for three months.

Next Saturday eight veterans of the Kent County Association, each with a continuous membership of 50 years and over, will attempt a peal of Holt's Original at Linton, near Maidstone.

Miss Pamela M. Jervis informs us that the drawing on the Christmas issue of 'The Radio Times' was not an imaginary belfry but taken from a photograph taken at Capel, Surrey. A copy of the photograph now hangs in Capel belfry.

After 2½ hours' ringing in a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Holy Trinity, Guildford, on June 18th, the tenor man (Mr. Philip Meyhew) found the sun beaming through the window too much for him, and a halt was called by the conductor (Mr. Robin G. Leale). Another attempt is planned when the weather is more favourable. The ringing was favourably commented upon by listeners.

On Whit Monday, ringers from a quiet Gloucestershire town left for their annual outing. Some way out an elderly couple in the front seat began to look mystified, and one of them turned round, saying: 'Funny we have never been this way to —' (a well-known resort). '... Madam!', spluttered the Ringing Master. 'This is a bellringers' outing to Bedford!' Poor dears, confused probably by the early hour of departure, they had boarded the wrong coach. Nobody had noticed them!

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In the year 1914, Messrs. John Taylor and Co. reported that the bell-frame at Cottesbrooke, Northamptonshire, had become unsafe and recommended that a new steel frame be installed. Not until 45 years later, was it possible for their recommendation to be adopted, when the six bells were rehung in a frame for eight, as part of the restoration to the whole of the fabric and ornaments of the church, at a total cost of £12,000. The bells are of particular interest, as they form one of the very few complete rings of six entirely from the 18th century, all being cast by Henry Bagley in 1702, probably at Ecton.

The original 13th century church was largely restored by the Langham family in the early 18th century, and transformed from its mediæval character into, what has been described as the prevailing desire for domestic comfort. This had remained almost unaltered until the present day. Now a further restoration has been carried out under the direction of Lord Mottistone and Mr. Paul Paget, assisted by Mr. Anthony New, and a careful arrangements of the furnishings has recovered the full beauty of the early 18th century parish church.

The Lord Bishop of Peterborough, who performed the rededication on May 28th, preached upon the text from Isaiah li, 1: 'Harken unto me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord, look unto the rock whence you were hewn.' This, his Lordship said, had been done by the careful consideration given to preserving the work of former generations, but we were to remember our own contribution, as was seen by the position of the new oak reredos and altar, brought westwards towards the nave, reflecting the desire to bring priest and people together in worship.

The ringing, during the service and immediately after, was carried out by a band representing the Guildsborough Branch of the Diocesan Guild. As the Guild annual meeting was being held that day, there was not a large attendance of ringers, but sufficient were present to keep the bells going. Mr. Paul Taylor represented the bell founders, who are to be congratulated upon a fine restoration, the ring now having a tenor of 14-0-21 in F. The ringers are particularly grateful to Mr. Frank Lane, of Naseby, who made the final preparations in the tower.

After being out of action for so long, no band of ringers remains in the village, but knowing the spirit of friendship and co-operation that exists amongst the ringers in this district, we know that help will be forthcoming from neighbouring towers.

E. G. O.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Striking Contest

The fourth annual striking competition attracted four entries to Christ Church, Epsom, which included one new band which had not previously competed—the local band. Once again, the Association was fortunate enough to have Mr. C. H. Kippin as judge and Mrs. Parrott as his marker. Proceedings commenced with a service conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Canon A. E. Robins) to the Association's new form of service. The draw then took place and each band in turn rang a test piece of 252 changes. Supervising in the ringing chamber was Mr. N. Bagworth.

After an excellent tea in the Church Hall, prepared by the local ladies, the judge was asked to announce the results and make his comments. These proved as comprehensive and helpful as usual. The team with the fewest faults proved to be Beddington, followed very closely by St. John's, Croydon. In third place was the local band, but only by a very narrow margin. All the teams except Croydon, who rang Stedman, rang Grandsire Triples.

On this occasion the competition was thrown open to any Sunday service band in the county, so Beddington are entitled to call themselves Striking Champions of Surrey. They are too modest to do so; but if anyone cares to dispute the statement we shall look forward to them proving it at next year's competition. W. P.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 27



MR. HAROLD N. PITSTOW, M.B.E.

Hon. Auditor to Central Council

Mr. Harold Pitstow comes from a famous ringing family, the Pitstows of Saffron Walden. He is the son of Ernest Pitstow, and his uncles were Nathan J. and Frederick Pitstow. It was once said that whenever a Pitstow was born, it was with a bell rope in one hand and a musical instrument in the other! Harold certainly comes up to this standard: he is distinguished in both fields, ringing and music.

Born at Saffron Walden in 1897, he learned to ring there, was educated at King Edward VI

Grammar School, and on leaving school joined the staff of the local office of a London brewing company. He served in the infantry in World War I, was wounded in 1917 at Passchendaele and later was commissioned in the R.G.A. In 1920 he was transferred to the London head office, where he rose to the position of cashier and manager of the cash office. Mr. Pitstow is married, and they have two sons and one daughter, all of whom, of course, can ring.

As secretary and conductor of the Westminster Abbey band, he has been responsible for the ringing on many important State occasions, and conducted the Coronation peal in 1937, the Victory peal, the Queen's wedding peal, and peals for the birth of Prince Charles, and the Coronation in 1953. For his services at the Abbey he was honoured by the award of the M.B.E.

Although not a prolific peal ringer—his total to date being 134, conducted 41—his performances have been notable, and he has taken part in peals at St. Paul's Cathedral, Southwark, Bow and Cripplegate. He was one of the College Youths' band when the Society rang its first peal of Spliced Surprise, and he took part in a peal of Cambridge Major on the back eight at Southwark with the late Bob Newton—prince of heavy-bell ringers—on the tenor.

In 1926 he moved to Banstead, Surrey, and at once formed a change-ringing band. Such is his determination and tenacity that today, Banstead can boast of a band that can ring Spliced Surprise for service. Mr. Pitstow is very active in the musical world.

He is an accomplished musician, being able to play a variety of instruments, including the organ, piano, flute and piccolo. As a boy he played in the local band under his father's baton. In 1932 he was appointed musical director of the Banstead Operatic Society, a post he still holds, and he has conducted all their shows, which have included the Gilbert and Sullivan series and 'Merrie England.' His other hobby is cricket. There is no doubt that whatever Harold takes up he puts everything he has into it. He has now retired from active business—and who knows? he may presently settle down to some steady peal ringing! JAFUS.

WORCESTERSHIRE DIAMOND WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Skelding, of Oldswinford, Worcs, celebrated their diamond wedding on June 10th. Mr. Skelding joined the Worcestershire and Districts Association in 1896 and was secretary for the Northern Branch for 11 years. In recognition of his services he was made a life member and Freeman of the Association some ten years ago. He has been actively associated with church work at St. Thomas', Stourbridge, and St. Mary's, Oldswinford, serving at both churches as a sidesman and also on the respective Parochial Church Councils.

St. Martin-in-the-Fields

The ceiling at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London, has collapsed and at present the church services are being held in the crypt.

Ringing has been suspended for the time being.

SYNTHETIC BELLS OFFERED TO KIDDERMINSTER

To mark his 82nd birthday, Ald. Sir George Eddy has offered to give synthetic bells to St. John's Church, Kidderminster, similar to a set he presented to Franche Church, Kidderminster, in 1939. In his letter to the Vicar, Sir John wrote: 'Since I was a small boy at Kidderminster Grammar School 70 years ago, I have had reminders from time to time that St. John's Church has only had a single bell.'

The Parochial Church Council have accepted the offer, and have applied for a faculty to have a system of synthetic bells installed. They are awaiting authorisation.

Hints For Beginners—27

As an aid to good ringing in peals start fairly slowly and let the speed develop naturally.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Eastern District

A meeting was held at Cheshunt, on June 11th, when some 25 ringers took part in ringing ranging from Plain Bob and Grandsire to Stedman and Kent. One new member was elected at the business meeting, which followed tea. It was agreed to try to hold the next meeting at Benington on July 16th.

W. F.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE FOR BELLRINGERS

Many teams of bellringers are insured under the special policies issued by the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office, Ltd., 11, Norfolk Street, Strand, W.C.2. Particulars will be supplied on application. Those with old policies are recommended to consider increasing the scale of benefits provided.

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OLD BELLS AND RECASTING

REPORT OF THE TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

During the past year the work of the Towers and Belfries Committee has continued to increase. Requests for inspections and reports on bells, bell-gear and towers were received from 58 parishes. These 58 towers were situated in 16 different counties. The inspections and reports were dealt with by members of the committee as follows: Mr. J. W. Clarke, 11—all in Cheshire; Mr. F. E. Collins, 3—one each in Kent, Surrey and Sussex; Mr. J. Freeman, 1—in Lincolnshire; Mr. E. H. Lewis, 1—in Surrey; Mr. W. A. Osborn, 13—all in Somerset; Rev. J. G. M. Scott, 2—both in Devonshire; Mr. F. Sharpe, 27—10 in Northamptonshire, 4 in Buckinghamshire, 3 in Oxfordshire, 2 each in Berkshire and Cardiganshire, and 1 each in Breconshire, Hampshire, Huntingdonshire, Pembrokeshire, Surrey and Yorkshire.

An analysis of the reports reveals that advice on the rehanging of bells was given in 33 instances. In 5 towers advice was given on recasting. Twenty-three towers sought advice on repairs to bell-gear; 5 on sound control and improvement; and 2 on the augmentation of existing rings of bells. In one tower also advice was given on the restoration of a set of handbells.

No outstanding or unusual problems were reported by members of the committee, but Mr. J. W. Clarke found considerable damage being caused to bells and gear by faulty clock hammers. He suggests a special effort be made to urge church authorities, ringers and steeple keepers to carry out regular periodic inspections and adjustments of these fittings.

Besides carrying out inspections and issuing reports, Mr. W. A. Osborn rendered valuable practical assistance to a village church by lowering to safety himself the fourth bell at Cloworth. He found this bell hanging in a precarious state in the parish in which was once situated the famous Purdue bell foundry. Mr. Osborn has been assisted during the year by Mr. R. H. Gardener, who succeeded him as adviser to the Bath and Wells Association.

The convener found an increasing number of towers in which considerable repairs were necessary because of complete neglect of routine maintenance work. To quote but one of many instances: in one tower no one had oiled the rope pulleys for 25 years and the oil wells of the brass bearings were rendered useless by being packed with stiff grease.

During the year Messrs. E. H. Lewis and F. Sharpe, as representatives of your committee, attended a joint meeting convened by the Dean of Gloucester, between representatives of the Central Council for the Care of Churches, the bell founders, and our Council's Towers and Belfries Committee. The object of this conference was to debate the Standing Orders of the Central Council for the Care of Churches in regard to bell restoration, and to make suggestions for their amendment and improvement. A copy of the revised draft of these Standing Orders is appended. They have been accepted in their revised form by the Central Council for the Care of Churches and we are asked if our Council would also accept them, and print them in any subsequent editions of our handbooks. They will be printed in the publications of the Central Council for the Care of Churches and issued to all Diocesan Advisory Committees and Diocesan Chancellors responsible for the granting of faculties for restoration work, and new installations.—Frederick Sharpe (convener). J. W. Clarke, F. E. Collins, J. Freeman, E. H. Lewis, W. A. Osborn, J. G. M. Scott.

APPENDIX

(Version agreed at joint meeting of the Central Council for the Care of Churches, the bell founders, and representatives of the Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, November 12th, 1959. Circulated to all present; with minor amendments proposed by the Central Council for the Care of Churches at their meeting on November 19th, 1959, and subsequently circulated to those who attended the joint meeting.)

(a) Bells cast earlier than 1600 should not be recast. As such bells are of archaeological importance, they should be preserved intact. Sound bells of good tone should be used if possible, either incorporated in a ring or hung as single bells; failing which they should be preserved intact in the church or churchyard. If, in very special circumstances, permission is sought to recast a cracked bell, the petitioners must put forward adequate proposals for the mounting and display of the crown and inscription band in the church.

(b) Bells dated between 1600 and the middle of the 18th century should not be recast unless cracked. If it is desired, on special grounds, to recast a bell of this period, information should be sought from the Central Council for the Care of Churches as to the rarity and archaeological value of the bell. This application for advice should be accompanied by a statement of the opinion of the bell founder, as to the musical qualities of the bell. If such bell are allowed to be recast, their inscription should be recast in facsimile on the new bells with the date of recasting added.

(c) If a bell cast later than 1750 is permitted to be recast the old inscription should be reproduced in facsimile on the new bell with the date of recasting added.

(d) When estimating for major work on bells, the firms tendering should give the date and founder of each bell in the ring, and any points of special interest, including inscriptions, and the approximate age of the frame.

(e) No bells should be rehung, or frames altered, in ancient towers without consultation between the bell founder and an architect, skilled in handling such buildings; the application for a faculty should contain a note of the result of such consultation.

(f) When bells earlier than 1600 are rehung, the canons should be retained. If it is desired to remove the canons in a particular case, the position of the bells in the ring, the weight of the bells and the condition and decoration of the canons must be taken into account, and the proposal for their removal must be supported by this information.

(g) Mechanical or electrical imitations of bells are to be strongly condemned.

(h) Ancient wooden bell frames should be carefully preserved wherever possible if sound and fit for continued use. The decision as to the soundness of the frame for continued service should be based on the bell founder's advice, in conjunction with that of the architect in charge of the church.

A faculty is required for recasting or rehanging bells, for the addition of new bells to an existing ring, for the sale of bells and for major repairs to a bell frame. Minor works of repair to frames and quarter turning of bells may generally be covered by an Archdeacon's certificate. The Diocesan Advisory Committee must be informed of the proposals and can refer cases of difficulty to the Technical Panel of the Central Council for the Care of Churches.

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, which has members in every diocese, is also prepared to give expert advice on all these matters through their Towers and Belfries Com-

mittee. Application for advice from the Towers and Belfries Committee should be made to Mr. Frederick Sharpe, F.S.A., 'Derwen,' Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

Moving the adoption of the report, Mr. E. H. Lewis said in the last paragraph of the report they would see that two members of the committee (the president and himself), together with the two bell founders, met the Committee of the Central Council for the Care of Churches to see if they could agree on a statement which would modify the statement the Central Council for the Care of Churches had circulated on the retention of old bells. They had a long meeting, and the suggestions of the Central Council for the Care of Churches which they were willing to permit were printed in the appendix to the report. They want the Council to agree to it and have it printed in their handbook. His committee and the Standing Committee did not feel happy about Section (a). They discussed it at some length and put forward the following slight alteration to see if it was acceptable to the C.C.C.C.

'Bells cast earlier than 1600 of archaeological importance and if sound and of good tone should be preserved intact either incorporated in a ring or hung as single bells. Permission to recast cracked bells or bells of poor tone should be sought only if adequate for mounting and display of the crown and inscription band in the church.'

Mr. John Freeman seconded.

The Standing Committee recommended the adoption of the appendix with the substitution of the paragraph Mr. Lewis had read out.

The president said it so happened that the Central Council for the Care of Churches was the body which advised diocesan advisory bodies in the country. The Chancellor usually gets the opinion of his own advisory committee.

Mr. R. F. B. Speed: Why do we desire to alter their paragraph?

Mr. E. H. Lewis: We thought the paragraph shown here is not very clear, and also 'the Four C's' want all bells cast before 1600 preserved intact. We tried to get some concession on that point.

Mr. W. A. Osborn: If you put an old bell in a churchyard as they suggest, it is a short way to lose it.

The President: We did argue with the Dean of Gloucester and we pointed out that it was not always the best place to place an old, cracked bell in the church. In many churches there was not a place where it could be put, and the answer of 'the Four C's' was if there was not room in the church it should go in the churchyard.

Mr. F. B. Lufkin expressed thanks to the committee for their work. A museum was the best place for these old bells, he added.

Mr. F. E. Collins thought these old bells should be either in the tower or the melting pot.

Mr. Paul Taylor pointed out that if a bell was in a tower it had to be heard in relation to other bells.

Mr. A. A. Hughes: If you have a ring of five or six bells in a tower and one is a very bad bell, even if it is 1600, are you going to let all the other bells suffer by the presence of a very bad bell? I have a feeling that they will accept Mr. Lewis' amendment.

Mr. C. W. Pipe said it seemed to him that the Central Council for the Care of Churches was only interested in bells from the archaeological point of view. The parishes were interested in them from the financial view, and to them it seemed a pity that a couple of thousand pounds of metal could not be used. He thought the time had come when the Central Council for the Care of Churches should buy these old bells or compensate the parishes for the value of the bells.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow pointed out that the last word on these old bells was with the Chancellor.

The Rev. John Scott suggested that all information about old bells should be stored. Sometimes it had not been preserved.

The President: Messrs. Taylor and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank keep information of all bells they recast. What you have not got is Gillett and Johnston's and other bell founders.

The Council agreed to adopt the report with the amendment of Mr. Lewis.

The Standing Committee recommended the re-election of the committee with the addition of Mr. Brian Austin and Mr. Brian Threlfall. This was agreed to.

The President said they felt it would be an advantage to have an architect, as since the death of Mr. Young they had not had an architect on the committee. Mr. Austin was an architect and Mr. Threlfall an A.M.I.C.E.

MINOR METHODS BOOK**METHODS COMMITTEE REPORT**

The section of the Minor Methods book which has been holding up its completion is now finished, and so the final draft is, at long last, almost ready.

Our attention was drawn to the naming of certain Surprise Royal methods. As noted in 'The Ringing World' of February 19th, 1960, we found that the so-called Lyme, Whitwick and Gainsborough Surprise Royals were not extensions of the corresponding Major methods which conformed to the accepted Central Council rules for extension.

We ask the Council to confirm our decision that these Royal methods be renamed by the bands than rang them.—K. W. H. Felstead, F. Nolan Golden, C. H. Kippin, C. K. Lewis.

Moving the adoption of the report Mr. Felstead said that they hoped in two or three weeks that the manuscript of the Minor Book would be in the hands of the librarian. The hold-up had been in the spliced section. The second point about extension had already been answered.

Mr. C. K. Lewis seconded the adoption.

Mr. Brian Warwick said whilst he was not happy about renaming Lyme and Whitwick, as the Leicester Guild was a member of the Central Council they would be renamed. Why did these two methods not conform to rules?

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead: That is a difficult question to answer without notice. Those who know the Methods Committee report on extension will agree with us. The fact that the methods have been renamed solves the whole matter.

Mr. C. K. Lewis: If Mr. Warwick cares to write to me I will give him the answer.

Mr. John Mayne said the study of method extension was a complicated affair. It was up to the ringing fraternity either to understand the report or submit the extension to someone who did.

Mr. Mayne also advocated the selection of suitable names for new methods. There were a lot of unsuitable names now being used.

Mr. E. H. Lewis: What is the opinion of the Methods Committee on Major methods which have double changes and Royal methods with triple changes?

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead said there were two things he might say, and he thought a personal opinion came in rather than a mathematical reason. In the new Minor Book they were not including Minor methods where four bells were lying in a pair of rows. They would also not do it in the Major book.

Mr. C. K. Lewis said at Eastbourne he said he did not like it and he was rather shouted down. He still held that view. 'We don't want to make ourselves a straight-jacket of rules. The Exercise depends on the good taste of the

people who ring. The people who ring these four methods will gradually realise what rubbish they were.'

The president asked what the position was in regard to Gainsborough Bob Royal.

The hon. secretary said when the committee considered this question and the Leicester Guild were prepared to rename Lyme and Whitwick it was decided to approach the band to rename the method. He suggested that it should be left to him to take such action.

The report was then adopted. The president in thanking the committee said it was stated last night that there were years of work ahead of them.

The Standing Committee recommended that the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and Mr. C. K. Lewis be re-elected to the committee, and Mr. F. T. Blagrove in the place of Mr. C. H. Kippin who was not now a member of the Council. This was agreed to, together with the addition of Mr. John Mayne, who was proposed by Mr. P. A. Corby.

CONVENORS OF COMMITTEES

The committee elected the following convenors: 'Ringing World,' J. F. Smallwood; Literature and Press, C. E. Shepherd; Biographies, A. C. Hazelden; Peal Boards, J. W. Clarke; Broadcasting and Television, H. J. Sanger; Records, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher; Peals Analysis, W. Ayre; Peal Collection, W. E. Critchley; Sunday Service Survey, N. Chadcock; Towers and Belfries, F. Sharpe; Methods, Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

The following were elected to the Standing Committee: Mrs. Staniforth, Miss M. R. Cross, Messrs. R. S. Anderson, W. B. Cartwright, P. A. Corby, F. E. Dukes, P. J. Staniforth, C. K. Lewis, J. Freeman, F. I. Hairs, T. J. Lock and J. T. Dyke.

ALTERATION OF RULES

Mr. R. S. Anderson moved the following amendment of rules.

To add the following new Rule 2 and re-number the existing Rules 2 to 18 at 3 to 19 respectively.

'2. The Council shall:—

- (i) Use its best endeavours to guard the rights and generally promote the welfare of the Exercise both in its scientific aspect and as a branch of church work.
- (ii) Encourage and assist the development of the Art in its scientific, mathematical and historical branches.
- (iii) Arbitrate so far as may be deemed advisable in such matters of dispute or perplexity as shall be submitted to its judgment.

Mr. Anderson said the Council should add to its rules a statement of aims and objects. These were the foundation of the Council, and whilst each affiliated Association was required to subscribe to the rules they were not asked to subscribe to what, in the opinion of his Association, was its aims and objects.

Mr. E. A. Barnett formally seconded.

Mr. Vernon Bottomley moved an amendment of the deletion of the words 'guard the rights.'

The Rev. John Scott seconded, and remarked that they should be a body for encouraging things. The amendment would read 'To use its best endeavours generally to promote the welfare of the Exercise.'

Mr. C. K. Lewis said he did not like to tamper with a thing that had stood the test of 70 years. These were the aims they had in 1890, and even if times had changed they should stand. They had certain rights as Church officers, and for historical reasons he would deplore any change. Let them keep something

of Sir Arthur Heywood's original intention. He was very much against altering rules without considerable thought, and here they were interfering with one of the foundations of the Exercise.

The amendment was defeated and the motion was carried.

A QUESTION OF QUORUM

Mr. Anderson then moved a second alteration as follows: To amend Rule 14 (Procedure at Meetings) by inserting the words 'representing Territorial Society' between the words 'Twenty members' and 'shall.'

The rule to read:—

'At the meetings of the Council the president or vice-president shall take the chair, and in the event of their absence the members present shall elect a chairman for that meeting. The chairman shall have a casting vote. Twenty members representing Territorial Societies shall form a quorum . . .'

Mr. Anderson said a quorum could consist of honorary and life members, as they had 24 honorary and seven life members. Until that morning they had eight non-territorial Associations, and now they had admitted another. These non-territorial Associations consist of members who were members of territorial Associations.

The hon. secretary formally seconded.

Mr. Brian Threlfall said the proposal was to create first class and second class members.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher said for 70 years they had worked well with representative members and honorary members, and recently they had had life members, but they were all members of the Council. He was against the alteration.

Mr. D. Beresford asked what would happen about territorial representation regarding London County and the Middlesex or the Sheffield and District and the Yorkshire.

Dr. Layton said he did not think ringing was something associated exclusively with territorial Associations.

The alteration to rules was not accepted.

PEALS FOR ASSOCIATIONS

Mr. D. A. Bayles moved the following motion.

'This Council reaffirms the principle that a peal may not be credited to more than one affiliated Society. It accordingly instructs the Editor of 'The Ringing World' and affiliated Societies to keep their records in line with the Council's Peals Analysis, adopting the procedure laid down in the Council's Handbook of 1956.'

Mr. Bayles said the motion was not to solve the vexed question of when a peal was rung by a non-resident band. It was only that it should be credited to one Association. In cricket and football a player at the time could only represent one team. This principle had been recognised by the Central Council for many years, and it was in the rules and decisions of 1893. It was desirable when a band of ringers meet to ring a peal that they should decide to which Society it should be credited and that in future no peal should be under more than one Association. That principle was also set out in the Handbook of 1956.

In 1947 there were two peals, both in the reports of the Durham and Newcastle and the Yorkshire, although they were published in 'The Ringing World' as only for the Durham and Newcastle. 'The Ringing World' was under the direction of the Central Council and instructions could be given to the Editor; instructions could not be given to the late Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

Mr. W. Ayre formally seconded.

The Standing Committee considered the motion and decided to make no recommendation.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

Mr. W. Ayre said their practice had been where two Associations were named to take the first name.

Mr. W. L. Critchley considered Mr. Bayles was making rather 'a storm in a teacup.' It did not matter in the slightest degree what appeared in the two reports so long as the Peals Analysis Committee counted the peal as one. He also strongly objected to the suggestion that the Council instructed the Associations what they included in their reports.

Mr. F. B. Lufkin objected to an instruction to the Editor. He thought 'The Ringing World' should be run by the committee.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher suggested the word 'invites' instead of 'instructs.'

Mr. P. A. Corby said since this did not involve any administrative difficulty either to 'The Ringing World' or the Peals Analysis Committee he could see no particular purpose in the motion. He moved that the matter be left on the table.

Mr. John Freeman seconded, and this was agreed to by the Council.

THE NEXT MEETING

The hon. secretary reported that the Council had received an invitation to visit Stoke-on-Trent next year, and also one for Great Yarmouth. The Standing Committee unanimously decided to recommend Stoke-on-Trent.

Mr. R. S. Anderson, on behalf of the North Staffordshire Association, extended to the Council a warm welcome to visit Stoke-on-Trent in its jubilee year. Whilst they could not give them sea bathing or a seat on the beach, they could offer them some very charming country.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow said the invitation to Yarmouth came not from Yarmouth but from the Norwich Diocesan Association.

Mr. E. H. Lewis seconded the resolution in favour of Stoke-on-Trent, which was accepted by the Council.

RECORD LENGTH ATTEMPTS

The hon. secretary drew attention that in record length attempts notice should be given to the Association holding the record length. That had not been done in two recent successes.

The president expressed the hope that this should be borne in mind.

ADDRESS OF LIBRARIAN

The Rev. John Scott asked that the name and address of the Librarian should appear in 'The Ringing World.'

The Librarian asked members and others who had books out on loan to notify him.

A vote of thanks to the president for presiding was proposed by Mr. H. Rogers.

VOTES OF THANKS

The president moved a vote of thanks to the Mayor of Folkestone for his welcome; to the Bishop of Tonbridge for his welcome and being the celebrant at the Corporate Communion; to Canon Hough for the use of his church; to Messrs. A. Berry, J. R. Cooper, C. T. Hillis and Phillimore for the fine local arrangements and for peal attempts; to incumbents and tower keepers for churches visited.

The resolution was carried with acclamation.

Mr. John Willis thanked the Council for the vote of thanks.

THE RECEPTION

A civic reception was held in the sun lounge of Leas Cliffe Hall, when the members of the Council and their ladies were received by the Mayor of Folkestone (Ald. F. W. Archer) and hospitably entertained by the Corporation.

The Mayor in his welcome expressed his pleasure that the Council meeting had gone extremely well. He understood that one of the things ringers were famous for was their 'underground grape-vine.' He hoped by that means they would tell their friends what a wonderful place Folkestone was. [Applause.]

'A real hearty thank you' was expressed to the Mayor and the Corporation by the president.

The usual social evening concluded the day at the headquarters, the Princes Hotel.

His many friends will be sorry to know that Mr. Fred Burnett, tower captain of Portsmouth Cathedral has had to enter hospital for an operation. We all hope he will be ringing again shortly. Letters will be forwarded from c/o 20, Haslar Road, Gosport.

A TRAGIC BALLAD

Dedicated
with deepest respect
to

Two Societies,
the one Ancient and the other Royal.
Tune: 'Vilikins and his Dinah.'

It is of an old gent that I'll have you to know
Who rang at St. Paul's and at Cornhill also.
He lived all alone with young William his son
Who was promising well, though not yet forty—
Singing toorali-oorali-oorali-ay. [One,

One evening the father admonished young Will,
'You must come down to practice tonight at
Cornhill,
For afore you reach seventy, if no ill befalls,
I believe I could get you a ring at St. Paul's.'
Singing, &c.

'O Father, dear Father,' young William replied,
'I can't tell you lies, though you know how I've
tried,
I've promised tonight—and I mean to be there—
For to ring at St. Martin's in Trafflegar Square.'
Singing, &c.

'My son, do not darken the door of that tower.
You never shall ring with that horrible shower.
You'll change your mind quickly and avoid the
disgrace
When I tell you it's Cumberlands ring in that
place.'
Singing, &c.

Says William, 'A young lady ringer I've met.
And on her my affections most firmly are set;
Your rooted objections to me are no barrier.
For I love her, dear father, and I'm going to
marry 'er.'
Singing, &c.

'Now William,' says Father, 'just listen to me,
If you must persist, then cut off you will be.
And when I pass out, and am laid in the dust,
I shall leave all my cash to the Barron Bell
Trust.'
Singing, &c.

'I've rung all my life, and I still must insist
That what you're describing can't never exist:
I've heard people tell that there's women whau
ring.
But a lady—why no, boy, there ain't no such
thing.'
Singing, &c.

Next month they was married, this couple so
bold,
And the poor father's grief was a sight to
behold;
His brain is quite gone, the psychiatrist thinks,
For he even goes wrong in three courses of
Cinques.
Singing, &c.

Now Bill and his bride, I am glad to relate,
They could not escape from the vengeance of
Fate;
By poverty pressed, their possessions they sell,
And to fly from their creditors in Devon they
dwell.
Singing, &c.

And there they are forced to go up in the tower,
And ring rounds and call-changes hour by
hour;
But even that fate ain't as bad as it sounds,
For they might live in Cornwall, and only ring
rounds.
Singing, &c.

(First perpetrated before members of the
Central Council, Folkestone, 1960. The person
responsible forgot the seventh verse, and has
here added it: but it is stoutly maintained that
the verse was omitted through lapse of memory
and not through fear of reprisals. Anyway, the
author is not responsible for the views of
William's father, now is he?)

The 50 methods Spliced rung in hand
referred to in Belfry Gossip (page 432) were
in Plain and Little methods and not Surprise
as was inadvertently stated.

LETTERS

DEVON GUILD AND PEAL LEVY

Dear Sir,—In your report to the Central Council's debate on 'The Ringing World' Committee's report, you quote me as saying that the Devon Guild were very disappointed that a peal levy was not introduced. Either I failed to make myself clear or you misheard me.

What the Guild of Devonshire Ringers are disappointed about is this: Last year, at Southport, the subject of a peal levy was raised and received enough support to make many members feel it was worth continuing with. The Guild of Devonshire Ringers instituted such a levy of their own and hoped that the Central Council would adopt the idea for the Exercise as a whole. But 'The Ringing World' Committee and the Standing Committee, by raising the price of the paper, decided the matter in favour of a section of the Council of unknown numerical strength, although it was known that the matter was likely to be raised at Folkestone and a motion put before the Council.

Now that the paper is out of the financial wood for the time being, it is obvious that the matter will have to rest for the moment: but next time we hope that the Standing Committee will try to find out the Council's views by a vote before taking a step of this kind.—Yours,
JOHN G. M. SCOTT.

Clawton Vicarage,
Holdsworth.

TWO CORRECTIONS

Dear Sir,—Your necessarily abbreviated account of the early part of the Council meeting in the issue of June 17th gives a slightly wrong impression in one or two places, and I should be glad if you would allow me to correct these.

On page 419, it was not the intention that the secretary of the Devon Guild should write to the Devon Association but that I should, and this has in fact been done. The Association has not asked to be considered for membership of the Council but merely inquired whether, if they should apply, they would be considered.

On the same page, only part of the cash in hand remaining after the postal subscriptions in advance represents the Clement Glenn Fund—about £800. The other £500 is from various different sources.

In the Standing Committee report it was stated that at the meeting on November 7th the committee also decided to increase the price of the paper, not only the advertisement rate.

While writing, may I ask the ringer who inquired of me about the Barron Bell Trust if he would write to me, as unfortunately I can't recall who he was—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Secretary.
Crayford, Kent.

MR. A. H. COCKS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the minutes of the Central Council's meeting at Folkestone as published in last Friday's issue of 'The Ringing World,' it appears that a case of mistaken identity has occurred.

The Mr. A. H. Cocks who wrote 'The Church Bells of Buckinghamshire' died in—Yours faithfully,
D. G. WHEELER.
Aylesbury, Bucks.

FIRST PEAL OF MINOR AT BRILL

Dear Sir,—I have read Mr. R. E. Price's letter in your issue of June 17th, 1960, and I regret that I should have claimed (falsely) that my peal at Brill on May 14th was the first of Minor on the bells. I hope that he and the rest of the band who rang a 7-method peal of Minor there on July 9th, 1949, will accept my apologies. I did make careful inquiries before putting forward my claim, and I was informed that the recent peal of Doubles in the same tower was the first peal there.

For those who keep records, may I now amend the footnote to the May 14th, 1960, peal to read 'First peal of Minor in more than seven methods on the bells.'—Yours faithfully,
ALAN R. PINK.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. F. Nolan Golden is making satisfactory progress after his operation and hopes to leave hospital very soon.

REDEDICATION

HANNEY, OXON

Saturday, June 18th, was a most important day in the life of the twin villages of East and West Hanney, lying in the Vale of the White Horse, just to the west of the Wantage-Oxford main road. On this day the tower and rehung bells were rededicated by the Right. Rev. E. H. Knell, Bishop of Reading.

The Church of St. James the Great, at West Hanney, is probably, by reason of its situation in a village 1½ miles from a main road, not as well known as it deserves to be. It is a fine cruciform structure of stone, mainly of early English (13th century) character, although the chancel is late perpendicular (early 16th century). The north transept is entered from the nave through a transitional Norman (circa 1170) arch (now blocked), and this transept forms the base of the tower and provides a roomy cool and lofty ringing chamber. One wonders how many churches can boast a ringing chamber with a 14th century piscina, indicating its former use as a chapel.

The perpendicular upper portion of the embattled tower became unsafe (possibly accentuated by the battering it received from a moving bell frame) earlier in the present century and had to be taken down, and a temporary corrugated iron roof was placed over the bells, which also became unringable. This roof in turn became dilapidated and the villages made a determined effort to renovate the tower and rehang the bells.

The work has cost several thousands of pounds and a large debt still remains to be discharged but the bells are ringing again after a silence it is said of 27 years. The upper structure of the tower, though still temporary, has a slate roof, and this work was in the hands of the Diocesan architect, Mr. G. W. Judd, A.R.I.B.A. Messrs. John Taylor and Co. were responsible for the new frame and the rehangings of the bells which go perfectly. A piece of the old bell frame, worm-eaten and bearing the date 1605 together with other inscriptions can be seen in the north porch.

A large congregation turned up to welcome the Bishop. The service was simple in character and when the time arrived for the dedication ceremony, the clergy in procession were followed out in the sunny churchyard there to hear the dedication prayers read by the Bishop. As the clergy and congregation returned to the church the bells were rung in rounds by a band which included two local ringers and also Miss M. R. Cross, general secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. At the conclusion of the service, and while the Bishop and clergy and congregation walked across to the Manor House there to enjoy light refreshments served on the lawn (a special tea of larger proportions was available for ringers in the spacious Manor House kitchen), a picked band rang three courses of Bob Minor to show off the fine sonorous qualities of these bells with their 17 cwt. tenor.

Ringers were present from Oxford, Radley, Wantage, Blewbury, East Ilsley, Reading, Hinton, Waldrist, etc., and good use was made of the bells. A new local band will have to be taught, but there is plenty of interest. The bells are rather too noisy at present, but the architect (himself a ringer) is aware of the necessity for providing sound deadening material.

Another tower has been rescued from decay: long may the bells continue to send out their message Sunday by Sunday.

A. R. P.

LYMINGE NOT LYMPE

Dear Sir.—Unless Lymphe have had two more bells added to their six, I think the touch of Grandsire Triples (Belfry Gossip, June 17th) took place at Lyminge. The ringers were Mr. and Mrs. Staniforth, Mr. and Mrs. Corby and Andrew Corby, my grandmother, Mrs. F. I. Hairs, my mother and myself.—Yours faithfully,

JEAN F. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

The name of Mr. F. J. Cullum (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths) should be added to the list of new members presented to the president at the Central Council meeting.

MISS EDITH LOMAS

Miss E. Lomas, of the Devonshire Guild, passed away on June 2nd after a long illness (some nine years). During this time she had many operations but still kept ringing whenever well enough until approximately two years ago when she had to give up because of her health.

She began ringing in 1924 at Whimble, where she was a ringer for 20 years, many of them as leader (at one time it was an all ladies' band there). She was also secretary of the Exeter Branch of the Devonshire Guild for a time.

In 1944 she joined the Clyst Honiton band of ringers and it was here that she rang her only two peals, both of Grandsire Triples, by the local Sunday service band. Last year she was made an hon. life member of the Devonshire Guild, and in 1958 an honorary member of the Ladies' Guild. She was for over 30 years secretary at Hele School, Exeter.

The funeral took place at St. Mary's Church, Whimble, on June 4th, conducted by Preb. E. V. Cox (president of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers), assisted by the Rev. H. T. Robins, Rector of Whimble. The bearers were Messrs. J. Salway, D. Callard, E. E. Retter and G. E. Retter, all fellow members of Clyst Honiton band. Included in the large congregation were the Rev. H. V. Christie (vicar of Clyst Honiton and chairman of the Aylesbeare Deanery branch of the Devonshire Guild), Miss A. Christie and Mrs. G. E. Retter (Clyst Honiton ringers), Mr. J. L. S. Glanville (Ringing Master, Aylesbeare Deanery Branch), and also Mr. and Mrs. W. Panter, representing Sowton ringers.

In the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Clyst Honiton, by her fellow ringers: Miss A. Christie 1, J. Salway 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, D. Callard 4, E. E. Retter 5, Mrs. G. E. Retter (cond.) 6, A. Holway 7, E. R. Retter 8.

MR. R. J. GARD

While driving his employer's van on June 14th Mr. Reginald John Gard (45), of Yatton, collapsed and died in a nearby house. His sudden death caused a profound shock in the parish.

He had been a member of the church all his life—first as a choir boy and for over 30 years as a ringer. His rule was when he rang for service to attend before returning home—an example many could follow. Sympathy is extended to his widow, son and daughter.

The funeral took place at Yatton on June 18th, the service being conducted by Preb. G. A. Buckley, Vicar, assisted by Mr. H. A. Price, lay reader and captain of the ringers, in the presence of a large congregation.

Following the internment in the churchyard, 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled by T. A. Price 1, H. W. Knight 2, M. O. Davis 3, R. H. Brice 4, E. A. Price 5, D. E. Vowles 6, H. A. Price (cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8.

H. A. P.

MR. W. S. LANGDON

The funeral service for Mr. W. S. Langdon, whose death was reported on page 431, took place on June 20th at Wandsworth Cemetery. On the Friday previous the coffin was received at Westminster Abbey by the Dean, who conducted it to St. George's Chapel, where prayers were said. It was left there for the night covered by the Abbey pall.

At the funeral service ringers present were Messrs. H. Langdon, T. H. Taffender, H. Belcher, D. Randall, F. Udall, J. G. A. Prior (representing the Ancient Society), W. Rawlings, R. Mackrill and H. N. Pitstow. The whole pall and stand and a course of Grandsire Triples were rung at the graveside by Messrs. H. Langdon, T. H. Taffender, H. N. Pitstow and J. G. A. Prior.

OBITUARY

MR. N. D. SMITH

We regret to announce the death of Mr. N. D. Smith, of Great Staughton, Hunts, at the County Hospital on June 12th, after an operation. A ringer at Great Staughton for over 50 years, he was also for many years a member of the P.C.C. While not a peal ringer, he would occasionally take part in a quarter peal. Until prevented by failing health, he was a very regular service ringer. In his younger days Nen was a regular attendant at meetings and was well known in the surrounding districts.

The funeral service was held in Great Staughton on June 16th, before cremation at Bedford. On the following Tuesday 1,260 Grandsire Doubles was rung half-muffled by J. S. Spicer 1, F. W. Lack (cond.) 2, Lucy Allen 3, H. S. Peacock 4, J. W. Allen 5, F. Reeve 6.

F. W. L.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION
HALF-DAY OUT

We did not have to go out of the county to spend an enjoyable half-day's outing on May 28th. By car, van and motor bike we travelled first to High Ercall, a typically quiet Shropshire village. Ringing here was made more difficult by the long draught and the anti-clockwise circle. A touch of Stedman Triples came to an untimely end when the treble rope draped itself snake-like round its ringer's shoulder.

Tibberton, a little five-bell tower, provided much interest. Since the bells were reputed to be unringable and uncared for we were pleasantly surprised to find a clean and tidy belfry. Two main difficulties, though: the ropes were yards too long, and whoever rang the third had the choice of falling over backwards down the trap door, which had no door, or turning his back on the rest of the company. In addition, the second seemed to have no stay—the bell went straight over after we had pulled it up. Two on the rope brought it back again, and we rang Grandsire and Plain Bob fairly successfully.

More ringers joined us at Chetwynd, where we rang various Minor methods, did some canvassing for the Association, and sold a copy of the C.C.'s 'Learners' Handbook.' After a break for tea, on to Newport where a misunderstanding over time left us only twenty minutes on this pleasant eight. Here the Sheriff Hales' ringers turned out in force to see us ring, as did some Newport lads. 'Learners' Handbooks' sold like hot cakes.

Finally, Edgmond, a glorious ground-floor six that simply pleads for two more trebles. There is already a frame for eight. The Edgmond band is largely self-taught, and have made so much progress with change-ringing that they have already attempted two quarter peals. We stayed from seven until nine and rang most methods in the book, and some that aren't in the book.

Thanks are due to drivers who shared their cars and motor bikes for the occasion, to all 'locals' who met us, and to all incumbents who put up with us.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Good use was made of the fine ring of bells at Bridlington Priory at the annual meeting of the Eastern District, which was attended by over 30 ringers, representing 16 towers. Canon Lamb conducted the service and this was followed by tea.

The vice-president (Mr. A. E. Sellers) presided at the business meeting, when members stood in silence in memory of Mr. A. B. Cook. Two new members were elected—Mr. H. F. Gibson, of Sutton-on-Hull, and Mr. T. E. Darley, of Hemingbrough. Elections for a period of three years were: Mr. A. E. Sellers, vice-president; Messrs. L. Rodmell, F. W. Dale, and J. A. Parker, District committee; Mr. L. Rodmell, general committee. Next meeting: October 1st, York, subject to permission.

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RETURN THANKS

The family of the late William Wenban return sincere thanks for letters of sympathy and floral tributes received in their recent bereavement. 6218

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Will all ringing friends please note that Mr. Patrick J. Bird's home address is now 27, Moorland Road, Weston-Super-Mare, Somerset. 6199

John A. Underwood, 123, Church Lane, Whitwick, Leics. will be moving to 40, Deansway, Chesham, Bucks, on July 2nd, 1960. 6196

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Second quarterly meeting, Gawsorth (8). Saturday, July 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 28th, please, to H. C. Lonyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. Frequent buses Macclesfield-Congleton route. 6100

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly general meeting, Fairfield (8). Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Committee 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Chelmorton (a new ring of 5 available in the evening). 6137

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—An evening meeting will be held at Melbourn, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) from 6 p.m.—E. W. Bullman. 6166

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Stebbing, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Little, Cowlands Farm Cottage, Stebbing. 6128

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Ingrave, July 2nd. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Brentwood (8) will also be available from 7 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss N. Jeffery, 45, Brentwood Road, Ingrave. 6126

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—Meeting July 2nd: Henstridge (6) 11.30 a.m., Sherborne Abbey (8) 1.30 p.m., Shillingstone (6) 2.45, Blandford Forum (8) 3.30, Wareham (8) 5.15, Dinner Wareham 7.30 p.m. Names to Dr. C. T. Brown, 14A, North Street, Wareham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Farnborough (6), Saturday, July 2nd, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (Note change from provisional programme.) 6149

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Elstree (6), July 2nd. 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 6156

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Knebworth, Saturday, July 2nd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. 6144

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Flamstead, Saturday, July 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 5th, to Mr. E. Smith, Rose Cottage, Flamstead.—J. Good, Dis Sec. 6145

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting on Saturday, July 2nd, at Hawkhurst. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. 6141

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Bath, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available: St. Michael with St. Paul, Broad Street, 10-11 a.m.; Twerton 11-12 noon; St. Mark's 2-3 p.m.; Abbey 2.30-3.30; St. Mary, Bathwick 7-7.30; All Saints, Weston 7.30-8.30; Corston from 7 p.m. Committee meeting 1 p.m., St. Mary's Church Hall, Service, Bath Abbey, 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting, St. Mary's Church Hall. 4.15 p.m. 6018

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford, on Saturday, July 2nd. Service at Christ Church 11 a.m. Annual meeting in the Chapter House 12 noon. Lunch in Christ Church dining hall 1.30 p.m. Luncheon tickets 6s. Application for tickets, accompanied by remittance, must reach Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Church Lane, Wexham, Slough, Bucks, not later than Tuesday, June 28th. Ringing arrangements as on agenda.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6091

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Shirley (8). July 2nd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. 6157

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting at South Anston, on Saturday, July 2nd, at 3 p.m. 6139

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Windsor Parish Church, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Parish Hall. Trains from Waterloo or Paddington. Green Line routes Nos. 704, 705, 718 and 725. 6201

SOUTH WALES NOMADS.—Ringing festival, July 2nd, opening the Panteg Restoration Fund, Mathern 10 a.m., Penhow 11, Nash 12 noon, Llanfrechfa 2 p.m., Panteg 3 (service 4, refreshments). Llangibby 5.30, Caerleon 6.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. 6064

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, July 2nd. Lower Beeding (8) 3 p.m. Tea ONLY to those who notify by Wednesday, June 29th. Mr. A. G. Chilmald, 14, Church Close, Lower Beeding. 6148

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Stratford St. Mary (6). Saturday, July 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Bailey, Squirrels Hall Cottage, Stratford St. Mary, Colchester, Essex. Higham (6) available after tea.—R. J. Seabrook. 6119

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Annual general meeting, July 2nd, Whitchurch, Hants. Meeting 2.30 p.m. in Church Hall. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea by June 28th, at latest, to Mr. E. W. Dance, Bere Hill Farm, Whitechurch, Bells available: East Woodhay 8.30-9.30 a.m., Woolton Hill 9-10, Burghclere 9.30-10.30.

Highclere 10-11, Tangley 10.30-11.30, Andover, Basingstoke (St. Michael) and Wonston, all 11-12 noon. Abbots Ann 11.30-12.30 p.m., Barton Stacey, Basingstoke (All Saints) and Goodworth Clatford, all 12-1. Longparish 12.30-1. St. Marybourne, Hurstbourne Priors and Overton, all 1-2. Whitechurch 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 6-9, Laverstoke 6-7, Overton 6.30-7.30, Deane 7-8, Kingsclere 7.30-9 p.m.—Roger Savory, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6136

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, July 4th, at 7 p.m. 6207

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Evening Practice, Elston, Thursday, July 7th. Bells 7.30 p.m. Methods: Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and Wells Surprise.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 6193

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Darton, near Barnsley, Saturday, July 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Please bring food.—J. W. Buxton. 6174

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bathampton, July 9th—usual arrangements. Names for tea to F. Gooding, 2, Rose Cottages, Bathampton.—Alan Lee. 6160

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Chedzoy, July 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Please notify.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 6188

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Dulverton, July 9th. Tea for number notified by 6th.—A. R. Tudball, Hon. Sec. 6217

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Farmborough, Saturday, July 9th. Usual arrangements.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 6197

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting, Malpas, Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea before Thursday, July 7th, please, to Mr. Richard Harrison, Holly Cottage, Church Street, Malpas, Cheshire.—R. C. H. Sibley, Hon. Sec. 6222

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lymm on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) 3-5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 6214

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting at Salford Priors (8). Saturday, July 9th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome, especially if you send your names for tea to P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington (phone 8388). 6215

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Dronfield, 3 p.m. to 8.30 p.m., July 9th. Names for tea by July 7th, to G. N. Goodall, 6, Elm Tree Crescent, Dronfield. 6225

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Penn, Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea followed by business meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by July 6th, to Miss A. Croft, 7, Buttons Farm Road, Penn. 6205

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Jarrow (St. Peter), Saturday, July 9th. 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, July 6th, to Mr. E. Stenton, 34, Wansbeck Road, Jarrow. 6189

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at Mayfield, July 9th. Burgess Hill not available. Names for tea early, to W. Kitchenside, 3, South Street, Mayfield.—C. A. Bassett. 6208

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Stretham, Saturday, July 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 6190

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting at Brinkworth (6). Saturday, July 9th. Names for tea to Rev. G. Wallis, Brinkworth, Chippenham, Wilts. 6192

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Cobham and Stoke D'Abernon, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (both towers) from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. Service 4.30 at Cobham. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Church Room. Numbers for tea by July 6th, to Mrs. Thornton, 59, Hogsmill Lane, Cobham. 6162

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at West Malling. July 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Carter, 'The Ringers', West Malling. 6159

LADIES' GUILD—Midland District.—Meeting at Derby, July 9th, is **cancelled**. 6229

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting Langdale, Holy Trinity, Saturday, July 9th. 2.30 p.m. Name to F. Birkett, Braegarth, Elterwater, near Ambleside, Westmorland.—N. M. Newby. 6195

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Broughton, Saturday, July 9th. Bring own food. A6 road. Buses 130, 140, 150, etc., also P2 from Preston town centre to Lightfoot Lane.—L. Walmsley. 6209

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting July 9th, at Todmorden Unitarian Church. **NOTE CHANGE**. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea available.—Hudson, Sec. 6221

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting at Market Harborough. July 9th. Bells available; Market Harborough (8) 3-4.30 p.m., Lubenham (5), Great Oxendon (5) and Great Bowden (6) 6.30-7.30. Service Market Harborough 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 6th, to Mr. F. Wallington, 118, St. Mary's Road, Market Harborough. Leics.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6153

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Bigby (6), July 9th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by July 6th, to Canon H. Thackray, Bigby Rectory, Barnetby, Lincs. 6164

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION—N. and E. District.—Joint meeting with the **HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (St. Albans District) at St. Mary's, North Mymms, on Saturday, July 9th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m. Tea in the Memorial Hall 4.30, followed by evening ringing. St. Etheldreda's, Hatfield, bells also available 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. Names for tea must be sent to Mrs. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts. (Hatfield 2866). 6171

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION—Ringing meeting, Saturday, July 9th. Dilhorne. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 6th, to the Rev. G. E. Weaver, Dilhorne Vicarage, Stoke-on-Trent. Eccleshall bells not available. 6210

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Happisburgh. July 9th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 6th, please, to Mr. G. Larter, 2 School Common Road, Lower Happisburgh, Norwich. 6150

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Banbury Branch.—Annual meeting at Banbury (10). Saturday, July 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by July 5th, to Mr. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury. 6191

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Daventry Branch.—Meeting Willoughby, Saturday, July 9th. Names for tea by Monday previous, to Mr. G. Hancock, Brookside, Willoughby, Rugby.—F. W. Hancock. 6204

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sudborough. July 9th. Usual arrangements. Names for teas by Tuesday previous, please.—L. Witten, 4, John Street, Thrapston, Kettering, Northants. 6213

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Tong (6), July 9th. 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 6th, to Rev. D. B. Skelding, The Vicarage, Tong, Shifnal. 6194

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD—Newark District.—Meeting at East Bridgford, Saturday, July 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30.

Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea must be forwarded by Tuesday previous, to Mr. J. Higgs, Cherryholt Lane, East Bridgford, Nottingham.—W. L. Exton. 6125

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting on July 9th, will be at **Westbourne** and not **Easebourne** as proposed. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthell Road, Fishbourne, near Chichester. 6219

SUFFOLK GUILD—North West District.—Practice meeting at Brandon (6), June 9th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 6152

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, July 9th. Alton (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Numbers for tea by 6th to C. E. Bassett, 'Sunnybrook', Brook Lane, Warsash, Southampton. 6211

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Alverstoke, Saturday, July 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Brodrick Hall. Names by Wednesday, July 6th, to Mr. H. A. Nobes, 26, Peel Road, Gosport.—A. Sturgess, Portsmouth Dis. Hon. Sec. 6212

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Twyford, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at Phoenix Inn 5 p.m. at 2s. 6d. per head. Owslebury (6) available 7 p.m. till 9 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 5th, please, to P. Dickinson, Riverbank Cottage, Cheriton, near Alresford, Hants. 6227

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting, Leight, Saturday, July 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Practice method: London Surprise Minor. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 5th, to F. Hyde, 6, Winchester Avenue, St. John's, Worcester. 6151

ASH, SURREY.—Surprise Minor practice, Monday, July 11th. Methods: Beverley, Bourne, Canterbury, Ipswich, London, Norwich, Primrose, Surfleet, Wells and York. 6203

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Hutton Cranswick, Saturday, July 16th (revised date). Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 14th, to Rev. G. Storer, The Vicarage, Hutton Cranswick, Driffield. 6169

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—S.E. District.—Meeting at Southminster, Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 6170

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION—Annual meeting and six bell prize contest, Hoylandswaine, July 16th. Entrance fee 10s., to A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Mossley, Manchester, by July 2nd, please. For teas please notify by July 9th, J. Whitehouse, Gyder Bottom Farm, Hoylandswaine.—A. Farrand, Sec. 6163

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Eastchurch (Meopham not available), on Saturday, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Miss M. Wash, 106, High Street, Eastchurch, Sheerness. 6206

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Dover (8), on Saturday, July 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea: Parish Hall at 2s. per person. Names together with cash, please, to Mrs. H. George, 11, Farthingloe Road, Maxton, Dover. 6161

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Willoughby, near Alford, Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. No tea arranged, please bring own food.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 6216

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting Saxilby, July 16th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. W. Cox, Trinity Cottage, Saxilby. 6216

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY—Meeting at Staplehurst, July 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 2s. Names to Mr. R. Mitchell, 42, Church Green, Staplehurst.—Pamela J. Osborne, Sec. 6198

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting July 16th, Enford. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting, Netheravon and Fittleton also available in evening. Names before Tuesday, 12th, please.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 6172

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Section.—Practice meeting at Dorking, St. Martin's, July 16th. 3 p.m. Ranmore bells from 7 p.m. Names for tea by July 14th, to Miss Clear, 'Muree', Lonsdale Road, Dorking.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 6202

SUFFOLK GUILD—S.W. District.—Preliminary Notice. Supper and Social, at Lavenham, on Saturday, October 15th. 6.45 p.m. Lavenham (8) and Preston St. Mary (6) bells available in afternoon. Further details later.—R. J. Seabrook. 6177

OUTING

HARLOW, ESSEX

The weather was kind for the outing of Essex Association members, mainly from Harlow, into Kent, on May 28th. At Swanscombe, the first stop, some of the un-experienced members were unwilling to try these bells with their long draught and rather springy ropes, except the youngest learner who handled his rope with comparative ease. An enjoyable hour's ringing included Kent, Bob Major and Stedman. Next came Wrotham, which richly deserves its boast of 'one of the best rings in the county.' A very musical touch of Stedman was a highlight of the ringing here.

An excellent lunch at Maidstone was followed by a visit to the fine ten at the Parish Church. Kent Royal failed but there was a compensation by some good Stedman on the back eight. Harrietsham bells were found to be rather noisy inside, but all enjoyed the ringing especially the vicar, who happily rang some good rounds. Ringing here included Double Norwich and Grandsire. On then to Sittingbourne and tea and with the help of the local band some good ringing including Superlative. The final tower was a heavier ring at Chatham.

For the arrangements the company were indebted to the secretary, who found the call of his duty as local cricket captain too strong, and also the many who contributed to the enjoyment of the day.

BARKBY, LEICS

Barkby, Leics, ringers for their second annual outing visited five towers in Lincolnshire with Mr. J. H. Musson, of Silk Willoughby, as guide. Methods ranging from Doubles to Major were rung at Heydour, and at Mr. Musson's own tower a variety of Minor methods. After tea at Folkingham the ancient six bells were rung. A good touch of Grandsire was enjoyed on the light eight at Billingham, and at the last tower, Horbling, the choir stalls had to be moved because the tower is in the centre of the church.

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QUARTER PEALS

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Hawkins (first quarter) 1, G. E. Grancy 2, R. Hardy 3, C. E. Hayter 4, G. Penney (cond.) 5, S. Huckle 6.

SEAL CHART, KENT.—On June 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. A. N. Holland 1, A. Wenhan 2, J. C. Parker 3, D. C. Manger 4, J. D. Faircloth (cond.) 5, A. M. Macve 6. For Matins.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: E. F. Willcox 1, Clare Dillamore 2, H. Poyner 3, F. Cattell 4, T. Price 5, J. F. Butler 6, P. Evans 7, F. G. Beddow (cond.) 8, F. Price 9, A. Pritchard 10. Rung as a tribute to Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Willcox, upon the birth of a daughter (Hazel Dorne).

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