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RINGING COURSE AT LUMLEY CASTLE, CO. DURHAM

WRITING in the early part of the 19th century, Robert Surtees, the North Country historian, said of Lumley Castle: 'It stands glittering with a bright open aspect, on a fine, gradual elevation above the river Wear.' Although not so glittering today, after a century and more of the effects of atmospheric pollution, the 14th century edifice still stands as an imposing sentinel overlooking the adjacent township of Chester-le-Street.

Until recently, the castle was the seat of the Earl of Scarborough, a descendant of the first Sir Ralph Lumley who built it, and up to then was claimed to be the oldest inhabited house in England. Since the end of the last war, however, it has become a hall of residence of Durham University and so continues in a new phase of its existence with a constant stream of residents to appreciate its romantic past.

Such then was the setting for a one-day course in bell ringing organised for members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association on April 14th. Arranged as part of a general scheme for the promotion of efficient instruction and the advancement of ringing standards in the area, this new venture was undertaken in the nature of an experiment to gauge the response and requirements of the members. A three-man committee under the Ringing Master put the planning in hand last November and from the outset they were greatly encouraged by the co-operation of Dr. W. A. Prowse, Vice-Master of University College, Durham, who readily placed the facilities of Lumley Castle at their disposal for lectures and catering, and of the Rev. A. Spurr, Rector of Chester-le-Street, who granted the use of the bells of his church for practical demonstrations. It was realised from the commencement that a one-day course would necessitate a restricted curriculum, so it was resolved to provide for subjects which would be of general benefit to students, and following from this it was felt that division into two classes, one for members at the stage of rounds and call changes and the other for change ringers seeking a further insight into the elements of change ringing, would be desirable.

The enrolment of a sufficient number of students for the course was naturally one of the essential requirements to ensure its success and it was felt that a total of 30 would justify the experiment. In the event, however, the number of acceptances exceeded all expectations and a total of 60 students was registered, with approximately 20 in the primary stage (Course A) and 40 in the secondary (Course B). The timetable for each course was drawn up for four sessions, three being lectures in the classroom and one a practical lesson in the tower, with lunch and tea intervening and dinner to round off the proceedings at 7.30 p.m. in the Great Hall.

Ironically, April 14th dawned with a freak snowstorm, but by 10.30 a.m., when the course was assembling, the sun was shining benignly and making the castle, its approaches and its lawns a welcoming scene of splendour. Following roll call and the formation of classes, an introductory talk was given by the Ringing Master. He said it was not intended to produce Spliced Surprise ringing in two easy lessons, but simply to give guidance, to correct wrong ideas and to stimulate a desire for more knowledge of the art and science of ringing. After the issue of exercise books with squared paper the students split up into two classes—Course A proceeding to the Pillared Hall to be instructed by Messrs. K. Arthur and F. Hodgson, and Course B to the Junior Common Room for instruction by Messrs. D. A. Bayles and J. A. Ainsworth.

Commencing the lectures of Course A, Mr. Arthur said he would begin at the beginning, as he had found from experience that many learners were ignorant of the basic essentials of bells and ringing, due either to inferior instruction or to lack of opportunity. Then with blackboard illustrations and the use of a model bell, reference was made to the parts of a bell, bell swing and rope movement, consideration being given to the requirements of correct rope control by

the ringer. This was followed by an analysis of striking in changes with practical exercises on handbells and a listening test by a demonstration of common faults on a special tape recording.

The second lecture dealt with the elements of change ringing, reference being made to the production of the plain hunt on 2, 3 and 4 bells and the conventions followed in this process. Details of exercises to be carried out in the tower were explained and the class then adjourned to the tower nearby. Here the students were required to ring rounds on six bells while styles of handling were checked and corrected by the instructors, and this was followed by exercises in correct leading and the attainment of rhythm, with each student concentrating on listening to his own bell. On return to the castle, a final lecture was given on 'paper work,' which dealt with the benefit of method study at home and touched upon the elements of method structure, transposition of lead and course ends, notation of peals and touches and the in and out of course of changes.

Course B commenced with two lecture sessions by Mr. Bayles, who dealt with Method Structure. He examined in detail the Plain Bob system in its application from two to six bells, seeing how the various additional devices had to be introduced to obtain the extent of the changes in each case. Plain Bob Minor was examined in detail to derive the various rules for the practical ringing of the method. The variations of Plain Bob and the system incorporating the College and Double Court shunts were examined to formulate rules for ringing 15 out of the 30 regular Plain Bob methods. The relationship of Plain Bob Minor to Grandsire Triples was examined and from this rules were formulated for ringing most of the Triples methods with two hunts. Treble Bob was examined with the construction of Kent T.B. described. From Kent with its 'in phase' dodging and hunting the switch to 'out of phase' dodging and hunting producing Cambridge Surprise was worked out. In the next session, Mr. Ainsworth gave a lecture on 'Elementary Conducting' and he dealt with the various notations for touches of Plain Bob Major, describing the way of working these out. The transposition of coursing order by bobs at W, B, M and H were given. Touches were transposed on paper and in the following practical lesson in the tower the touch

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was rung with a commentary on the positions of the tenor and the coursing orders resulting from the bobs. Practical exercises resulting from the previous lectures included the ringing of College Bob Minor and Triples, Double Court Minor and Triples.

At dinner guests were the Rector of Chester-le-Street and Mrs. Spurr and the thanks of the Association were duly accorded the Rector for all his help and interest in the occasion. Members were then given a conducted tour of the castle by the Vice-Master, Dr. W. A. Prowse, who was able to describe the chequered history of the building in colourful detail.

The final rendezvous was in the Junior Common Room, where a general discussion on the day's proceedings was held. It was a unanimous opinion that the course had filled a long felt want in the Association and the organising committee and lecturers were warmly thanked for their services. There was a general desire for a similar one-day course to be held again next year, but with the provision of three classes instead of two—to enable the change ringers course to be divided into Elementary and Advanced groups. An informal social evening then followed.

During the afternoon a B.B.C. reporter recorded ringing at the church and interviewed the Ringing Master and honorary general secretary at the castle. This was broadcast in the programme 'Calendar' on April 27th in the North Home Service. K. A.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

A.G.M. At Southwark

AFTER many years, the Surrey Association held their annual meeting on May 5th at Southwark, the venue being the Church Hall of St. George the Martyr. An hour's ringing at Southwark Cathedral, a ringers' service at St. George's and an excellent tea preceded the meeting. The Master of the Association, Mr. F. E. Darby, presided and 51 members were present. The attendance was rather disappointing, even though the weather was hardly propitious.

The minutes of the previous A.G.M., held at Reigate on April 15th, 1961, and the special general meeting held at Croydon on February 24th, for the purpose of a ballot on the principle of a merger with the Guildford Diocesan Guild, were read and approved.

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr. D. A. R. May, the new Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and from Messrs. G. West, F. E. Roberts, M. V. Chilcott, Mr. and Mrs. J. Chilcott, Mr. G. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Parsons, Mr. A. Macve, Mr. F. Oakshott and Miss S. Parrott.

The general secretary, Mr. R. I. F. Parsons, read the committee report for 1961. It had been a comparatively uneventful year with steady work in the two Districts, preparation for consideration of the merger proposal and the completion of the first course of instruction by a mobile team, headed by Mr. N. Bagworth, to the band at Walton. Membership had increased by 10, to a total of 372.

The peal total was 31 for 1961, with seven new methods being rung for the Association, and there was a large increase in the number of quarter peals to 152. Putney again headed the list with 26 to its credit. Members stood in silence to the memory of Miss A. Cutler and Mr. E. G. L. Coward.

The statement of accounts showed that the balance in hand had risen by £10 to £159. In the Belfry Repair Fund the balance had increased by 10s., and a donation of twenty guineas had been given to Ashstead to assist in the restoration of the bells. This was now complete and the bells were in use for the 1962 striking competition.

NO COMPETITION FOR OFFICE

Three new members were elected and the ratification of seven non-resident members was approved. There being only one nomination for each of the following offices, the general officers for 1962 were declared elected: General Master, Mr. F. E. Darby; general secretary, Mr. R. I. F. Parsons; general treasurer, Mrs. K. E. Chilcott; assistant secretary, Mr. F. E. Roberts; auditor, Mr. M. V. Chilcott; liaison officer to Guildford Guild, Mr. F. E. Collins.

As this was the first A.G.M. held on the new fixed date (first Saturday in May) it was necessary to elect the Central Council representatives for 1963, 1964 and 1965. After a ballot, the following were elected: Mr. N. S. Bagworth, Mr. F. E. Collins, Mr. W. Parrott.

The Master congratulated the new officers and representatives, and thanked Mr. T. Blow (the retiring auditor) and Messrs. A. P. Cannon and W. F. Oatway, the retiring representatives. Mr. Derek West was appointed to the post of librarian—the library being housed at St. John's, Redhill.

The A.G.M. in 1963 would be on May 4th and the meeting elected to go to Leatherhead, if this was possible.

Following a question on the recording of Association peals, the meeting agreed that the secretary should inform the membership of the state of the peal book as an item on the agenda of future A.G.M.s.

The letter received regarding the Kilifi appeal was then read and discussed in the light of further information from 'The Ringing World.' The meeting felt that the Association should participate in this work and voted a sum of £7 from the general account.

The Master then thanked the Provost of Southwark, the Rector of St. George's, Mr. Bagworth, the ladies who had prepared tea and all associated with arrangements for the meeting and work during the year.

Ringing at St. George the Martyr brought the day's activities to a close.

PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE—57



CANON C. ELLIOT WIGG, M.A.,
Oxford Diocesan Guild.

A very welcome trend in ringing personnel since the war has been the increase in the number of clerical ringers. Several already well known men have taken Holy Orders, some are still completing their training, and many students have learnt to handle a bell while at college. This is very much to the good, because a ringing clergyman can be a valuable asset to his Association or Guild. With the passing of the years, many of the older generation of clerical ringers have died, and of those who started ringing between the two wars none has been more skilful or versatile than the Rev. Canon C. Elliot Wigg, Rector of Wavendon, near Blechley, Bucks, the popular Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild since 1943.

Elliot Wigg was born in Oxford on June 21st, 1908, and received his early education at the City of Oxford School, where Mr. Frederick Sharpe, president of the Central Council, was also a pupil at the same time. Passing into Keble College, Oxford, in 1928, he took his B.A. degree in 1930. His theological studies were at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, and he was awarded his diploma in Theology in 1932, and his M.A. degree in 1933. While at the University, Elliot was taught to ring at New College, about 1929, by Harry Miles, who was then residing in Oxford. His first peal (Grandsire Triples) was rung on January 22nd, 1931, at St. Ebbe's, Oxford, conducted by Francis E. Taylor, and his first as conductor was on October 19th, 1935, when he called five Minor methods at Finchamps'ead, Berks.

Up to date Elliot has rung 275 peals, and conducted 15, and of these 162 have been rung for the Oxford Diocesan Guild, in a wide variety of methods from Doubles to Maximus. He is an excellent striker, a very good heavy-bell ringer, and has 'turned in' quite a good number of tenors to peals. He looks back on two performances as his best heavy-bell efforts. The first was ringing the 37 cwt. tenor to Double Norwich on the back eight at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, and the other was the 27 cwt. tenor at St. Mary-the-Virgin, Oxford, to four Minor methods in 1945. In January, 1937, he rang the fifth at Queen Camel, Somerset, to eight Minor methods, conducted by Nolan Golden, and, amongst many Oxford Diocesan Guild tenors which he has rung, Denham, Bucks, to Superlative and Yarnton, Oxon, to seven Minor methods are certainly not anybody's choice! On many occasions he has rung the fifth to Minor, and the seventh to Major, and the tenor man has been most fortunate to

secure his help. He is very pleased with ringing the fourth to 42 Doubles methods on July 19th, 1948, at Old Marston, Oxford, as this was the first time that each 120 had been rung to a different method. For several years before the war he was a member of Frank Bennett's touring party, and he has taken part in peals in many parts of the British Isles.

As a clergyman ringer, Elliot has naturally been destined to hold high office in his native Guild. In 1933 he was elected Deputy Master, and in 1943, on the retirement of Canon G. F. Coleridge, he was appointed Master. This latter office has cut down his peal ringing activities, as he has always conscientiously endeavoured to attend as many Branch meetings as he can. Since 1934 he has been president of the Oxford University Society, and was one of their Central Council representatives from 1935-53. In 1961, in appreciation of his services to ringing for his Guild, he was made an Honorary Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.

Elliot's first curacy was at the Parish Church, High Wycombe, Bucks, and his first incumbency was at Nether Windchendon with Chearsley, Bucks, the former church containing five bells. Since about 1950 he has been Rector of Wavendon, also in Bucks, where there is a very pleasant ring of six. In both these two livings he has trained a band to keep the bells ringing on Sundays. More recently he has, in addition, been given the charge of three other churches to look after, so his time is fully occupied!

Elliot has several interests besides bell-ringing. He is a member of the Royal Toxophilite Society, London, the oldest archery society. He plays the cello in an amateur string quartet, started in 1948, and he is a member of the Oxford University Swimming Club, having played water polo for the club when at Keble College.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild have always been fortunate in having a first class clerical ringer as their Master. Canon Elliot Wigg is the fourth since the Guild was formed in 1880, and he is well fitted to maintain their tradition of service to the art. This he does with a genial and friendly personality, coupled with a genuine love of anything to do with bellringing. **APACE.**

A TRIBUTE TO ERNEST MORRIS

The passing of Ernest Morris has touched the hearts of a great number of ringers, known or unknown to him personally. I shall always remember him as one of the finest men that I have met. He paid me two visits, in December, 1946, when he gave an illustrated lecture to the Woodford and District Historical Society on 'Bells of all Nations—their history and romance,' to an audience which included ringers from various parts of S.W. Essex; and in October, 1959, when he was the honoured guest at the annual dinner of the Essex Association of Change Ringers. On that occasion he joined in the handbell ringing and entertained the company when replying to the toast, 'The Exercise,' with amusing reminiscences.

His letters to me were always greatly enjoyed. His vitality seemed unlimited, characterised by his marvellous ringing performances and his extensive literary contributions, the latter demanding tremendous research work. I feel sure that he will be regarded as the greatest ringer of all time. One mark of his greatness was his readiness to ring with the learners and in so doing endeared himself to all who met him in the many towers he visited.

'There's more than enough of friendliness
And love in human hearts,
To bring so much of heaven to earth
If only someone starts.'

Such are the words that grace the calendar that Ernest sent to me at Christmas. A loyal and devoted churchman he passed from us!

'To live in hearts we leave behind is not die.'

J. CHALK.

South Woodford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**Subscriptions To Be Raised
In 1963**

THE decision was taken at the annual meeting of the Lancashire Association of Change Ringers, held at St. Anne's on April 28th, to raise subscriptions as from 1963.

The meeting was preceded by the annual service, held in the Parish Church, at which the Vicar, the Rev. E. S. Pickup, was the preacher. Tea was served in the Parish Hall, and the meeting was held in the school, Clarendon Road North. The president, the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, was in the chair.

The Association's membership is made up as follows: 68 honorary life members, 716 non-resident members and 1,014 ringing members. The general secretary informed the meeting that the committee were very concerned at the rising cost of the publication of the annual report, and that a sub-committee had been into the matter with the result that the annual report would have less pages than before.

The president announced that Mr. Cyril Crossthwaite had received the highest number of votes in the ballot for vice-president, and duly declared him elected. Mr. Crossthwaite thanked members for this honour and said he would endeavour to visit each Branch during his term of office. The president declared Mr. F. Dunkerley re-elected to the office of general secretary. Mr. Dunkerley thanked the members for their renewed confidence.

INCOME INADEQUATE

The committee's and ringing secretary's reports were taken as read. The balance sheet and auditor's report was presented by the treasurer, Mr. J. F. Wood, who remarked that the Association was in a very healthy state, but warned members that there was a great danger that the Association's income would not, in a few years' time, be sufficient to cover the cost of running the Association.

The outcome of this statement was resolved at a later stage of the meeting, that subscriptions be raised as follows: Adult ringers by 2s., making a total of 5s. per year; junior ringers by 1s., making a total of 3s. per year; and non-resident members' subscription to 7s. 6d. per year, instead of the present 5s. These measures were adopted and would come into force in 1963.

The library sub-committee was given authority to go ahead with the formation of a library, which would be housed in the belfry at Manchester Cathedral, by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter. The venue of the next annual general meeting would be in the Rossendale Branch, with Preston as the alternative. The president, on members' behalf, gave thanks to all who had contributed to make the meeting a success.

After the meeting a collection was taken for the Kilifi Church Bell Fund, which amounted to £15 15s.

BARNSELEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

When the Society held its monthly meeting at Wortley, near Sheffield, on May 12th, with the Vicar, the Rev. F. V. Robinson, in the chair, Mr. Harold Chant paid tribute to Mr. Ernest Morris, who, he said, had helped him in many matters. Mr. Noel F. Moxon also spoke and the meeting decided to offer its sympathy to his widow and family.

Appeals were received from the Kilifi Bell Fund and from Mr. Geo. Pipe on behalf of Melbourne Cathedral. The Society decided to send 10s. to each fund, which has been augmented by a donation of 10s. from Mr. Leslie Smith to be divided between the two funds.

Next meeting: Shield contest, Wentworth, June 9th.

**AN ESSEX SECRETARY
MARRIED**

The Northern District of the Essex Association have a charming secretary in Miss Marian Helen Mills, S.R.N., only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mills, of Hillside Cottage, Thorpe-le-Soken. Guiding her hand in cutting the wedding cake after her wedding at Thorpe Parish Church on April 28th, is a fellow ringer, Mr. Peter Wood, only son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Wood, of the Downs, Stebbing. Both are also choristers, and the bridegroom has been for a number of years assistant organist at St. Mary's, Stebbing.

The fully choral service was conducted by the Rev. D. E. James, assisted by the Rev. W. H. N. Mumford. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a long white dress of Nottingham lace, a white coronet and short veil. She carried a white prayerbook, with a spray of pink roses and freesias. Miss Vera Jolly, dressed in royal blue, shot with gold, was the bridesmaid, and Mr. J. Newman, a friend and ringer from Great Dunmow, was best man. A peal of Minor in seven methods was rung on Thorpe bells after the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood are making their home at Finchfield, Essex.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
Chertsey District**

Oatlands Park was visited by the Chertsey District on May 5th, and the pleasant eight by Warners was enjoyed by some 40 ringers. The Guild service was conducted by the curate, the Rev. A. Headland. The usual fine tea was provided by Mrs. Smith and her helpers.

The Guild Master, Mr. D. A. R. May, took the chair for the brief business meeting. He asked those present to stand in silent tribute to William A. Goldstone, a loyal and devoted servant of the District, who died on April 29th.

Plans for the summer festival were outlined by the secretary. All towers in the District will be open, except Thames Ditton, whose bells are at the foundry.

Ringings ranged from rounds to Cambridge, though an attempt for Union Triples led to some very unofficial striking! R. C.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**Bishop Attends District Meeting**

The Tonbridge District had the unexpected honour and pleasure of the company of the Bishop of Rochester (the Rt. Rev. R. D. Say) at their by-meeting at Hever on May 5th. The Bishop was visiting Hever during the course of a week long tour of the parishes in the Tonbridge Rural Deanery, and preached and gave the blessing at the ringers' service, conducted by the Rector, Rev. J. B. Collins.

This is probably the first occasion in the history of the association that a Diocesan Bishop has attended a District meeting. In his sermon the Bishop took as his theme Our Lord's example in washing the feet of his disciples, a task which was normally performed by the lowliest person present. From this he drew an analogy between the basin and the towel, and the bread and wine; and emphasised the necessity for both service and worship to take an equal part in the contribution of each individual to the life of the church, so that devotion to one does not exclude the other.

The Bishop was also present at tea, and members were able to meet him in informal surroundings. Prior to his departure, as his pastoral progress was due to continue immediately, the District secretary expressed the warmest thanks of the District to the Bishop, for his interest and attendance at the meeting, and the pleasure and encouragement all had derived from it.

A vote of thanks was also passed to the Rector, whose efforts had ensured the success of the meeting, and to Mr. Bunch, who had made the local arrangements.

This meeting was also noteworthy in being the first at the tower since the bells were rehung and rededicated, about a year ago. It was supported by almost 40 ringers who, though not all able to be in the ringing chamber at the same time, put the bells to constant use during the entire time they were available. W. D.

Rochester District

Some 50 odd members of the Rochester District attended a quarterly meeting held at Holy Trinity, Queenborough, Isle of Sheppey, on May 5th. Ringing during the afternoon and evening was under the leadership of Mr. P. N. Bond, the District Ringing Master.

The ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. A. Daws) who, in his address, welcomed the Kent County Association to the ancient church, containing a light ring of six bells. The Vicar gave a full account of the restoration work that had been carried out to the painted ceiling; work needed for the restoration of main porch and dormer windows, and lastly, phase II of the work, which was very urgent, upon their cracked and displaced tower, involving thousands of pounds. A collection taken at the ringers' service amounted to £2 6s. 8d., and was given to the tower repair fund. The lesson was read by Mr. P. N. Bond.

Kindly given by the Queenborough bell-ringers and friends, an excellent tea was served in the Church Hall.

The Vicar accepted the proposition to act as chairman of the meeting, at which 11 new members were elected.

Under other business, Mr. T. Crane spoke about the need for publishing a magazine once a month for the Rochester District; other speakers on this subject were Mr. P. N. Bond, Mr. B. W. May and Mr. T. Barton. Another question raised was of peal attempts in the Rochester District on Saturdays, when District meetings were held. This was raised by Mr. G. A. Naylor, of Rainham.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. H. A. Daws, the organist and Queenborough ringers and their lady friends for their hospitality was passed. F. J. C.

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Bath and Wells Association has 1,670 Members

THE 72nd annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association took place at Wrington on Easter Monday. About 150 ringers from all parts of the Diocese were present for the service in All Saints' Church, which was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. B. T. Leigh). The Master of the Association (the Rev. H. F. Warren), who gave the address, quoted the following passage from Mr. E. Morris' book, 'Bells of All Nations':

'The bells are then washed and cleansed with this water, both inside and outside. This is to indicate that the bells are to be clean instruments of a pure and holy religion, and are thus cleansed before they are permitted to send forth a sound in the service of God.'

The preacher made the point that the bells should primarily be rung for the glory of God and were not playthings to be used indiscriminately for peals, outings and meetings.

After lunch, served by the Wrington ringers, the Master opened the meeting with prayer and asked members to stand in memory of the following who had passed away: F. Field, C. Greedy, J. Hawkins, J. Lambert, A. Shattock, R. Williams, W. G. Gigg and W. Kent.

Apologies for absence were received from the president (the Lord Bishop), the Rt. Rev. D. J. Wilson, also from Messrs. J. T. Dyke, P. Field, R. Fox, D. Lee, A. Reed, M. Rose, T. Setter and W. Turner.

For the second year in succession the Association was honoured by the presence of Mr. F. Sharpe, president of the Central Council. Visitors from Kent, Surrey, Middlesex, Leicester and Gloucester were also present.

TWO NOTABLE OCCASIONS

In presenting his report, the Master mentioned two notable occasions in the history of Somerset ringing. The year 1961 had seen the golden jubilee of the famous bells at Wrington, and also the rededication of Milverton bells by the president. In sounding a somewhat critical note Mr. Warren said that he had occasionally noticed at Branch meetings that some members slipped away before the service or did not arrive until it was over. The corporate worship that they offered to God at their meetings was one of the things that marked them as His servants, and set them apart from secular organisations. He thought that it would be a pity if this was lost to view.

The Master commented on recent figures published in 'The Ringing World.' He said that apparently there were 2,389 ringers in Somerset. Probably not all of these were ringers in the true sense, but even making allowances for this the figures showed that there must be many who did not belong to the Association. He suggested that they made it their business to draw in as many as possible of these missing ringers by demonstrating by word and example the advantages of membership.

The general secretary reported an extremely active year. The Parochial Church Councils of the Diocese had given increased support and the numerous inquiries received from them showed the measure of their interest. Many of the instructors had been busy and their services were really appreciated.

The number of performing members had increased by 54 to 1,670 and youth was much in evidence at Branch meetings. In saying that several Branches were holding Corporate Communion services he asked members to give these activities loyal support as they were encouraging signs of the fellowship that existed between the Church and ringers today.

BALANCE UP £54

In presenting the balance sheet, the treasurer reported an increased balance of £54 on the year. This was largely due to the increase in membership, increased bank interest and a saving of £40 in expenditure. A total of £115 had been allocated to restoration work and the following towers had benefited: Stanton Drew £50, Milverton £25, Glastonbury St. Benedict's £15, Barton St David's £15, Ubley £5, Stockland-Bristol £2 10s. and Stogumber £2 10s.

The Diocesan adviser on the Care of Bells, Mr. H. J. Sanger, told the meeting that inspections and advice had been given at seven towers during the year. He stressed the fact that this service was given entirely free of charge to all affiliated towers and that the Association wished it to be used as much as possible. Mr. Sanger acknowledged the valuable work of Mr. Osborn in this sphere, and referred to work outside the Diocese that Mr. Osborn had undertaken.

Arising from Mr. Sanger's report the meeting was informed that Hemington and Stanton Drew bells would be rededicated shortly and it was hoped that Barton St. David's bells would be ready in August. It was also probable that a major overhaul would be carried out at Glastonbury St. Benedict's.

SURPRISE ROYAL PEALS BY RESIDENTS

Mr. P. Wright, peal secretary, stated that 59 peals had been rung, this being seven fewer than in 1960. Alan Lee was the leading ringer, having conducted 12 of his 17 peals. The two outstanding peals were probably the two peals of Surprise Royal. Both peals were rung by resident bands and were the first as such for the Association. Mr. Wright made special mention of a peal of Doubles at Carhampton with five first pealers, a peal at Selworthy rung by the Arcscott family and a peal of Doubles in five methods rung by the Sunday service band at Compton Bishop. He lamented the fact that so few peals or quarter peals had been rung on the numerous occasions of national rejoicing in 1961 and asked conductors to make better use of their opportunities.

On the proposition of Mr. E. Fisher, seconded by Mr. L. Derrick, the reports were adopted en bloc.

The following officers were re-elected: The Rev. H. F. Warren, Master; G. Salmon, general secretary; E. Naylor, treasurer; H. J. Sanger, Diocesan adviser on the care of bells; P. C. Wright, peal secretary; and D. E. Lee, auditor.

The Master announced that the committee had unanimously elected, as honorary life members, Mr. W. H. Marsh, of Street, who had recently retired after serving 25 years as secretary of Glaston Branch, and Mr. G. Prescott, of Kewstoke. The announcement was warmly applauded.

Under any other business Mr. S. G. Colas proposed that the secretary be given an honorarium of £15. Mr. Chivers proposed that the Central Council representatives be given a grant of £20. Both propositions were carried.

A member asked why the time of the meeting was not published in the notice that appeared in 'The Ringing World.' Mr. W. A. Osborn responded by pointing out that the time was given. It said simply, 'Service 12 noon.'

A change of day for the meeting was considered, but the general feeling was that Easter Monday was an ideal choice. It was realised that catering would be difficult, but that was far outweighed by the opportunity the day afforded to visit many churches so beautifully decorated for Easter.

The Rev. C. Marshall, in proposing a vote of thanks, mentioned the able way in which the Master had conducted the meeting and thanked the Rev. B. T. Leigh for the use of his bells and for conducting the service. He also thanked all the incumbents and tower correspondents of all the towers that were open.

50 Years Ago

'R.W.' May 24th, 1912.—

Recorded briefly in our last issue, was the death of Mrs. Rosa James, of Palace Yard, Gloucester, widow of the late Canon George James, Rector of St. Michael's, and mother of two of the best known of the ringing clergy, the Revs. H. Law James and E. Bankes James. The first portion of the funeral service took place in the Cathedral, and was of a most impressive character.... As a tribute of respect, the St. Michael's Juniors rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters (time not permitting a peal) with the bells muffled....

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

More than 50 ringers attended the A.G.M. of the Association at Great Salkeld on April 23rd. They heard a sermon from the Rector, Canon G. A. K. Hervey, who conducted the service, with Mr. W. Thompson at the organ. The treasurer, Mr. G. Tembey, of Cleator Moor, read the lesson. In his address, the Canon said Great Salkeld Church was one of the historic churches of Cumberland. Part of the building belonged to the 11th century and they were now ringing bells from a tower built in the 14th century. Some of the oak work dated back to the 17th century and there were a chalice and documents of the 16th century.

Canon W. R. M. Chaplin, of Workington, presided at the business meeting held after tea in the Village Hall.

Last year had been the most successful since the formation of the Association after the war. There were 86 members, and eight peals and seven quarters had been rung. The funds had increased by about £12 to £69.

Elections were as follows: President, Canon W. R. M. Chaplin; secretary, Mr. J. W. Brownrigg; treasurer, Mr. G. Tembey; ringing secretary, Mr. S. Richardson; auditor, Mr. C. Heelis; C.C. representative, Mr. G. McKay; committee members, Messrs. L. Bumphrey, J. Butterfield, G. Eilbeck, A. Forsyth, C. Forsyth, C. Heelis, H. Wilson, and the Misses V. Bell and E. Birney.

Next year's A.G.M., on Easter Monday, at Crosthwaite, Keswick.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The spring meeting of the S.W. Branch was held on April 28th at Bigbury Parish Church, which is just about two miles from the well known holiday centre of Bigbury-on-Sea. The beautiful afternoon made this lovely church, with its well kept churchyard, look its best, and the ringing on the very light six (tenor 7½ cwt.) was greatly enjoyed. Several of the young ladies present rang the tenor.

We were accorded a very hearty welcome by the Vicar (the Rev. F. E. Davies), who, before going to Bigbury about three years ago, was Vicar of St. Augustine's, Plymouth. He expressed the hope we would not wait another 15 years before our next visit. The local ringers were there to greet us and extend a welcome, and the ladies did their part by providing a first class tea.

Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent, with rounds for the less experienced, were rung under the direction of Mr. T. G. Myers, Ringing Master. At the business meeting, presided over by Mr. H. H. Thomas, a vote of sympathy was moved with Mr. Charles Sangwin, of Bude, on the death of his wife, at the early age of 48. Her funeral was that afternoon.

It was decided to approach the members of the Woodley and Plympton Deaneries of the Devon Association with a view to having a joint meeting, thus further cementing the great friendship now existing between all the ringers concerned.

Next meeting: Cornwood (if possible).

H. H. T.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Chew Deanery Branch

In the absence of the Rector, the service at the Chew Deanery quarterly meeting at Winford on April 28th was conducted by Mr. J. Brain, and Mr. M. Horseman read the lesson. Local ladies provided an excellent tea.

At the business meeting Mrs. D. Yeo reported that the rededication of Stanton Drew (5) bells would take place on June 25th. Practice nights (subject to permission): Nailsea (May), Butcombe (June); quarterly, St. Andrew's, Clevedon (July). Tower to be visited this year for its patronal festival—Wraxall on All Saints' Day, November 1st. A report is to be presented at the next meeting on the possibilities of holding a striking competition. Two new members were elected and two re-elected from Chew Stoke. Ringing was under the direction of Mr. H. W. Knight (Ringing Master).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ST. PAUL'S, MELBOURNE, RESTORATION APPEAL

Dear Sir,—At a time when restoration work in most counties is at a premium one feels a little fearful at pressing yet another appeal before the Exercise.

However, I commend the above appeal most earnestly, especially to all those ringers who have had first-hand information or experience of Australian towers, bells and ringing. A target of some A.£6,000 has been set in conjunction with St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, General Appeal of A.£150,000; a very considerable sum.

The full ring of thirteen will be dismantled, shipped back to England, returned and rehung in a steel frame with all now fittings, etc., and finally despatched back to Melbourne for reinstallation. Apart from cost the project itself is enormous and is probably the first of its kind with an overseas ring (?).

I have contacted each Association and already some have given most generous support. But in case any Association has been missed or people would prefer to donate privately, I particularly direct this appeal. Any donation, however small, will be gratefully acknowledged and we hope that it won't be too far hence when British ringers will have the opportunity of ringing on what will be a first class twelve.—Yours, etc.,

GEORGE W. PIPE.

67, Highfield Avenue,
Springvale North, Victoria.

HANDBELL MUSIC

Dear Sir,—Re your paragraph in 'Belfry Gossip,' dated April 27th last, I should be pleased to let any band of handbell ringers have my M.S. of 'Canterbury Bells' if they can make use of it. This is the 'Jolly Piece' sent to the U.S.A. by 'The Cheshire Cat.'

At the moment we have the handbells, but not a band of ringers at Crewe, but we hope to rectify this in due course.—Yours faithfully,

E. J. HOLLOWAY.

Arden House, 16, Singleton Avenue,
Crewe.

KILIFI BELL FUND

Dear Sir.—Since my letter in the 'R.W.' of April 27th, this fund has increased from £173 to £290. Six more Guilds or Associations have responded, making a total of eleven out of the 75 circulated. Of these, the five larger Associations contributed as follows:

	£	s.	d.
Lancashire Association	40	19	0
N. Staffs Association	1	1	0
Shropshire Association	1	10	0
Clerical Guild	2	2	0
Hertford Association	5	0	0

The noble effort by Lancashire is still continuing with donations by individual towers. Eight have so far sent £10 4s. Private gifts total £15, and a collection at the A.G.M. was 15 guineas. In addition, Knuston gave £5 10s. as a result of a talk with slides.

The Salisbury Guild's gift of £2 2s. has been augmented by £10 9s. from Branches, 16 guineas mainly from non-ringers in the diocese, and £13 8s. from lectures.

If the remaining 64 Guilds could follow the example of Lancashire, there would be no difficulty about establishing this first ring in the new East African province of the Anglican Church.

I am returning to Kilifi this month and any contributions should be sent to: The Kilifi Church Bell Fund, c/o The Midland Bank, Acoc's Green, Birmingham 27.—Yours faithfully,

W. F. P. KELLY.

Kilifi, Kenya.

FIRST NONAGENARIAN TOWER PEAL RINGER

Dear Sir.—Although no mention was made in the report of the peal, I believe that by taking part in a peal of Bob Royal at Brighton on April 28th, Mr. Harry Stalham became the first nonagenarian to accomplish a tower-bell peal.

The late James George rang one on handbells at the age of, I think, 94, and I have been told that when over 90 he was in an unsuccessful attempt for a tower-bell peal which came to grief because of some difficulty over an artificial leg which he then had. However, it leads one to wonder who is the oldest person to have rung tower-bells at all. Mr E. S. Ruck, of Willesborough, Kent, at the age of 94, must have a very strong claim.—Yours faithfully, E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford.

A CHANCE FOR MR. DENZIL TO SHOW HIS METTLE!

Dear Sir.—We, the London ringers who were criticised by a Mr. George Denzil, would be pleased to see him at any time for ringing instruction. We are willing to learn and suggest that if he is willing to arrange meetings we will turn up in force for the instruction he is able to impart.

Only one question remains, and we are all interested in the answer, and this is 'Who the devil is George Denzil?' as nobody here has ever heard of him, but I expect we shall soon read of the peals of Surprise Maximus that are being rung on the twelve at Brasted, through your columns.—Sincerely yours,

ERNEST J. ROWE.

Tottenham.

BELLS AND NEW CHURCHES

Dear Sir.—In his address at the annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers, the president (Ven. C. O. Ellison) said he was very sorry that many of the new churches being built did not possess a ring of bells and some not even one bell. He was referring especially to those churches being built to serve new conventional districts and housing estate.

This struck me forcibly as being a subject about which remarkably little has been said and done. Are we to assume that only the venerable old churches and those not less than 50 years old will contain a ring of bells?

I know that the authorities may find that the money they have available may be insufficient to build a tower and install a ring of bells. In 'The Ringing World' recently was a letter which stated that a parish of 110 people is aiming to raise £5,000 to restore the tower and bells. What would it be possible to raise in some housing areas which contain populations many times 110. Considering also the amount spent annually on betting, etc., including bingo, it seems a pity that more rings of bells are not installed in new churches.

In many of the new areas where churches are being built, would not bellringing be an excellent youth work for some of the young people living in the area? Why therefore do not diocesan architects, clergy and laity responsible include a tower and provision for bells more often in their designs for new churches? The church clock also in both town and village is of real use in giving the time to all who pass.

I do write this letter as an appeal to those responsible that the tower and bells are an important part of God's House. If we are to be assured of the continuance of our art for many generations to come, this matter will have to be seriously considered in the 'Ringing Isle'.—Yours sincerely,

PAUL BIRKETT.

Elland, Yorks.

A PEAL ON EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR

Dear Sir,—The late Mr. Ernest Morris was a frequent visitor to these parts and whilst chatting at Stoke at Whitsuntide last year he revealed that July 3rd was the only date in the year upon which he had not scored a peal and he 'wondered if anything could be done about it' during his forthcoming stay in Bournemouth.

Well, sir, as you know, with the kind co-operation of the Vicar of Milford-on-Sea, who consented to an evening peal attempt, we were successful in 'doing something about it.' Ernest was delighted to complete this record of a peal on every date in the year, including February 29th, but it was typical of him that he should be more concerned to congratulate the first pealer in the band than to receive compliments himself from the company.

July 3rd, 1961, proved to be Ernest Morris' last opportunity to realise his ambition. We who helped him on that occasion, and his many other friends in the South, join the Exercise in mourning the death of this great ringer.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

Southbourne, Bournemouth.

THREE YORKSHIRE 4-BELL TOWERS

Dear Sir,—Within a dozen miles or so of the city of York are three ringable rings of four bells. They are at:

Bishopthorpe.—Cast and hung in 1903, the same year in which the tower was completed. The upstairs ringing chamber is reached by going into the church first. The tenor is probably around 12-15 cwt. The bells are hung in a 6-bell frame and are in good condition. The local band here ring regularly on Sundays and meet occasionally for practices.

Bubwith.—This tower is not mentioned in Dove's Guide. Originally, when cast in 1779 by Pack and Chapman, the ring consisted of five bells. The four bells are rung from the ground floor. Indications such as newish ropes, a belfry fund box and tidy ringing chamber suggest a local band. The tenor weighs 8 cwt. and is in note A.

Stockton-on-the-Forest.—This tower is again not mentioned in Dove's Guide. The writer met the Vicar, who is wanting to get the bells ringing regularly again. On testing, the 'go' of these bells, rung from the ground floor, was found to be satisfactory. The tenor weighs about 7 cwt. It is hoped that soon this ring of bells will once again be in fuller use.—Yours, etc.,

M. KING.

York.

'THE RABBITS GUILD'S' GRATITUDE

Dear Sir.—A meeting of the Rabbits Guild, held shortly after the publication of the article 'The Square View' (page 265), passed unanimously a resolution expressing gratitude for its sympathy with the ungifted—be it tone deaf, unrhymic or just plain stupid—who aspire to give their service in the ringing of church bells.

I am instructed, sir, to request that through you the thanks of the Guild may be conveyed to A Square for his understanding and compassion.

May he never give up hope!—Yours faithfully,

B. M. W. D.,
Secretary, R.G.

PASSER-BY LOVED BELLS

The ringers from St. Stephen's, Westminster, and the London University Society, who recently rang a quarter peal at St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, in the City of London, were delighted to hear that a passer-by had made a donation of ten shillings to the Rector because 'the bells sounded so lovely.'

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Middlesex Association Debate Outside Appeals

THE Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild at its 65th annual general meeting held at Hillingdon on May 12th reported a good year. Sixty-two resident ringing members, 31 non-resident life members and two honorary members had been elected, giving a ringing membership of 407.

'Continued incentive and keenness to ring new methods' was evident among the 50 peals recorded. Details were also given in the report of 200 quarter peals rung in 41 towers. Stanwell's excellent total of 66 seemed unapproachable: C. B. Fynes conducted seven Surprise Minor methods at Stanwell whilst ringing two bells for his 20th birthday, and also rang two tower bells to a peal of Spiced Surprise which he also conducted.

Mr. J. R. Mayne was the leading peal conductor with a total of 33; A. Cutler had rung his 500th peal and completed 250 on the bells of St. Mary's, Willesden.

The meeting, which followed the service and tea, was presided over by the president (the Rev. G. C. Taylor).

LADY CRAIG

Early in the proceedings Mr. F. W. Goodfellow proposed the election of Lady Craig as an honorary member. He said Hillingdon Church owed much to Lady Craig and her family. They were responsible for the recasting and two additional bells in 1911, and new handbells in the belfry.

Thanking the Association for her election, Lady Craig said her family had always been bell-minded. Her father was churchwarden when the bells were recast.

The meeting stood in silence as the following losses by death were remembered: I. J. Attwater (Barkingside), H. Belcher (Osterley), G. E. Bradford (Twickenham), E. G. Coward (Dorking), H. M. Day (Market Deeping), R. F. Deal (East Ham), H. G. Jenney (Leicester), A. King (Luton), D. C. Morgan (Harlington), E. Morris (Leicester), F. J. Rumens (Chicago), A. F. M. Stewart (Wimborne), A. Walker (Birmingham), W. W. Webb (Heston), W. Welling (Old Windsor); also past members: P. Clark (Ealing) and F. Sinkins (Slough).

The Master (Mr. John Mayne), in his report, said there were a number of bands that were making progress. He would like to mention, in particular, St. A's. When he first went there as Master they could only do a plain hunt of Triples; now they had rung a quarter of Cambridge for Sunday service.

The accounts were presented by the honorary treasurer (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow). The year's working shows an excess of receipts over payments of £9 6s. 9d., the largest since the end of the war. On the Central Fund there was a balance of £194 11s. 11d. and in the Bell Restoration Fund £33 6s. The accounts and secretary's report were adopted.

MEMORIAL DINNER TO MR. TOM COLES

The triennial dinner of the Association would be held in 1963 and would be to the memory of Mr. Tom Coles. Appointed to the Dinner Committee were Mrs. H. G. Hart, Miss R. M. Foreman, Messrs. F. W. Goodfellow, E. H. Kilby and C. F. Neal.

There were no changes in the officers and the following were re-elected: President, Rev. G. C. Taylor; Master, J. R. Mayne; treasurer, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow; secretary, T. J. Lock; assistant secretary, Miss R. M. Foreman; librarian, G. A. Parsons; auditor, M. Hodgson; trustees, A. Cutler, F. W. Goodfellow and T. J. Lock. The election of Mr. and Mrs. T. Chapman as non-resident life members was ratified; also the election as members of Robert Spures, Miss S. Reeve and A. Peters, of Uxbridge, and L. Way and G. Harvey, unattached.

It was agreed that the library of the Association should be housed at St. Giles-in-the-Fields. The vestry there was used for committee meetings. Mr. Lock said the General Committee felt they owed some debt to their president, who was Rector of St. Giles', and suggested that the Association purchase a large electric kettle and present it for use in the vestry. This was agreed to. The president expressed his thanks.

The next annual general meeting of the Association will be held at Hendon.

OUTSIDE BELL APPEALS

The placid atmosphere of the meeting was disturbed when two bell appeals were considered. These were from Kilifi and St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne.

Mrs. Mayne moved that £10 be sent to the Kilifi Fund, Kenya. Mr. A. Cutler had a strong sympathy with Melbourne. He pointed out that Mr. G. W. Pipe rang with them last year in Springvale Surprise Major. He moved, as an amendment, that £5 should be sent to both appeals.

Mr. W. H. Coles thought that only a token sum should be sent and that £5 was too much. Their bell fund, he said, was created to keep their own bells in order. He suggested two guineas in each case.

Mr. J. R. Mayne strongly supported his mother's appeal for Kilifi and felt that the Association should not adopt a miserly attitude. It was giving money to missions to support the Kilifi appeal.

Mr. Coles denied that he had taken a miserly attitude. People had given their money to their bell fund for a special purpose and if sent outside their area it was not being used for that purpose. He was not miserly, and he was subscribing for missions to Africa before Mr. Mayne was born.

After the various amendments had been sorted out the meeting decided to send from the Bell Restoration Fund £10 to Kilifi and £5 to Melbourne.

The honorary treasurer suggested that the General Committee should consider drafting a rule defining the use of the Bell Restoration Fund. Mr. John Hill wanted, however, a general revision of rules and a special committee appointed for the purpose.

Mr. T. J. Lock pointed out that the rules of the Association were drafted in the form of a guide to procedure and he would prefer that principle to remain.

The meeting did not favour a general revision of rules and the honorary treasurer was informed that he could bring his matter before the General Committee without a special resolution.

At the conclusion the president said he particularly welcomed the Kilifi Bell Fund as he had worked in Kenya. He would certainly bring the appeal to the notice of St. Giles' P.C.C. He proposed the vote of thanks which embraced the Vicar of Hillingdon, his curate, the Rev. Eric Cooper, who conducted the service, the Vicars of St. Margaret's and St. Andrew's, Uxbridge, Mrs. Goodfellow and local ringers' wives for the tea.

SWANSEA & BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

A keen competitive spirit was in evidence at the Guild's annual ringing competition held at St. Gwendoline's Church, Talgarth, on May 12th. Five bands entered—two from the Northern District and three from the Southern District. Mr. Leske Evans, of Eardisland, the judge, was very fair in his summing up, although somewhat critical in his detailed account. The result brought surprises and disappointments, especially as one point separated the winners and runners-up.

The points awarded the first three were:—
1. Newton Nottage: Rising 44. Method ringing 99. Falling 46. Total 189.
2. Cadroxton: Rising 36. Method ringing 111. Falling 41. Total 188.
3. Talgarth: Rising 38. Method ringing 101. Falling 25. Total 164.

Tea was laid on at the Church Hall, and afterwards the Vicar, Rev. T. H. James, presented to each in turn the shield and certificates. The official presentation will take place at the annual festival in Swansea.

A cordial welcome to Talgarth was given by Mr. Stan. Edwards. Mr. D. J. Lewis expressed the sincere thanks of all for the bountiful tea, to the Vicar and to those who were responsible for the arrangements made.

J. A. H.

A CORNISH WORTHY'S 80th BIRTHDAY

Mr. Heber C. Harris, who was at one time captain of All Hallows', St. Kea, band and an original member of the pioneer band of method ringing at St. Kea, celebrated his 80th birthday and 55 years' change ringing on May 15th. Unfortunately, he is not now able to climb to the tower.

To mark the occasion, on May 16th, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted with five of the St. Kea band standing in, but this failed as did a quarter peal. However, a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung with three bells covering. Mr. Harris was listening to some of the ringing.

Mr. Harris has rung several peals, and his first recalls an interesting occasion. It was a real 'ringing day' when, on August 2nd, 1909, two peals of Grandsire Triples were rung at St. Kea, in which eight of the local band rang their first peal, four being in each. The peals were conducted by the late George F. Williams, and another who rang in both was Frank Hockaday and who was killed in the First World War. The late Dr. John Symons also rang in the morning peal. There is no doubt the tradition for method ringing at St. Kea still inspires the present leader, Mr. Clement W. Jose.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the Salisbury Branch, held at St. James', Ludgershall, on April 28th, was the first visit there by the Guild for many years. This tower is in the extreme north of the area covered by the Salisbury Branch, and one or two enthusiasts found an instructor and got the bells (6, tenor 6½ cwt.) going again last year. They were welcomed into membership of the Guild, and in turn welcomed us at the first opportunity for a meeting. Some 30 members were present.

The Rector (Dr. F. C. Oliver) conducted the Guild service, and in his address spoke of the ringing of a bell as the ringer's expression of his faith, and of the sacrifice and obedience it entailed. After an excellent tea, arranged by Mrs. Joyce Penny, the short business meeting was held, at the beginning of which the company stood in silence in remembrance of Mrs. Eileen Bush, the correspondent of Damerham, who had died on Easter Tuesday after a short illness. The sympathy of their many friends goes to her husband and daughter, themselves ringers.

J. P.

OUTING TWYFORD

The bells of St. Mary's, Twyford, greeted Easter Sunday with some well struck Grandsire Triples for the early Communion service, after which the ringers made a Corporate Communion and rang as usual for the other services. The following day the band, reinforced by ringers from five other towers, set out in a coach and three cars for their Easter outing.

The first stop was at Laverstoke, where the Vicar rang with us on the l'vly six. On our way to Salisbury we stopped at Stonehenge, which was bathed in brilliant sunshine. At Salisbury the very pleasant eight at St. Paul's were rung, the long draught making handling difficult for the less experienced. At lunch in Salisbury we were joined by Silvia Castle, a nurse who had been on duty the previous night at her hospital in London, but was determined not to miss the opportunity of ringing with us.

Ringing in the afternoon was at Longbridge Deverill (a rather noisy eight), Warminster and Westbury (a good heavy eight with a 35 cwt. tenor). By then we were feeling in need of refreshment and stopped for tea. Finally came two sixes—Bratton and Great Cheverell. In acknowledging a very enjoyable time the ringers would like to thank the organiser, and the incumbents for the use of their bells.

G. M.

Hertford County Assn. Reject Higher Subscriptions

A RECORD gathering of over 150 ringers attended the annual meeting of the Hertford County Association held at Hitchin on April 28th. Ringing commenced at St. Paul's, Walden, at 9.30 a.m. and ten minutes before the tower was opened there was a strong nucleus of 30 ringers assembled to give the proceedings a lively start. During the morning and afternoon ringing continued at Codicote, Knebworth, Stevenage, Graveley, Great Wymondley, Baldock, Norton and Hitchin. The service at Hitchin was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. G. N. O. Walsh, with Mr. Percy Wells at the organ. A collection was taken for the Northern District Bell Fund, which raised £5 17s.

The tea, prepared by the ladies of the local band and several very welcome helpers, was held in the spacious dining hall of the boys' grammar school. This venue proved to be most satisfactory; several members commenting on the pleasant surroundings.

The president, Mr. G. W. Seaman, took the chair at the meeting and expressed his thanks to the Association for the honour they had bestowed upon him. He felt that that number present, together with the list of resolutions on the agenda, indicated a healthy interest in the affairs of the Association.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. D. L. Gullick and R. G. Bell. Members stood in silence as a mark of respect to those who had died during the year. These included Messrs. E. G. Sanderson (associate), A. Gilbert (Roisson), J. T. Kentish (Hatfield) and T. A. Blow (St. Albans Cathedral), life members; B. A. Cornell (St. Albans Cathedral), W. Hill (Harpenden) and H. E. Werrett (Norton).

From the minutes questions arose regarding the long awaited bookcase and the proposed revival of the Great Ringing Day at Benington. It was reported that the bookcase had, in fact, been installed in St. Peter's, St. Albans, ringing chamber that morning; a statement which was not without its effect upon the librarian. Arrangements regarding a meeting at Benington were stated to be in the hands of the Vicar. New members elected were: W. Aaron (St. Albans Cathedral) and M. Lock (North Mymms).

The committee report noted the formation of a new District in the area around Bishop's Stortford, which includes the new tower at Brent Pelham. Congratulations were also tendered to the Hon. Barbara Gibbs (Hunsdon) who had received the O.B.E. during the year.

120 RINGERS IN PEALS

The peal secretary's report showed a reduction in peal ringing over the previous two years. Seventy-eight peals had been rung by 120 ringers, including 12 first pealers; 18 conductors shared the calling, with G. W. Critchley and J. R. Mayne conducting 15 each. There was no ringer who called his first peal. Twenty-three peals were rung in methods new to the Association, although a peal of 12 Spliced Surprise Major had been rung previously on handbells.

The treasurer, Mr. F. J. Plummer, who did not stand for re-election, as he is leaving the county, introduced the accounts which showed a deficit of £7 11s. over the year. He pointed out that the annual subscriptions did not finance the cost of the reports and the

administration of the Association. An extra sum of approximately £20 was offset by interest from investments and peal fees.

A proposition to increase the annual subscription to 5s. was presented by the treasurer, and seconded by Mr. G. W. Debenham. A lively discussion ensued with several members suggesting alternative methods of increasing the revenue. Finally an amendment, proposed by Mr. G. W. Critchley, that the subscription remain at 3s. 6d. was put to the meeting and carried by 55 votes to 15.

The new president of the Association is Mr. H. V. Frost (St. Albans), who was proposed by Mr. W. Ayre, and seconded by Mr. W. C. Hughes. He was installed by his predecessor and conducted the remainder of the meeting. With the exception of the treasurer the officers were re-elected as follows: Messrs. A. R. Agg (general secretary), H. V. Frost (assistant secretary), G. W. Debenham (peal secretary) and C. F. Sayer (librarian). Mr. K. R. Dunstan was elected to the office of treasurer.

MOTIONS

Several of the rules of the Association were the subject of controversial resolutions. A motion to alter Rule 1, which defines the title and objects of the Association, aimed at an emphasis on Sunday service ringing and sought to embrace into membership the call change ringers at present outside the Association. Mr. C. W. Woolley questioned the continued inclusion of the phrase 'belfry reform' in the present enlightened age. Several amendments were proposed, but ultimately the meeting voted on a section of the motion which was deemed out of order and the proposition was lost.

The Northern District presented a motion to introduce a new office of 'Master' into the Association, which would be filled by a ringer elected annually, as is the present practice for the presidency. The new president would stand for 3 years and would be eligible for re-election; it was felt that a clergyman would provide a closer link with the Church and save the proposed 'Master' the difficult task of taking the chair at meetings. The proposal, however, did not meet with the approval of the meeting—17 voting in favour.

One motion which did find favour was the introduction of a certificate to be presented to ringers after 50 years' continuous membership, when they automatically became life members. An estimate to have these printed was carried by 49 votes to 18.

The Association also voted £5 towards the Kilifi Church Bell Fund in response to a written appeal from the organiser. Mr. G. Dobbs informed the meeting that a 12-bell practice was being instituted at St. Albans Cathedral on the first Tuesday evening of the month to which any members would be welcome.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the ladies for the very satisfying tea, proposed by Mr. E. G. Buck: to the headmaster and the Education Authority, for the use of the school, and to the Vicar and organist at Hitchin and other clergy, for the use of their bells, proposed by Mr. W. Ayre; and finally on behalf of the many visitors, Mr. F. E. Collins expressed his thanks to Hertfordshire for a most enjoyable day. Further ringing was available at Hitchin and St. Ippolyts to conclude a busy spring day in North Hertfordshire.

ANOTHER NEW RING FOR DERBYSHIRE

ON Low Sunday, April 29th, the new ring of five bells (tenor 11 cwt.) at St. Leonard's, Scarcliffe, near Bolsover, Derbyshire, was dedicated by the Assistant Bishop of Southwell, the Rt. Rev. A. M. Gelsthorpe. Originally there was a ring of three in the eight-bell frame and three other bells on the church floor, one of which is mediæval.

A new bell has been made from the metal of the other two, which are from the 16th and 17th centuries, whose crowns and inscription bands have been preserved in the church along with the mediæval bell for their historical value.

This new bell was dedicated to the memory of the Rev. C. H. Talmay, who was Vicar of Scarcliffe when the original ring was installed in 1934, and whose only surviving daughter, Miss Margaret H. E. Talmay, had travelled from Sussex for the ceremony. The original ring consisted of another mediæval bell, dedicated to St. Peter, and two other comparatively modern bells given by the Godber family, in whose memory these were dedicated. Three generations of this family were present at the dedication.

The fifth bell, given by the Archdeacon of Chesterfield, the Ven. T. D. Iworth-Harrison, used to hang in Derwent Church until the valley was flooded to form a reservoir. The

recasting of the two old bells to form one of the new ones and the tuning of the others to match was done by Messrs. Taylor & Co. at a cost of £400, most of which was paid for by an ancient bell fund, founded in the 13th century by a local noblewoman.

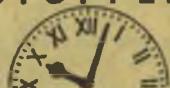
The dedication ceremony preceded the Parish Communion service, celebrated by the Vicar, the Rev. F. J. Wootton, after which the opening rounds were rung by the local company, followed by a touch of Bob Doubles by ringers from Bolsover and Chesterfield.

M. P. P.

LITTLE WITTENHAM, BERKS.—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: D. J. Slade (first quarter, aged 10) 1, C. Slade (aged 12) 2, D. H. R. Slade 3, A. J. Jobson 4, M. S. Hammeton (first as cond.) 5. Also on March 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Woodbridge 1, Carol A. Newman (first quarter) 2, P. A. Newman (first quarter) 3, A. J. Jobson (cond.) 4, M. S. Hammeton 5. Average age 15 years.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At St. Margaret's, on May 6th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: J. Ketteringham 1, Mrs. F. P. Willgress 2, J. Wilson 3, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 4, L. W. Houghton 5, G. R. Parker 6, H. W. Barrett 7, B. W. Willgress 8, Rev. G. Galley 9, N. V. Harding 10. A welcome to the new Vicar (Rev. Eric Turnbull), inducted previous day.

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Central Council Secretary Busy in His Own Tower

Recently 'The Erith Observer and Kentish Times' had a feature article on the 19 teenagers in the 27-strong bellringing team at St. Paulinus' Church, Crayford. Watching over this young and enthusiastic team are Mr. E. Barnett (76), his son Mr. E. A. Barnett (43), Mrs. Olive Barnett, his daughter-in-law, and granddaughter Jean (18).

For four generations the Barnetts have rung the bells of St. Paulinus', as Mr. E. Barnett's father, Mr. Edwin Barnett, was leader of the belfry between 1889-1932. A plaque in the belfry, approached by ladder and trap-door, records the service of Mr. Edwin Barnett, senior.

This is what Mr. E. A. Barnett, who is in charge, is reported to have said about his band: 'There are very few teenage bell ringing teams in the country. We have a tremendously enthusiastic team, and although it takes at least 12 months to train a ringer they thoroughly enjoy the fascinating intellectual and physical exercise ringing gives.'

The Rector of Crayford (the Rev. Peter Collins) is equally appreciative of his young ringers. 'There are not many church bell ringing teams as good as ours,' he said. 'They are all members of the church, and as good as any I have heard. Some of them pick up ringing quickly. Of course, we are fortunate to have Mr. Barnett training them.'

Concluding the Rector said: 'The name of Barnett is a byword in bell ringing, and I think his patience in training the youngsters has led to our good team. They went to him knowing nothing—now they are excellent.'



Illustration through the courtesy of 'Erith Observer and Kentish Times.'

MR. RICHARD SMITH SWORDER

Mr. Cyril Chambers has at last succeeded in getting information about Mr. Richard Smith Swarder—a quest that he started in 1944.

Recently he was in Cape Town and decided to go back to Dunbar (1,200 miles) by road. He called at St. John the Evangelist, the principal Anglican church at East London, and met the Vicar, who produced a register of burials beginning at 1922. Within 10 minutes they discovered that Mr. Swarder, of Dornier Lodge, Bonny Doon Place, East London, died on June 4th, 1949, and was buried on June 6th, 1949, aged 81.

He went to the address indicated and found it occupied by a Mr. Taylor, who stated he was the second tenant after Mr. Swarder and that a certain Mr. Bagshaw-Smith, of Bonza Bay, East London, might be able to supply information. This Mr. Smith referred Mr. Chambers to his wife, formerly Mrs. R. S. Swarder!

She stated that her first husband came of a farming family from Hallingbury Hall, Bishop's Stortford. There were three brothers, Dick, Fred (who was in South Africa for a number of years) and Bob. They must all have been ringers from a very early age, because Mrs. Smith mentioned that her late husband had told her that when he first began to ring handbells he had to be lifted on to a stool! From the information she gave, Mr. Chambers has hopes of tracing her late husband's ringing books.

MR. W. K. SHARPE

Elected a member of the Aldrington, Sussex, band on January 24th, 1911. Mr. William Kenneth Sharpe died on April 26th, aged 70. He was a regular Sunday service ringer until recent years, when his health declined. A keen churchman, he sang in the choir from the age of 10, served on the P.C.C. and helped in many other ways the church he loved.

A memorial service was held on May 3rd at which there was half-muffled ringing. Sympathy is extended to his widow and sons—Kenneth and Roy. H. W. B.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN GASSON

One of a family of ringers, Mr. John Gasson died on May 4th, aged 47. His father and brothers had rung the Bolney bells for many years and it is fitting that his nieces, Sheila and Carol, should be in the present band with their father, George Gasson.

John also served the tower as winder of the church clock for the last eight years as well as 25 years as a ringer. Work having commenced on the bells a few days previously, it was impossible to ring them half-muffled for the funeral service. May he rest in peace. H. W. B.

MR. W. A. GOLDSTONE AN APPRECIATION

The passing of 'Big Bill' Goldstone will leave a gap in the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, which will be hard to fill. A great believer in the open hand stroke, he sometimes scared young learners with loud denunciations of bad striking. Those who persevered found in him a kindly, warm-hearted man.

He was an upholsterer by trade, and his wonderful rope splicing is in evidence in a number of local towers. He made a set of muffles for Send bells, and these were used for his memorial peal. He rang his last peal at Send on February 21st, the treble to Bob Minor, conducted by John Wells.

MR. JOHN HOGG

Jack Hogg had been a regular ringer at Leeds Parish Church from the time the present bells were installed, in 1932, until indifferent health compelled him to give up ringing in May of last year.

Before coming to Leeds he had been a ringer at Keighley Parish Church for eight years, and whilst not a great peal ringer—he had rung five in all for the Yorkshire Association—he was a dependable Sunday service ringer.

During the First World War, Jack saw active service at Gallipoli and later in France. Besides ringing, one of his hobbies was embroidery, at which he was singularly adept, and he has left us a memento in the Leeds belfry in the framed embroidery of the Parish Church with the names of the ringers of the time, a piece of work he modestly said he 'knocked up' one Sunday afternoon.

He died on Easter Eve at the age of 70 and, as reported in the peal columns, a half-muffled peal was rung by colleagues and friends on the day of his funeral. R. H. D.

MR. JAMES M. BAILEY AN APPRECIATION

Leiston will always be remembered for the famous Bailey brothers and it is Leiston's loss in the passing to higher service of brother James.

Nearly 60 years a ringer at St. Margaret's, Leiston, he served on the P.C.C. for many years; also tower captain and Ringing Master of N.E. District of Suffolk Guild. His achievements were many, including Surprise Major methods rung for the first time, one of these being Suffolk. The writer had the privilege of standing in the 50th anniversary peal of 11,040 Double Norwich (May, 1909) and the first tower-bell peal by eight brothers (Plain Bob, October, 1911). His peals, which were on all numbers of bells, totalled 498, many being conducted.

Jim had been in poor health for several years, but it took a lot to keep him away from his place in the tower on Sundays. Following an operation in Ipswich Hospital, which was successful, he was looking forward to going home when a clot touched the heart.

The funeral service at St. Margaret's was attended by many parishioners and friends. A half-muffled quarter peal of Plain Bob Major was rung at Leiston as soon as could be arranged by John Marjoram 1, Ray Peck 2, Jack Pilgrim 3, Alan R. Bridges 4, Ernest S. Bailey 5, Alan S. Pipe 6, Leonard P. Bailey 7, Peter S. Bedford (conductor) 8.

A. R. B.

Unringable Six in Old Exeter Church

In recent years the writer has often received inquiries regarding the history of this church and its light ring of six bells, the latter being declared unringable, probably on account of the heavy air raid damage in 1942. The church, which is situated in the main street, quite near to the Guildhall and not far from the Cathedral, was in ancient times the centre and core of Exeter. In fact the parish itself only boasted 2½ acres in extent. The church was there long before Athelstan founded the monastery which Leofric afterwards made into the Cathedral.

The dedication of this church is to a British saint, St. Petrock, the Abbot of a monastery at Bodmin, who died on June 4th, A.D. 564, thirty-three years before the coming of St. Augustine to Canterbury. St. Petrock's was one of the twenty-nine churches to each of which William the Conqueror, in 1066, directed the City Provost to pay one silver penny yearly out of public taxes.

A new bell tower was erected in 1513 and forty years later we learn from the Royal Inventory that the number of bells in the tower was three. Details of the bells, said to rank among the lightest rings of six in this country, are:

Treble: A. Rudhall, founder, 1742.

Second: I.S. 1693.

Third: Johannes est nomen ejus.

Fourth: T.P. 1683.

Fifth: Soli Deo detur gloria, 1677.

Tenor: (No inscription.) Diameter 30 inches. About 6 cwt.

The 2nd was cast by John Stadler, of Chulmleigh, who founded 1693 to 1720.

The 3rd shows the Arms of Henry V. who came to the throne in 1413. Possibly the bell was given to commemorate the occasion.

No. 4 was cast by T. Pennington, of Exeter, and the 5th probably came from the same foundry. The tenor is plain.

The bells were restored by Doble and Son, of Taunton, in 1922, but I cannot trace the existence of any local band and I recall the 1890's when volunteers were called for in order to give the six-bell tower a turn. Often would I try to be one of the half dozen who would hurry from one tower to St. Petrock's, where the tiny ringing chamber on the ground floor enabled the congregation to see the ringers at work, for this was my first six-bell tower.

On January 10th, 1935, this parish became united to St. Mary Major, with St. George and St. John. Not many years later the nation was busy with World War II, and when in 1945 St. Petrock's bells were declared unringable a big problem presented itself to the authorities.

For over 16 years nothing seems to have been settled regarding their future, and though I have visited the church several times no information could be obtained. I am aware of the many difficulties which prevail in towns and cities because of war damage, and each parish has had to face up to its own particular problems.

In Exeter, prior to the war, some 60 to 70 ringers would be needed if Sunday service ringing could be maintained in towers having eight or more bells and it often happens that the only six-bell tower gets little or no ringing.

St. Petrock's bells could be transferred to another parish needing a light ring of six, and the same could be said regarding the eight in another nearby parish (St. Edmund), where I also sought information, but one comes away with the same question ringing in one's ears: How can we raise the money?

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

5,152 London Surprise Major

By T. B. WORSLEY (No. 3)

23456 B 4ths In W H

23564 — —

23645 — —

34256 — —

627354 — — 3

362457 — — 3 2

Repeat last 7 courses twice omitting final 2 Homes.

Rung at Bolton Parish Church, March 15th, 1930.



The 'Hybrid' Group Analysed

In a recent letter to the Editor reference was made to the wide scope of design in methods, and I indicated the incipient interest in the 'Hybrid' type of structure. In a 'Ringing World' issue shortly afterwards (dated April 13th, 1962) appeared the report (page 242) of a peal of Major (the first) in this group principle, named 'Deddington,' after the place where it was rung, by Robin Leale and band.

A footnote gives the usual row-code of a 'half-lead,' etc., and indicates the method as one's 'Composition.' Two points arise: (a) A small point but important in theoretic consideration—one does not 'compose' methods. It is preferable to describe them as 'designed.' Compositions, of course, connote the arranging of something that is 'not part of the method,' as the Central Council dictum has it, i.e. the arranging of 'calls' to produce touches and peals, out of the plain course of the design. Though I have produced peal compositions for use in this method yet that for the peal, as rung, was by James Topp, and is given on the back page of the issue of 'The Ringing World,' dated April 27th, 1962. The second point (b) The row-code in this case does not directly indicate the peculiar path of the treble.

Several points of interest may arise. Firstly, this is not just another new method. It is, in fact, the first to be published of a new group or type of design; and the design is 'generic'; that is to say it is capable of definition by a 'specification,' from which the student of method structure can set out the principle of the group, for any stage applicable.

SPECIFICATION

From this it follows that a series of methods can be designed on this principle, also capable of delineation, from specification, in the cognate stages, i.e. for various numbers of bells. The idea of specification is not new. It was first introduced to the Exercise generally at the time of the accession of our reigning Queen; when a method I named 'Regina' not only showed that all Plain Major methods had not been produced, but also that it conforms with its specification in all its cognate stages. The method was pealed by a band conducted by Alan Pink.

But to get back to 'Deddington'—this happens to be No. 6 of the methods so far designed in the Hybrid principle. It was first attempted at St. Mary's, Portsmouth, in July, 1955; but the first plain course was rung by

THE LADIES' GUILD Devon Branch Formed

As the result of a Ladies' Guild meeting at Buckfast Abbey on May 5th, which was attended by 81 ringers and friends, a new branch of the Ladies' Guild was formed. The president (Mrs. Stanforth) proposed a vote of thanks to the incumbent who conducted the service, and to Mr. A. Bennett for making the local arrangements.

Originally it was intended to have a Devon and Cornwall Branch, but as Cornwall was not represented the title was confined, for the time being, to the Devon Branch. The Branch starts with 22 members; 13 were elected at the meeting. The first officers are: Vice-president, Miss M. Shepherd; secretary, Miss Y. Porter; committee, Miss C. Dodridge, Mrs. Retter, Mrs. Hood, Miss M. Russell; representatives, the Misses V. Goss and P. Stephens. Mrs. Lock expressed the hope that the Branch would be represented at the annual meeting of the Guild at Darlington on July 7th and at the dinner in London to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Guild's foundation on October 27th.

Next meeting: Plymouth, either September 1st or 8th.

There is no active local band at Baschurch, Shropshire, a four-bell tower mentioned in the 'R.W.' of April 13th. The Ellesmere area secretary of the Shropshire Association, Mr. T. R. Davies, is organising a rota to ensure that the bells are rung at least once a month. Although the frame has pits for six, the spare pits are in opposite corners of the tower, and the ropes fall in a straight line. The bells were rehung by Taylors in 1909, and two of them recast.

the Universities Association in August of that year at Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell. The conductor of the first peal, just rung (Robin Leale), reports that, in the opinion of his band, the method proves to be 'very musical.'

A brief statement of group features indicates the principle, and the figures of a division (lead) of the plain course indicates the method—Deddington, in the Major stage.

THE HYBRID PRINCIPLE

1. 'Alliance' type of hunt-control, but introducing a new pattern element—reverse 'T.B.'
2. Curtailed type of hunt-control, as in 'Little' methods; yet varying in hunt span from stage to stage, the upper limit of the hunt being fixed as from the back, and not, as in Little methods, from the front. Hence, methods in this principle do not have a constant number of rows per division per stage, i.e. not as in Little Bob, for example, which has eight rows per division (lead) in all stages from Minor to Maximus. In fact, the number of rows in the division for any one stage is given by the expression $(2 \times n) \text{ plus } 2$, where n is the number of columns or bells per stage.
3. The remaining work, i.e. that of the 'working' bells, is of the 'surprise' type, having places made at all cross-sections, i.e. when applied in even-bell stages.

THE DEDDINGTON METHOD

(Hybrid No. 6)

From these figures the blue line for the Major stage can be delineated. Taking, as example, the second bell, i.e. as from rounds, the work evolving can be described as in this order: Last half of front work; 1st T.B. lie; Point 5/8; Triple dodge 3/4 down; Point one first; Places up; Triple lie; Places down; Point one last; Triple dodge 3/4 up; Point 8/5; Last T.B. lie; First half of front work. Calls as in Plain Bob; but Singles can be dispensed with. It is seen that in this method the treble hunts up to the third and fourth places from behind where it does the 'reverse T.B.'

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THE SMITHS

THE STORY OF A RINGING FAMILY

By I. N. QUICK

(Continued from page 254)

As loyal members of the Guild, Hexworth tower are giving 100 per cent. support to the annual outing. Joe Smith, the head ringer, is being accompanied by his wife Annie, his daughter and son Phyllis and John, and the rest of the company.

THE ANNUAL OUTING

The Guild had held an annual outing for the last 14 years. It might be thought that this would be an unwieldy affair, involving a fleet of buses, but in actual fact, although relatives and friends of ringers were allowed, nay, even invited on the trip, two thirty-two seater buses were the most that had ever been required. In this project, as in many others, the main support was contributed by a comparatively small but 'happy band of pilgrims.'

The outing was always included as one of the items on the agenda of the annual meeting where it was usually placed between the 'election of officers' and 'new members,' but little or no progress was ever made at this gathering. To be sure there would be some discussion as to where (and where not) the outing should go, the more ambitious and enthusiastic, led quite often by a group of young ringers headed by Raymond Smithson, would suggest some cathedral town, any distance up to 200 miles away, calling at about ten churches on the way there and twice that number on the way back.

At the other extreme there would be one or two old and staid ringers, who would probably never go on the trip anyway, who would advocate a tower, or maybe two, just beyond the confines of the Guild, which they had visited many times before, but where they could discuss old times with ringers with whom they were old friends.

Still another group there was, labelled by Joe 'the seashiders,' who insisted on some seaside holiday resort that possessed a tower or two containing bells, but whose main concern was to have a day on the sands with the wife and children, but who didn't mind having a useful alternative for themselves in case it was raining!

It was generally agreed after the discussion had gone on for ten or fifteen minutes, that the matter be left in the hands of the secretary for the time being, consequently at the next two or three meetings he would be 'chivvied' to see what progress he had made. Of course he wouldn't have made any, but being an experienced secretary he would say that he had made inquiries about the state of the bells at X and Y, but had been, as yet, unable to obtain any satisfactory reply, whereupon someone who had recently called at X would say that when he visited there he was unable to get up to the tower, but understood from the verger ('a little bowlegged man') that there were only three bells and one of those was cracked. At this point someone else would jump up and produce a 'Dove's' which clearly stated that the tower in question, far from having only three bells, had eight; tenor 15½ cwt. in A sharp, and the practice night was Wednesday.

A group of people, including the secretary, would then gather round the book and one of two things would be brought to light: (a) that the person who said he had called at X was mistaken: the church having been one with a similar name in another county, or (b) the person who had produced the 'Dove's' was illiterate.

Having disposed of X it would turn out that someone else knew a chap who had a second cousin who was a ringer at Y and that he understood from this miniature Bush telegraph that although the bells were in excellent trim and a joy to handle they were not available under any circumstances on Saturdays as this was market day and the church was immediately adjacent to the market square. This statement would be strongly denied by another ringer who had noticed that there had been a meet-

ing there only a fortnight ago, and would point to a report of it in that week's 'Ringing World,' which he would then hold aloft, for the benefit of disbelievers, like the torch of the Statue of Liberty.

And then a committee would be appointed to look into the matter and report to the next monthly meeting and at this later event the spokesman would offer three alternatives, which was worse than none at all, seeing that all the arguments would once again be thrown into the melting pot where they would bubble and spit, and eventually overflow.

After further heated discussion the three alternatives would be reduced to two and these would be put to the vote. The chairman, Edward Lee, would then stand up and count the show of hands and discover that both proposition and amendment had received the same number of votes. Carefully, once again he would count and arrive at the same result, and it would then be left to him, as chairman, to make the casting vote. With great reluctance he would decide for one or the other, knowing full well that whichever he chose he would be blamed for the weather, or if a bus broke down on the day of the outing, by those who maintained he should have chosen the other one.

Normally, the day of the outing was fixed for the second Saturday in July. On the occasion we are about to describe, however, it had been brought forward to the first Saturday in May, it having been decided to make a tour of Lincolnshire, in the Spalding area at tulip time, and as someone rightly observed there wasn't much point in 'tip-toeing through the tulip fields if there were no tulips to tip-toe through!'

It was left to the secretary to make final arrangements with the bus company and to write to the various towers concerned so that he could complete the itinerary and make arrangements for meals. As soon as the details were complete and Edward was able to announce the times and prices and that he would like names as soon as possible, Joe approached him and booked seats, eleven in all, for the Hexworth company and paid the necessary fees.

'I wish they were all like you, Joe,' said Edward. 'Some of them will be dallying about until the last minute and I shall be collecting money on the bus on the day of the outing.'

He sighed.

'Who would be secretary to a lot like this?'

The day of the outing dawned bright and fair with even a promise of better things to come. Arrangements had been made so that the two coaches before meeting at Barnswood should perform a circular tour, but in different directions, to collect odd groups of ringers from outlandish districts. The members of the Hexworth party, consisting of the Smith family, with Henry, Mr. Challen, Old George, the two Williams, father and son, and the Browning twins, Alice and Rene, met about 7.15 a.m., and when the bus arrived at about 7.20 it was already pretty full.

The Brighton contingent was well represented, ringers, wives, sweethearts and children; big Allan Slater and his diminutive wife, John Chappell with his wife and two daughters, both of whom were proficient ringers, Donald Russell, Tom Greenfield and several younger ones whose faces were familiar to Joe but whose names were not. The remaining passengers were practically all from Redbank and Joe received a grin and a nod from Raymond Smithson and a word from Edgar Pettigrew, a staunch Guild supporter, who, with sly humour and pleasant drawl, congratulated them on being on time, 'for a change!'

Of course, Edward Lee was there and after wishing them a very good morning and remarking what a lovely day it was in a manner which implied that he took full credit for it, he gave each of them a duplicated copy of the itinerary, at the bottom of which was printed in

capital letters: 'Members are asked to co-operate in seeing that this schedule is strictly adhered to,' a request that had appeared on each itinerary since the institution of the outings without it ever having had the slightest effect.

At Barnswood, where the two buses joined forces, a last check-up was made by Edward, who performed a fairly rapid reciprocal motion between the two vehicles like the cross-slide of a horizontal steam engine (marine type), during which process he generated an almost equivalent amount of heat. When he was finally satisfied that all was in order he permitted the tour to proceed.

The next stop being at Gainsborough, well over an hour's journey distant, people settled down to read the morning papers, chat or simply stare out of the windows. Annie had brought along the current issue of 'The Ringing World,' which was therefore read in detail one day before its usual time and she quickly became immersed in it, giving simultaneously a running commentary on the contents thereof, for the benefit of Joe, who was sitting beside her.

No doubt this helped him to while away the time, although perhaps he would have preferred to read the paper which he had in front of him. If we do a spot of eaves-dropping we may (or may not) find Annie's observations and comments edifying.

'I see some people are still moaning about the lay-out and contents of "The Ringing World"; if they printed it in gold leaf and gave a premium bond away with each copy there would still be someone who was dissatisfied. Oh! look here, there's a snippet from "Jafus." Isn't that the fellow called Smallwood who came to listen to our contest last year? Aye, but he was a rum 'un, he was; couldn't half tell a good tale. Do you remember the one he told about the man who got a new pair of spectacles? Moved the vote of thanks very nicely though all the same! What! another attempt at the Major extent? I think that if they had changed the method or rung some "spliced" they would have got it long ago. They must get fed up with with sight of Plain Bob after all that time. Come to think of it, they must get fed up with the sight of one another. This fellow Cannon (What's that, Joe? one of the big guns? Very amusing, I don't think). He must have a constitution like an ox. If they hung the great bell of Moscow I think he'd attempt to ring a peal on it. What? If they put it on Cannon-ball-bearings? You're very witty today, aren't you?'

Meanwhile, as they approached Gainsborough, Mr. Challen, as always a mine of information, was explaining to the twins, who were sitting in the seat immediately in front of him, that the town was none other than the town of St. Oggs, around which was woven the story of George Eliot's 'The Mill on the Floss.' Neither of them had read the book although one of them knew that 'George Eliot' was a woman, and they listened round-eyed as Mr. Challen pointed in lurid colours a verbal picture of Tom and Maggie Tulliver being swept away in the flood, and as the bus crossed the bridge over the river Trent they looked through the window, almost as if they expected to see the two poor wretches being carried through the arches in a raging torrent.

Breakfast was held in a kind of upper room reached by a flight of wooden steps from the cobbled backyard of a public house. Seeing that this was the first time since they set off that the travellers of both buses had been able to get together, there was a buzz of conversation. Many of the friends and relatives of the ringers, living as they did far from each other and not having seen one another since the last annual outing, or at the best since the annual dinner, had such a lot to talk about. Gradually, however, they gravitated towards the rows of long tables, sorted themselves out and sat down ready for the attack, but just as everyone was settled and ready to commence, John Chappell made his usual announcement:

'Will you please stand while we sing Grace?'

At which request everybody stood again and when the shuffling of feet and the scraping of chairs had subsided:

'Duke Street!'

THE SMITHS—Continued

This was not John Chappell's private address, nor indeed the name of one of his aristocratic friends, but, as by this time all members of the Guild were aware, the title of the tune which he always chose in preference to the 'Old Hundredth,' and which without further ado he began to sing to the all familiar words in his pleasant but purposeful baritone voice, whence he was joined by the remainder of the company. Having successfully launched the others into the tune John proceeded to supply the bass and, having been assisted in this venture by several hitherto hesitant bass singers he wandered off into the tenors, where, amongst others, Joe was offering a tentative counterpoint. Finally he reinforced Don Russell who was warbling in a resonant falsetto a reasonably adequate alto, so that within the short space of four brief lines John Chappell had demonstrated his musical versatility, for he was a musician to the core.

There was, of course, an 'Amen.'

Joe liked his 'Amens.' If ever he attended a service away from his beloved Hexworth at, say, a meeting or on holiday, and the hymn ended without one he experienced a curious disappointment: the ending seemed abrupt and incomplete and he had the feeling that he had been cheated. John said that his father liked his hymns to be like the proverbial 'lost chord' and to 'tremble away into silence as though they were loath to cease.' Perhaps, as Phyllis sometimes insisted, he was old fashioned, but, he used to argue, it was inconsistent to use an 'Amen' at the end of a spoken prayer and omit it at the end of a musical one!

After breakfast the ringers quickly made their way to the church. Edward Lee alone remaining behind to 'settle up,' as he put it. The older ones and non-ringers followed at a more leisurely pace in order to continue their interrupted conversations, shop-window gaze or simply enjoy the morning sun.

When the ringers arrived at the church the Rev. Michael Freeman was waiting to greet them and direct them to the belfry door. He even entered the belfry with them, but when pressed to ring a little later in a touch of Stedman Triples he at first refused, saying: 'No, it's your outing. I can ring here at any time,' although it was not difficult to see that he was itching to have a go. And when one of the ringers stood down saying that he wasn't very sure of Stedman, and would rather not spoil the touch and held out the rope end invitingly, the Rev. Michael Freeman replied, 'Oh, well, if you are really one short!' and took hold and rang an excellent touch (equally as good as the ringer whose place he had filled would have done, even if he had rung in a peal of Stedman Triples the previous week!), as indeed he should, being the son of a ringer who, until his death not long ago, was for so long the mainstay of the Lincoln Cathedral company, and whose name was known and respected wherever ringers met.

Several other touches were rung and John Chappell, the Ringing Master, took care that every ringer should have a pull, including those who could ring only rounds. It is galling to go to a meeting and for some reason or other be unable to have a ring, but to go on a tour, or outing, and visit some 'fresh' tower without having the opportunity to sample the goods must be, to any ringer, a most grievous disappointment.

Joe remembered on one outing a lady ringer being (temporarily) overlooked as she was outside the tower looking after her 12-month old son, and he sometimes wondered how she must have felt as she heard this much extolled ring being lowered prior to departure. He had been one of those who, when this grave error had been discovered, had returned to the tower and got the bells up again so that the lady could have a ring after an obliging 'Nanny' had been found to take care of the infant. Never, he felt, must the music of the bells have sounded so wonderful to her (charming) ears, nor a schedule disturbed with greater justification.

(To be continued)

MISS SHELAGH COLLINS' CENTURY

Miss Shelagh R. Collins, of Kettering, who rang her first peal on Coronation Day (June 2nd, 1953), has just rung her 100th peal. These have been rung in 69 towers, in 17 counties for 13 Guilds or Associations and guided by 29 conductors. Details:

Cinques.—Grandsire 1.

Royal.—Cambridge 2, Yorkshire 1.—3

Caters.—Grandsire 3.

Major.—Double Norwich 7, Plain 6, Kent 3, Oxford 2, Little 1, Cambridge 4, Yorkshire 3, Superlative 3, Pudsey 3, Lincolnshire 2, London 2, New Cambridge 1, Cornwall 1, Hinton 1, Belgrave 1, Aldenham 1.—41.

Triples.—Grandsire 6.

Minor.—Plain Bob 10, Double Oxford 1, 2 methods 1, 3 methods 4, 4 methods 5, 5 methods 2, 6 methods 1, 7 methods 6, 13 methods 1, Cambridge 4, Ipswich 1, 3 Surprise 1, 2 Surprise 1, 13 Surprise 1.—39.

Doubles.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 1, 4 methods 2, 6 methods 1, 14 methods 1, 21 methods 1.—7.

These figures include two peals 'in hand,' and one each of Bob Minor and Bob Major.

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What shall we bear away, with tears?

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His many friends will be sorry to hear that Mr. E. G. (George) Cottis, of Barking, has been advised by his doctor to discontinue ringing. A member of the well known Barking band of some years ago, George has been giving encouragement and help to a learner band, recently established at St. Margaret's. All who know him join in sending best wishes and a sincere 'Get well soon.'

The conductor of the quarter peal at Childwall, Liverpool (page 309), was Dr. T. P. Edwards and not as published.

A peal of Stedman Triples (Dexter's No. 2 variation) was rung silent at Erith. Congratulations.

From 'Evening Echo,' Cork: A bell-ringer has retired after half-a-century's continuous service. Fifty years all tolled!

The peal at Croft on May 12th to the memory of Mr. Ernest Morris was rung on the 34th anniversary of the dedication of the bells by the late Bishop Bardsley.

News of the engagement of Mr. John Perrett, now in London, to Miss Jennifer Brown reached Kirk Ella, East Yorks, where he learnt to ring, and was honoured by a quarter peal.

The Rochester District at their meeting at Queenborough offered their good wishes to Mr. P. N. Bond, their Ringing Master, who will be taking his first curacy at St. Augustine's, Gillingham, after his ordination on Trinity Sunday.

For the first time a quarter of Spliced Surprise Major has been rung by a resident band of Peterborough Guild members. This was on April 13th at St. Edmund's Church, Northampton. A peal is planned which, it is hoped, will lead to still greater things.

Here is something for the ladies of Somerville and Girton to consider, to say nothing of those at Bristol and other seats of learning—the ladies of London University rang a peal of Plain Bob Major at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on May 12th. We understand it was a 'lawless' achievement. Congratulations!

BELFRY GOSSIP

Congratulations to S. Barry Schofield, son of Mr. H. B. Schofield, of Bradford Cathedral, who has just rung his 50th peal (Cambridge Royal). Barry will be 15 on Nov. 23rd this year and his list contains 22 ten-bell peals, including two of four Spliced Royal. There is every indication that he has a brilliant ringing future ahead of him.

In the in memoriam peals to Mr. Ernest Morris those at Boyne Hill and Cole-Orton were his own compositions.

Miss Rosemary Thompson (20) is the Ringing Master of St. Mark's, Dundela, Belfast. She writes a special for 'The Irish Bell News' entitled 'What it feels like to be a young Ringing Master.'

Mr. D. Mottershead, of 8, Hawthorn Walk, Wilmslow, Cheshire, asks if any reader can supply him with the name of a firm who will give a quotation for a peal board carved in oak.

With the ringing on May 12th of a peal on the difficult five at Minster-in-Thane, a peal has been rung in every tower in Kent with ringable bells. Mr. A. P. Cannon had hoped to ring the 17 cwt. tenor, but due to an infection in his right arm he had to be content with the treble. However, Mr. Ralph Bird made a good job of the rough-going bell to complete the peal in 2 hours 58 minutes.

A new metal frame is being installed at Bolney and in consequence there will be no ringing there for some time. The Bolney band are practising at Lindfield, on the first and third Wednesdays, thanks to the kindness of the local captain. The band are in the process of learning Grandsire Triples and would welcome assistance at their practices.

'The Irish Bell News' quotes the following from 'The People,' Australia: 'The bell in the Church of England, which overlooks the lovely Gosford (N.S.W.) Broadwater, is actually set in whisky bottles. The bell swings were set in the necks of two bottles, cemented into the masonry of the belfry. This was in 1904 and the whisky bottles still serve their purpose.' Is this true, Australia!

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On Tues., May 8, 1962, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

A PEAL OF 5000 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 24 cwt.

Geoffrey Paul Treble	Louis Wilders 7
Geoffrey R. Parker .. 2	Walter Tomlinson .. 8
*Beryl N. Reed 3	*Colin W. Reed 9
A. Robin Heppenstall .. 4	James W. Raithby .. 10
Raymond F. Smith .. 5	John Walden 11
John Freeman 6	Jack L. Millhouse .. Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James.

Conducted by John Freeman.

* First peal of Cinques. Rung in the Whittingtons throughout.

Arranged as a welcome to the Bishop of Lincoln, the Right Rev. Kenneth Riches, on his return to Lincoln from America.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, YORKSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 12, 1962, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5115 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 26 cwt, 2 qr, 22 lb. in D.

Jack L. Millhouse .. Treble	Walter Tomlinson .. 7
Geoffrey R. Parker .. 2	Jack Bray 8
Norah M. Randles .. 3	George H. Randles .. 9
Margaret A. Parker .. 4	Geoffrey Paul 10
George E. Feirn 5	John Freeman 11
A. Robin Heppenstall .. 6	John Walden Tenor

Composed by John Chilcott.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

First peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Wed., May 2, 1962, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR.

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*†Christine Collett .. Treble	*†C. Martin Foster .. 6
Antony R. Kench .. 2	J. Anthony Bennett .. 7
Derek M. Sawyer .. 3	Ian C. Maycock 8
Judith M. Atkinson .. 4	Patrick J. Bird 9
S. Michael J. Young .. 5	†Edward G. Mould .. Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler (No. 2).

Conducted by Patrick J. Bird.

* First peal of Grandsire. † First on ten bells. ‡ First 'inside.'

Rung for the wedding, on Easter Monday, of Mr. John C. Baldwin, a past Master, and Miss Beryl W. Abbott, both members of the Society.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 5, 1962, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

*David Jordon Treble	James S. Eastwood .. 6
†Yvonne Edwards .. 2	*David J. Wilkes .. 7
Ernest Stith 3	Peter J. Barker 8
George W. Hughes .. 4	Maurice G. Turner .. 9
William Davies 5	Howard Howell Tenor

Composed by J. H. Tucker.

Conducted by Howard Howell.

* First peal of Royal. † First of Bob Royal.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 8, 1962, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

B. Gillian Schofield .. Treble	Rita M. Jowett 6
Roy Bettley-Cooke .. 2	*S. Barry Schofield .. 7
Jeanne E. Bottomley .. 3	Harold B. Schofield .. 8
Mrs. H. B. Schofield .. 4	Vernon Bottomley .. 9
Leslie W. G. Morris .. 5	Frederick A. Munday .. Tenor

Composed by John Carter.

Conducted by Leslie W. G. Morris.

* 50th peal.

Rung by members of the Sunday service band in memoriam Ernest Morris, of Leicester.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 12, 1962, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 30 cwt.

Deborah Wilson Treble	Roger Baldwin 6
*Kathleen Baldwin .. 2	Gordon A. Halls .. 7
David J. Marshall .. 3	Denis R. Carlisle .. 8
John F. Murein 4	Harold Taylor 9
Michael R. Blore .. 5	David Friend Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to the memory of Ernest Morris.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Rev. E. Bankes-James Ten-Part (seventh observation).	Tenor 11½ cwt.
Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 5
John Crawley 2	John A. Warner 6
Anne Edwards 3	Howard W. Egglestone .. 7
Joe E. G. Roast 4	Ivan J. M. Saunders .. Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

Rung to mark the centenary celebrations of the church.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 3, 1962, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In seven methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, 608 Dorchester and 576 Pudsey; with 125 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

Peter Scholfield Treble	Jeanne E. Bottomley .. 5
S. Barry Schofield .. 2	W. Eric Critchley .. 6
B. Gillian Schofield .. 3	Vernon Bottomley .. 7
Rita M. Jowett 4	Frederick A. Munday .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

BIDFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 25, 1962, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 14 cwt, 24 lb. in F.
Peter S. Bennett Treble	Colin B. Longmore .. 5
Michael G. Selby .. 2	William J. Newman .. 6
Arthur Shorey 3	Harold E. Raxter .. 7
Arthur A. Jopp 4	*Wilfred Busby Tenor

Conducted by Harold E. Raxter.

* First peal.

Rung as the Southern Branch quarterly peal for the Association.

BISHOPSGATE, LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Mon., April 30, 1962, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF 5024 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.

Doreen A. Deverell .. Treble	A. Ronald Ling 5
Joan Beresford 2	Frank J. Matthews .. 6
Peter Beresford 3	Dennis Beresford .. 7
*Derek E. Sibson 4	Alfred J. House Tenor

Composed by F. Bennett.

Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

* 100th peal. First in the method by all except the ringers of the second and tenor.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 1, 1962, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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

Tenor 14 cwt, 1 qr, 19 lb. in F.

*David W. Stenson .. Treble	†Mark G. Wood 5
Carol I. V. Corton .. 2	†Brian M. Smith .. 6
Mrs. B. G. Warwick .. 3	Keith H. Mildred .. 7
†Brian G. Warwick .. 4	Nicholas R. May Tenor

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † 50th peal together. ‡ First of Grandsire Triples 'inside.'

Rung half-muffled by the Sunday service band in memoriam Ernest Morris, who died on April 28th and was cremated this day.

BASFORD, NOTTINGHAM.

THE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Wed., May 2, 1962, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEODEGARIUS.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt, 3 qr. in F sharp.

Deborah Hopkins .. Treble	†Kenneth W. Price .. 5
*Robert E. Day .. 2	†David J. Orledge .. 6
†Roy R. Tiffin .. 3	Roger Baldwin .. 7
†Barbara D. Marsh .. 4	David W. Friend Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First in the method. First in the method for the Society.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (Neil) to Brian and Jean Buswell; also the 40th wedding anniversary of the churchwarden and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. P. Hare.

ALDERMASTON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. Treble	JOHN N. DISERENS 5
*JOHN MANLEY 2	WILLIAM BUTLER 6
REGINALD W. REX 3	NOEL J. DISERENS 7
FRANK W. LEWIS 4	RONALD F. DISERENS .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

* First peal in the method.

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., May 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*COLIN C. LORD Treble	WILLIAM H. WOODWARD .. 5
GORDON H. LANE 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON 6
JOHN K. SMITH 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 7
*WILLIAM T. GOADBY .. 4	ROLAND BENISTON Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a last tribute to Ernest Morris from his friends of the Midland Counties Guild: his unique achievements, wrought in modesty, have accorded him a place of honour in the annals of the Guild.

BRENCHELY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 4, 1962, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. Treble	*ANDREW M. MACVE 5
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 2	*MARTIN L. HOWE 6
*ERNEST J. LADD 3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 7
THOMAS E. SONE 4	TREVOR A. CROSS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

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

Rung as a tribute to Mr. Percy Hodges, who has completed 70 years in the choir and 38 years as a ringer at this church.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1962, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5152 AVON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

*DAVID J. BARNETT Treble	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 5
SHIRLEY M. DREW 2	PETER T. HURCOMBE .. 6
ALAN F. LEE 3	ANTHONY R. PEAKE 7
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON 4	†GEOFFREY R. DREW .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* First peal of Major. † 150th peal. First in the method.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1962, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5312 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

A. WILLIAM BIRD Treble	ROY DUESBURY 5
FREDA P. WILLGESS 2	GILBERT E. LARTER 6
DAVID CUBITT 3	PETER M. ADCOCK 7
THOMAS E. SPIGHT 4	BEVAN W. WILLGESS .. Tenor

Composed by G. R. EDWARDS. Conducted by BEVAN W. WILLGESS.

First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the fifth. In memoriam Ernest Morris.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.
*MICHAEL BURKE Treble	HERBERT LEWIN 5
†SHELAGH FITZPATRICK .. 2	DONALD J. BEACH 6
P. MARY BEACH 3	PETER NIX 7
*ALAN MINKLEY 4	S. PATRICIA M. NIX .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER NIX.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

In memoriam Ernest Morris.

AVON SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—4—58—16—12—3—1456—7

8ths place 1-e. 6ths place bob.

HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1962, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*JOHN P. GORDON Treble	WALTER F. JUDGE 5
JOHN H. NAPPER 2	MICHAEL BISHOP 6
ALFRED H. WEBB 3	GEORGE W. BISHOP 7
†CLIFFORD J. GARLICK .. 4	WILLIAM CORDEROY .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal. † First of Stedman.

HIGH ERCALL, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1962, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 11 cwt., approx.
RICHARD E. MORRIS .. Treble	RICHARD J. WARRILLOW .. 5
*MARY C. POYNER 2	EDWARD J. COLLEY 6
†ROGER TALLIS 3	ROGER MORRIS 7
BARNABAS G. KEY 4	HARRY POYNER Tenor

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

* 150th peal. † First of Surprise Major. First of Surprise on the bells, which were augmented to eight 150 years ago.

Rung in thanks for the life and work of Ernest Morris.

MIDSOMER NORTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1962, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation).	Tenor 22 cwt.
RONALD G. BECK Treble	BRYAN C. STIRLAND 5
*JACQUELINE PURNELL .. 2	†THOMAS SAWARD 6
ERIC WADMAN 3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. 7
FREDERICK SAVAGE 4	VICTOR SAVAGE Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD J. CHIVERS.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal. First as conductor on eight.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. K. C. Scott, who is retiring shortly.

MONMOUTH, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1962, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr.

DAVID TAYLOR Treble	JACK ALSOP 5
JACQUELINE S. KING .. 2	DAVID PIKE 6
PHILIP MORGAN 3	DAVID J. KING 7
WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE .. 4	DAVID J. HUGHES .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
*MARTIN H. TREVOR .. Treble	†T. ERNEST WILSON .. 5
JAMES DRAYCOTT 2	†HARRY HARPER 6
†DAVID ALLEN 3	LEONARD TREVOR 7
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 4	WALTER BEEBE Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

* First peal (aged 13). † First on eight bells. ‡ First of Triples 'inside.'

In memoriam Ernest Morris.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1962, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 LIVERPOOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.

ROSEMARY FLEMING .. Treble	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
ALICK CUTLER 3	JACK S. DEAR 7
DENNIS KNOX 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

OSPRINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. Treble	†MONTY W. GILBERT .. 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 2	†JOHN W. COLEMAN .. 6
THOMAS E. SONE 3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 7
*ANDREW M. MACVE 4	†MARTIN L. HOWE .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First in the method. First in the method as conductor.

RANMORE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1962, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

A. PATRICK CANNON .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER F. MEW .. 5
*MICHAEL J. UPHILL .. 2	PAUL A. BRAND .. 6
*CHERRY WHITE .. 3	ANTHONY S. BISHOP .. 7
BRIAN J. BULL .. 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Major 'inside.'

SHEPshed, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1962, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF 5184 ERDINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM L. EXTON .. Treble	S. KATHLEEN BALDWIN .. 5
KENNETH W. PRICE .. 2	ROGER BALDWIN .. 6
ROY R. TIFFIN .. 3	JOHN B. BENNETT .. 7
DAVID J. CLARKE .. 4	DAVID W. FRIEND .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

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

Rung as a welcome to Neil, son of Brian and Jean Buswell.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1962, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

*VIVIEN M. CANT .. Treble	TREVOR E. CARLESS .. 5
*ANDREW KETT .. 2	LEONARD J. NORTH .. 6
PATRICIA J. LAYCOCK .. 3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 7
*SUSAN M. WHITE .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal.

Rung as a farewell to Lady J. McGregor, of the local band.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 8, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5024 ICKLETON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble	H. GEORGE HART .. 5
ELSIE K. HART .. 2	JOHN HILL .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD .. 3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 7
JOHN R. MAYNE .. 4	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells. The ringer of the second has now rung peals in 50 different Surprise Major methods.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 8, 1962, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

*CHRISTINE JOHNSON .. Treble	CAROL FERNLEY .. 5
†KATHLEEN PILSBURY .. 2	PETER LAFLIN .. 6
GILES B. THOMPSON .. 3	EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 7
EILEEN M. FEARN .. 4	BASIL JONES .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon A. J. Humphreys, Vicar of Norbury from 1919 to 1945; also Fanny, wife of the late George Sellers, who was sexton of this church during the whole of Canon Humphreys' ministry at Norbury.

BOYNE HILL, MAIDENHEAD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 13 lb. in E.

WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. Treble	ERNEST E. GOSLING .. 5
GORDON W. LIMMER .. 2	*DAVID P. HILLING .. 6
JENNIFER SCEENY .. 3	WILFRID G. WILSON .. 7
E. RUSSELL GOTHAM .. 4	J. KEITH WARD .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by J. KEITH WARD.

* 25th peal.

Rung in thanksgiving for the life of service to the Church and the belfry of Ernest Morris.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 BEDFONT SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

THOMAS J. LOCK .. Treble	JOHN R. MAYNE .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	JOHN HILL .. 7
ALICK CUIER .. 4	FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 10, 1962, in 3 Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

FREDERICK W. SODEN .. Treble	*BRIAN W. HALL .. 5
CHARLES COLES .. 2	CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 6
PETER BEEDIE .. 3	D. KAY ADKINS .. 7
MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT .. 4	BERTRAM J. COGGINS .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE.

Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.

* First peal of Surprise.

Rung to mark the launching of the Christian Stewardship Campaign.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 11, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2 variation.

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. 2	PHILIP A. CORBY .. 6
DENNIS BERESFORD .. 3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 4	TREVOR A. CROSS .. Tenor

Rung silent.

Umpire: CYRIL S. JARRETT.

ADDERBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 12, 1962, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 10 lb. in D.

WILLIAM A. YATES .. Treble	*EDMUND E. PEARSON .. 5
*D. KAY ADKINS .. 2	*CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 6
*MICHAEL HATCHETT .. 3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 7
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 6).

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

Rung to celebrate the birth this day of a son to Edmund and Betty Pearson.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 12, 1962, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5184 FUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

MICHAEL J. DYER .. Treble	ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. 5
J. KEITH WARD .. 2	DAVID J. TAYLOR .. 6
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 7
GEORGE E. THODAY .. 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 12, 1962, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt.

FRANCES FAIRBANK .. Treble	J. NEVILLE PARKIN .. 5
*TOM W. CROSSLEY .. 2	RICHARD E. PRICE .. 6
GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7
JOHN F. BRYANT .. 4	J. HENRY FIELDEN .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by J. HENRY FIELDEN.

* First peal of Surprise.

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KILBURN, LONDON.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., May 12, 1962, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. in A.

SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. Treble	MARILYN M. BARTON .. 5
MIKAELA ERIC .. 2	MARY S. TAYLOR .. 6
C. GAY WILLIAMS .. 3	E. JANE LANGTON .. 7
PAULINE M. FENNELL .. 4	DIANA M. LAWLESS .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DIANA M. LAWLESS.
First peal as conductor. First peal for the Society by an all-ladies' band.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 12, 1962, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS.

A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

JOHN O. WELLER .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
*ANDREW J. CORBY .. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 6
DORIS E. COLGATE .. 3	WILLIAM ROGERS .. 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by DENNIS KNOX. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal in the method.

Arranged and rung as a farewell to Rev. F. R. K. Hare, Rector of Rotherfield, who is leaving for the parish of Steyning, Sussex.

SOWERBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 12, 1962, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

THOMAS W. STRANGWAY Treble	DOUGLAS THORP .. 5
PATRICIA LOCKWOOD .. 2	DAVID S. LOCKWOOD .. 6
CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE .. 3	C. BARRIE DOVE .. 7
*IAN NORTH .. 4	IRVIN SLACK .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by IRVIN SLACK.
* First peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Sat., March 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT, WITHOUT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

JENNIFER M. GAMBLING .. Treble	ANTONY R. KENCH .. 4
ROBERT J. BROCKLEHURST .. 2	DEREK M. SAWYER .. 5
JUDITH M. ATKINSON .. 3	IAN C. MAYCOCK .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN C. MAYCOCK.

BLAISDON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 14, 1962, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 12 methods, viz.: One spliced extent of Plain Bob and Candlesby S.C., four extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, St. Osmond, St. Remigius, All Saints, Reverse Canterbury Pl. and Reverse St. Bartholomew, and five of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt.

*ELIZABETH ETHERINGTON Treble	PETER T. HURCOMBE .. 4
SHIRLEY M. DREW .. 2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 5
†NOEL R. WAITE .. 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER T. HURCOMBE.

* First peal. † First of Doubles. First in 12 methods as conductor.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., April 23, 1962, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

*VERNON BEDFORD .. Treble	C. JACK GIBSON .. 4
RAYMOND PECK .. 2	PETER S. BEDFORD .. 5
JACK PILGRIM .. 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* First peal.

Rung in memoriam James M. Bailey, of Leiston.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., April 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

PETER S. BEDFORD .. Treble	C. JACK GIBSON .. 4
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 2	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. 5
JACK PILGRIM .. 3	*GEOFFREY ARMITAGE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* First peal of Minor.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Fri., April 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, namely: London, Wells, York, Durham, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.
D. J. MUNDY (Peterhouse) Treble *L. R. H. SMITH (Queens') 4
A. S. HUDSON (Clare) .. 2 J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s) 5
HILARY MUIRHEAD (Newn.) 3 B. D. THRELFALL (Trinity) Tenor

Conducted by A. S. HUDSON.

* First peal of Surprise Minor.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: London, Wells, York, Beverley, Surfleet, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

IVAN J. SAUNDERS .. Treble	ALAN R. SYDER .. 4
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 2	GEORGE THODAY .. 5
ANDREW T. BECKWITH .. 3	TERRY EARLE .. Tenor

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

Rung as a compliment to Peter L. Wood and Marion Mills, whose wedding took place the following day at Thorpe-le-Soken, Essex.

CAPEL, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 28, 1962, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*ALICE WARD (14) .. Treble	†RONALD TULLETT .. 4
ALBERT HARMAN .. 2	BARBARA SHELDON .. 5
HANNAH PENFOLD .. 3	PETER EDE .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' First by an all-local band since January 1st, 1928.

The ringer of the fourth is the son of the late F. R. Tullitt and Mrs. H. Penfold.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 28, 1962, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 lb.

*MARGARET ESHELBY .. Treble	HARRY BOYCE .. 4
*ELLIS N. THOMAS .. 2	TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 5
ALFRED HANNINGTON .. 3	GWYN I. LEWIS .. Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* First peal.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 28, 1962, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF 5280 DOUBLES

In 23 methods, being one extent each of London, Newborough, Dedworth, Wychbold, Norfolk, Besthorpe, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, All Saints, Rushall, Marchington, Little Aston, Seighford, Clifford's, St. Columb, Southrepps, April Day, Kennington, Old Grandsire, Morris' 240; four of Grandsire, eight of Plain Bob and ten of Rev. Canterbury Pleasure; 30 changes of method. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

CATHERINE M. CHAPMAN Treble	ROY H. JONES .. 3
ELIZABETH A. MILLER .. 2	ALEG GAMMON .. 4

NOEL D. DEAM .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY H. JONES.

First peal in 23 methods for all the band.

Rung for the Festival of SS. Philip and James.

ST. MARTIN, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 28, 1962, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*J. BARRIE JONES .. Treble	ROGER W. POWELL .. 4
*†DEREK B. WILLIAMS .. 2	†F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 5
COLIN SMITH .. 3	ROGER B. MORRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by F. HECTOR BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. † First 'inside.' ‡ 200th peal. First in the method as conductor.

A birthday compliment to Roger W. Powell; also a wedding compliment to John C. Baldwin and Beryl W. Abbott; and to John, on his lucky escape.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 28, 1962, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, RODBOURNE CHENEY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. Treble	*WILLIAM J. ALEXANDER .. 4
E. WILLIAM FORD .. 2	DENNIS BOUNDS .. 5
T. ARTHUR PALMER .. 3	FRANK BROUGHTON .. Tenor

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

* First peal.

Rung prior to the consecration of extensions to the church by the Lord Bishop of Bristol.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 28, 1962, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	ARTHUR G. BUITION .. 4
EDWARD E. DAVEY .. 2	H. FRANK PIKE .. 5
FREDERICK A. HARVEY .. 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Marian Mills, bellringer and chorister at St. Michael's, Thorpe-le-Soken, and Peter Wood, bellringer and chorister at St. Mary's, Stebbing, who were married at this church previous to the peal.

THEBERTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., April 30, 1962, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 1,440 each of St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and 720 Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt, 2 qr. 9 lb.

JOHN MARJORAM .. Treble	C. JACK GIBSON .. 4
JACK PILGRIM .. 2	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 3	PETER S. BEDFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

SHELLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 2, 1962, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) London, Lytham, College and Wavertree College; (2) Double Oxford and Thelwall; (3) St. Clement's and Childwall; (4) Oxford and Sandal T.B.; (5) Cambridge Surprise; (6) Kent T.B.; (7) Plain and Double Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ROGER TARBATT .. Treble	*DAVID LOCKWOOD .. 4
*TOM W. CROSSLEY .. 2	TREVOR TARBATT .. 5
WILFRID F. MORETON .. 3	R. GORDON CORBY .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in 14 methods.

OCKHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 4, 1962, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 7 cwt.

*ANNE M. JUPP .. Treble	DENNIS G. BLOWS .. 3
*CHRISTOPHER HILL .. 2	†JAMES W. PRIEST .. 4
ROY COLLINS .. Tenor	

Conducted by ROY COLLINS.

* First peal, first attempt. † First of Doubles.

Rung by members of the Chobham band as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Blows on the birth of their second son (Neil Martin).

GREAT BARRINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1962, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*PETER G. HOLDEN .. Treble	†BRENDA HALL .. 4
FREDERICK W. SODEN .. 2	BRIAN W. HALL .. 5
PETER BEEDIE .. 3	D. KAY ADKINS .. Tenor

Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.

* First peal at first attempt. † First 'inside.'

LANGDALE, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1962, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

DIANA J. PERRINS .. Treble	JAMES E. BURLS .. 4
NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. 2	*ALAN CAPSTICK .. 5
FRANK BIRKETT .. 3	THOMAS F. METCALFE .. Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

* 100th peal; also 'circled the tower.'

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1962, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In nine methods or variations: Two extent: each of Northrepps, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Kennington and April Day, and ten each of Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ADRIAN DAVIES .. Treble	JOHN HOPE .. 4
†MRS. E. C. CHANDLER .. 2	ROBERT HATCHER .. 5
*NORMAN ISTANCE .. 3	JAMES WILCE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HOPE.

* First peal. † 60th peal.

MARCHINGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1962, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven varied extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in G.

DAVID PERRY (14) .. Treble	NORMAN W. ATTAWAY .. 4
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 2	DEREK P. JONES .. 5
GEORGE H. PEERS, SEN. .. 3	DAVID EAMES .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

PENN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1962, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: (1) Oxford T.B., (2 and 3) Cambridge Surprise, (4 and 5) Kent T.B., (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

E. DENNIS POOLE .. Treble	DAVID A. CORNWALL .. 4
ROGER G. HAZELL .. 2	ROYSTON BLACKLER .. 5
MRS. E. D. POOLE .. 3	DENNIS KNOX .. Tenor

Conducted by ROYSTON BLACKLER.

POTTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1962, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being extents in seven different variations, with no 6-5's at backstroke. Tenor 8 cwt.

KEVIN BARNES .. Treble	ANTHONY H. SMITH .. 4
RAYMOND J. FULLER .. 2	ALEX SIMPSON .. 5
MARTIN MAJOR .. 3	*MARTIN PRESS .. Tenor

Conducted by MARTIN PRESS.

* First peal in the method. First as conductor.

SEND, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in two methods: Two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JAMES W. PRIEST .. Treble	P. JOHN KING .. 4
JILL M. MAY .. 2	ROY COLLINS .. 5
CHRISTOPHER D. J. WEBB .. 3	E. JOHN WELLS .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam William A. Goldstone, died April 29th, a loyal member of this tower.

HEVENINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., May 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being six extents each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN MARJORAM .. Treble	PETER S. BEDFORD .. 3
JACK PILGRIM .. 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 4
JOHN W. BLYTHE .. Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

GREAT GLEN, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 11, 1962, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

*RICHARD A. COBLEY .. Treble	†BRIAN C. LAW .. 4
N. RODERICK ELLWAY .. 2	J. HEDLEY WALE .. 5
MICHAEL W. BROWN .. 3	KEITH H. MILDRED .. Tenor

Conducted by KEITH H. MILDRED.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor in the method. First as conductor

Rung as a birthday compliment to N. Roderick Ellway.

BOXLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 12, 1962, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Double Oxford, (3) Single Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Treble	JOHN W. COLEMAN .. 4
*FREDERICK C. HOGAN .. 2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 3	MARTIN L. HOWE .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

**BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., May 12, 1962, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being two extents each of Plain Bob and Single Oxford, and one each of St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*JOHN H. BLACKMOOR .. Treble	*RICHARD E. DEAN .. 4
JENNIFER SCEENY .. 2	GEOFFREY RIGLAR .. 5
GORDON W. LIMMER .. 3	HOWARD OGLESBY .. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD OGLESBY.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung after meeting short for Major.

A 30th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. Limmer, the local captain.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 12, 1962, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 6 cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON .. Tenor	MICHAEL W. BROWN .. 4
J. HARRY COOK .. 2	RONALD J. HILL .. 5
KEITH H. MILDRED .. 3	ROLAND H. COOK .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND H. COOK.

Rung to the respected memory of Ernest Morris.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 12, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In ten methods, being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Double Court Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Ipswich Surprise, (5) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford T.B., (7) Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN A. AVIS .. Treble	JAMES L. TOWLER .. 4
NEIL V. AVIS .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 5
BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 3	PHILIP G. ERITH .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

GREAT YELDHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 12, 1962, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 16 methods: (1) Alnwick and Newcastle, (2) London and Wells, (3) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull, (4) York and Durham, (5) Beverley, (6) Chester and Munden, (7) Surfleet.

Tenor 7 cwt.

MARGARET E. PANTON .. Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 4
*JAMES L. TOWLER .. 2	ANDREW S. HUDSON .. 5
PATRICK W. SALTmarsh .. 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

* Most Surprise methods to a peal.

A birthday compliment to John Symonds.

HATHEROP, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 12, 1962, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being 48 methods, in the following seven extents: (1) Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston, Capel, Oxford, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley T.B., Donottar, Wath, Carisbrooke and Pontefract Delight; (2) Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Charwood, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden and Newdigate Delight; (3) College, Waver-tree, Rodbourne, St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, London Bob, Lytham, Westlecott, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst; (4) Surfleet, Hexham, Beverley, Berwick, York and Durham Surprise; (5) London and Wells; (6) Cambridge and Primrose; (7) Fulbeck, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Double Bob; with 141 changes of method.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

MICHAEL J. STANLEY .. Treble	A. TERENCE COLLINS .. 4
PETER T. HURCOMBE .. 2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 5
CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 3	BRIAN BLADON .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

The greatest number of Minor methods to a peal by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

MINSTER-IN-THANET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 12, 1962, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being six extents of Grandsire, one each of St. Simon's and St. Martin's, 28 of Winchendon Place and six of Reverse Canterbury.

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

A. PATRICK CANNON .. Treble	*JOHN R. COOPER .. 3
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 2	*IAN H. ORAM .. 4
RALPH BIRD .. Tenor	

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* 100th peal together. First on the bells.

**ST. NICHOLAS-AT-WADE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., May 12, 1962, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Beverley, Surfleet, Durham, York, Wells, London and Cambridge.

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

*JOHN R. COOPER .. Treble	*RALPH BIRD .. 4
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 2	ANDREW M. MACVE .. 5
IAN H. ORAM .. 3	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* 100th peal together. First of Surprise on the bells—the heaviest ring of six in the county.

THRUXTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 12, 1962, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 8 cwt. 84 lb. in A.

*JENNIFER TRENT .. Treble	MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. 4
HILARY N. KIPPIN .. 2	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. 5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3	RAYMOND HAINES .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 1, 1962, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT 170, HEADSTONE LANE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.

Tenor size 15 in C.

THOMAS J. LOCK .. 1—2	FRANK C. PRICE .. 5—6
JOHN R. MAYNE .. 3—4	JOHN HILL .. 7—8

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 1, 1962, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH, LEICESTER,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. ACRES .. 1—2	ALFRED BALLARD .. 5—6
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 3—4	*JOHN M. JELLEY .. 7—8

*ROBERT B. SMITH .. 9—10

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal of Royal in the method 'in hand.'

Rung to the respected memory of Ernest Morris, for many years one of the stalwarts of handbell ringing in Leicester.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 3, 1962, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,

AT 12, WORPLE AVENUE, LONDON, S.W.,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (six callings).

Tenor size 14 in D.

*NOEL R. WAITE .. 1—2	ANTHONY R. MANN .. 3—4
*ANTHONY S. BISHOP .. 5—6	

Conducted by ANTHONY R. MANN.

* First handbell peal.

Rung to the affectionate memory of Ernest Morris.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

AND

THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

On Fri., May 4, 1962, in 1 Hour and 33 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, differently called.

Tenor size 14 in D.

RUPERT A. CLARKE .. 1—2	DAVID F. MOORE .. 3—4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 5—6	

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

In memoriam Ernest Morris.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 4, 1962, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor size 15 in C.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 1—2	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 7—8
JOHN FREEMAN .. 3—4	JACK BRAY .. 9—10
GEORGE E. FEIRN .. 5—6	JOHN WALDEN .. 11—12

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

CITY OF LONDON.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sun., May 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. OLAVE'S, HART STREET, E.C.,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being six extents each of St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor size 15 in C.
*NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. 1-2 | *PAUL CATTERMOLE .. 3-4
†JOHN C. EISEL .. 5-6

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLE.

*First peal on handbells. †First in seven methods on handbells.
100th peal for the Society.

ROSEVILLE, NEW SOUTH WALES.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT 16, KING EDWARD STREET,

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*JOHN H. FRYER .. 1-2 | THOS. W. GOODYER .. 5-6
*GEORGE W. PIPE .. 3-4 | JOHN J. CUMMINS .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS W. GOODYER.

*First peal in the method 'in hand.'

In memoriam Ernest Morris, Leicester, England.

COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 8, 1962, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,
AT 18, FROBISHER ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor size 15 in D.

ANNE B. SPEED .. 1-2 | PETER BORDER .. 3-4
RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 5-6

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

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

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Loughborough College Society.)

On Thurs., May 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 1-2 | ROBERT B. SMITH .. 3-4

*RICHARD A. SHEKELTON .. 5-6

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

*First peal 'in hand.'

DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 11, 1962, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT 9, NETHERFIELDS CRESCENT.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

*GEOFFREY N. GOODALL .. 1-2 | IAN M. HOLLAND .. 3-4

*LEONARD GOODALL .. 5-6

Conducted by LEONARD GOODALL.

*First peal 'in hand.'

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 11, 1962, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT 18, WHEATLEY WAY,

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

THOMAS J. LOCK .. 1-2 | JOHN R. MAYNE .. 5-6

MARGARET E. L. CHAPMAN, 3-4 | FRANK C. PRICE .. 7-8

TOM CHAPMAN .. 9-10

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 15, 1962, in 1 Hour and 39 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET-OF-ANTIOCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 22 methods, in the following seven extents: (1) London Bob, Lytham, Westiecott, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, College, Wavertree, Rodbourne, St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton College; (2) Fulbeck, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Bob and Plain Bob; (3) Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston and Oxford T.B.; (4, 6 and 7), Oxford T.B., (5) Kent T.B.

A. TERENCE COLLINS .. 1-2 | BRIAN BLADON .. 3-4

ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 5-6

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

The greatest number of methods to a handbell peal by all the band, and for the Association.

QUARTER PEALS

BARBKY, LEICS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): T. Briggs (aged 84) 1, Ann Warnes 2, K. Robinson 3, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 4, R. D. Flowers 5, R. Kirby 6. Rung for Matins, and a birthday compliment to Alan Holling.

BITTON, BRISTOL.—On May 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. G. Hooper 1, Gillian M. Hussey 2, D. L. Gore (first of Major) 3, S. C. Riches 4, F. J. Sampson 5, M. J. Hobbs 6, H. Taysom 7, B. A. Shackleton (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major by an all Bristol Rural Branch band.

BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.—On April 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. O'iver 1, M. Armstrong 2, C. T. Lamb 3, H. Aitchison 4, N. Errington (cond.) 5, W. Tyson 6. For annual Freemason service.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. C. Manger (cond.) 1, Hilary Martin 2, N. J. Martin 3, D. L. Parker 4, J. S. Barnes 5, C. Rowe 6. Rung after the wedding of Ann Buncombe, a local ringer, to Tom Batcher, a chorister at this church.

CHENIES, BUCKS.—On March 17th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's, Double Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob): Marion Petts 1, A. V. Good 2, E. J. Upton 3, D. J. Goodman 4, K. Waples 5, W. C. Hughes (cond.) 6. First in four methods for 1, 4, 5.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On May 6th, 1,440 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): R. Oliver 1, J. G. Wall 2, W. Tyson 3, J. Vickery 4, R. B. Skelton 5, N. Errington (cond.) 6, M. Armstrong 7. For Evensong.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.—On May 7th, 1,344 Knebworth Surprise Major: A. G. Button 1, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 2, G. N. Orman 3, B. W. Fairhead 4, A. T. Beckwith 5, J. L. Towler 6, A. R. Andrews 7, W. Arnold 8.

GREENWICH, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Alfege, on May 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: T. Culver 1, Miss F. Webber 2, Miss M. Kirby 3, Miss F. Cannon 4, I. Dafters 5, P. Ebsworth 6, J. Ball 7, J. S. Barnes (cond.) 8. For Evensong, on the 950th anniversary of the martyrdom of Archbishop Alfege, who died for his faith on the site of this church.

KEELE, STAFFS.—On April 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Beckett 1, R. J. Ballard 2, G. Davies 3, D. J. Danby 4, C. A. S. Webb 5, M. K. Swinge-wood (cond.) 6.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On April 28th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's and Oxford Bob): B. M. Barker 1, Miss G. Graney 2, W. Ayre (cond.) 3, P. W. Harper 4, K. D. Waples 5, D. J. Goodman 6. Rung for the wedding of E. M. Walden and Dendy Picton. Also on May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Cox (first quarter) 1, D. J. Goodman 2, B. M. Barker 3, P. W. Harper 4, R. V. Wallis 5, K. D. Waples (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.—On April 21st, 1,260 Doubles (St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Grandsire): Mrs. F. J. Cheal 1, T. Barton 2, F. J. Cheal 3, A. J. Dunk 4, C. S. Jarrett 5, L. B. Dobbie 6.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Locke (first quarter) 1, Joan Cheney 2, W. C. Budd 3, A. J. Bellamy (first 'inside') 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, N. G. Parker 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. C. W. Dale, prominent church worker, of St. John's, Long Lawford, in this parish. Also on March 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Bellamy (first of Minor) 1, Joan Cheney 2, L. A. Whewall 3, C. Underwood 4, R. W. Gibbons 5, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 6. Rung for the service of Confirmation by the Rt. Rev. J. McKie, Assistant Bishop of Coventry. Also on April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. M. Edgson 1, Joan Cheney 2, J. R. Haycock 3, W. C. Budd 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, N. G. Parker 6. Rung for Easter Sunday Evensong.

PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL, CORNWALL.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Frances Rickard (first quarter) 1, A. Davidson 2, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 3, Mrs. R. O. Mossop 4, R. G. Eggrins 5, G. W. Riddy 6.

STAINES, MIDDXX.—On May 6th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Linda Skipsey 1, D. S. Hawkins 2, R. I. Shepherd 3, M. Loveday 4, B. Bartlett 5, R. Wiggins 6, M. Bartlett 7, E. T. Skipsey (cond.) 8. First of Major in the method for all except 2. Believed first Surprise Major for an all St. Peter's band.

STAINES, MIDDXX.—On May 4th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: M. Tyers 1, Linda Skipsey (first of Major 'inside') 2, B. Bartlett 3, R. Wiggins 4, A. Johnson 5, E. Skipsey (cond.) 6, A. G. Tyers 7, M. Bartlett 8. First Major 1, 5, 7.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Triples: Miss J. Humphries 1, Miss P. Lansley 2, R. J. Purnell 3, Mrs. R. Drewitt 4, V. Griffin 5, R. Drewitt 6, A. R. Peake (cond.) 7, C. Sawyer 8. First in method by all.

SYDNEY, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—On Anzac Day, April 25th, at St. Mary's Basilica, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Trueman (first of Major) 1, Wendy A. Nichols 2, R. L. Clark 3, G. A. J. Langshaw 4, R. W. Ferris 5, J. J. Cummins 6, J. H. Fryer 7, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 8. Rung fully muffled after unsuccessful peal attempt. Also at St. Mary's, on April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. A. J. Langshaw 1, G. F. Kerr (first of Triples) 2, J. H. Fryer 3, R. L. Clark 4, Wendy A. Nichols 5, L. R. A. Curran 6, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 7, J. C. Sheehy 8. For Evening Mass.

WALCOT, BATH.—At the Church of St. Saviour, on May 10th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: L. J. Cox 1, Jacqueline A. Reason 2, E. Goater (first of Minor) 3, D. J. Barnett 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5, T. J. Milsom 6.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On April 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss B. Mainstone 1, Miss J. Gocher 2, Miss D. Mullins 3, J. Nelson 4, G. Francis 5, M. Manning 6. For Evensong.

WARSP, NOTTS.—On May 6th, 1,320 Surprise Minor (York, Norwich): F. Cooke 1, G. Challans 2, M. Foster 3, D. H. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.

WHISTON, NORTHANTS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Rudkin 1, Miss G. A. Ashby 2, M. R. Harvey 3, P. Amos 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5. Rung for the wedding of Penelope Anne Butlin, of Whiston House, to Alfred John Hawtin, of Weston Favell.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.—On May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Maureen P. Stammers (first quarter) 1, D. Cubitt 2, Barbara M. Payne 3, Freda P. Willgress 4, B. W. Willgress 5, P. Adcock (cond.) 6.

WROXTON, OXON.—On May 4th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): B. J. Davies 1, M. W. Sayers 2, R. K. Russ 3, C. C. Clarke 4, M. W. Coleman (cond.) 5. Rung to celebrate the christening of Ian James Russ, second son of the ringer of the 3rd, on April 29th.

HALF PEAL

WILBY, NORTHANTS.—On May 12th, 2,520 Grandsire Minor: G. F. Roome (cond.) 1, Miss J. Downing 2, P. Amos 3, R. S. Roberts 4, A. J. Buswell 5, E. Billings 6. Rung in memoriam Ernest Morris.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At St. Helen's Church, on May 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Philippa J. P. Dixon 1, M. Angela Carter 2, Marie R. Cross 3, P. A. Sharp 4, F. M. Larkin 5, J. M. Elaine Dixon 6, B. R. Care 7, B. R. White (cond.) 8, J. A. Constant 9, R. G. T. Bennett 10. Rung for the visit, by river, of the Bishop of Reading.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On April 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss P. E. Hibbert 1, E. Drewitt 2, Mrs. J. Thurmot 3, M. J. Thurmot 4, B. R. White 5, F. C. White 6, H. C. White 7, G. Hollifield (cond.) 8, F. A. White 9, H. White 10. First of Caters 1 and 3. For evening service.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On April 29th, 1,280 Oxford T. B. Major: C. Harwood 1, M. Hopkins 2, A. Buck 3, L. Scott 4, E. Buck (cond.) 5, J. Dear 6, P. Flack 7, R. Castledine 8. First in the method by 2 and 3. For Evensong.

BARNWOOD, GLOS.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Merrett 1, G. Clark 2, Miss P. Clark 3, D. Pobjoy 4, P. Newland (cond.) 5, C. Hodges 6. Rung half-muffled for Evensong in memory of George Case, ringer at this tower.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On May 13th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Miss L. Doone 1, W. R. Chandler (first in six methods) 2, R. J. Brown (cond.) 3, V. J. C. Dale 4, Miss B. Fisher 5. For Matins.

BEVERLEY, E. YORKS.—On May 9th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Ducker 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, Janet I. Porter 3, A. G. Osborne 4, D. S. Johnson 5, R. D. Gibson 6, R. H. Rogers (first on eight as cond.) 7, F. C. Hobson 8. First of Stedman Triples for 3, 4, 6, 8. Rung on the back eight.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On April 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss R. J. Cox 1, Miss S. P. Nicholson 2, Miss B. M. Foster 3, K. D. Pearce (first quarter) 4, Miss M. R. Andrews (cond.) 5, M. J. Hodgson 6.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Smith 1, D. Carr 2, A. H. Smith 3, Sheila Smith 4, P. Smith 5, B. F. Sims (cond.) 6, F. Briscoe (cover) 7. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. J. H. Dommney to Biggleswade.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER.—On May 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Girardier 1, Miss P. J. Walker 2, Mrs. E. D. Fearneough 3, G. F. Nix 4, G. D. Fearneough 5, P. Watson (cond.) 6.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.—At SS. Mary and Paul, on April 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Pilgrim (first of Minor) 1, Hazel A. Arrowsmith 2, G. H. Pullin 3, J. H. Fielden 4, P. S. Bennett 5, C. K. Cooper (cond.) 6. For Evensong, by members of the Liverpool University Society.

BLACKBURN, LANCs.—On May 13th, at the Cathedral, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: H. O. Hardacre 1, J. T. Parsons 2, K. A. Earnshaw 3, P. H. Bland 4, T. Wilkinson 5, G. J. Haworth (first 'inside') 6, B. A. Tomlinson (cond.) 7, M. J. Halliwell 8. For Evensong. First of Plain Bob 1 and 4.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.—On May 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. T. Shelton 1, W. Dunn 2, Mrs. F. Streeter 3, T. Bird 4, G. Oliver 5, K. Game 6, A. Streeter (first as cond.) 7, J. Burgess 8. First of Stedman 2 and 6. For Evensong.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Juliet Finn (first of Triples) 1, R. Humphries 2, G. Gunstone 3, J. Lucas 4, G. Parsons 5, M. Wilmot (first 'inside') 6, F. W. Box 7, E. Wicks (first of Triples) 8.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Juliet Finn 1, P. Gaisford 2, D. Barnett 3, M. Wilmot 4, T. Milsom 5, F. Box 6, R. Purnell (50th quarter, cond.) 7, R. Lovelock 8. First quarter in the method for all except 5.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's, on Good Friday, 1,259 Grandsire Triples: A. Caines 1, Gillian M. Hussey 2, D. L. Gore 3, A. C. Baker 4, M. J. Hobbs 5, D. J. Hunt 6, B. A. Shackleton (cond.) 7, R. G. Hooper 8. Rung half-muffled.

BROMLEY, KENT.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, on April 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Rosemary M. Jenkins 1, P. J. Spice 2, P. Smith 3, Hilda Oakshott 4, Maria E. Kirby 5, Sheila Copping (first as cond. and of Major) 6, M. F. Oakshott 7, D. G. Brown 8. For Evensong.

BROUGHTON, LANCs.—On April 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. Birtwistle 1, Maryl Crosshwaite 2, J. T. Parsons 3, I. Jolleys 4, E. J. F. Wall 5, R. Bolt Rung fully muffled by the Burnley and District Society of Change Ringers (schools) in memoriam for those who lost their lives in the Hapton Valley pit disaster.

QUARTER PEALS

BUCKFAST ABBEY, DEVON.—On Feb. 24th, 1,294 Stedman Cinques: C. Savage 1, Elisabeth Bowden 2, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 3, B. A. Shackleton 4, J. R. Taylor 5, D. C. Exell 6, R. J. Bowden 7, E. J. Hitchins 8, B. Bladon 9, F. D. Mack 10, D. J. Hunt 11, J. H. Gilbert 12. Rung by members of the Society of Friends of the Exercise.

BUCKINGHAM, BUCKS.—On April 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Linnell 1, D. Burbidge 2, R. A. Vickers 3, R. Rogers 4, W. A. Yates 5, C. Truman 6, G. W. Holland (cond.) 7, W. H. Yates 8.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On April 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. Padbury 1, L. Penfold 2, T. Padbury 3, G. Charlton 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. For Matins.

CAMBRIDGE.—On March 3rd, at Our Lady and the English Martyrs (R.C.), 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss B. C. Webster 1, D. J. Mundy 2, Mrs. B. D. Threlfall 3, Miss H. Muirhead (cond.) 4, L. R. H. Smith 5, H. E. Bishop 6, H. C. Lewis 7, B. D. Threlfall 8.

CAPE TOWN, S.A.—At St. Mary's, Woodstock, on Dec. 3rd, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: J. Erntzen 1, W. J. Smith (cond.) 2, J. Riley 3, R. Low 4, L. Hewitt 5, J. Erntzen jun. 6. Also on Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Gardiner 1, J. Botham 2, J. Riley 3, F. Botham 4, W. J. Smith (cond.) 5, J. Erntzen sen. 6. Two and four visitors from Johannesburg. Also on April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Erntzen 1, R. Law 2, C. Chambers (from Durban) 3, J. Riley 4, L. Hewitt 5, R. H. Stickley (cond.) 6, W. J. Smith 7, J. Erntzen jun. 8.

CHISLEHOLD, WILTS.—On May 8th, 1,280 Doubles (All Saints', Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss M. Lucksford 1, S. Miller 2, Mrs. L. Love 3, C. Wilkins 4, F. Cook (cond.) 5, A. E. Wiltshire (first quarter) 6. To welcome the new Vicar.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On Easter Day, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Hudson 1, C. Hill (first of Triples) 2, D. G. Blows 3, Miss S. Buchanan 4, Miss E. Loveland 5, J. W. Priest 6, Roy Collins (cond.) 7, Ron Collins 8. For Evensong.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—On May 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Turner 1, J. Papworth 2, W. G. Bilner 3, P. Davey (first quarter) 4, Miss W. Elliott 5, H. Nichols 6, A. Beckwith (cond.) 7, D. B. Shepherd 8. For the Deanery Festival.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On April 4th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: A. J. Boyack 1, Miss P. Bourne 2, Miss J. Cook 3, D. Hewitt 4, C. E. Willmington 5, F. V. Gant 6, L. S. Woods 7, J. H. Crampton (cond.) 8.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss M. Turner 1, V. Forshaw 2, N. M. Newby jun. 3, J. E. Burles 4, D. K. Bell 5, A. H. Wood 6, W. Wall 7, D. Ellisden 8, D. Vokes 9, N. M. Newby (cond.) 10. First Bob Royal 1, 3, 5 and 8. For St. George's Day service for Scouts and Guides.

DARTMOUTH, DEVON.—On May 9th, at St. Clement's, Townstal, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Doddridge (first quarter) 1, Miss V. Goss 2, B. Peters (first quarter) 3, J. Burton 4, A. C. Goss (first as cond.) 5.

EDMONTON, MIDDx.—On May 13th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Audrey Beauchamp 1, D. Bowen 2, Christine Bowen 3, Trudy Newcombe 4, J. Towers 5, D. Towers 6, T. Hawkins (cond.) 7, D. Langdon 8. For Evensong.

EGHAM, SURREY.—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Froome 1, Mrs. J. Parsons 2, Mrs. J. Knowles (first 'inside') 3, Mrs. L. Hiscock 4, W. Peck 5, D. Parsons (cond.) 6, L. Knowles 7, R. Tickner 8. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the eight bells in the tower.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Easter Sunday, at Christ Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosemary Blyth 1, Sally Parrott 2, R. E. Fentiman 3, D. J. Herschell 4, G. A. Cockman 5, F. Oakshott (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong, and a welcome to Catherine Margaret, daughter of the Vicar, the Rev. R. E. Falkner.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: P. J. Joyce 1, Beryl R. Simpson 2, W. W. Wright 3, V. M. Cox 4, D. P. Treble (cond.) 5, Joyce M. Cox 6. First of Stedman by all. For Evensong.

FORDHAM, CAMBS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury): D. T. Gordon (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Morley 2, Miss R. J. Seabrook 3, R. J. Palmer 4, A. M. Barber (cond.) 5, R. Heffer 6. First in two methods by 2, 5 and 6.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. P. Gordon 1, H. L. Bishop 2, P. T. Dale 3, C. J. Garlick 4, J. H. Napper (cond.) 5, G. W. Bishop 6, W. Corderoy 7, L. F. Cox 8.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Low (first quarter) 1, Amy Coburn 2, A. Day (cond.) 3, R. Newson 4, F. C. Jacklin 5, R. Flanagan (first quarter) 6. For Evensong. Also on May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Nina Thomas 1, Ann Smallbone (first 'inside') 2, Hilary Potts (first 'inside') 3, S. P. Darvill 4, K. J. Darvill (cond.) 5, R. C. Low 6. Average age of band 16 years 18 months. A compliment to Mr. A. Day, who has now completed 50 years as a ringer.

HEIGHINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—On May 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Stubbs 1, L. Pizzev 2, C. Rees 3, J. O. Robinson 4, Janet Cleeve (first as cond.) 5, T. Newing 6.

HOLBEACH, LINCs.—On May 6th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): Julia Vellam 1, F. Davis 2, K. Davey 3, D. Davis 4, R. Bailey (first as cond.) 5, R. Sanders 6. For Evensong.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On May 6th, 1,272 Little Bob Minor: Joyce Drury 1, J. Martin 2, Joan Smith 3, J. King 4, H. Colcombe 5, C. Webb (cond.) 6. First of Little Bob by all. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. W. Goldstone.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On April 29th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and College Exercise): R. Blackshaw 1, C. Froggatt 2, D. Bradley (cond.) 3, M. W. Harrison 4, A. Larkin and B. Mills 5, F. Bradley 6. For Evensong. Also on May 6th, 1,260 Minor (Spiced Sandal, Oxford, Kingston and London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob and St. Clement's): Ruth Blackshaw 1, C. Froggatt 2, D. Bradley 3, M. W. Harrison 4, F. Bradley (cond.) 5, B. Mills 6. For Evensong.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Newton 1, R. Birgs 2, Miss C. Haynes (first 'inside') 3, Miss J. Barton 4, D. Cornwall 5, A. Newton 6, P. Newton (cond.) 7, Miss M. Newton 8.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—On April 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. J. Lawton 1, Ann Culpin 2, O. J. J. Rogers 3, T. P. Harris 4, D. R. Brazier 5, K. C. Fleming 6, C. D. Mann 7, R. R. Churchill (cond.) 8. In honour of the birth of the first grandson to the Duke of Bedford, patron of the living.

KEELE, STAFFS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Minor (Double Court and St. Clement's): R. J. Ballard 1, M. Wilsnah 2, K. P. Jones 3, G. Davies (cond.) 4, D. J. Danby 5, C. A. S. Webb 6.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss C. J. Masfield (first quarter) 1, W. F. Judge (cond.) 2, S. D. Edwards 3, C. M. P. Johnson 4, F. C. White 5, F. A. White 6, B. R. White 7, P. Franklin 8.

KINGSLERE, HANTS.—On April 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Murdock 1, J. Pares 2, W. Hibbert 3, D. Papworth (cond.) 4, P. Myers 5, E. Cox 6.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Miles (first quarter) 1, Linda M. Hughes 2, Susan Funnell 3, Alma M. Greaves 4, Ann E. Fellows 5, Veronica M. Miles 6, N. J. Goodman 7, R. W. Pipe (cond.) 8. For morning service.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, SURREY.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Elizabeth Barr 1, R. Harris 2, Margaret Lewis 3, D. Leach 4, D. Wilkins 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6.

KIRBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Doubles (in seven methods): A. Georgetta Harrison (first in seven methods) 1, J. A. Harrison (first in seven methods as cond.) 2, M. J. Kirk 3, B. T. Cook (first in seven methods) 4, E. A. Harrison 5. Also on Good Friday, 1,260 Doubles (in 11 methods): Maureen P. Green (first quarter) 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, J. A. Harrison (cond.) 3, M. J. Kirk 4, E. A. Harrison 5. First in 11 methods by all and on the bells. Rung half-muffled. Also on Easter Day, 1,260 Seighford Bob Doubles: N. D. Kirk 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, E. A. Harrison 3, J. A. Harrison (cond.) 4, M. J. Kirk 5. Believed to be the first quarter in the method. Also on Easter Sunday evening, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Maureen P. Green 1, E. A. Harrison 2, A. Georgetta Harrison (first 'inside') 3, R. Harrison 4, J. A. Harrison (cond.) 5.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On May 13th, 1,440 Minor (Single and Double Oxford): I. Goldthorpe 1, I. Campbell 2, C. Hobson 3, K. Goldthorpe 4, D. Johnson 5, J. Rank (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and an engagement compliment to John Perrett and Jennifer Brown.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On March 31st, 1,280 Little Bob Major: W. Insley 1, Valerie Willard 2, H. B. Whitney 3, I. Pett 4, F. J. Plummer 5, J. M. Stephens (cond.) 6, E. J. Conquest 7, R. R. Churchill 8. For the wedding of Roy Woodruff and Judith Bates.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Heywood on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service (dedication of peal board) 4.30. Tea 5. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea (please) by May 30th to Mr. J. P. Partington, 23, York Street, Heywood. Tel. Heywood 6170. 262

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Annual striking competition at Thurcaston on June 2nd. Competition ringing 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. approximately. General ringing in the evening. All visitors welcome for tea. Names for tea not later than May 31st to A. J. Poyner, Dis. Sec., 31, Marsden Lane, Aylestone, Leicester. 266

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting, Metheringham (8), Saturday, June 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Blankney bells available in evening. Names for tea to Mr. C. Baldock, Metheringham, by Wednesday previous.—S. A. Chambers, Hon. Sec. 246

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting, Leigh, on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Sisson, The Star Inn, Church Leigh, Stoke-on-Trent, by Wednesday, May 30th. No name no tea.—J. G. Burton, Sec. 289

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Lowestoft St. Margaret's, June 2nd. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 30th, certain, please, to Sister L. Riley, C.A., Harleston House, Park Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 205

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Launton on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names to Mr. C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, by May 30th. 254

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Bletchley, June 2nd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, May 31st, to R. W. Sear, 37, Buckingham Road, Bletchley. 271

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual general meeting will be held on **Saturday, June 2nd, 1962**, at Peterborough.

Committee meeting 2.30 p.m.
Service in the Cathedral at 3 p.m.
(Preacher the Lord Bishop of Peterborough)

followed by tea and meeting in the Eastholm Secondary Girls' School, Park Lane.

Tea tickets 3s. 6d. (C.W.O.) from the general secretary by Monday, May 28th.

Ringling Arrangements: Peterborough St. Mary's (6) 10 a.m.-12 noon, 6-9 p.m.; Warmington (6) 11 a.m.-12 noon; Elton (5) 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m. (key at garage); Wansford (5) 12 noon-1 p.m.; Alwalton (5) 12.30-1 (key at house next to the church); Woodston (6) 1-2.30, 6-7.30; Stanground (6) 1.30-2.30, 7-9; Peterborough St. John's (8). Castor (6), Fletton (5) 7-9 p.m.

Cathedral bells open for inspection at 1.45 p.m.

E Billings, Gen. Sec., 61, Melville Street, Northampton 242

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Witton, Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday previous to Mr. H. Parker, 64, Church Road, Northwich, Telephone Northwich 2981. 249

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davertry Branch.—Meeting, Whilton, Saturday, June 9th. Names for tea to Mr. H. Haynes, 'The Old Plough,' Whilton, near Daventry, by previous Monday.—F. W. Hancock. 280

SUFFOLK GUILD

Parish Church of SS. Peter & Paul, Eye. Rededication of overhauled seven and dedication of recast tenor (now 19 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in D) by the Bishop of Dunwich.

on **Saturday, June 9th**, at 3 p.m.
Numbers for tea by June 7th, please, to Claude Rush, 31, Foxgrove Lane, Felixstowe, Suffolk. 259

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Great Thurlow, Saturday, June 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. E. S. Barrington Barnes, The Vicarage, Great Thurlow, Haverhill, Suffolk, by June 6th, please (no names no tea). 206

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Elmley Castle (6) on Saturday, June 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea by Tuesday June 5th, to C. B. Longmore, 65A, Port Street, Evesham, Worcs. 257

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 83rd annual general meeting will be held on Whit Monday, June 11th, at Chelmsford. Service in Cathedral at 11 a.m., conducted by the Provost; address by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. Meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Light refreshments available in Cathedral Hall from 10.15 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m., 5s. Tea at a running buffet from 5-6.15 p.m., 2s. 6d.. Bells: Cathedral 9.30-10.45 a.m. and from 4 p.m. From 3-6 p.m.: Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6) Springfield (6); and from 6-9 p.m. Widford (8), Great Baddow (8), Writhlington (8), Danbury (6). Lunch and tea tickets by June 6th from general secretary, s.a.c., please.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex. 260

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival will be held at Leominster on Whit Monday. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by meeting. Following towers may be available from 11 a.m. onwards: Kimbolton, Kingsland, Eardisland, Eye, Aymestrey, Bodenham and Marden. Notifications for tea before Wednesday, June 6th, to H. G. Thomas 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 261

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Llangollen, Saturday, June 23rd. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea by June 16th to W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 278

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting. Preliminary notice. Darlington, Saturday, July 7th. Committee meeting 1.30 p.m. Towers available: Richmond and Heighington (morning); Darlington, St. John's, Holy Trinity and St. Cuthbert's (afternoon and evening). Nominations for officers, please, to general secretary. 273

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The spring meeting of the Kingston District was held at Old Radnor on April 28th and there was a good attendance of members, with visitors from Kimbolton, Leominster, Abingdon and Danbury, Essex.

The Guild form of service was conducted by the Rev. D. Williams, with Mrs. Williams as organist.

The bells were muffled as a tribute to the memory of three Guild officers whose deaths have occurred recently: Mr. Jabez Preece, 38 years' secretary of Kingston District; Mr. Fred Jaie, Master of Leominster District; and Mr. Harry Edge, secretary of Bridgnorth District, and, before the business meeting, members stood in silence, remembering them.

Mrs. E. Chandler will act as District secretary until the annual meeting.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The spring festival of the Penzance Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Lelant on May 13th. Those present included the Revs. A. J. Vincent (Vicar of Kenwyn and Diocesan secretary) and W. H. R. Trehwella (vice-president), and about 50 ringers. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. P. S. Gagg), who also gave an address. The Rev. A. S. Roberts (Branch secretary) read the lesson, Mrs. A. S. Roberts was at the piano, Lelant organ being at present under restoration. Mr. H. Miles was in charge of the tower.

A splendid tea was served in the Village Hall by the ladies of the church, and the Vicar and all local helpers were thanked by the Branch secretary. An invitation to hold the autumn festival at St. Mawgan-in-Meneage was accepted with thanks. This would coincide with the silver jubilee of the installation of the present ringere.

It was agreed to make a grant of £10 towards the recent recasting of the 7th bell at Madron, which had developed a crack. This bell was of special interest locally, as it was cast at Hayle in 1823 and was so inscribed.

Ringling took place throughout the day at Lelant, Phillack, Towednack and Carbis Bay.

JOINT MEETING AT DORE

Due to the cold, wet weather only about 30 ringers attended the joint meeting of the Derbyshire Association and the Sheffield and District Society at Dore on May 12th.

Afternoon ringling ranged from call changes to Stedman Triples, but unfortunately a rope was broken just before tea. Mr. J. Seager saved the day with some very efficient splicing, and during the interregnum Mr. J. Frank Smallwood organised handbell ringling.

After a very appetising tea, prepared by the Vicar's wife and some of the mothers of the young local band, the Vicar (the Rev. R. G. Heawood) presided at the business meeting, when final arrangements were agreed for the outing in July.

There was more ringling until 8.30 p.m. and among the methods rung were well-struck touches of Double Norwich and Kent Major.

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Corston, Bath, Ringers' Outing

The ringers of All Saints', Corston, Bath, accompanied by their Rector and friends, spent a very enjoyable afternoon and evening ringling in South Gloucestershire on May 12th. Towers visited were Tortworth, Frampton-on-Severn, Stinchcombe, North Nibley (all sixes) and Berkeley (10). In spite of the day being very overcast and far from warm the party were able to demonstrate their skill by ringling a wide variety of methods, whilst the non-ringers enjoyed the beauties of the churches visited and the adjoining countryside.

Sincere thanks are due to the incumbents of the churches visited. L. J. de J.

The quarter peal at Aylestone, Leics, on Palm Sunday was the first of Bristol by an all-local band. It was rung as a first wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Morris, Ringing Master and secretary of the band respectively.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devises Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, June 2nd, Longbridge Deverill (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 267

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Cup contest meeting at Thrybergh, Saturday, June 2nd, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. Brunt, The Channings, Doncaster Road, Thrybergh.—J. Seager, Sec. 287

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 2nd, Cotgrave. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cup contest 6 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, May 28th, to S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington, Nottingham. 252

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Ufford (8) on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 30th, to J. B. Morley, 14, Upton Close, Ipswich. 226

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting, Bury St. Edmunds (10), Saturday, June 2nd. Bells 6.45 to 9 p.m. 279

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Fletching, Saturday, June 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring picnic tea.—E. L. Hairs, Hon. Sec. 265

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting at Fordingbride on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available from 3 to 8 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Church Hall, 5.15 p.m. Breamore bells available. Names for tea by May 30th, to R. Marlow, Bickton, Fordingbride, Hants. 263

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Practice meeting at Longdon, Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by further ringling. No business meeting. Practice method: Double Court Minor. Bushley bells not available. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 29th, to F. Hyde, 6, Winchester Avenue, St. John's, Worcester. 220

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Corporate Communion, Sunday, June 3rd, at 8 a.m., at Congresbury. Bells (8) 7 a.m. Names for breakfast to S. M. Grav, Smallway Cottage, Congresbury, near Bristol. 270

HEMPSTEAD, ESSEX.—Dedication service or rebuilt tower and rehung bells (6) on Sunday, June 3rd, at 3 p.m. Ringling after service. All ringers welcomed. 292

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Shield contest, Wentworth, near Rotherham, Saturday, June 9th. Entrance fee 10s. Names to James W. Buxton, Roydhouse, Shellev, Huddersfield. For tea, please notify Mrs. A. Sill, George and Dragon, Wentworth, Rotherham. Names for both by Saturday, June 2nd. 269

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