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## HOW TENTERDEN RAISED MONEY FOR BELLS

TENTERDEN Church stands off the main street, its tower standing high above the town, which can be seen for miles across the Weald of Kent. Tenterden has a fine ring of bells, comparable to the beauty of the stately tower and scenic High Street, with its greens and fine trees either side.

It was of great disappointment to the ringers when they were advised not to ring the treble and the sixth of this wonderful ring of eight bells, reputed to be one of the finest in South East England. The bells are not only well known to ringers but to many non-ringing visitors for the clock chime, which plays seven tunes, one for every day of the week.

Eighteen months lapsed before any real movement was made to remedy the defects. As so often happens, a series of events happened: first, the Vicar (Rev. Mr. Marcon) died; and before Canon Willis was inducted an appeal for £2,000 was launched to assist in the building of a new vicarage.

In May, 1960, Canon Willis was pressed to do something about the bells, and the two foundries were called in to estimate for the necessary work. It was eventually decided to approach the Mayor to see if he would be willing to launch an appeal. He replied he would be very pleased to do so.

Before the appeal was launched, money started coming in which amounted to something like £300. The target was for over £2,000, and the population of the parishes of St Mildred and Smallhythe amounted to approximately 4,000. Mrs. Pass, a very active and capable lady, was determined that the money should be raised, and subsequently arranged and produced a two-day concert, held in the Town Hall. Mrs. Pass even made up a song about the bells and Tenterden for that concert and the forthcoming 'Bells Appeal Week.'

The 'Bells Appeal Week' was opened officially by the Mayor on March 12th. A house-to-house collection was made and a two-day exhibition was held in the Town Hall. It was a wonderful exhibition of paintings, antiques, handicrafts and ancient documents of the Borough of Tenterden

and the church. Many people helped to organise this appeal week, but the main stay behind it all was once more Mrs. Pass.

The exhibition was opened by Dinah Sheridan (star of 'Genevieve'), who arrived in a veteran car. During the course of the exhibition Mr. A. A. Hughes, of Mears and Stainbank, gave an illustrated talk on bells and bell-hanging, and Peter Richardson spoke about cricket. Unfortunately H. E. Bates (author) was at the last minute prevented from being present, and a short film was shown that I.T.V.'s Southern Television had earlier taken of Tenterden and its bells and ringers. Miss Anne Roper spoke on local history. Both evenings a concert was held, arranged again by Mrs. Pass, of piano music, choral and solo singing, and the handbells. It was a grand effort by all concerned and the ringers are most grateful and pleased with the result, and express their gratitude to all concerned and in particular to Ald. Leslie Chalk, the Mayor, and Mrs. Pass.

The result of the appeal, including the 7-year covenants, amounted to something like £1,900, which covers the majority of the money required. The work of dismantling has now started and the eight bells stand in the churchyard awaiting their journey to London. It is hoped to have the bells installed and ringing again in time for the Kent County Association dinner, to be held at the Town Hall in September.

We are extremely grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Pass for their wonderful work, and wish them every happiness in Petersfield, Hampshire, where Mr. Pass is taking up a post as bank manager. They will both be missed in Tenterden by almost every organisation, including the Borough Council, on which Mr. Pass served a very short but useful term of office.

K. E. Y.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

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

On Sat., March 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

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

Table listing names and positions for the Twelve Bell Peal at Aston, Birmingham.

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Rung as a compliment to Ald. A. Paddon Smith, J.P., in celebration of his 80th birthday.

BUCKFAST, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 4 Hours and 7 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in C.

Table listing names and positions for the Twelve Bell Peal at Buckfast, Devon.

Composed by F. DENCH. \* 650th peal.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 35 cwt. 4 lb. in D flat.

Table listing names and positions for the Twelve Bell Peal at Oldham, Lancashire.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. \* 200th peal.

LONDON.

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

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF 5016 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 48 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Twelve Bell Peal at London.

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS. \* First peal on 12 bells. First of Grandsire Cinques by all except the ringer of the second.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM

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

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Table listing names and positions for the Ten Bell Peal at Birmingham.

Conducted by PETER BORDER. \* 300th peal on the bells.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., April 6, 1961, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Table listing names and positions for the Ten Bell Peal at Birmingham.

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son and heir to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Chapman, of Daventry.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 17, 1961, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

Table listing names and positions for the Ten Bell Peal at Bedford.

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN. \* First peal of Royal.

A birthday peal for C. Edward Jeffries.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 NOTTINGHAM SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Table listing names and positions for the Ten Bell Peal at Worsley, Lancashire.

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH. First peal in the method. First of Surprise Royal as conductor.

NOTTINGHAM SURPRISE ROYAL

x 70 x 18 x 50.78.16.34 x 78.50.34.16 x 30 x 14 x 90

L.-e. 12 1573 Clean.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EAST TYTHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 53 lb.

Table listing names and positions for the Eight Bell Peal at East Tytherley, Hampshire.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN. \* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Major.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 ZELAH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

Table listing names and positions for the Eight Bell Peal at Newcastle upon Tyne.

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH. First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Association. 200th peal in this tower.

Rung in memoriam George A. Pickering.

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 8 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Eight Bell Peal at Aldershot, Hampshire.

\* First peal. Rung on the day of the enthronement of the Bishop of Guildford.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5112 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

Table listing names and positions for the Eight Bell Peal at Fairfield, Buxton, Derbyshire.

Arranged and Conducted by BRIAN J WOODRUFFE. \* First peal in the method.



FLIXTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR  
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

*TESSA P. KEMP .. .. .	Treble	IVOR JENKINS .. .. .	5
EILEEN M. FEARN .. .. .	2	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK ..	6
JOHN ROBINSON .. .. .	3	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ..	7
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. .	4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.  
\* First peal of Surprise.  
Rung as a farewell to the Rector, the Rev. P. A. Ettrick, who is leaving Flixton for Gaydon, Warwickshire.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR  
Tenor 18½ cwt.

PETER SCHOLFIELD .. .. .	Treble	JOHN H. FIELDEN .. .. .	5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. .	2	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	6
NORMAN SMITH .. .. .	3	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. .	7
GEOFFREY CHEETHAM .. ..	4	RICHARD E. PRICE .. ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR  
Tenor 9½ in A flat.

*HELEN SHARP .. .. .	Treble	EDWARD B. SMITH .. .. .	5
ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD ..	2	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. ..	6
BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD ..	3	LEONARD E. SHARP .. ..	7
*ADRIAN G. SEMPKEN .. .	4	MAURICE E. DOWNS .. ..	Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by MAURICE E. DOWNS.  
\* First peal of Treble Bob. First of Treble Bob as conductor.  
Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the seventh, and his wife, on the occasion of their silver wedding.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR  
Tenor 20½ cwt.

ERNEST S. BAILEY .. .. .	Treble	HARRY D. LISTER .. .. .	5
ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. .	2	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN .. ..	6
JAMES M. BAILEY .. .. .	3	ALAN R. BRIDGES .. .. .	7
HUBERT A. MITSON .. .. .	4	PETER S. BEDFORD .. ..	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

A compliment to Mary Parker and Neville Moorey, whose wedding took place the previous Saturday.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2 variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 23½ cwt.			
*JUDY MOIR .. .. .	Treble	STANLEY WALMSLEY .. ..	5
LAWRENCE WALMSLEY .. .	2	PHILIP G. MORGAN .. ..	6
*JOHN L. FENNELLS .. .. .	3	CYRIL CROSTHWAITHE ..	7
*JOHN H. OWENS .. .. .	4	†JOHN WAYNE .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITHE.  
\* First peal in the method. † First peal. 100th peal as conductor on tower bells.  
Rung to mark the birth of a grandson to Mr. Lawrence Walmsley.

LISS, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*KEITH SANSON .. .. .	Treble	S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	5
MRS. R. T. JONES .. .. .	2	†DEREK J. WHITE .. .. .	6
BETTY J. DAYSH .. .. .	3	*DAVID A. EMMERSON ..	7
*MARY E. WHITE .. .. .	4	REGINALD T. JONES .. ..	Tenor

Composed by J. M. MORRIS. Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.  
\* First peal on eight. † First peal.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONGNEY SURPRISE MAJOR

IVOR GOULTER .. .. .	Treble	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. ..	5
CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. .	2	PETER T. HURCOMBE .. .	6
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. .	3	ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. ..	7
VICTOR GRIFFIN .. .. .	4	BRIAN BLADON .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.  
First peal in the method.  
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. Niblett on their 39th wedding anniversary, and to Mr. B. W. Willgress and Miss F. P. Greaves on their engagement. Tenor 11 cwt.

PICKERING, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 12 cwt.			
FRED HODGSON .. .. .	Treble	†WILLIAM HUDSON .. ..	5
ROHILLA M. COOKE .. .. .	2	THOMAS COOKE .. .. .	6
*ROBERT J. WYATT .. .. .	3	BERT SUTTON .. .. .	7
JOHN A. BROWN .. .. .	4	†ROBERT L. SCARTH .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by BERT SUTTON.  
\* First peal. † First of Triples.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

*GEORGE CLIFF .. .. .	Treble	*PETER MARRIOTT .. ..	5
DENIS R. CARLISLE .. .. .	2	*JOHN F. MURFIN .. .. .	6
*DEREK ASTRIDGE .. .. .	3	*DAVID J. MARSHALL ..	7
GORDON A. HALLS .. .. .	4	MICHAEL R. BLORE .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL R. BLORE.  
\* First peal of Bristol. First as conductor.  
Rung as a welcome to Rev. Mr. Tomlinson; also an 18th birthday compliment to the conductor. Tenor 17½ cwt.

TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.			
MARGARET A. PARKER .. .	Treble	GEORGE H. RANDLES .. .	5
CLAIRE DILLAMORE .. ..	2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. .	6
NORAH M. RANDLES .. ..	3	JOHN WALDEN .. .. .	7
PETER A. SHARP .. .. .	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. ..	Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.			
*PATRICA A. BURT .. .. .	Treble	†DAVID J. BARNETT .. ..	5
HAROLD L. PARFREY .. ..	2	LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR .. .	6
TERENCE J. MILSOM .. ..	3	ALAN F. LEE .. .. .	7
MICHAEL J. HOBBS .. .. .	4	†DAVID F. JEFFERIES ..	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.  
\* First peal on eight bells. † First of Triples 'inside.' ‡ First peal.  
Rung as birthday compliments to Miss B. Jewell, Mr. F. Keeling and the conductor (April 14th), and to Mrs. Parfrey (mother of the second ringer) and Mr. P. Hurcombe (April 15th).

WADHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's variation. Tenor 12½ cwt.			
ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. .	Treble	RALPH BIRD .. .. .	5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. .	2	*CHARLES A. BASSETT ..	6
MARGARET A. LADD .. ..	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. .	7
THOMAS E. SONE .. .. .	4	ERNEST J. LADD .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.  
\* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

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## WAREHAM, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF LADY ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 15½ cwt.	
Mrs. F. J. MARSHALLSAY Treble	ARTHUR V. DAVIS .. 5
DOROTHY T. GARDINER .. 2	*ALAN A. J. BUSWELL .. 6
CHRISTOPHER J. REDWOOD .. 3	RONALD N. MARLOW .. 7
*DR. CHRISTOPHER T. BROWN .. 4	†LEWIS F. COBB .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD N. MARLOW.

\* First peal of Stedman. † 15th peal.

Rung in memoriam A. F. Martin Stewart, past Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

## WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE ANTIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND

AND  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Thurstans' Five-Part. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.	
W. BRO. DAVID VINCENT, De Sala Lodge 5657 .. .. Treble	
BRO. NORMAN TOMPKINS, Egerton Lodge 2216 .. .. 2	
BRO. CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE, Beacon Lodge 4066 .. .. 3	
W. BRO. JAMES W. HORNER, Norley Lodge 7319 .. .. 4	
BRO. JOSEPH THORNLEY, Farnworth Lodge 5301 .. .. 5	
BRO. PETER CROOK, SEN., Antiquity Lodge 146 .. .. 6	
BRO. PETER CROOK, JUN., St. John's Lodge 221 .. .. 7	
BRO. RONALD KENRICK, Perfect Ashlar Lodge 5246 .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by BRO. PETER CROOK, SEN.

Rung to celebrate the year of office of the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith as Master of Robert Burns Lodge 999, and Norman Heaps as Master of the Lodge of Unity 613.

## FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., April 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 12½ cwt. 8 lb. in G.	
JOSEPH THORNLEY .. .. Treble	GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL .. 5
KEITH ABBOTT .. .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 6
MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 3	NORMAN SMITH .. .. 7
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 4	JACK ASHCROFT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

Rung to celebrate the 90th birthday of the Rev. Canon Peter Green, one time Rector of Salford and a beloved priest of the Manchester Diocese, now in retirement in Hereford.

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.	
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. Treble	NEIL BENNETT .. .. 5
BASIL JONES .. .. 2	*BRIAN J. WYLDE .. .. 6
F. JOHN NELSON .. .. 3	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 7
PETER SCHOLFIELD .. .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by BASIL JONES.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung as an 18th birthday compliment to Bernard F. L. Groves, of Maidstone.

## EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5088 NAILSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.	
GEORGE DAWSON .. .. Treble	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. .. 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 2	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. 6
RONALD C. NOON .. .. 3	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 7
MAURICE BENNETT .. .. 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

First peal in the method by all.

Rung as a welcome to Christopher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Bennett.

## NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 18, 1961, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.	
*DOROTHY STAFFORD .. Treble	DAVID VINCENT .. .. 5
CHRISTINE MACFAIR .. 2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 6
†BRIAN SCHOFIELD .. .. 3	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 7
EILEEN M. FEARN .. .. 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise 'inside.'

## KENWYN, TRURO, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUBY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 16 cwt.	
*PATRICIA A. RULE .. .. Treble	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. 5
ALAN CARVETH .. .. 2	ARTHUR F. BURLEY .. .. 6
PETER ROWE .. .. 3	DAVID J. KING .. .. 7
V. MARY MATTHEWS .. 4	GRAHAM D. CARTER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.

\* First peal.

Rung to mark the birth of a son (Ian Michael) to Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Southwood, and a son (Steven) to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Carveth. Also an engagement compliment to Miss P. A. Rule and Mr. P. Rowe.

## LYDD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 19, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.	
JOHN R. COOPER .. .. Treble	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON .. 5
MAISIE VANTOM .. .. 2	*NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. 6
VIOLET I. E. RELF .. .. 3	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 7
MRS. R. WRATTEN .. .. 4	ROBERT SWIFT .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung as a compliment to Highwood S. Humphery, captain of the ringers at New Romney and a member of this Association for over 60 years, on his 80th birthday; also a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. Wratten.

## SIX BELL PEALS

## WOODCHURCH, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of three extents of Plain Bob and four of Kent Treble Bob.  
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

*WILLIAM HALL .. .. Treble	†TERENCE FITZGERALD .. 4
FRANK ANDERTON .. .. 2	GEOFFREY H. PULLIN .. 5
MICHAEL ROGERS .. .. 3	PETER S. BENNETT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER S. BENNETT.

\* First peal in England. † First peal, first attempt.

Rung on the day after St. Patrick's Day as a compliment to Mr. Hall.

## FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods, being (1) Cambridge Surprise; (2) Spliced 240 Capel and 480 Oxford T. Bob; (3) Spliced 240 Sandal and 480 Oxford T. Bob; (4) Spliced 240 London Scholars' Pleasure and 480 Oxford T. Bob; (5) Spliced 240 Kingston and 480 Oxford T. Bob; (6) Spliced 480 Oxford, 96 Kingston, 48 London Scholars' Pleasure, 48 Sandal and 48 Capel T. Bob; (7) Kent T. Bob; 30 changes of method.  
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

TESSA P. KEMP .. .. Treble	J. DAVID ADAMS .. .. 4
MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON .. 2	ALEX RICHARDSON .. .. 5
ALAN G. KIRK .. .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

## SWALCLIFFE, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 13 cwt. 12 qr. 1 lb. in F.

*RICHARD BENTLEY .. .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 4
†W. NORMAN GENNA .. .. 2	MICHAEL W. COLEMAN .. 5
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal of Minor. † First in seven methods.

## BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents of Oxford T.B., two of Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob.  
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

JACK BRAY .. .. Treble	GEORGE W. MOODY .. .. 4
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS .. 2	W. ARTHUR CROWDER .. 5
STEPHEN BROOMFIELD .. 3	WALTER AYRE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Rung on the 50th anniversary of the conductor's first peal, when the same methods were rung and he rang the same bell.



**TAXAL, DERBYSHIRE.**

**THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., April 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in 19 methods: (1) 240 Wragby, 120 St. Albans, 120 Neasden, 120 Charlwood and 120 Braintree Delight; (2) 240 Norbury, 120 College Exercise, 120 Duke of Norfolk, 120 Ockley and 120 Morning Star Treble Bob; (3) 600 Oxford, 48 Kingston, 24 London Scholars' Pleasure, 24 Sandal and 24 Chapel Treble Bob; (4) Cambridge Surprise; (5) Kent Treble Bob; (6) 600 Plain Bob and 120 Double Plain Bob; (7) Plain Bob; 27 changes of method.  
Tenor 11 cwt. 23 lb. in A.

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| ALEX RICHARDSON .. .. Treble | *J. DAVID ADAMS .. .. 4     |
| *GLADYS RICHARDSON .. .. 2   | JOHN R. KENNETT .. .. 5     |
| *ALAN G. KIRK .. .. 3        | BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor |

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

\* First peal in 19 methods.

**EARDISLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.**

**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thurs., April 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.  
MRS. E. C. CHANDLER .. Treble \*JOHN HOPE .. .. 4  
\*COLIN A. LEWIS .. .. 2 †A. BRYAN ELLSMORE .. 5  
\*ROBERT HATCHER .. .. 3 FRANK REED .. .. Tenor

Conducted by A. BRYAN ELLSMORE.

\* First peal in four Minor methods. † First in four Minor methods 'inside.'  
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Gillian Graney.

**BRISTOL.**

**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT WITHOUT,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in G.  
TERENCE J. MILSOM .. Treble \*GILLIAN M. HUSSEY .. 4  
\*MICHAEL J. HOBBS .. .. 2 †HUGH N. EVANS .. .. 5  
NOEL R. WAITE .. .. 3 ALAN F. LEE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Minor. † First of Minor 'inside.'  
A 21st birthday compliment to Peter T. Hurcombe.

**COWFOLD, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Consisting of a 720 each of (1) London Surprise, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Bourne Surprise, (4) Netherseale Surprise, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Oxford and (7) Kent. Tenor 8½ cwt.  
\*M. PETER HOWARD .. Treble \*JOHN A. HOWARD .. .. 4  
\*E. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. 2 \*HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 5  
\*FREDERICK J. ROBERTS .. 3 FRANK H. HICKS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

\* First peal in seven Treble Bob methods First as conductor in seven Treble Bob methods.

**LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.**

**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being an extent of St. Clement's Bob and six of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.  
\*DEREK A. CORK .. .. Treble MARY S. TAYLOR .. .. 4  
\*CHRISTOPHER H. MACVE .. 2 JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH .. .. 5  
†MARIA E. KIRBY .. .. 3 ANDREW M. MACVE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ANDREW M. MACVE.

\* First peal. † First 'inside.'

**MADELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

**THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 NORTON-LE-MOORS TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being two three-extent blocks and one extent (C.C.C. 108, 110 and 104).  
K. PETER JONES .. .. Treble ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 4  
CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. .. 2 FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 5  
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. .. 3 GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

First peal in the method (C.C.C. 29).  
Rung as a compliment to Miss Ann Fellows, and for the Association. Rung on the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen.

**NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**

**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being four extents Stedman, 16 Plain Bob and 22 Grandsire.  
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

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| GRACE BURCHNALL .. .. Treble | *ELEANOR ROSE .. .. 4      |
| *LAVINA MUMFORD .. .. 2      | *ALLAN WILSON .. .. 5      |
| KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. 3     | *ROGER MUMFORD .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by GRACE BURCHNALL.

\* First peal of Doubles. First of Doubles as conductor.  
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. W. H. Snow, the new Vicar.

**NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob and five of Kent Treble Bob.  
Tenor 11 cwt.

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| WENDY BOWAK .. .. Treble | DENNIS ELLESDON .. .. 4     |
| *ANN HANCOCK .. .. 2     | JOHN MCPHAIL .. .. 5        |
| DEREK RILEY .. .. 3      | WILLIAM WEDLOCK .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM WEDLOCK.

\* First peal.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.**

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

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| CHRISTINE M. RIMMER .. Treble | M. AMY COBURN .. .. 4      |
| CHRISTINE V. PULLIN .. 2      | JOYCE DODDS .. .. 5        |
| *CECILIA J. BLAND .. .. 3     | HELEN Y. PRICE .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOYCE DODDS.

\* First peal. First tower bell peal as conductor.  
Rung by members of the St. Albans District in honour of the granting of the Freedom of the City of St. Albans to H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother on April 13th.

**SHELLEY, YORKSHIRE.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(Barnsley and District Society.)

*On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EMMANUEL,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Snowdrop, (2) College Exercise and Duke of Norfolk, (3) London Scholars' and Sandal, (4) Kingston and Chapel, (5) Woodbine, (6) Kent, (7) Oxford. Tenor 11½ cwt.  
JAMES W. BUXTON .. Treble TREVOR TARBATT .. .. 4  
HERMAN RUSBY .. .. 2 †GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. 5  
\*PETER CARBUTT .. .. 3 NOEL F. MOXON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NOEL F. MOXON.

\* First peal in ten methods. † First in ten methods 'inside.'  
A birthday compliment to Stanley Ramsden, of the local band.

**THORINGTON, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

Being extents of Munden, Chester, Alnwick, Newcastle, Northumberland, Sandiacre and Carlisle. Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb.  
RACHEL J. R. NEWSTEAD .. Treble GEORGE N. ORMAN .. .. 4  
ARTHUR G. BUTTON .. .. 2 H. FRANK PIKE .. .. 5  
ROY DUESBURY .. .. 3 ALAN R. ANDREWS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

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## WATERINGBURY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.  
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

*CYRIL W. HANCOCK .. Treble	†EDWARD J. JENNER .. . 4
†ANN GEORGE .. . 2	§MARTIN L. HOWE .. . 5
†JOHN E. WARNER .. . 3	STANLEY JENNER .. . Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Treble Bob 'inside.' ‡ 75th peal. § First of Kent T.B.

## NUTFIELD, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 30 extents of Grandsire (ten callings) and 12 of Plain Bob (four callings).  
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

*SHARON NORTHEAST .. Treble	*WILFERED DUNN .. . 4
*KEITH GAME .. . 2	EDWARD G. L. COWARD .. 5
*DAVID WROE .. . 3	†GEORGE OLLIVER .. . Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD G. L. COWARD.

\* First peal. † First of Doubles.

## WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

WALTER BAILEY .. Treble	ALAN R. BRIDGES .. . 4
A. EDWARD LEGGETT .. 2	HARRY J. MILLATT .. . 5
EVELYN R. CANSDALE .. 3	DAVID E. CULHAM .. . Tenor

Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.

The tenor ringer has 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (Rev. A. J. Tempest Lewis), instituted the previous day.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## DERBY.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

IN EAST WING, ST. ANDREW'S VICARAGE,

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 1 Hour and 31 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*ALAN H. BRIDGES .. . 1-2	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 3-4
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\*GEOFFREY BRIDGES .. . 5-6

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

\* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. Walklate.

## Also

On Sun., March 19, 1961, in 1 Hour and 25 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 13½ in D sharp.

ALAN H. BRIDGES .. . 1-2	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 3-4
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GEOFFREY BRIDGES .. . 5-6

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

## Also

On Wed., March 22, 1961, in 1 Hour and 3 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor size 8 in C.

**†ALAN H. BRIDGES .. 1-2	†DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 3-4
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GEOFFREY BRIDGES .. . 5-6

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

Witnesses: MR. and MRS. H. BRIDGES.

\* 25th peal. † 25th peal together. Fastest peal rung for the Association.

## HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., March 31, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT 17, ST. BEVANS ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

JOHN F. BRYANT .. . 1-2	ROBERT E. MOULDS .. . 5-6
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J. HENRY FIELDEN .. . 3-4	GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. 7-8
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Composed and Conducted by J. HENRY FIELDEN.

First peal 'in hand' by all except the conductor. First 'in hand' as conductor.

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# The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS



## HALF PEALS

**PRESTON, SUFFOLK.**—On April 16th, 2,520 Minor (Oxford, Kent and Plain): M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, W. Jarvis 2, J. Hunt 3, R. Chambers 4, A. R. Knight 5, L. Pryke 6. First half peal by all and on the bells.

**WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.**—On April 22nd, 2,640 Doubles (2,400 Reverse Canterbury, 240 Plain Bob): T. Trickett 1, R. A. Trickett 2, J. E. Brough 3, F. R. Morton (cond.) 4, E. Y. Hughes 5, C. A. Thomas 6. Peal attempt called round, due to a clapper fault.

**ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.**—On April 17th, 1,440 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): W. G. Trevett 1, M. W. Ford 2, J. H. Hayne 3, N. J. Hayne 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, D. J. Wood 6. A welcome to the Bishop, while visiting Abbotsbury, on his walk through the deanery.

**BEDFORD.**—At St. Paul's Church, on April 16th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. Thompson 1, B. Pattison (cond.) 2, Avril Ivin 3, Kathleen Rivett 5, R. W. Rivett 4, R. French 6, R. L. Piron 7, S. Foskett 8, J. R. Taylor 9, S. Ivin 10. An 83rd birthday compliment to Don Thompson.

**BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.**—On April 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss L. Doone 1, W. R. Chandler 2, R. J. Brown (cond.) 3, V. J. C. Dale 4, Miss B. Fisher 5. Rung for Matins on St. George's Day, and to celebrate the christening of Stephen Francis, son of Joyce and George Bruty, choristers at this church. First quarter in three methods by all.

**BERROW, SOMERSET.**—On April 14th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss P. Popham 1, F. B. Comer 2, J. Burroughs 3, S. Smith 4, J. S. Walton (cond.) 5, J. Creber 6. First of Stedman Doubles by all except conductor.

**BOLTON, LANCs.**—At Holy Trinity Church, on April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Wood 1, H. Gorton 2, J. W. Kay 3, A. E. Sandiford 4, T. Bratby 5, J. Kay 6, P. Crook sen. (cond.) 7, J. W. Hamer 8. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stewart. He is a service ringer at this church.

**BOSTON, LINC'S.**—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Gilbert 1, W. B. Dawson 2, F. P. Harwood 3, J. P. Morris 4, P. Reynolds 5, J. Petch 6, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 7, R. Stephenson 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. Mary Leggett, wife of F. Leggett, a ringer at this church.

**BINFIELD, BERKS.**—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Tomlinson (first quarter) 1, Dorothy Stopps (cond.) 2, C. Stopps 3, K. Goddard 4, F. Tomlinson 5, D. Tomlinson 6. To mark the recovery and homecoming of Major J. L. Wills, churchwarden, following a serious accident.

**BURFORD, OXON.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Katherine E. Hall (first on treble) 1, C. F. M. Collett 2, Brenda Hall 3, J. J. Westmacotte 4, J. W. Dixon 5, T. W. Timus 6, W. J. Dixon (cond.) 7, Christine E. Houlton 8.

**BURWOOD, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.**—On April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Keir (first quarter) 1, P. Davis (first quarter) 2, L. R. Langshaw (first 'inside') 3, G. A. J. Langshaw 4, W. M. Rowe (cond.) 5, W. Powell (first quarter) 6. First quarter on the bells by a local team and all except 5. Rung for the first anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

**BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.**—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Morris 1, Mrs. T. Norris 2, C. Cook 3, C. Evans 4, T. Ashby 5, J. Rooter 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, D. Cobb 8. Rung in honour of the golden wedding this day of Mr. A. Deamer.

**CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKS.**—On Palm Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Onians (first away from tenor) 1, Mrs. P. S. Cracknell 2, B. Edwards 3, Mrs. J. Kelly (first of Minor) 4, P. Atkins 5, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 6. For Sung Eucharist. Also 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. M. Damerell (first quarter) 1, P. Atkins 2, Mrs. P. S. Cracknell 3, B. Edwards 4, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 5, J. Onians 6. For Evensong. Also on Easter Day, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. S. Cracknell 1, P. Atkins 2, B. Edwards 3, J. P. G. Webb (first of Plain Bob Minor) 4, Mrs. J. Kelly 5, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.**—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jacqueline Purnell 1, Rosemary Smith 2, Mary Powell 3, Monica Horseman 4, Hilda Kingcott 5, Mary Hall 6, Elisabeth Bowden (first as cond.) 7, Ivy Norton 8. Rung by members of the Ladies' Guild as a birthday compliment to H.M. the Queen.

## QUARTER PEALS

**COALPIT HEATH, GLOS.**—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: W. A. Cook 1, S. G. Riches 2, J. A. Bennett (cond.) 3, G. W. Smart 4, J. Ferris 5, G. A. T. Astbury (first quarter) 6. For the christening this day of George Michael Stanley Astbury, son of the tenor ringer.

**COLWALL, HEREFORDS.**—On April 15th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: A. W. Davis 1, Miss M. Tilbury 2, G. Cousins 3, J. J. Webb 4, J. Eisel 5, F. Reed 6, A. T. Wingate 7, G. Davis (cond.) 8. To mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

**CORSECOMBE, DORSET.**—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Pariss 1, G. Searle 2, E. C. Atyeo 3, H. Bonfield 4, A. S. Atyeo (cond.) 5, G. Farley 6. First quarter by 1, 2, 4, 6.

**COWBRIDGE, GLAM.**—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7 and 8 covering alternately): Elizabeth Thomas (first quarter) 1, G. Jones 2, R. E. Coles (cond.) 3, Alana Thomas 4, J. Thomas 5, H. Blick 6, A. Thomas 7, I. D. Davies 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. J. Lewis, mother of the Rev. E. O. T. Lewis, Vicar of Cowbridge, also in memoriam Mrs. Jones, mother of the ringer of second.

**EAST HARTREE, SOMERSET.**—On April 13th, 1,260 Doubles (All Saints', Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire and Plain Bob): E. Caple 1, Mary Powell 2, J. Brain 3, M. Horseman (cond.) 4, J. Fray 5, F. Andrews 6. A compliment to Mr. M. Jarvis, churchwarden and ringer at East Hartree for 40 years.

**EPSOM, SURREY.**—At St. Martin's Church, on March 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Ford 1, Miss B. M. Spencer 2, A. S. Besant 3, D. A. Carpenter 4, Miss J. Besant 5, R. C. Spittle 6, C. W. Munday (cond.) 7, L. D. Kingwood 8. Rung by ringing colleagues as a compliment to Miss Margaret Slack (Epsom) and Mr. Derek G. Spittle (Ewell), who were married at St. Mary's Church, Reading, the previous day.

**GORRAN, CORNWALL.**—On April 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Mrs. D. J. King 1, D. Burnett 2, A. Locke 3, A. J. Davidson 4, D. J. King (cond.) 5, G. D. Carter 6. First in 3 methods for 3 and 4. Rung as a welcome to Ian Michael, infant son of Bob and Jill Southwood, and Stephen, infant son of Alan and Mary Carveth.

**GREENWICH, LONDON.**—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Hottel's Original): T. Culver 1, T. Easterby 2, J. Machell 3, Miss Inman 4, Miss Cannon (cond.) 5, E. Jones 6, J. Dafters 7, R. Boyce 8. For Dedication service.

**HOLLOWAY, LONDON.**—On April 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss N. Hales 1, Mrs. G. G. Meyer 2, Miss D. A. Deverell 3, R. Newman 4, J. A. Hales 5, C. W. Otley 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, W. D. Grainger 8. For Evensong and as a 40th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Otley.

**KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.**—On March 12th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Freda P. Greaves 1, R. Shipp 2, E. H. Mastin 3, R. Newson 4, C. H. Whitton 5, L. W. Houghton 6, W. Rose 7, N. V. Harding (cond.) 8. For Mothering Sunday. Also on April 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. C. Crome 1, L. W. Houghton 2, Freda P. Greaves 3, W. J. Curston 4, E. H. Mastin 5, I. J. M. Saunders 6, W. Rose 7, N. V. Harding (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Tom Greenacre.

**KINGSTONE, HEREFORDS.**—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Colcombe 1, L. H. Colcombe 2, R. G. Powell (cond.) 3, M. V. Powell 4, T. J. Gundy 5, F. Williams 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Ivor G. Jones, loyal member of this tower, who was interred this day at Madley.

**LEYLAND, LANCs.**—On April 11th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: J. Nelson (cond.) 1, D. Marsden 2, R. Crowe 3, J. Humble 4, J. E. Sumner 5, J. Owens 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Haydock, sidesman and ringer of this church, died suddenly, aged 33.

**MARK, SOMERSET.**—On April 18th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Mrs. D. Burrough 1, Miss P. Popham 2, J. Creber 3, G. J. Burrough 4, S. Body 5, F. B. Comer (cond.) 6, R. W. Ham 7, H. Petheram 8. First of Oxford Bob Triples by all the band. For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Lee, and the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. S. Body.

**NAILSEA, SOMERSET.**—On April 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): Mrs. M. Powell 1, Jennifer Brake 2, Mary Powell 3, L. Derrick 4, C. Korright (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

**OXFORD.**—On April 5th, at the Church of St. Thomas, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Southrepps and Grandsire): P. J. Heritage 1, R. H. Jones 2, N. D. Deam (cond.) 3, J. S. Walker 4, E. R. Venn 5, S. D. Edwards 6. Also on the same day and at the same church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. J. Heritage 1, N. D. Deam 2, R. H. Jones 3, J. S. Walker 4, S. D. Edwards 5, E. R. Venn (cond.) 6.

**PARRAMATTA, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.**—On April 16th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. C. Hughes 1, R. L. Clark (first of Kent) 2, R. W. Ferris 3, W. B. Pitcher 4, W. D. Watson 5, J. H. Fryer (cond.) 6. A welcome to W. B. Pitcher, of Adelaide.

**PENN, STAFFS.**—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Stinch 1, B. T. Ford 2, C. F. W. Eyre 3, Miss A. Frost 4, C. Griffiths 5, H. Howell 6, E. G. Bowyer (cond.) 7, G. Hill 8. A farewell to the Rev. D. Sutcliffe, curate, who is to be Vicar of Ashton-under-Lyne.

**PORTBURY, SOMERSET.**—On April 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, Plain Bob): Audrey Frost (first quarter) 1, V. James 2, B. Goodliffe 3, C. Brown (first 'inside') 4, M. Horseman (cond.) 5, A. R. Saye 6.

**PLYMOUTH, DEVON.**—On April 20th, at Emmanuel Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on the back six): Priscilla Drake (first quarter) 1, Sylvia Sims 2, F. R. Hocking 3, A. Weatherley 4, W. G. Lavers (cond.) 5, O. Thomas 6.

**ROYDON, ESSEX.**—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Ward 1, C. W. Sams 2, W. P. Sams (cond.) 3, B. G. Burton 4, A. A. Living 5, J. Terry 6. For Evensong, on the occasion of the visit by the Archdeacon of Southend.

**RUSKINGTON, LINC'S.**—On April 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. Short 1, C. R. Muxlow 2, D. A. Kirk (cond.) 3, R. M. Short (first quarter) 4, G. F. Hugh 5, T. Warrington 6. For Evensong.

**SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICs.**—On April 16th, 1,260 Doubles in 3 methods (April Day, Plain Bob, Grandsire): Carol Norman 1, D. W. Stanston 2, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 3, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 4, M. G. Wood 5, N. May 6, D. Heathcote 7, K. H. Mildred 8. First on 8 for 1, 6, 7, 8. For Evensong.

**STOGUMBER, SOMERSET.**—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Routley 1, P. Watts 2, W. Smith 3, R. Penny 4, R. Somerfield (cond.) 5, S. Bryant 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect, from his fellow ringers, to Jim Hawkins, who was interred this day.

**SYDNEY, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.**—At St. Mary's R.C. Basilica, on April 17th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: D. C. Hughes (age 17, first 'inside') 1, W. B. Pitcher 2, W. D. Watson 3, J. F. Hammond 4, J. H. Fryer (17, cond.) 5, R. L. Clark 6. First of Stedman for all except 2. An engagement compliment to James F. Hammond and Elizabeth McGrath.

**TENTERDEN, KENT.**—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Meynell 1, Kathleen M. Yeo (cond.) 2, Violet I. E. Relf 3, W. P. Tickner 4, P. Relf 5, A. Stanger 6. Rung Easter Sunday, in appreciation of the work of Mr. and Mrs. Pass in helping to raise the money for the rehanging of these bells. Mr. and Mrs. Pass are leaving the district for Petersfield, Hants. Last quarter on the bells before rehanging.

**THORNHAUGH, NORTHANTS.**—On April 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Davis 1, F. Sismey 2, A. Waller (first quarter) 3, M. Parker (cond.) 4, G. Cowlin 5.

**UPPER CLAPTON, E.**—At the Church of St. Matthew, on March 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. F. Neal 1, Miss N. Hales 2, C. A. Gray 3, J. M. Steele 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. W. Gray 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8. First quarter together for 3 and 6. Also on April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. F. Neal 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, J. M. Steele 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. W. Gray 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8. Last quarter to be rung on the bells before demolition of the spire and to celebrate the christening of Nicholas James Hare, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Neal, the same day.

**USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.**—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Taylor 1, Nancy Hobbs 2, S. Kear 3, F. Hobbs 4, D. Hughes 5, R. Clench 6, L. Jones (cond.) 7, N. Biddiscombe 8. For service.

**WOOD GREEN, N.**—On April 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob): D. Whitaker (first quarter) 1, Miss M. West (first in more than one method) 2, A. Spreadbury (cond.) 3, Miss W. Whitaker 4, W. Vince 5, Miss J. Spreadbury 6. Rung for Evensong. Ringer of tenor has now 'circled the tower' to quarters.



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Mr. Walter Ayre went to Barton-on-Humber on April 12th to ring on the same bell the same methods he rang for his first peal 50 years ago. He expresses his grateful thanks to all who made the peal possible. Ringing in the peal was Mr. Arthur W. Hoodless, who rang the treble to the first peal on the bells in February, 1911. The first peal was conducted by the father of Mr. W. A. Crowder, who rang the 5th in Mr. Ayre's 50th anniversary peal.

Mr. Alan Carveth has now 'circled' Kenwyn tower.

The front cover of the Hampshire County Magazine for April is a colour photograph of five ringers of Sopley Church in the Avon Valley.

In the peal of 5.280 Spliced Surprise Maximus at Manchester Town Hall on April 1st (page 262) the ringer of ninth was Robert B. Smith and tenth Denis Mottershead.

A peal was rung at Hothfield, Kent, on April 22nd, to welcome the new Vicar. This was the first peal on the bells since the restoration of the tower. The bells have been silent for 15 years!

The Masonic ringers who rang the peal at Worsley on April 15th would like to record their sincere thanks to W. Bro. the Rev. Tom Billington, Vicar of Worsley, for the use of his church bells.

In order to accommodate various services in the Cathedral and functions in the Guildhall, ringing practices have been altered at Winchester Cathedral. There will be no practice on May 17th and Thursday practices on June 8th and July 13th.

The band who rang the peal at Stoke Climsland extend their sympathy and best wishes to Miss Yvonne C. Porter, who through illness was prevented from taking part. They also wish to associate the peal with Messrs. A. Carveth and R. A. Southwood, of Kenwyn, and congratulate them upon entering another of life's stages—that of parenthood. Both were recently presented with a son and heir.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Does any other tower band wash their bells? This question comes from Sydney, Australia. St. Mary's Basilica bells there have been recently washed, prior to the ringing chamber and belfry being painted. 'So far, the caption states, 'the only bells in Sydney to be washed,' writes our correspondent.

Mr. W. Pitcher, of Adelaide, has been visiting four of the 'light' rings in Sydney and has found them quite a change after his own tower's two ton tenor

A shoulder bag was left at St. Michael's, Maidstone, on Easter Monday, and has not yet been claimed. Will the owner contact Mr. R. L. Sills, Glenavon, St. Vincent's Lane, Addington, West Malling, Kent.

The old and the young were in evidence in a peal of Plain Bob Major at Birstwith, Yorks. It was conducted by 13-year-old S. Barry Schofield, his first attempt at peal conducting. Ringing the treble was Jackson Ewbank, who has now completed 60 years as a ringer at this church and who was ringing his first peal for the Yorkshire Association.

Ringers from many Canadian towns, including the Vancouver Society of Change Ringers, are spending Whitsun week-end at Calgary, Alberta. The great attraction is the bells of Christ Church, hung in 1957. A warm welcome awaits all ringers here. For details write to the Ringing Master, Mr. Ted Taverner, 3606, 8A Street, S.W. Calgary, Alberta. Phone CH3-0171.

The ringers of Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, were delighted again to welcome into the belfry on April 20th Miss Margaret Izard, of British Columbia, who is spending a holiday in England. She was last home in 1948, when she spent most of her time with her brother in Plymouth and quite a lot was seen of her. This time she has only been able to spend a week in Plymouth. She brought news of Miss Judy Midgley, of Calgary, a former ringer at Emmanuel, who is doing a grand job in training a band of ringers at Calgary, where she is on the staff at a local hospital.

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## Arrangements for Whitsun

Headquarters will be the Grand Hotel, Trinity Street, Hanley, and all members and friends will be welcome there during the weekend.

### WHIT TUESDAY

Holy Communion at the Parish Church, Stoke-on-Trent, at 8 a.m. Breakfast for ticket holders in the Town Hall, opposite the Church, afterwards.

Council meeting in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall at 10 a.m. Will members be in their seats by 9.45 a.m.

Civic reception by the Lord Mayor of Stoke-on-Trent and tea in the Jubilee Hall, Town Hall, at 5.30 p.m.

Social evening at headquarters.

### CIVIC RECEPTION AND TEA

Members and their wives are being invited to a civic reception and tea after the meeting at Stoke-on-Trent. Invitations and a reply card will be sent to all who notify me, on or before May 9th, of their wish to attend.

### HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE— BREAKFAST INVITATION

The Rector of Stoke has kindly invited those attending the service in St. Peter's Parish Church at 8 a.m. on Whitsun Tuesday to breakfast in the Town Hall afterwards. A bus will be available to take members to the church from various points. Invitations will be sent to those who notify me, on or before May 9th, of their wish to attend.

PLEASE NOTE THAT TICKETS WILL NOT, REPEAT NOT, BE AVAILABLE FOR ANY MEMBER WHOSE APPLICATION IS RECEIVED AFTER MAY 9th.

### RINGING TOURS

The following coach tours have been arranged, and applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made as soon as possible and not later than May 6th, 1961, to E. H. Edge, Bradwell House, 177, Congleton Road, Scholar Green, Stoke-on-Trent.

**WHIT SUNDAY, May 21st.**—Leave headquarters 1.45 p.m. Ringing at Broughton (8), Eccleshall (8), Stone (8), Uttoxeter (8). Arrive back at headquarters 9 p.m. Total cost, inclusive of high tea and gratuities, 16s.

**WHIT MONDAY, May 22nd.**—Leave headquarters 9.30 a.m. Ringing at Alton (8), Bakewell (8), Buxton (8), Cheadle R.C. (8), Leek (10), Youghreave (8). Arrive back at headquarters 8.30 p.m. Total cost, inclusive of lunch, high tea and gratuities, 24s.

**WHIT MONDAY, May 22nd.**—Leave headquarters 9.30 a.m. Ringing at Clive (6), Hodnet (8), Market Drayton (8), Whitchurch (8). Arrive back at headquarters 5 p.m. Total cost, inclusive of lunch and gratuities, 17s. 6d.

### INDUSTRIAL VISIT—WEDNESDAY, MAY 24th

Arrangements have been made for a party to tour the factory of Josiah Wedgwood and Sons, Ltd., on the morning of Wednesday, May 24th. As numbers are strictly limited applications for inclusion in the party should be sent as soon as possible to E. H. Edge, Bradwell House, 177, Congleton Road, Scholar Green, Stoke-on-Trent.

### Affiliation Fees

These became due on January 1st, 1961 (Rule 8, as renumbered). Fees for the following Societies have not yet been paid: Cumberland and North Westmorland, Dudley and District, Durham and Newcastle, East Derbyshire, National Police Guild, New South Wales, St. David's, St. Martin's (Birmingham), Yorkshire.

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MR. FRANK B. LUFKIN,  
Essex Association.

A holder of several records on six, eight and ten bells, Mr. Frank B. Lufkin, of Holland-on-Sea, Essex, is one of the most enthusiastic and accomplished ringers in the country. Yet one of his greatest pleasures is ringing peals with 'first pealers,' and he is proud of ringing in the first peal of 75 ringers, including 63 to whom he acted as conductor. It is surprising that he is able to get in as much ringing as he does, as since 1947 he has been employed in the Fire Service, and is now a station office for Essex County Fire Brigade, and officer-in-charge of the Clacton-on-Sea Fire Station. This entails being on duty sometimes 120 hours a week, and his ringing has had to be built round the shift work of being a fireman.

Frank was born on Christmas Day, 1910, at Prittlewell, Southend-on-Sea, and was taught to ring at the Parish Church by Mr. William H. Judd in January, 1928. He made quick progress, and could ring most of the standard methods by the end of the year. His first peal was rung at Prittlewell on July 27th, 1929, being Oxford Treble Bob Major, and his second was Double Norwich at Crayford, Kent, conducted by Edwin Barnett senior, and band including Tom Groombridge senior and John H. Cheesman. He received an elementary education, and was first apprenticed as a coach painter, working in that job for 9½ years. On January 1st, 1935, he became verger of St. Mary's, Prittlewell, and worked in that capacity for 12 years, serving during

the war in the National Fire Service. Altogether he was a member of the Prittlewell band for 26 years, and is proud of being captain from 1935-1954. During this period he rang no fewer than 92 peals here, taught many ringers, and maintained a good and regular Sunday service band. At one time practices used to be attended by as many as 35 ringers. About 1950, he started the Southend and District Guild, for the purpose of arranging extra meetings, and to interest young ringers in administration. He has also served on the Essex Association Committee since 1954, and has been peal secretary since 1954.

Frank's present peal total (up to March 12th) is 504, of which he has conducted 337. Included amongst these are a large number of Surprise methods, many of which he has conducted, and he has called peals on all numbers of bells from five to twelve. He is an enthusiastic Minor ringer, and in 1956 called peals in 26, 35, 40 and 42 methods for the Essex Association, later conducting the existing Minor record—18,000 in 25 methods. On August 7th, 1950, he conducted the record length (on tower bells) of 12,740 Bob Royal at Prittlewell, but the highlight of his record peals was the 22,400 Bob Major, which he conducted at Kirby-le-Soken on April 2nd, 1960, the longest peal rung by one set of men to date. He is a great believer in the fact that all ringing can be enjoyable, if the rhythm is there, though he considers ten bell ringing to be the best number of all, and his favourite music is Grandshire Caters.

In addition to leading a busy life in the belfry and Fire Service, Frank is a very keen philatelist, and won the cup last year for the best display of stamps in the annual competition of the Clacton and District Philatelic Society. He is mainly interested in European stamps, particularly those of the Netherlands. Since 1945 he has been a member of the Central Council, and has attended every meeting except one, and is one of the members of the Sunday Service Committee. He is very keen to foster good striking, and has given a trophy to be competed for by members of the Essex Association in a striking competition.

There is a possibility that Frank and his band may one day attempt the 40,320 Bob Major, and his friends (and rivals!) will wish them 'good luck' in this arduous adventure. His enthusiasm, despite many difficulties at work, is much to be admired.

APACE.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD Chertsey District

Preaching at the meeting of the Chertsey District at Horsell on April 8th, the Vicar (the Rev. A. P. A. Gaze) denied a report that appeared in an evening paper that Horsell bells were to be muffled, because of complaints. He hoped the bells would be heard more often, but the possibility of some movable shutters was being considered for practice nights.

The District Ringing Master reported at the meeting, which followed an excellent tea, an attendance of 35 at the first combined practice held at Weybridge the previous Tuesday. The next practice would be at Old Woking in May.

During a discussion on the suggested merger with the Surrey Association, some fears were expressed that the Guild would lose its identity. Seven new members were elected. Ringing included Cambridge and the attendance was almost 50.

## HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Methods up to Yorkshire Surprise and Double Norwich were rung at the St. Albans District meeting at St. Michael's, St. Albans, on April 15th. An interesting lecture on the church was given by the Rev. D. J. Harpier, who conducted the service. Next meeting, Tewin; special method, Oxford Bob Minor. Special thanks to the Vicar and local band for providing a really excellent tea.

C. M. R.

## QUEEN MOTHER AT ST. ALBANS

On Thursday, April 13th, St. Albans was a hive of activity, specially where ringing was concerned. The purpose of the Queen Mother's visit was to become a Freeman of the City and all four rings of bells were rung to welcome her.

At the Cathedral a course a Grandshire Cinques and a touch of Stedman Caters were rung by members of the local band, assisted by ringers from Elstree, North Mymms and Watford. St. Peter's greeted Her Majesty on her arrival in St. Peter's Street with Grandshire Triples, rung by the local band, plus ringers from Harpenden and St. Stephen's, St. Albans. The younger members of the St. Michael's band, assisted by other local ringers, rang Grandshire Triples and later Plain Bob Major as H.M. drove past the church. St. Stephen's band rang a quarter peal of St. Albans Delight Minor and a 720 of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor in honour of the occasion.

Finally on Saturday morning six ladies from St. Albans District rang a peal of Plain Bob Minor at St. Stephen's.

C. M. R.

The girls of St. Cuthbert's, Great Salkeld, Cumberland, with 81-year-old Mr. T. Lambert, provided one of our national Sunday picture papers with its centre page glamour article. Swinging high on ropes, as pictorially displayed, is not encouraged by instructors.



## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

THE 71st annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Association took place at Evercreech on Easter Monday. Ringers from all parts of the Diocese were present for the service in St. Peter's Church. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. F. Warren (Master), and the address was given by the Rt. Rev. D. J. Wilson (vice-president and an Assistant Bishop of Bath and Wells). The lesson was read by the Rev. Dr. F. A. Pollard.

After lunch at the Bell Hotel, 150 members gathered at the Village Hall. In opening the meeting with prayer, the Master asked members to stand in memory of the following, who had passed away: the president the late Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells, the Revs. A. D. H. Allen, H. S. Briggs, A. J. H. Hobbs, Dr. D. Brodie, Mrs. E. T. P. Field, Messrs. H. Davies, F. Field, D. Gard, F. Hall, M. Hutchings, A. Lintern, P. H. Marshall, W. J. Prescott and A. Shattock.

Apologies were received from the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, who sent his blessing and best wishes. Also from the Rt. Rev. D. J. Wilson, the Rt. Rev. Fabian Jackson, the Revs. R. L. Dewe, C. Marshall and R. O. Fry, Miss N. Williams, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, E. T. P. Field, R. J. Fox, E. Naylor and H. A. Price.

The Association was honoured by the presence of Mr. Frederick Sharpe, F.S.A., president of the Central Council.

In presenting his report, the Master felt obliged to apologise for his inactivity during the year. His recovery from ill-health was continuing, however, and he assured members that his continued absence from Branch meetings did not mean lack of interest. For him the highlights of the year had been the ringing for the enthronement of the Bishop at Wells Cathedral, when over 30 ringers had been present on a mid-week afternoon, and the dedication of a new bell at Stockland. This, he said, together with a forthcoming dedication at Long Sutton, were heartening signs of the faith which members had in the future of ringing.

### MEMBERSHIP, 1,616

The secretary reported a performing membership of 1,616. He said that members had been lost because their subscriptions had become overdue. On enquiring into two such cases he had found that in each case the tower correspondent had been ill and that the other members of the band had overlooked the subscriptions. He appealed to tower correspondents to try to get the money in early in the year so that Branch secretaries might have a chance to contact those outstanding.

The secretary said that the Association was now widely recognised by the Parochial Church Councils of the Diocese and, as a result, much had been done in teaching new bands and in consolidating the work commenced the previous year. In conjunction with Somerset County Council, a course had been run at Taunton and at Wells theological students had been taught.

### SUPPORT FROM 177 TOWERS

In the absence of Mr. E. Naylor (treasurer) the secretary presented the balance sheet. This showed an increased balance of £8, although it was pointed out that some instructors had not received their expenses and more booklets were on order and had to be paid for. In stating that £100 had been transferred to the Bell Fund, the secretary said that this was entirely due to the support of the P.C.C.s. Affiliation fees were up by £38 and, of the 227 towers mentioned in the report, 177 had, through their P.C.C.s, paid the increased fee. No applications for grants had been received

during the year and members were asked to bring to the notice of the Association any restoration work which they knew was contemplated so that help might be offered.

Mr. H. J. Sanger (peal secretary) said that 66 peals had been rung, an increase of 17 on the previous year. Mr. V. Roberts was the leading peal ringer and Mr. G. Prescott the leading conductor. Peals of note were the Double Norwich Royal at Wrington and the non-conducted Grandsire Doubles at Shapwick. The four peals at Twernton said much for the work of Mr. A. Lee.

The Diocesan adviser, Mr. R. H. Gardiner, reported that he and Mr. W. Osborn had had an active year. Advice had been given at seven towers and specifications had been accepted for Brusford, Hemington and Uphill. Reports had been given at Camerton, Durston, Langport and Wells.

Mr. T. J. Setter, in proposing that the reports be adopted, thanked the officers for their work during the year. This was seconded by Mr. L. Derrick and carried unanimously.

The Rev. H. F. Warren (Master), Mr. G. Salmon (general secretary) and Mr. E. Naylor (treasurer) were re-elected for the ensuing year. In calling for nominations for the post of Diocesan adviser on the Care of Bells, the Master stated that, because of ill-health, Mr. Gardiner would not seek re-election. He thanked Mr. Gardiner for his work in the past and voiced the feelings of the meeting in wishing him better health in the future. Mr. H. J. Sanger was elected Diocesan adviser and Mr. P. C. Wright peal secretary. Mr. D. E. Lee was elected auditor.

### RESOLUTIONS

Mr. H. A. Price proposed and Mr. E. J. Chivers seconded a resolution that the following words be added to Rule 4, Clause IV: 'Any performing member who leaves the Diocese to reside elsewhere; who has paid a minimum of 5s. in normal subscriptions and who is a fully paid up member at the time of his departure, automatically becomes a Non-Resident Life Member.' This was carried unanimously.

Mr. S. G. Coles proposed and Mr. A. H. Reed seconded that the wording of Rule 3 be amended to allow a Branch to nominate its representative on the General Committee. It was felt that should be a Branch secretary be unable to attend meetings the Branch would not be represented on the committee. After general discussion, during which it was pointed out that this had happened in the past, the motion was carried.

Under any other business, Mr. Coles 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 seconded and carried.

Mr. J. Brain proposed that the meeting should send their congratulations to the editor and staff of 'The Ringing World' on producing such an excellent Golden Jubilee number. The secretary was instructed to write accordingly.

Mr. K. Brain raised the subject of the elderly ringers and wondered if the Association could acknowledge their services in any way. After discussion it was felt that ringers completing a number of years' service could be honourably mentioned in the annual report.

Mr. D. Hoare, in proposing a vote of thanks, mentioned the able way in which the Master had conducted the meeting and thanked the Rev. R. L. Dewe for the use of his bells and for allowing them to hold the service in his church. He also thanked the incumbents and tower correspondents of all the towers that were open.

## 200th PEAL AT A NEWCASTLE CHURCH

With a peal of Zelah Surprise Major the 200th peal was rung at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Newcastle upon Tyne. This was the first peal in the method for the Association and by a coincidence the first peal on the bells, on December 22nd, 1884 (Plain Bob Major), was also the first in the method for the Association.

Reputed to have been built in 1287, this church stands on the corner of two of the busiest streets of the city—Westgate Road and Grainger Street. Records show that the church possessed a ring of six in 1706, with a tenor of 14½ cwt., by Robert Phelps, of London. The treble was replaced in 1880 and again recast in 1884, when two trebles were added by Wanner and Sons, London, making, as a note at this time states, 'a complete and musical peal of eight.'

About 1900 the tower was declared unsafe by the architect and closed; however, in 1902 peals were again being rung at the church, which suggests that the 'illness' was short lived. In 1926 the bells were recast and rehung in a metal frame, by Gillett and Johnston, with a tenor of 11 cwt. 5 lb. Peals rung on the bells were:

Minor.—6 (Plain Bob 3).

Triples.—61 (Stedman 44, Grandsire 8, Plain Bob 8, Union 1)

Plain and Treble Bob Major.—86 (Kent 38, Double Norwich 24, Plain Bob 10, Oxford T.B. 4, Double Bob 2, Little Bob 2, Woodbine, Duffield, Mixed Bob, T.B. (2 methods), 5 Spliced and Double Oxford one each).

Surprise Major.—47 (Superlative 15, Cambridge 11, Yorkshire 7, London 6, New Cambridge 2, Pudsey 2, Lincolnshire, Watford, Aldenham and Zelah one each).

## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

A very warm welcome was extended to the members of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, by the ringers of Kingsbury on the occasion of the quarterly meeting held there on April 8th. It was the first time that the Guild had visited Kingsbury for a meeting, and it was most encouraging to find that so much preparation had been made by the local people to ensure its success.

A service, with a full choir in attendance, was held, at which the Vicar (Rev. John W. Bennett) gave a most interesting account of the history of the church.

In the unavoidable absence of the Master, the Rev. J. W. Bennett occupied the chair at the meeting, which followed a bountiful tea, kindly provided by Kingsbury ringers. Mr. Michael Hart, of Solihull, and Mr. Albert Ensor, of Shustoke, were elected resident members, and the tower election of Mr. D. John Hunt, of Bristol, as a life member, was ratified.

The Vicar and head ringer (Mr. Gordon Lane) were sincerely thanked for everything they had done to ensure a successful meeting.

Next meeting, Tanworth-in-Arden, July 1st.

## 50 Years Ago

'R.W.' May 15th, 1911.—

Fifty years ago, on April 27th, the long peal of Stedman Cinques was rung by the College Youths at St. Michael's upon Cornhill. The story of that famous performance has been handed down in the song written by the late Mr. J. Dwight, who rang the tenor. The peal, rung in 6 hours 41 minutes, consisted of 8,580 changes, and the only surviving member of the band is Mr. Matthew Wood, of Bethnal Green, who, despite his 85 years, is still hale and hearty.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### 100 PEALS OF MAXIMUS

Dear Sir.—The publication recently of the list of the two most prolific peal ringers has brought to mind again the elusiveness of the 100 peals of Maximus. They appear in neither (as far as I know). I have never seen any statement in 'R.W.' to qualify this. The only man to have rung the 100 is the late William P. Garrett. His list first included seven on handbells, but he went on to ring them on tower bells only. They were in fifteen different methods, with fifty-six of Surprise. Some of our friends of Birmingham, Leicester, Cheshire and elsewhere must be getting near and will doubtless reach the goal, which is a rare and worthwhile one. My colleague, George E. Symonds, has 95, so he too is getting near, but alas has no opportunities for Maximus ringing now.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

Ipswich.

### VISITING CHESTERFIELD

Dear Sir.—I would like to ask for the assistance of 'The Ringing World' in a matter which has just come to my notice.

I am informed by the Vicar that he recently received two (at least) requests from visiting parties to call for a ring at Chesterfield Parish Church, in the near future. Unfortunately, the Vicar cannot remember from whom the requests came, and again, unfortunately, the letters, upon being re-addressed to me, have not arrived, so I also am in the dark as to who wishes to visit us at Chesterfield.

Requests for a short ring are rarely refused, even though the duration may be limited, according to the time of day, and I would ask anyone who has written to the Vicar during the last few weeks to write to me direct as there may still be time to consider such requests.—Yours faithfully,

SAM SCATTERGOOD.

797, Sheffield Road,  
Chesterfield.

### ST. MARY'S, SOUTHAMPTON— A RINGER'S GIFT

Dear Sir.—The bellringers of St. Mary's, Southampton, recently undertook to provide an oak pew to further the furnishing of the mother church of the town. St. Mary's was burnt out during the war, and the tower and bells were restored first in 1948, as an expression of the church authorities' intention to complete the restoration of the whole building. This was done and the building finally consecrated in 1956. The temporary chairs in the nave are gradually being replaced by oak pews, and those so far installed all bear the emblems of the local institutions associated with them.

The St. Mary's ringers have committed themselves to raising the sum of £85, which represents the cost of a large oak pew with a suitable hand-painted bell emblem. May we, through your paper, appeal to all who have enjoyed the privilege of ringing on these famous and beautiful 'Bells of St. Mary's' to support the local band in their effort? Donations, all of which will be acknowledged personally, should be sent to Mr. K. S. B. Croft, deputy churchwarden, 29, Hanley Road, Shirley, Southampton.—Yours, etc.,

ROY CHAMBERLAIN  
(Rector of St. Mary's)

JOHN W. FAITHFULL  
(Master of the ringers)

### TROUBLE WITH HANDS

Dear Sir.—The bell ropes having caused swelling on my hands, the doctor has said I must wear some form of leather gloves.

I find that with ordinary leather gloves I cannot control the rope as it slips. I wonder if any reader who has had similar trouble can suggest suitable gloves or if special ones are made. I am very keen to go on with my ringing.—Yours faithfully,

M. G. GIBSON.

Epsom, Surrey.

### New Yorkshire Ring

Two anonymous parishioners are to provide a ring of six bells at a cost of more than £1,800 for the 11th century parish church at Scalby, near Scarborough. They will replace the present three bells, two of which are dated 1674.

## NEW SECRETARY OF SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

THE 15th annual meeting of the Southwell Guild was held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on April 8th, Southwell Minster not being available owing to the current augmentation into twelve. St. Mary's bells, a well known ring, attracted a goodly number of ringers and ringing ranged from rounds to Surprise Royal.

A service was held in the choir, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Feever.

The business meeting, which followed tea, was presided over by Mr. F. W. Midwinter, in the absence of the chairman, owing to ill-health. A brief silence was observed for four deceased members, namely Messrs. Francis P. Allwood, H. F. Clulow, Nathaniel Moxon and H. Prout.

Canon Feever was elected a vice-president and Messrs. David Wilson, William Hufton, Michael Butler and T. Dutton members of the Guild.

The income and expenditure account showed a surplus on the year's working of £9 0s. 5d., £22 12s. 1d. on capital account and a reserve fund of £100. During the year a grant of £15 had been made to Badworth out of the Bell Restoration Fund, the balance of which stood at £95 9s. Donations of £15 each to Gedling and Sturton-le-Steeple had been promised.

Although the financial position was secure the surplus represented a very slender margin. The cost of printing the annual report swallowed up 52 per cent of the total income, administrative expenses 36 per cent, the Bishop's Appeal Fund 7 per cent, leaving a surplus of 5 per cent to bear ever increasing costs of printing, stationery and advertising.

The membership of the Guild stood at 425, an all time record, and the reports of the District secretaries showed a flourishing state of affairs.

The Peal Committee's report revealed that 49 peals had been rung during the year, with eleven members ringing their first peal. Three members conducted their first peal, which was a very encouraging trend.

### A PRESENTATION

All the officers were re-elected with the exception of Mr. J. W. Raithby, the honorary general secretary, who wished to resign, he having held the office for 12½ years and was prior to that secretary of the Newark District. His resignation was accepted with thanks for his services during the formative years of the Guild and Mr. W. L. Exton was appointed in his place.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### Ashford District

Although Hythe is the terminus of the smallest public railway in the world, it is not near any main road or railway, and much of the old world is left in its steep winding ways, with their ancient almshouses, the quaint Town Hall, its old Vicarage and Manor House side by side, and its beautiful Norman Parish Church of St. Leonard, with its fine ring of eight bells (tenor 19 cwt.).

Over 50 ringers and friends met at this ancient Cinque Port on April 22nd for the quarterly meeting of the Ashford District. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. A. Newman, and the lesson was read by Mr. J. Willis, from the New English Bible. Mr. W. Chandler was at the piano. Tea was enjoyed at 'The Measure For Measure,' and was kindly given by the Hythe ringers.

At the business part of the meeting, Mr. Nicholas Davies gave a report on the revival of ringing at Hothfield. Five new members joined the Association.

C. T. H.

The chairman spoke a few words of appreciation of Mr. Raithby's work and asked Miss Grace Burchnall to make him a presentation on behalf of the Guild. Miss Burchnall then very graciously presented the retiring secretary with a case of pipes.

Mr. Raithby, who was much moved by the presentation, thanked members for their appreciation and said he had met with much kindness and help during his term of office, particularly from the District secretaries, who bore the brunt of the work. He commended Mr. W. L. Exton to them as a hardworking and competent ringer with sound administrative experience behind him.

The Crawford Cup Competition Rules, as provisionally amended by the committee, were confirmed on a majority vote. A great deal of discussion centred on Rule 4, which stated that all members of the Association were eligible to take part in the competition, providing their annual subscriptions or life subscriptions were paid.

As under Rule 17 at least four members in a six-bell contest and five in an eight-bell contest must be from the home tower, it was felt that Rule 4 left the door open for abuse, inasmuch as outside experts who were non-resident life members of the Guild could be brought in.

A few members thought that the Rule should be amended to restrict bands to resident Guild members, but others favoured leaving the Rules unchanged. By a majority vote it was resolved to leave Rule 4 unaltered.

The final of the competition was fixed for September 9th, in the North Notts District.

Under the heading 'Any other business,' Mr. McNeil proposed and Miss Grace Burchnall seconded that the North Notts District be renamed the Retford District. It was, however, felt that this might affront local pride and tradition and that it would be better to leave the initiative with the North Notts District and a resolution was accordingly passed to this effect.

On the question of Southwell Minster bells, which were in process of being augmented to twelve, Mr. W. L. Exton drew attention to his report, which argued that with the full co-operation of the Southwell ringers the Guild should make an effort to join them on their practice night once a month and make a twelve bell practice for the benefit of those who wished to increase their ringing ability. Members appeared to receive this favourably and the idea was left to germinate.

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## GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS

### Annual Ringing Week

THE 1961 tour was based on Southampton, an excellent centre for the southern part of Hampshire and for the Isle of Wight. Accommodation is becoming more and more a deciding factor in planning these weeks and the Guild was fortunate in finding a hotel big enough to take the party and modest enough to suit clerical means. Three whole day outings had been planned, one through Shedfield and Soberton to East Meon, one in the Isle of Wight and the third in the Romsey area ending up at Winchester Cathedral. In addition, ringing took place at Hursley, on the way to Southampton, and at North Stoneham and Twyford, on the way home. K. W. H. Felstead had given much help in planning the itineraries, having an intimate knowledge of the area covered.

### A SUCCESSFUL WEEK

Seventeen clerical members took full-time part in the ringing and one part-time. With them were four wives, one sister and the expert. The latter figure was Mr. C. H. Kippin, who gave up part of his holiday to share in the tour. We thought of giving him a temporary rank of sub-deacon, but unfortunately there were no spare dog-collars available! His ready wit, great skill and knowledge of local towers contributed greatly to what was felt by all to have been a thoroughly enjoyable and successful week.

Some years ago the writer heard the Clerical Tour described by a six-bell ringer as 'all Stedman Triples.' This was certainly not true this year. Among Surprise methods, Cambridge Royal was rung at St. Mary's, Southampton, and (appropriately at this stronghold of Surprise Royal ringing) St. Michael's, Southampton; Cambridge, Superlative, London, Yorkshire, Bristol and Yorkshire Major were rung, and Surfleet was an addition to the repertoire of Surprise Minor. Bob Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Double Norwich, together with other Plain methods, varied the inevitable Stedman and Grandsire Triples. Double Court was rung and the secretary's course of Cambridge Minor, which is almost a ritual on these tours, took place no less than three times, once when several of the experts were absent. It would seem that the standard of ringing is being well maintained and even improved.

Some very pleasant rings were found, though in the opinion of one member none was outstanding. St. Michael's, Southampton, East Meon, Romsey Abbey and Winchester Cathedral were outstanding among the old churches visited, while Bitterne Park, Southampton, and St. Mary's, Southampton, were of note as modern buildings, the one new and the other restored after bombing during the war.

### PERSONAL

We had hoped for an accession of strength this year from R. Fry and R. Keeley, both ordained during the last year. Unfortunately, neither was able to come. No doubt the date of the tour, the week after Low Sunday, which suits incumbents well, is not so good for curates, because their vicars also want the same period off! We may hope that in future years they will be able to hold that ringing is an essential part of their work and so join us. Certainly, E. B. Wood and C. J. B. Marshall have managed to get off and have been valued members of recent tours. It was a pleasure to have H. F. Warren with us again and we welcomed a new member from the West. R. N. Longridge, of Bourton.

### AN INNOVATION

Grey hairs and a certain reluctance to climb steps remind us of the passage of the years. This year brought a startling reduction in the average age of the party. This came about because we had two whole families with us. Mr. and Mrs. Wood brought Alban (aged 7 months), who promises to be a resolute tower grabber—he holds ropes with a very knowing air! P. T. Robbins brought not only his wife, but also his four delightful children. Mrs. Robbins is, of course, a most capable ringer and was able to stand in for advanced methods. Their family showed excellent beffy discipline. Each family had its own car. The Woods' Mini Minor contained father, mother, baby and an assortment of equipment. It even came

with us in the ferry to the Isle of Wight. We admired the efficient organisation by which Alban was fed by the roadside, while we ate our sandwiches with a half-pint inside. The Robbins' car provided one light touch. In an effort to park well clear of traffic, outside Sherfield English Church, it subsided gently into a ditch. The back-end strong men were called in to lift it bodily back.

### BUSINESS

At the annual meeting on April 12th, remembrance was made of members of the Guild who had passed away since last year. The treasurer presented the statement of accounts, with the gloom expected of all holders of this office. Perhaps if the brethren had known that the Chancellor of the Exchequer planned to let them off 'Schedule A' they might have had a whip-round to relieve his care! Canon C. C. Cox was once again elected president, with enthusiasm, despite his protests at advancing years and the reminder that he had attended every tour since the Guild was founded in 1938. Preb. E. V. Cox and Canon F. Wilkinson were re-elected vice-presidents and the name of Canon B. F. Sheppard was added with acclamation. This year there was happily no difficulty in persuading J. H. B. Andrews again to be secretary and treasurer, an office he carries out with characteristic efficiency, humour and distinction. R. D. St. John Smith and K. W. H. Felstead were re-elected to the committee. Congratulations were offered to E. G. Benson, now a Prebendary of Hereford and to F. A. Sanders, now an Honorary Canon of Winchester. Two possible centres for next year's week were agreed, the Norwich and Yarmouth area or the Shrewsbury and Church Stretton District.

### REGRET AND THANKS

One regret of the week was that the weather was unkind for our day in the Isle of Wight, so detracting from what would otherwise have been a delightful trip. We were, however, enlivened by being described by an official at Southampton Pier as a 'claque of parsons'—an expression with which the writer is not familiar. The inevitable handbells were rung on the boat but no one seemed to be in the least surprised.

The welcome we had, both in the island and on the mainland, was delightful. Incumbents and tower captains vied in the warmth of their reception. Canon E. W. Norris, Vicar of Romsey, gave us a splendid tea and was disappointed that we could not spend more time in his glorious church; so were we. The ringers of Bishopstoke organised a sumptuous tea for us on the first day and this was most welcome. We joined in Evensong at Winchester Cathedral, where the Bishop of Southampton said how glad he was to welcome us and to hear us ringing the Cathedral bells. Incidentally, it was here that the highlight of the tour occurred, a course of Grandsire Cinques rung by a clerical band. It is thought that this the first time that this has been achieved since the Monmouth tour. So, with sincere thanks for all the kindness we received and with memories of pleasant hours of ringing and talking, we came to the end of yet another Clerical Week. We now look forward to the next one.

F. A. S.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE

The Southern District's April meeting was held at St. Michael's, Heighington, and a group of young ringers from Newcastle swelled the numbers.

Heighington's six bells are rung from the floor of the fine Norman tower, and the ropes fall round the font. The longer draught and a couple of new ropes disconcerted some of the less experienced, but there was enjoyable ringing. Methods included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford, Cambridge and London, and a touch of Spliced Plain Bob, Little Bob and St. Clement's.

Local ringers made the arrangements and their wives provided an excellent tea. The churchwardens were thanked by the District secretary, Mr. Peter Rock, who expressed the Association's pleasure that the Heighington tower had become affiliated again. Mr. T. Cooke thanked the ladies for the tea.

## HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The monthly meeting of the St. Albans District was held on March 18th at Wheathampstead, where there is a delightful six. Some ringers found the long draught troublesome, but much improvement in the handling of long draughts was evident in the local pub later that evening! The day's ringing ranged from rounds to Surprise Minor methods, including London and Cambridge.

The best ringing came from a touch of Norwich Surprise Minor, while the least successful method was Hull, our 'special' method for the meeting. Many visitors from other Hertfordshire districts were present and helped to raise the general standard of ringing. Mr. John Stobbs, of 'The Observer,' was a welcome visitor, accompanied by a young lady with a busy camera.

Mr. Walter Ayre took the chair for the business meeting. It was proposed that Double Norwich be the special method for the meeting of April 15th at St. Michael's, St. Albans, the bells being available in the afternoon and evening. No new resident members were proposed but Mr. Desmond Painter was elected a non-resident life member. Mr. Stanley Huckle proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. G. H. T. Rowe for the use of the bells and the evening service, and thanked those responsible for the tea arrangements.

As a token of appreciation for his work as past secretary of the District, Mr. Huckle was presented with a ringer's car badge.

After the meeting handbells were rung, and ringing continued in the tower until about 8 p.m. M. J.

## THE LADIES' GUILD

Holding their annual meeting at St. Peter's, Jarrow, on April 8th, the North Eastern District re-elected their officers, viz.: Vice-president, Miss D. M. Kellingley; honorary secretary, Mrs. C. N. Lea; District Committee, Mrs. Ainsworth, Miss M. Bertie, Mrs. Bayles and Miss M. Jennings; Central Committee, Mrs. K. Arthur and Mrs. K. Lawson.

The vote of thanks to the Rector and ladies who prepared the tea was proposed by Miss Wendy Phillips. Next meeting, June 3rd, Gosforth, joint with Durham and Newcastle Association.

## HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

Over 40 members attended the quarterly meeting at Armitage Bridge on April 22nd, which was voted a great success. A wide variety of methods was rung, under the captaincy of Mr. Trevor Torbau, of Shelley.

At the business meeting the secretary was instructed to apply for the use of Penistone bells for the annual meeting and prize contest on June 17th.

## SOUTH FOREST BRANCH ENTERTAINED

The South Forest Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association were the guests of the Monmouth Branch of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association at a very successful meeting held at Monmouth on April 22nd. There was a very large attendance, 74 names for tea having been received and more members than that attended on the day.

The service was conducted by Canon Knight, and the tea, provided by Mrs. Jones and her helpers, was a truly splendid one.

Canon Knight presided at the two brief business meetings, which followed. Thanks are due to Canon Knight, Mrs. Jones and all who helped to make this meeting so enjoyable.

**WINDSOR, BERKS.**—On March 26th, at St. John's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Medway 1, A. Bird 2, K. Buckingham 3, J. Drwitu 4, G. Jenkins 5, B. Taylor (cond.) 6, F. T. Blagrove 7, J. Brooks 8. Also on April 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. S. T. Farr 1, Mary Buckingham 2, Monica Blagrove 3, B. Taylor 4, A. J. Glass 5, A. Wenban 6, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 7, H. P. Schofield 8.



## TRAGIC DEATH OF MR. ALFRED B. PECK

College Youths the world over and the Exercise generally will deeply regret the tragic death of Mr. Alfred B. Peck, who was found dead by the side of the railway line, between Merstham and Redhill, on Thursday, April 27th. Apparently, he fell asleep while travelling by train, the previous night. It stopped at a signal light and it is assumed he awoke suddenly, thought he was at the railway station, stepped out of the carriage and fell. He fell was not detected at the time.

A native of Bedford, Mr. Peck was born in 1883 and learnt to handle a bell at St. Paul's Church, Bedford, when about 16. A year later he was in London, living in lodgings near St. Stephen's, Rochester Row. He was fortunate, for such great ringing personalities as H. R. Newton, J. W. Golding and C. T. B. Brice were members of the band.

Alfred developed as a heavy-bell ringer. In 1909 he rang the tenor of St. Paul's to a peal of Stedman Cinques, but later in life, in 1925, came his finest achievement, of turning in the 62 cwt. tenor of St. Paul's to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus—the heaviest bell turned in to a peal single handed.

He had rung over 300 peals by 1936 and then stopped keeping a record. Of his long lengths, there was ringing the seventh in the record peal of Stedman Caters in 1922, and the tenor of Southwark Cathedral to 12,675 Stedman Cinques, a performance lasting 9 hours and 47 minutes. Among the tenors he had turned in to Maximus were St. Mary-le-Bow, Cornhill, Southwark and Cripplegate. To Cambridge Royal he rang at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, and at Westminster Abbey to London and Cambridge. His biggest disappointment occurred on April 12th, 1912, when after ringing the 11th at St. Paul's for 3 hours and 55 minutes the tenor man collapsed in the last course but one.

When 'The Ringing World' was first published Mr. Peck was well established as a prominent London ringer and his was the first of many personalities to be published and this appeared in the first issue. Appropriately, 'Apacc' selected him as No. 1 for his series. His ringing for the past 50 years had centred on St. Paul's and Westminster Abbey, where he was the senior member of the band formed 40 years ago. Sunday by Sunday he regularly made the journey from Reigate, a wonderful example of service ringing.

Even though his ringing performances were meritorious, it will be by his services to the Ancient Society of College Youths that his name will go down to posterity. He became a College Youth in 1904 and was Master in 1910. For 20 years (1937-57) he was secretary and the dry humour that invariably accompanied his speech when he reviewed the past year at the annual dinner was one of the events of the evening. He had represented the College Youths on the Central Council since 1933.

A pianoforte maker for 30 years, Mr. Peck was also for 20 years supervisor of blind tuners for the Royal National Institute for the Blind.

Mr. Peck's daughter was a missionary in Africa for many years and her bravery, when her mission station was attacked, in leading her people on a long trek to safety, was an epic story of the mission field.

The funeral service will be held in Westminster Abbey today (Friday) at 5.45 p.m.

### AN APPRECIATION

With the tragic death of Alfred B. Peck, the Ancient Society of College Youths has lost one of its most devoted members. Alfred always retained a strong affection for his native Bedfordshire, where he learned to ring, and any ringer from that county who came to London could expect an especially kind welcome from him. But on coming to London as a young man he gave his heart to the City bells and ringers and thereafter a lifetime of spendid service.

His record as a heavy-bell ringer is well known and his many fine achievements included 9 peals at St. Paul's Cathedral, three of these being on the 11th and two on the tenor, from which he conducted the only peal of Surprise Maximus on the bells, Cambridge in 1925. His style of handling was

unique and completely unorthodox, but even at an advanced age he frequently turned in St. Paul's tenor to Cambridge Twelve and it was a delight to witness his fascinating technique, resulting, as it invariably did, in the setting of a brisk and immaculate beat.

Alfred was first and foremost a College Youth. When elected secretary on the retirement of his illustrious predecessor, William T.



MR. A. B. PECK

Cockerill, his avowed aim was to leave the Society in as good a state as when it was entrusted to his care. He did more than that and during his 20 years in office the membership swelled and he achieved success and popularity, a measure of which could be gauged by the intense enthusiasm displayed when he rose annually at the College Youths' dinner to respond to the toast of 'The Society.'

It is difficult to say what was his greatest contribution to the ringing Exercise in general, but there is no doubt that the present healthy spirit of the College Youths can be largely attributed to his example of devoted service, his spirited defence at all times of the Society's reputation, his obvious affection for the towers he served so faithfully for 60 years, the fierce loyalty he showed to his colleagues and, above all, his sincere respect for those who set the ringing and ceremonial standards on which the Society is traditionally based.

In his speech at each anniversary dinner, he would ask members to stand in silence as the names of those who had passed on since the last gathering and Alfred would often precede this ceremony with the quotation, 'Let us now praise famous men...' This year the name of Alfred B. Peck will be similarly honoured and he will be remembered with pride and affection as a worthy son of 'the fathers that begat us.'

J. E. C.

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### MR. ARTHUR ARMSTRONG

The tragic death at Stafford General Hospital on April 14th of Mr. Arthur Armstrong, of Cannock, Staffs., at the age of 69, will leave a blank hard to fill in local ringing circles.

A large congregation, which included all his ringing colleagues from Cannock and several from Norton Canes, attended the choral funeral service at St. Luke's Church, Cannock, on April 21st. Four of the Cannock band acted as bearers. In the evening a quarter peal was rung half-muffled in his memory.

Arthur commenced his ringing career at the age of 14 at St. James' Church, Norton Canes. He was a regular worshipper and ringer there until the outbreak of World War II.

When ringing recommenced he had moved to Cannock and instantly joined the Cannock St. Luke's band. He remained a regular ringer here until his accident, but returned every Tuesday evening to Norton Canes to help a new band there in their practice. Although he attended his ringing so regularly it was not until six months ago that he rang his first peal. This was a farewell to the Vicar, who was leaving to take up another appointment. He was to have been a member of a band which was going to attempt to ring a peal to welcome the new incumbent on the Saturday following his accident.

He will be missed by us all, especially the younger ringers whom he was always so willing to help. May we learn by his example to be better and more regular ringers.

G. B.

### MR. TOM GREENACRE

His many ringing and singing friends in King's Lynn and other parts of the county will learn with regret of the passing on April 13th of Mr. Thomas Greenacre at the age of 69.

Tom, who was one of a large family and has four brothers who ring regularly, sang in Gaywood Church choir at the age of nine and a year or two later learned to ring the bells. So it was here that the love for music and campanology was first learned. Until a few weeks ago Tom seldom missed a practice at Gaywood or King's Lynn and he was never happier than when teaching the young people the art and mysteries of change ringing. He rang in 57 peals for the Norwich Diocesan Association, which he joined in 1909.

It was in 1924 that Tom joined St. Margaret's choir, which he served faithfully up to the time of his death. He was singing at Matins and Evensong the Sunday previous. Singing and ringing was Tom's life. He was a member of the Wisbech male voice choir, the King's Lynn male voice choir, and the Amateur Operatic Society.

It was fitting that the funeral service at St. Margaret's Church should be fully choral, and the bells were rung muffled at the closing of the service. The interment was at St. Faith's, Gaywood. Handbells were rung at the graveside by E. Shipp, E. Greenacre, R. Greenacre and C. Tovell. One of the best. 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'

C. F. T.

### QUARTER PEALS

WATERLOO, LONDON.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandire Triples (from Holt's Original): W. D. Grainger (cond.) 1. Miss N. Hales 2. Mrs. G. G. Meyer 3. L. W. Batley 4. C. W. Outley 5. C. M. Meyer 6. D. R. Randall 7. J. A. Hales 8.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—On April 16th, 1,260 Doubles and Minor (720 Plain Bob Minor, 300 Plain Bob Doubles, 240 Grandire Doubles): D. Cawley 1. J. Baldwin (cond.) 2. Mrs. L. James 3. W. Gray 4. S. James 5. K. Triplop 6. First quarter peal of mixed Doubles and Minor for the whole band. For Evensong.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On April 22nd, 1,440 Minor (Single Oxford, Plain Bob): P. Gurd (first quarter) 1. R. Preston 2. R. Daft 3. Philip Hawcock 4. M. Popperton 5. Peter Hawcock (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Geoffrey D. Stroud, Wollaton ringer.



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## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

SILCOCK.—Many happy returns of the day. Elsie, and all best wishes for your birthday on May 9th.—M. 8146

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Peter and Joan Beresford (and mother) is now 2, Dovedale Road, Dartford, Kent. 8143

RAYMOND PARSONS (general secretary, Surrey Association), Jill and family have moved from Brookside, Carshalton, and now live at 31, Beacon Hill, Dormansland, Lingfield, Surrey. 8170

## PERSONAL

'A GOOD man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things.' (Matt. xii, 35a.)

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## MISCELLANEOUS

ASH, SURREY.—Surprise Minor practice, May 8th. Methods: Cuneacrest, Norwich, Flamstead, Sedlescombe and Durham. 8147

ALL SAINTS', LITTLE SHELFORD. CAMBS.—The Lord Bishop of Ely will dedicate the bells, rehung in a new frame, with new treble added to make a ring of six, on Saturday, May 20th, at 3 p.m. 8156

BALDOCK, HERTS.—No practice on Wednesday, May 10th.—E. Buck. 8151

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Officers elected for the year 1961/2: President and hon. treasurer, W. J. Ridgman; Master, Miss H. Muirhead; hon. secretary, J. R. Hough. 8166

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## MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Felmersham (8), Saturday, May 6th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. L. Piron, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8163

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting at Dronfield, 2.30 p.m., Saturday, May 6th. Tea 4.30 p.m., at the 'Green Dragon.' Names for tea must be sent to Mr. G. Goodall, 6, Elm Tree Crescent, Dronfield, near Sheffield.—A. B. Cooper, J. Seager, Secs. 8120

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Little Waltham, Saturday, May 6th. Striking competition 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. General ringing after tea. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury, Chelmsford. 8049

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting and ringing competition, Mistley, Saturday, May 6th. Competition 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Bells (6) 6.30 to 9 p.m. Numbers for tea must be received by Mr. A. Honeywood, 27, Hanwich Road, Mistley. 8082

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting, Frensham (6), May 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. J. Beadle, Longlands, Frensham, Surrey. 8017

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A by-meeting will be held at Biggin Hill (6), on May 6th, with ringing after the meeting at Brasted (6). Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Notify for tea to W. H. Dobbie, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 8058

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Frampton, Saturday, May 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Church House, at 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 8113

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting at Harlington, on May 6th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Evening ringing at Cranford. Names for tea to L. Grice, 15, Burnham Gardens, Harlington.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Practice meeting, Old Bradwell (6), Saturday, May 6th, 5.30 p.m.—F. Vickers. 8157

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Blyth (6), Saturday, May 6th. Sorry no tea arrangements can be made.—H. Denman. 8158

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Saturday, May 6th, meeting at Orston. Ringing at Staunton, 2.30-4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting, Orston, 4.45, followed by District cup contest, 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Foster, Chapel Street, Orston, Notts.—B. N. Reed. 8074

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hollesley (8), on Saturday, May 6th. Ringing 2.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea please, to C. R. Lovett, Meadow View, Grundisburgh.—C. R. Lovett, Hon. Sec. 8116

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West C. District.—Evening meeting at Cotton, on May 6th. Bells (8) 6 to 9 p.m.—H. Mitson, Dis. Sec. 8064

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Dane Hill (6) (not Ardingly as advertised), on Saturday, May 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. to those who notify Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, T.N. 438. 8093

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Mid-week practice meeting on Wednesday, May 10th, at Gressenhall. Bells (8) available 6 till 9.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please make an effort to attend.—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 8122

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at New Mill, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, May 13th. Cups of tea provided. Please bring food. 8131

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Rearranged quarterly meeting, Ashbrittle, May 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 8135

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Preston Plucknett (6), Saturday, May 13th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please, by May 10th.—J. R. Fox, 19, Middle Street, Yeovil. 8168

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (North Lindsey Branch).—Joint meeting, Hedon (8), May 13th, from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, in Alison Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea definitely not later than May 11th, to Mr. C. Hunter, 59 Westlands Drive, Hedon, Hull. 8106

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting on Saturday, May 13th. Corley bells (5) 3 p.m. Tea at Rectory 5. Astley bells (5) 6 p.m. Can we please see some of the younger members? 8138

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon and South-West Branches.—Joint meeting, Buckfastleigh with Dean Prior, Saturday, May 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 8152

DEVON GUILD.—Meeting, Thorverton, May 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names to J. Andrews, 14, Attwyll Avenue, Exeter. 5136

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at Whitley Bay, Saturday, May 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Committee 3.45. Service 4.30 and tea at 5. North Shields bells also 7-9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. A. Gofton, 18, Elmwood Road, Whitley Bay. 8159

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Saturday, May 13th, meeting at Chiddingstone, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 'Henry VIII.' Hever. Names essential, to Mr. B. E. Jeffrey, 1, Stanley Terrace, Hever Road, Edenbridge.—C. A. Bassett. 8144

ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Ickleton, Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bulman, Dis. Sec. 8148

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Crusader meeting, Stanford-le-Hope, May 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please to Mrs. C. Blatch, Brick House, Malling Lane, Orsett. 8053

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting at Frampton-on-Severn (6), May 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester, not later than May 10th. 8161

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting at Kemerton (6), on Saturday, May 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Meeting 6 p.m. Numbers for tea by May 10th, to F. S. Devereux, 'Chammaine', Kemerton, Tewkesbury.—Nadine Price, Branch Sec. 8162

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wolton Branch.—Meeting at Slimbridge (6), on Saturday, May 13th, 3 p.m. Service and tea to follow. Names for tea to B. T. Cooper, Rangers House, Dursley. 8140

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stow Branch.—Meeting at Bourton-on-the-Water, Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to F. Newton, 44, Bishops Drive, Bishop's Cleeve, Cheltenham, Glos. All welcome. 8137



**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Christ Church, Epsom, May 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, in Christ Church Hall, with further ringing until 8.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Frank Oakshott, 20, Lewins Road, Epsom, by May 11th. 8142

**GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.**—Annual meeting, May 13th. Great Dunmow, ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Stebbing, ringing 5.30 to 6.45. Dinner, Saracen's Head, Dunmow, 7.15 p.m. Names by May 6th, to D. L. Gullick, Mount View, Stevenage. 8061

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting, Sarratt (5), May 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Chilton, Virginia Cottage, Sarratt, near Rickmansworth. 8109

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Ulcombe, on May 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Please bring your own tea.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 8134

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 13th, Old Alresford. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. Harbott, 20, The Street, Ashted, Surrey. New Alresford (8) bells 6.30-8 p.m. 8103

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn and Preston Branches.—Joint meeting at Adlington, Saturday, May 13th. Names for tea please, by Wednesday, 10th, to Mr. M. Arrow-smith, 8, Babylon Lane, Adlington, Chorley. Buses 259, 311, 249, Blackburn-Chorley, 5, 35, 48 minutes past each hour. Frequent buses Chorley-Adlington, 122, 126, 130, 313, alight Ridgway Arms.—J. Pilkington and L. Walsley. 8150

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District.—Meeting, Crosthwaite, on Saturday, May 13th, 2.30 p.m. Names to R. Hudson, Felledge Farm, Crosthwaite, near Kendal.—N. M. Newby. 8160

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool and Wigan Branches.—Joint meeting, St. Peter's, Woolton, May 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (price 1s. 6d.). Names by Wednesday, May 10th, to Miss Wendy Kenyon, 220, Hunts Cross Avenue, Woolton, Liverpool. 8172

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Syston District.—Meeting, Sibley, May 13th. Ringing: Cossington (5) 2.30-4 p.m., Sibley (8) 4-4.30 and after meeting. Service, Sibley, 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 10th, to Mr. W. Draper, 3, Highgate Road, Sibley, Loughborough, Leics. 8145

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Lindsey Branch.—Next meeting, Corringham, Saturday, May, 13th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, Tel.: 2623. 8149

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—May 13th, St. Lawrence's, Brentford, 2.30-4 p.m. Isleworth 2.30-4.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Church Hall 5.30. Further ringing, Isleworth, 7.30-9 p.m. Everyone welcome. Names for tea please.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth, ISL 3921. 8124

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—N. & E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 13th, at St. Thomas à Becket, Northaw. Ringing 2.30 to 3.45 p.m. Tea at the Two Brewers 4. Service 5, followed by business meeting, and evening ringing 6 to 8.30 p.m. Tea can only be supplied to those forwarding named to D. T. C. Smith, 140, Church Lane, N.W.9. (Colindale 8773), not later than May 11th. 8150

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Annual general meeting on Saturday, May 13th, at Burton-on-Trent. Bells: All Saints' (6) 2.30 to 4. St. Modwen's (8) after meeting. Tea and business in St. Modwen's Schools 4.30 p.m., which includes election of officers and a motion to amend Rule 5. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 8118

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 13th, Goring and Streatley 3-4.30 p.m. Service Goring 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Goring and S. Stoke after tea. Names for tea by 19th, to Mr. L. G. Haines, 'Whyteleaf,' Elvenden Road, Goring-on-Thames, Oxon. 8133

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South Oxon Branch.—Annual meeting, Warborough, Oxon, Saturday, May 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by May 9th, to F. Absolom, Beverley, Warborough, Oxon. No names no tea. 8173

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The festival will be held at Calne, on Saturday, May 13th. A.G.M. in Town Hall, 2.15 p.m., welcome by the Mayor, Councillor L. M. Angell. Festival service, Parish Church, 4 p.m., conducted by Vicar, Rev. W. D. O'Hanlon. Meat tea, Town Hall, 5 p.m., by ticket only. 5s., to be obtained before Wednesday, May 10th, from F. S. Slatford, 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook, near Trowbridge. Bells available: Calne (8), Bremhill, Broad Hinton, Lyneham, Hedington (6), Compton Bassett, Yatesbury (5) 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. and 6 to 9; Wootton Bassett (8), Hilmarton (6) 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Others bells by arrangement.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham. Phone 2297. 8087

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Pulverbatch, May 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. R. J. Benson, The Rectory, Pulverbatch, Shrewsbury, by Wed., May 10th. 8115

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Nottingham District) & LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District).**—Joint meeting on Saturday, May 13th. Sutton Bonnington (5) bells 2.30 to 4 p.m. Kingston-on-Soar (6) bells 3.30 to 8 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington, by May 8th. 8115

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A.G.M., Saturday, May 13th, at St. Peter's, Brighton. Ringing: Good Shepherd 3-4 p.m., St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' 2.30-4 and 7.30-8.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15 p.m., 3s. per head. Names for tea by May 10th, to R. Percy, 147, Oldfield Road, Willingdon, Eastbourne. 8088

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A practice meeting will be held at Wonston, on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Coach and Horses, Sutton Scotney. Names please, by previous Tuesday, to P. Dickinson, Riverbank Cottage, Cheriton, Alresford, Hants. 8169

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting at York, on May 13th. Bells available: Minster (12) 1.15-2.25, 3.30-4 and 6.30-8.30 p.m.; Acomb (6) and Institute of Architectural Study (6) 3-4.15 p.m., and again after meeting. Tea, followed by meeting, 4.30 p.m., at York Railway Institute. Names by May 11th to Miss M. E. Wilkinson, 10, St. Oswald's Road, York. Subscriptions are now due, end reports will be available. Members and friends cordially invited to Diocesan family service, in the Minster, at 2.30 p.m. Address by the Lord Archbishop of York (Dr. A. M. Ramsey).—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford 9. 8119

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, Drayton, May 20th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 16th, please.—G. W. Bishop, Moor Lane, West Hagbourne. 8105

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Davenport Branch.—Meeting, Weedon, Saturday, May 20th. Names for tea to Mr. I. Nightingale, 11A, New Croft, Weedon, Northants, by Monday previous.—F. W. Hancock. 8155

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—North West District.—Practice meeting, Brandon (6), on Saturday, May 20th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m. 8154

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Chelmsford, on Whit Monday, May 22nd. Service in Cathedral at 11 a.m. Address by the Archdeacon of Southend. Annual meeting immediately after service. Light refreshments in Cathedral Hall from 10.15 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m., cost 5s.; tea, as a running buffet, from 5 to 6.15 p.m., cost 2s. 6d. Admission to lunch and tea by ticket only, to be obtained from general secretary by Tuesday, May 16th. Ringing: Cathedral from 9.30 to 10.45 a.m. Service touch at 10.45 a.m. Further ringing from 4 p.m. From 3 to 6 p.m., Widford (8), Great Baddow (8), Writtle (8), Sandon (6), Little Baddow (5). From 6-9 p.m., Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), High Easter (6), Springfield (6)—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Claverley, near Wolverhampton, on Whit Monday, May 22nd. Ringing 11 a.m. onwards. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Admission to tea will be by ticket only and no applications for tickets will be entertained after first post Wednesday, May 17th. Remember, no tickets no tea. Application for tea tickets to H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth, Shropshire. Towers available are: St. Leonard's (8) and St. Mary's (8), Bridgnorth. Alveley (6), Coalbrookdale (10), Madeley (8), Quat (6) and Worfield (6). Pattingham (8) and Trysull (6) will be available from 6.30 to 8 p.m. 8123

**CITY OF BRISTOL  
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 Saturday, October 28th, 1961.  
 is the date.  
 Please mark your diary.  
 More details later. 8131

**QUARTER PEALS**  
**BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.**—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila Shackel 1, Sheila Bradder 2, H. Wood 3, F. E. Fosberry 4, F. R. Verral 5, G. R. Crisp 6, A. J. Tumber (cond.) 7, H. Botting 8.

**BRADFORD, YORKS.**—On April 16th, at the Parish Church, Idlc, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. D. Mayhew 1, F. S. Wilkinson 2, J. D. Barrow 3, D. I. Cowman 4, D. M. Robertshaw (cond.) 5, H. Buckley 6. First quarter by all except 6. Rung for the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Hartley and in recognition of Mr. Hartley's services as churchwarden.

**CLAINES, WORCS.**—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Cathleen S. Heaney (first quarter) 1, J. E. Whittall 2, Gillian P. Blackwell 3, R. F. Bryant 4, A. Morgan (cond.) 5, Lynda J. Rofe 6. For Evensong, by the Sunday service band.

**FELMERSHAM, BEDS.**—On April 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (6, 8 covering): Kathleen Rivett 1, F. Rivett 2, Mrs. Mary Mann 3, C. Mann 4, K. C. Fleming 5, P. Payne 6, R. Churchill (cond.) 7, J. Sharman 8. A wedding compliment to Colin Payne and Jean Fuller, both ringers, married this day, also as a belated 21st birthday tribute to K. C. Fleming.

**HAGBOURNE, BERKS.**—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Gordon 1, H. K. White 2, Mary Thomas 3, J. Napper 4, C. Garlick 5, M. Bishop (cond.) 6, G. W. Bishop 7, L. F. Cox 8. Rung for the Bishop of Oxford's visit for Confirmation, and dedication of memorial tablet to Major David Wedderburn.

**HARROLD, BEDS.**—On April 20th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Newcastle and Durham): A. Gibbs 1, Avril Ivin 2, Shelagh R. Collins 3, S. Ivin 4, C. E. Jeffries 5, B. Pattison (cond.) 6.

**HASLEMERE, SURREY.**—On April 12th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: I. Weatherly 1, F. Bowden 2, Eve Pearson 3, Janet Miles 4, Mrs. F. Bowden 5, H. Gauntlett 6, A. V. Queen (cond.) 7, J. L. Queen 8.

**HASTINGS, SUSSEX.**—At 80, Park View, on April 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. A. Price (first quarter 'in hand' as cond.) 1-2, E. F. P. Bryant (first quarter 'in hand') 3-4, A. Jackson (first quarter 'in hand') 5-6. Rung to mark the birth of a second son to the conductor.

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On April 9th, 1,440 Minor (Oxford Treble Bob and Single Oxford): C. Froggatt 1, S. Meredith 2, R. Blackshaw and D. Bradley 3, B. Mills 4, D. Bradley and A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on April 16th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob: S. Meredith 1, D. Bradley 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**MARTLEY, WORCS.**—On April 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury, Norfolk, Old, Plain Bob and Southrepps Pleasure): J. A. Tandy 1, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 2, J. E. Pullon 3, J. C. Eliel 4, M. D. Fellows 5. Rung on the back five of this ring of six (14 cwt. in E natural), cast by Richard Keene, of Woodstock, in 1673, after meeting short for a peal.

**Late News**

We regret to report the death, on April 28th, of Mr. Horace M. Day, of Market Deeping, Lincs.



**5,008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

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