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RECENT BELL RESTORATION WORK IN KENT

DURING the last month or two the bells have been heard ringing out again from two Kent towers, both of which have been silent for a number of years.

At Birling, which is a small village of some 300 inhabitants, near Maidstone, the old mixed ring of six bells was augmented to eight in 1891 by the addition of a new treble and tenor, the old fourth bell being also recast to be in tune as the fifth of the new ring, the bells being rehung with new fittings in the old frame and two additional cages provided in an upper tier to accommodate the augmented ring. The work was executed by the Whitechapel foundry and the cost defrayed by Ralph P. Nevill, whose name appears on the two new bells. By early 1950 the bells were going very roughly, and they ceased to ring at the advent of a new vicar when the tower simultaneously became supposedly unsafe.

Early this year, Rev. Albert E. Waterhouse, late of Frindsbury, took over the living, and one of the first things he did was to swing-chime some of the bells before services, an idea quite novel to the majority of the parish, since no one had dared carry this out during the incumbency of his predecessor owing to the supposed danger of doing so. Having 'nailed the lie' of the unsafe tower by the inspection of both architect and builder, each of whom pronounced it to be safe to stand up to ringing bells, the writer was requested to do some work about the bells with a view to putting them into ringing order. Inspection of the frame and fittings revealed them to be in quite fair condition, and two afternoons' work was spent in tightening up all visible nuts and oiling the bearings and other moving parts: this was a difficult task since the bearings had dried out and the metal bearing covers had been glued down so tightly by the accumulation of dirt that they had to be prised open. Having refitted the wire to disengage the clock hammer and adjusted most of the ropes, the bells were rung up cautiously one at a time.

The bells were first rung in peal on April 5th on a ringing outing by ringers from many parts of Kent and elsewhere, in the presence of many villagers who had been foretold of the visit. They were found to be ringable but difficult to handle and even more so to hear properly, the second and fourth bells being the chief offenders. However, the general opinion was that the ring was quite tuneful outside, if lacking in 'go' (the tenor weighs 8 cwt. 22 lb. in G), and plenty of recruits were found amongst the villagers who were willing to learn to ring. It is to be hoped that an estimate will be obtained to the approval of the parochial council to enable the worn bearings to be replaced and thus improve the 'go' of the bells.

The other tower to re-enter the ringing circles is that of Hothfield, a village near Ashford. The tenor of the old ring of five bells was recast, a new treble added and the bells rehung in new fittings throughout in the old restored frame (by Alfred Howell, of Ipswich) in 1927. The bells proved to be a handy, light ring (tenor 8½ cwt. in A) and a number of peals were rung on them before the war. However, the church was quite severely damaged during the war years, and a bad crack appeared in the south wall of the tower by the staircase turret. Ringing did continue for a short period after the war, and although the crack showed no visible signs of spreading the bells were finally silenced early in 1948 as a safety precaution.

The tower remained in this state until last year, when a substantial restoration took place, which involved rebuilding most of the stair turret and much of the south wall. Soon after this the living became vacant, and nothing was done about the bells until the date of the institution of the new incumbent had been fixed; then, at the request of the churchwarden (and former ringer), Mr. Woolley, the writer and Mr. John Cooper, of Ashford, inspected the bells one Sunday evening. This was not as easy as it might have seemed, since the belfry key had been conveniently lost the previous Friday, and it required the resources of most of the Evensong congregation to find it after a mass hunt through the church. The bells and fittings were found to be in good order despite their absence of use, but only three of the ropes were found to be serviceable, so three spare ones from Ashford were also fitted. Tightening the frame and oiling was a relatively easy job here, and the bells were rung later that evening by a band that included Mr. Woolley, who had not rung since the bells stopped ringing. Everyone was amazed at the sweetness of tone of the bells, and the 'go' left nothing to be desired.

The bells were rung the following Saturday, April 15th, when Rev. Lancelot E. Dashwood, late of Loughborough, was instituted to the living, and attracted a large crowd of onlookers, including the Bishop of Dover himself, who conducted the institution. Later, a peal attempt in honour of the occasion failed (due mainly to the incapability of the band rather than the ringers), but a good peal was rung on the following Saturday by a mixed band from the district, conducted by Crawford T. Hillis. On this occasion some of the floor under the bell frame was temporarily removed to enable the bells to be heard more clearly.

A new young band is now being taught to handle the bells, and it is hoped that a Wednesday practice night will soon be established. At present the Ashford ringers ring at the church for occasional Sunday morning services, but a special practice—which will be advertised in 'The Ringing World'—is to be held here one Wednesday evening in the near future.

N. J. D.

TEN BELL PEALS

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Blackburn Branch.)

On Thurs., April 20, 1961, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. Treble	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. 6
ROSEMARY PARKINSON .. 2	JOHN PILKINGTON .. 7
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 3	CHARLES CLEGG .. 8
NORMAN SMITH .. 4	M. JOHN HALLIWELL .. 9
ERNEST J. GOWER .. 5	WALTER WILKINSON .. Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
Rung as a farewell tribute to the Very Rev. W. Kay, Provost, on his retirement.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

DOROTHY T. GARDINER .. Treble	JOHN MURFIN .. 6
ARTHUR H. READ .. 2	FRANK L. HARRIS .. 7
BARNABAS G. KEY .. 3	GWILYM SALMON .. 8
BRIAN J. WYLDE .. 4	PHILIP N. TUBBS .. 9
JOHN HARTLESS .. 5	RONALD N. MARLOW .. Tenor

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

F. H. Dexter's variation of Thurstans' Four-Part.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. Treble	*R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES .. 6
JOHN M. JELLEY .. 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 4	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Stedman. The conductor has now called peals of Stedman from each bell.

STOKE CLIMSLAND, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM G. LAVERS .. Treble	H. FREDERICK MYERS .. 5
REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS .. 2	SIDNEY F. O'SHAUGNESSY .. 6
FREDERICK E. DAY .. 3	D. ROY BOULD .. 7
A. WILLIAM MYERS .. 4	THOMAS G. MYERS .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.
First peal on the bells since recasting by J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On April 19 (St. Alphege's Day), 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 ST. ALPHEGE IMPERIAL COURT MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

THOMAS R. SIMMONS .. Treble	WILLIAM LOVE .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN .. 2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 6
DAVID CUBITT .. 3	BERT GOGLE .. 7
ARTHUR G. BASON .. 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

The method is No. 274 in the Central Council's Collection of Plain Major Methods (1952).

Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Aldis.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 SUSSEX SURPRISE MAJOR

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

J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 7
MRS. T. L. JOCK .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method (Corrigan, No. 306).

Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. John Hill.

SUSSEX SURPRISE MAJOR

38-58.4-58-36.14-14.5.16-16.5

2nds place lead-end. 4ths place bob.

ERITH, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Fri., April 21, 1961, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

EDWIN A. BARNETT .. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 5
*SHEILA M. DOBBIE .. 2	PETER BERESFORD .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD .. 3	*WALTER H. DOBBIE .. 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 4	DENNIS BERESFORD .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

* First peal of Spiced Surprise Major.

Rung in honour of the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen.

ALLENDALE, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 4 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF 8736 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

ALAN R. PATTERSON .. Treble	GEORGE S. DEAS .. 5
ROBIN G. TURNER .. 2	ROLAND PARK .. 6
J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 3	W. NORMAN PARK .. 7
CHARLES N. LEA .. 4	ERIC N. HARRISON .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

The conductor's 100th peal on tower bells. The longest length rung for the Association.

BERKHAMSTED, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F.

STANLEY HUCKLE .. Treble	†CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 5
*CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT .. 2	GERALD PENNEY .. 6
PATRICIA DOORN .. 3	†KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 7
GLADYS MANCHIP .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Surprise. † 50th peal together.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb.

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPORTION.	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 5
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. Treble	FRANCIS A. WHITE .. 6
EDGAR J. SMITH .. 2	BRIAN R. WHITE .. 7
*JOHN DREWITT .. 3	CYRIL H. KINCH .. Tenor
WALTER F. JUDGE .. 4	

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

BIRSTWITH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

JACKSON EWBANK .. Treble	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 5
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD (13) .. 2	SAM LONGBOTTOM .. 6
JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. 3	GORDON BENFIELD .. 7
VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by S. BARRY SCHOFIELD.

First peal as conductor, and first attempt. First peal for the Association by the treble ringer, who has now completed 60 years as a ringer at this church.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*O. LESLIE WARNER .. Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 5
JILL M. LANE .. 2	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 6
†M. PETER HOWARD .. 3	ANN M. COX .. 7
DAVID J. TUBBS .. 4	HAROLD A. MAY .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First on eight and on an 'inside' bell.

Rung as a farewell to Ann M. Cox, who is leaving the district for Winchester.

DAYBROOK, NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

GEORGE E. FOSTER .. Treble	ROGER BALDWIN .. 5
BRIAN M. BUSWELL .. 2	COLIN W. REED .. 6
*BERYL N. REED .. 3	*JAMES W. RAITHEYBY .. 7
*J. DAVID CLARKE .. 4	*WILLIAM L. EXTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

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

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in E flat.

JEANETTE M. WINCHESTER .. Treble	R. JAMES COOK 5
ANDREW MACVE 2	RAYMOND FINCH 6
*JEAN L. LAVENDER 3	ALAN ROGERS 7
BRIAN DOWNES 4	STEWART F. KIMBER .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by STEWART F. KIMBER.
* First peal in the method.

FELSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

At the Church of the Holy Cross,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

*PERCY W. MILLS Treble	*†PETER L. WOOD 5
*MARIAN H. MILLS 2	*ANDREW T. BECKWITH .. 6
*JOHN A. WARNER 3	*WALTER ARNOLD 7
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 4	*ALAN R. SYDER Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by ALAN R. SYDER.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal.
A birthday compliment to Howard W. Egglestone.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

*SHELAGH FITZPATRICK .. Treble	*DONALD J. BEACH 5
P. MARY BEACH 2	*F. NEVILLE PAILING 6
S. PATRICIA M. NIX 3	PETER NIX 7
HERBERT LEWIN 4	†JAMES W. TYLER Tenor

Conducted by PETER NIX.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. First on tower bells as conductor.

The compliments of the band go to James H. Pailing and Jean M. Addicott and to Alan Minkley and Gillian Stephens on their engagements.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALAN R. ANDREWS Treble	MAURICE E. DOWNS 5
*ARTHUR G. BUTTON 2	URBAN W. WILDNEY 6
ROY DUESBURY 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN 7
BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY Tenor

Composed by DENNIS KNOX. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal in the method.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb.

*RICHARD J. STANNARD .. Treble	*NORMAN M. WATSON 5
†MAURICE J. ROSE 2	HUBERT A. MITSON 6
ROBERT E. LESTER 3	ARTHUR E. COOK 7
HARRY B. FULLER 4	RICHARD ROSE Tenor

Composed by HORACE HOWLETT. Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.
* First peal of Major. † First peal, first attempt. First of Major as conductor.

Rung for the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

KETTERING, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in D.

Holt's Original	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN 5
*ALAN BALDING Treble	ALAN J. FROST 6
DIANA M. LAWLESS 2	ARTHUR GIBBS 7
SHELAGH R. COLLINS 3	MURRAY A. COLEMAN .. Tenor
GEOFFREY E. WATSON 4	

Conducted by ALAN J. FROST.

* First peal at first attempt. First of Triples as conductor.
Rung as a welcome to Dominic Julian, son and heir of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Chapman, born on April 1st, 1961.

MALPAS, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Oswald,

A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE COURT MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

RICHARD E. MORRIS Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 5
JOHN S. DEAN 2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 6
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 3	ROBIN J. LEE 7
F. HECTOR BENNETT 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
First peal in the method by all, and for the Guild.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 3 Hours.

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Treble	F. JOHN NELSON 5
*CHRISTINE TOWNEND .. 2	*PETER DALE 6
CAROL FERNLEY 3	MICHAEL FISHWICK 7
M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY .. 4	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major 'inside.'

NORTH MIMMS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5056 CARLTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. Treble	GEORGE E. THODAY 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
GEORGE A. SPENCER 3	EDWIN G. BUCK 7
VERNON GREEN 4	JACK S. DEAR Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
First peal in the method (Corrigan, No. 57).

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in A flat.

WALTER W. MILLER Treble	LENNARD E. LAST 5
JACK PILGRIM 2	WALTER RUFFLES 6
ALICE E. J. LESTER 3	LESLIE G. BRETT 7
MURIEL R. PAGE 4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 31). Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
Rung as a welcome home to Mr. L. E. Last from holiday in Ethiopia.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

IVOR GOULTER Treble	JOE E. G. ROAST 5
CYRIL A. WRATIEN 2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE 6
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS 3	*PETER T. HURCOMBE 7
BRIAN BLADON 4	GEOFFREY R. DREW Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER T. HURCOMBE.
* First peal in the method. First of Surprise as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to Mary and Alan Carveth (president of the Truro Diocesan Guild) on the birth of a son, Steven; also a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Philip and James,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in G.

ALFRED BALLARD Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSER 5
*BERYL E. CAWSER 2	*EDWARD W. COLLEY 6
RUSSELL S. MORRIS 3	E. ALAN JACQUES 7
W. ERNEST RAWSON 4	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal in the method.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in G.

JOHN ROBINSON Treble	MICHAEL THOMSON 5
VICTOR NEAL 2	JOHN RYDER 6
E. MICHAEL QUINN 3	HAROLD WORRALL 7
CHRISTOPHER JONES 4	HARRY W. HOWARD Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 3 Hours and 54 Minutes,
 AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb. in B flat.

REGINALD W. REX Treble	REGINALD F. CROOK 5
ERIC T. LEE 2	RONALD F. DISERENS 6
*FRANK W. LEWIS 3	ARTHUR SAYERS 7
ERNEST J. MUNDAY 4	GEOFFREY K. DODD Tenor

Composed by J. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

* 100th peal.
 Rung for St. George's Day; also for the Queen's birthday the previous day.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

ELIZABETH A. WARDILL .. Treble	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 5
HOWARD SCOTT 2	RICHARD E. PRICE 6
*LEONARD GOODALL 3	WILFRID F. MORETON 7
CYRIL RUSBY 4	IAN M. HOLLAND Tenor

Composed and Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

* First peal in the method.
 A birthday compliment to Miss M. Archer, of Handsworth.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5088 PETERBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

RICHARD J. BOWDEN Treble	REGINALD G. HOOPEE 5
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 2	D. JOHN HUNT 6
DON C. EXELL 3	JOHN H. GILBERT 7
BRYNLEY SHACKLETON 4	PHILIP M. J. GRAY Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK .. Treble	FRED JACKSON 5
*HAROLD WORRALL 2	WALTER ALLMAN 6
CYRIL VALENTINE 3	JOHN E. BIBBY 7
DENIS MADDOCK 4	FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

* First peal of Bristol.
 Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. O. Claybrook.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 GLOUCESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

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

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE Treble	*H. GEORGE HART 5
ELSIE K. HART 2	ALICK CUTLER 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE 7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* 50th peal on the bells. First in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF 5120 GONVILLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*RICHARD E. MORRIS .. Treble	*EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 5
*JOHN S. DEAN 2	*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 6
*JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 3	*ROBIN J. LEE 7
*F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Norwich, Cambridge, Ipswich Surprise, Norbury, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and College Exercise Treble Bob.

WILLIAM CLOVER Treble	GILBERT E. LARTER 4
DAVID CUBITT 2	THOMAS E. SPIGHT 5
PETER M. ADCOCK 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

YAXHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

DAVID CUBITT Treble	GEORGE P. ADAMS 4
ERNEST MASTIN 2	BERT GOGLE 5
WILFRED E. ROBINSON .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

A thanksgiving to the Rev. Dennis Rutt, who is shortly leaving the parish following his appointment as Rector of St. Peter's, Kirkley, Lowestoft.

HAXEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (West Lindsey Branch.)
On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN UNDERWOOD Treble	JOHN M. BLAIKIE 4
DELIA E. SMITH 2	GEORGE E. FEIRN 5
A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 3	G. LESLIE A. LUNN Tenor

Conducted by A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL.

BARMING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (2) Single Oxford, (3) Double Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*DAVID K. PUTNAM Treble	†MONTY W. GILBERT 4
†MARTIN L. HOWE 2	TREVOR A. CROSS 5
†PETER F. BORER 3	†BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* First peal. † First in eight methods. ‡ First in eight methods 'inside.'

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) London and Wells Surprise, (2) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Plain and Double Bob, (5) Double Oxford Bob, (6) Single Oxford Bob, (7) St. Clement's College Bob; 40 changes of method.

Tenor 11 cwt., approx.

DAVID WILLIAMS Treble	ALAN D. STEELE 4
K. PETER JONES 2	GEOFFREY DAVIES 5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

First peal of Minor in ten methods in the county, by all the band, and for the Association.

Rung on the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

CORBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in A flat.

*BRENDA COLLINS Treble	SHELAGH R. COLLINS 4
††PETER M. FLECKNEY .. 2	ALAN J. FROST 5
†AUDREY M. HALES 3	DIANA M. LAWLESS Tenor

Conducted by SHELAGH R. COLLINS.

* First peal at first attempt. † First 'inside.' ‡ First of Minor. First as conductor.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., April 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Double Court, Cambridge S., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*NEVILLE F. WHITTELL .. Treble	JAMES B. MORLEY .. 4
HUBERT A. MITSON .. 2	JAMES BENNETT .. 5
ROBERT E. LESTER .. 3	ERNEST G. PEARCE .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES B. MORLEY.

* First peal in seven methods. First in seven methods as conductor.

ABBOT'S ANN, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat, April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scored (four callings). Tenor 9 cwt. 90 lb. in G.

*VIVIEN ROWE .. Treble	DAVID E. HOUSE .. 3
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. 2	TOM CHAPMAN .. 4
NORMAN HAYES .. Tenor	

Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN

* First peal of Doubles. First 5-bell peal for all the band.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.

JOHN O. WELLER .. Treble	ERNEST J. LADD .. 4
*JANET C. M. PYKE .. 2	MARGARET A. LADD .. 5
ANN GEORGE .. 3	STANLEY JENNER .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

* First peal.

CUXTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Stedman, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Grand-sire, five each of Plain Bob and St. Nicholas' and four each of Winchendon and Reverse Canterbury. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb. in A flat.

JOHN R. COOPER .. Treble	IAN H. ORAM .. 3
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2	ANDREW M. MACVE .. 4
RALPH BIRD .. Tenor	

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and two of Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb in A.

GRACE BURCHNALL .. Treble	ELEANOR ROSE .. 4
KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. 2	JOHN COATES .. 5
GEORGE CHALLANS .. 3	HAROLD DENMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. A. Hather (churchwarden) and Mrs. Hather.

HOTHFIELD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

VIOLET I. E. RELF .. Treble	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON .. 4
*JOSEPHINE HARDY .. 2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 5
PAUL A. BATCHELOR .. 3	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. Tenor

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

* First peal of Minor, and first 'inside.' First peal on the bells since the restoration of the tower.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. L. E. Dashwood.

OAKLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Plain Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and three of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES BROWN .. Treble	WILLIAM CRACKNELL .. 4
ALAN FLATT .. 2	DAVID CRACKNELL .. 5
ALBERT LAWS .. 3	GEORGE FILBY .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FILBY.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

STRETFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in G.

*JAMES G. BROCKLEHURST Treble	†T. MICHAEL FREEMAN .. 4
†MICHAEL HOLT .. 2	EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 5
‡GILES B. THOMPSON .. 3	JOHN ROBINSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

* First peal. † First in three methods. ‡ First 'inside.' Rung in honour of Her Majesty's birthday, and on the eve of St. George's Day.

NAZEING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in two methods: (1 to 12) Plain Bob, (13 to 42) Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*ELSIE M. BURTON .. Treble	WILLIAM H. ALEY .. 4
ALFRED A. LIVINGS .. 2	BENJAMIN G. BURTON .. 5
WALTER P. SAMS .. 3	CHARLES CLAYDEN .. Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN G. BURTON.

* First peal. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. C. W. Sams, the towercaptain, and Mrs. Sams.

WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Double Bob, (2) Double Court, (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Single Court. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in A.

PETER A. SHARP .. Treble	LOUIS WILLDERS .. 4
MARGARET A. PARKER .. 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 5
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

BOXLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Thelwall and Double Oxford, (2) Childwall and St. Clement's, (3) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (4) Single Oxford, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*DAVID K. PUTNAM .. Treble	*MONTY W. GILBERT .. 4
*MARTIN L. HOWE .. 2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
*PETER F. BORER .. 3	TREVOR A. CROSS .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* First peal in ten methods. Most methods as conductor. Fastest peal on the bells.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

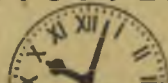
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

DAVID E. BELCHAM .. Treble	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 4
JANET E. ROWE .. 2	MICHAEL J. HALLETT .. 5
GERALD D. J. SANDWELL .. 3	MARK F. HATCH .. Tenor

Conducted by MARK F. HATCH.

First peal of Bob Minor by all the band.

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

*On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Nicholas', Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Single Oxford, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.

PAMELA M. JERVIS... .. Treble	GORDON W. LIMMER .. 4
*JENNIFER SCEENY (14) .. 2	*D. KENVYN WALTERS .. 5
MARY R. JAYCOCK 3	HOWARD OGLESBY Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD OGLESBY.

* First peal in seven methods. First in seven methods as conductor.

MILDENHALL, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 5 Hours and 20 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 10080 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being 14 extents in 41 methods, as follows: (1) 192 of Whitley, 144 each of Carlisle, Cunecastre and Wooler, and 96 Northumberland; (2) 288 Northumberland and 144 each of Carlisle, Cunecastre and Sandiacre; (3) 288 Newcastle, 192 Munden, 168 Chester and 72 Alnwick; (4) 432 Canterbury and 288 Morpeth; (5) 360 Cunecastre, 288 London and 72 Wells; (6) 384 Lincoln and 336 Coldstream; (7) 216 Lightfoot, 120 each of Annable's London, Netherseale and Rossendale, 96 Stamford and 48 Wearmouth; (8) 432 Bacup and 288 Bamborough; (9) 432 Westminster and 288 Allendale; (10) 216 Cambridge, 144 each of Ipswich and Norfolk, and 72 each of Bourne, Hull and Primrose; (11) 288 Durham, 144 Surfleet, 120 Beverley, 72 York, and 48 each of Berwick and Hexham; (12) Kelso; (13) Warkworth; (14) Norwich: 195 changes of method.

Tenor 7 cwt. 26 lb. in B flat.

PETER T. HURCOMBE... .. Treble	RONALD A. WRIGHT 4
BRIAN BLADON 2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE 5
VICTOR GRIFFIN... .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

This is the greatest number of Surprise Minor methods rung to a peal.

PRESTON CANDOVER, HAMPSHIRE.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in D.

TONY PRICE Treble-2	FRANK C. PRICE 3-4
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FRANK T. BLAGROVE... 5-Tenor

Witnessed by J. E. LEWIS COCKEY. Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

The first triple double-handed and all double-handed tower bell peal.

MINIMUS PEAL

WAPLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wed., April 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS

Being 42 extents each of St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury, Double Bob, Reverse Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

BRIAN K. LEWIS Treble	HUGH N. EVANS 3
*IAN G. SMITH 2	HENRY TAYSON 4

JOHN A. POWELL Tenor

Conducted by HUGH N. EVANS.

* First peal 'inside.' First as conductor. First of Minimus in five methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

HANDBELL PEALS

WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 1, 1961, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,

AT 23, SPARCH AVENUE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford T.B. and six of Plain Bob.

Tenor size 14 in D.

K. PETER JONFS... .. 1-2	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 3-4
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GEOFFREY DAVIES 5-6

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., April 16, 1961, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,

AT 2, JORDENS YARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

*LUCY ALLEN 1-2	CLIVE M. SMITH 3-4
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ANTHONY R. MANN 5-6

Conducted by ANTHONY R. MANN.

* First handbell peal.

The hand would like to thank Mr. Trevor Peters, for without his hospitality the peal would not have been possible.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

HALF PEALS

DORCHESTER, OXON.—On April 29th, 2,520 Plain Bob Triples: Margaret E. Thewlis 1, Susan J. Howes 2, Helen J. Butler 3, R. H. Jones 4, A. J. Howes 5, F. Absalom 6, E. R. Venn (cond.) 7, D. H. Exon (first half peal) 8.

PANGBOURNE, BERKS.—On April 26th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: C. Carter 1, J. A. H. Best 2, R. K. Russ 3, J. F. Carter 4, F. W. Lewis 5, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 6. Longest length for 1 and 4. Rung as a farewell to John F. Carter, who is leaving the district to live in Norfolk, after a peal attempt had failed.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At St. Helen's Church, on March 5th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Philippa J. P. Dixon 1, J. M. Elaine Dixon 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, W. A. Smith (cond.) 4, Daphne J. Pollard 5, M. Angela Carter 6, C. J. Jones 7, J. Constant 8, J. Berry (covering) 9. First of Major for 1, 2 and 7. Rung to cheer Rev. J. V. Pixall, who was in hospital. Also on March 19th, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: Philippa J. P. Dixon 1, J. M. Elaine Dixon 2, Daphne M. Pollard 3, Mrs. A. E. Lock 4, Marie R. Cross 5, B. J. Care 6, M. Angela Carter 7, J. A. Constant 8, W. A. Smith (cond.) 9, C. J. Jones 10. Rung for the birth of Andrew Charles Carter, nephew of the ringer of the 7th. First of Plain Bob Caters by all. Also on April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Philippa J. P. Dixon 1, Daphne M. Pollard 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, J. M. Elaine Dixon 4, Marie R. Cross 5, B. J. Care 6, M. Angela Carter 7, C. J. Jones 8, J. Berry 9, W. A. Smith (cond.) 10. First of Royal for all except 3, 5 and 10. Also at St. Nicholas' Church, on March 12th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Anne Rowson 1, W. A. Smith (cond.) 2, M. Angela Carter 3, Mrs. A. E. Lock 4, J. M. Elaine Dixon 5, Mary Butt 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Feb. 12th, 1,272 Combined Kent and Oxford Minor: H. Greenhalgh 1, Jean Ireland (first on Combined 'inside') 2, Enid Roberts (cond.) 3, C. H. Bagot (first of Combined) 4, W. B. Pitcher 5, B. R. Cox 6. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 26th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Greenhalgh 1, Jean Ireland 2, Enid Roberts (first of Cambridge as cond.) 3, F. N. Smeaton 4, C. H. Bagot 5, B. R. Cox. First of Cambridge 4, 5, 6; on the bells and in the State by a local band. For Girl Guides' service.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—On April 8th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Janet Semken (first quarter of Major) 1, R. Duesbury 2, A. R. Andrews 3, A. W. Cole 4, M. C. Barnick 5, D. Culham 6, G. W. Barnes 7, A. G. Semken (first as cond.) 8. Rung as a compliment to the Lufkin family, after the rededication of the Lufkin Memorial.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On April 23rd, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: J. S. Dear (cond.) 1, E. Wills (first in method) 2, J. I. Dear 3, C. Harwood 4, L. Hughes 5, P. Flack 6, E. Buck 7, R. Castledine 8.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Doone 1, W. R. Chandler 2, V. J. C. Dale (first as cond.) 3, Miss E. Pryke 4, R. J. Brown 5. For Matins.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 4, 8 coverings): D. George 1, A. Baldock (first of Doubles) 2, Audrey Eldridge 3, L. Tapp (first quarter) 4, J. Carr 5, C. E. Verdon (cond.) 6, J. M. Swift 7, C. F. Pilbeam 8. For Evensong and as a Thankoffering for the restoration of the church. At the Thanksgiving service, in the afternoon, the Lord Bishop of Chichester preached.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On April 23rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Lucy Allen (cond.) 1, R. Cooper 2, E. Bailey (first 'inside') 3, E. J. Whiting 4, J. F. W. Allen 5. Before Evensong on St. George's Day.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Guthrie 1, A. E. Barker 2, E. Marion Key 3, B. G. Key 4, H. Butler 5, W. Benton 6, P. J. Barker (cond.) 7, G. Bradbury 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Arthur Armstrong, for many years a faithful ringer at Cannock, whose funeral took place earlier in the day.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,120 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Pearson (first quarter) 1, M. Armstrong 2, G. Wall 3, J. Vickery 4, W. Tyson 5, R. Skelton 6, N. Errington 7, R. Oliver (cond.) 8. Also on March 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Pearson 1, M. Armstrong 2, W. Tyson (cond., 720) 3, J. Vickery 4, N. Errington 5, R. Oliver (cond., 720) 6, R. Skelton (covering) 7. Also on March 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Wall 1, M. Armstrong 2, W. Tyson 3, R. Skelton 4, N. Errington (cond.) 5, R. Oliver 6. Also on April 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Pearson 1, M. Armstrong 2, G. Walls 3, — Jewitt (Bawtry, first quarter in method) 4, W. Tyson 5, J. Vickery 6, R. Skelton 7, R. Oliver (cond.) 8. All rung for Sunday evening services.

QUARTER PEALS

CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. E. Veale 1, D. Docking 2, J. Roberts 3, C. H. Stephens 4, H. Epplett (cond.) 5, D. M. Stephens 6. Rung for Father Trewhella, to wish him God-speed and a happy retirement after 20 happy years together, from his own band.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On April 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Bonsor 1, Hilary M. Johnson 2, Gillian Tavener 3, Mary J. Marshall 4, A. A. Chown 5, H. M. Johnson 6, P. I. Chapman 7, S. Ivin (cond.) 8. Rung to commemorate the visit of the Lord Bishop of Peterborough to consecrate the new lady chapel in this church.

EAST MEON, HANTS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. E. Clarke 1, I. Weatherley 2, D. M. Hughes 3, C. G. Johnstone 4, J. L. Queen 5, A. V. Queen (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Mr. A. J. Sparrow and Miss P. J. Slack, and to mark the commencement of regular Sunday ringing with a new band, after a period of five years.

ESHER, SURREY.—On April 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. A. Maybrey 1, H. Colcombe 2, Catherine Powell 3, Joan A. Smith 4, J. Martin 5, J. King 6, C. Webb (cond.) 7, Pauline Drury 8. First of Stedman 4, 5 and 8.

EVESHAM, WORCS.—On April 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. W. Selby 1, M. G. Selby 2, A. Bagworth 3, B. Coatsworth 4, P. Cattermole 5, M. Lewis 6, R. Overington 7, A. Bishop 8, C. Mew (first of Caters as cond.) 9, A. Clayton 10. First of Caters for 4 and 10. Rung at the suggestion of Mr. G. J. Hemming and with his willing assistance.

GILLINGHAM, DORSET.—On April 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. A. Haines 1, C. J. Redwood 2, Mrs. H. H. Abrahams 3, R. Haines 4, L. A. Page 5, J. E. Daniels 6, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 7, L. F. Cobb 8. Rung to mark the engagement of Mr. Lewis F. Cobb (Ringwood) and Miss Jane Eta W. Shields (Glasgow).

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Spencer (first quarter) 1, G. Beaumont (first quarter) 2, P. Mary Beach 3, J. W. Tyler 4, D. J. Beach (cond.) 5, C. W. Hodgkinson 6. For morning service.

GRIMLEY, WORCS.—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Bayliss 1, J. Ranford 2, C. Davis 3, F. Davis 4, J. G. William (cond.) 5, P. Bullock 6.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. E. Woodall 1, Miss M. Tromans 2, R. Chance 3, J. Wightman 4, L. Clissett 5, T. Greenhall 6, H. Shilvock (cond.) 7, I. Shilvock (first quarter) 8. For Evensong, on St. George's Day.

HAMBLEDEN, BUCKS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. G. C. Henbest (first of Doubles) 1, Sally Oates 2, A. K. Street 3, J. A. Cobb 4, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 5, E. H. Smith 6. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Cobb, of Shiplake.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, OXON.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Bayliss 1, Sally Oates (first of Triples) 2, E. H. Smith 3, C. J. Tigwell 4, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 5, F. G. Henbest 6, J. A. Cobb 7, J. Smith 8. For the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Cobb, and a birthday compliment to C. J. Tigwell, the local tower captain.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Linda Daly (first quarter) 1, C. Webb 2, H. Colcombe 3, C. N. Chinnery 4, J. King (cond.) 5. Given May 6. For Evensong.

HESTON, MIDD.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Chilcott 1, P. Bettridge (cond.) 2, G. Golding 3, Miss P. Rayner 4, J. Sansom 5, P. Ruch 6, J. Ricketts 8.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: N. D. Kirk 1, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 2, D. A. Kirk 3, E. A. Harrison 4, J. A. Harrison 5. First quarter as conductor. For Matins.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On April 23rd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Maor: R. Fry 1, Miss S. M. Parsons 2, A. Pendlebury 3, Miss V. Willard 4, W. A. Farmer 5, Rev. J. B. T. Homfray 6, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 7, G. R. Drew 8. For Evensong, on St. George's Day.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—On April 28th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): F. Onions 1, B. Collins (cond.) 2, H. Baldwin 3, G. Orchard 4, J. Camp 5, A. Sear 6. A 66th birthday compliment to the tower captain, Mr. S. J. Orchard, a ringer at this church since 1927.

MALDON, ESSEX.—On April 29th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: F. White 1, Ann Edwards 2, A. S. Hudson 3, I. R. Panton 4, S. C. Easer 5, J. Clarke (first in method) 6, J. L. Towler 7, A. Hubble (cond.) 8. A compliment to Victor Englesakis and Mary Hubble, daughter of the conductor, who were married this day at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Edmonton, Alberta.

NORTON CANES, STAFFS.—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Deyve 1, A. E. Barker 2, P. J. Barker 3, Margaret Guthrie 4, G. Bradbury (cond.) 5, E. Borley 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Arthur Armstrong, who commenced his ringing career at this church 55 years ago.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. T. Bowley 1, Miss V. Mathews (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. F. W. Blach 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, F. W. Blach 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss D. Kingswell.

PARRAMATTA, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): K. M. Calvert 1, R. W. Ferris (cond. 2, P. B. Gates 3, W. Mundy 4, R. L. Clark 5, R. E. Miller 6. Rung half-muffled for Anzac Day (April 25th).

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On April 30th, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6 and 8 covering): B. Branton 1, H. Goakes 2, G. Bush 3, F. Boyall 4, J. Woodman 5, G. Cowlin 6, M. Parker (cond.) 7, G. Davis 8. Rung in memory of Horace Day, of Market Deeping, and for morning service.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On April 26th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. J. Marks 1, Miss S. Sims (first on ten) 2, H. W. Milford 3, A. J. Collings 4, F. E. Day 5, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 6, W. G. Lavers 7, D. R. Bould 8, T. G. Myers (cond.) 9, W. H. Marks 10. To commemorate the opening of the new St. Andrew's C. of E. School.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On April 16th, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob and Single Oxford): R. Thatcher 1, Hazel Young 2, D. Hoare (cond.) 3, D. Eades 4, E. Brown 5, F. Carter 6. For Evensong, and to celebrate the birth of a son, Stephen John, to Muriel, the wife of John Holbrook, a ringer at this church.

STANDLAKE, OXON.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Cantwell (first quarter) 1, F. Trinder 2, B. Costar 3, V. Clifton 4, A. Cantwell (cond.) 5, P. Trinder 6.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On April 11th, at St. Paul's, 1,568 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. C. Read 1, Mrs. I. A. Abrahams 2, Miss M. R. Page 3, E. A. Haines 4, R. Haines 5, R. N. Marlow 6, L. A. Page 7, H. H. Abrahams (first of Surprise Major as cond.) 8. First quarter of Surprise Major for 1, 3 and 7. Rung in memory of Mr. A. F. Martin-Stewart, former Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

SHEBBEAR, DEVON.—On April 30th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: I. Collins (first away from tenor) 1, J. L. Queen 2, P. C. Plant 3, I. R. Slee (first as cond.) 4, P. R. Turner 5. Rung by Shebbear College Society as a wedding compliment to John Trible and Margery Davey, married the previous day.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, April Day, Plain Bob): Carol Norman 1, D. W. Stenson 2, M. G. Wood 3, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 4, B. M. Smith (cond.) 5, D. T. Heathcote (first quarter) 6. First in three methods for 1 and 2. For Evensong.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.—On April 23rd, at St. Paul's, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Cook 1, I. Hodgson 2, F. Howard 3, D. Beaumont 4, K. Hall (first as cond.) 5, J. Beaumont 6. Sunday service ringers at this church.

STRATFORD ST. MARY, SUFFOLK.—On April 22nd, 1,440 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): Patricia A. Royston 1, W. D. Bailey 2, Evelyn R. M. Cansdale 3, A. R. Bridges 4, A. W. Cansdale (cond.) 5, D. E. Culham 6. A birthday compliment to H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): J. Swain 1, D. Gullick (cond.) 2, H. Wittering 3, D. Taplin 4, W. Brown 5, W. Lawrence 6, W. Mumson 7, R. Luxon 8. For the Easter Festival.

THORNFORD, DORSET.—On April 25th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: K. E. Pinney 1, Rev. R. O. Fry (cond.) 2, J. Looker 3, H. J. Gaylard 4, Rev. C. Marshall 5, G. Marshall (first quarter) 6.

TORQUAY, DEVON.—At St. Saviour's, Tor Mohun, on April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. G. Forester (first quarter) 1, P. A. Lock 2, A. J. Garbett 3, W. J. Harvey 4, W. Simmonds (cond.) 5, K. E. Fursdon 6. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. G. E. Porter and Mrs. Porter, on their retirement.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On St. George's Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Audrey M. Short 1, Freda Phillips (first of Minor) 2, C. Clarke 3, F. Sweet 4, M. Stone 5, R. Short (cond.) 6. Rung after Evensong for the Patronal Festival.

WESTERLEIGH, GLOS.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Coombs 1, H. N. Evans 2, H. Taysom 3, Margaret Wild 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5, J. Ferris 6. Rung as birthday compliments to Jennifer Coombs and Mrs. W. M. Beece.

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Occasionally we report tower-bell peals where one ringer has rung two bells. Now has come a peal of Minor from Preston Candover, Hampshire, in which three ringers each rang two bells. The band consisted of Tony Price 1-2, Frank C. Price 3-4, Frank T. Blagrove 5-6. The performance will go down to posterity, as far as peal ringing is concerned.

The peal at Haxey, Lincolnshire, on April 15th, is believed to be only the second peal on the bells.

The quarter peal of St. Albans Delight (see 'Ringing World,' April 28th) was rung at St. Stephen's, St. Albans, and not at St. Peter's, as printed.

Congratulations to Adelaide ringers, who have rung their first quarter of Cambridge Surprise Minor, which is the first in South Australia by a local band.

Mr. Len Derrick is ringing peals again, after his illness. He made a welcome return with a peal at Yatton, Somerset. The band wish him many more peals in the near future.

Another of our first issue readers has come to light, with the renewal of his subscription. He is Mr. E. Austin Head, of Needham, Suffolk, who learnt to ring under the late Mr. F. Lambert, of Halesworth.

Mr. A. Clayton, Master of the Putney ringers, hopes to enter a theological college in August. He has been succeeded by Mr. C. Mew as Master and the secretary and steeple-keeper is Mr. B. Bull.

The departure of Mr. John F. Carter, from Pangbourne, Berks, to Holkham, Norfolk, was marked by an attempt for a farewell peal. Unfortunately, the peal was lost in the first extent, due to two bells changing course. As there was not time for a second attempt for a full peal, a half peal was successfully rung and this was the longest length for Clifford and John Carter. Afterwards the band were most hospitably entertained by John and Barbara Carter and they extend not only their thanks, but best wishes for ringing in Norfolk.

BELFRY GOSSIP

A peal of Spliced Minor, consisting of 10,080 changes in 41 methods, was rung at Mildenhall, Wilts, on April 29th. This was the greatest number of Surprise Minor methods yet rung to a peal. The conductor was John R. Mayne.

St. Peter's Church tower, Dorchester, is now encased in scaffolding and repairs are proceeding. Ringing will be curtailed and for a time will have to cease.

The ringers of Daventry were intimately connected with the visit of the Bishop of Peterborough to consecrate a new lady chapel in their church, as they had made themselves responsible for raising £80 to meet the cost of one of the candlesticks.

A correspondent sends us a cutting from 'The Essex County Standard' reporting a full peal at Sudbury on April 8th. In this Miss Joy Munson rang her first peal and was the first woman parishioner to do so. We await the report of the peal.

Next Wednesday afternoon the ceremony of consecration of Guildford Cathedral will be televised. It has not been possible for the builders to hoist the Alfred Pulling Memorial Bell in the tower, but it will be on view in the south ambulatory.

Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, is in the City Hospital, Exeter (Marnheal Ward), for an operation and treatment. We are sure his many friends will think of him and wish him restoration to health and activity.

Floods played havoc with the band who planned to ring a quarter peal at Thornford, Dorset, on April 25th. Mr. Walter Poole safely negotiated one flood-bound road, got stranded in the middle of another, had to be towed out and failed to reach his destination. Another car, containing three of the band, got stuck in the middle of another flooded road and was driven out on the starter-motor. Instead of Cambridge Surprise, a quarter of Stedman Doubles was rung, the local tower master, Mr. Marshall, standing in.

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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.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

WHIT SATURDAY.—2-4 p.m.: Kidsgrove (6), Tunstall (8) and Wolstanton (8); 3-5: Brown Edge (6) and Norton (8); 4-6: Newcastle (10); 7-9: Hanley (10) and Stoke (8).

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING.—Morning commencing 10 a.m. Evening commencing 5.30 p.m. Newcastle (10), Wolstanton (8), Tunstall (8), Hanley (10), Longton (8), Stoke (8), Bucknall (6), Brown Edge (6), Biddulph (6), Leek (10), Kidsgrove (6), Cheddleton (6), Kingsley (6), Cheadle R.C. (8), Silverdale (8), Keele (6), Madeley (6), Audley (8), Swynnerton (6), Alton (8), Betley (6) and Fenton (8) (9.30-10 a.m., 11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.) Evening commencing 5.30 p.m. Draycott-le-Moors (8) 4.30-6.30 p.m.

WHIT MONDAY.—10 a.m.-12 noon: Broughton (8) and Stone (8); 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: Eccleshall (8) and Swynnerton (6); 2-4: Leek (10), Horton (6) and Cheddleton (6); 2.30-4.30: Marchington (6); 3-5: Kingsley (6), Rochester (8) and Uttoxeter (8); 4-5: Hanley (10); 6-8 p.m.: Audley (8) and Betley (6).

E. A. BARNETT,
Honorary Secretary.

NEW RECORD LENGTH FOR DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

Since April 24th, 1905, the record length for the Durham and Newcastle Association has been a peal of 7,232 Double Oxford Bob Major, rung by the Christ Church, South Shields, band at Tanfield, Co. Durham.

From time to time there have been thoughts about breaking this record and on Easter Monday there was an attempt at the Morpeth Watch Tower at 8,000 odd Double Norwich Court Bob Major. This attempt failed in the early stages.

Permission was kindly given for an attempt for 10,080 Yorkshire Surprise Major at Allendale, by the Rector, the Rev. G. A. M. Dale. This lovely town lies in an isolated situation, about 12 miles to the S.W. of Hexham, and stands above the East Allen dale.

Mr. Eric Critchley had prepared compositions of various lengths for the attempt to be made on Saturday, April 22nd. As the morning of the attempt dawned, the writer and potential conductor, who had unwisely carried his new moped up a steep flight of steps on the previous Thursday, awoke with various muscular aches and pains, and as these did not disperse during the morning he decided to go to Allendale and just ring a bell, the lighter the better. Mr. Robin G. Turner very obligingly undertook to call the peal, at an hour's notice, and so we set off into changes on the light, easy running eight, at about 2.40 p.m. The back six bells are hung on plain bearings, but they were well greased beforehand by Mr. Lister, an Allendale ringer, who is at present training a local band.

Approaching the uncharted 8,000's, the writer, realising that the full 10,080 was going to take half an hour longer than he had estimated and because his aforesaid aches and pains were still present in full vigour, asked Robin to shorten the peal by six courses. Thus the 55 year old record was broken by a peal of 8,736 changes, rung in 4 hours 55 minutes.

Afterwards various people in the town, including the Rector, commented favourably on the ringing and expressed the hope that we would come again shortly,
J. A. A.



MR. PAUL L. TAYLOR,
Leicester Diocesan Guild.

Most of those who have rung at the Loughborough Bell Foundry Campanile, either for peals or on outings, will be well acquainted with Mr. Paul Lea Taylor, head of the famous bell founding firm which bears his name. When he is at home, he is usually able to find time to welcome visitors, and sometimes

personally conducts them over the foundry. He is always very willing to give permission for any ringing, and indeed the fact that the bells are available for peals so frequently is a great help to many Midland ringers in building large peal totals.

Paul Taylor was born on January 25th, 1914, at Quorn, Leicestershire, and educated at Oundle School and Sheffield University, where he took his degree as a B.Eng. It was only natural that he would follow the career of his ancestors, and he is proud of the fact that he is the fifth generation of Taylor bell founders. He was taught to ring at Loughborough, and his first peal was rung at the Bell Foundry tower, being Bob Minor, on December 12th, 1938. His peal total is a modest one, but his work as head of the firm—he took over this position in 1947 on the death of his father, Mr. E. Denison Taylor—frequently entails him travelling all over the British Isles and abroad. He has little time, therefore, to devote to this side of the art, but nevertheless has rung 106, in several methods up to Stedman Caters.

Paul is an honorary member of the Central Council, and a vice-president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. As a University man himself, he is keenly interested in the welfare of the Universities Association, and is president of that Association. He also holds a similar office with the newly formed Nottingham University Society.

Outside bells, his great interest is music, and he enjoys scraping assiduously (as he puts it!) on the violin and viola. Amongst well known people who have visited the bell foundry, and been received by Paul, is the Duchess of Kent, who visited them in June, 1959, and he had quite a busy time on the television when the B.B.C. visited the foundry about four years ago.

It is very safe to say that while Paul is head of Taylor's Bell Foundry he and his staff will always strive to maintain the high standard of work which always results from a 'Taylor' ring of bells.

APACE.

A PROTEST

Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd, convener of the Literature and Press Committee of the Central Council, has sent the following letter to the editor of 'The Sunday Pictorial.'

'I am impelled to write to you to protest at the most unseemly and inaccurate representation of bell ringing depicted in "Sunday Pictorial," April 30th.

'Bell ringing is a highly skilled art, devoted primarily to the service of God and the worship of His Church, and in its practice is far removed from the fantastic contortions portrayed in your unsightly pictures.

'Neither the dignity of this ancient English art nor your own reputation can expect to be enhanced by your photographer's indiscretion.'

[For letters, see page 319.]

10,080 Yorkshire Surprise Major

By W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

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246753	—	—	—
426357	—	—	3
34625	—	—	3
23645	3	—	3

Twice repeated.

Rung as 8,736 (by omission of 3 blocks of 3 hobs in last part), at Allendale, Northumberland, on April 22nd, 1961, conducted by Robin G. Turner.

The peal at Madeley, Staffs (page 297), was not rung for the birthday of H.M. the Queen, but the peal at Bucknall on April 21st in this issue was. Our correspondent apologises.

For Mr. Albert Walker's 85th birthday on May 3rd, he took part in 27 courses of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham Cathedral. The peal then, unfortunately, broke down, so there was an adjournment elsewhere!

13,440 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR IN SIX METHODS

Dear Sir,—We give notice that it is our intention to attempt the composition No. 1, by A. J. Pitman, given in your issue of April 28th, 1961, at Norbury (Hazel Grove), on Saturday, May 20th.—Yours faithfully,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Timperley, Altrincham.

Dear Sir.—This is to give notice that a band will attempt to ring 13,440 Spliced Surprise Major in six methods, on Saturday, May 20th, commencing at 10 a.m., at the Loughborough Bell Foundry, by kind permission of Mr. Paul L. Taylor. The composition to be used is Mr. A. J. Pitman's No. 2 arrangement, on page 287 of your issue for April 28th, 1961.—Yours faithfully,

STEPHIN IVIN.

Houghton Conquest, Beds.

ST. MARY'S, FLINT, BELLS TO BE RESTORED

The six bells at St. Mary's Parish Church, Flint, which have not been rung since 1936, have been dismantled by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and sent to Loughborough. The tenor bell is to be recast, the other five retuned and two new bells added to make a ring of eight. A new metal frame is also to be provided.

The restoration work, including the steel frame work, is estimated to cost about £2,000 and already about £1,500 has been subscribed by parishioners and friends. The secretary and treasurer of the fund is Miss S. E. Flynn, J.P., 19, Chapel Street, Flint, who will be glad to receive donations. The church was built in 1848 and the treble bell, dated 1873, was provided by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

To get ready for the return of the bells, local bellringers are being recruited. It is hoped to have more than one team, including one composed entirely of women.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

THE 54th annual meeting of the Coventry Diocesan Guild was held at Stratford-on-Avon on April 15th. The bells of Holy Trinity Church are a tremendous attraction and well over a hundred were given the opportunity to ring them during the afternoon and evening. The service, taken by the curate, was well attended. Members were sorry to learn that Canon Prentice was ill and they sent him their best wishes for an early recovery. All arrangements for the meeting were made by members of the local band.

The business meeting, with the president, Mr. F. W. Perrens, in the chair, was held after the tea. But before it started there was a pleasing ceremony—the presentation by the president to Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Windsor, the Ringing Master and his wife, of a tea trolley, as a wedding present, subscribed to by members of the Guild. Mr. Perrens' good wishes to them for a very happy future was warmly endorsed by the meeting.

Opening the meeting, the chairman made reference to the two veterans who had passed on since the last meeting—Mr. Adolphus Roberts and Mr. Tom Male, both of whom had been members of the Guild for over 50 years. Members stood in silence as a token to their memory. Both had done much for the Guild in its infancy.

IMPROVED STANDARD

In presenting his report for the past year, the honorary general secretary (Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward) stated that a new ring of eight had been installed at Atherston, but had not been dedicated, and that the six at Kenilworth had been rehung. The past year had been one of progress throughout the Diocese, meetings had been well attended and the standard of ringing had improved. Many young people were to be seen at the meetings: this was a good omen for the future of the Guild. He expressed sincere thanks to the officers of the Guild for their help during the past year, and referred, in particular, to their chairman for his ready assistance at all times.

DEDICATION RINGING

Close contact was kept with the new Cathedral authorities, so that ringers should be in the picture when that magnificent building was dedicated in May, 1962. A further meeting had been arranged with the Provost to ascertain the actual date of the service for ringers during the Festival of Dedication. The Lord Bishop had suggested that as many peals as possible should be rung in the Diocese on the actual day of dedication, and all the bells not taking part in peals should be rung at the time of dedication. This would be a formidable task for the members, and it was not too early to start making their plans for this momentous occasion.

He paid tribute to the sub-committee who had the onerous task of revising the Guild Rules, for the very able way they had carried out their task. The new Rules proposed and which he hoped the members would now adopt would certainly be easier to interpret than the present ones.

The honorary treasurer, Mrs. D. E. Beamish, in presenting the financial report stated that the membership was now over 300, and that the finances of the Guild were in a satisfactory state. The Bell Restoration Fund had over £34 available. The Northern and Southern Branch secretaries both reported that progress was good, that new bands had been formed in some churches, and that it was noticeable that the main support at meetings was by young people.

DIVISION OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT

The principal item on the agenda was the adoption of the revised Rules. These were accepted without comment. There were three controversial items to deal with, the Division

of the Southern Branch, which was left with that Branch to make a definite recommendation of how they proposed to carry this out, so that it could be dealt with at the next A.G.M. The other two items, Certificates of Affiliation for Towers and Competition Ringing, were rejected. Many new members were elected and there were several ratifications. All the officers were re-elected as was the honorary auditor, all being thanked for their work during the past year.

The peal secretary, Mr. P. Stone, reported that 25 peals had been rung during the past year and was the highest number to be rung in a year for over ten years. Four members had rung their first peal, 30 members had rung their first in a new method, and the conducting had been shared by 14 members. Before the meeting closed the secretary reminded those present of the biannual rally, which was to be held at Chilvers Coton on July 1st. The next meeting would be at Stoke-in-Coventry.

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

Critical observations were passed by Mr. J. D. Johnson, the general secretary, at the Worcestershire and Districts Association's 76th annual meeting held at Worcester on Easter Monday, on the practice of ringing the front six of a ring of eight and the front eight of a ring of twelve. He described it, according to 'The Evesham Standard,' as 'an agony in sound that grates on the ears.'

Mr. Johnson called attention to this practice in the hope that it would be discontinued although the rules of the Association did not forbid such ringing.

In his report, Mr. Johnson said that more young people were taking up bellringing and the number of members continued to increase.

The Dean of Worcester (the Very Rev. L. P. Milburn), who presided, was re-elected president. Other re-elections were: clerical vice-presidents, Bishop C. E. Stuart, Canons T. Keith-Murray, T. Charles-Jones and J. R. Bamber, the Revs. H. Hartley and A. Webb; lay vice-presidents, Messrs. J. R. Newman and W. B. Cartwright; chaplain, the Rev. H. L. Davies; general secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. D. Johnson. The Rev. I. J. Birch resigned as chaplain and was elected a clerical vice-president.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Backwell on April 15th and the fine octave was put to good use prior to the Association form of service, which was conducted by the Rev. L. W. Fussell, of Wraxall.

An excellent tea, prepared and served by the lady members of the Branch, was enjoyed in the Women's Institute Hall, and Rev. L. W. Fussell took the chair at the business meeting, which followed. A new member from Backwell and another from Wrington were elected and one lapsed member from Yatton was re-elected. Subject to permission the next quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall in July, with monthly practice meetings at Publow and Portbury for May and June, respectively. The Branch will ring for and attend Evensong at Portishead on St. Peter's Day, Thursday, June 29th.

Ringings were under the direction of the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Knight.

The half yearly Corporate Communion was held at Portishead on April 23rd, when some 22 members rang for and attended the Parish Communion. Breakfast was afterwards taken in a nearby cafe.

M. J. H.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

THE annual meeting of the Surrey Association, held at Reigate on April 15th, must have been the shortest for many years. Ringing at St. Mary's had been followed by the Association service (taken fittingly by the Rev. K. G. Hoare, our ringing Rector of Godstone) and a magnificent home-made tea, enjoyed by 67 people in the Church Hall.

The Master, Mr. F. E. Darby, presided at the business meeting, which soon moved on to the committee's report for 1960. No startling events had occurred during the year, but it had been rather a year of consolidation. A start had been made in training bands needing outside help; the quarter peal total (which is a significant measure of vitality) had increased to 146 from 118 in 1959; and Sunday service ringing had been maintained in most affiliated towers.

The meeting stood to the memory of four members who had died during the year: Messrs. F. Digby, C. W. R. Grimwood, H. Farrington and E. E. Tidy.

REPORTS FROM 1880

After the treasurer had assured us we were in a healthy financial state, Mr. Roberts presented an encouraging report on the library, which had been quite well used during the year. He announced that the complete set of Association reports, 1880-1959, had been bound and were on display at the meeting, and said that although gifts of interesting books were always welcome at 18, Blackborough Road, Reigate, we should particularly appreciate reports for the years 1880-1922, 1931, 1933 and 1935. This was to complete a duplicate set.

Mr. R. F. Layton had been patiently writing up the latest peal book, and he was warmly thanked for this. These books were also on display and attracted an interested crowd before and after the meeting.

All the officers were re-elected en bloc, including Mr. Darby as Master and Mr. R. Parsons as secretary.

Some Rule amendments were then swiftly disposed of, including one which fixed the date of the A.G.M., on the first Saturday in May, instead of the second after Easter.

When the committee announced that members aged 16 or less would only have to pay a half-rate subscription of 2s. next year, something happened. The meeting stirred. We could feel the breath of battle at last. Almost before the old 'uns could complain: 'one wedding pays for two-and-a-half subscriptions,' a young 'un had jumped up and was actually asking for a cheap sub. for as long as he/she stayed at school. The young 'un persisted. However, the chairman's promise to 'look into it' achieved the truce, tension eased, and the meeting relaxed once more.

The secretary announced that discussions were under way with the Guildford Guild on the proposed merger; and that next year's meeting would be on May 5th (it was hoped) at either Southwark or Kingston. And so, with the usual hearty votes of thanks, did the meeting close after a mere...45 minutes.

F. E. K.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

A successful meeting was held at St. James' Church, Blunham, on April 8th. A short service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Edwards, with Mr. M. Lockett at the organ.

Methods rung ranged from Plain Bob to London Surprise, with rounds for the probationers. About 25 members were present at tea, which was served in the Parish Hall by Miss Joan Harding and other lady helpers.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'A TRAVESTY'

Dear Sir.—May I through the medium of the columns of 'The Ringing World' make the strongest possible protest at the disgraceful exhibition in a national Sunday newspaper, last weekend, showing two girls being given a 'supposed' lesson in handling a bell rope.

The pictures are—to me—abominable, and nothing but a travesty of the truth, in what should be good behaviour and decent conduct in a ringing room, and I have no hesitation whatever in saying that the person who allowed the girls to behave in the way they did, and to be photographed, knowing full well that the pictures might be published in a national newspaper, should be cleared out of the belfry neck and crop, and never allowed in again.

This kind of falsity can only result in creating a wrong impression in the minds of many, especially those who are always ready to misjudge and adversely criticise, given the opportunity.

I appreciate that this incident is only another of the sensation-mongering activities of the type of periodical concerned, but I realise that many parents, upon seeing such pictures, would have second thoughts about allowing their young people to enter a belfry if such things take place.

I appeal, therefore, to all sensible ringers, and particularly captains of towers, to dispel any doubts that may arise in the minds of parents of their ringers, and to extend an invitation to the parents to visit the belfry and see their youngsters at work, both at practice and Sunday ringing. They would then be able to treat pictures and articles of doubtful authenticity with the contempt such things deserve.—Yours faithfully,

SAM SCATTERGOOD,
Ringing Master,
Chesterfield Parish Church.

'BAD TASTE AND SACRILEGIOUS'

Dear Sir.—I have today had shown to me a copy of the 'Sunday Pictorial' of April 30th. I am far from prudish, but I feel the Tower Master and any other responsible members of Great Salkeld, Cumberland, should be severely reprimanded for allowing the photographs to be taken in their belfry, which were spread across the centre pages of the paper.

Not only are the photographs in extremely bad taste, even sacrilegious considering they were taken in church, but the ropes are not being pulled in a normal manner.

Presumably the girls hung on to the sallies when the bells were half down and anyone doing this in ignorance with the bells up could be seriously injured.

This sort of thing can only give the art and bellringers a bad name, and that it should have been allowed to happen is shameful.—Yours faithfully,

R. J. BROWN,
Brentwood, Essex.

NEW WAYS OF TEACHING

Dear Sir.—Looking at the centre pages of the 'Sunday Pictorial' of April 30th, one cannot help but feel that ringers are being taught a different way these days. It shows two learners at Great Salkeld, Cumberland, rising to the occasion, and disappearing out of view upwards! It seems that either this picture was 'staged' or that learners are now being taught to ring down in one pull.—Yours faithfully,

D. BROOKES,

Putney.
P.S.—This letter does not, as it may seem at first sight, have a plain course.—D. B.

GOOD FRIDAY RINGING

Dear Sir.—May I be permitted to pass a few observations on a recent letter concerning ringing during Holy Week.

Whilst I wholeheartedly agree with Mr. F. Hoppood that all practices, peals and quarters should be curtailed during Holy Week, I am afraid I do not share the same opinion regarding ringing on Good Friday.

When one considers that the primary purpose of church bells is to call people to worship and to be a witness of the Christian faith in that parish, then surely Good Friday is one of the great days of the year when the bells should be rung. Whether or not they are rung half-muffled I consider a matter of personal opinion, although half-muffled ringing has a peculiar beauty of its own, and adds a striking contrast to the 'open' ringing on Easter Sunday, proclaiming the glorious resurrection of our Lord.

Regrettably these days, Good Friday seems, to the majority of people, to be just another excuse for a day off and perhaps a lie on in bed. Surely we can, by our half-muffled ringing, at least remind people of the solemn importance of the day. After all the organ is not silenced, and many beautiful choral works are rendered; why then should our bells stay silent?

It has always been our custom to ring on Good Friday, and I know that if we did miss, our Vicar would soon be asking why.—Yours faithfully,

R. A. SOUTHWOOD,
Truro, Cornwall.

HOLY WEEK RINGING

Dear Sir.—Whilst there is some truth in what Mr. Hoppood says, as regards Holy Week ringing and the period of Lent in general, I must protest against his statement that half-muffled ringing on Good Friday is 'a lot of hokey.'

Our church is situated against A6, one of the busiest roads in the North-West. We ring our bells half-muffled at 10 for the morning service on Good Friday. At that hour hundreds, if not thousands, of hikers, cyclists, motorists are streaming up the road to the Peak District. These people cannot fail to hear the bells, and what better reminder could they have of the solemnity of the day? What effect, if any, it may have on them is impossible to assess, but the fact remains that more hear them (the bells) than are likely to attend a service, and the church authorities approve. Whether the ringers concerned 'can't keep their hands off a rope' is beside the point.—Yours, etc.,

P. LAFLIN,
Stockport.

FOR INDIVIDUAL INCUMBENTS

Dear Sir.—With reference to the letter 'Ringing in Holy Week.' Mr. Hoppood might be interested to learn that at Bexley we ring during Holy Week at the express wish of the Vicar.

Surely this is a matter which must be decided by each individual incumbent. I, myself, can see no harm in reminding those who pass by that Good Friday is not another Bank Holiday and that there is something 'on' in the church.—Yours faithfully,

MARY R. ANDREWS,
Bexley, Kent.

THE WEDDING PEAL

Dear Sir.—May I reply to Mr. Robert Smith, whose letter you printed on April 28th? Since my first letter to you I have received from the principals involved a most spontaneous, generous and heart-warming apology. This entitles them to be left strictly out of the issues now raised by Mr. Smith when he says that 'a number of points stated (i.e., by me) appear to be a little way from the truth.' I do not practise untruths and needs must reply.

The facts are these. I had to make a distressing choice between competing duties, which meant I could not ring for the wedding of two local ringers. As soon as I knew of this I told them of it and of my great regret. Hearing that some of their ringing friends were likely to be at the wedding I asked for details, wishing to make the best possible arrangements for everyone. I think it possible that it was this request for information about visiting ringers when led to a later misunderstanding. I must emphasise, however, that I did not, as Mr. Smith states in his letter, tell them that as I would be away there could be no ringing for their wedding. Nor is it the case, as he implies, that I ever contemplated ringing a peal which would have been beyond the competence of the local band, with the two honeymooners away. What is true is that we, at Sutton, had always intended to ring for the wedding and at the same bell practice as I asked about visiting ringers our own were asked to do this. That they did it royally is shown by the fact that all eight of them turned up, led by my wife and son, who otherwise would have been with me; a local band of eight for six bells.

At the wedding visiting ringers were welcomed and pressed to ring. One of them praised the bells and my wife offered to get them for her for a future peal. This friendly approach did not elicit the natural response that she was in fact to ring one there that very afternoon. None of the visitors present who were to ring in that peal told any Sutton ringer of it, much less were any courtesies exchanged with my wife, who was acting as leader for me as to arrangements re chimes, keys, etc. Small wonder that the local ringers felt resentment later on hearing their own bells rung to a peal, and by whom.

If Mr. Smith will carefully re-read my first letter he will see that it does not preclude that at an earlier date a vague suggestion had been made to the Vicar about some ringing during the afternoon. What it does say is what the Vicar told me, he had no idea that anything in the nature of a formal peal was to be rung and that had this been the case he would have told me of it. It also says that I, as tower leader, had no knowledge whatsoever of a peal, nor had I of the afternoon ringing; I went on to say that this constituted 'a deplorable lack of courtesy amongst ringers.' Surely Mr. Smith is not suggesting that a partial courtesy to the clergy and total discourtesy amongst ourselves is the standard to be accepted or that young people today would accept it as their ultimate aim? I think far more highly of them than this.

May I conclude by recommending to Mr. Smith that he now does what I did; that he makes immediate personal contact with me as I did with the chief people concerned. I should be delighted to meet him and at least to advise him as to how he might avoid the excesses of immaturity in the future.—Yours faithfully,

C. LAWTON,
Sutton Lane End,
Macclesfield.

Note.—This correspondence should now be closed.—Ed.

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LETTERS—Continued

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir,—On May 17th history is being made, when, in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen, the New Cathedral of the Guildford Diocese is being dedicated. Although the tower is not completed, ringers should know that a fund exists to help towards the cost of hanging a ring of bells at a later date. One bell of 12½ cwt., in memory of Alfred Pulling, is already cast and is being hung, with electrical controlling mechanism, for immediate use. This bell will be incorporated in the ringing peal.

About £400 has been raised by donations and with £200 of other moneys available, covers the cost as estimated. Unfortunately the Cathedral authorities cannot find the £200 required to connect up the electrical mechanism and the cost of the building work involved, and have asked the ringers to be responsible for this amount; also, I should be extremely grateful for any donations, large or small, towards this amount. Ringers in the Diocese have already done very well, in addition to the burden of their individual church appeals for raising money to build the Cathedral.

Please send what you can afford to the undersigned. It will be thankfully received and faithfully applied.—Yours, etc.,

CHARLES DENYER.

15, Crondall Lane,
Farnham, Surrey.

MR. REGINALD REX

Dear Sir,—Re 'Personalities of the Exercise —17,' I cannot describe the great personal joy it gave me to read the excellent article of the ringing career of that great friend of mine Reg Rex. We were very great friends in the late 20's and 30's, at Newbury, and later at Donnington, where I was resident as gardener, at The Priory and Reg was gardener at the famous historical Donnington Castle. We were neighbours and in the same profession. Reg would call at my house to go ringing at Newbury, Thatcham, etc., and we used often to call for old Sam, at the Donnington Hospital. What happy times those were, Reg, when we were struggling to get the last few pounds for the two trebles at Newbury Parish Church, in 1933!

I recall, especially, the only peal of Triples I ever rang at Bucklebury, with the late Miss Stella Davis, and Reg called the peal; also my only peal of Minor at Peasmore, and our cycle trips to Isley, Bucklebury, Highclere. What happy memories! I am sorry I have not met Reg for about seven years, but I humbly take my hat off to so great a ringer and friend, for his great courage in overcoming so great a handicap as the loss of an arm. May he live many years to enjoy this great art, to which he is devoted, and such a great example to us all. Thank you, Reg, for very many happy memories.—Yours sincerely,

ALFRED J. WHITTLE.

Reading.

A PUZZLE

Dear Sir,—In an old book of puzzles, I recently came across the following problem:

'A correspondent, who is apparently much interested in campanology, asks me how he is to instruct what he calls a "true and correct" peal for four bells. He says that every possible permutation of the four bells must be rung once, and once only. He adds that no bell must move more than one place at a time, that no bell must make more than two successive strokes in either the first or the last place, and that the last change must be able to pass into the first.'

The solution given at the of the book was not the expected extent of Bob Minimus, but the following:

4331122442233114411223344
3413214224321341142132433
2142341313412432324314212
12244331311144223233441121

Would this be regarded as a regular method, and can anyone but a name to it?—Yours faithfully,

ALAN J. BLAIR.

Thurso, Caithness.

Note.—Readers should turn the paper sideways to read the method.—Ed.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch

The spring quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held on April 22nd at Frampton, in traditionally April weather, with rather prolonged showers. A considerable amount of work has been done on the tower at Frampton in the past year or so and the bells are now rung from the ground floor. The bells are difficult to hear in the ringing room, but can be heard better in the church; also one has to be careful while ringing the 4th and 5th or one might catch the wrong sally!

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Brayford), with the choir in attendance. In his address he stressed that each man and woman should play their part first for God's sake and then for his people's sake and then for the satisfaction of doing it for God and his people.

Tea was served to 33 members in the Village Hall. The meeting was conducted by the Branch chairman, the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth. Members stood in silence in memory of Lord Shaftesbury (Guild president) and Mr. A. F. Martin-Stewart (past Master of the Guild).

Four new members were elected. It was decided that the next meeting should be at Wyke Regis on July 1st. Branch practices were arranged as follows, at fortnightly intervals, subject to confirmation: May 6th, Leigh; May 20th, Upwey; June 3rd, Litton Cheney; June 17th, Charminster; July 15th, Abbotsbury. Arrangements for the Guild festival at Calne were discussed.

Charminster bells were now back from the foundry and would be rehung during the next three weeks. Dedication would be on Whit Sunday at morning service (11 a.m.). Practice nights would be Thursdays. Members took the opportunity of ringing at Sydling during the evening.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Farnham District

Despite really miserable weather a good crowd attended the Worplesdon meeting on April 22nd. The Rector, the Rev. the Hon. A. C. V. Elphinstone, conducted the service, and ringing was stopped for a short period for a christening.

The Master, Mr. C. W. Denyer, took the chair at the meeting, which followed tea. Fifty-nine people were present and among the subjects discussed were the District outing to Bognor in July, the autumn festival to be held in the Farnham District on September 30th and the District ringing competition, which is to be held at Bentley on June 3rd.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Peak District

A very successful meeting was held at Darley Dale on April 22nd, when about 30 ringers attended. Visitors made up the majority of these, the East and West coasts being represented and well known ringers from Rotherham and Stoke-on-Trent were also present. It was a pleasure to see a boy of 11 stand in a course of Bristol and something like 65 years 'bridging' the gap between the treble and 2nd ringer in a touch of Siedman.

David Kingman, of Matlock, was elected a member at this meeting and we are happy to have this tower represented

G. R.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District

Between 70 and 80 members and friends attended the quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District—a joint meeting with the Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild—at Dartford on April 22nd.

As the church is currently awaiting the induction of a new Vicar, a former ringer, Canon Groom, of Lamorbey, kindly conducted the service. The lesson was read by Mr. E. Barnett.

An excellent tea, prepared and served by local ringers and friends, was followed by the usual business meeting. It is planned to hold the next quarterly meeting on July 22nd at Bromley Common.

M. R. A.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Central District Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Central District was held in Reading on April 29th. Afternoon ringing, ranging from rounds to Grandsire Cinques, took place at St. Laurence's, followed by a short service conducted by the Vicar. The organist was Mrs. Lock. After a buffet-style tea in St. Mary's Church House, the gentlemen were banished to ring handbells while the business meeting, attended by 26 members, took place.

Mrs. Lock (vice-president), in the chair, welcomed members from a wide area—some from as far afield as Yorkshire. The secretary (Mrs. S. Bullock), in her report, stated that all parts of the District had been visited during the year, the attendance had been fair at all five meetings and that 13 new members had been elected, bringing the total membership to a round 100. The financial position was sound.

The officers and District Committee were re-elected, and Mrs. E. Savory and Miss C. Rimmer were elected as representatives on the General Committee. During the election of new members, a letter was read from Mrs. Pipe, of Grundisburgh, proposing 20 new members from East Anglia, who wished to revive the Eastern District. Once elected, they could then in turn elect their own District officers. This made a total of 27 new members.

It was hoped that the next annual District meeting would be at Hendon on March 31st, 1962, and the next District meeting at Benington (joint with Hertford County) on July 29th. Members were also reminded about the A.G.M. at Bedford on July 1st. Appropriate votes of thanks concluded the meeting, with a special one to the Diserens family. Evening ringing at St. Mary's included an excellent half-course of Cambridge by an all-ladies' band.

J. D.

Bedfordshire and Northants Branch

The six-bell tower of Milton Ernest was chosen for the annual meeting of the Beds and Northants Branch of the Ladies' Guild on April 29th. The attendance was disappointing, only 12 ringers were present before tea, eight of them ladies and only one representing Northamptonshire.

A service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Daniels, and then tea was served in the Village Hall. At the business meeting, for which Mrs. M. Mann took the chair, the following officers were elected: Vice-president: Mrs. M. Mann; secretary and treasurer: Miss K. Rivett; committee: the Misses S. Collins, D. Lawless, S. Percival and Mrs. F. Spavins.

It was decided to hold District meetings regularly on the last Saturday of alternate months and if possible to have the next meeting at Kettering on May 27th.

Ringing Master for the meeting was Mrs. M. Mann.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

East Berks and South Bucks Branch

About 100 members attended the Branch annual meeting, held at Bray on April 22nd. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. S. W. Doran, and the chairman of the Branch, the Rev. E. Perkins, gave a very fine address. During the service members of the Branch who had passed away since the last annual meeting were remembered.

A good tea was enjoyed before the meeting began. The chairman thanked the secretary (Miss D. Hague), the treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker) and the Ringing Master (Mr. E. G. Swift) for their work during the year. Officers elected were: Chairman, Rev. E. Perkins; secretary, Miss D. Hague; treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker; Ringing Master, Mr. D. Cornwall; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. H. Oglesby.

After a report on the ringing activities of the year by Mr. E. G. Swift and the usual vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. A. D. Barker, ringing was enjoyed until 9 p.m. This varied from rounds to Bristol and Cambridge.

D. H.

OBITUARY

MR. HORACE M. DAY

It is with deep regret that we record the death, on April 30th at the age of 79, of Mr. Horace Mason Day, the well known Market Deeping, Lincs, ringer, after being ill with bronchitis since December last.

Born at Tallington and later moving to Market Deeping, Horace did not take up ringing until he was about 30 years of age. During Army service in the Bristol area in the First World War, he gained valuable ringing experience on all numbers. Upon returning home his enthusiasm and ability as a conductor led to the rapid expansion of ringing activities in the Deeping area, resulting in many peals of Multi-Minor methods being achieved.

Spliced Surprise Minor soon took a firm hold, culminating in the ringing, in 1936, of the then record peal in 32 methods, which Horace conducted not once, but four or five times. He subsequently featured in the pre-war 'Ringing World' series of 'Leading Conductors.' Another of his pre-war achievements was conducting 10,080 changes in 14 methods at West Deeping.

His activities were not confined to six bells for he also found time to practise and ring peals of Surprise Major and Royal. Many ringers owe their introduction to Surprise ringing to Horace and he was always happy to have called their first peal in this field. In his late sixties and seventies he conducted his own yearly birthday peal, the last such occasion being in 1959, when, at the age of 72, he conducted a seventeen Spliced Surprise Minor peal at Ripplingale, Lincs, and this was the last peal in which he took part. No details of his peals are available but he took part in over 300.

As well as a ringer, Horace was, in earlier years, a keen competition cyclist, being a prize-winner on many occasions. He was a chorister for over seventy years and up to his death sang in both the Market Deeping and Deeping St. James' choirs.

His cheerful, joking, lively personality will be sadly missed by the hundreds of ringers throughout the country who had the pleasure of knowing him. He leaves two sons and a daughter.

The funeral took place on May 1st at St. Guthlac's Church, Market Deeping, and among the large congregation were some 30 ringers representing over 20 towers in Lincolnshire and Northants. Immediately following the funeral ringing took place at Market Deeping and Deeping St. James and in the evening a memorial peal was rung at West Deeping.

MR. R. H. KNIGHT

The sudden death of Mr. R. H. Knight, of St. Martin's, Stamford, on April 26th was a great shock to his fellow ringers, as the previous evening he had attended practice and took part in most of the ringing.

It was on the five bells of Alwalton, Northants, over 60 years ago that he learnt to ring. Later he lived at Easton-on-the-Hill, where there were only four bells, but some 30 years ago he came to Stamford and joined All Saints' band. The possessor of a fine tenor voice, he sang in the choir of each church where he lived.

'Bob', as he was affectionately known, was not a prolific peal ringer, his total being only 25, but he was always ready to take part in ringing, anywhere and at any time. His sincere and warmhearted friendliness made him very popular wherever he went and it is for these qualities that he will be best remembered.

J. H. B.

MR. W. STANNARD AN APPRECIATION

By the death, on March 17th at the age of 75, of Mr. William Stannard, the Bury St. Edmunds company has lost a most capable ringer and conductor, whose place will be very hard to fill.

He had been a member of the Norman tower band for 40 years and insisted on good striking. When learning a new method he would insist on ringing it until the striking was to his satisfaction. The North-West District of the Suffolk Guild has lost a good supporter of their meetings. May he rest in peace.

A. F. B.

FUNERAL OF MR. A. B. PECK

There were at least 150 ringers present at the funeral service for Mr. Alfred B. Peck at Westminster Abbey, last Friday. The service was conducted by the Sub-Dean, the Rev. Adam Fox (in the absence of the Dean), assisted by the Rev. G. R. Dunstan, superintendent of the belfry.

The cortege was met at the entrance to the cloisters by the clergy and the coffin, covered by the Abbey pall and borne by the Abbey bearers, escorted through the cloisters and into the Abbey, by the west cloister door, and thence to St. George's Chapel, in which the service was held.

In addition to the Westminster Abbey ringers there were present Mr. H. Langdon (Alfred's lifelong ringing friend), Messrs. A. A. Hughes, E. A. Barnett (representing the Central Council) and D. Beresford (Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths).

At the conclusion of the impressive service, a course of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. H. N. Pitstow (secretary, Westminster Abbey ringers) 1-2, J. E. Chilcott (secretary, the Ancient Society of College Youths) 3-4, J. F. Smallwood (Trustee of the Ancient Society of College Youths) 5-6, M. F. Moreton (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths) 7-8.

A quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung the same evening at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, with the bells half-muffled, by members and supernumeraries of the Westminster Abbey band to the memory of their late colleague.

The body remained overnight in the Abbey, where deceased had served for over 40 years, and was taken the following morning for cremation at Streatham Crematorium.

The sympathy of his wide circle of friends is extended to his two daughters. One is a missionary in Africa and the other, who is married, was residing with her father.

MR. A. B. PECK APPRECIATIONS

A correspondent writes:—

As one of the younger generation of ringers, may I say how deeply the loss of Mr. Peck will be felt by many ringers who only knew him for a comparatively short time.

If we youngsters were inclined to boast about our performances, Mr. Peck was never slow to remind us about some of the things he had done—and it was worth hearing his reminiscences. I remember, especially, two of his stories, which he often used to tell to remind us that only the best is good enough, in ringing as in anything else.

He told us often about the time when he went for a handbell peal of Stedman Triples, which was conducted by Challis Winney. Over three-quarters of the peal had been rung without a single mistake, when Mr. Peck inadvertently failed to dodge with himself in 4-5 (he was ringing 3-4). Mr. Winney, he told us, immediately put his bells down; which Mr. Peck felt was absolutely right, because one single mistake in a peal of Triples means that you have not rung 5,040 different changes.

Mr. Peck was also fond of quoting something which was written to him in a letter from Mr. F. Dench: 'What's the use of kidding yourself you've rung a peal, when you know in your heart you haven't?'

Mr. Peck is no longer with us, but I sincerely hope that his example will live. He had no patience with the young of today (and he admitted that they are few) who take no notice of what has been done by previous generations of ringers; he used to say, 'Where would I be, where would any of us be, if it hadn't been for what other ringers have done before us?'

Let us remember him, then, as one for whom perfection was the only goal in ringing, but yet would tolerate those whom he knew to be doing their best, and to be striving always to do better still, as he himself did.

The news of the passing, in tragic circumstances, of Alfred B. Peck, came as a great shock to his wide circle of friends, and to College Youths in particular. He was well known in all parts of the country and was

highly respected, not only because of his great ringing ability, but because of the sterling quality of his character. The Ancient Society has never produced a more worthy son, and he stood in the esteem, awe, affection of all members of the Society, old or young. College Youths will remember, with pride and gratitude, his service for nearly 20 years as secretary of the Society, and the cheerfulness with which he took on the colossal job of succeeding the late W. T. Cockerill, another great character.

Alfred Peck was a most modest man, and was never known to boast of his achievements. He was, however, a most doughty champion of the traditions of the College Youths, and woe betide any youngster who failed to respect them. Underneath his rather rugged manners, there was a gentleness and charm which was irresistible. He had always a kindly word for the youngster who could be seen to be trying.

His example in peal ringing was one which we would all do well to follow. When he started for a peal, his ambition was never to strike a bad blow or make a mistake. In this he invariably succeeded. He was a regular ringer at St. Paul's Cathedral for over 50 years, and also the senior member of the Westminster Abbey band, which he joined when it was formed about 40 years ago. We have lost a dear friend, and we shall miss him, but we shall never forget him.

Life's race well run,
Life's work well done,
Life's victory won,
Now comes rest.

J. F. S.

I deeply regret the passing of my old friend, Alfred Peck, in such tragic circumstances, for we were College Youths together in London, during the last stages of our teens. For the purpose of the record, Alfred became a College Youth before 1904, for I rang in his first peal on ten bells at St. Magnus', City, on September 19th, 1902, when he rang the tenor to a round 5,000 of Stedman Caters.

He served his Cathedral and Abbey faithfully, was ever loyal to the College Youths, therefore he will not be forgotten, when the pages of our ringing history are referred to for examples of true and faithful personalities.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

MR. R. ARCHER

The death of Mr Robert (Bob) Archer, of Winlaton, Co. Durham, on April 26th, is deeply regretted. He was a bellringer for many years and for the last few years people's warden, serving his church faithfully and cheerfully. Besides his church activities he was also a keen worker for the St. John Ambulance Brigade, being an officer in the local corps.

The funeral took place at Winlaton on April 29th and on the previous evening four of his ringing comrades—W. C. Bennett, H. Jenkins, T. Bullerwell and A. Allison—carried the coffin into St. Paul's Church, where it rested for the night. The bells were rung half-muffled prior to the funeral service next day, by the local band, assisted by Stephen Thompson, from Whickham. The Rector, Rev. J. G. Fox, officiated and in an address paid tribute to 'Bob's' work. Four members of the Ambulance Brigade acted as underbearers and he was laid to rest almost in the shadow of the tower which he loved and served so well.

R. W. L.

50 Years Ago

'R.W.' May 12th, 1911.—

Many and often curious are the ways in which peals are lost. A smash up, a shift course or a broken rope are occurrences with which every peal ringer meets. At Rotherham the other day the band met with an equally effective quietus when attempting a peal of Stedman. The gas went out and—well, there was the end of it. But the peal has since been rung, and we congratulate Mr. Lee upon scoring Stedman Triples for his 70th birthday.

Nat a hundred miles from Brighton there was a 'gas' incident last Sunday evening. After ringing for service the steeplekeeper absent-mindedly turned off the gas at the meter, and extinguished all the lights in the church.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

WILL all ringing friends please note, that after May 27th the address of Mr. John A. Underwood, will be 5, Marshall Road, Exhall, near Coventry. 8201

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PERSONAL

'If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed.' (John viii, 31.)

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MISCELLANEOUS

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Annual ringing week, Sussex, August 19th-26th. Will any member who has not received a circular and is interested in coming please write to me. Resident members should apply to the secretary, R. Hough (Jesus). To be certain of accommodation, reservations should reach me by the end of May.—B. D. Threlfall, 26, Valley Road, Bromley, Kent. 8171

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING, STOKES-ON-TRENT.—Just time to buy yourself a Bellringer's Tie from Aldershot Stores, 35, Grosvenor Road, Aldershot, 11s. 4d. each, inclusive, in blue, green or brown. Please state colour when ordering. 8184

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HOLY TRINITY, GUILDFORD.—Owing to the Cathedral Consecration service there will not be a Surprise Major practice on May 17th. 8200

ST. NICOLAS' CHURCH, NEWBURY, BERKS., propose to start a ringers' library. Will anyone who has unwanted books on ringing, churches or bells kindly forward them to C. J. Castell, 63, Paddock Road, Newbury. All books will be acknowledged and postage refunded. 8177

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Owing to extra choir practices for the forthcoming broadcast, there will be no practice ringing at St. Peter's, Mansfield, Thursday, May 18th. 8209

MEETINGS

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

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

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. 8142

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford Group.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Brent Pelham, May 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing, Great Hornead.—H. Bird, Hon. Sec. 8211

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

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

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.—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 names to D. T. C. Smith, 140, Church Lane, N.W.9. (Colindale 8773). 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 Streetley 3-4.30 p.m. Service Goring 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Goring and S. Stoke after tea. Names to Mr. L. G. Haines, 'Whyteleaf', Elvendon 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 to F. Absolom, Beverley, Warborough, Oxon. No names to tea. 8173

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Pulwob (6), on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 8193

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting and ringing contest, Leighton Buzzard, Saturday, May 20th. Bells, front 6, from 3 p.m. Contest 4. Tea and judges' comments at 5 p.m. Names most essential by 17th, to Mr. J. M. Stephens, 33, Poplar Close, Leighton Buzzard. General ringing after tea.

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Frodsham on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 8205

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting, Saturday, May 20th, at Crich. Bells 2.30 to 5 and 6 to 8.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 8191

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Esher, Saturday, May 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by May 17th, to J. Maybrey, 24, Torrington Road, Claygate, Esher. 8192

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Tewin, May 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Special method: Double Oxford. Own tea arrangements (no cafes).—M. A. Coburn, Dis. Sec. 8180

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Bacup St. Saviour, Saturday, May 20th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 8206

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting at Medbourne, on Saturday, May 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea time later.—L. W. Allen. 8197

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District.—Meeting at Croxton Kerrial, on Saturday, May 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at The Peacock Inn. Names for tea please, to Mr. S. Dewey, Church Cottage, Croxton Kerrial, by Wednesday, May 17th.—T. Templeton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8181

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting, Winfarthing, Saturday May 20th. Bells (6) 6 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Phillipppo, Hon. Sec. 8179

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, May 20th, Horsham St. Faith. Bells (6) from 6 till 9 p.m.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 8174

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

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Escrick, Saturday, May 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 8176

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

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, May 20th, at Thakeham (6). Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones', Salthill Road, Fishbourne, near Chichester, by previous Wednesday. 8199

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Newick (6), Saturday, May 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify numbers for tea by Wednesday, May 17th.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 8210

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual meeting at Wakefield, May 20th. Cathedral bells (12) available from 4 p.m. onwards. Crofton (6) and Felkirk (6) each from 2.30-4.30. Tea in the Social Service Hall, Providence Street, Wakefield, at 5 p.m. Names to Mr. W. F. Moreton, 37, Thornes Lane, Wakefield, by 18th. New reports will be available. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8204

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday, May 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8187

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), Quatt (6) and Worfield (6). Pattingham (8) and Trysull (6) will be available from 6.30 to 8 p.m. 8123

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Branch practice at Wiveliscombe, May 27th, 6.30 p.m. Please note alteration of date.—A. R. Tudball. 8196

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Hatfield Broad Oak (8), on Saturday, May 27th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at The Cock, 5.15 p.m. Sorry, cannot guarantee tea unless names are set to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 8186

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Wickham St. Paul, Saturday, May 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Preacher, the Archdeacon of Colchester. Names for tea please, to Mr. T. Bird, Brickfields, Bulmer, near Sudbury, Suffolk. Letch's bus leaves Sible Hedingham, 1.55 p.m., returning 9 p.m., also 9.20 bus to Halstead. Halstead bells also available from 7.45 p.m. 8178

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Brookland, Saturday, May 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Velvick, 15, West Place, Brookland, Romney Marsh, by previous Thursday.—C. T. H. 8185

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Annual meeting, Caythorpe (8), May 27th. Service 4 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich, Superlative. Names for tea by the Wednesday previous, to S. A. Chambers, 64, Goldsmith Walk, Lincoln. 8202

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Swaffham, on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, 25th, please, to C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 8203

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual meeting, Shipton-under-Wychwood, Saturday, May 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by 23rd, to J. Keyte, Freeland, Oxford. All ringers welcome. 8182

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—May 27th, practice meeting at Semley. Tea (2s. 6d.) for those who notify by Tuesday, 23rd.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 8190

VETERANS' REUNION, LONDON. June 24th.—Please will all who hope to attend send names to John Euston, 28, Fairmile Avenue, Streatham, S.W.16. 8188

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BALDOCK, HERTS.—On April 30th, 1,280 Oxford T.B. Major: L. Scot 1, E. Wills 2, J. I. Dear 3, M. Hopkins 4, R. Castledine (cond.) 5, P. Flack 6, E. Buck 7, J. S. Dear 8. First in the method by 2, 3, 4.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY TOUR

THE annual tour of the Oxford University Society, from April 1st until the 6th, was based on Lyme Regis. For the railway enthusiast, the branch line from Axminster to Lyme is of some interest, because the one carriage train is often hauled by an Adams tank, cast in 1885.

The tour organiser, Robin Pittman, had an adequate number of resident and old members on parade, the latter including Harry Miles and Dermot Roaf, who is to be congratulated on (i) producing the worst U.A. circulars ever seen, (ii) being elected to a fellowship at Exeter College, Oxford, (iii) outdoing the spiced band by announcing his engagement to Miss Caroline Hughes, (iv) talking more than anyone else. The Society also welcomed Miss Marie Cross, who has helped several 'generations' of resident members.

Ringling on Easter Sunday, after the customary leisurely morning on the octaves at Lyme Regis and Whitchurch Canonorum, assumed a more serious aspect in the afternoon, when Rodney Meadows organised what may be called a 'tower grab,' which included eight towers and tea with his parents, to whom the Society tenders its grateful thanks and appreciation.

Towers visited were: Chideock (6) Symonds-bury (6), Askerswell (6), Powerstock (6) Stoke Abbot (5), Thorncombe (6), Netherbury (5) and Hawkchurch (6).

The tour proper started on Monday with a day in the Exeter area. The ringling at Sidbury (8) was somewhat 'off-beat,' but that at Exeter Cathedral, on the magnificent twelve, made everyone 'wake up.' Rounds and Stedman Cinques were rung and Frank Mack, who joined the Society on this and subsequent days, seemed to be the only one who, through familiarity, was not psychologically affected by the thought of 72 cwt. swinging above him.

In order to pass the afternoon, the Society rang on three excellent octaves: Heavtree, where Norman Mallet recorded our efforts, which for no apparent reason were below standard; Broadclyst, a really magnificent ring, and Ottery St. Mary, another fine ring, although the 'draught' caused some trouble except to the immediate Past Master and secretary, who found it much to their liking.

Tuesday saw the Society at Broadwindsor, a pleasant six, where 'Roddors' and some of the 'oldies' attempted some Killamarsh—not all. Here the Rev. Christopher Marshall, from Crewkerne, and Michael White were welcome. At Beaminster, a good old-fashioned eight, there occurred some bad old-fashioned ringling and a few old-fashioned looks from some members did not pass unnoticed. The fine eight at Crewkerne were put to better use and a touch of nine spiced was brought round.

CLERICAL GUILD

At Chard an invasion by the 'Clerical Guild,' in the form of Preb. E. V. Cox, a secretary of the Society from 1902-03, the Rev. N. Coleridge, and the president, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, took place. After ringling at Axminster, the Society was entertained to a most expansive tea by Preb. Cox. This gesture was greatly appreciated, and pleased as the members were to met Preb. Cox, one cannot help feeling that he was equally delighted to join and ring again with his old Society.

At Uphyme (6) the visit had been previously publicised in the 'Parish Paper,' in rather odd terms—to quote: '... the Oxford University Society will be giving the parish an exhibition of campanology... change ringers never say a word while they pull their cords through the airy cheeses (!), ... we still ring our bells in the Queen Anne style, and, possibly, the fashion will change and we shall be in the van of the mode, just as Sir Roger de Coverley's fifty year old coat became the very latest thing every ten years...'

In the evening a handbell peal was attempted and broke down after a few minutes.

Wednesday brought the longest round trip of the tour. An atrocious course of Yorkshire started the day at Ilminster (8) and the ringling did not improve much, either here or at Taunton, where a misunderstanding caused a delay at St. James' (8), of three-quarters of an hour. A touch of Stedman Cinques at

St. Mary's 'came round,' with only a few bells crossed, the conductor having been kept in his rightful place.

Wellington, a fine octave, produced better ringling, but at Cullompton, on the excellent light ten, nothing much was achieved except the first lead of London Royal (3X), some Yorkshire Royal and two very slow touches of Stedman. Some of the best ringling of the day was performed on the light eight at Honiton. During the day Rodney Meadows complained of gout in his right thumb (which he attributed to the consumption of inferior port wine). The gravity of this affliction can only be appreciated by those who have seen the victim's ringling style.

The last day, as usual, arrived far too quickly. The party rang at Bridport, another good eight, before the 'pièce de résistance,' Litton Cheney. Here the tenor may be raised without the clapper contacting the bell. Just as one is about to set the bell and tell the local ringers they're talking rubbish—the bell must be 'tied'—a crash occurs and a note somewhere in the region of F is heard.

A leisurely lunch at Abbotsbury was followed by a visit to the disused branch line station and for ringling on the six (depending on one's tastes). Wyke Regis (8), the last tower of the tour, produced some reasonable spiced Stedman and Superlative (with bobs at the half-lead).

After ringling several members left to go their separate ways, whilst the remainder visited the Isle of Portland, which is a mass of stone workings, with ugly townships, exhibiting much red brick and abundant evidence of a lack of planning.

The party was extremely pleased to be joined by Mr. and Mrs. Powell and Roger Keeley from Lyme and John Manley from Ottery St. Mary, as well as those mentioned previously. The standard of the bells was high; that of the ringling disappointing. All in all an excellent tour, and grateful thanks are due to the organiser for his efficiency and discipline, and to all incumbents and ringers who met the party.

C. J. B. T.

OUTING

CORSTON, SOMERSET

There has to be a first time for everything and this was the case on April 22nd, when the Corston ringers experienced a wet afternoon for the first time on one of their outings. Accompanied by friends from Twerton, Warmley and Chew Magna, and Mr. W. Lampard, from Australia, five towers in Wiltshire were visited.

The first call was at Southbroom, Devizes, where the light ring of six was put to good use in the time available. At Bishop's Cannings ringling ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major, but for some reason the standard was not worthy of these delightful bells. A picnic tea was planned for at Chirton before ringling there, but as there was no shelter and the rain still fell steadily it was decided to have a 'dry' tea. However, before the meal was over a clearance of the clouds was spotted and as this gradually spread it was decided to 'brew up' while some of the party raised the light six. The learners contended manfully with the long draught.

The rain had now ceased and a move was made to Market Lavington, where the heavier six were put to good use before going on to the last tower at West Lavington. Highlights of the day were a well struck, all-ladies six score of Stedman Doubles and a course of Oxford Treble Bob Minor at West Lavington.

Thanks are due to the incumbents, to those who met us at their towers and not least to Mr. H. Gunner, who made all the arrangements.

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