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**JUNE 2nd, 1953**

**T**HERE are certain dates that are fixed in the calendar of human memory. One of these will be June 2nd, 1953, when in Westminster Abbey Queen Elizabeth II. will be crowned. If God pleases, it will be the last Coronation to take place this century in this Empire. It is a solemn and yet joyful occasion. On her 21st birthday Queen Elizabeth, speaking from South Africa, dedicated her life to her people. Few thought when they heard those courageous sentences broadcast over the radio network that within so short a span Her Royal Highness would be called upon to assume the responsibilities of kingship and leadership of peoples in the five continents of the world.

Most of us have read the Coronation ceremony and are conscious of its deep spiritual significance. In no sense can it be regarded as mere pageantry. It embodies all that is highest in our religious life; a solemn act acknowledging above everything else firstly the supremacy of God and then the setting apart from all her people of the Queen that with God's help she will give that leadership and be divinely endowed with the wisdom necessary in the great duties entrusted to her. No wonder that in many churches of the land Coronation Day is preceded by an all-night vigil.

But it is also an occasion, and rightly so, of rejoicing. After the crowning the people should make merry. The sentiments of the nation cannot be better expressed than by the church bells of our land. It is indeed the day of days and we feel certain that the ringers of this Empire will, as Canon C. Carew Cox, the Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, told the ringers assembled at Calne for the Guild's Festival, have their best possible bands on duty and give of their best. He also expressed a wish that before ringing commenced a short prayer should be said for the Queen.

Television and radio have brought the Coronation ceremony from the heart of Westminster to the homes of the people. It is likely that the first bells to be heard on

Coronation Day at Westminster will be two that were cast when the first Elizabeth was Queen. For five minutes, commencing at 9.15 a.m., the Dean has requested that these bells, cast in 1583 and 1598, should be rung. They are not musical bells; but in their antiquity and their royal association they tell their own message — spanning some four centuries between the two Elizabeths who have governed this land.

As the Queen arrives at the Abbey the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, one of the most familiar rings heard on gramophone records, will sound out. The signal the nation and the world are expecting will be when the bells of Westminster Abbey are fired as the Queen is crowned. The ringers in the Abbey, who are members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, will be W. H. Pasmore, H. Belcher, J. F. Smallwood, J. E. Phillips, C. J. Watts, A. B. Peck, J. H. Crampion, H. N. Pitstow (conductor) and J. A. Waugh (reserve). The bells will be rung as the Queen leaves the Abbey, and after preliminary rounds a peal of Stedman Triples (Pitstow's variation) will be attempted.

It is likely that those listening-in will also hear the bells of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths have arranged to ring at various times during the day especially when the procession is passing after the crowning of Her Majesty and when it returns to Buckingham Palace after touring the West End. Hopes were entertained by the Cumberlands of attempting a peal on Coronation Day, but as this would overlap either the crowning ceremony or the special service at St. Martin's, the attempt has been postponed until the following Saturday. During the day there will also be ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral under the direction of Mr. Herbert Langdon.

We in the provinces wish our London ringers of the Ancient Society of College and the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths every success. They will be ringing to the world, while we in our towns and villages will be ringing to our individual localities. We feel certain that wherever we ring it will be our best and a fitting act of loyalty to our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth.

**GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.**



**TWELVE BELL PEAL**

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Comprising 576 each of York, Pudsey, Leicestershire, Buckinghamshire, Buckingham, Wigston and Yorkshire, and 1,152 of Belgrave, with 96 changes of method.

*TERENCE A. THORNER .. Treble	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 7
HAROLD J. POOLE .. 2	HARRY G. WAYNE .. 8
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY .. 9
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 4	E. ALAN JACQUES .. 10
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 11
†JOHN R. SMITH .. 6	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. Tenor

Composed by KENNETH A. ROE. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

\* 150th peal. † 50th peal on 12 bells.

**TEN BELL PEAL**

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 16, 1953, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

**A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

ALAN R. ANDREWS .. Treble	*GEORGE N. ORMAN .. 6
HARRY D. LISTER .. 2	HERBERT G. JILLINGS .. 7
GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 3	DOUGLAS COLLINS .. 8
ROBERT E. LESTER .. 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 9
*DONALD ANDREWS .. 5	CHARLES A. ANDREWS .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

\* First peal of Royal.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 9, 1953, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Bruerton's.	Tenor 9½ cwt.
REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. Treble	ALAN CARVETH .. 5
MAVIS A. WHITEHEAD .. 2	MRS. A. S. ROBERTS .. 6
MARY MATTHEWS .. 3	CLEMENT W. JOSE .. 7
*HERBERT W. PERKINS .. 4	DOUGLAS BURNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal as conductor.  
Rung to mark the visit of the Princess Royal to West Cornwall, and also the 24th anniversary of the dedication of the Church.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 13, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation).	Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.
FREDERICK BLOWEN .. Treble	FREDERICK NURDEN .. 5
*JESSIE NEWBURY .. 2	PETER BAKER .. 6
EDWIN T. NEWBURY .. 3	LESLIE BARRY .. 7
LESLIE ASTON .. 4	WILFRED FOLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal on eight bells.  
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor, captain of the local band.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 13, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

**A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt.

GLENNIS BODYCOTE .. Treble	LEONARD TREVOR .. 5
*S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 2	JOHN J. MORRIS .. 6
ERNEST JELLEY .. 3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 7
ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE .. 4	WILLIAM THORNLEY .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.

\* First peal in the method.

A birthday compliment to Miss Glennis Bodycote.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 15, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE .. Treble	ALFRED BALLARD .. 5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 2	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. 7
MICHAEL E. BROWN .. 4	TERENCE A. THORNER .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Specially arranged for Terence A. Thorneber, on leave from H.M. Forces in Germany.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 15, 1953, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.
ARTHUR NEWTON .. Treble	JOSEPH YOUNG .. 5
WALTER LEE .. 2	E. DENNIS POOLE .. 6
PERCY NEWTON .. 3	ROLAND BIGGS .. 7
ERNEST E. GOSLING .. 4	VICTOR EVANS .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. George Martin.

BERKHAMSTED, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Sat., May 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*EDWIN J. UPTON .. Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. 5
*AUDREY M. BAILEY .. 2	*FREDERICK J. SPICER .. 6
CHARLES F. SAYER .. 3	WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. 7
WALTER AYRE .. 4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

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

Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Olive M. Martin (Berkhamsted) and Bertram C. Johnson (St. Peter's, St. Albans), which took place previous to the peal.

A 20th wedding anniversary compliment to the ringer of the 7th and Mrs. Hughes.

BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 16, 1953, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Rev. E. Banks James' Eighteen-part.	Tenor 22½ cwt.
SIDNEY H. BARRON .. Treble	JOHN PEARSON .. 5
CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE .. 2	GEOFFREY CROSSLEY .. 6
*THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY .. 3	ALBERT W. BOND .. 7
W. GEORGE TURNER .. 4	*CLIFFORD AARON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

A compliment to Mr. E. Jenkins on completing 40 years of peal ringing.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

**A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

J. BENJAMIN BUDD .. Treble	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 5
*SHIRLEY GOLDING .. 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 6
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 3	PERCY SWINDLEY .. 7
FRED EVANS .. 4	R. GORDON CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by R. GORDON CORBY.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.'

The composition, C.C.C. No. 31, contains singles in 3rd and 6th parts only.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*REGINALD ROWLEY .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 5
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 2	RICHARD G. BELL .. 6
*D. KAY ADKINS .. 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE .. 7
THOMAS W. SHEPPARD .. 4	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENGH.

Conducted by GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN.

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



## GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 16, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE GREEN .. .. Treble	WALTER H. SMITH .. .. 5
HENRY T. WILSON .. .. 2	JOSEPH C. JENNINGS .. .. 6
JOHN H. SITCH .. .. 3	PERCY GREEN .. .. 7
HORACE J. MANSFIELD .. 4	P. T. SPENCER-PHILLIPS .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by P. T. SPENCER-PHILLIPS.

Rung as an 81st birthday compliment to Mr. George Green.

## HORNBY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 16, 1953, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MARJORIE BRAITHWAITE .. Treble	JAMES METCALFE .. .. 5
DOROTHY SCHOFIELD .. .. 2	FRANK T. POSTLETHWAITE .. 6
GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. 3	ROLAND F. ECCLES .. .. 7
ALAN CAPSTICK .. .. 4	JAMES E. BURLS .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JAMES E. BURLS.

Rung as an expression of goodwill between the Furness and Lancaster Branches.

## ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 16, 1953, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

DORIS E. COLGATE .. .. Treble	BRIAN J. LUFF .. .. 5
WILLIAM R. MANSEY .. .. 2	JOHN W. MEADE .. .. 6
PETER N. BOND .. .. 3	ROBERT COLLINS .. .. 7
ERNEST J. LADD .. .. 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.

A birthday compliment to William Rogers, of Rotherfield.

## WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

## A PEAL OF 5024 CHESTERFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt.

JACK BAILEY .. .. Treble	MARK J. BARKER .. .. 5
EDWARD F. GOBEY .. .. 2	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 6
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 3	PHILIP WHITAKER .. .. 7
HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. 4	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. FREEBREY. Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

The method has now been rung for the first time to a true peal.

Rung to commemorate the Ascension.

## ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 18, 1953, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST W. RAWSON .. Treble	†JOHN W. V. SINFIELD .. 5
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 2	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 6
*WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 3	*S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 7
*ERIC A. DENCH .. .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. Tenor

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

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise Major.

## CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 18, 1953, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation).

ERNEST WILSON .. .. Treble	DAVID BEACHAM .. .. 5
SUSAN JACKSON .. .. 2	RALPH W. SAYERS .. .. 6
GEORGE E. LARGE .. .. 3	REGINALD WOODYATT .. 7
ALLEN MORGAN .. .. 4	FREDERICK G. YATES .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD WOODYATT.

An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. E. Percy Thomas, donor of five new bells and clock in this tower.

## PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 18, 1953, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.

*A. TREVOR SUTTON .. Treble	†DUDLEY SURMAN .. .. 5
†ROY TAYLOR .. .. 2	*ROBERT DOWDESWELL .. 6
MRS. J. THOMAS .. .. 3	CHARLES ROUSE .. .. 7
JOHN THOMAS .. .. 4	‡PETER WARREN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' ‡ First peal 'inside.'

A birthday compliment to the tower captain, Frank Pendry, on his 66th birthday.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## STISTED, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 8, 1953, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

ALBERT SAUNDERS .. Treble	MRS. H. W. MOORE .. .. 4
MRS. E. C. JARVIS .. .. 2	ALAN R. SYDER .. .. 5
JUNE S. STARLING .. .. 3	TERRY EARLE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

## ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 9 cwt. 23 lb. in A.

*WILLIAM RAMSBOTHAM .. Treble	KENNETH HARTLEY .. .. 4
NORMAN SMITH .. .. 2	ROGER LEIGH .. .. 5
BRIAN SMITH .. .. 3	GORDON WHEWELL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH HARTLEY.

\* First peal.

## EARLS CROOME, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM RANFORD .. Treble	JOHN THOMAS .. .. 4
SIDNEY T. HOLT .. .. 2	CHARLES J. CAMM .. .. 5
MRS. J. THOMAS .. .. 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.

Specially rung as a compliment to William Ranford on his 84th birthday.

All the band, except T. W. Lewis, have rung more than 500 peals, and he has rung over 400.



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**POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

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

ALAN R. ANDREWS .. ..	Treble	GEORGE W. BARNES .. ..	4
DONALD C. ANDREWS .. ..	2	ROY DUESBURY .. ..	5
FELIX H. ERITH .. ..	3	GEORGE N. ORMAN .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

**NORTH CHERITON, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Mon., May 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 11 cwt.

H. PERCY SPARKS .. ..	Treble	JAMES F. HATCHLEY .. ..	3
LLOYD MCCREADIE .. ..	2	WALTER J. TILLEY .. ..	4

HENRY J. SANGER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by H. PERCY SPARKS.

In memoriam John Norris, who was born in this parish, and died in 1952 at the age of 86, having been a ringer for well over 60 years.

**OCKHAM, SURREY.  
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Fri., May 15, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Consisting of two extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, two extents of Stedman, 12 extents of Plain Bob, 24 of Grandsire (10 variations of calling), and one 240, Morris's arrangement. Tenor 7 cwt. in A.

*ANN COX .. ..	Treble	††REX J. CORKE .. ..	3
†ROBERT W. MORANT .. ..	2	††E. JOHN WELLS .. ..	4

A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal. † First peal in four methods. †† First peal of Doubles. Mr. A. P. Cannon's 325th peal (conducted 176).

**RAINFORD, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Fri., May 15, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Consisting of 12 extents of April Day, 16 of Bob Doubles and 14 of Grandsire. Rung on the front six.

*FRANCES E. ELLISON .. ..	Treble	*STUART W. BRACEGIRDLE .. ..	4
*JOHN R. AUSTIN .. ..	2	HARRY BLACKBURN .. ..	5
*ERIC ROUGHLEY .. ..	3	†FRANK SAUNDERS .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BLACKBURN.

\* First peal in three methods. † First peal. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

**CHURCH EATON, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

*On Sat., May 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,  
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. ..	Treble	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND .. ..	4
ERNEST STITCH .. ..	2	MAURICE G. TURNER .. ..	5
SAMUEL BIRCH .. ..	3	HOWARD HOWELL .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

**CROUGHTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 720 each of St. Simon, Norfolk, Old Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

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

DONALD S. PAYNE .. ..	Treble	MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN .. ..	3
VICTOR A. PERRY .. ..	2	MICHAEL F. AMOS .. ..	4

ERNEST G. ORLAND .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

First peal on the bells.

**HEMSWORTH, NEAR PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(Barnsley District Society.)

*On Sat., May 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR**

In 17 methods: (1) Willesden, College Bob IV., Newdigate and Old Oxford; (2) Wragby and St. Albans; (3) Charlwood and Neasden; (4) College Exercise and Norbury; (5) Ockley and Duke of Norfolk; (6) London Scholars and Kingston; (7) Capel, Oxford and Sandal.

Tenor 7 cwt. 6 lb. in A.

JAMES W. BUXTON .. ..	Treble	DANIEL SMITH .. ..	4
CYRIL RUSBY .. ..	2	HERMANN RUSBY .. ..	5
HAROLD CHANT .. ..	3	NOEL F. MOXON .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

First peal of Minor on the bells. First peal in 17 methods by all except ringers of 3rd and 4th.

**NOCTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents in twelve methods: 1, Beverley and Surfleet; 2, York and Durham; 3, Ipswich and Cambridge; 4, Bourne and Nether-seale; 5, Allandale and Westminster; 6, Hull; 7, Norwich.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

MOSES BILLINGS .. ..	Treble	RONALD APPLEWHITE .. ..	4
BERTIE BEE .. ..	2	PETER MASON .. ..	5
AMOS INGALL .. ..	3	LOUIS WILKERS .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

First Surprise in 12 methods by all the band except the tenor.

**PRESTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Bourne, Cambridge, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

FREDERICK DAY .. ..	Treble	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. ..	4
*ROSEMARY SEABROOK .. ..	2	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT .. ..	5
*FREDERICK HUNT .. ..	3	*RICHARD CHAMBERS .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT.

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

**SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sun., May 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

*MARGOT R. THOMSON .. ..	Treble	†JOHN R. O. SPICER .. ..	4
FRANK WARRINGTON .. ..	2	HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. ..	5
FRANK W. LACK .. ..	3	†JOHN W. C. BLYTHE .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

\* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.' † 25th peal for Ely Diocesan Association, and has also 'circled' this tower.

A birthday compliment to Mr. Fred Gifford, captain of ringers, Cottenham, Cambs.

**GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., May 20, 1953, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

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

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

GEORGE T. BUNNING .. ..	Treble	GEORGE P. ADAMS .. ..	4
SIDNEY MARSHALL .. ..	2	BERT GOGLE .. ..	5
ARTHUR G. BASON .. ..	3	RICHARD E. PRICE .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.



## RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 20, 1953, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising 1.680 Winchendon, 840 St. Nicholas, 840 Reverse Canterbury, 840 St. Simon, and 840 Plain Bob Doubles. Tenor 8 cwt.

A. WALPOLE .. .. .	Treble	G. WALPOLE .. .. .	3
*J. FORDER .. .. .	2	*D. LONG .. .. .	4
E. LONG .. .. .		Tenor	

Conducted by E. LONG.

\* First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor.

Rung on the occasion of the birth of a son and heir to Sir Edmund and Lady Bacon.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Mon., May 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

At 10, STOCKMORE STREET,

## A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

R. JAMES COOK .. .. .	1—2	*ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. .	5—6
PETER BORDER .. .. .	3—4	PETER C. WRIGHT .. .. .	7—8

Composed by H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

\* First peal in the method. The first handbell peal in the method by all the band.

## BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

At TRENTWOOD,

## A PEAL OF 5004 SPLICED MAJOR

Being 21 methods: Pulford, Avalon, Painswick, Kidlington, Double Oxford, Pershore, Hereward, Double Norwich, St. Clement's, Crayford College, Richmond, New London, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Plain Bob. Gainsborough Little Bob, Wellington Little Court, Little Bob. Crayford Little Court, Bastow Little Court and Kent Little Court: 346 changes of method. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY .. .. .	1—2	JACK BRAY .. .. .	5—6
GEORGE E. FEIRN .. .. .	3—4	PHILIP BARNES .. .. .	7—8

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., May 10, 1953, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

At 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

## A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor size 21 in D.

MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. .. .	1—2	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. .	7—8
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. .. .	3—4	HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. .	9—10
PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. .	5—6	TERENCE A. THORNBUR .. .. .	11—12

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

## BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

At 39, TITIAN AVENUE,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.

HAROLD G. CASHMORE .. .. .	1—2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER .. .. .	5—6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. .. .	3—4	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW .. .. .	7—8

Non-conducted and silent.

## COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 13, 1953, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

At 68, NEWFIELD ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor size 18 in A.

H. ERNEST SIBLEY .. .. .	1—2	ALBERT WALKER .. .. .	5—6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. .. .	3—4	FRANK E. PERVIN .. .. .	7—8
HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. .. .			9—10

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.



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# QUARTER PEALS

**ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.**—On May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Pamela Law (first quarter) 1, Valerie Mephram 2, Mary W. Brown 3, S. W. Brown (cond.) 4, H. W. Brown 5, D. H. Paine 6.

**ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.**—On May 3rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: P. Stone 1, D. A. Carpenter 2, J. W. T. Taylor 3, F. W. Perrens (cond.) 4, R. Winter 5, G. Gardner 6, J. L. Garner-Hayward 7, W. G. Stote 8. First quarter in the method by the Sunday service band.

**BALLARAT, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.**—On Mar. 6th, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joan Hills 1, J. Cummins 2, G. Heyes 3, E. J. Fowell 4, G. Waldron 5, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 3 and 5. A birthday compliment to John Cummins.

**BOLTON, LANCs.**—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering: J. Kirkup 1, H. Gorton 2, J. Bolton 3, A. Moss 4, R. Eastham (cond.) 5, Itha Molyneux 6, R. Hartley 7, J. Hartley 8. First quarter for 1, 3 and 4. A compliment to Mr. Harold Gorton on completing 50 years as a ringer at this church.

**BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.**—On May 17th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (being extents of Kent and Oxford): Miss D. Good 1, Miss P. M. Clarke 2, R. E. Lester 3, J. S. Wybrew 4, A. Fever 5, R. W. Steward (cond.) 6. Rung on the occasion of the christening of Linda Rose, niece of the conductor.

**BRISTOL.**—On May 14th, at St. Ambrose's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. D. M. Bennett 1, F. J. Sampson 2, J. F. Pedler 3, V. J. Williams 4, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 5, F. Skidmore 6, A. A. Hilliar 7, G. Nichols 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

**CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.**—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Bob Doubles: P. Chant 1, Mrs. F. Vacher 2, H. Pitman (first 'inside') 3, D. W. C. Chant 4, W. C. Shute (cond.) 5, F. Vacher 6.

**CAWTHORNE, YORKS.**—On April 25th, 1,320 Oxford Minor: R. Swift 1, W. Broadhead 2, I. Crossland 3, R. Brogan 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6. Rung for golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Machen.

**CHECKENDON, OXON.**—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Nobes 1, J. Nobes 2, G. J. Hearn 3, G. Gray 4, E. Baughan (cond.) 5, C. Baughan 6. A farewell to Mr. B. Wakefield, a ringer at the church for a number of years, who is leaving the district.

**CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.**—On May 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. Mussell 1, Jean M. Harris (cond.) 2, H. H. Abrahams 3, P. J. Came 4, W. Glover 5, R. Groves 6, J. E. G. Roast 7, F. L. Harris 8, P. J. Eves 9, R. N. Marlow 10.

**CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.**—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. W. Knight 1, Miss J. Rose 2, D. J. Marshall 3, C. Kortright 4, M. J. Horseman 5, E. F. Shearn 6, L. Derrick (cond.) 7, H. Hardridge 8.

**COWLEY, OXON.**—On May 4th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day and 900 Grandsire, including Morris' 240): Mrs. W. Holloway 1, W. Holloway (cond.) 2, Mrs. L. Busby 3, P. Smith 4, J. Sutton 5, J. Auger (first quarter) 6.

**DEAL, KENT.**—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Rich 1, Miss J. Milner 2, G. E. Ruck (cond.) 3, Miss G. A. Rich 4, R. D. Reece 5, M. Milner 6. First quarter for 1, 4 and 5. Rung as a 50th birthday compliment to Mr. Milner, and to the year-old engagement of his daughter Miss J. Milner.

**DEPTFORD, KENT.**—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Warner 1, F. W. Richardson 2, Miss M. Hunt 3, T. A. Easterby 4, F. J. Hurrell 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, G. H. Daynes 7, J. Hurrell 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

**DORKING, SURREY.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. T. Clark (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Dowling (first quarter) 2, Miss P. Elliott (first 'inside') 3, Miss E. Clear 4, B. Read 5, Miss M. Brown 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, G. Goldman 8.

**ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): L. W. Conduct 1, W. J. Meers (cond.) 2, J. W. Conduct 3, J. Graves 4, G. Pemberton 5, W. T. Shelton 6. Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his 77th birthday, also his 63rd year as chimier and ringer at this church.

**GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.**—On May 14th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Whitney 1, E. J. Parish 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, F. Warrington (cond.) 4, W. Ransom 5, A. Clements 6, H. S. Peacock 7, R. H. Brooker 8. First quarter on the bells since restoration by Messrs. Taylors, and rung for the evening (Ascension) service.

**GOOLE, YORKS.**—On May 1st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. J. J. Taylor 1, C. W. King 2, T. Leask 3, A. H. Hawcroft 4, J. J. Taylor 5, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 6 (rung on back 6 bells). Longest length of Cambridge Surprise Minor in the tower for some years.

**GOUDHURST, Kent.**—On May 16th, 1,264 Bob Major: J. E. Chittenden 1, Miss B. M. Vidler 2, M. J. Martin 3, C. A. Wratten 4, J. L. Morris 5, L. J. Hones 6, F. W. Tomlin 7, R. L. Sills (cond.) 8.

**HENLOW, BEDS.**—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Dear 1, G. Mayes 2, J. Harland 3, G. Dear 4, Miss D. J. Hare 5, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. H. S. Pegg, late of Ditchfield, who was interred the same day.

**HIGHCLERE, HANTS.**—On May 16th, 1,320 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire): W. Kewell 1, P. E. Dodd 2, O. G. Smart 3, G. K. Dodd 4, R. W. Rex (cond.) 5, R. Evans 6.

**HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.**—On May 14th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: D. Marshall 1, Mrs. T. W. Kimber 2, D. Smith 3, F. C. Mogford 4, G. Prescott 5, W. Prescott (cond.) 6. First quarter of Stedman Doubles for 1, 2 and 3. Rung for Ascension Day.

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**—On May 10th, 1,280 Spiced Major (896 Plain Bob, 384 Kent Treble Bob, 17 changes of method): A. H. Worboys 1, C. E. Wright 2, J. Carrott 3, D. M. Salisbury 4, F. V. Gant (cond.) 5, S. Penfold 6, T. East 7, A. J. Salisbury 8. First in method for all the band except the conductor.

**HUNTINGDON.**—On May 7th, at All Saints', 1,440 Bob Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, H. B. Bull 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, F. Warrington 4, J. R. G. Spicer 5, H. S. Peacock (first quarter as cond.) 6. Also at St. Mary's, on May 17th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: F. Warrington (cond.) 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, Miss M. R. Thomson 3, J. W. C. Blythe 4, H. S. Peacock 5, W. Ransom 6, A. Clements 7, S. Gilbert 8.

**KINGS NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Mary Funnell 1, Ruth C. Russell 2, Evelyn M. Fletcher 3, E. W. Blake 4, Molly P. Flynn 5, A. M. Flynn 6, W. C. Dowding (cond.) 7, C. E. J. Blake 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Molly Flynn.

**LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. J. F. Crampion 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, C. A. Hughes 3, C. R. Smith 4, D. W. Beard 5, J. Groves 6, E. D. Smith (cond.) 7, R. F. Deal 8.

**LONG SUTTON, HANTS.**—On May 3rd, at the Lord Wandsworth College, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. MacD. Warner 1-2, S. Wharten 3-4, C. P. W. Taylor (cond.) 5-6. First by all and first ever at the College.

**LYDD, KENT.**—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: L. Terry 1, S. J. Boulden 2, Miss M. Vantom 3, Miss O. Boulden 4, H. S. Humphrey 5, J. R. Cooper 6, R. Swift (cond.) 7, Miss A. Boulden 8. First quarter in the method by all the band. Rung for Confirmation service.

**MADLEY, HEREFORDS.**—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss June Patterson (first quarter) 1, T. Gundy 2, R. G. Powell (cond.) 3, L. Colcombe 4, J. Probert 5, M. Munn (first quarter) 6.

**MAPERTON, SOMERSET.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Sanger 1, L. McCreadie 2, J. Hatchley 3, H. Sanger 4, P. Sparks (cond.) 5.

**MILTON REGIS, KENT.**—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Stone 1, D. G. Dobbie (cond.) 2, F. Fagg 3, B. Fagg 4, J. Judd 5, A. E. Blundy 6. First quarter for 1, 4 and 6. Rung for eve of Ascension Day.

**MITCHAM, SURREY.**—On May 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jean Freer 1, Barbara Harris 2, J. Tomsett 3, G. Parsons 4, S. Howard 5, E. Blake 6, C. W. R. Grimwood 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8. First quarter on the bells since the rehanging. A compliment to Miss M. Jean Freer, of Merton Park, and Maurice E. Calvert, of Northampton, upon their engagement.

**OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.**—On May 17th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: A. H. Bates 1-2, D. W. Stone 3-4, G. Cousins (first of Doubles and first as cond.) 5-6. First in hand for all. Rung as birthday compliment to A. Cross, of the local band.

**PETERCHURCH, HEREFORDS.**—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. C. Prosser 1, T. Gundy 2, R. G. Powell (first as cond.) 3, L. Colcombe 4, S. Bowyer 5, M. Walters 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 6.

**PLESHEY, ESSEX.**—On May 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (360 St. Martin's, 360 St. Simon's, 360 Plain Bob, 180 Grandsire): I. J. M. Saunders 1, R. I. Gardiner 2, P. J. Came 3, P. J. Eves (cond.) 4, J. E. G. Roast 5.

**READING, BERKS.**—On May 17th, at St. Mary's, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss N. E. Swann 1, R. F. Diserens 2, E. W. Colley (first in method) 3, A. Diserens 4, F. W. Lewis 5, C. Pullen 6, P. W. Weeks (first of Surprise) 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8. Rung for the Feast of the Ascension.

**ROYSTON, HERTS.**—On May 3rd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Allgood 1, H. F. Heathfield 2, G. Pratt 3, W. J. Houghton 4, R. T. Newman 5, E. W. Roberts (cond.) 6.

**SHAW, BERKS.**—On May 19th, 1,440 Doubles (consisting of two 120's Stedman, four 120's Bob and six 120's Grandsire): R. Christopher 1, F. Tuffey 2, G. Townsend 3, Mrs. A. D. Cooper 4, R. Crook (cond.) 5, T. Goddard 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rev. W. Kingsley-Kefford, chairman of Newbury branch for 22 years.

**SMITHFIELD, E.**—At St. Bartholomew-the-Great, on May 2nd, 1,320 Doubles (240 Reverse St. Bartholomew's, 360 each of Grandsire, St. Simon's and Plain Bob): A. H. Bates 1, M. W. Harbott 2, Mrs. J. Dodds (first of Doubles) 3, D. W. Stone 4, G. Dodds (cond.) 5.

**SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.**—On May 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: F. Warrington (cond.) 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, A. Clements 3, H. S. Peacock 4, C. Goodyer 5, E. J. Wakeling 6.

**SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.**—On May 17th, at the Minster, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. L. Barley 1, G. E. Foster 2, J. F. Milner (cond.) 3, F. W. Pickard 4, F. W. Midwinter 5, A. R. Fowkes 6, A. J. Chamberlain 7, J. L. Smith 8.

**STAUNTON, GLOS.**—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Bessant 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, G. W. Hollis 3, A. Barton (first quarter) 4, L. H. Jones (cond.) 5, E. Malsom 6. Rung before dedication of new electric organ blower. Also on May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Bessant 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, Mrs. D. Stafford 3, A. Barton 4, L. H. Jones (cond.) 5, E. Malsom 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. M. Barnett, a former ringer and church worker.

**STEPNEY, E.**—On May 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. M. Page 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, Janet Bailey 4, T. G. Fox 5, L. J. Fox 6, S. H. Dearden 7, H. Belcher 8, R. F. Deal (cond.) 9, J. Chilcott 10.

**ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.**—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Piper, jun., 1, S. H. Bailey 2, W. G. Ridd 3, J. Ridd 4, A. A. Price (first as cond.) 5, G. Piper, sen., 6, S. G. Smith 7, C. Hankinson 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor, and also for the return after a long serious illness of the Rector.

**TRURO, CORNWALL.**—On May 12th, at the Cathedral, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: D. Burnett 1, Marion Lidgely 2, H. Miles 3, G. Taysom 4, H. C. Spencer (cond.) 5, C. Jose 6, F. Bradley 7, A. Carveth 8, E. V. Williams 9, C. K. Brewer 10. First quarter of Caters for 1, 2, 6, 8 and 10.

**WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.**—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. J. Cole 1, G. Walford 2, Miss A. Yarde (first of Triples) 3, S. N. Bristow 4, G. J. Gammon 5, G. Salter 6, D. T. North (cond.) 7, A. E. Hawkins 8. Rung for the Confirmation service.

**WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.**—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. Roope 1, Miss G. Ashby 2, J. A. Townsend 3, G. Roope (cond.) 4, P. Ambs 5. Runz for a service of Confirmation.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

### Frensham Attracts Many Ringers

The meeting at Frensham (one of Surrey's beauty spots) of the Farnham district on May 16th attracted a company of 50, of whom over half were under 25 years of age.

Ringling in the afternoon was organised by Mr. John Wells, and in the evening by the District Ringing Master (Mr. C. W. Denyer).

Following a sumptuous tea, Mr. Denyer presided at the business meeting, when Miss M. Green (Farnham) and Mr. Dugall MacPherson (Aldershot) were elected members.

Mr. R. Whelpton thanked the Vicar (the Rev. L. J. Allen) for officiating at the service, Miss R. A. Heath for volunteering as organist, the captain and local ringers, and Miss D. Aslett, Mrs. Stephens, Miss A. Buller and Miss Heath for serving an excellent tea.

Mr. E. J. Heath responded.

## 5,056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

BY C. K. LEWIS

23456 M. B. W. H.

42356				1
53246				2
32456	1	x		2
36452		x	1	1
23564	2		1	2
53624	1	x		1
34625				2
26435			2	2
32465			1	

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## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

The spring meeting on May 9th was held at Mavesyn Ridware, a pleasant village situated just off the Lichfield-Abbots Bromley road. The ancient church of St. Nicholas, with its chapel wall embellished with a large collection of shields, must be a happy hunting ground for anyone interested in heraldry.

Considering that Mavesyn Ridware is not easy of access, the attendance of 54 was very satisfactory, and those present put the pleasing ring of six bells (tenor 9 cwt.) to good use during the afternoon and evening. Ringing was under the direction of Mr. Maurice Turner, Ringing Master.

A resident of a nearby cottage took an exceedingly dim view of the proceedings, claiming that a peal was rung on the bells every Saturday, such statement, of course, being a gross exaggeration.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. F. Need), who said, in the course of his address, that, as ringers rang their bells Sunday by Sunday, they had no idea how many people hearing the bells were reminded that spiritual matters still counted in these days of materialism. The organist, Mr. Masser, kindly played for the service. Tea was served in the Old Schoolroom at Hill Ridware. The annual meeting of the Society will be held at Lichfield on June 20th.

Mr. John A. Townsend, who is stationmaster at Armitage, close to Rugeley, Staffs, has been visiting old friends in Northampton. He rang many peals in the county and was a familiar figure at meetings. His name appears this week in our quarter peal columns under Weston Favell. The occasion was the first in 26 years that he and the tenor ringer had rung together.

## PILTON, SOMERSET

The Pilton ringers, with ringing friends from several neighbouring towers and a few non-ringing friends, went for their annual ringing outing on May 16th.

Leaving Pilton at 8.15 a.m. in pouring rain, the first stop was Stalbridge, where ringing took place on the very nice six bells (tenor 17 cwt.). The journey continued, still in heavy rain, to Sturminster Newton to ring on another six (tenor 16 cwt.). Then the rain ceased and better weather was experienced to Wareham. Here the first item was lunch and then ringing on the first eight of the day (tenor 21 cwt.). Then on to Corfe Mullen and a pleasant light six (tenor 12 cwt.). On through Wimborne to Ringwood, and a very enjoyable tea, followed by ringing on Ringwood's eight bells (tenor 19 cwt.). After that on to the last tower of the day, which was Cranborne, another eight (tenor 17 cwt.).

Despite the weather, it was a very successful and enjoyable day, and this was largely due to the excellent arrangements made by the Deanery Ringing Master, Mr. Percy Hull, and the captain of the Pilton band, Mr. E. Lambert. Without a doubt the most beautiful church at which the party rang was Wareham.

All the bells were good, and probably opinions would differ as to which were best; one can but say that one ringer scored his only success of 'standing' at the right moment, at Corfe Mullen.

A grandfathers' peal was planned for May 16th at Great Baddow, Essex. Owing to a last minute withdrawal, Mr. Percy Green deputised on the 7th, leaving only seven ringers. The peal was in honour of Mr. George Green's 81st birthday, and he was in the band ringing the treble to Cambridge Surprise Major.

## ODDFELLOWS' CONFERENCE AT FOLKESTONE

Brother Frank Stenson, North Col, 142, Minshull New Road, Crewe, has received the following letter from Brother Marsh, A.M.C. secretary: 'I am sorry I have not written you before re bell ringing at the Folkestone A.M.C., but I handed a copy of the magazine, containing your note, to Mr. F. J. Whittaker, 76, Surrenden Road, Folkestone, local secretary, and thought he would write you direct.

'I saw him on Tuesday, and he was under a misapprehension. However, he is quite willing to meet you and any other Odd Fellow ringers to ring for the service in the afternoon for your service, and if there are not sufficient of your members to make a band the locals will help you. Perhaps you will contact him.

'If, after ringing, you wish to attend the service, I will see that you have seats. It would be very nice if we could have the bells for the Odd Fellows' service. There is also a fine ring at Elham, near Canterbury, and Bro. Verney will help you if you wish.'—Bro. E. N. Marsh.

Special service at the Parish Church of SS. Mary and Eanswyth at 3 p.m. Ringers assemble at 2.20. Any visiting ringers will be welcome.

Has the London area lost another octave for all time? The Church of St. John, Wilton Road, close to Victoria S.R. Station, was badly bombed during the war, the tower alone remaining intact. This has now been demolished and the site has been cleared. The bells have disappeared! Can anyone enlighten us regarding their present whereabouts!

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Will secretaries sending Notices for the issue of June 5th please note that the latest date to secure insertion in that issue is first post Monday, June 1st. This is to enable our printers to participate in the National Holiday on Coronation Day.

'The Ringing World' has gained notoriety. It appeared in last week's 'Punch' with a refreshing article headed 'Belfry Probe.' Of course, there was a disguise. 'The Split Eardrum' is the gracious title bestowed upon us by Alan Hackney. The issue of November 28th, 1952, provides the entertainment, and that well known phrase of Sir Arthur Heywood, 'Near upon half a century of apathy has cast around Stedman Triples a shroud of impenetrable mystery almost romantic in its completeness,' a text for the writer.

Is a ring of bells a chattel under Part II. of the War Damage Act? Can any reader give us an official ruling?

May we give a special word of thanks to the North Berks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Towards 'The Ringing World' funds they have donated 21s. as a result of tea proceeds at their annual meeting at Blewbury on May 16th. The Church Council were the caterers.

The ringing room at Stisted has no windows, therefore artificial light is required for all ringing. During the third extent of a peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor on May 8th someone switched off the lights. Fortunately they were switched on again almost at once, to the relief of the band.

Lord Wandsworth Agricultural College, Long Sutton, has now 15 pupils studying change ringing. It started with a housemaster purchasing a set of handbells and a copy of the Central Council's book on handbell ringing being sent to a pupil, Cecil Taylor, son of the late Mr. W. E. Taylor, of Boyne Hill. The first quarter in hand has now been rung.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Ill luck has so far dogged Mr. R. G. Hooper, of Bristol, in his attempts to call a peal of Stedman Triples, the latest misfortune being at Bitton, Glos., on May 16th. After two hours of good ringing the peal was brought to an untimely halt by someone pulling a chiming hammer and stopping the treble bell in its path—much to the surprise of Miss Jacqueline S. Evans, who was ringing it.

By the time the door had been unlocked and the ringers had descended to interview the offenders (one ringer ascended to view the damage) the two boys responsible were running out of the churchyard, and although hotly pursued by two of the more athletic members of the band got clean away. Fortunately little damage was done, and the Vicar has promised to take steps to prevent the occurrence of a similar incident.

'The Ringing World' has been accepted for a trial period for a month in the Reading Room of the public library at Gravesend, through the initiative of Mr. F. A. Cluett.

Correction.—The peal at Houghton, Huntingdonshire, reported on page 310 of the issue of May 15th should read 'Conducted by Frank Warrington.'

The bells of St. Mary's, Monmouth (an eight by Abraham Rudhall, 1706), have been rehung on roller bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston and are being rededicated by the Bishop of Monmouth on June 1st. Nearly all the cost (£670) has been collected. A peal will be attempted on July 1st, the anniversary of rehanging in a new frame by George Day in 1883. The first peal on the bells was conducted by Mr. Edwin Barnett on July 1st, 1886.

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## SALISBURY GUILD FESTIVAL

### Calne Visited for Coming-of-Age of Local Branch

The annual Festival of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Calne, Wiltshire, on May 9th. The attendance numbered 180 members and their friends. The Mayor of Calne (Councillor C. R. Syms) welcomed the Guild on behalf of the borough, touching upon the history and industry of the town, which was known throughout the world.

The Master of the Guild (Canon C. Carew Cox) presided at the meeting and, in opening, thanked the Mayor for sparing time to join the members at their meeting.

Apologies were received from the Earl of Shaftesbury (president), Mr. G. Harding, Mr. A. Palmer, and the ringers of Upavon, who were 'ringing in' their new Vicar.

In his address, Canon Cox stated that progress was being made, and what was more important, was the feeling of comradeship between the towers and branches throughout the Diocese. Every tower with bells, he said, would be ringing for the Coronation, and he hoped the best possible bands would be on duty, and that all would give of their best. He expressed a wish that before ringing commenced a short prayer should be said for the Queen.

The hon. secretary (Mr. W. C. West) presented his report and balance sheet. Ringing members numbered 1,050, hon. members 21, associates 20, life members 12. During the year 33 peals had been rung. He congratulated Mr. C. H. Lathey on his 21 years' service as hon. secretary of the West Dorset branch, and wished him good fortune in his retirement. He reported the balance in hand at the bank as £114 17s. 9d. and £28 in the deposit account, with £12 11s. worth of badges. This was regarded as satisfactory and adopted unanimously.

It was decided to publish a report for Coronation year, in addition to the biennial report due for the past two years.

All the retiring officers were re-elected, with the addition of Mr. Louis Wilson, of Wootton Bassett, who was elected a vice-president. Grants of £3 3s. each to St. Martin's, Salisbury, and Wimborne Minster; £5 5s. to Heddington towards the hanging of a treble to make another ring of six for the Calne branch.

The Festival service was held in St. Mary's Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. W. D. O'Hanlon, assisted by the Rev. Richard Wood (curate), Canon Cox and Canon White (chairman of the Calne branch). The address was given by the Archdeacon of Wiltshire (the Ven. C. A. Plaxton), who is a ringer. The service was accompanied by Mr. Ralph S. Wylie at the organ.

The Town Hall, which was used for the meeting, made also an ideal setting for the tea, the Mayor and Mayoress being the guests of honour. The catering was excellent, and the flowers were provided by Mr. A. R. Saye, a member of the Calne band.

During the meeting the Rev. F. L. Edwards, the late secretary, handed to Mr. West the first minute book of the Guild, dated 1883.

It was also reported the meeting coincided with the 21st anniversary of the founding of the Calne branch.

Votes of thanks were passed to all who had contributed to the success of the Festival, and members dispersed to their various ways from Wootton Bassett in the North to Lyme Regis and Bournemouth in the South.

## INCIDENT AT EVERCREECH

J. D. arrives, and parks his car, and surprisingly, although he is fifteen minutes early, remains to chat.

A quarter of an hour later, he ascends tower, and starts to discuss script with H. J. S.

A rush of feet up the steps, 'Please, Mr. Sanger, there's a car on fire outside!' EXEUNT all, except J. D., who remains searching the script for spelling and grammatical errors.

After an interval, there is another rush of feet on the stairs.

OMNES: 'The fire's out.'

J. D.: 'Where was it?'

OMNES: 'Under the bonnet.'

J. D.: 'What did you do?'

OMNES: 'Pulled a lead away and threw a couple of buckets of water on it.'

J. D.: 'Is it out now?'

OMNES: 'Yes.'

J. D.: 'Whose car was it?'

OMNES: 'YOURS!'

## THE LADIES' GUILD

### Yorkshire District at Pudsey

A meeting of the Yorkshire District of the Ladies' Guild took place at Pudsey, near Leeds, on May 9th, when members attended from Woodlesford, Armley, Collingham, Pudsey, Leeds and Sheffield.

The church can be seen from miles away as one travels up and down dale. The approach to the belfry is made up a magnificent staircase.

Early on this glorious afternoon the bells were set off into changes and touches of Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Stedman, Superlative, Grandsire, Kent and Cambridge were brought round before tea.

One new member was elected at the business meeting. The next meeting was arranged for Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, August 1st.

The ladies expressed their thanks to the Vicar for his welcome, and to the local company for their hospitality.

## CORONATION PEALS AND QUARTERS

Ringling for the Coronation is expected to be on an unprecedented scale, and in accord with the warm affection with which our gracious Queen is held.

The correspondence in connection with this great signal of national rejoicing is expected to be heavy. To enable the Editor to cope expeditiously with the heavy mail, we ask those sending in peals or quarter peals to observe the following conditions:—

(1) Each peal and quarter peal to be written on one side of a sheet of paper with the name and address of the sender on the sheet.

(2) Follow precisely the style peals and quarter peals are appearing in our journal. If you have any doubts write your peal with a copy of 'The Ringing World' in front of you.

(3) Reduce footnotes to a minimum. Just first peals or first in the method. Coronation peals are rung for one purpose only. There can be no secondary occasion like somebody's birthday or wedding anniversary.

(4) Any special incident in connection with the ringing, like, for example, a veteran who rang for Edward VII. Coronation or an amusing incident, should be written on a separate sheet of paper and attached to the peal or quarter peal.

(5) The production of our Coronation numbers will be expensive and it will be necessary to enlarge 'The Ringing World' to 20 pages. Any voluntary donation to meet this added cost will be appreciated.

(6) Sets of Coronation peal or quarter peal cards printed in patriotic colours can be obtained from 'The Ringing World' Office, price 5s. a set of 12 post free. Remittance should accompany the copy.

(7) Make certain that every first pealer has a copy of 'The Ringing World.' Send your order for additional copies when dispatching your peal or quarter. These mementoes will be treasured in years to come.

## THE LATE MR. G. WILLIAMS' GIFT TO HIS GUILD

THE 'George Williams' Memorial Library and Bookcase were dedicated at St. Mary's, Southampton, on May 9th. This date was chosen because it was the Saturday nearest the anniversary of his birthday, on May 7th.

The first part of the service was held in St. Mary's, and was conducted by the Rector, Rev. G. F. Hales, assisted by Rev. K. Felstead, who gave an inspiring address on the life and example of George Williams, the late Master of the Guild.

The second part of the service was held in the ringing chamber, where for the present the bookcase is housed by kindness of the Rector and churchwardens. The clergy, together with the Guild Executive, ascended the tower, where the memorial was dedicated by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead. A return was made to the church for the blessing. Mr. D. C. Williams, F.R.C.O., an old friend of George Williams, accompanied the singing.

Tea was taken in the Chantry Hall, and was prepared and served by the lady ringers from St. Mary's, St. Michael's and North Stonham.

About 70 were present from a wide area of the Guild, and included Mr. V. Scardiff, the nearest surviving relative of George Williams, and Mr. Frank Bennett, a very old ringing friend.

After tea the Master—Mr. G. Pullinger—said that all present would be sorry to hear that their popular secretary—Mr. F. W. Rogers—was unable to be present. An apology was also received from Mr. Newman. He thanked all who had in any way helped with the

memorial scheme. He particularly mentioned Mr. F. W. Rogers, Mr. Linter, Mr. York-Bramble and Mr. Bailey from the Isle of Wight, who had supervised the building of the bookcase.

Tributes were paid to the memory of George Williams by Mr. Linter, Mr. York-Bramble, Mr. Frank Bennett, Mr. Brown, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Faithfull, Mr. Kippin and Mr. Reed. Mr. Scardiff also spoke and expressed the hope that the Guild would ring the first peal on the George Williams handbells, which he had presented to the Guild.

The considerable library of ringing books collected by the late George Williams was willed by him to the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, and the memorial is the bookcase to house the books, with provision for further books that may come into possession of the Guild. It is made of oak with the words: 'George Williams Memorial Library, The Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers' carved on the top panel. At each end are carved bells. The work was carried out by Messrs. Moorman, of Newport, Isle of Wight, and those present expressed their appreciation of the high standard of the work, and the hope that members would make use of the library to foster the art of change ringing which George Williams did so much to extend. The bookcase has been designed so that it may be moved as and when required.

During the afternoon and evening various methods up to London Royal were rung at St. Mary's.



# THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

## YEAR OF ACHIEVEMENT REPORTED AT ANNUAL MEETING — CORONATION RINGING — SUBSCRIPTION ARREARS CAUSE CONCERN — 'RINGING WORLD' FINANCES

**T**HE counter attractions of football and cricket did not prevent a good six score members and friends attending the Leicester Diocesan annual meeting at Leicester on May 2nd. The bells of St. Margaret (12), St. John the Divine (10) and St. Mary de Castro (8) were made good use of until service time.

The well attended service, held at St. George's, is becoming a regular feature of the Guild annual meeting. The robed choir was augmented by many ringers, and an inspiring address was given by the Provost of Leicester.

Following tea, the chair was taken by the President, Mr. H. J. Poole. He was supported by the Provost, Archdeacon Matthews, Canon Cray, Rev. J. R. Collins, Rev. R. J. Fielder and the general officers of the Guild, together with district chairmen and secretaries.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Poole said the annual meeting gave him an opportunity, on behalf of all the members, to express appreciation of the efficient and enthusiastic work done by the general and district officers. These officers themselves depended on the support they got from the members, and he (Mr. Poole) was glad to say this support was forthcoming.

### CORONATION RESPONSIBILITIES

This year, that of the Coronation, gave all ringers the opportunity to show the public how enthusiastic they were, and the public were looking forward to hearing the bells. All ringers should do everything possible both in their own towers and in towers needing assistance in order that the public were not disappointed. He asked all district secretaries to organise their districts so that all possible bells were rung, and also to let the clergy and public see and hear the Guild was living up to its reputation.

Commenting on the coming retirement of the Lord Bishop of Leicester, Mr. Poole recalled the very great interest the Bishop had taken in the Guild. The Bishop had attended every annual meeting unless prevented by other duties, as, in fact, he was that day, taking a Confirmation service. The loss to the Guild would be very great, and it was to be hoped that the new Bishop would be as good a friend to the Guild.

The Leicester Diocesan Guild was on a sound footing, and the prospects for the future were bright. If all pulled together they could go on from strength to strength in the certain knowledge that we could not fail.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. There being no matters arising, the next item was the auditors' report. Mr. Herrick Bowley reported the auditors were satisfied and that the balance sheet represented another good year.

### 45 GUINEAS VOTED FOR REPAIRS

Mr. A. E. Rowley, hon. treasurer, then explained and commented on the various items in the balance sheet. He pointed out that, although a large number of new members were enrolled each year, the membership as a whole remained much the same, and ringing subscriptions did not increase! Grants from the Bell Repair Fund during the year amounted to 45 guineas, three towers having been assisted this year.

The adoption of the report, together with thanks to Mr. Rowley, was proposed by Mr. Tony Jesson and seconded by Mr. S. Harrison. It was formally adopted.

Mr. Shirley Burton, hon. peal secretary, reporting on the past year, said 206 peals had been rung, compared with 251 in 1951. There

had been 34 different conductors, 24 had rung their first peal, three were conductors for the first time, 265 had rung their 'first peal in the method,' and 30 had conducted their 'first in the method.'

Personal milestones were as follows:—The President, Mr. H. J. Poole, was to be congratulated on ringing his 1,000th peal. Mr. A. Ballard had rung his 600th, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 300, Mr. E. R. Whitehead 250, Mr. Alan Cattell 200, Messrs. W. J. Root and H. Marcon 150, and Messrs. J. Bennett, J. Underwood and F. Watson 100.

### OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES

The following are outstanding performances: A peal in 16 Surprise Minor methods at Breedon—the first peal on the new bells. A peal of Beverley Surprise Minor was a first for the Guild. On eight bells was a peal of Spliced Surprise Major, the first for the Guild; a 7,008 of Bob Major was the longest in that method for the Guild. Metropolitan Surprise Royal was the first peal rung in this method. A Hinckley District band scored their first peal of Stedman Caters. On 12 bells were the first peals to be rung of Buckingham and Buckinghamshire Surprise Maximus. There had also been peals of Spliced Surprise Maximus in 7, 8 and 10 methods.

The Hon. General Secretary, Mr. W. A. Wood, reported that, generally speaking, 1952 had been a year of continued progress. Three quarterly general meetings had been held at Melton Mowbray, Bottesford and Burbage. Attendance had been good, but the attendance at Bottesford could have been better.

All six districts had maintained their usual activities. Their monthly meetings—the number of which is a feature of the Guild—had been generally well attended. A number of joint meetings between adjoining Guilds and between Districts had been held to the mutual advantage of all. District outings, dinners and social occasions had been continued with success and some additions.

The Festival dinner, held in Leicester, was most successful. It was hoped to hold the Festival in Melton Mowbray next year. If, during the following year, it proved possible to hold the Festival in the Syston district, this function would then have been held in each of the districts.

During the year, frequent discussions resulted in the new Guild badge being made available. Supplies were in the hands of all district secretaries. The outlay for these badges was heavy and a ready sale was looked for.

### HON. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Three old and valued members were made hon. life members during the year. They were Mr. W. Clarke, of St. John the Divine, Leicester; Mr. W. Wills, of Aylestone, and Mr. A. Mansfield, of Syston.

The Diocesan Evangelistic Council had invited the Guild to appoint a lay representative for service with that Council, and Mr. P. L. Taylor had been appointed.

The Guild Bell Repair Fund had, to date, made grants to 19 tower bell funds in the Diocese. These grants, together with amounts raised by local efforts and by collections at Guild services, amounted to over £200. This assistance had been greatly appreciated by those helped.

Fifty certificates of membership had been issued during the year, bringing the number issued to just over 600. Eight new towers had been added to the list of 112 towers in the Diocese in which the Guild had members.

New members enrolled in 1952 numbered 86 and, in addition, 30 new non-resident members were admitted. Resident members numbered 863 and, of these, an appreciable number had not yet paid their last year's subscriptions.

During the year, it was decided to make a peal booking fee of 6d. per person per peal. The new rule came into operation on January 1st, 1953.

### ELECTION OF GENERAL OFFICERS

As all officers had been nominated for reelection and there being no other nominations, Archdeacon Matthews, in temporary occupation of the chair, formally declared all re-elected. The officers concerned were: President, Mr. H. J. Poole; vice-presidents, Mr. P. L. Taylor, Mr. E. C. Turner; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. E. Rowley; hon. peal secretary, Mr. S. Burton; hon. general secretary, Mr. W. A. Wood.

Mr. H. J. Poole, in expressing his appreciation of the Guild's confidence in him, hoped all would assist him in furthering the objects of the Guild. He was sure this would be forthcoming.

The election of 46 new resident members (including one rejoin) and three non-resident was ratified. The 46 new resident members came from 22 towers.

The place and date of the next quarterly general meeting was fixed at Market Harborough on July 18th.

Mr. E. C. Turner, commenting on recent decisions of the General Committee, told the meeting of the grant of 20 guineas toward the cost of the work on Asfordby bells and, referring to the retirement of the Archdeacon of Loughborough, expressed the hope that the new Archdeacon would also become a patron of the Guild.

### PEALS IN 'THE RINGING WORLD'

During 'Other Business,' the question of the suggested charges to be made for publishing peals and quarter peals in 'The Ringing World' was discussed. Some asked if the effect would or might be that all peals might not be published in 'The Ringing World,' as some bands might not send in the report of their peal, consequently both Guild and Central Council reports would not be accurate records, as both Guilds and Council records were compiled from the pages of 'The Ringing World.' After much discussion it was finally decided that the Leicester Diocesan Guild delegates be advised to vote against the proposal to charge an insertion fee for peal reports in 'The Ringing World.' This was carried without any objections.

Among many visitors present and welcomed were Mr. Freebrey, of Derby, Mrs. and Miss Beamish, of the Coventry Guild, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby, of the Kent County Association, and others from Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Luton, Coventry and other places in Warwickshire.

The question of the fixed date for the annual general meeting was discussed at length. The present date, the first Saturday in May, clashed with the Cup Final and with the Australian cricket in Leicester, and it was generally felt that the date should be moved to a more convenient week. The majority present voted for a change of date, but to enable the change to be made next year Mr. K. Roe proposed that the rule relating to the date of the annual general meeting be suspended until a new date be fixed. This was agreed to, and the question will be brought up at the next February quarterly meeting.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Lord Bishop on his retirement.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## ST. BRIDE'S, FLEET STREET

Dear Sir.—The Rev. C. M. Armitage is rather unfair in blaming London ringers for any misunderstanding which may have arisen over St. Bride's. Had the information which appeared in the national press contained any reference to the bells, the position would have been clearer, but even one of the churchwardens of St. Bride's must have been in ignorance of his intentions when, some weeks before the announcement appeared, he referred only to the mechanical device in conversation with a ringer who, of course, expressed disapproval of the project.

Whilst it is gratifying to know that the bells are to be restored, the fundamental objections to the other scheme remain and I hope Mr. Armitage will have studied the comments of the Ripon Diocesan Advisory Committee, which appeared in your last issue. The principle is the same.

As a matter of historical fact, St. Bride's bells were rung at times during the 1930's. I was present on one such occasion. It was, I think, when the Central Council met in London in 1936.—Yours faithfully, E. A. BARNETT  
Crayford, Kent.

## LOCAL PEALS BY CHURCH OFFICERS

Dear Sir,—I am afraid both Mr. Nobles, of Dallington, and Mr. Barnett, of Crayford, are too late to claim their respective peals as the first ring by an entire local band holding other church offices.

The following is taken from a peal board which hangs in Whitwick Church belfry: A peal of Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes, was rung in this tower for the Midland Counties Association on Sat., 11th June, 1904, in 2 hours 52 mins., by W. Fern treble, J. Moore 2, F. Middleton 3, J. Rawson 4, T. Belcher 5, B. West 6, J. A. Moul 7, F. Boam tenor. Composition: Wilson's Variation of Holt's Ten-part. Conductor: Mr. J. A. Moul. (Footnote) This is the first peal ever rung by a band who are all ringers and choristers of the same church.

Also hanging in Whitwick Church belfry is another very unusual account of a peal rung at this church:—

A peal of Grandsire Triples, 5,040 Changes, was rung on Monday, 3rd August, 1903, in 2 hours 50 mins., for the M.C.A., by J. Moore treble, W. Fern 2, F. Middleton 3, T. Belcher 4, J. Rawson 5, L. Partridge 6, J. A. Moul 7, F. Boam tenor. Composition: Holt's Ten-part. Conducted by Mr. John A. Moul. (Footnote) All the ringers in this peal live in Silver Street, Whitwick, and seven of them are choristers of this church.

I would be very interested to hear other readers' accounts of unusual peals at other churches.—Yours faithfully,  
Whitwick, Leics. J. A. UNDERWOOD.

## LEICESTER GUILD—Cont.

Mr. S. Burton asked that all peal fees, compositions, etc. be sent as usual to his home address. He would be absent for some time, and had arranged for booking fees to be acknowledged by Miss Winifred Burton.

Mr. Burton also asked all concerned to send their peal reports in promptly, both to 'The Ringing World' and to him. Much delay and inconvenience was caused by late reports.

Regarding the Guild Report, there had been a delay this year due to a cause outside the committee's control, but it was intended to take steps to put the next year's report in hand in time for it to be published at the annual meeting.

Business being concluded, the company re-assembled in a more suitable place for the usual social evening. W. A. W.

## ST. GEORGE'S DAY

Dear Sir.—From the footnotes attached to peals and quarter peals it appears there are a great many worthy causes, and we are proud to honour an occasion in our way. However, it is clear that we like an excuse to ring bells, and I would like to make a suggestion to the Exercise at large.

Looking through your columns the other week, I noticed that on April 23rd, at a cathedral church in a district which, I imagine, is a hotbed of good ringing, a peal was rung. Now the flag of St. George was, or should have been, flying overhead, and I was amazed to find that the only footnote was to the effect that it was a milestone in the ringing career of one of the participants. Perhaps those ringers are Scots, Irish or Welsh. I don't know.

Church and State being linked so much and the fact that a national impulse it as desirable to-day as ever, could we not give a lead, and, wherever possible, ring a peal or quarter on that day?

I am sure no Rector could refuse this. Mine has agreed that our quarter becomes an annual event.—Yours sincerely,

R. F. BAKER.

Brampton, Huntingdon.

## YOUNG RINGERS AND TENORS

Dear Sir,—Within a week of reading that a girl of 15 or 16 years has rung the tenth bell at Evesham to a peal of Triples, I now read that a girl of 13 years rings a 24 cwt. tenor bell to touches. Not so many years ago, I read that another 13-year-old girl had raised a tenor of 33 cwt., single-handed.

With all respect, I would question the ability of members of the fair sex generally to pull bells of these weights *properly in their place*, and more particularly would I question the wisdom of allowing children to attempt to ring round the back-end.

Apart from the harm it could do to the youngsters physically, it gives them a wrong impression of their own capabilities.—Yours sincerely,

R. O. FRY.

Bath, Somerset.

## BEDWORTH DOUBLES

Dear Sir.—The following Doubles variation (note—variation, not method) was rung at Clewer, Berks, on May 11th. If not previously rung and named, the band wish to name it Dedworth.

Dedworth Doubles: Plain Lead, Plain Bob; Bob, Grandsire Bob; Single, Grandsire Single. Extent (one) Bob, Single, Bob, Plain twice repeated.—Yours sincerely,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

Stanwell, near Staines.

## ANGELUS BELL

Dear Sir.—I must thank you for kindly printing my request for the whereabouts of some of Joseph Eayre's turret clocks. I am still hoping that a specimen will be found; but, in the meantime, I think ringers will be interested in my having discovered a lovely Angelus bell at Flitwick Manor, Bedfordshire. It has in bold, stately Gothic capitals the following: AVE MARIA ORA PRO NOBIS.

It is, as far as I can discover, the only bell which has this inscription in Bedfordshire. Some have a like inscription starting with the word SANCTA, and some have the two words AVE MARIA. I wonder if anyone knows of a bell with an inscription exactly like the Flitwick bell, and what its date is likely to be.—Yours sincerely,

A. J. NIXSEAMAN.

Northill Rectory, Biggleswade.

## ST. ANNE'S, BROOKFIELD, N.6

Dear Sir,—An attempt for a peal at St. Anne's, Brookfield, N.6, this month failing and there being no time for a fresh start, a quarter peal was rung for Special Evensong. (See Quarter Peal column.)

St. Anne's adjoins the Parliament Hill Fields extension of Hampstead Heath at the foot of Highgate West Hill, and was built by Miss Anne Barnett in memory of her brother, Mr. Richard Barnett, who was a partner in the brewery of Meux and Co.

A start on the plans, etc., was made in April, 1852, the foundation stone was laid by Miss Barnett herself in July, and the church was completed in March, 1853. The whole work took only eleven months, while the actual building took but eight months only!—an achievement which compares very favourably with the rate of building in this modern age of speed.

The bells, a mellow ring of eight, were given by Baroness Burditt-Coutts, who owned the estate of Holly Lodge, adjacent to the Barnetts' property. This estate is now built upon, but in the latter half of the last century and the earlier part of this, St. Anne's was a favourite peal-ringing tower of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

One peal in particular is worthy of note. The secretary of the Cumberlands received the composition on Wednesday, April 26th, 1876, the band was chosen the same evening, and the peal rung the following day. Here are the particulars from the peal board, which still hangs in the tower:—

'On Thursday, April 27th, 1876, at St. Anne's, the Cumberland Youths rang Mr. W. Harrison's peal of 8,896 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, being the greatest length ever obtained with the tenors together, in 5 hrs. 22 mins. G. Newsome, 1; H. Daines, 2; J. Cox, 3; J. Howe, 4; D. Slackwood, 5; E. Gibbs, 6; S. Jarman, 7; J. Barrett, 8; Conducted by G. Newsome. Tenor 15 cwt.'

Now that the estate is built upon, opportunities for peal ringing are restricted and as it was, the Vicar received a telegram from one of the residents (brief and to the point as telegrams should be): 'Too much tintinnabulation.' This was after about an hour and a half's ringing—I don't know what the lady's reaction would have been had we attempted to repeat the above peal!—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER.

London, N.W.3.

## PEALS AT MAIDWELL

Dear Sir.—The previous peal of Minor rung at Maidwell (if it is the one I took part in with Mr. Ernest Morris as conductor) was rung in 1935, not 1937 as stated in the footnote to the peal there, published on page 294 of 'The Ringing World' for May 8th, 1953.

May I also remind the conductor of this peal, and others whom it may concern, that the weight of Maidwell tenor is 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb., not 8 cwt. 1 qr. as published—this weight having many years ago been supplied to both Mr. Morris and myself by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who restored the bells in 1933, and stated by them as official.

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell.

## OLDEST CARILLON—WHERE?

Dear Sir.—As you mention that Great Waltham has the second oldest carillon in the country, I would like to ask if you could say which is the oldest and if it still plays.—Truly yours,

R. HARPER.

Stockport.



# CONFUSION OVER DOUBLES NOMENCLATURE

## DOUBLES POSITION NEEDS CLARIFYING

Dear Sir,—Mr. G. A. Peck's letter in 'The Ringing World' of May 15th illustrates the hopeless confusion which exists with the nomenclature of Doubles methods at the present time. By a coincidence, in the same issue of 'The Ringing World' (May 1st), in which my letter appeared, Mr. Wratten published Edinburgh, which he described as Plain Lead Reverse St. Bartholomew, with a Plain Lead of St. Dunstan's for a bob. This is, of course, exactly the same as my St. Augustine's Doubles, and yet apparently Mr. Peck does not object to that! In any case, even on such eminent authority as Snowden, can one term a method Grandsire in which not a single plain lead of Grandsire occurs? I have rung the 42 extents to which Mr. Peck refers many times, but have always called the 32 with extremes 'St. Dunstan's,' as I was taught in Gloucestershire, until the recent Central Council decision banned St. Dunstan's on the ground of insufficient plain leads.

In any case, as things stand to-day, it is not only the pattern of changes in a 120, but also the way in which it is called, which determines the name of a method. For instance, if a conductor calls (a) 'Go Reverse St. Bartholomew—P.P.B.P.;' (b) 'Go April Day' (bob start)—B.B.P.B.; (c) 'Go Grandsire'—S.S.—'Go Plain Bob' (1 lead), 'Go Grandsire'—S: in each case twice repeated, exactly the same 120 changes are rung, yet (a) would be named Reverse St. Bartholomew, (b) April Day and (c) Spliced Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Taking all this into account, I claim that St. Augustine's is just as much a separate method (under present day nomenclature) as any other consisting of three consecutive Grandsire Singles as plain leads, linked with a bob of one sort or another. I know of at least six which can be used.

Personally, I would like to see the whole position clarified, and a distinction made between what might be called (for want of a better term) 'pure methods'—each having a distinctive plain course, and those other 'methods' which have a plain course belonging to one method and a call belonging to another. This would be a job for the Methods Committee.

Doubles ringers would then at least know where they stand with regard to names of methods, and number of methods in peals.—Yours faithfully,

J. H. JOYNER.

Rugeley.

## RUSHALL DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—Mr. Wratten, in 'The Ringing World' of May 1st, says of Rushall Doubles that it has three callings only, and that the bob at the fourth lead, twice repeated (2nd observation) is false.

This is not so if the method is correctly started for this calling. The work of the bob is not completed until the treble's blow in 2nd's place, therefore the work of the last bob must be balanced at the starting row if this calling is to be used. Start 21453 and your last bob brings the bells round.

The same remarks apply to Seighford, Elford and Austrey Doubles ('R.W.' April 3rd), the start in these cases being 21345.

'Edinburgh' Doubles would appear to be the same as Costessy, and I have 'Lapley' as St. Thomas, but as St. Thomas was also rung in the peal at King's Bromley, there must be a different version of this method.—Yours faithfully,

J. S. SMITH.

Alford, Lincs.

## DUPLICATION OF NAMES

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. E. Nobles' letter to you under the heading 'Names for Doubles Methods,' and published by you on May 15th, 1953, I was hoping that Mr. Nobles would have gone further than he did, and would have told the Exercise that some of the methods rung at Roade, and which he names in his letter, were rung previously in a peal at Old Marston, Oxfordshire, on July 19th, 1948, under different names. The methods concerned are as follows:—

'Roade' name.	'Old Marston' name.
Walsingham.	Wadhams Bob.
Norwich.	Nuffield Bob.
Mileham.	Magdalen Bob.
Shropham.	Somerville Bob.
Costessy.	Campion Bob.
Besthorpe.	Hudibras.

Hudibras is, of course, a very old method, but the others were named after Oxford colleges or halls.

The matter is of interest (a) because of the confusion which will otherwise be caused to conductors of these methods, and (b) because the Old Marston peal was the first to be rung containing 42 Doubles methods, and the Roade peal was the second to be rung with the same qualities.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN R. PINK.

Oxford.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

### South Norfolk Branch

Thirty-five ringers attended the spring meeting of the South Norfolk Branch at Saxlingham Nethergate on May 2nd. The service was conducted by the branch chairman (Rev. F. E. Vokes) and an inspiring sermon was preached by the President (Rev. A. St. J. Heard).

The branch chairman presided at the business meeting, supported by the President, Mr. W. L. Duffield (vice-president), Mr. Ernest Whiting (branch ringing master), Mr. A. G. Harrison (branch secretary) and Messrs. W. A. Lock, H. Moss and F. C. W. Philippo (committee). Three new members were elected, Mr. David Vokes, John Girt and Neville Fenn. It was decided to hold the next meeting on July 25th, at Winfarthing, if possible. The unfortunate clash with the East Norfolk Branch was discussed, and the branch secretary pointed out that this date was decided upon at the annual meeting of the branch at Diss on February 7th, and appeared in 'The Ringing World' with the report of that meeting. The usual votes of thanks were recorded.

## BARNESLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

### Tenor's Clapper Snaps at Meeting

At the May meeting, held at Thornhill, near Dewsbury, the following towers were represented: Cawthorne, Batley, Crofton, Earlsheaton, Felkirk, Horbury, Ossett, Sandal, Shelley, Thorner and the local company. The bells were rung during the afternoon until tea, which was served in the nearby schools.

The Vicar (Canon H. R. H. Coney), who presided at the business meeting, heartily welcomed the visitors. The routine business was soon disposed of, and the usual votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close.

Further ringing followed until about 7.30 p.m., when the clapper of the tower bell broke in two, which, of course, brought ringing to a sudden end. The members sincerely hope that the authorities will not have any trouble in getting this put in order again.

The shield contest at Royston on June 13th will be in place of the next meeting.

## ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

### Annual Competition

The annual competition of the St. David's Guild was held at the Church of Llandinat, Llandovery, on May 2nd with lovely warm sunshine. At 2.30 p.m. the various and scattered bands of the Diocese arrived at the church, namely, Tenby, Carmarthen, Llandilo, Llanbadarn Fawr and Llanelly, and a very great credit is due to the Llanbadarn Fawr ringers for entering two bands for the competition, one of which was all lady ringers, and so the competition was on and, like all other competitions, which never run smoothly without some little misfortune happening, so it occurred at Llandovery.

The Vicar, the Rev. Canon J. Rees, very generously had new stays placed on the bells for the event, to ensure that the bells were in perfect ringing order for the ringers but, unfortunately, the stay of the tenor bell was too long and had to be removed which meant that the tenor had to be rung without a stay. Then, half way through the competition, another stay was broken by one of the bands, so now came the test of the ringers' capabilities. Besides concentrating on the Test Piece there was also a test of bell control, ringing two of the bells without stays, which greatly handicapped most of the bands but, nevertheless, they gained experience.

The result of the competition was: 1 Llanelly, 2 Tenby, 3 Carmarthen, 4 and 5 Llanbadarn Fawr and 6 Llandilo. Congratulations to all the young ringers of the Guild for so gallantly attempting to ring the bells under such conditions, which surely would have been a very hard task for the experienced ringers.

A very pleasant feature of the gathering was the presence of the Vicar of Llanbadarn Fawr (the Rev. O. J. Rees) and the Vicar of Llanphely (the Rev. W. R. Nicholas), which shows the increasing interest of the clergy towards bellringing and the bellringers. Some day we hope to have enough clergy in the Diocese to ring a peal, which would be a very great credit to the Guild.

During the intervals of waiting their turn to compete, the handbells were put to good use by the members and sounded very nice outside on the grass verge of the graveyard. A very nice tea was provided in the Church Hall by the women members of the church and this was followed by the presentation of the Bishop Prosser Shield. The Vicar (Canon J. Rees) presided and after Mr. M. Slaney, the adjudicator, had given his report, the shield was presented to the winning band by Miss Lewis, of Llandovery, who expressed her delight in having the honour of presenting the shield and a certificate to the winning band and also a certificate to the runners-up. The usual exchange of thanks and congratulations took place and the secretary wound up the meeting by extending a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Llandovery, to Mr. M. Slaney for adjudicating under very difficult conditions and to the ladies who provided the tea. C. H. H.

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## NORWICH ASSOCIATION ANNUAL OUTING

### A Day in Northampton

Members of several companies joined in a visit to Northampton on May 16th. A motor coach, also the General Secretary's car, left Mancroft at 6.45 a.m. by a roundabout route, picking up various others. Stops en route included a call at Bedford, where the General Secretary discussed a minor repair to his car with a charming engineer, who, just before saying good-bye, said, 'Are you Gilbert Thurlow?' You sold me a book at Norwich some time ago'—he turned out to be Mr. Bonnet, one of the local towers of strength.

Arrived at Northampton, we sampled first the fine ten at St. Giles' where Stedman Caters, Oxford Major, etc., were rung. A magnificent lunch at the Angel followed, where Mr. W. J. Dove, who gave the greatest possible help with local arrangements, was with us. Then to Holy Sepulchre Church, a remarkably interesting copy (late Norman) of the church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. As in Jerusalem, the chief feature is a circular structure, and the font stands in the centre, recalling the traditional site of our Lord's burial and conquest of death marked by the Holy Tomb, most appropriately recalling the words 'Buried with Christ by Baptism into His Death.' Here Superlative, etc., were rung on a fine lightish eight, and Mr. Ashby, churchwarden, who tolled for Queen Victoria, rang with us.

Then to St. Peter's, an equally interesting church, grand Norman work in the shape of a basilica, the earliest form of Christian church. Another charming eight here, and a satisfying pull. Next by coach to St. Edmund's with a good eight in a large central tower in a modern church.

Back to the Angel for an enormous tea. Then to All Saints', on whose facade King Charles the Martyr stands challengingly. A splendid eight here, tenor 21½ cwt. A few went off afterwards with Mr. Earl to Kings-thorpe, to ring on a delightful six (tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.), where we met Mr. Harry Clarke, aged 86, for many years a keen ringer here. So back to Norwich, our hearts full of gratitude to Mr. Nolan Golden for his fine organisation, also to the above-named and other Northampton friends for their help and their presence. A. G. G. T.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD North Berks Has 250 Members

The annual meeting of the North Berks branch was held at Blewbury on May 16th. Ringing on the eight bells preceded the service, which was conducted by the Vicar of Blewbury (the Rev. R. J. Siderfin), assisted by the Rev. C. E. Wigg, Master of the Guild.

At the business meeting, which followed tea, there were present the Master of the Guild, the general secretary (Mr. W. Hibbert), the hon. librarian (Miss M. R. Cross) and the Revs. C. F. Cross, J. V. Pixell and R. J. Siderfin. A company of more than 80 included visitors from Cornwall and Northants.

The Rev. C. F. Cross presided, and an apology for absence was received from the vice-chairman, the Rev. G. E. Bussell. The secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. E. Lock, made his report, and spoke of progress in nearly all the local towers, and presented the balance sheet, showing a profit of £31 16s. 6d. He reported about 250 members in the branch, which was one of the largest in the Guild. After the election of officers, 19 new members were nominated. It was provisionally fixed to hold the autumn meeting at Brightwell-cum-Sotwell on September 26th.

Aston Tirrold, East Hagbourne, Harwell, Chilton and Drayton towers were open for ringing in the evening. M. A. C.

## BELLS OF WINDSOR CASTLE

FROM the Henry VIII. gateway it is a short walk to the Curfew Tower, which is one of the most interesting buildings in the Castle because it is so completely unaltered. In it are the ring of eight bells, a very interesting 17th century clock, the dungeons, and a great deal of interesting woodwork of the time of Henry III. Unlike many of our towers, the ringing chamber approach is not difficult, in fact the absence of a number of steps is remarkable and, on entering, you soon realise that the apartment is vastly different from the usual type of ringing room.

The climb to the bells is rather tricky, and we notice an old cannon pointing towards Eton which must be rather a unique relic in a tower nowadays. Brief details of the bells are:

- Treble. T. Lester. 1741.  
2. W. Whitmore. 1650.  
3. W. Whitmore. 1650.  
4. John Wallis. 1612.  
5. T. Lester. 1745.  
6. John Wallis. 1615.  
7. John Wallis. 1612.  
Tenor. John Wallis. 1614.

The tenor measures 54 inches and the estimated weight is 26 cwt., with a note sounding D. The average age works out at 298 years, which is remarkable when we consider that the treble, 2nd, 3rd and 5th are most likely recasts of older bells.

John Wallis was the first Salisbury founder, and from 1578 to 1624 many fine bells with rich ornamentations were cast for towers over a very wide area. He is credited with casting the first ring of eight in England for a Wiltshire tower in 1602. His short devout inscriptions can still be found on many bells.

The two bells by W. Whitmore, dated 1650, raise all sorts of queries as to the situation of the foundry and the locality of the founder. He seems to have resided at Watford for some time, but how he managed to secure the job of recasting two bells at Windsor is a mystery, and it certainly points to the fact that he travelled the country and did jobs on the spot. He proved to be a good workman, and on the 2nd here he inscribed INCIPIT DVLCCEQVAR. In support of his journeyings his name is found on the bells at Bredon, Worcestershire, in 1624, while in 1653 he is found in association with John Hodson at Boreham, Essex. The other two recasts were made by Thomas Lester, who managed the Whitechapel foundry between 1738 and 1752.

The circle of ropes is anti-clockwise. The ringers are 'appointed,' and they have a list of about 24 ringing days, which include the Royal birthdays, the four patron saints, and other principal days in the calendar. Whenever any of the days should fall on a Sunday the ringing is at 7 a.m. instead of 7.30 p.m.

To conclude this brief account of bells often heard by many generations of royalty throughout the ages, mention is made of the Russian bell in the Round Tower, known as the 'Sebastopol' bell, which was brought home from the Russian port after it was captured in 1856. It was presented to Queen Victoria and is used in connection with royal funerals.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

## FARNHAM, SURREY

Farnham, Surrey, ringers, for their outing on May 9th, had a full day ringing at Highclere, Marlborough, Christ Church and St. Mark's, Swindon, St. John's and St. Mary's, Devizes.

While ringing at St. John's, Devizes, the nut holding the clapper of the third bell came off and the tongue fell out of the bell. Fortunately it swung clear and no damage was done. After 15 minutes of searching for washers and nuts, the clapper was replaced, and the ringing continued.

Like all Farnham outings, it was highly successful.

## EARDISLAND'S RINGING DAY

Over 100 ringers and friends attended the 'Ringing Day' held at Eardisland on May 9th, when the new ring of eight was available. Ringing, which ranged from rounds to Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise, was of varying quality. One visitor remarked that some at least was hardly worthy of the fine ring of bells! However, an excellent touch of Stedman Triples was recorded on a tape-recorder. This innovation caused great interest, as various bands tried their skill and then heard the result!

Twenty-seven towers were represented from as far afield as Loughborough, Leicester, Newport (Mon.), Reading, Liverpool, Ebbw Vale, Warwick, Stratford, and Norton (Glos.). Also present were Mr. Paul Taylor, the founder of the bells, and Mr. John Oldham.

Tea (described by a young lady ringer as 'smashing') was provided in the nearby school, and afterwards Mr. Leslie Evans, on behalf of the Eardisland ringers, presented to Mr. L. E. Griffiths, donor of the treble bell, a framed photograph of the ringers, together with Mr. Griffiths and the Vicar, in the belfry at the dedication service last December. Mr. Griffiths, who was completely taken by surprise, thanked the ringers for the kind thought which prompted the gift.

The bells were then kept going until 9 p.m., and thus ended a memorable day. They will again be available on June 13th at 3 p.m. on the occasion of a church fête to be held in the nearby grounds of Glas Arrow, when all ringers will be welcome.

## LODDON DELIGHT

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24876513  
42785631  
42876513  
24785631

42758361  
24573816  
24758361  
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24537186  
42351768  
42537186  
24351768

42315678  
24136587  
24315678  
42136587

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14623875  
41268357  
14628375

16482735  
Bob  
14628375

16423857

F.c.e. 24365, which occurs only in the lead following 8070000.

The method is Wath Delight with places in 5-6 instead of 3-4 when the treble is in 1-2.

5,184 by NOLAN GOLDEN  
M B H W 23456

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—	—	—	—	32654
—	—	—	—	63254
—	—	—	—	26354
—	—	—	—	26543
—	—	—	—	64235
—	—	—	—	24536
—	—	—	—	52436
—	—	—	—	35426
—	—	—	—	35264
—	—	—	—	23564

Twice repeated.

Contains all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6 at course ends.

Rung at Loddon, March 14th, 1953.



## OBITUARY

### MR. EDWIN T. HOOPER

With the bells he loved sounding their final tribute overhead, Mr. Edwin Thomas Hooper, of Slough, Bucks, was borne into church beneath the tower, and past the beautiful stone tablet commemorating the Peace Peal he conducted in 1919. He passed away, aged 72 years, on May 10th, and was interred at Slough Parish Church on May 14th.

Mr. Hooper came to Slough from Chipping-Norton, Oxon, where he learnt to handle a bell, early this century, and rang his first peal, covering a peal of Stedman Triples, in January, 1903. He soon became a good change ringer and, under the tutorship of the late Reuben Flaxman and Joseph J. Parker (composer of the '12-part'), a very able conductor in the standard methods, being particularly good at calling Stedman, which was his favourite method, and in which he delighted calling musical odd-bob touches for service. He was an excellent striker, and showed his obvious delight when a touch was rung well.

In his younger days he travelled around for his ringing, but his work in the Co-operative bakehouse (he was foreman baker) played havoc with his chest, and for many years he found the belfry steps too much for him, although his interest in bells and ringers was maintained to the last. Only a few days before his death he was inquiring about his old friend, George Martin, of Maidenhead, who was laid to rest three days previously. He rang about 20 or 30 peals, of which 11 were in his own tower.

At the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by E. S. T. Farr 1-2, D. M. Stone 3-4, W. Welling 5-6 and W. E. Judd 7-8. Following the interment a well-struck, half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples came to grief towards the end. Among the large numbers of ringers present were Messrs. E. Gosling (Maidenhead), W. W. Wolstencroft and T. G. Hawkins (Stoke Poges), E. S. T. Farr (Windsor), W. Welling and D. Stone (Old Windsor), W. Birmingham, H. Worsfold, F. V. Sinkins, J. Birt, A. Rivers, B. Lister, E. Hudson and W. Judd (Slough).

Mr. Hooper is survived by his widow and two sons, neither of whom became ringers. Among the wreaths were one from his former employers and one from Slough bellringers.

### MR. C. H. PERRY

We regret to record the death, at the age of 67 years, of Mr. C. H. Perry, who lived with his daughter, Mrs. Eastwood, at Belle View, Brede.

Before coming to Sussex, writes Mr. Billenness, he was captain of the ringers at St. Iltyd, Bridgend, South Wales, and a very excellent captain and conductor, too. It was a pleasure to watch him handling a rope with the least possible exertion, and yet, while displaying ease, he had perfect control and was master when ringing any bell.

He was a perfect pattern for beginners to copy, and no doubt many ringers passed through his hands efficient in style.

He enjoyed his ringing and his helpful ways caused ringing to become a pleasure to those with whom he associated.

In ringing peals of 5,000 or more changes, he had a great record. What his total was the writer does not know, but probably several hundred.

Wales sadly missed him when he came to Sussex. His health was failing in the last few years, but he rang at Hawkhurst, Brede, Salehurst, Bexhill, Northiam, Beckley and other towers.

### THE REV. W. KINGSLEY-KEFFORD

The Rev. W. Kingsley-Kefford died on May 13th, aged 84 years. In September he had resigned the chairmanship of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers, which office he had held for 22 years.

Members of Shaw tower, where he had been Rector for 43 years, rang the bells half-muffled before the funeral service, and afterwards many members of the branch partook in the ringing. The Rev. H. Woodfield has been elected in his place.

### MR. HARRY WOOD

Probably the last foundation member of the Sussex County Association and one of the famous Warnham band of the eighties, Mr. Harry Wood, passed to his rest on May 13th at the age of 92. He rang 14 peals, his first being Oxford Bob Triples at Crawley, in December, 1882; he also took part in the second peal for the Association, a week after it was formed, in January, 1885. He gave up ringing many years ago, and was very deaf, but loved to talk of the ringing of long ago.

L. S.

## GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE

This year the Annual Pilgrimage on June 27th to the ruined Abbey Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Peter and St. Paul of Glastonbury, organised by the West of England Pilgrimage Association, is notable for three things.

It will be the 25th annual Pilgrimage made to Glastonbury by the Association, and it will also be the first time since the dissolution of the monasteries that the Holy Mysteries have been offered in all the pageantry of a Solemn Eucharist, carried out with traditional ceremonial common to Catholic faith and practice. It will be the first time that change ringing has preceded a celebration in the precincts of the Abbey.

The St. Ambrose Guild of Ringers of Bristol have been asked to undertake the ringing for the day, and the handbell ringers hope to ring a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major before the Solemn Eucharist in the morning on the site of the South Tower. In the afternoon the ringing will take place on the octave of St. John's, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples is to be attempted, followed by firing the bells 25 times. The ringing will then be open to visitors by invitation of the captain and ringers of St. John's. The ringing will precede the Great Procession, which, starting at St. John's, proceeds to the Abbey for Evensong by way of the main streets of the town, and which attracts several thousand devout church-people. The preacher at Evensong will be the Lord Abbot of Nashdom. After the service all return to St. John's for the singing of the Solemn Te Deum, which concludes the Pilgrimage.

F. J. S.

With one exception all the band who stood in the peal of Minor at Earls Croome, Wores., had rung more than 500 peals. Among them was 84 years old Mr. William Ranford, whose birthday was being celebrated.

A peal is being attempted next month at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, by six College Youths and six members of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths.

## TEN DAYS IN NORTH CORNWALL

### Oxford Guild's Secretary Has a 'Rest Cure'

I was fortunate to be able to visit my friends, the Sangwin brothers at Bude, recently, ostensibly for a rest, and what a grand rest I had with 23 towers visited. The enthusiasm of the local ringers and kindness shown me will ever be a very happy memory.

Call changes, rising and falling (at which I became fairly proficient) and good practices for the West Country boys in Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob, and even a course of Treble Bob was accomplished, much to everyone's satisfaction.

During the ten days the ringing was strengthened on occasions by Gordon Cross (now stationed at Tavistock) and the Myers family of Plymouth, and we rang on some very fine bells.

Excellent rising, call changes and lowering at Week St. Mary was the highlight of the ringing, and I think we should have won a first prize at a competition had not the writer misunderstood the calling of a change (two bad blows): anyhow he offered, in his exasperation, his body to be kicked around the village.

Scientific ringers, when in the West Country, do try and help the change ringing enthusiasts, who are very isolated, and often travel miles on the off-chance of meeting enough for Grandsire Triples. Remember their heart and soul is in ringing, but they are handicapped by lack of numbers; but, above all, do not decry rising and falling and call changes.

I am indeed grateful for all the locals did to give me such a happy time, and hope again to meet 'Banty', 'Kizzey', Stan, Bill, Henry and Jimmy (whose surnames I do not know), and Bert Blissat, John Hicks, John Bowden, Bill Vinnacombe and F. Pearce.

On the Tuesday and Wednesday before returning home we were joined by another up country ringer, who managed nine new towers in the space of two days.

Thank you, brothers Sangwin and your Cornish ringers, and I do hope Fred Sangwin will soon be restored to good health. What a tower of strength he is in that district!

W. HIBBERT.

## FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of May 30th, 1913  
DEVONPORT, DEVONSHIRE

The Devonshire Guild

On Sat., May 17, 1913, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes

At the Chapel Royal, H.M. Dockyard  
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR,  
5,184 CHANGES

Tenor 9 cwt.

Warren S. Hornbrook	.. .. .	Treble
Harry Barton	.. .. .	2
William Richards	.. .. .	3
William J. Rundle	.. .. .	4
William H. Fussell	.. .. .	5
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## BIRTH

**HYNARD.**—On May 19th, at Bures, Suffolk, to Mary and Edwin, a daughter (Rosemary). 2668

## MARRIAGE

**JOHNSON—MARTIN.**—At St. Peter's Church, Berkhamsted, on Saturday, May 16th, 1953, Mr. Bertram C. Johnson and Miss Olive M. Martin. Future address: 172, Peartree Lane, Welwyn Garden City, Herts. 2666

## GOLDEN WEDDING

**HAWKINS—KNIGHT.**—On June 4th, 1903, at Holy Trinity Church, Bledlow, Bucks, by the Rev. J. F. Stephen Pritchitt, Joseph Stephen to Amy Gertrude.—1, Holborn Estate, Garratt Lane, Tooting, S.W.17. 2664

## ENGAGEMENTS

**CALVERT—FREER.**—The engagement is announced between Maurice Evelyn, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Calvert, of Northampton, and Mary Jean, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. C. Freer, of Merton Park, London. 2678

**ELSWORTH—PRICE.**—The engagement is announced between John Edward, only son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Elsworth, of Chilwall, and Hilda Margaret, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Price, of Woolton, Liverpool. 2678

**WHITE—HOWELL.**—The engagement is announced between Basil William White, only son of Mr. and W. J. White, 14 South View, Henfield, Sussex, and Florence Mary Howell, only child of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Howell, Compton View, Denmans Lane, Lindfield, Sussex. 2652

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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## MISCELLANEOUS

**ELHAM, KENT.**—Ringers attending the Coronation celebrations at Elham, Canterbury, on June 5th and 6th, are cordially invited to take part in the ringing at 7.30 on both evenings.—F. Verney, Elham, Canterbury, Kent.

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## MEETINGS

**BLACK NOTLEY, ESSEX.**—Re-opening of the five bells, Saturday, May 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Preacher, Rev. J. L. Head, Vicar of St. Clement's, Leigh-on-Sea. Tea provided.—H. Pratt, Black Notley, Braintree. 2634

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District. Annual meeting, Saturday, May 30th. Bells available: Bushey Heath (8) 3 p.m.; Harrow Weald (8) 6.30. 2601

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District. Quarterly meeting, May 30th, St. Mary's, Rotherhithe Street, S.E.16. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea, St. Mary's Institute. Meeting 6. Ringing afterwards.—J. H. Lott, Hon. Sec., 152c, Walton Street, S.W.3. 2611

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—The meeting at Kings-thorpe, Northampton, on May 30th has no connection with the above.—E. Nobles, Hon. Branch Sec. 2654

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 30th (note advanced date), Sutton-in-Ashfield (8), 2.30-3.45. Mansfield (8) from 5 p.m., preceded by business meeting at 4.30 in ringing room. Frequent buses Sutton to Mansfield. Own arrangements for tea. 2618

**ST. NICOLAS, ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.**—The rededication of the bells will take place on Monday, June 1st, at 7 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of Lewes. All are welcome. Practice night, Friday, 7.15. 2662

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Meeting at Henfield, Sussex, Saturday, June 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Ringing after tea if desired. Names for tea to Mr. F. E. Crutten-den, High Street, Henfield. 2681

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at Stockland, June 6th, 6.30 p.m. Next quarterly, Woolavington, July 4th.—R. Short. 2671

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—Meeting, Milton Ernest, June 6th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Thurligh, after business meeting. Special method—Chester Surprise.—Bryan Pattison. 2670

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northwich Branch.—There will be a meeting at Lower Peover (6) on Saturday, June 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, June 2nd to 29, West Avenue, Rudheath, Northwich.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 2672

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—Saturday, June 6th, Sutton-under-Brailes afternoon, Cherington in the evening.—R. J. Edden. 2651

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Joint meeting, Saturday, June 6th, Peak District and Chesterfield District. Edensor (6), Chatsworth Park, 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. and Baslow (6) 6.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—H. E. Taylor and B. A. Cooper. 2680

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol City Branch.—Holy Nativity (8), June 6th, 3 p.m. Tea in Scout Hut at back of church 4.45 p.m. Important business meeting follows. Service 6.30 p.m.—A. Bennett. 2676

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Staunton, Saturday, June 6th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 3rd, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 2665

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Saturday, June 6th, Aldenham (8), 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names please.—R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. Tel. Watford 7936. 2659

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Horsmonden (6) June 6th at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Tea arrangements are very difficult and tea will be provided only for those who send their names and 2s. 6d. each, not later than June 2nd, to R. A. Whitehead, 42, Hadlow Road, Tonbridge.

**LADIES GUILD.**—West Midlands District.—Annual meeting to be held at Yardley, Birmingham, on June 6th. Meeting at 3 p.m. Tea at 4 p.m. Bells (8) available at 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by June 1st, please.—Audrey A. Timms, 32, Redesdale Avenue, Coventry. 2669

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leicester District.—Lutterworth (8), Saturday, June 6th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Sorry, unable to arrange tea, so please bring own food.—J. R. Smith, Hon. Sec. 2658

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting, Swynnerton, Saturday, June 6th. Names for tea to Mr. W. H. Watkins, Early Lane, Swynnerton, near Stone, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 2647

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Newport Pagnell, Saturday, June 6th. Bells (8) at 2.30. Service 3.30. Kindly notify for tea by June 1st.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 2635

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—Meeting at Hazelbech (8), Saturday, June 6th. Names for tea to me before June 3rd, please.—E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 2682

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Next meeting at South Anston on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. M. Turner, 10, High Street, South Anston, near Sheffield.—J. E. Turley. 2679

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Fletching (8), Saturday, June 6th, at 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise by June 3rd.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malt-house Road, Crawley. 2672

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Cheriton, June 6th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4. Tea 4.45 in the Bricklayer's Arms. Names, by previous Tuesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 2629

**BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Annual shield contest at Royston, near Barnsley, June 13th, 3 p.m. Entrance fee 10s. per band. All entries must reach me not later than June 6th. Names for tea to Mr. D. M. Hall, 25, Midland Road, Royston, near Barnsley, not later than June 6th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 2643

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Southminster (6), Saturday, June 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Burnham-on-Crouch (6) available in evening. Coach will leave Chelmsford 1.30 p.m. (Corn Exchange). Will those requiring seat on coach or tea please advise me by Thursday, June 11th?—A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Walmer, Saturday, June 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 2s. per head. Numbers, enclosing cash please, to Mr. F. A. Rye, 74, Downs Road, Walmer, Deal, not later than Wednesday, June 10th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Newnham, June 13th. Names for tea to me by Saturday, June 6th.—F. W. Hancock, Willoughby, Rugby. 2675

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—North Notts Branch.—Crawford Cup contest and meeting at East Drayton (6), Saturday, June 13th, 3 p.m. Brumpton bus from Anchor Inn, Retford, at 1 and 3.15. Names for tea by 9th to Mr. J. Roberts, Ashlands, East Drayton, Retford.—H. Denman. 2673

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**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Twynning, June 13th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Notify before June 9th for tea. J. Beech, 6, Abbey Terrace, Tewkesbury. Tel. 3244. All welcome. 2656

**LADIES' GUILD.**—North-Eastern District. —Meeting at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, Saturday, June 13th. Names for tea by Thursday, June 11th. to Mrs. McGuiness, 72, Rokeby Drive, Gosforth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 3. 2663

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Western District. — Quarterly meeting at Collingham, near Leeds, on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., for those who notify Miss M. Barker, Westfield, Harewood Road, Collingham, near Leeds, by Wednesday, June 10th. Members, please note these arrangements, as no circulars will be issued.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2657

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The branch outing is arranged for Saturday, June 20th, in Gloucester. We shall visit the following towers: Hatherop, Coln-St.-Aldwyn, Fairford (tea), Maiseyhampton, Cirencester. For reservation of bus and tea contact me quickly, please.—Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford. Phone: Eynsham 222. 2674

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