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GREAT YARMOUTH CLOCK CHIMES

By the REV. GILBERT THURLOW

OUR clock has been silent and motionless these last 16 years and more, ever since 2.35 a.m. on June 25th, 1942, when its works collapsed in flames. But soon it will once again be alive and moving, proclaiming to all that the Church itself is alive and moving with the times.

The Central Council for Care of Churches has put me in touch with their consulting expert, Mr. T. R. Robinson, of Bristol, who is perhaps the greatest expert in the country outside the profession. The proposition eventually selected by him, and confirmed by Mr. Dykes Bower, was that G. and F. Cope and Co., Nottingham, should be entrusted with the work.

It is impossible properly to abbreviate a technical specification such as theirs, but it may be noted that it will have a $1\frac{1}{2}$ seconds pendulum with an 'Invar' steel rod, a precision double three legged gravity escapement, and it will be automatically wound by a $\frac{1}{4}$ h.p. electric motor. The hands will be of heavy gauge sheet copper, finished with double thickness 22 carat English gold leaf. The hour strike unit will be driven by a $\frac{1}{4}$ h.p. electric motor, controlled by a mercury switch and magnetic brake; the hammer which will strike the hours on the tenor bell will weigh 60 lb. The quarter chime unit will be similarly constructed. There will be proper provision for lifting all the hammers clear of the bells before they are rung up. The clock as a whole, and in addition all switches and moving parts, will be properly enclosed in accordance with the best modern practice.

The important question of the music of the quarter chimes demanded the most serious consideration and advice from the largest possible number of qualified people. It was felt that, as hundreds of thousands of people will hear them, including vast numbers from all over England, Yarmouth ought to have a really distinctive chime, which people will come in future years to associate with this place and with our great church. I therefore wrote both to the 'Yarmouth Mercury' and to 'The Ringing World,' the national bell-ringers' weekly, asking for suggestions.

A number were sent to me. The choice was narrowed by the fact that the chime sequence must repeat during the course of an hour. If you hum the Cambridge Chimes (wrongly called the 'Westminster Chimes') you find that the music of a quarter past repeats at a quarter to, half past repeats at the hour, and so on. This is in order to make

the chime barrel of reasonable size, so that it turns twice (and not once) during the course of one hour. This meant that hymn tunes and a good many other chimes could not be used.

It was felt that we ought not to copy the Cambridge Chimes. Since they were copied for the Houses of Parliament in 1859, they have become far too common, over 60 per cent. of the clocks erected in the last 40 years of the 19th century being equipped with them. As Starmer says in his 'Quarter Chimes and Chime Tunes': 'This wholesale reproduction is much to be regretted. A friend says that no less than seven public clocks near his residence play them, and as far back as 1895 Sir John Stainer wrote to some who were erecting a new clock: "You will be doing a kindness in turning out the Westminster Chimes, of which everybody is heartily sick".' And this, remember, was some 45 years before they became audible everywhere through the wireless!

Amongst the suggestions sent was one from Mr. Brian Price, of Felpham, Sussex. As a brilliant musician, bell-ringer and mechanic (he has built a 'ringing machine' as complicated as a telephone exchange, which will ring changes in any known method on miniature bells), he is very well qualified in this direction. He suggested a skilful adaptation of two themes from 'Dona Nobis Pacem,' by Bach. These happen to be precisely in the key of our new bells, they are extremely dignified and are magnificent music. We discussed these and other chimes with care, and invited readers' views through the 'Yarmouth Mercury.' This brought a letter from far away, from a lover of Yarmouth, who thought them magnificent. They were also warmly approved of by Cope the clock maker, Mears and Stainbank the bell-founders, the organists of Norwich Cathedral and Yarmouth Parish Church, and a number of other qualified people. It seemed, therefore, right to make use of these chimes, subject to the final approval of the architect, and this has been given.

The music of the chimes is as follows (transposed to the key of C for convenience in printing here). Theme 1, aedcbdcAG; Theme 2, CDEFedecFEDC; Theme 3, GABCbagCBAG. Thick capitals represent semibreves, ordinary capitals minims, small letters crotchets. Theme 1 is a quarter past, Theme 2 (twice the length of Theme 1) is half past, Themes 3 and 1 are a quarter to, and Themes 2 and 3 are the hour, whilst the tenor bell, a fifth below, completes the theme. What finer musical association could be desired than that of 'Dona Nobis Pacem'—'Give us peace'?

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS AND ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 38½ cwt.

FRANK V. GANT Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN 7
LIONEL S. WOODS 2	HARRY TURNER 8
PETER J. EVES 3	*HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 9
*DONALD M. SALISBURY .. 4	CHARLES E. WILLINGTON .. 10
*ANDREW J. SALISBURY .. 5	ALFRED J. HOUSE 11
*MICHAEL C. AUSTIN 6	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5041 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt.

DOREEN D. DUITON .. Treble	JOHN A. ACRES 6
HAROLD G. JENNEY 2	SHIRLEY BURTON 7
AVRIL THACKRAY 3	S. ANTHONY JESSON 8
BRIAN MARTIN 4	PETER J. STANFORTH 9
E. ALAN JACQUES 5	JOHN A. SMITH Tenor

Composed by HAROLD J. POOLE. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.
Rung with the bells half-muffled to the respected memory of John O. Lancashire, aged 94, for many years a member of the Cathedral Society.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

*JOHN M. PARSONS .. Treble	ALFRED H. WEBB 6
WILLIAM HIBBERT 2	FREDERICK C. WHITE 7
*JOHN DREWITT 3	RAYMOND G. BURTON 8
BRIAN R. WHITE 4	FRANCIS A. WHITE 9
GEORGE BISHOP 5	EDWIN DREWITT Tenor

Composed by the late G. HOLFIELD. Conducted by FRANCIS A. WHITE.
* First peal.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 18½ cwt.

MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. Treble	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 6
JOYCE A. PARSONS 2	STEWART F. KIMBER 7
KATHLEEN E. CHILCOTT .. 3	DAVID E. PARSONS 8
ALAN ROGERS 4	JOHN E. CHILCOTT 9
JAMES PHILLIPS 5	*FRANK E. DARBY Tenor

Composed by DAVID E. PARSONS. Conducted by MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT.
* 100th peal on the bells.

BISHOP'S HATFIELD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt.

*CHRISTOPHER E. HAYTER .. Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
ERIC EDMONDSON 2	FREDERICK W. ELLIS 7
PATRICIA M. BOURN 3	GERALD PENNEY 8
THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 4	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON .. 9
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 5	JACK S. DEAR Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.
* First peal on ten bells.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 28½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL Treble	*BRIAN DAWSON 6
ALAN G. FOSTER 2	*GEORGE L. ROOBBOTTOM .. 7
WILLIAM J. LEACH 3	DAVID W. BRUNNING 8
*E. MARION KEY 4	BARNABAS G. KEY 9
FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. 5	EDWARD J. WHITE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. 75th peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.

In memoriam Herbert Knight, captain of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, ringers for over 60 years, who passed away peacefully on January 28th, 1959, aged 86 years.

Rung within the octave of the Festival of St. Paul.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*WALTER H. RAXTER .. Treble	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 5
*COLIN B. LONGMORE .. 2	HAROLD F. RAXTER 6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3	REGINALD WOODYATT 7
*ROBERT W. COLE 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Eastern Branch.)

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM B. DAWSON .. Treble	*ROY STEPHENSON 5
LESLIE H. TAYLOR 2	HAROLD BARSLEY 6
*BRYAN A. HUNT 3	JACK PETCH 7
JOHN P. MORRIS 4	WILLIAM E. CLARKE .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.
* First peal.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ARTHUR A. JOPP Treble	ANTHONY J. BRAZIER 5*
ERIC T. LEE 2	ROBERT W. COLE 6
LEONARD MILLS 3	WILFRED J. NEWMAN 7
COLIN B. LONGMORE .. 4	HAROLD E. RAXTER Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.
Rung as a birthday compliment and a farewell peal to Eric T. Lee.

READING, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

RONALD F. DISERENS .. Treble	TUDOR P. EDWARDS 5
ALBERT DISERENS 2	JOHN N. DISERENS 6
REGINALD W. REX 3	FRANK W. LEWIS 7
BRYAN C. STIRLAND .. 4	NOEL J. DISERENS Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. Canon T. B. Randolph) on his appointment as Archdeacon of Hereford.

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THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.
 (Yorkshire Association.)

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

IAN TILLING Treble	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 5
SUSAN CHADDOCK 2	GEORGE S. LEE 6
ELIZABETH A. WARDILL .. 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK 7
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 4	DAVID G. FRENCH Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rung following the induction of the Rev. Raymond Garth Heawood, M.A., as Vicar, and to celebrate the jubilee of the bells, which were consecrated in January, 1909.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

JOHN STANIER Treble	†DEREK PRICE 5
GERALD C. HEMMING .. 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS 6
*REV. ALBERT WEBB .. 3	*DAVID BEACHAM 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. † First of Treble Bob. First of Treble Bob as conductor.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

In six methods, comprising 1,600 London, 1,280 Rutland, 640 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative, and 320 Yorkshire, with 110 changes of method.

ALLEN TWYMAN Treble	DEREK TAYLOR 5
TREVOR TAYLOR 2	GEOF. D. FEARNEHOUGH .. 6
FREDERICK W. GROCOTT .. 3	DEREK OGDEN 7
NEIL D. LOMAS 4	*DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major and 100th peal for the Guild.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A.

*NORMAN W. COTTON .. Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY 5
JOSEPH W. COTTON 2	†DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 6
†DEREK P. JONES 3	†WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 7
†RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 4	PERCIVAL W. GRICE Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal. † First in the method. ‡ First in the method 'inside.' D. P. Jones' 400th peal.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. Treble	JOHN H. GARTSIDE 5
THOMAS BARKER 2	JOHN JACKSON 6
*LAWRENCE WALMSLEY .. 3	†PHILIP DUNDERDALE .. 7
*FRANK STEAD 4	STANLEY WALMSLEY .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by STANLEY WALMSLEY.

* 50th peal. † 50th for the Association. First of Major as conductor.

Rung for the Patronal Festival; also to mark the 17th wedding anniversary of Cyril Crosthwaite.

BIRSTALL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREATER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES LOWE Treble	ERNEST F. PAYNE 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE 6
DEREK M. SAWYER 3	HARRY POYNER 7
MARY C. PAYNE 4	J. C. SHIRLEY SCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

First peal in the method as conductor. First of Grandsire Triples on the bells.

A birthday compliment to Ernest F. Payne.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

ELIZABETH ROBERTS .. Treble	ERIC YOUNG 5
HAROLD ROBERTS 2	WILLIAM TALBOT 6
ALBERT LAWTON 3	G. ARNOLD MOORE 7
CHARLES WEBB 4	WILLIAM WATKIN Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.

First peal in the method by all except seventh ringer. First in the method on the bells.

A compliment to Albert Lawton on being made a grandfather.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

A. PATRICK CANNON .. Treble	H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON .. 5
STANLEY JENNER 2	BARWELL B. DIBBEN 6
*CATHERINE M. POWELL (15) 3	TREVOR A. CROSS 7
GEORGE OLIVER 4	RALPH BIRD Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Surprise.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 2 and 3.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1958, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D flat.

MARY H. HALL Treble	PHILIP M. J. GRAY 5
RUTH M. BORDER 2	PHILIP MEHEW 6
*ELIZABETH A. BOWDEN .. 3	JOHN H. GILBERT 7
PETER BORDER 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal in the method.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

*JACKIE BOLTON Treble	†JACK BAGNALL 5
*BARBARA SHEPHERD .. 2	†ALAN CAPSTICK 6
JAMES E. BURLLES 3	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. 7
WILFRED BOLTON 4	ROLAND F. ECCLES Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.

* First peal. † 25th peal together. The ringer of the fifth has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a welcome to Andrew Ferguson (born January 9th, 1959), son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Eccles. Also a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Woods, of Lancaster, on the birth of a second grandson.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN WILSON Treble	†JOHN V. TEMPLE 5
RONALD C. NOON 2	STANLEY E. BENNETT 6
CECIL WADE 3	CYRIL R. BURRELL 7
*FREDA P. GREAVES 4	NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

* First peal in the method away from the treble. † First of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Norman V. Harding.

WOBURN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5024 BOVENY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

ALBERT DISERENS Treble	DONALD E. COBB 5
JENNIFER M. DAVIES 2	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON 6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY 3	NOEL J. DISERENS 7
DENNIS C. BOWEN 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by A. G. DRIVER.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor, and on the bells.

Rung on the eve of the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Mon., Jan. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

DAVID T. DARBY Treble	DONALD H. NIBLETT 5
*JEAN M. ADDICOTT 2	JEREMY A. M. SALTER 6
JOHN G. PUSEY 3	JAMES H. PAILING 7
*ROBIN G. ELLIOTT 4	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

* First peal of Surprise. First in the method by all the band, and for the Society.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 ERIN TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt.

J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Treble	ERIC N. HARRISON 5
MRS. J. A. AINSWORTH .. 2	GEORGE S. DEAS 6
NORMAN H. HEWETT .. 3	KENNETH ARTHUR 7
CHARLES N. LEA 4	ROBERT TELFORD Tenor

Composed by E. S. POWELL.

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

First peal in the method by all. Ringers of 4 and 5 have now 'circled the tower.'

Rung in memoriam Richard Pattinson, who died on January 22nd, and who was captain and steeplekeeper at this tower for over 50 years and a member of this Association since 1902.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

HARRY HALL Treble	JACK BRAY 5
RONALD CHAEFER 2	GEORGE W. MOODY 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 3	JOHN HALL 7
*HARRY BALDWIN 4	PHILIP BARNES Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

*FREDERICK ROSS Treble	†CHARLES N. LEA 5
†ERIC N. HARRISON 2	BRYAN PATTISON 6
†MARION S. AINSWORTH .. 3	†KENNETH ARTHUR 7
†GEORGE S. DEAS 4	†J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* First peal with a Treble Bob hunt, and of Major. † First in the method. ‡ First of Major in the method.

Rung in honour of the birth of Nicholas to Ben and Sheila Crowdy.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

HAROLD N. PITSTOW .. Treble	F. ERIC ROBERTS 5
GORDON T. PETERS 2	ALBERT H. HARMAN 6
COLIN J. CHAMPION 3	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN .. 7
MICHAEL F. LAYTON 4	ARTHUR H. SMITH Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by HAROLD N. PITSTOW.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LONG STRATTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.	
C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. Treble	JOHN R. SMITH 4
BETTY SYRETT 2	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 5
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten different callings).

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

F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. Treble	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS .. 4
FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. 2	HAROLD STEVENSON 5
MARK W. LEWIS 3	CHARLES J. COPP Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

Rung for Christmastide. Also a birthday compliment to Harold Stevenson.

CORBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob, two extents of Single Oxford Bob and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.	
JOHN L. MELVILLE Treble	DAVID C. URQUHART 4
RONALD G. RUSSELL 2	ROY W. SPENCER 5
FRED A. GINNS 3	RICHARD A. WEBSTER .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY W. SPENCER.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. H. Bell, wife of the tower captain and rector's warden of this church.

BARNSELY, YORKSHIRE.

THE BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

AND

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 720 each of Woodbine, London Scholars, Kingstone, Sandal, College Exercise, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 14 cwt.	
HAROLD CHANT Treble	HERMAN RUSBY 4
ERIC STAINROD 2	WILFRED F. MORETON .. 5
PETER CARBUTT 3	NOEL F. MOXON Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD CHANT.

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the Barnsley and District Society.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in A flat.	
NORMAN TOMPKINS Treble	GORDON W. LIMMER 4
GILLIAN BRIDGEFORD 2	PETER CROOK 5
DAVID YOUNG 3	JOSEPH THORNLEY Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

Rung as a welcome to Bolton of Gordon W. Limmer, of Burnham Beeches, Bucks.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents each of Double Court, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Ipswich Surprise, Primrose Surprise and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.	
*EILEEN A. WALPOLE .. Treble	CECIL WADE 4
ALBERT E. SCOTT 2	JOHN A. COBB 5
FREDK. W. FRENCH 3	JAMES W. HAW Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

* First peal of Minor.

A welcome to Bourne peal for the Rev. Canon Hugh Peter Laurence, inducted January 9th, 1959.

**EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Bob and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ANN GEORGE Treble	EDWARD J. JENNER 4
MARGARET A. LADD 2	BERNARD V. COLLISON 5
GEORGE FRY 3	STANLEY JENNER Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

* First peal on six bells.

A birthday compliment to Edward J. Jenner.

**KELSTON, NEAR BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In two methods, being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 80 lb. in G.

*RICHARD J. HALL Treble	ALAN F. LEE 4
*J. JAMES JEFFERIES 2	TERENCE J. MILSOM 5
†DAVID J. BARNETT 3	*STANLEY H. CARTER Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

* First peal. † First on six and 'inside.'

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, HOLBECK,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

C.C.C. Nos. 28, 29, 34, 37, 50, 51 and 54. Tenor 9½ cwt.

GRACE M. BEARDOW Treble	F. KEITH WILLIAMSON 4
JOSIE R. HUTCHINGS 2	PETER DAWSON 5
JOHN RHODES 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

Rung as a coming-of-age compliment to the ringer of the second.

NETHER ALDERLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DELIGHT MINOR

In 15 methods: (1) Castleton; (2) Peveril and Beeston; (3) Leasowe and Melandra; (4) Skipton, Chepstow, Balmoral and Fotheringay; (5) Dover; (6) Knutsford, Rostherne, Wilmslow and Bogedone; (7) Fly. Tenor 13 cwt.

IVOR JENKINS Treble	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. 4
WILLIAM H. DOWSE 2	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON 5
NEIL D. LOMAS 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

A birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Wheaton, of Wilmslow.

SHENINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr.

*WILLIAM IVINGS Treble	†CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE 3
*JOHN H. GREGORY 2	*ROBERT A. REEVES 4
EDMUND E. PEARSON Tenor	

Conducted by EDMUND E. PEARSON.

* First peal of Doubles. † First of Doubles 'inside.' Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

Rung for the diamond wedding of Mr. Walker Cook, a ringer at this tower since 1893.

**TUSHINGHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Double Bob, St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ROGER KING Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 4
GEOFFREY PARTING 2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 5
JOHN S. DEAN 3	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

WARMLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (four callings). Tenor 10½ cwt.

*MYRA J. WILKINS Treble	†PAUL G. KING 4
BARBARA J. KING 2	ANTHONY W. GIBBS 5
JOHN M. STALLARD 3	*BRIAN W. METCALFE Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY W. GIBBS.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First as conductor. First of Bob Doubles for all. First of Bob Doubles on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 WELLS SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

GORDON A. HALLS Treble	DIANA J. PERRINS 4
G. RONALD EDWARDS 2	PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER 5
JOHN A. ACRES 3	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

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

BENFIELDSIDE, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

*ANGELA FENWICK Treble	*THOMAS BULLERWELL 4
*FRANCIS THORNTON 2	CHRISTOPHER HERBERT 5
TERRY PRICE 3	BRYAN PATTISON Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

* First peal.

LOIS WEEFON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two extents of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. CHESTER Treble	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS 4
*JAMES LINNELL 2	*J. GEORGE SHELLARD 5
†BARRY SAUNDERS 3	WILLIAM A. YATES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

* First peal 'inside' in three methods. † 25th peal.

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**BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Jan. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,*

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.
G. COLIN JACKSON .. Treble F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 4
FREDERICK DERRY .. 2 J. EDWARD BROWN .. 5
*PHILLIP C. PITCHFORD .. 3 WILLIAM L. EXTON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

* First peal of Minor.

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

*On Sat., Jan. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents of 720. Tenor 11 cwt.
*HERBERT A. DANIELS .. Treble ROGER CADAMY .. 4
HERBERT C. EDWARDS .. 2 GEORGE E. GREEN .. 5
GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 3 WILLIAM A. YATES .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of H. C. Edwards' first peal, which was rung on these bells.

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

*On Sat., Jan. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.
FREDERICK C. ROPER .. Treble HARRY MOSS .. 4
BETTY SYRETT .. 2 ARTHUR E. COOK .. 5
CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE .. 3 CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO .. Tenor

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

First peal on the bells since being augmented to six.

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

*On Sat., Jan. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,*

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent each of London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal, Capel, Kent, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford T.B. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.
PETER A. SHARP .. Treble G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 4
LOUIS WILLIERS .. 2 RONALD APPELWHITE .. 5
JOHN F. PEARSON .. 3 JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

**WETHERDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Sat., Jan. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 St. Clement's and two 270's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.
DAVID BRAND .. Treble HARRY D. LISTER .. 4
*HUBERT A. MITSON .. 2 EDWARD E. DAVEY .. 5
RONALD G. BUGG .. 3 RONALD W. STEWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

* First peal in four methods.

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

*On Sun., Jan. 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,*

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.
C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. Treble THOMAS E. SPIGHT .. 4
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 2 *GEOFFREY R. DREW .. 5
HENRY TOOKE .. 3 WILLIAM CLOVER .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

* First peal in the method. The conductor has now 'circled the tower.' A birthday compliment to Geoffrey R. Drew.

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

*On Wed., Jan. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,*

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.
WILLIAM J. CHESTER .. Treble MONTAGUE SAUNDERS .. 4
JAMES LINNELL .. 2 J. GEORGE SHELLARD .. 5
BARRY SAUNDERS .. 3 WILLIAM A. YATES .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

Rung for the christening of Roger Jonathan, infant son of George and Edith Shellard.

HANDBELL PEALS

**BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Fri., Jan. 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT GLEBELAND,*

A PEAL OF 5092 SPLICED ROYAL

Being Plain, Gainsborough and Little Bob, with 144 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.
MRS. J. BRAY .. 1-2 | JACK BRAY .. 5-6
FRANK LORD .. 3-4 | GEORGE E. FEIRN .. 7-8
C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 9-10

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Fri., Jan. 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT 17, QUEEN STREET.*

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 14 in D.
GERALD PENNEY .. 1-2 | GEOFFREY DODDS .. 5-6
*MICHAEL D. FROST .. 3-4 | JOYCE DODDS .. 7-8
STANLEY HUCKLE .. 9-10

Composed and Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.

* First peal of Royal.

For the bicentenary of the opening of the British Museum.

**BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sun., Jan. 18, 1959, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,
AT HILL CROFT, TOYSE LANE.*

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 16 in B flat.
*MICHAEL J. TESTER .. 1-2 | RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN .. 3-4
W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITHE .. 5-6

Conducted by W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITHE.

* First peal on handbells. First as conductor on handbells. First handbell peal by members of the Soham Grammar School handbell club.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tues., Jan. 20, 1959, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,*

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 1 variation. Tenor size 15 in C.
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 1-2 | ALFRED BALLARD .. 5-6
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 3-4 | JOHN A. ACRES .. 7-8

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

Rung in memoriam John O. Lancashire, late member of Leicester Cathedral band.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sun., Jan. 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,
IN THE JUVENILE COURTROOM OF ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL,*

A PEAL OF 5136 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

DIANA J. PERRINS .. 1-2 | JOHN A. ACRES .. 5-6
ERNEST MORRIS .. 3-4 | BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 7-8

Adapted from E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

WOODLANDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Mon., Jan. 26, 1959, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
AT 105, DONCASTER LANE,*

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 54 methods: (1) Wainfleet, Gedney, Gunby, Spilsby, Bicker, Surfleet, Spalding, Pinchbeck, Sibsey and Normanton Alliance, Bastow and Kent Little Court, Oxford, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Kent Treble Bob; (2) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Marple, Braitree, Humber, Taxal, Clarence, Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob; (3) Walsingham, Fulmer, Cromer, Chalfont, Lammas, Olney, Stevenston, Tibenham Alliance and Little Bob; (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall Bob; (5) Plain, Double, Reverse, Fulbeck and Canterbury; (6) Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Kent Treble Bob.

HOWARD SCOTT .. 1-2 | WILFRID F. MORETON .. 3-4
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 5-6

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

The first extent, by Mr. H. Chant, is rung for the first time.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tues., Jan. 27, 1959, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,*

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.
DIANA J. PERRINS .. 1-2 | JOHN A. ACRES .. 5-6
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 3-4 | MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 7-8

Adapted from E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

HALF PEAL

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYS.—On Jan. 31st. 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: G. Owen 1, B. Groves 2, W. Dowse 3, J. Robinson 4, F. Osbaldiston 5, R. Smith (cond.) 6. Longest length for 1 and 4.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 24th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Kent (first quarter) 1, K. Prime 2, Freda Phillips (first of Grandsire) 3, R. Short (cond.) 4, W. Kent 5, Elizabeth Baker (first quarter) 6.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss T. Jones 1, P. Bray 2, G. C. Grant (cond.) 3, L. A. Fear 4, E. E. Bray 5, P. R. Saunders 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a second son to the Rector (the Rev. W. H. T. B. Davies) and Mrs. Davies.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Feb. 1st. 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. P. Brown 1, P. J. Spice 2, Helen Thoday (first of Triples) 3, Joan Gray 4, D. J. Roaf 5, B. D. Threlfall 6, P. M. J. Gray (cond.) 7, D. J. R. Martin 8. For morning service.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.—On Jan. 31st. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. R. Kingston (first of Triples) 1, R. V. Hughes (first 'inside') 2, G. R. Marchant (first of Triples as cond.) 3, W. J. Goodfellow 4, W. H. Harford 5, D. J. Llewellyn 6, W. Dare 7, A. W. Smith (first away from lead) 8. 'Ad maiorem Dei gloriam.'

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On Jan. 25th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. W. Taylor 1, E. G. Swift (cond.) 2, Mrs. E. G. Swift 3, M. G. Swift 4, K. C. Vickers 5, E. J. Briden 6. For the patronal festival of St. Paul's, Horn Hill (daughter church).

SOUTH CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. Peter's Church, on Feb. 1st. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Wallace 1, Miss V. Potter 2, Miss M. Christopher 3, Mrs. P. Vowles 4, P. Davis (cond.) 5, J. Relf 6, G. Hampton 7, J. Adcock 8. For evening service and as a welcome to Steven Charles Kirk, grandson of ringer of 8th, born January 15th. 1959.

QUARTER PEALS

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Feb. 1st. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Bailey (cond.) 1, K. Ballington 2, W. Steen 3, G. Franks (first quarter) 4, B. Barker 5, A. Mould 6.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.—On Jan. 22nd. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Glass 1, N. Mallett 2, B. H. Thompson (first on eight) 3, F. Willis 4, E. Glass 5, G. Skinner 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, A. Mitchell 8. Rung on the 85th birthday of the treble ringer, who is ringing master at Heavitree.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Jan. 11th. 1,440 Ipswich Surprise Minor: Miss D. Robinson 1, M. J. Dyer 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, W. Ransome 4, A. Clements 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

IDLE, YORKS.—On Jan. 4th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Shelagh Bruce 1, F. S. Wilkinson 2, M. S. Bruce 3, D. P. J. Bruce 4, P. G. Walker 5, T. Hill (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1, 3, 4 and 5. For Evensong on the eve of the bells being taken out for repairs after 40 years' good service.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 4th. 1,260 Doubles (540 Grandsire, 720 Plain Bob): W. Dowse 1, Miss M. Mackay 2, Miss D. Stafford 3, R. Smith 4, A. Osbaldiston (first as cond.) 5, C. Hadley (first quarter) 6. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 1st. 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss M. Mackay 1, Miss D. Stafford (first in method 'inside') 2, A. Osbaldiston 3, B. Groves 4, F. Osbaldiston 5, W. Dowse (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

NEWTON-ST. LOE, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 31st. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Hall 1, A. F. Lee 2, B. Davis (first as cond.) 3, J. J. Jefferies 4, T. J. Milsom 5, R. W. Stapleford 6.

OXFORD.—On Dec. 27th, at the Church of St. Thomas, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): N. Chamberlain 1, E. Venn 2, J. Venn 3, R. Allsworth 4, D. J. Roaf (cond.) 5, S. Benstead 6.

PENARTH, GLAM.—On Jan. 11th. 1,380 Grandsire Doubles: J. Garrett 1, E. J. R. Hartley (cond.) 2, R. Escott 3, A. F. R. Hartley 4, W. J. Palmer 5, D. Hoare 6. For Evensong.

RADYR, GLAM.—On Feb. 1st. 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. J. Stickland (cond.) 1, T. T. Lewis 2, G. R. Marchant 3, B. R. Kingston 4, B. Taylor 5, G. M. Ray 6. First of Stedman for all except 3. For Evensong.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 28th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Clemens 1, H. Seymour 2, Miss A. Ince (first as cond.) 3, G. Clemens 4, E. S. Seymour 5, P. R. C. Williams 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. H. Mitchell and Mr. C. H. Drewitt, two valued members of the tower.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Jan. 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Caters: E. G. L. Coward 1, G. F. Hoad 2, F. B. Jeal 3, R. M. Foreman 4, B. A. Cracknell 5, A. T. Shelton 6, J. H. Euston 7, W. H. Inwood 8, R. Sanders 9, J. Hanning 10. Composed and conducted by G. F. Hoad on his 82nd birthday and to commemorate his 65 years' ringing at Reigate.

RUSKINGTON, LINCS.—On Dec. 24th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Sandall (first quarter) 1, Miss Muxlow 2, Mrs. Short 3, C. Muxlow 4, S. Warrington (cond.) 5, F. Hughes 6.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Feb. 1st. 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. D. Fellows (first in method) 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, M. T. Sprackling 3, Jill Tombs 4, F. V. Nicholls 5, R. Smith (cond.) 6, D. H. Watson 7, P. W. Webb 8. For Evensong, and as a compliment to M. T. Sprackling, B.Sc., who has obtained his Doctor of Philosophy degree. University of Bristol, for research in physics.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 21st. 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Triples: Ruth Gilling 1, H. W. Knight (cond.) 2, Hilda M. Kingcott 3, W. H. Kingcott 4, R. H. Brice 5, S. G. Smith 6, H. A. Price 7, J. K. Baker 2. First in method 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8. To celebrate the 100th birthday of Mrs. Fanny Hardwick.

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A farewell peal to Mr. Eric T. Lee was rung at Upton-on-Severn on January 10th in appreciation of his great help to many ringers in the Worcestershire Association where he has made numerous friends. Eric was the first joint secretary of the Society of Roving Ringers. At his home town, Godalming, and later at Midhurst, he did good work as an instructor. We wish him every success in his new post as engineering assistant at Wokingham R.D.C.

Bristol University Society has decided to apply for affiliation to the Central Council.

Miss A. Ince, who has only been ringing 12 months, called her first quarter at Redruth, Cornwall, on January 28th.

The peal of Plain Bob Minor at Gamston was the first for the Southwell Diocesan Guild where all the calls were singles. Five of the band are single!

Congratulations to Allan R. Jones who conducted his first touch (a quarter peal) of Stedman Triples at Northampton on February 1st. A creditable performance, and a good quarter was rung.

The successor to Mr. G. F. Roome as secretary of the Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild is Mr. E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton. Will holders of diaries please note.

After 23 unsuccessful attempts to produce a tuneable ring since 1606 at Steeple Ashton, Wilts, the ring of six will shortly be completely recast and made heavier. To date, five of the new bells have been adopted, the ringers being responsible for the tenor.

The band who rang the peal of Stedman Caters at Leicester Cathedral on January 26th would like to associate the names of Herrick B. Bowley and Richard A. Prime with this peal; they were, at the last moment, prevented from taking part through illness.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Leonard Derrick, captain and steeplekeeper at Holy Trinity, Nailsea, near Bristol, has been admitted to Cossham Hospital, Bristol, for observation following an illness affecting his sight, and will probably be undergoing an operation. His many friends in the Exercise wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. J. Bennett, on his world tour, sends greetings to all ringing friends from Honolulu, Hawaii, 'the Paradise of the Pacific.' We hope he was duly garlanded in honour of his 1,000 peals.

For his 85th birthday, Mr. C. Glass rang the treble at Heavitree, Exeter, to a quarter peal. His membership of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers extends for 73 years, and he is still the honoured captain of the Heavitree band.

The resident Cupid at Bristol University has been working overtime, judging from the number of congratulations to married or engaged couples announced by the Master at the Society's annual dinner.

A great welcome was accorded Mr. Geo. H. Cross when he made the journey from Devon to London to attend the annual dinner of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths on Saturday.

The Society of Roving Ringers held their annual meeting at St. Albans last Saturday, when there was a large attendance of members. Mr. M. J. Horseman was elected Ringing Master and Miss Audrey Bailey and Mr. M. C. Austin hon. secretaries.

The band who rang the peal at Dickleburgh would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Catchpole, who kindly entertained them to tea before going to Diss where, joined by Mr. A. G. Harrison, they rang 720 St. Clement's Minor half-muffled in memoriam Mr. G. W. Moss, former churchwarden at Diss.

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UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL'S RECORD REUNION

THE annual dinner day of the University of Bristol Society took place on January 24th. Ringing commenced at St. John-on-the-Wall's at 9.15 where, despite the earliness of the hour, a large number of ringers was present. At the Cathedral a large company was anxious to sample the fine new ring of eight. Here one notable touch was three leads of Bristol Major. Ringers then proceeded to St. James', whilst ten members departed for a peal attempt of Stedman Caters at St. Stephen's which, unfortunately, came to grief after about an hour and a half due to two bells changing courses. St. Thomas' and St. Mary Redcliffe's were visited during the afternoon.

Ringling at the Society's home tower, St. Michael's, preceded the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. C. Vyvyan-Jones. The organ was played by Mr. David Heighton, and members of the Society formed the choir. The lesson was read by Mr. John C. Baldwin.

THE DINNER

The dinner followed in the Senior Common Room of the University, by kind invitation of the president of the Society, Professor R. J. Brocklehurst. After an excellent meal, the president proposed the toasts to 'The Queen' and 'The Church,' and then new members were presented to him by the secretary. The president extended a warm welcome to the large gathering and expressed his pleasure at seeing so many former members as well as many visitors. At least four past Masters were present.

The secretary, Mr. Brian Wylde, proposing the toast of 'The Visitors,' mentioned that a record number of 91 was present. He extended a warm welcome to the Dean of Bristol who, he said, had recently been introduced to the ringing fraternity by the rehanging of the bells of the Old Temple Church in the Cathedral, and also to the Vicar of St. Michael's, Mr. Frank Hansford (chairman of the Bristol City Branch of the G. and B.), the Masters of Oxford, London and Reading Universities, as well as many friends from the city and visitors from as far apart as Somerset and Norfolk.

Replying on behalf of the visitors, Mr. Frank Hansford expressed gratitude to University ringers, as on occasions without their help the bells would be silent. They were always ready to welcome members, whatever their standard of ringing—and for the smaller member boxes could be supplied, and ropes lengthened too, in certain cases!

Mr. Jim Pailing, Master of Oxford University Society, then proposed the toast of 'The Society.' He said how pleased he was to hear of the good relations which existed between the University and city ringers. He congratulated the Society on its peal of 10,000 Plain Bob Major in June, and concluded by saying how pleased he was to see so many members of the Society in the early stages of ringing—for these were the people on whom the future of the Exercise depended.

After thanking Mr. Hansford and Mr. Pailing for their kind remarks the Master, Mr. Patrick Bird, said he had recently seen it stated that there was a great revival of ringing in the Universities, but he thought that it would be better to say a great awakening, in view of the number of new University Societies formed in recent months; and to all these Societies he extended his best wishes for a successful future.

A University Society was invariably faced with the problem of a changing population. Three years was a very short time, and all too soon the pupil became the instructor. University ringing had, he said, been described as a 'hot-house process,' but so, it must be for its very survival. The Master spoke of the difficulties of instilling interest in the novice in view of the many other University attractions, but emphasised that every attempt was made to encourage the novice because a University

Society had a duty to perform, not only to itself but to the Exercise as a whole.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

The greatest problem at the moment was, he said, 8-bell ringing; 8-bell practices were held periodically, but these were not sufficient, and he called upon members to take advantage of the help offered by the city ringers who were always ready to give help and advice. In spite of its problems, however, the Society continued to flourish, and recently it had been decided to apply for affiliation to the Central Council, a very important step in the progress of the Society.

The Master said quarter peal attempts had been instituted at St. Michael's on Sunday evenings to encourage those not yet up to peal standard. In connection with Sunday service ringing, they had so many ringers that he considered it his duty to send ringers to help other towers who were less fortunate, for he thought it better that three towers should ring reasonable rounds than have one tower ringing Surprise whilst two towers remained silent.

At the president's suggestion the company adjourned to the more friendly atmosphere of the lounge, where visitors remained talking to old and new friends and ringing handbells. A very enjoyable evening ended soon after 11.

The thanks of all concerned are expressed to Mr. Wylde for organising such a successful dinner.

J. K. A. C.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

South-Western Division

The icy wind which was blowing on January 10th did not seem to deter the South-Western Division when they held their annual meeting at Brentwood, for almost 100 members and friends were present. The service was conducted by the Rector (Canon Stokes).

The business meeting followed the pattern of all A.G.M.'s, a highlight being the large number of new ringing members elected. A sad note was introduced by the announcement of the death of young Roger Moore, of Epping, who had that week been killed in a cycling accident. Since the last meeting the Division had also suffered the loss of Mr. Nelder, of Wanstead, who, at the age of 90 years, was the oldest ringing member of the Division. Mr. Chalk recalled that Mr. Nelder was still singing in the choir when he was over 80. May they both rest in peace.

Mr. Willmington read an excellent report for the year, commenting on the healthy state of the Division, both as regards membership and finance. He commiserated with Hornchurch at having their bells out of action for such a long period. We were all pleasantly surprised when it was announced that the Brentwood ringers had generously entertained us to tea at their own expense! Our thanks are due to them for making us all so welcome, and to the Rector for conducting service for us.

J. E. H.

Lincoln Guild: Dinner In Honour Of New Branch

Despite the wintry conditions prevailing on January 17th, more than 150 members and friends were present at a dinner and social evening in Lea (Gainsborough) Women's Institute Hall to mark the formation of the West Lindsey Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

Prior to the dinner, a business meeting was held at Gainsborough in the Parish Church School Hall followed by a service in Gainsborough Parish Church conducted by the Vicar (Canon J. E. Roberts), at which the address was given by the Archdeacon of Lindsey (Ven. E. Lisle Marsden). During the afternoon ringing took place on the bells of Gainsborough Parish Church and also at Lea.

Officers elected at the meeting were: Canon J. E. Roberts (president), Mr. C. H. Baker (vice-president), Mr. G. L. A. Lunn (secretary and treasurer), Mr. G. E. Feirn (Ringing Master), Mr. J. M. Blaikie (Guild representative), Messrs. J. M. Blaikie and M. L. Mann (auditors) and Mr. M. L. Mann ('Ringing World' correspondent).

It was also agreed that meetings be held during the year as follows: May 9th, Haxey and Owston Ferry; July 18th, Willingham; September 19th, Broughton; November 21st, Blyton and Messingham.

Lea Women's Institute Hall was appropriately decorated for the occasion and the tables were adorned with vases of daffodils and anemones. On the top table was a large white iced fruit cake, made in the shape of a bell, complete with canons and suitably inscribed.

Canon Roberts welcomed the guests and thanked Archdeacon Marsden for being present to propose the toast to the new Branch and for his inspiring sermon in the Parish Church earlier in the evening.

In proposing the toast, 'The West Lindsey Branch,' the Archdeacon said there was no ringing in the world to compare with that in England and some of the best was to be found in Lincolnshire. He welcomed the formation of the new Branch and said he had always felt the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was too top heavy. Now the Northern Branch had been split into three it would be more easily administered. Response to the toast was made

by Mr. C. H. Baker, who has recently completed his 50th year as a bellringer.

Following dinner, the Haxey handbell ringers played a selection of well-known tunes, and a tape-recording, with commentary by Mr. Lunn, was played of bells from 18 of the 19 towers in the Branch area. The bells not included were those of Redbourne, which are not in good enough condition to be rung.

Full Or Part-Time

Dear Sir,—Travelling to a ringing meeting on Saturday week, the only other occupant of the compartment was an ex-National Service boy. He politely asked what my badge was. I told him and described the meeting I was attending. To this he enquired: 'Is it full or part-time?'

I have yet to see outside the local Labour Exchange 'Ringers wanted full time for peals.' Could you also claim insurance benefits when not ringing?—

Yours faithfully,

A. HENSON.

West Bridgford, Notts.

Eight young lady ringers then appeared on the stage and as they stood to their ropes in a very realistic looking 'belfry,' a recording was played of the eight bells of Gainsborough Parish Church, which the same girls had rung in the afternoon. They were Vivienne Richardson (Brigg), Shirley Guymer (Saxilby), Wendy Spacie (Blyton), Jean Blackburn (Messingham), Joy Till (Upton), Dorothy Golland (Epworth), Delia Smith and Mary Stapleton (Gainsborough).

The 'christening' cake was cut by Mrs. Baker (vice-president's wife) and handed round prior to the party breaking up about 11 p.m.

The excellent support given to this event, so efficiently organised by the hon. secretary (Mr. Lunn) is a measure of the keenness and enthusiasm in the West Lindsey Branch, which augurs well for its future.

RABBITS' GUILD FEAR VICTIMISATION

THE second annual general meeting of the Rabbits' Guild was held on October 4th, World Animal Day, and the Feast of St. Francis, Patron Saint of the Guild. As a precaution against intrusion or victimisation, the time and place of the meeting were not publicly announced. For the same reason the meeting is reported without the use of members' names or mention of their towers.

The Master began his address by expressing his pleasure in greeting such a large gathering, including members of every Guild, Society and Association, and of hundreds, he could almost say thousands, of towers. That the Rabbits' Guild, with its strict conditions for election, has so large and enthusiastic a membership so soon after its inception proves that it is supplying a great need to the depressed classes of ringing's underworld. (Tumultuous applause). He said that news constantly reached him of increasing respect for the devoted labours of rabbits in the belfry, and of more enlightened methods of instruction, following the principles laid down by the Guild. He thought it would not be long before the Guild's opinion would be sought as a matter of course on all questions pertaining to the recruitment and training of ringers on the one hand, and the avoidance of wastage through many preventable causes on the other. Indeed, already on more than a few occasions its advice had been asked for and gladly given.

He pointed out that the Guild is probably unique in that it is working towards its own eventual extinction. By that he meant that its labours in securing the welfare of rabbit ringers and demanding better instruction and conditions for them can only result in the production of fewer potential members. The Guild could, therefore, be very proud of its own altruism.

'THE BACKBONE'

'Finally,' he said, 'we must never forget that we rabbits are the backbone of the Exercise. Lacking though we all are in natural ability—or we should not and could not be members of this Guild—and humble though we must always be, no body of ringers can equal, far less surpass, our proud record of patient endeavour, stoical endurance of failure and scorn, and last in order but first in my estimate, faithful, regular and punctual attendance for service ringing.'

A becoming blush suffused his countenance as he ended on a personal theme, thanking the Guild for its telegram of congratulation on achieving his first quarter of Grandire Triples. A voice being heard from the back of the hall, 'No peals, please!' the Master smilingly replied that if it took him four times as many years to score a peal as a quarter, the Guild need have no fear of his living to be expelled for peal-ringing. (Cheers.)

The Society's report began with the list of those who have rung their first peals during the year (one at the 99th attempt during 40 years) and are therefore no longer eligible for membership. The meeting stood in silence before applauding heartily the exploits of their late brethren.

The next item was the Roll of Honour of instructors and Ringing Masters whose methods are approved, some by recommendation of their pupils, others by examination. The Roll already contains a fair nucleus of successful

candidates, but the secretary had to report that in far too many cases where a panel of senior rabbits had attended towers for test instruction, the teaching offered was of a very low standard, and admission to the Roll had to be refused. Their most frequent criticisms were haphazard ways and lack of planning, the permitting of bad habits, feeble discipline and the cruel and stupid practice of breaking the hearts of would-be ringers with Grandire Doubles. They complained, too, of a widespread failure to bring up learners in the faith that service ringing is primarily neither a hobby nor a social event, but a duty and a privilege. This part of the Guild's work is fast expanding and more volunteers are required for the panels of assessors.

DEPRAVITY!

It had come to the notice of the Guild that certain persons, not members, had made and worn devices which were, they claimed, the badge of the Rabbits' Guild. The meeting was shocked and grieved to hear of such depravity.

The remaining business of the meeting was then transacted. To prevent further fraud there is to be designed a Guild badge, to be worn openly or secretly at the discretion of members. In response to a pathetic request from some ex-member peal ringers to be allowed to retain a contact with the Guild a special badge is to be designed and issued to them.

It was resolved that a statement embodying the Guild's advice on teaching be drawn up and made available to Ringing Masters. The language is to be simple and direct. A resolution proposing that the Guild should compose and issue its own Learners' Manual was narrowly defeated, the strongest argument against it being that if Ringing Masters would use the books already available there would be no need for another.

To carry into effect the above resolutions an ad hoc committee was set up.

As several members adverted to the tendency in many towers to treat service ringing as an extra practice, this subject was fully discussed, when the extent of the evil became known for the first time. It was unanimously agreed that members of the Guild must at all times oppose this corrupt habit, and insist that their contribution to Sunday ringing is the best of which they are capable. 'Good rounds, not bad changes' is to be their motto. They must always steadfastly but politely refuse the invitation to 'have a go' at any unfamiliar or untried method on Sunday, rather than jeopardise service ringing.

Arising out of this discussion, it was resolved to send to the Central Council a message of congratulation on its decision to carry out a survey of Sunday service ringing, and to pledge the unwavering support of the Rabbits' Guild in all attempts to improve the standard of performance and to train and maintain bands in towers at present silent. Members will undertake more than their strict share of the sweeping and dusting of ringing chambers to relieve their more dismal aspects.

Ringings, which ranged from ellipses and ovals through rounds to Boh Minor, took place before the meeting, but could not be resumed after tea because it was not possible to replace the stays.

W. D.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER

THE 12th annual dinner of the University of London Society took place on January 31st at the Mitre Tavern, Chancery Lane. Prior to the evening's festivities an enjoyable afternoon was spent in ringing the new eight at St. John's, Hackney, the old eight at St. John's, South Hackney, and the new ten at St. Clement Danes—a good selection for the collectors of rare towers.

The attendance at this function seems inevitably to increase each year, and the previous record was again broken when 63 members and friends took their seats for dinner.

The toast of 'The Church' was proposed by the Master, Mr. Roger Keeley, in a manner which augurs well for his future as an ordinand. At the conclusion of his speech the Master presented a memento in the form of a silver bell to the retiring Rector of St. Olave's, Hart Street, the Rev. A. Powell Miller. In his reply, which he described as his last public appearance as rector, the Rev. Powell Miller spoke of the close association of the Society with his parish, and of the power of church bells as instruments of worship.

Mr. Wilfred Williams proposed the toast of 'The Society' in a witty and pithy speech. Mr. David Martin, in replying on behalf of the Society, recalled the early history of the Society.

The health of 'The Visitors' was proposed by Mr. Derek Sibson, and an impromptu reply was made by Mr. A. A. Hughes, who ably filled the gap left in the toast list by the absence through illness of Mr. Peter Bond.

In his concluding remarks during a successful evening the president, Mr. P. M. J. Gray, spoke of the heavy loss which had been sustained by the premature deaths of three of the Society's members within the last few months, and announced the inauguration of a fund to provide a memorial to J. L. Morris, David Priestley and G. F. Carter.

WADHURST CHURCH BEAUTIFIED

The Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Wadhurst, has been enriched by a wrought-iron screen, beautifully carved, to separate the porch, which is the ringing chamber, from the nave acoustically. To the ringing chamber has been added a cupboard for clothes, and the bottom of the clock weight case has been camouflaged to match the same. The room has also been panelled, radiators boxed in, with recesses for handbells above and two forms provided for seating. The whole of the woodwork is of fumed oak. In addition a new carpet has been provided, and on the north wall a glazed peal record frame with 24 divisions. This magnificent gift to the church is from Mr. J. O. Fairbrother, in memory of his wife and two daughters.

The memorial was dedicated by the Bishop of Chichester (Rt. Rev. R. P. Wilson) during sung service on January 25th, when the church was filled to capacity and the ringers acquitted themselves well as befitted the occasion.

On the following Saturday a peal of Grandire Triples, the first in the method on the bells, was rung. All the peals on the six were Minor, and the two previous peals on the eight were Boh Major and Boh Triples.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY'S SIMULTANEOUS HANDBELL PEALS

Dear Sir.—The composition of Plain Bob Minor rung on November 30th, 1958, on six handbells (tenor 11 in G), conducted by me, was

W B H
—(a) (b) —
— (c) —

repeated 41 times

with single for bob at (a) in the 3rd, 6th, 9th and 12th parts; singles at (b) in the 14th, 17th, 20th and 23rd parts and at (c) in the 25th, 28th, 31st, 34th, 37th and 40th parts.

Yours sincerely,

P. H. LANGTON,

Trinity College, Cambridge.

Dear Sir.—The composition of Plain Bob Minor rung on November 30th, 1958, on six handbells (tenor 13 in E), conducted by me, was

W B H
—(a) (b) —
— (c) —

repeated 41 times

with single for bob at (a) in the 3rd, 6th, 9th and 12th parts; singles at (b) in the 14th, 17th, 20th and 23rd parts and at (c) in the 25th, 28th, 31st, 34th, 37th and 40th parts.

Yours sincerely,

D. J. ROAF,

Trinity College, Cambridge.

CHEAP NOTORIETY

Dear Sir.—As a member of the Cambridge University Guild, I was shocked to read in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' a report of a performance on handbells which was claimed as two peals of Minor. I have no objection to the resident members of the Guild wasting their time on 'stunts' like this; when I was in residence we did a good many mad things, but we refrained from publishing them in your journal.

This performance seems to me to be on a par with other things perpetrated in recent years: there is a section of the ringing community which appears to delight in making more or less cacophonous noises on bells purely to test the reaction thereto of the Central Council. Most ringers know that there has never been any real necessity for strict rules as to what is a peal and what is not: they base themselves on the unwritten rules that were formulated long before the Central Council was thought of.

I would suggest in all seriousness to the conductors of these performances on handbells rung simultaneously that they should withdraw their claims, by means of a letter to 'The Ringing World,' that two peals of Minor were rung. By their action in publishing this performance they have laid the Cambridge University Guild open to the suggestion that its members are irresponsible seekers of cheap notoriety. I know for a fact that this is not so, but nevertheless I sincerely hope that in the interest of the good name the Guild has hitherto enjoyed, the performance will be withdrawn. — Yours faithfully,

W. T. COOK,

Wimbledon, S.W.

GREAT YARMOUTH CLOCK CHIMES

Dear Sir.—May I warmly thank all those who in response to my recent letter in 'The Ringing World,' sent me suggestions for the quarter chimes for Great Yarmouth Parish Church. Many of these were most interesting. The 'winner' whose chimes are described in an article on the front page of this issue, will have as his 'prize' the satisfaction of knowing that his chimes will lift up the hearts of millions of residents and holidaymakers in Yarmouth for generations to come. Thank you, Brian! — Yours sincerely,

GILBERT THURLOW,

Great Yarmouth Vicarage.

SURVEY OF SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING

Dear Sir.—As mentioned by Mr. Philip Gray in a letter in a recent issue, I shall be pleased to receive reports from individual towers of any special progress or success during 1958, if possible with a note as to what is thought to be the main factors for such success.

Such items as: Silent towers restarted, newly established change ringing bands and exceptional progress of established bands, first local band peals or quarters or local handbell peals of exceptional merit.

Will those with anything of interest on these or similar lines please write to me.

Completed Association Surveys should be sent to Mr. P. Gray, Orana, Eastmead Lane, Stoke Bishop, Bristol 9.—Yours, etc.

NORMAN CHADDOCK,

17, Herringthorpe Grove,
Broom, Rotherham.

CHRISTMAS DAY RINGING

Dear Sir.—I should like to support Mrs. Thirst in her plea for the abandonment of the annual comments on the Christmas ringing broadcast (see page 79).

These comments serve no useful purpose since, as Mrs. Thirst points out, anonymous criticism is valueless; indeed, the most obvious inference to be drawn from the fact that your critic withholds his identity is that he does not have the courage of his own convictions. — Yours faithfully,

DESMOND PAINTER,

Harpندن, Herts.

CENTRAL COUNCIL AND COURSE

Dear Sir.—In view of certain comments which have been made on the subject of the Council's participation in the course at Dillington House, may I make it clear that while, on behalf of the members, I support the principle of the course and am grateful to the Dillington House committee for organising it and taking the financial responsibility for its presentation, for reasons which I need not enter into here the Council has not been responsible for the compilation of the syllabus of the course, the contents of which do not therefore necessarily represent the views of its members. — Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

Crayford, Kent.

WEEK-END COURSE IN RINGING SUBJECTS

Dear Sir,—As readers of your issue of December 19th last may have noted, in both the letter from the secretary to the Central Council (Mr. E. A. Barnett) and the advertisement by the College of Campanology, we propose to run in the forthcoming Easter vacation, a short residential course in ringing subjects at the Somerset Education Committee's College for Adult Education, Dillington House, near Ilminster, Somerset.

Dillington House is a large and beautiful country house situated in its own extensive grounds surrounded by parkland. The house has been internally modernised in view of its educational purpose to accommodate 40 persons.

The College of Campanology has accepted our invitation to co-operate, and following its advice and that of Mr. Barnett also, we have decided to change the original mid-week proposal to one of a weekend, when interested persons might more conveniently attend.

The course will begin on Friday evening, April 3rd, 1959, with dinner, followed by the first session. Lectures with discussions and demonstrations will continue throughout the next day, Saturday, April 4th, and on Sunday morning, April 5th, the course finishing with lunch on that day.

It is intended that lectures and demonstrations should cover the following subjects: Belfry Care and Maintenance, Planned Training in Elementary Ringing, Theory of Method Structure, Introduction to Conducting, and Composition. A practical period is also envisaged.

Proposed lecturers are all well known in the Exercise and include the president of the Central Council, and the Principal and an Examiner of the College of Campanology.

The inclusive charge of £3 3s. per student covers tuition, board and accommodation, and any local travelling costs in connection with the studies.

It is considered that the course will be of interest and benefit to all over school-leaving age, but particularly to those with some knowledge of ringing and especially to would-be instructors.

Those interested are requested to write for reservations and details, as soon as possible, so that the best arrangements may be made for all concerned. Support of these proposals may enable a series of courses to be run, with varied programmes to suit requirements. — Yours faithfully,

HARVEY SHEPPARD,
Warden.

WEST OVERTON BELLS

Dear Sir,—Lt.-Comdr. Merritt in his letter infers that West Overton bells have not been rung for several years. However, the Marlborough Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild did hold a meeting there on December 21st, 1957. Although not many attended, we found the bells went quite well despite the lack of artificial lighting, and some good and varied ringing resulted. I, for one, look forward to an early return to this tower. — Yours faithfully,

R. J. JOHNSTON.

Chiseldon, Wilts.

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LETTERS—Continued

PARSONS AND BELLS

Dear Sir,—I have been following the correspondence concerning the Bow peal with some interest, particularly as I am a tower foreman and also a churchwarden.

It does not appear to have been mentioned that an incumbent (with the churchwardens) is just as much responsible for the bells and fittings as he is for any other part of the church. One would normally assume, therefore, that 'permission to ring a peal' would imply exactly what it says, and that incumbents should know that a peal extends to not less than 2½ hours under normal circumstances.

The fact that incumbents in general do not appreciate this fact only goes to prove that they do not, in most cases, take the interest they should in their bells. We so often hear the phrase 'my bells' used when a question of authority is brought up, but if one asked a very simple question relating to the bells, or inquired as to the last time the incumbent even visited the belfry (let alone the bell chamber), the odds would be on getting a negative reply in both cases.

To be fair, there are parsons who do take interest and, where this applies, the results can usually be seen in many ways—the number and quality of the ringers, and in their ringing, with youngsters always coming along. Usually, the exact opposite is apparent in a tower where no one outside the actual ringers (if any) takes any interest. I doubt if there can be any more disheartening task than trying to teach, and bring along, young ringers without the support of anyone, apart from, perhaps, one or two loyal ringers. There are as many unactive ringers as there are active ones; and although there may well be many reasons for this, I feel certain that, if a poll were taken, most of the fault would lie with the incumbent who looks upon his bells as 'something to do with my church,' rather than a very real and important part.

The result obtained from this attitude is that those ringers who are interested enough will find towers other than maybe their own to ring in, with the situation where we find fewer towers ringing, either for service or practice, because no interest is shown by those whose job and responsibility it is to be interested. I fully appreciate that ringers are not exactly asked to take up ringing—it is essentially a service given to the Church, and no one would wish to alter that; but I do wonder sometimes how many parsons would give their services to the Church whether they were asked or not.

—Yours faithfully,

Brightwalton, Newbury.

IDENTITY WANTED

Dear Sir,—I have in my possession two old photographs showing six workmen of the now extinct firm of John Warner and Sons. These were taken outside the main doors of different churches, together with bells, clappers, wheels and ropes. One who was a foreman, George Dunn, has been recognised by Mr. G. H. Myers, of Plymouth. Two others, John Phillips and John McKenny, were well known to me. Five members of the firm were Plympton men.

The inscription on one bell is as follows: 'Richard Nairn Dean 1739.T.L. To the Glory of God Amen. Edward R. Currie S.T.B. Dean. Fredrick Gorham Ticehurst, Alfred Uwins, Churchwardens. Ascension Day, 1890.'

I should be very pleased if someone could give some information about this bell. Apparently it was recast in 1890. The photographers were John Chaffin and Sons, Yeovil.—Yours faithfully,

W. G. LAVERS.

Plympton, Devon.

MORE RINGING OF THE CHANGES
IN KENT

Dear Sir,—On a recent practice night at Bethersden a touch of Minor finished up with a great crash whereupon one ringer was heard to remark, 'I hope Reg Pellet didn't hear that!'

So you see, Reg, the good handlers can't always maintain good striking and sometimes the not so good handlers strike the bells very well—I've heard some good call change ringing by the Woodchurch band in the past and certainly hope to hear some more.

I recall that a few years ago the Woodchurch band rang call changes for over two hours to celebrate a royal event—this is often spoken of around the district and not many ringers can boast of such a feat—their captain, Mr. Town, called the changes, I believe, and deserves credit for doing so.

Actually I do drop into one or two neighbouring towers to lend a hand sometimes, but owing to personal circumstances my ringing activities have had to be curtailed quite severely in the last few years. I would point out that if any ringer is interested in becoming a good handler he must get out and about and ring on all sorts of bells and with all sorts of ringers. This is the only effective way (I dare say Pat Cannon will confirm this statement).

Most of the great men of the Exercise have travelled very many miles for their ringing, and it pays off in the end.—Yours,

WILFRED W. RING.

Bethersden, Kent.

ST. CLEMENT DANES'

Dear Sir,—Some few weeks ago I read in 'The Ringing World' that ringers would be welcomed to help with the ringing for Sunday service ringing at the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand. So on Sunday, January 25th, with a friend we travelled to London with high hopes of a ring on these fine bells, but alas! our hopes were soon gone.

As we walked towards the church the bells were being raised so we entered the church and were about to climb the steps to the ringing chamber when we were stopped and told that visitors could not go up. I told this young man that I was a ringer, but he still said I could not go up as the bells had been booked by the ringers already up there. He added that they were two short and the conductor was ill, but still he would not let us go up, but told me to apply to a Mr. Barnett for permission to ring on Sundays.

Please, Mr. Editor, could you or any of your readers tell me the address of Mr. Barnett, as I should very much like to have a ring on these fine bells. Owing to my duties I am working nearly every Sunday, but maybe I can fit one in at a future date. I have rung in many towers up and down the country, but this is the first time I have been refused permission even to enter the ringing room. I must say it was a very cold welcome on a cold Sunday afternoon.—Yours truly,

CHARLES S. SMITH.

Ford End, Chelmsford.

[Note.—The address of Mr. E. A. Barnett is 26, Iron Mill Lane, Crayford.—Ed.]

Dallington, Northampton

Dallington, Northampton, ringers decided at their annual meeting on the following title of their Society: 'Dallington St. Mary's Guild of Church Bellringers' (affiliated to the Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild and the Central Council of Church Bellringers).

Officers elected were: President, Mr. G. Morgan; tower captain and secretary, Mr. E. Nobles; assistant tower captain, Mr. J. G. Chapman; treasurer, Mr. K. Alton.

The Central Council's survey form was filled in.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY
ASSOCIATION

South and West District

The annual general meeting of the South and West District was held at Harlington on January 17th. Despite the bad weather there were 35 members present. Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to London Surprise, and the light ring of eight bells here was put to good use.

The business meeting took place in the Church Hall after the service and an excellent tea. The following officers were elected for 1959: District chairman, F. W. Goodfellow; Master, D. Fowles; secretary, E. R. Gotham, 14, The Meadows, Trenches Farm, Langley, Bucks. To the members' great regret, Mr. W. H. Coles, who has been vice-president and presided over meetings of the South and West District for very many years, was unable to stand for the newly-created post of District chairman owing to pressure of business. For the same reason, and because he had moved out of the district, Mr. W. T. Cook was unable to take office for a further year as District secretary. Members expressed their confidence that the new officers would be able to carry out their responsibilities as efficiently as their predecessors.

The secretary's report for 1958 showed that during the year there had been a marked increase in activity in the District, and special mention was made of the new bands recently formed at St. Peter's and St. Mary's, Staines, St. Stephen's, Ealing, and Norwood Green, while increases in membership were reported from other towers. The secretary warned the meeting, however, that the standard of striking, both at meetings and among the various Sunday service bands, left a great deal to be desired.

In an attempt to remedy this situation, it was moved that the 'service touches' at each meeting should be rung by a complete band from one tower or another—the idea being to encourage members to attend meetings who would not normally do so, as members of their local bands, and also to have a chance of getting at least one touch at each meeting well struck, to serve as a standard of comparison for learners.

A proposal that, in view of recent events at Bow-in-the-Road and elsewhere, incumbents in the District should be written to, pointing out the dangers of allowing indiscriminate use of their bells to visiting ringers, which might have unfortunate repercussions on local bands, was defeated by apathy among the members in the shape of five votes to four against, with 25 or more abstentions.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to all those who had helped to make the meeting a success. W. T. C.

Gratefully Acknowledged

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QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. C. D. Fletcher 1, R. Bird 2, J. C. Perrin 3, D. W. Woodcock 4, A. M. Macve 5, C. F. McGill (cond.) 6. Also on Jan. 18th, 1,248 St. Clement's: R. Larkin 1, J. C. Perrin (first in method) 2, R. Bird (cond.) 3, P. J. Milton 4, A. M. Macve 5, C. F. McGill 6. First quarter in method on the bells. Also on Jan. 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob: R. C. D. Fletcher 1, R. Bird 2, D. W. Woodcock 3, J. C. Perrin 4, C. F. McGill 5, A. M. Macve (first as cond.) 6.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Peers (first quarter) 1, Rachel Stacey 2, G. Orchard 3, C. Chalwin 4, J. E. Camp (first as cond.) 5, D. Lawson 6. For Evensong.

BENFIELDSIDE, CO. DURHAM.—On Jan. 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. W. Wilkinson 1, H. Aitchison 2, W. Tyson 3, N. Errington 4, C. T. Lamb (cond.) 5, J. Lishman 6.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Jan. 21th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Peggy Williams (first quarter) 1, Mary R. Andrews 2, Brenda M. Foster 3, Judith R. Cox 4, S. J. Woodcock (cond.) 5, H. Williams 6. For morning service.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Jan. 25th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: G. North 1, W. A. Riddington (cond.) 2, A. W. Gravett 3, A. W. Bond 4, F. Page 5, H. Stalham 6, H. W. Woolven 7, J. H. Lilley 8. For Evensong.

BRISTOL, GLOS.—At St. Michael's Church, on Jan. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth Jackson (first of Minor) 1, M. Rothwell 2, B. Wyde 3, Jane Cook 4, R. Blackler (first as cond.) 5, P. Bird 6. Also at the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, City, on Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Trueman 1, E. F. Hancock 2, J. M. Stallard 3, J. D. Painter 4, M. T. Sprackling 5, F. D. Mack 6, J. H. Pailing 7, T. P. Edwards (cond.) 8. Rung before the dedication of a professional cross in memory of Marwood Paterson, Priest, B.A., Vicar of St. Thomas', 1923-1948, and Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, 1947-1948. Also on Jan. 29th, at St. George's Church, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. G. Hooper (cond.) 1, Shiela D. Blacknell (first of Doubles) 2, B. Shackleton (first in three methods) 3, D. J. Hunt 4, J. Brain (50th quarter) 5, I. M. Roberts (first quarter) 6.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Harrison 1, Margaret E. Panton 2, W. Glover 3, G. Nichols 4, R. C. Thrift 5, I. R. Panton (first as cond.) 6. For morning service, also a birthday compliment to the ringer of 4.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On Jan. 25th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Drury 1, G. Talbot 2, Miss S. Buchanan 3, J. Martin 4, P. H. Lawson 5, D. G. Blows 6, Roy Collins (cond.) 7, Ron Collins 8. First of Triples 3, 5 and 8.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Bartlett 1, Eileen Godwin 2, P. Wakefield 3, B. Wakefield 4, E. Jefferies 5, R. Wenban 6, W. Godwin (cond.) 7, J. Dowdeswell 8. Rung in honour of the birth of a son (Michael William) to Joyce (nee Morse) and Arthur William Tucker on January 2nd.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Jean Croft 1, G. Cherry 2, S. H. Ashton 3, E. Winters 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, P. W. Croft 6. For the Christmas carol service. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Jean Croft 1, A. Harris 2, S. H. Ashton 3, G. Cherry 4, L. Runnacles 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a farewell to 1958. Also on Jan. 19th, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: Jean Croft 1, A. C. Harris 2, S. H. Ashton 3, G. Cherry 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, K. C. Timbury 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. S. Ashton, Pirton, and Miss J. Butcher, Stotfold.

GORING, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Welman (first quarter) 1, J. Maple 2, B. E. Matthews (cond.) 3, M. Fromm 4, M. J. Newth 5, R. Panton 6.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At St. Nicolas' Church, on Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. C. Hazleden 1, Ann M. Cox (cond.) 2, Monica E. Collins 3, P. Bird 4, F. Oldroyd 5, W. Morey 6, E. J. Wells 7, L. Luig 8. Rung by the Sunday service band as a farewell to Miss Ann Cox and Miss Joan Beazley.

HANSLOPE, BUCKS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Geary (first quarter) 1, R. Keeves (first 'inside') 2, D. Taylor (first 'inside') 3, H. Curtis 4, A. Cozens (cond.) 5, J. Powell 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Garratt.

HATFIELD BROADOAK, ESSEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. R. Leeming 1, Judith Harding (first of Major) 2, J. M. Lakin (cond.) 3, Susan Jackson 4, R. J. Trebilcock 5, M. Hawkes 6, D. Sibson 7, A. F. Thirst 8.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLEX.—On Jan. 18th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 1, M. W. Seymour (first of Stedman Caters) 2, T. G. Bannister 3, Mrs. J. Hill 4, J. Hill 5, N. D. Robinson 6, A. M. Stacey 7, A. H. Fulwell 8, F. C. Price 9, M. J. Palmer 10. For Evensong.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: R. Blackshaw 1, D. Armstrong 2, B. Mills 3, M. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Hanley 1, A. Hodae 2, D. Salter 3, W. Baker 4, C. Webb (cond.) 5, W. Webb 6. For morning service.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Jan. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Luffin 1, Miss H. Sharp 2, D. West 3, Miss H. Stewart 4, W. Rouse 5, E. Smith 6, L. Sharp 7, U. Wildney (cond.) 8.

LANGLEY MARISH, BUCKS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,380 Doubles (240 Rev. Canterbury, 720 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire) of J. Allgrove (first quarter) 1, Linda Kew 2, Pamela Jervis 3, J. Muller 4, W. Birmingham (cond.) 5, J. Birt 6. Rung to enable J. Allgrove to ring his first quarter in this call-changer, also 21st birthday compliment to Miss Janet Adamson.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At the Church of St. Michael, on Jan. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Diane Kerchey 1, Evelyn Ray 2, M. E. Downs (cond.) 3, C. M. Dring 4, J. T. Mannering 5, P. J. Hayward 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Peter Hayward, captain of the local band, who is leaving the district.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. H. Edwards (first in method) 1, A. B. Allcorn 2, E. Avery 3, A. Hoad 4, A. Smith 5, G. King 6, W. H. Hoad (cond.) 7, J. Harris 8.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Feb. 1st, at Emmanuel Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Wallace (first quarter) 1, E. Talbot 2, Miss D. Crowe 3, R. J. Cook 4, G. Harvey 5, J. Euston 6, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 7, W. G. Wilson 8. For morning service.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Susan Wetherly 1, J. J. Jefferies 2, B. Davis 3, A. F. Lee 4, T. J. Milson 5, C. Barrable (first quarter) 6, D. J. Barnett 7, P. R. Young 8. Jointly conducted by 3, 4 and 5. Rung for the dedication festival, and as a farewell to Kathryn Rigden, who has left for Singapore.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 18th, 1,231 Grandsire Cinques: R. Chapman 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, S. Penfold 3, Miss C. Ford 4, Miss V. Hester 5, M. Austin 6, L. Woods (first as cond.) 7, M. Bland 8, A. Salisbury (first 'inside' on 12) 9, C. Willmington 10, F. Gant 11, J. Waugh 12. First quarter on 12 for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): P. Laws (first on treble) 1, Miss J. Whiteber (first 'inside') 2, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 3, M. C. Austin 4, H. Duncan 5, Miss J. Macbeth 6, D. Hawkins 7, K. Scrimshaw (first quarter) 8.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Feb. 1st, 1,344 St. Clement's Bob Major: P. D. Chapman 1, R. J. Chapman 2, W. Dowler 3, F. W. Sykes 4, E. E. Holman 5, B. R. Downes (cond.) 6, A. J. N. Boyack 7, T. Hawkins 8. First in method for all. For Evensong.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mary G. Carnochan 1, S. H. Hoare (cond.) 2, R. G. Smith 3, S. F. Doley 4, E. Durrant 5, W. G. Paul 6, D. Laud 7, R. G. Bell 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam H. S. Dale, churchwarden.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Champin (first quarter) 1, W. S. Butler 2, B. Crook 3, H. Dorking 4, E. W. Bright (cond.) 5, J. Warner 6. For morning service.

OBITUARY

MR. A. W. BALDWIN

Mr. A. W. Baldwin, of Cirencester, passed away on January 26th at the great age of 96. He came to Cirencester about 34 years ago from Fakenham, Norfolk, and joined the local band. With them he rang until about ten years ago, when failing eyesight prevented further ringing, but he remained interested right to the end.

Mr. Baldwin helped to ring in a muffled peal for Disraeli in 1881.

The funeral took place at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, and the ringers were represented by Mr. F. J. Lewis and Mr. W. A. Godwin, two very old friends.

On the Tuesday evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled as a last tribute: F. J. Lewis (conductor) 1, F. J. Lewis, jun. 2, B. Wakefield 3, E. H. Jefferies 4, H. L. Cooke 5, P. Morgans 6, W. H. Hayward 7, P. J. Lewis 8. F. J. L.

MR. JOHN CURRY

Mr. John Curry, of Crossgate, Pinchbeck, died at his home on February 3rd, aged 81 years. He had been in ill health for about 20 years and had not been able to ring for the past 12 years. He learned to ring at Surfleet under the Rev. H. Law James, but on getting married joined the Pinchbeck band. He rang about 80 peals, his last being in 1944. He was a foundation member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

The funeral service took place on Saturday, February 7th, at St. Mary's Church, Pinchbeck, the half-muffled bells being rung by members of the band and friends from neighbouring towers both before and after the service.

MR. HERBERT KNIGHT

Mr. Herbert Knight, a well-known and highly-respected figure in West Midland ringing circles, died at his home in Wolverhampton on January 28th following a stroke.

Mr. Knight, who was 86, had been tower master at St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, for over 60 years, and it was a coincidence that he should have been taken ill while ringing on a practice night on the 12 bells with which he had been associated for so many years.

A native of Somerset, Mr. Knight came to Wolverhampton some 65 years ago, and until his retirement he was associated with the printing industry. A member of the Society of Change Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford since 1894, Mr. Knight had for 40 years of his membership officiated as lay secretary until his resignation in 1949.

His total of peals exceeded 500 in a wide variety of methods. Perhaps two of the most noteworthy of these peals was one of Grandsire Triples which he conducted whilst blindfolded, and a silent peal of Stedman Triples in which he took part. In his young days, when public transport was not what it is today, Mr. Knight would often walk miles to ring in peal attempts and attend practices at towers on the outskirts of Wolverhampton.

A man of sterling character and of a quiet, unassuming nature, he was always ready to give advice and assistance to learners. He will be greatly missed, and future meetings of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford will hardly be the same without him.

The funeral service took place at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on January 31st, and was conducted by the Rector, Canon J. Brierley, who was assisted by the Rev. C. H. Barker, lay secretary of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. There was a large congregation, which included officials and many members of the 'Staffords' and other ringing friends. Before the service the bells of St. Peter's were rung half-muffled. The sympathy of Mr. Knight's ringing friends and acquaintances is extended to his daughter and sister in their bereavement. May his soul rest in peace. F. C. A. B.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD Mansfield District

About 60 ringers attended the first annual meeting of the Mansfield District held at Mansfield on January 24th, with about 14 towers being represented.

Ringing took place at Mansfield and Mansfield Woodhouse Churches, and tea was provided by the local ladies in Grove House.

Mr. S. W. Fossey took the chair at the business meeting. The ten new members elected were Miss B. Salt, Mrs. M. E. Gibson, B. Hinchcliffe and J. Andrews (Hucknall), D. W. Camm, D. J. Camm, D. Gibbs and M. Brown (Eastwood) and H. Prout and G. Oakley (Warsop). Mr. J. R. Ketteringham was transferred from the list of non-resident life-members to a resident member. The Rev. P. M. Caporn, of Eastwood, and the Rev. C. W. A. Pegler, of Greasley, were elected vice-presidents.

The balance sheet and secretary's report were read and accepted.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. S. W. Fossey; hon. secretary, Mr. D. H. Rooke; committee, Mr. A. Brown and Mrs. M. Woodhead; Ringing Master, Mr. H. T. Rooke. The Bell Fund collection amounted to £1 3s.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Hucknall on March 7th as a joint meeting with the Nottingham District.

It was proposed as a recommendation to the general committee that when stocks of the present badge are exhausted a smaller badge be produced.

After appropriate votes of thanks a short service was conducted in Mansfield Parish Church by the Rev. E. W. C. Bale immediately after the meeting.

Ringing again continued at both towers until 9 p.m. in a wide variety of methods ranging from rounds to Southwell Surprise.

D. H. R.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Rochester District At Borden

A very happy and successful meeting of the Rochester District was held at the ancient village Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Borden, on January 24th. Under the leadership of the District's new Ringing Master, Mr. C. S. Jarrett, the bells were kept going to the usual standard methods till 4.30 p.m., when the ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. John G. Phillips). The captain of Borden tower, Mr. E. C. Barton, read the lesson. Tea, which was kindly given by the local ringers, was served in the Village Hall to over 70 ringers and friends.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting. Mr. T. Barton, the District secretary, apologised for Mr. W. A. J. Knight, who was absent owing to a chill. Mr. A. Dunk gave a full account of the committee meeting at Maidstone, dealing with the Central Council's visit to Ireland, peal booking fees and belfry repair funds. He was supported in these reports by Mr. B. May and Mr. G. Butcher.

The District secretary and Mrs. T. Barton were congratulated upon their marriage last month at Tunstall, where both are service ringers. Congratulations were also extended to Mr. Charles E. J. Norris and Mr. Harry Springate, of Chatham, upon their 50 years' membership of the Kent County Association.

One new member from Stockbury and six from Rainham were elected. A collection for the Belfry Repair Fund amounted to £1 18s. 10d. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, the organist, Mr. E. C. Barton and the ladies and friends who helped and provided the tea.

F. C.

NOTICES

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MARRIAGE

SODEN—WILLIAMS. — On Feb. 5th, 1959, at St. Alban's Church, Northampton, Bertie O. Soden to Mildred E. Williams. Future address: 23, Highlands Avenue, Spinney Hill, Northampton. 3855

DEATH

KING. — Suddenly on January 31st, 1959, George King, of 1, Church Terrace, Salehurst, Robertsbridge, aged 69 years. He had been a bell-ringer at St. Mary's, Salehurst, for 50 years. 3826

IN MEMORIAM

WOLSTENCROFT.—In loving memory of Ada, died December 21st, 1953, and Walter, died February 8th, 1957. R.I.P. 3824

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MISCELLANEOUS

THE LATE MR. GEORGE STAFF, OF ST. JAMES', MILNROW, LANCS.—Will those who wish to contribute to Mr. George Staff's memorial peal board please send contributions to Mr. D. Butterworth, 21, Moorland Avenue, Milnrow, Lancashire. 3833

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SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Northern Section.—Practice at St. Mary's, Brecon, on the last Saturday in the month at 6 p.m. (except March).—G. P. Davies, Hon. Sec. 3831

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Deferred annual meeting, Old Whittington, Saturday, Feb. 14th, 3 p.m. 3816

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Saturday, Feb. 14th, Tunbridge Wells. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall 5 p.m. 3801

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Trumpington on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual District meeting, Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Nicholas' Hall 5.15 p.m., with usual business to follow. 3781

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual District meeting at Guildford, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Ringing at St. Nicolas' (10) from 3 p.m. Service, St. Mary's, 4.30. Tea and meeting in St. Nicolas' Church Hall 5 p.m. Further ringing after meeting at Holy Trinity (8). 3803

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Great Amwell, Saturday, Feb. 14th, 3 p.m.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 3806

LADIES' GUILD.—Yorkshire District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 14th, Whiston, near Rotherham. Ringing 3 p.m. 3797

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 14th, Southwark Cathedral, 2 to 4.15 p.m.; St. John's, Waterloo Road, 2 to 4 p.m. Tea break, 4.15 to 5 p.m. Service, Cathedral, 5 p.m. Business and handbell competition, Chapter House, 6 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, ISL 3921. 3751

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 14th, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Fan Makers' Hall 5 p.m., followed by annual business.—C. Neal, Asst. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Annual meeting, Reading, Saturday, Feb. 14th, St. Mary's (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.15. Service 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Ringing in evening at St. Mary's and Caversham (8).

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Thorpe Bay on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. 3837

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Annual divisional meeting at Arundel (8) on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 3815

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Nempnett Thrubwell (6) on Saturday, Feb. 21st, 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 3851

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Annual meeting, Bromborough, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided free for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 3854

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYSHIRE (new 5).—Open day for ringing, Saturday, Feb. 21st, 3 p.m. All visitors welcome. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. K. R. Upton, The Vicarage, Linton, Burton-on-Trent (Swadlincote 7318). Buses from Burton.—D. P. Jones. 3750

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting at Wolvey, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea in the School, 5 p.m. Please send names to Mr. W. Thorpe, Wold's Lane, Wolvey.—D. A. Carpenter, Dis. Sec. 3832

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, St. Andrew's, Derby (by invitation), Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells 3 to 5 p.m.; 6 till 8 p.m. For tea arrangements, on notification cards.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 3839

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Eynesbury (6), Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 3822

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Peter's (6), Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3841

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Grittleton (6), Saturday, Feb. 21st. Names for tea to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 3845

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Stone (6), Feb. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5. Notify by Feb. 18th Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall, Glos. 3856

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Goudhurst, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells 3 p.m.—E. A. Fellows, Hon. Sec. 3843

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual District meeting, St. Mellons, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Numbers for tea, please. Gentlemen cordially invited.—J. S. King. 3809

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting, Christ Church, Pendlebury (8), Saturday, Feb. 21st, 3 p.m. Cups of tea.—G. D. Fearnough, Sec. 3834

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Kibworth, on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., St. Wilfred's Hall. Names for tea by Feb. 18th to A. Martin, '54, Fleckney Road, Kilworth.—L. W. Allen. 3853

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting, Ealing, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Ringing at St. Stephen's, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Further ringing at St. Mary's 6.15 to 7.30 p.m. Regret own tea arrangements.—E. R. Gotham, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3848

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wokingham on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Service in All Saints' Church 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church House, 5. Notify for tea by Feb. 16th. Ringing, All Saints', 3 p.m. Both towers after meeting.—B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 3829

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Bradpole (8), Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 3847

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting at Ogbourne St. George, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 3844

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Sherburn-in-Elmet (8), Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (moderate charge). Names by Feb. 19th, please, to Mr. J. Potts, North Sweenings Farm, Lennerton, South Milford.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 3827

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Annual meeting, Exning, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. St. Mary's (Newmarket) bells available after meeting. 3835

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SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Annual meeting, Hurstpierpoint (8), on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Tuesday, Feb. 17th. Business meeting follows tea.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 3823

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Wortley, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Day School. Names by 19th to Rev. F. V. Robinson, The Vicarage, Wortley, Sheffield. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 3840

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting, Benenden, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. R. J. Brown, The Moat Cottage, Benenden, Cranbrook. Gentlemen cordially invited. Buses: Services 97 from Ashford and Tunbridge Wells every two hours: 127 from Tenterden. 3811

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 28th, at *Gressenhall*, and *not* Swaffham as previously arranged. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Bunning, Bittering Street, Gressenhall, Dereham.—C. Tovell, Branch Hon. Sec. 3862

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Feb. 25th, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 3846

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Dunblane Cathedral, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available from 2 to 5 p.m., thereafter special meeting to consider new draft rules.—Rognvald Wilson, 15, Durham Road, Edinburgh, 15. 3830

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Annual general meeting at Long Melford (8), Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, Feb. 26th, please, to Mr. V. Ambrose, 2, Westgate Street, Long Melford. 3849

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting, Withycombe Raleigh, Saturday, Mar. 7th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, March 2nd, to Mr. R. T. Perry, Redcliff, Lymstone. 3850

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—Meeting, Broomfield (6), Saturday, March 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 3828

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Margate, on Easter Monday, March 30th. Committee 11 a.m. Service at noon. Luncheon 1 p.m., followed by A.G.M. Full ringing programme.—E. S. J. Hatcher, Chimneys, Offham, Maidstone. 3842

THE LADIES' GUILD

The Central District held their annual meeting at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill on January 31st. This fine ring of eight was put to good use by a large number of members and visitors. A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. J. Finch) in the Memorial Hall, followed by a buffet tea.

Before the business meeting commenced Mrs. K. Lock (president) thanked the Vicar for his warm welcome, the ladies who had provided such an excellent tea, and Mr. E. Rowe, who had made the ringing arrangements.

In the absence of the vice-president, Mrs. Savory, whose husband was ill, Mrs. Lock was voted to the chair. Attendances at meetings in 1958, reported the secretary, had improved and there were now eight honorary and 61 fully paid-up members. The secretary's report was adopted on the proposition of Mrs. Rose. The financial position was very satisfactory and the accounts were adopted on the proposition of Mrs. Lock.

The officers elected for 1959 were: Vice-president, Mrs. Savory; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mrs. S. Bullock; committee, Mesdames Hart, Collins, Bagworth and Rose; representatives to general committee, Mesdames Hart and Collins. Mrs. Bullock was congratulated on her last year's work. Two new members were elected.

The president reminded members that her term of office expired this year and a new one has to be elected at the annual general meeting at Southport in May. Nominations were invited.

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