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## THE CHALLENGE OF DECAY

THOSE who have conducted the Survey of Sunday Service Ringing entered into their task with all the enthusiasm of an ardent peal ringer. They induced 28 Associations to complete the questionnaire; and although the Survey does not include certain well-known Guilds, the fact that 71 per cent. of the towers in the British Isles have been covered enables a good general picture to be presented. The information is valuable; there is a basis to work on, and if the data is used aright there should be fewer silent towers.

Is ringing the decaying art that certain writers in the popular press make out? The Survey reveals that 46 per cent. of the towers are either not normally rung or are well undermanned. But when it is considered that 50 per cent. of the towers ring for at least 30 to 45 minutes before service, one is definitely heartened. Of course, there is a long way to go before there are no silent towers in the land, but there is a sufficient hard core of keen ringers, most of whom are churchpeople, to arrest the decay.

An article in a Liverpool paper, published after the Central Council meeting, states: 'Fine peals heard regularly by many earlier generations no longer respond to the tug of brawny arms on the bell ropes, for bell-ringing is not the popular practice it once was. Campanologists (as expert bell-ringers call themselves) fear that it will decline further unless more interest can be aroused. . . . "The old-fashioned bell-ringer, who could be relied upon to turn up week by week and who was an expert in the art, is vanishing and is extremely difficult to replace," said one parson.'

We certainly do not subscribe to that view. It cannot be said that with 2,512 peals rung last year—an increase on the previous year—ringing as an art is decaying. This is also supported by the large number of quarter peals, most of which are rung in the service of the Church. While it is true that in nearly half the towers in the country ringing for Sunday service is not what is desired, the fact that 39 per cent. of the towers have more than 1.5 members per rope indicates that many have a satisfactory num-

ber. Another thing is that more than half the bands have some school-age ringers.

While we admit we have a long way to go, let us have no more talk about this decaying art. Go to any meeting on a Saturday afternoon and you will find that the accent is on youth. Ringing appeals to youth where it is properly taught and where the necessary stimulus is provided by interest from the Church and with a wise and understanding leader in the tower. These two are essential for success, and despite the counter-attractions of this age the calling of our forefathers can still get its recruits.

Having said that, it does not mean that we as an Exercise are satisfied with the state of Sunday ringing. The Survey, which we publish this week, subjects the whole position to a microscopic examination. There are two immediate avenues for spade work: to get the parish priests of the land interested in ringing and rouse their desire to hear their bells giving the message of the Church; to see that every tower has a competent leader. The Central Council propose, with regard to the clergy, to publish a booklet setting out the position; and its wise distribution is a matter in which the help of the territorial Associations is necessary. We also need a better press in the Church newspapers—this spreading abroad of a 'decaying art' must be stopped. The finding of good instructors for every tower is not easy. Here it is necessary to go from Association to District level. The Survey forms should be studied in each District and individual action taken to solve the problems of the bad towers. It is impossible for those at the top level to deal with individual localities. If the enthusiasm of those who conducted and organised the Survey can be implanted in the Districts, then something can be done. Without it, their hours of labour will be in vain.

The position behoves that everyone who rings peals for enjoyment must be prepared to take his share in the big business of training. The proficiency achieved is a trust: it has to be passed on. One essential is the regular Sunday service ringing in his or her own tower—not spasmodic ringing in any tower or spending Sunday in an orgy of tower-grabbing. Seeking the co-operation of the clergy in recruitment is of little avail unless this example is given. Then there will be no question of ringers being accepted as true servants of the Church.



## TEN BELL PEALS

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5411 ERIN CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E flat.

RALPH BIRD .. .. Treble	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. .. 6
IAN H. ORAM .. .. 2	ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 7
DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. 3	JOHN D. ROCK .. .. 8
GEORGE FRANCIS .. .. 4	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 9
BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. 5	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

Mr. Ralph Bird has, in ringing only ten peals on these bells, now 'circled the tower.'

BURTON-UPON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

WILLIAM J. LEACH .. Treble	JOHN K. SMITH .. .. 6
GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM .. 2	GORDON H. HARRISON .. 7
*DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 3	ALAN G. FOSTER .. .. 8
E. MARION KEY .. .. 4	*BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. 9
BRIAN H. DAWSON .. .. 5	RONALD H. DOVE .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT.

Conducted by DAVID W. BRUNNING.

\* 25th peal together. First of Royal as conductor.

Rung by past and present members of St. Paul's band as a farewell to the Vicar (Rev. W. Willis Price, M.A.), president of St. Paul's Society of Change Ringers, who is leaving the district.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5069 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp.

*MRS. N. CHADDOCK .. Treble	†HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 6
JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 2	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 7
HOWARD SCOTT .. .. 3	†KENNETH PARK .. .. 8
*SUSAN CHADDOCK .. .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 9
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 5	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. † 200th peal. † First of Stedman. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's. Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb.

*DAVID COUPERTHWAIT .. Treble	†CHRISTOPHER T. GRAVES .. 5
A. GEORGE ORBELL .. 2	*CHARLES F. SARGEANT .. 6
ANTHONY R. MANN .. 3	W. JOHN COUPERTHWAIT .. 7
*MICHAEL J. TESTER .. 4	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major 'inside.' First of Major as conductor. First peal of eights.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Ilkeston variation. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. Treble	*CYRIL RUSBY .. .. 5
*DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 2	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. 6
†EILEEN A. OSBORNE .. 3	BERTRAM J. LUCK .. .. 7
*MRS. D. A. CHAPMAN .. 4	H. DAVID HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

\* First peal in these methods spliced. † First peal. The conductor's 250th peal. D. A. Chapman has now 'circled the tower.'

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Treble	ALFRED G. HILL .. .. 5
PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT .. .. 6
EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 3	FRANK I. HAIRS .. .. 7
WALTER J. LEMON .. .. 4	WILLIAM E. BOND .. Tenor

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

Rung as near as possible to the 60th anniversary (May 18th) of Edwin Barnett's first peal, which was also the first by the father of William E. Bond and elder brother of Herbert E. Audsley.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,  
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	†JOHN F. PEARSON .. .. 5
NORAH M. BIBBY .. .. 2	*†LOUIS WILLDERS .. .. 6
†PETER A. SHARP .. .. 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 7
†G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 4	JOHN WALDEN .. .. Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

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

HORNBY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

## A PEAL OF 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

ERIC PEPPER .. .. Treble	WILLIAM WILSON .. .. 5
JAMES DICKINSON .. .. 2	ALAN CAPSTICK .. .. 6
JOHN BAGNALL .. .. 3	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. 7
LAWRENCE CLEMENT .. 4	ROLAND F. ECCLES .. Tenor

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

First peal in the method as conductor. First in method for all except conductor.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY.

## A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*F. RICHARD VERRELL .. Treble	CECIL L. LONGHURST .. 5
†EDNA M. EVEREST .. .. 2	*†ROY D. BROWN .. .. 6
HARRY W. BROWN .. .. 3	W. A. RIDDINGTON .. 7
EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. 4	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by HERBERT W. WOOLVEN.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First 'inside.'

MICKLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.	Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.
FRED C. LYNE .. .. Treble	RICHARD C. WARBURTON .. 5
CLARENCE R. STEED .. 2	JOHN L. FINDON .. .. 6
DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 3	FREDERICK KINCHIN .. 7
*PETER S. BENNETT .. 4	WILLIAM H. MALE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. MALE.

\* First peal on eight. The conductor has now called Holt's Original from all eight bells.

TANFIELD, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

## A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

\* First peal in the method.



## TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

## A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

*A. RONALD ASHBY .. .. Treble	D. JOSEPH GOODMAN .. .. 5
JOE HOBBS .. .. 2	EDWIN J. UPTON .. .. 6
WALTER AYRE .. .. 3	BRIAN M. BARKER .. .. 7
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. .. 4	CHRISTOPHER J. BADRICK.. Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

\* First peal of Major.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Jane Lowdell, daughter of the Vicar and Mrs. Lowdell, and Brian Seel, son of Sir George and Lady Seel, which took place previous to the peal. Also for the homecoming of Christopher John, grandson of the tenor ringer; and a birthday compliment to C. L. A.

## WROTHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 1,056 Superlative, 960 each Cambridge and Pudsey, 864 Bristol, 672 London and 576 Watford, with 149 changes of method.

DORIS E. COLGATE .. .. Treble	STANLEY JENNER .. .. 5
RALPH BIRD .. .. 2	IAN H. ORAM .. .. 6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 3	COLIN A. TESTER .. .. 7
ROBERT COLLINS .. .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

## HINGHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

JOHN R. SMITH .. .. Treble	THOMAS E. SPIGHT .. .. 5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 2	PETER M. ADCOCK .. .. 6
WILLIAM CLOVER .. .. 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. 7
*BEVAN W. WILLGROSS .. 4	HENRY TOOKE .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

\* First peal of Major.

## DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Tues., May 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

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

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

Rung as a tribute to the memory of Frank A. Barrett. \* Requiescat in Pace.

## RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*JOHN HAYES .. .. Treble	FREDERICK JACKSON .. 5
*PHYLLIS HACKNEY .. 2	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN .. 6
WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 3	CHARLES WARD .. .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 4	DENIS MADDOCK .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by DENIS MADDOCK.

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

## DORE, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

(Yorkshire Association.)

On Fri., May 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

MARGARET MILLS .. .. Treble	ELISABETH A. WARDILL .. 5
*CHRISTINE RODGERS .. 2	DAVID G. FRENCH .. .. 6
JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 3	FRED FISHER .. .. 7
SUSAN CHADDOCK .. .. 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

\* First peal.

A birthday compliment from Rotherham ringers to Mrs. N. Chaddock.

## BRISTOL.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CITY PARISH CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN WITH ST. NICHOLAS  
AND ST. LEONARD AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

DAVID HEIGHTON .. .. Treble	ROYSTON BLACKLER .. .. 5
ANGELA GRAINGER .. .. 2	BRIAN J. WYLDE .. .. 6
*JANE K. A. COOK .. .. 3	PATRICK J. BIRD .. .. 7
†MICHAEL J. AUSTIN .. 4	FRANK D. MACK .. .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major.

Rung to mark the jubilee anniversary of the University of Bristol receiving its Charter (May 24th, 1909).

## DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

ROHILLA M. COOKE .. .. Treble	KENNETH LAWSON .. .. 5
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. 2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 6
FRED HODGSON .. .. 3	THOMAS M. COX .. .. 7
THOMAS COOKE .. .. 4	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. HOWLETT.

Non-conducted.

First non-conducted peal by all except the third.

## ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE MEMORIAL TOWER OF SS. PATRICK AND ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

J. R. TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s) Treble	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.) 5
FRANCES SECKER (Girton) .. 2	H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) .. 6
M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. Hall) 3	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) 7
J. PILKINGTON (Fitz. House) 4	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by A. R. HEPPENSTALL.

## MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

FRANK OSBALDISTON .. Treble	WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. .. 5
*SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 2	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON .. 6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3	DEREK TAYLOR .. .. 7
*IVOR JENKINS .. .. 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.'

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## PUTNEY, LONDON.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.	Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.
*MARCUS P. BARTON... .. Treble	*MICHAEL R. ROSE .. .. 5
*JUDITH K. ESSEN .. .. 2	J. MICHAEL LAKIN .. .. 6
SUSAN JACKSON .. .. 3	*MARTYN HAWKES .. .. 7
*DEREK E. SIBSON .. .. 4	ROGER KEELEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER KEELEY.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal on the bells since restoration and believed to be the first of Surprise on them.

## TWYFORD, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Sonning Deanery Branch.)

On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. ARTHUR J. N. RANCE Treble	*RAYMOND K. RIVERS .. 5
ARTHUR J. N. RANCE .. 2	WALTER HUNT .. .. 6
BERNARD C. CASTLE .. 3	ERIC T. LEE .. .. 7
MRS. HAROLD SMITH .. 4	HAROLD SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES (C.C.C. 53). Conducted by HAROLD SMITH.

\* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor. The ringer of the sixth has now 'circled the tower.'

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## SWAFFHAM PRIOR, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYRIAC,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

*J. YORKE PARKER .. .. Treble	ROGER J. PALMER .. .. 4
A. GEORGE ORBELL .. 2	W. JOHN COUPERTHWAIT 5
CHARLES F. SARGEANT .. 3	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.

\* First peal and first attempt.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Sylvia Palmer.

## STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Tenor 9 cwt.

*VALERIE M. EDGE .. .. Treble	DESMOND F. FERGUSON .. 4
LEO EVANS .. .. 2	WILLIAM H. LLOYD .. .. 5
HARRY EDGE .. .. 3	JOHN MEYRICK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LLOYD.

\* First peal.

Rung to commemorate the birth of a daughter to the Rev. and Mrs. A. J. E. Neads, and for the restoration of the tower and bells.

## FARMBOROUGH, BATH, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt.

Being seven 720's, each called differently.	
W. JOHN PHIPPEN .. .. Treble	*ROGER H. ABBOTT .. .. 4
*ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN 2	GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. 5
ERNEST E. BRAY .. .. 3	JOHN H. GILBERT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor. The ringer of the second has now rung Kent Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

## ALDEBY, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Tenor 8 cwt. in G minor.

Being two extents of Stedman, one extent and 240 Morris' arrangement of Grandshire, five extents each of St. Martin's Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob and Winchendon Place Bob (four callings), five extents of St. Simon's Bob (five callings) and 12 extents of Plain Bob (four callings).	
A. WILLIAM BIRD .. .. Treble	TERENCE G. PAGE .. .. 3
PETER KINDRED .. .. 2	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 4

EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.

Rung to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Mitchell, of Pakefield, on the birth of a daughter, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. B. S. Thompson.

## ADDINGHAM, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B., and three of Plain Bob.	Tenor 10 cwt.
*JAMES D. ARMITAGE .. Treble	*JOHN W. GIBSON .. .. 4
JEFFREY P. COOPER .. 2	WILLIAM DIXON .. .. 5
GILLIAN B. SCHOFIELD .. 3	*ALLAN WEAR .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALLAN WEAR.

\* First quarter peal of Minor.

## CROMHALL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 26 120's (ten callings) and eight 240's Morris' arrangement.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HONOR PRATT .. .. Treble	CHARLES ROUSE .. .. 4
LESLIE BARRY .. .. 2	OLIVER MILLS .. .. 5
HAROLD HOBBS .. .. 3	*DAVID HOLPIN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal. First on the bells since the fourth has been recast.

## EATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and two each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

THOMAS TEMPLETON .. Treble	*FREDERICK W. PINCHBECK 4
ROLAND H. COOK .. .. 2	JOHN T. W. MORRIS .. 5
DENIS A. FRITH .. .. 3	*JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\* 25th peal together.

A compliment to Mr. J. E. Darby—an ardent Church worker—on his 50th birthday.

## KEMBLE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 TRINITY SUNDAY TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one extent. Tenor 10 cwt.

PETER WAKEFIELD .. Treble	DAVID STAPLES .. .. 4
ERIC SUTTON .. .. 2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. .. 5
CHARLES G. JONES .. .. 3	VICTOR GRIFFIN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

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

Rung on the eve of Trinity Sunday.

## QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

STANLEY V. RAYFIELD .. Treble	THOMAS BEAUMONT .. .. 4
HARRY SPRINGATE .. .. 2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. 5
ALBERT DUNK .. .. 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

## BENFIELDSIDE, CO. DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of St. Clement's Bob and four extents of Plain Bob (C.C.C. Nos. 103, 58, 103, 48, 56, 34, 52). Tenor 12 cwt.

*ROBERT F. TELFORD .. Treble	*NORMAN ERRINGTON .. 4
†FREDERICK ROSS .. .. 2	RICHARD OLIVER .. .. 5
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB .. 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

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

**CUCKNEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thurs., May 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,  
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR*

Being two extents each of St. Clement's College Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in G.  
\*IAN A. RICHARDSON (12) *Treble* | GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. 4  
S. LESLIE BARLOW .. .. 2 | LESLIE W. BACON .. .. 5  
DENNIS A. SMEDLEY .. .. 3 | JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

\* First peal in more than one method.

**ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,  
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR*

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.  
FREDERICK WATSON .. .. *Treble* | RONALD RUSSEL .. .. 4  
J. HARRY COOK .. .. 2 | ROLAND H. COOK .. .. 5  
PERCY BALDOCK .. .. 3 | JOHN H. BLUFF .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

A birthday compliment to Mr. P. Baldock, and for the 31st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Harry Cook.

**BROAD HINTON, WILTSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter-Ad-Vincula,  
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR*

Being two, 160's and one extent. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in G.  
\*VICTOR GRIFFIN .. .. *Treble* | \*WALTER H. TRUEMAN .. .. 4  
†LESLEY HAWES .. .. 2 | \*†ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. .. 5  
\*W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. 3 | §BRIAN BLADON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

\* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise Minor. § 25th peal together. § First of Minor in the method. Believed to be the first peal of London Minor for the Association.

**BURTON-IN-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. James,  
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR*

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, four of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

\*THOMAS METCALF .. .. *Treble* | \*FRANK ANDERTON .. .. 4  
†JAMES DICKINSON .. .. 2 | \*LAWRENCE CLEMENTS .. .. 5  
†WILLIAM J. WILSON .. .. 3 | GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.

\* First peal in three methods. † First in three methods 'inside.'

**MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.**

*On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Nicholas,  
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES*

Being 42 extents. Tenor 5 cwt. in C.  
ALEC GAMMON .. .. *Treble* | \*J. HENRY GARDNER .. .. 3  
JOHN DREWITT .. .. 2 | ROY H. JONES .. .. 4  
EDWARD VENN .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD VENN.

\* First peal of Doubles. 30th peal on the bells.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Paul and Mrs. Rimmer.

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

*On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Martin,  
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR*

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.  
MICHAEL E. TURNER .. *Treble* | GORDON GAYLORD .. .. 4  
\*RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. .. 2 | †ALAN W. ROBINSON .. .. 5  
ALBERT W. DYER .. .. 3 | \*WILLIAM E. TURNER .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

\* 50th peal together. † First of Minor.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

**BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thurs., April 16, 1959, in 1 Hour and 36 Minutes,  
At 66, MELTON ROAD,  
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES*

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor size 15 in C.  
DEREK M. SAWYER .. .. 1—2 | \*B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 3—4  
\*ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 5—6  
Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* 75th peal together.

**BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thurs., May 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
At 66, MELTON ROAD,  
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR*

Tenor size 15 in C.  
DEREK M. SAWYER .. .. 1—2 | JOHN ACRES .. .. 5—6  
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 3—4 | B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 7—8  
Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.  
First peal of Major 'in hand' as conductor.

**HARROW, MIDDLESEX.  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Fri., May 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
At 170, HEADSTONE LANE,  
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL*

Tenor size 18 in G.  
THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 1—2 | JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 5—6  
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 3—4 | FRANK C. PRICE .. .. 7—8  
JOHN HILL .. .. 9—10

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal of Little Bob Royal on handbells by all the band.

**LEICESTER.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Fri., May 22, 1959, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,  
At the Wayside, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,  
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR*

Tenor size 15 in C.  
DIANA J. PERRINS .. .. 1—2 | \*JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 5—6  
PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 3—4 | GEORGE STEDMAN MORRIS .. 7—8  
Adapted from E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.  
\* 100th peal of Plain Bob Major on handbells.

**SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tues., May 26, 1959, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,  
In the Ringing Chamber of All Saints' Church,  
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR*

Being seven extents.  
\*MRS. J. RENDER .. .. 1—2 | JOHN POTTS .. .. 3—4  
\*ALAN SHEPPARD .. .. 5—6  
Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

\* 25th peal together.

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# QUARTER PEALS

**ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.**—On May 31st, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary A. Webb 1, M. W. Ford 2, N. J. Hayne (first quarter, aged 14) 3, J. W. Hayne 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, D. J. Wood 6. For Evensong.

**ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.**—On May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Katharine T. Gorvin 1, Maureen L. Cheryman (first 'inside' 2) 1. Forrest 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. D. Brown 6.

**ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDS.**—On May 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): W. Spires 1, Miss J. Smith 2, L. Smith 3, R. Chew 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, E. Hurbert (first quarter) 6. First in three methods for all except 5. For Evensong; also a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. Smith.

**BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.**—On May 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Pearce 1, R. Peck 2, C. J. Gibson 3, J. Pilgrim 4, A. Pine 5, P. S. Bedford (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

**BRISTOL.**—At the Cathedral, on May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Ogbourne 1, P. J. Bird 2, D. G. Yeo 3, J. Brain 4, G. Pullin (first quarter) 5, H. S. Gregory 6, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 7, D. Jeanes 8. Rung for Trinity Sunday Old Cathedralians' service by Old Boys, teaching staff and a present pupil. Also on May 30th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: Mary Powell 1, D. J. Hunt 2, D. E. Cobb 3, R. J. Bowden 4, P. M. J. Gray 5, F. D. Mack 6, D. G. Yeo 7, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 8. For the annual service of the 'Friends of the Cathedral.'

**CAPEL, SURREY.**—On May 23rd, 1,260 Minor (Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): R. Tullett 1, A. H. Winch 2, H. Penfold 3, G. Marriner 4, A. E. Cheesman 5, A. Harman (cond.) 6. First 360 of Oxford and Kent for treble ringer. Rung for the church fete.

**CHOBHAM, SURREY.**—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Nancie Bragg 1, Edna Denyer 2, F. Cherryman 3, P. Sherwood 4, S. Russell 5, C. Denyer 6, E. Bragg (cond.) 7, J. Avenall 8. For a wedding.

**CLIFTON, BEDS.**—On May 17th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob) with 7-8 covering: J. Hulme 1, Jill Mayes 2, Sheila Percival 3, J. Church 4, P. Tompkins 5, G. Mayes (cond.) 6, T. Dille 7, S. Bywaters 8. For Evensong.

**CLIFTON-UNDER-DUNSMORE, WARWICKS.**—On May 21st, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Plain Bob, and 900 Grandsire): Valerie P. Colegrove (first in four methods) 1, W. C. Budd 2, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 3, L. A. Whewall 4, T. J. Frodsham 5.

**COTGRAVE, NOTTS.**—On May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Hickling 1, Miss P. Shepherd 2, Mrs. A. Simpson 3, A. Simpson (cond.) 4, P. Simpson 5, W. Nichols 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. A. Chaplin, Vicar of this parish for 21 years.

**DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.**—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Bonsor (first quarter) 1, Gillian Tavenor 2, Hilary Johnson 3, D. J. Marshall 4, H. M. Johnson 5, P. I. Chapman (cond.) 6. Also on April 7th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Elizabeth A. Negus 1, Gillian Tavenor 2, Mary J. Marshall 3, M. J. Bailey 4, D. J. Marshall (13, first as cond.) 5, J. E. Goddard 6. For the Mothers' Union Deanery service, all the band being under 18. Also on April 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Elizabeth A. Negus 1, Mary J. Marshall 2, Frances Johnson 3, Gillian Tavenor 4, H. M. Johnson 5, Hilary Johnson 6, P. I. Chapman (cond.) 7, D. J. Marshall 8. First on eight bells by 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8. First of Bob Triples by 5, 6, and 7.

**DRONFIELD, YORKS.**—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Haslam (first quarter) 1, K. R. Goodall 2, G. N. Goodall 3, J. W. Sykes 4, A. Wilson 5, R. Bradbury 6, L. Goodall (cond.) 7, M. J. Allen (first quarter) 8. First quarter of Major ever rung by a local band.

**EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.**—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. White 1, H. L. Bishop 2, C. J. Hibbert 3, A. H. Webb (cond.) 4, G. W. Bishop 5, M. Bishop 6, T. East 7, W. Corderoy 8.

**ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.**—On May 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: H. Ivings 1, G. Peck 2, J. Sharpe 3, Miss D. M. Reeve 4, W. Ivings 5, H. Fuller 6, W. Paul 7, J. Paul (cond.) 8. For Whit Sunday morning service.

**EVESHAM, WORCS.**—On May 30th, at the Bell Tower, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. G. Grove (first quarter) 1, G. J. Hemming (cond.) 2, M. Selby 3, W. Pomeroy 4, A. Shorey 5, R. Selby 6, G. C. Hemming 7, S. Read 8. Rung on the 11th birthday of the treble ringer.

**EYE, SUFFOLK.**—On Dec. 28th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Whiting (cond.) 1, Miss D. M. Reeve 2, E. A. Head 3, Miss B. Syrett 4, H. Fuller 5, L. J. Minns 6, J. Girt 7, L. E. Etheridge 8. Last quarter on the bells before being handed over to the bell-hangers.

**FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.**—On May 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Lindsey 1, Miss I. Lindsey 2, C. Wade 3, J. H. Musson 4, C. Wilkinson 5, C. T. H. Bradley (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell to the Rector (the Rev. H. Evans) on his retirement from the ministry.

**FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.**—On May 17th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Whiting (cond.) 1, E. A. Head 2, Miss D. M. Reeve 3, Miss B. Syrett 4, W. Paul 5, H. Fuller 6, L. E. Etheridge 7, J. Paul 8. For Evensong.

**HARLESTONE, NORTHANTS.**—On May 17th, 1,260 Doubles (All Saints, Canterbury, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire): D. Rees 1, T. M. Haines 2, R. S. Roberts (cond.) 3, G. F. Roome 4, J. C. Rainbow 5. For evening service.

**HARLINGTON, MIDDLEX.**—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Smith 1, Miss J. Hitchcock 2, D. Shaw (cond.) 3, A. Corran 4, T. Durn 5, Miss W. Smith 6. First quarter by a resident band. For morning service.

**IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.**—At the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower, on May 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Doreen Fairhead (14) 1, Evelyn Cansdale 2, E. Leggett 3, W. J. Brunt (first 'inside' on 10) 4, J. Morley 5, D. Whent 6, A. W. Cansdale 7, C. A. Andrews 8, G. W. Barnes 9, B. W. Fairhead (first on 10 as cond.) 10. First on ten bells for 1, 3, 6 and 9.

**IVER, BUCKS.**—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Ozlesby 1, Pamela M. Jervis 2, A. R. G. Twinn 3, E. R. Wilkinson 4, Janet L. Adamson 5, A. D. Rivers 6, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 7, D. Livingstone 8.

**KINGSWOOD, SURREY.**—On May 27th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Bird 1, P. J. Milton 2, A. Macve 3, C. J. McGill 4, H. M. Williamson 5, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 6. First of Surprise for 2, 3 and 4.

**KIRK ELLA, YORKS.**—On May 31st, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss N. Bond 1, Miss J. Posnett (first quarter) 2, K. Kirk (first as conductor) 3, K. Goldthorpe 4, D. Johnson 5, I. Goldthorpe 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. W. W. Sutton, also to celebrate the birth of a nephew to the ringer of 5.

**LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.**—On May 24th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: C. Smart 1, A. H. Winch 2, G. Marriner 3, G. P. T. Peters 4, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall (first in method) 5, B. Hawkins 6, A. Harman (cond.) 7, E. G. L. Coward 8. All the above are ex-Service men. Rung for Surrey County British Legion dedication service held that afternoon.

**LEYLAND, LANCs.**—On May 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Higham 1, H. Pearson 2, Miss J. Moir (first quarter) 3, S. Walmsley 4, J. H. Owens 5, P. Barrard 6, A. Meadows (cond.) 7, L. Walmsley 8. For Matins. Also 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Higham 1, Miss D. Crook 2, H. Pearson 3, J. H. Owens 4, A. Meadows 5, E. Sparks 6, L. Walmsley 7, S. Walmsley (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Rung to mark Commonwealth Youth Sunday and also the 30th anniversary of the installation of the present 10 bells.

**LONDON.**—At St. Clement Danes, on April 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. W. Seymour 1, Mrs. A. R. Turley 2, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 3, Mrs. J. Hill 4, N. D. Dobinson 5, A. R. Turley 6, M. J. Palmer 7, A. R. G. Twinn 8, F. C. Price 9, J. Hill 10. All the ringers belong to St. John's, Hillingdon.

**MANCHESTER.**—An Emmanuel Unitarian Church, Brookfield, Gorton, on May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Maddocks 1, E. M. Quinn 2, G. Rumney 3, B. Rumney 4, R. M. Edwards (cond.) 5, B. Bramhall (first quarter) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to G. Rumney. Also on May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss I. M. Bagshaw (first quarter) 1, J. Robinson 2, R. M. Edwards (cond.) 3, B. Rumney 4, E. M. Quinn 5, G. Rumney 6. For Whitsuntide.

**NAZEING, ESSEX.**—On May 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Wright 1, W. Aley 2, C. W. Sams 3, A. A. Livings 4, G. Blake 5, B. G. Burton (cond.) 6. For evening service.

**NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.**—On May 26th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. McQuistan 1, Wendy Bowak 2, L. Cordell 3, R. Bridges 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to H. King (captain).

**OXFORD.**—At the Church of St. Thomas, on May 19th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): C. Withel 1, J. Pusey 2, E. Venn 3, A. Stubbs 4, R. A. Jackson (cond.) 5, R. W. Winstanley 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frank Barrett. Also at the Church of St. Aldate, on May 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Pearce 1, N. Chamberlain 2, E. Venn (cond.) 3, R. Allsworth 4, J. Venn 5, S. Henstead 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frank Barrett.

**PUTNEY, S.W.**—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Pearce Higgins 1, J. Euston 2, J. Tomsett 3, D. Robinson 4, G. Harvey 5, A. Clayton (first of Triples) 6, W. Wilson 7, C. Mew (first quarter) 8. For Matins and as a mark of appreciation for the help given by Mr. Euston when the local band was exiled in Wandsworth.

**SWANSEA, GLAM.**—At St. Mary's Church, on May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. G. Thomas 1, H. Dobbins 2, J. A. Hoare 3, E. Morris 4, A. Hannington 5, J. T. Williams 6, G. I. Lewis (cond.) 7, T. M. Roderick 8. On the occasion of the reconsecration of the church. Rung after unsuccessful peal attempt.

**STANDON, HERTS.**—On May 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. D. Frost 1, Miss G. Graney 2, C. E. Hayter 3, F. Ellis 4, S. Huckle 5, G. Penney (cond.) 6.

**STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.**—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Charman 1, Miss J. Curtis 2, J. Maple 3, J. Newell 4, Miss J. Horton (cond.) 5, J. Chacksfield 6. For Trinity Sunday and to celebrate the birth of a second daughter to Jean and Peter Blackman, of Aylestone, Leics.

**TENDRING, ESSEX.**—On May 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Brazier 1, Mrs. A. Hales 2, Miss A. Pryke 3, E. E. Davey (cond.) 4, Mrs. R. Rouse 5, I. Cooper 6. For Evensong.

**THURMASTON, LEICS.**—1,260 Doubles (Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss C. Smith 1, H. Matthewman 2, C. Lowe 3, E. F. Payne 4, D. Lowe (first as cond.) 5, S. Parker (first quarter) 6. For Confirmation service.

**TWICKENHAM, MIDDLEX.**—On May 24th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Ann Muir 1, Elizabeth Hill Brown 2, W. A. Lewis 3, Dr. A. J. Muir 4, C. M. Bloomer 5, M. Hill Brown 6, Gillian Neal Smith 7, Dr. J. Neal Smith (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

**TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.**—On May 23rd, 1,664 Plain Bob Major: T. J. Mikom (first of Major) 1, Monica Horseman 2, A. F. Lee 3, J. R. Hobbs (first of Major) 4, D. E. Cobb 5, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 6, J. Brain 7, M. J. Horseman 8.

**WALMER, KENT.**—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. R. Hawkins 1, Miss M. Hawkins 2, M. Hawkins 3, A. C. Rye 4, F. A. Rye 5, G. F. Ruck (cond.) 6, F. W. Lawrence 7, K. Reed 8. For Evensong, and as a farewell to K. Reed on being posted abroad.

**WARSOP, NOTTS.**—On May 17th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Prout 1, Freda Robinson 2, R. Lucas 3, G. Challans 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on May 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. Cooke 1, J. T. Rooke (cond.) 2, H. Prout 3, R. Lucas 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke 6. For Evensong.



**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**

At the Guildford District meeting at Shere on May 16th, during a break in the ringing, the company stood in silence as a tribute to Mr. Thomas Ansell, who had recently passed away, aged 85 years. He had been captain of the Albury ringers.

Ringling was supervised by Mr. E. John Wells (District Master), the Rector (Rev. E. R. Hougham) conducted the service, and local ladies served tea.

New members elected were Miss Carol Piper (Cranleigh), John Askew, Richard Bywaters and Richard Ford (Shere). Evening ringing was at Albury.

**UNIVERSITY OF READING SOCIETY**

At the annual meeting of the University of Reading Society of Change Ringers the following elections were made: Master, Miss Mollie Tilbury; secretary, Miss Janet Secker; treasurer, Mr. Peter Wilkinson; lay members, Miss Jennifer Davies and Mr. David Semple.

**TRURO GUILD PRESIDENT MARRIED**

Mr. Alan Carveth, president of the Truro Diocesan Guild, and Miss Mary Cork were married on Whit Monday at Kenwyn Parish Church, Truro. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Rev. A. S. Roberts, assisted by the Rev. A. J. Vincent. A ceremonial archway of handbells held aloft by fellow chorister ringers greeted the bridal party as they left the church. There were over 200 guests at the reception, and later in the day a peal of Plain Bob Major was rung on Kenwyn bells.

**FROM READING TO SOUTH WALES**

A party from Reading, travelling by Minibus, spent the Whitsun week-end in Wales, being joined en route by Dennis Bowen, of Northampton.

The first peal attempt—Pudsey—was scored on the magnificent octave at Ebbw Vale, but not without a crop of blisters. The excellent tea, provided by the local ladies, was more than acceptable.

Abergavenny was the headquarters for the next two nights and it was here that the party rang for morning service. Another peal attempt was made in the afternoon at Machen, but after about an hour of 4-spliced in a furnace-like ringing room the attempt came to grief. Visits were afterwards paid to Caerphilly and Pentre, and the hospitality at Tudor Edwards' house caused more than one dietary resolution to go to the winds. The journey up the Rhondda Valley, during which 1,500 feet were climbed in about 2½ miles, was memorable.

On Monday morning the last peal attempt was made at Blaenavon, but it was not to be, and London came to an untimely halt after an hour's ringing. On the homeward journey there was a short ring at Ruardean and also at Cricklade. Reading was reached about 10.15 p.m.

Thanks are specially accorded to Ron Diserens for his excellent arrangements and to Jack Munday, the amateur driver, who must have had not a few hair-raising moments over the week-end.

**WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.**—On May 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, Old Bob, Canterbury and Grandsire): E. Rudkin 1, G. F. Roome 2, Miss G. Ashby 3, R. S. Roberts (cond.) 4, P. Amos 5. For Confirmation service.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL**

The quarterly meeting of the Tewkesbury Branch took place at Twynning on May 9th. It might have been the beautiful summerlike weather that attracted the visitors, or perhaps they had some foreknowledge of the excellent tea which the Twynning members and their good ladies always provide—or it might even have been just a new tower; but whatever it was, the Ringing Master (Mr. Trevor Newbury) was very pleased to welcome visitors from many 'foreign' parts — Birmingham, Smethwick, Wychbold, King's Lynn, Hereford and Welland.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Twynning.

At the business meeting, under the chairmanship of the Ringing Master, the main business was to fix the annual outing to Somerset on August 29th. Five new junior members were welcomed into the Branch. The Ringing Master referred to the progress which had been made in the Branch in method ringing by a few keen members, and expressed the hope that more members would attend the bi-monthly practices at Tewkesbury Abbey.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN**

A warm welcome was accorded the Southern District, who held their second meeting of the year at Brooke. The Rector (Rev. Mr. Ives) and five members of the local company joined the Association. The Rector conducted a short service, during which he spoke on the recently restored church. The lesson was read by Mr. H. W. Barrett, Association Ringing Master, who has done much to form a band at Brooke. The next meeting will be held at Dickleburgh on September 5th. All who had helped towards the success of the meeting were thanked.

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Inspector Thomas Butler has retired from the Liverpool City Police after over 32 years' service. For the past three years he has been cashier to the Force. He has accepted an appointment in a solicitor's office—his previous employment before entering the Police. With retirement, it is probable that he will have more time for ringing.

Dr. J. E. Spice is shortly to leave Liverpool for Winchester College.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes are visiting America at the end of August and hope to attend the handbell festival at Ipswich, Mass. They were there two years ago.

Owing to Corpus Christi service, Slough ringers went to the call-change tower of Iver for their practice on May 28th and rang a quarter. Iver ringers' co-operation was much appreciated.

The peal at Crayford on May 23rd for the 60th anniversary of Mr. Edwin Barnett's first peal was his 264th on the bells and 175th with his son, Mr. E. A. Barnett. He has been a ringer at Crayford since 1895.

Mr. J. J. Webb, of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, sent an apology for his non-attendance at the Central Council meeting. Unfortunately his letter took about four days to arrive, and the hon. secretary had already left for Southport.

An order has been placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for a new bell to replace the seventh of the ten at Preston. About nine months ago this bell developed a small crack on the lip, due to the clapper falling out and jamming between the bell and the frame. Its effect on the tone of the bells was most marked, and the bell has not been rung since. Ringing has been confined to various other combinations on the other nine bells.

## BELFRY

## GOSSIP

The Boy Scout Movement is to have two badges for ringers—'Bell Ringer' for Scouts, and 'Senior Bell Ringer' for Senior Scouts. The new badges will not come into force until September 1st, and details of tests are expected to be published in August.

The ringer of the fifth in the quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at Pontypridd on May 5th was W. Harford and not W. Davies. Our correspondent sends his apologies to all concerned.

The band who rang the peal at Putney on May 30th would like to thank Mr. A. Clayton for having everything ready, and also for his kind hospitality afterwards.

Mr. G. N. Sloan, captain of Christchurch Cathedral band, New Zealand, and Mrs. Sloan are on their way to England and hope to be present at the Oxford Guild Festival.

At Capel Church fete on May 23rd, much-appreciated handbell ringing was given by Messrs. A. Harman, A. A. Winch, G. Marriner and A. E. Cheesman.

A feature article by Arthur Turner in the 'Liverpool Echo,' entitled 'Who will ring those bats out of the belfries?' states that the difficulty of finding ringers is likely to grow rather than decrease . . . Many fine rings of bells have not been rung in earnest for several years.

For the first time in the history of Orme School, Newcastle, Staffs, senior pupils rang for the annual commemoration of the school's founders and benefactors at St. Giles' Church on May 28th. The ringers were Dorothy White, Gillian Mason, Erica Rish, Clare Bickell and Shirley Price (all of St. Giles' band), Patricia Robinson (Wolstanton) and Christine Adkins (Alsager). The Dean of Lichfield, who preached, said school children of the diocese were paying for the restoration of the two western towers of Lichfield Cathedral.

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## CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

## THE SURVEY OF SUNDAY RINGING

NEED FOR CLOSER CO-OPERATION AND BETTER TEACHING—DETAILS FROM 2,719 TOWERS—  
32 PER CENT. TOWERS SILENT INCLUDING THOSE UNRINGABLE—POSSIBLE LINES OF ACTION

## Report Of The Committee

## SECTION I. GENERAL

The Survey of Sunday Service Ringing initiated by the Council last year has been carried out, thanks to the industry of many individuals, Associations, and the Editor of 'The Ringing World.' Details of all the facts accumulated are set out in a later section of this report, and it is hoped that Council members will bring its contents to the notice of as many ringers, clergy and responsible churchpeople as possible.

One of the most rewarding aspects of the work of this committee has been the tremendous goodwill shown by Guilds and responsible ringers. There is a good correlation between the enthusiasm of Association activities and the condition of Sunday Service Ringing. This is a great encouragement for it implies that the Association is an effective channel for our efforts.

We feel justified in saying that much good has already been done by the Survey by the interest it has stimulated and the further opportunities it has given Association officials to obtain additional knowledge about ringing in their areas. As a direct result of the Survey, three large Associations are already taking active steps to bring about an improvement.

Replies indicate the tremendous value of the bells and their message to the Church, so at least we know that our efforts are worth while. But there is need for a positive and definite affirmation of why the bells are hung in towers, why they are rung for service and what part they play in the Church's life and witness. It does really matter that some bells are not rung on Sunday. Unless ringers, clergy and congregation all equally hold this conviction the driving force is lacking. The people who have most responsibility in demonstrating this are members of the Central Council, other leading members of the Exercise (especially Association officers) and leading clergy and laymen in each diocese. There is need for closer consultation and understanding between them. This is related to publicity through church newspapers, diocesan magazines and especially parish magazines, which is invaluable. Names of local Association officers should also be known to local newspapers so that the former may be contacted when ringing matters crop up.

We feel that an important purpose of an Association is the teaching of ringing. Ringing needs personal instruction of the best sort available. Few Associations are organised to do this beyond the rough and tumble of a Saturday afternoon meeting. There is need to get down to this problem in earnest. The scheme organised by the Bath and Wells Diocesan Guild is commended. It is asking its leading members to form a panel of instructors and affiliated towers (via the P.C.C.) to give financial help so that definite courses of instruction can be given (12 weeks in the first instance) in the tower.

Many feel that one of the most potent factors for success is leadership and adequate instruction. There is no doubt that absence of leadership of the right qualities is a major factor where Sunday service ringing is not what it should be. If established ringing organisations can somehow increase the output of leaders and tutors of the right qualities in the near future a great step towards progress will have been made.

Also very high on the list are those factors which summed up emphasise the need for closer relations with the family of the Church

and a greater and more obvious interest by the clergy. We must all do our part (more than hitherto) in fostering this interest. Efforts at closer relationship and better understanding with the clergy and church officials will nearly always bring a welcome response.

The question of recruitment has an important place in the main body of this report, and whilst there is overwhelming support for recruiting from within branches of church activity it must be remembered that many may be brought into the family of the church by way of the belfry. Whilst the advantages of obtaining recruits of quality (mental and physical) are apparent, the need to secure 'a balanced band' should not be overlooked. There are many advantages in having a good spread in age, occupation and social position, etc. Careful recruiting over a long period of time may do much to reduce the difficulties in regard to shift work, homework, seasonal work and military service, which at present figure so prominently in replies to this Survey. We must, so to speak, avoid having all our eggs in one basket, plan well ahead and above all, recruit whilst things are thriving, not wait for a collapse. Greater effort should be made personally to hand on a migrant ringer from one band to another.

Some emphasis has been placed on the value of social relationships between ringers outside the belfry, and we feel that these are important. Important, too, is the organisation and distribution of tasks connected with the belfry amongst the ringers—especially young ringers. The making of such contributions causes them to feel that they have 'a stake in the place,' and if more were done on these lines we should perhaps have less towers where bad-going bells and bad conditions hinder progress. It is also important that all are given the feeling that they are wanted.

There is also an obligation upon us as church members to see that our bells do ring out as part of the EVANGELICAL WITNESS OF OUR CHURCH. As one Diocesan Guild has pointed out:—

'The bells of any parish church are some of its best missionaries and publicity agents. The parish priest can be shut out or unwelcome, so can his parish visitors, but it is almost impossible to shut out the bells with their message and invitation to worship from any house within their sound.'

The committee believed from the outset that no matter as important as this should be discussed out of context of facts, as accurately as we could get them. This is indeed a golden rule of all investigation and discussion. Furthermore, we felt that we should hear the opinions of as many ringers all over the country as possible. We therefore devised a questionnaire form which was sent to territorial Associations, asking for certain basic facts about the bells, towers and ringers in their areas, and also inviting comment and opinions. It was not envisaged that the statistics collected from this Survey would cover every bell, tower and ringer in the British Isles—that would have been wishful thinking—but that facts could be collected from a sufficiently high proportion of towers in an area so that we could feel confident that in saying, for example, 22 per cent. of towers ring for more than 45 minutes on Sunday, we could not be far out in that statement. Greater accuracy seemed quite unnecessary and, in any case, unobtainable.

## A. RESPONSE TO QUESTIONNAIRE

The area of the British Isles is covered, for ringing purposes, by 42 territorial Associations. The 28 Associations who completed the questionnaire cover 71% of the towers in the British Isles, but the towers surveyed by the Associations comprised only another 71% of all in their areas (50.4% of all the towers in the British Isles). When one remembers that detailed public opinion forecasts are nowadays made from samples, information from 50% of the towers gives a very sound basis for discussion.

The response to our questionnaire was really excellent and, frankly, far exceeded expectations. We are tremendously grateful to all the many Associations, general secretaries, Branch secretaries, tower captains and, in quite a few cases, incumbents, who went to so much trouble to fill in yet another form in their lives. Indeed so much more was done in some Associations than we asked for that we are able to include a great deal more information and, especially, a wider range of opinions than we ever expected to have. This is particularly due to those ten Associations who sent into us the individual returns from towers in their areas. The individual tower returns came from 913 towers though, unfortunately, those from one Association arrived so late that they could not be included in the statistics; only the opinions are included.

Every word and every figure sent has been read and sorted, and we hope that our report fairly represents this vast amount of data. We have, too, received views in private correspondence, via letters to 'The Ringing World' and by word of mouth. For these we are most grateful and have also tried to give them due attention. To sum up the data and opinions from 2,719 towers in even a fairly short report is not easy.

## B. STATISTICS

1. Towers in British Isles (Dove, 1956)	5,422
2. Towers in areas surveyed (Dove, 1956)	3,853
3. Towers surveyed in category 2	2,719
4. Towers unringable	14%
5. Towers ringable, but not normally rung	18%
6. Towers which are rung but well undermanned	28%
7. Towers which ring all their bells regularly	40%
8. Towers which ring for at least 45 minutes before service	22%
9. Towers which ring for at least 30 to 45 minutes before service	50%
10. Towers which ring for less than 30 minutes before service	15%
11. Towers with paid bands	12%
12. Towers ringing call-changes only	28%
13. Towers ringing call-changes and method	51%
14. Towers holding regular practices	56%
15. Bands having school-age members	54%
16. Bands with at least half the members belonging to the local Association	56%
17. Difficulty in recruiting	46%
18. Would welcome help	34%
19. With 1.5 or more members per rope	39%
20. With 1.0 to 1.5 members per rope	34%
21. With less than 1.0 members per rope	27%

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22. Average number of tower members per rope 1.228
23. Estimated number of ringers in British Isles 41,700

4. *Proportion of towers unringable.*—This is probably an underestimate. Unringable towers tend to be 'under-surveyed' by Associations. In so far that this is an under-estimate, 6 and 7 will tend to be over-estimated. The proportion of unringable towers varies widely between Associations, reaching apparently the alarming figure of 47.8% in one Association.

5. *Proportion of towers ringable but not normally rung.*—This figure may also be slightly under-estimated since such towers tend to be left out. Taking 4 and 5 together, it appears that at least 32% of all towers are not rung regularly at all.

6. *Towers well undermanned.*—This is a hard category to define, and in practice means all those towers which are clearly not in categories 4, 5 or 7.

7. *Towers which ring all their bells regularly.*—A band that is capable of ringing all the bells in its tower regularly is really the least definition that one might accept of 'satisfactory service ringing' without specifying anything about quality.

8, 9 and 10. *Duration of ringing.*—These three together should add up to 6 and 7. In fact, most of the towers in category 5 also stated how long they ring, if they ring at all. The number of towers who state that they ring for as little as 10 or even 5 minutes before a service was a revelation.

11. *Paid bands.*—'Paid' was taken literally. It is quite obvious that in very few cases are ringers paid an amount that can be termed 'payment.' In most cases funds seemed to be used collectively for the band or tower. There was a noticeable tendency for paid bands to be more numerous in the North and least frequent amongst call-change ringers.

12. *Call-changes.*—As would be expected, call-change bands predominate in the South-west of England; about 75% of all towers in Devon and Cornwall ring call-changes only. From 25 to 30% seems to be a typical percentage in the 'change-ringing' areas.

14. *Practices.*—Regular practice' includes towers which only practise during the winter (mostly rural) and towers which combine for practice. Since apparently only 68% of all towers ring at all, 56% with a regular practice is a high proportion.

17. *Difficulty in recruiting.*—The validity of this figure is questionable since people's estimates of what constitutes difficulty in recruiting vary so much.

18. *Would welcome help.*—This is exactly half the towers who do ring at all.

22. *Tower members per rope.*—The number of ringers per rope in various towers varied between 0 and over 4 (several cases). The record was an 8-bell tower which claimed 38 members (this was vouched for by the Association secretary). In many cases the number of tower members included all beginners, and undoubtedly at times the figure was rather an optimistic one—a tower, for example, with eight bells and, allegedly, 16 members should be able to ring more than six bells on Sundays.

This sort of instance was not uncommon, and it is probable that the number of ringers tends to be over, rather than under, estimated.

23. *Estimated number of ringers in British Isles.*—This figure is calculated by multiplying the figure of 5,422 (see question 1) by 1.228 (see question 22).

For reasons stated under 22, and also because the Survey tended to be unrepresentative of unringable and unringed towers, the figure is probably an over-estimate. The figure may be contrasted with the 46,848 given in the Official Year Book of the Church of England for 1959 for the Provinces of York and Canterbury only (5,208 towers). Exactly what the Year Book figures mean is doubtful when one considers, for example, that the diocese of Sodor and Man, with no ringable rings, is credited with 23 ringers!

An account was taken of the number of towers which regularly ring all their bells at least once on Sunday, ring for 45 minutes or more before service, have a regular practice and have at least one school-age ringer in the band (as evidence of attitude towards recruiting). Only 16.6% of all change-ringing bands and 6.1% of all call-change only bands satisfied all these requirements together. The second requirement seemed to be the hardest to fulfil.

### C. THE COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

The replies from 913 towers and 18 Association secretaries produced 110 factors favourable to the maintenance of Sunday service ringing and 78 unfavourable factors. To be sure, many of these, though distinct, had a common basis, and some in the first category were merely the opposite of those in the latter, but the enormous variety here was undreamt of. This does stress the fact that the whole matter is by no means simple and the views of any one person, or even a committee of five, can easily be much too narrow and their experience too limited.

Before summarising these views, one or two general observations might be made. In the first place, from these comments one can immediately feel the tremendous difference in atmosphere between the tower where ringing is poor or non-existent and that where there is a healthy band. In the former case nothing but the difficulties are mentioned—the whole world seems to be against ringing—whereas in the latter case, though many similar circumstances must exist, the difficulties are hardly ever mentioned. A tower that is 'down' rarely has even any suggestions to offer of what might be done. This feeling of oppression and depression is obviously itself a very real bar to improvement.

The second point is that, overwhelmingly, the factors most often mentioned which are both favourable and unfavourable to Sunday service ringing are not concerned with either the technique of ringing or with Associations. The Central Council was only mentioned twice (once favourably and once not!) and 'The Ringing World' once. The general impression obtained of the ringing Exercise from these forms is vastly and wholly different from reading 'The Ringing World' or, indeed, of listening to the proceedings of the Central Council. Undoubtedly the greatest problem is how to get together and keep together a band of people to ring at all, and not what or how they ring. The problems are parochial and social rather than ringing ones.

The third general observation is that a very large number of the factors quoted are very general ones: patience, perseverance, lack of interest, and so forth. Whilst no one would deny that such qualities are desirable or undesirable, as the case may be, we would agree with the Association secretary who said: 'It was obvious from some of the replies that the problems confronting ringing were not clearly understood or analysed.' It was notable again that vague replies of this sort rarely came from flourishing towers.

In the following summary of opinions, the figures in parentheses after each opinion, comment or suggestion indicate the number of times it was mentioned.

Dealing first with the unfavourable factors and difficulties:—

There are the incontestable snags such as bells heavy-going and bad belfry conditions (42), a church devoid of parochial life (7), or only a small population or congregation to draw on (62). One Guild believes that no parish with a population of more than 1,000 should be incapable of raising a local band, but with fewer one's resources are limited.

The two most commonly mentioned of all difficulties were National Service (94) and moving from the district (103). Against this only (7) towers acknowledge the assistance of ringers moving into their districts. It does seem that moving from one district to another all too often ends a person's ringing career. This is specially so for country districts and young people. As one tower said: 'Young ringers have to leave the village to get jobs—especially the brighter ones.' In (24) instances, leaving a district to attend University was mentioned, though the (8) mentions of help from University Societies to some extent compensates.

Another very common difficulty is Sunday work and shift work (63) and, in country or seaside districts, seasonal work (8). Home work (40) and night school (38) certainly do prevent young ringers getting the training they need. The many other activities that vie with ringing were mentioned: in general (73), Sunday motor-ing (7), Sunday sports (15), cinemas (14), television (28) and radio (2). An interesting point about television is that it was scarcely mentioned at all in some areas, but these seem to be the ones where it has been longest available.

Personality factors loom large. Hardly any of the form fillers pointed out defects in their own personalities, but there seemed to be room for improvement in many of those with whom they came into contact. Lack of interest in bells and church kept coming up (86). More specific mentions were unco-operativeness of older ringers (27); lack of persistence (29); the incumbent (23): 'The young people of today are not what we were' (34); the dimness of learners (8); lack of consideration of church authorities towards ringing (5); objections from parishioners to bells (8); aggressive and shouting ringing captains (6); peal grabbers (5) (the smallness of this figure is, perhaps, out of proportion to the frequency with which this is mentioned in, for example, 'The Ringing World' correspondence); disinterest of congregation or parish in bells (15); resentment of ringers against being helped (6) and, to balance this, the disinclination of ringers from nearby towers to help when asked (4); and feuds and bickering between ringers (6).

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The church-going habits of our times also got their mention. Absence of young people in church congregations (35). Incumbents insisting that ringers attend church (5). (One rector himself wrote: 'I have made it a rule "no ringing on Sundays if ringers don't stay to service afterwards"—this has not been well received.') In four cases, however, the tendency of ringers not to go to service was considered a bad factor.

To come now to the ringing factors: *Lack of leadership or adequate instruction* (59) was most often mentioned.

There were unfavourable factors, too, in the organisation of the hand in some towers. Awkward times of ringing (23) was frankly admitted in some cases to equate with reluctance to get out of bed on Sunday morning, though distance to be travelled home to tower (23) is certainly a problem for many urban ringers. (6) blamed not teaching youngsters, though (16) said they could not get recruits at all.

Turning now to the more cheerful side of this summary, it is pleasant to begin by recording that five towers simply gave 'love of ringing' as their favourable factor.

Whatever views former generations of ringers held about the connection between their art and church worship, there is no doubt that the present generation considers the intimate relationship between Church and ringers absolutely vital. It is a pity that this feeling that ringing before a service is a vital part of that service is not shared so strongly by all priests and congregations. This feeling was explicitly put by those who said: 'Emphasise the reason for ringing on Sunday' (24), ringers must have a sense of duty and service (36), and it must be emphasised that ringers are part of the body of church workers (13). Most commonly, however, the necessary link between ringers and church was expressed as 'Interest the clergy and church authorities' (wardens and P.C.C.) (144), and having ringers who are church-people (92), and encouraging ringers to hold other posts in the church (19).

Many of the favourable factors given were concerned with the conduct of the team of ringers, rather than individuals, and especially referred to recruiting. The recruiting of young people, rather than middle-aged, was almost universally advocated, though whereas (1) specifically recommended the under-20's (6) suggested the 20-30 (i.e., post-National Service) age group as more suitable; (53) believed that youth organisations (fellowships, choirs, Scouts, Guides, etc.) connected with the Church provided the best field for recruiting, whilst six believed that ringing should be taught in schools (the fourth 'R?'). Recruiting talks and demonstrations were thought to be required in (26) cases whilst publicity through television, radio and the Press (the parish magazine was mentioned twice) was suggested (14) times. Simply 'regular recruiting' was mentioned (45) times. Undoubtedly as important as recruiting to the character of a band is the leadership it has (83), though opinions differ somewhat as to whether it is necessary for the leader to be also the chief instructor and conductor. The value of a friendly atmosphere and social contact between the ringers outside the belfry was frequently (60) mentioned, as was that great British quality, team spirit (54).

The faithful service and encouragement of older ringers must keep many more bands together than those mentioning it (29), and so, too, the help given by neighbouring towers to each other (60) must be a sustaining factor. In six cases, combined practices between towers were advocated, and the mention of ringers with cars (7) certainly assists such arrangements.

**SECTION II. THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES**

As some information regarding the enquiry carried out by the Rev. G. Thurlow covering all the English Theological Colleges has already appeared in 'The Ringing World,' this part of the report is being kept as short as possible.

From the replies received we have grouped the Colleges into three groups:—

- (a) Colleges which at present feel unable to include any kind of ringing instruction or talks on ringing in their curriculum because already it is overcrowded.
- (b) Colleges where ringing flourishes.
- (c) Colleges where it appears that progress can be made.

We decided to deal first with group (c), as being the one where our efforts would be most productive. We have approached Association officers of areas in which nine of the Colleges are situated, informing them what each of these Colleges need by way of instruction, lectures, or guidance, and have asked them to co-operate and let us know, in due course, what progress they are able to make. Several favourable replies have already been received, and it is hoped to continue and extend this work during the coming year.

Section I was moved by Mr. N. Chaddock and seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson and adopted without discussion.

Section II, dealing with Theological Colleges, was moved by Mr. Chaddock and seconded by Mr. Gray.

The Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith, speaking as one who learnt to ring before he entered a theological college, emphasised the importance of this method of introducing ringing to clergy. One of the objects of the Guild of Clerical Ringers was to forward their art among theological students, and members of the Guild were willing to give lectures and instruction.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott concurred: 'If you go into a place where the bells are in a bad or unsafe condition you often find that the parson is not interested. I have often been told: "You had better go up yourself—I have never been to see the bells."'

Mr. Philip Gray said he did not think it was intended to teach theological students to ring, but to give them a knowledge of bells and ringing.

This section was approved.

**SECTION III. SUGGESTIONS FOR POSSIBLE LINES OF ACTION**

It was suggested that the Sunday Service Ringing Committee be reconstituted to work on the following lines:—

(1) Organise the preparation and distribution of a memorandum or leaflet containing selected material from the Survey which ought to be brought to the notice of clergy and ecclesiastical authorities.

This was moved by Mr. N. Chaddock and provoked a long discussion.

Mr. I. P. Fidler urged that particulars should be published in Diocesan Kalendars.

Mr. Osborn wanted more publicity in Church newspapers.

Mr. C. K. Lewis and Mr. W. F. Moreton wanted each diocesan bishop to put the subject on the agenda of a diocesan conference. It was pointed out that these agendas were invariably overloaded.

The meeting favoured a report being printed and circulated to all Diocesan Associations for distribution.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow thought the best way of dissemination was by converted people. He suggested three levels—diocesan, to the diocesan clergy school and to the parishes.

Mr. F. B. Lufkin thought the best work could be done at local level. He suggested that 1,000 copies be printed and distributed as and when necessary.

Miss Cross seconded.

Later, Mr. J. Glanville proposed and Mr. J. T. Dunwoody seconded that an edited report be printed and circulated. This was passed.

Mr. F. W. Perrins urged that the report should be as brief as possible, because if there was too much people would not study it.—Agreed.

(2) Prepare a booklet or leaflet on belfry organisation, recruitment, relations with parishes, etc., embodying important information and ideas included in the Survey. Such a booklet might give advice on the best methods of establishing a band where none at present is in existence.

Mr. Chaddock said it was proposed to prepare a draft this year and report in 12 months' time.—Agreed.

(3) Ensure that continuous contact is maintained with Theological Colleges through various Associations and Guilds.—Carried.

(4) Consider and make further suggestions in 1960 on what might be done in addition to what individual Associations are doing to bring about an improvement. It is emphasised here that the Council can only advise on those matters which rest largely in the hands of Associations and parochial organisations.—Agreed.

(5) Act in an advisory capacity to any individual or organisation which asks for guidance regarding Sunday service ringing.

Mr. Chaddock said if the Editor of 'The Ringing World' received any letter on the subject he could pass it on to the Committee.—Agreed.

(6) Investigate means of getting more propaganda into Church publications.

Mr. P. Gray said he went through 43 Diocesan Year Books, and only six had any details concerning ringing in the diocese.—Agreed.

(7) Facilitate the carrying out of any suggestions which may come from Associations as a result of their study of the report at general or Branch meetings. A copy of the report to be submitted to each Association.—Agreed.

(8) Consider means and advisability of obtaining the co-operation of educational authorities regarding the provision of courses in bell-ringing.

Mr. Chaddock said this was prepared before they knew about the motion which was coming before the Council. Some central organisation should exist for passing on information. If the Council or diocesan organisations did not take action the College of Campanology would.

The President: This might be incorporated in Motion 10 (c).

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Dr. Layton: One thing very important in the Survey is leadership. I think this Committee should consider courses to train leaders of parochial bands.

Mr. F. I. Hairs commented that the fat would be in the fire if they jumped over local Associations.

It was decided to discuss the matter under motion 10 (c).

On the proposition of Mr. R. G. Blackman the Committee were reappointed en bloc and Mr. W. F. Moreton and Dr. D. N. Layton added.

A vote of thanks to the Committee for their work was proposed by Mr. H. W. Rogers and seconded by Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher.

Mr. H. Miles asked if the reports would be returned to the Associations.

Mr. P. Gray said he proposed to return them to the Guilds.

### ESTABLISHMENT OF COURSES

The third motion before the Council read—  
'That this Council considers the organisation of courses which would cater, possibly by means of simultaneous lectures, for the needs both of more experienced and less experienced ringers, and, if in favour of such courses, begins to hold them as soon as possible.'

Mr. W. F. Moreton, who moved the motion, said one of the motions submitted to the Council in 1890 was that the Council was to encourage the development of the art in its scientific, mathematical and historical branches. Since 1890 the Council had interested itself in many different branches of their art and had assisted by its publications. The advantages of courses were that they made possible practical demonstrations. There were lots of ringers who wanted to learn. Some Guilds and Associations tried to teach them; in others there was no organised teaching except that which went on on practice night. He felt the Council should do something.

There were educational authorities in most parts of the country that ran courses in different subjects. They were open to suggestions, and if they agreed to take over ringing they would meet the expenses. It was clear to him that it was more practical to undertake the instruction in this manner than by local Associations. A course would cover an area larger than an Association's and cater for two standards of ringers.

He proposed that the Council express its opinion on the usefulness of courses, and secondly, if in favour it organises some. This can be done either by an existing committee or one specifically appointed.

Mr. H. Miles seconded.

Mr. W. G. Wilson suggested that the motion gave the organisers a free hand to spend what they like. Could the Council be told what the liabilities would be? He did not think they ought to give anybody a blank cheque.

Mr. Moreton: If the Council expressed itself in favour the cost would be met by the ringers and the local authorities.

Mr. C. K. Lewis: Whilst the Council might approve of any such courses on ringing, the initiative of starting in any educational place should come from the local Associations. They are the people on the spot and should take the initiative. The Ministry of Education finds it necessary to administer through the local authorities, and we should take the same line. While we approve of them we should not undertake them on a national scale but on a local scale.

Mr. J. H. Crampion: We in Essex have had two courses and they have proved a success. I cannot say we got many new recruits. The people who attended could just handle a bell and knew little of change-ringing. I think it is tied up with Sunday service ringing. We have

already a committee on that. May I suggest that this committee gets together in the next 12 months and comes to the next meeting with suggestions.

Mr. F. W. Perrens pointed out that the Council would not be responsible for any expense incurred if the courses were run by the local authorities. It meant that anyone who could influence a local authority should do so.

Dr. Hatcher: Surely that is eating your cake and having it at the same time!

Mr. Perrens: In this case we stand to gain.

Mr. G. McKay (Cumberland and North Westmorland) said in his county they made an approach through their educational authority and they replied that they did not feel they were a big enough body to organise these courses. If an application was made by a more august body—like the Lancashire Association or the Central Council—it would be better.

Mr. W. G. Wilson said he would accept Mr. Perrens' assurance that there would be no cost.

Mr. P. Gray said if they organised a course with the local authority there was no reason why the Council should pay. They had a course organised at Liddington House. The people paid a course fee of two guineas and the educational authority provided the fees.

Mr. Crampion: The Essex Association did not incur any expense at all.

Mr. Harry Sanger asked that in any course the local Association should be informed and their co-operation invited.

Mr. Moreton: I quite agree with Mr. Sanger and I should think it was elementary good manners. If I had the duty of organising in anybody's territory I should approach the secretary in that District.

Mr. Perrens: The position is that these courses be organised as soon as possible provided the Council is not responsible for any expense incurred.

The motion was then carried and it was agreed that the matter be left with the Sunday Service Committee.

The President said that last week he was in York giving lectures in the Institute for Advancing Educational Studies. The director told him that if they wanted to hold a course in the Institute it could be held there. The Institute had its own ring of bells.

### THE ATTENDANCE

32 Associations fully represented, 75 members, 20 Associations partly represented, 49 members present, 23 absent, 5 Associations not represented

	Present	Absent
Life Members .. ..	6	1
Honorary Members ..	13	8
Representative Members ..	124	29
Total ..	143	38

The hon. secretary: This exceeds the previous best attendance in 1948 and 1957 of 138. It is very satisfactory.

### VOTES OF THANKS

The President said they had a tremendous number of people to thank. First and foremost the Mayor of Southport (Cdr. R. Wood) and the Bishop of Liverpool, the president of the Lancashire Association (Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith), for their hearty and kind welcome that day. Additionally they had to thank the Bishop for officiating at the Holy Communion, and the Rev. F. H. Pickering for the use of the church; also the president of the Lancashire Association and the secretary (Mr. F. Dunkerley) for their great work in arranging the dinner, not forgetting Miss Grimm for her great attention to details. They also thanked the Branch secretaries of the Lancashire Association and all local tower-keepers. Altogether it had been a most memorable occasion.

The president of the Lancashire Association: We do appreciate your kind words. What we have tried to do has been a pleasure, and if you have enjoyed yourselves and it has been a successful meeting, we are happy.

Mr. F. Dunkerley said he was pleased the Central Council visit had gone so well. It could not have gone so well if it had not been for his assistants Miss Grimm and Mr. Stephen L. Parry. It was not just the captain of the ship but the people behind the scenes—the very willing helpers who had done all things possible for the success of the gathering.

The meeting was followed by a winding-up social at the Palace Hotel, which was enjoyed by a large company.

### SUB-EDITORIAL RE-WRITING

Dear Sir,—Must the writer be ridiculed for what he does not write?

I have great respect for 'The Ringing World' and have found that in almost every instance the printed matter is printed precisely and faithfully as the writer intended.

I need not emphasise the fact that some editors condense and cut copy, and in so doing take out, as in the case in question, the very words which should be left in.

That, sir, is why my last paragraph has been jumped on.

As soon as the article appeared, I promptly wrote telling the Editor that I stated that Triples in an odd-bell method, and that five is Doubles, seven is Triples, nine is Caters and eleven is Cinques. Could I be more explicit?

I also told him that unless this was corrected I should have the whole of the ringing fraternity up against me, and he would be inundated with thousands of letters.

Perhaps the critic who jumped on me would like to take the lead in this and be one of the thousands. I tender my sincere thanks to Mr. Hawkins for his support, also for drawing my attention to the accusation in the first place.—  
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## OUTINGS

## DROITWICH AND DISTRICT

By covering just over 100 miles, a most happy day was spent on May 16th in glorious surroundings with perfect weather. Crowle (8) bells were eventually in changes after much trouble with the intricate chiming gear—the tenor was found to be a real 'sit down' job, owing to a very low sally and excessive length of rope-end. Church Honeybourne (5) bells were real 'benders'—luckily, we rang these early in the day and were not too weary to contend with the rough 'go.' Broadway bells (6) were a pleasing contrast.

The light ring of six at Toddington was the next target, followed by Beckford's (6)—the finest ring of the day. Kemerton (6) was visited, before tea near the river at Eckington, where the pleasant six bells were soon put to good use. To end the day, the two sixes at Little and Great Comberton were set going. A tired party were thankful to take advantage of the kind offer of refreshments supplied by Mr. and Mrs. Wight in their pretty cottage at Great Comberton. Our thanks are due to them and to Messrs. Peter Warren and Dudley Wilson for joining us for the day. A.D.C.

## TODMORDEN'S WHITSUN TOUR

Three carloads of ringers from Todmorden, joined later by two more carloads, including the tallest Cumberland Youth, toured the counties of Hunts, Cambridgeshire and Lincolnshire during the Whitsun week-end, a start being made at 6 a.m. from Todmorden.

Assisted by two of the Cambridge University Guild, a course of Grandsire Cinques was rung at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, on Whit Sunday, and Kent Royal and Grandsire Caters for Evensong at St. Mary's, Wisbech.

The party wearily climbed Boston Stump at 9.30 a.m. on Whit Monday to ring Grandsire Caters. Some teddy boys passing the ringing room were heard to say: 'They must get big muscles that way.'

Methods rung during the tour totalled 23, from Doubles to Cinques.

## HERSHAM, SURREY

A party of 40 ringers from Hershamb district spent Whit Monday touring the Petersfield area. Ringing took place at Privett (8), Froxfield (6), Soberton (8), St. Peter's, Petersfield (8), Steep (6) and Hawkey (8). Six adventurous young ringers left the coach at Liss in the hope of getting one or other of the towers for a quarter peal, but unfortunately permission was not granted, and they found themselves walking two miles to the last church. Mr. John King is especially thanked for his arrangements.

## ORSETT, ESSEX

On April 25th, Orsett ringers went on their first annual outing. The party consisted mainly of young people who had been ringing for about a year, with a nucleus of older and more experienced people. Our destination was the Essex/Suffolk border, and despite the cold, wet day we had a very enjoyable time. We rang at Pentlow (5), Cavendish (6), Long Melford (8), Lavenham (8), Preston (6), Bures (8) and Stoke-by-Nayland (8). Undoubtedly the best ringing of the day was heard at Cavendish, where the bells are about the weight and 'go' of our own. Our young people found Lavenham bells rather heavy, but Mr. Symonds smiled to see so many learners from one tower. Having had a sandwich lunch we did justice to high tea at Sudbury, and finished the day with renewed strength at Bures and Stoke. We are all grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Blatch for arranging the day. J.H.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Lancashire Association was held at Christ Church, Todmorden, on April 25th. Ringing commenced at 10.30 a.m., and the towers available were Christ Church, Todmorden (8), St. Paul's, Cross Stone (8), St. Peter's, Walsden (8), and the Todmorden Unitarian Church (8).

The annual service was held in Christ Church at 3.45 p.m., the preacher being the Vicar (Rev. H. W. Hodgson). The president (Rev. R. D. St. John Smith) read the lesson.

Over 120 ringers and friends enjoyed tea in the National School, Christ Church, after which the annual meeting commenced.

The president opened the proceedings. The minutes of the last A.G.M. were confirmed. The election of office bearers followed, i.e., president, the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith; ringing secretary, Mr. S. L. Parry; and treasurer, Mr. P. Crook. The general secretary read the report of the committee and the consolidation of the Sunday Service Ringing Survey. He also urged members to give their support to the forthcoming Central Council meeting at Southport.

The ringing secretary reported that a total of 130 peals had been recorded for the year 1958, which was an increase on the previous year.

In the absence of the treasurer, the general secretary (Mr. F. Dunkerley) formally moved the adoption of the balance sheet and read out the auditors' report, which was approved.

The Association endorsed the resolution of the Guild of Clerical Ringers regarding letters in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. H. Byrom, of East Crompton, was transferred to life membership. Mr. Gordon Thwaites was co-opted as a trustee of the Woodhouse Ringing Machine, and was thanked for the work he is doing to perfect the machine, a unit of which was on view.

The president, on behalf of the Association, thanked all who had in any way contributed to the success of the day which, in spite of adverse weather conditions, all had enjoyed. F.D.

## GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS

The annual meeting and dinner of the Guild of Medical Ringers took place on May 30th at Great Baddow, Essex. Ringing began on the bells of the Parish Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin at 3 o'clock and continued until 4.30, when the Vicar (Rev. J. A. Kingham) conducted Evensong.

Members and guests were then entertained to tea by Mrs. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, the weather being so good that both tea and the following business meeting were held in the garden. In the course of this meeting Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, the retiring president, proposed that his successor should be Mr. W. R. Winterton: this was carried by unanimous vote. The other two officers—R. E. Price (Master) and D. L. Gullick (secretary)—were re-elected. It was decided that the next annual meeting should take place in Buckinghamshire.

After a further hour in the belfry the party adjourned for dinner. This, as usual, was a most enjoyable occasion, and brought to an end a very successful day. The thanks of the Guild are due to all who made it so; in particular to Dr. and Mrs. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, and to the Vicar of Great Baddow and its ringers. D.L.G.

To the list of ringers who have rung a peal without a stay must now be added Mr. Roy H. Jones. His performance was on the fourth bell at Marston, Oxon, on May 30th.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

## Presentation to Mr. S. E. Armstrong

The 74th annual general meeting of the Sussex County Association was held on May 9th at St. Nicholas' Church, Brighton. Over 90 members and friends were present, including two vice-presidents.

The service was conducted by the Rev. F. E. Walker (Vicar of St. Nicholas'); tea was held in the Union Church Hall, followed by the business meeting.

A presentation was made at the commencement of the meeting to Mr. S. E. Armstrong of a chiming clock, in recognition of 25 years' loyal and faithful service to the Association as general secretary and Master.

The meeting stood in silence for those who had passed on during the year—Geo. King (Salehurst), W. J. Webb (Brighton) and F. Welland (Washington). The various reports from the officers were accepted, special note being made of the suggestions made by the general secretary regarding the 75th birthday.

The president, vice-presidents and all officers for the previous year were re-elected and thanked for their unflinching services.

The suggested alterations to the rules, prepared by the special committee, were accepted after some discussion.

The forthcoming 75th birthday, next year, showed that members were not in favour of incurring expenses that might be used for better purposes. On a vote it was decided not to hold a special day but make the normal annual meeting more fitting for the occasion.

The suggested formation of a library in one of the Brighton towers was carried, and part of the legacy left to the Association by Mr. Bishop, of Seaford, is to be used for this purpose. Several books have already been promised or given. Mrs. Hairs promised to donate the records of her father's (Mr. Frank Bennett) peals to the library when completed. We were all very pleased to know that Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs are now resident again in the county.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar and organist for their services to the church. R.W.R.P.

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Handbell peals.—Grandsire Caters 2, Stedman Triples 1, Bob Major 1.

Mr. C. H. Howard, of Braintree, elected the new Master of the Essex Association.

Attempts for long peals notified by the Yorkshire and Durham Associations.

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## OBITUARY

## MR. ARTHUR W. GRAVETT

The Brighton, St. Peter's, Society of Change Ringers has lost yet another link with the famous band under the leadership of the late Keith Hart. Born in 1881, Arthur W. Gravett commenced his ringing career at Burgess Hill when the new bells were installed at the beginning of the century. Coming to Brighton, he joined the St. Peter's band, ringing his first peal with them in 1907. He rang in the last peal on the old eight in January, 1914, and first on the new ten in May of that year. Of his total of 205 peals, over 80 were rung at St. Peter's, Brighton. His last peal was of Bob Minor at Angmering in August, 1958. As leader and deputy leader for over ten years until his passing, at the age of 77 years, on May 26th, he set a fine example by his regularity and punctuality at Sunday service ringings.

He was a member of the College Youths and, during the first world war, the Sussex County Association's peals secretary.

On May 30th, at Brighton Crematorium, the last respects were paid to him. The service was attended by Mr. W. Arthur Riddington, leader of the local band, as representative of the College Youths, and Mr. Albert W. Bond, representing the Sussex County Association, in the unavoidable absence of the Master (Mr. Reg. V. Johnson).

## MR. MAURICE BAKER

With the passing of Mr. Maurice Baker on June 1st, Hutton Parish Church, Essex, has lost a devoted servant and the Essex Association a loved and respected member.

A master at the William Elliot Whittingham School in Walthamstow, Maurice came to Hutton some 20 years ago. He soon joined the church choir and became a church councillor and a server. When the local band of ringers was re-formed after the last war, Maurice learned to handle a bell and became a member. Within a few years he was called upon to become the Master, and so well did he lead his team that within a short time he had a band of over 20 ringers at this 5-bell tower, and was running a rota system for the Sunday service ringing. Often he had arranged assistance for neighbouring towers suffering a temporary shortage of ringers.

At his school he maintained a team of hand-bell tune ringers, and he instilled into them his love of bells so that he was able to pass on a number of new recruits to the belfries in and around Walthamstow.

He was elected an auditor of the Association in 1954, and he brought to the committee the meticulous care which characterised all his work. Only last Whit Monday he was elected a life member of the Association.

About 18 months ago he suffered a stroke, which compelled him to give up his work both at school and at the church.

The funeral service at Hutton Parish Church was conducted by the Rector (Rev. H. G. Tindall), who in a short address read Psalm xv, as the most fitting epitaph for one who served his church humbly, quietly and wholeheartedly as Maurice had done. His example and his work will live on to guide us to serve God in like manner.

H. T.

## LATE NOTICES

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 20th, 3 p.m. Tewin. Bells 6 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 4531

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—South and West District.—Meeting at St. Dunstan's, Cranford, Saturday, June 20th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by further ringing. Special method: Double Court.—E. R. Gotham, Hon. Sec. 4526

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## MEETINGS

**BEDS AND HERTS ASSOCIATIONS.**—Summer festival at Hertford on Saturday, June 13th. Service at All Saints' 4.30 p.m. Tea at St. John's Hall (adjoining) 5 p.m. Ringing at Great Horstead (6) 9.30 to 11 a.m.; Braughing (8), 10 a.m. to 12 noon; Standon (6), 11 to 12.30; Much Hadham (8), 11.30 to 1 p.m.; Widford (6), 2 to 3 p.m.; Hunsdon (8), 2 to 3.30; Ware (8), 2.30 to 4; Bengoe (8) and St. Andrew's (8), 3 to 4 p.m.; All Saints' (10), 3 to 4.30; St. Andrew's, 6 to 7.30; Bengoe and All Saints', 6.30; Hertingfordbury (6), 7 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. H. V. Frost, 43, Leyland Avenue, St. Albans. 4432

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—Meeting, Darley Dale, Saturday, June 13th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only at 5 p.m. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 4516

**DEVON GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Thorverton, Saturday, June 13th. Usual arrangements.—J. Andrews, Broadpark, Brampford Speke. 4507

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Saturday, June 13th, Hammerwood (5), 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. at the White Horse, Holtye, Cowden (6) in evening. Names early.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 4467

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ely District.—Meeting, Wilburton, Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 4447

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Felsted, Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Boote House Café by arrangement only. Business meeting in Old Schoolroom. 4409

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The summer festival will be held in the Guildford District on Saturday, June 13th. Service, Cranleigh, 3.30 p.m., addressed by the Archdeacon of Surrey. Ringing arrangements amended: Haslemere, 10.30 to 11.30; Chiddingfold, 11 to 12; Witley, 12 to 1; Godalming, 11.15 to 12.30; Hascombe, 1.30 to 2.30; Dunsfold, 1.30 to 2.30; Ewhurst, 2 to 3.15; Cranleigh, 2.30 to 3.30. Service and tea: Bramley, 5.45 to 7; Wonersh, 5.45 to 7; Shalford, 6.30 to 7.30; Albury, 7.30 to 9; Shere, 7.30 to 9 p.m.—D. A. Kirk, Dis. Sec. 4420

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 13th. St. Mary's, Barnes, 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea and business in Church Hall 5.15. Further ringing 7.30 p.m., St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Mortlake.—Miss Powell, Tulse Hill (8190). 4473

**NATIONAL POLICE GUILD and RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.**—Meeting at Leicester for June 13th is cancelled. 4457

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Wingrave, Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 4478

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Quarterly meeting, Barnet, Saturday, June 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m. 4469

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newark District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, June 13th, Staunton-in-the-Vale. Bells 6 p.m. All welcome.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4453

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Felpham (6), Saturday, June 13th, 3 o'clock. 4476

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Clutton (6), Saturday, June 20th. Bells 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 4331

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Curry Rivel, Saturday, June 20th. Usual arrangements. Notify for tea T. J. Locke, Local Hon. Sec. 4504

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—Meeting, Barton-le-Cley, Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 4512

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crew Branch.—Church Lawton, Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by June 17th, please.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 4519

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Wilmslow, Saturday, June 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea, please advise before June 16th Mr. S. Sage, 71, Oak Lane, Wilmslow.—C. K. Lewis. 4523



**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—Bidston, Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 4522

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 20th, at Christ Church, Consett, 2.30 p.m. Names to Mr. R. Oliver, Aldington Park Terrace, Castleside. 4491

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Meeting at Somersham (6), Saturday, June 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 4515

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tydd St. Giles, Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4529

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Cirencester Branch.—Coln St. Denis, Saturday, June 20th. Service 3 p.m. Tea 5. Names essential by June 18th. Bibury bells 6.30 p.m.—Wenban, 21, Aldsworth Road, Bibury, Cirencester. 4495

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Chippenham Branch.—Lacock (6) on Saturday, June 20th. Service and tea. Names for tea to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 4520

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Meeting at Willesborough on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Specially arranged for the 92nd birthday of Mr. Edward S. Ruck, sole surviving founder member of the Association. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. Mark S. Lancefield, 4, Boyes Hall Road, Willesborough, near Ashford.—C. T. H. 4495

**LADIES' GUILD.**—West Midland District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Nicholas', Warwick, Saturday, June 20th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Ringing 6 to 8 p.m. Notifications for tea not later than Monday, June 15th, to Miss R. Russell, 73, War Lane, Harborne, Birmingham, 17. 4455

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Radcliffe, Saturday, June 20th. Ringing 3. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 4503

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at Swinton (8), Saturday, June 20th. 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—G. D. Fearnough, Sec. 4524

**LAVENHAM RINGING ANNIVERSARY.**—Saturday, June 20th. Bells available 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea shop near church. Everybody welcome.—M. T. Symonds. 4494

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Broughton Astley, Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Church garden party, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting in Church. Names for tea, please, by the Wednesday previous, to Mr. Cecil Carr, 4, The Avenue, Coventry Road, Broughton Astley, Leicester.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 4497

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Saddington, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Queen's Head.—L. W. Allen. 4505

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leicester District.—Meeting, Bitteswell, Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at Church fete. 4.30 p.m., followed by meeting in Church Room. Also ringing at Lutterworth (8) 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 17th, please, to Mr. J. P. Kesterson, Dis. Sec. 4492

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Sandhurst on Saturday, June 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5, followed by tea and further ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea by June 15th to Mr. W. J. Parker, May Cottage, Little Sandhurst, Camberley. 4472

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oundle Branch.—Meeting, Stoke Doyle, Saturday, June 20th. Names for tea and/or transport from Oundle on request by Tuesday, 16th.—Mrs. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 4513

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cattistock, Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, June 17th, to G. Goringe, West Holway Farm, Cattistock, Dorchester.—R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec. 4465

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting at Collingbourne Kingston, Saturday, June 20th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 4506

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Monthly meeting (extraordinary general), All Saints', Pontefract, Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Business, new rules, etc. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 4496

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Annual meeting, Lichfield, Saturday, June 20th. Bells: Cathedral (10), 2.30 to 3.15 and 6.30 to 7.30; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) also available during afternoon and evening. Service at St. Michael's 3.45. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than June 17th to Mr. F. A. Sedgwick, 4, Vicar's Close, Lichfield. 4468

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Elveden, Saturday, June 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 18th to G. Paul, 127, Brandon Road, Elveden, Thetford. No names no tea.—A. R. Mann, Dis. Sec. 4452

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The annual striking competition will take place at Esher on Saturday, June 20th. Service 2.30 p.m. Draw 3 p.m. Entry forms from Hon. Sec. Tea after the last team has competed, followed by results and a quarterly business meeting. Ringing after. Names for tea (non-competitors) by Tuesday previous to J. F. M. Maybrey, 24, Torrington Road, Claygate, Esher, Surrey.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 4452

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, St. Peter's, Brighton, Saturday, June 20th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Note change of venue. Tea in the Memorial Hall for those who notify by Wednesday, June 17th, Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 4466

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual festival, Brecon, Saturday, June 20th. All bells in the District available if required, also Defynock (6), 11.30 to 1 p.m. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea (3s.), Bishop's Meadow Café, with meeting to follow.—Names for tea by June 13th.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 4443

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Andover and Basingstoke Districts.—Combined meeting at Kingsclere, Sydmonton, etc., CANCELLED. Will now be held in September; look out for notice. Practice meeting, Goodworth Clatford, Saturday, June 20th. Bells 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Tea at Andover. Andover (8) after tea.—G. K. Dodd, Hon. Sec. 4499

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, North Stoneham, Saturday, June 20th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by June 17th, please, to Mr. R. A. Reed, 135, Chamberlayne Road, Eastleigh.—J. Hartless. 4474

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Chaddeley Corbett (8), Saturday, June 20th, 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea by 17th, please, and note alteration of venue from Hartlebury, those bells being now at Loughborough.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge, Worcs. 4485

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, June 20th, Kildwick. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Room, followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 16th, to Mr. J. Bracken, 7, Seedhill Terrace, Steeton, near Keighley. 15-minute bus service from Keighley.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4463

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Frome Branch.—Corporate Communion, Paul-ton, Sunday, June 21st, 8 a.m. Bells 7.15 a.m. Names for breakfast to Mr. V. Savage, 4, Northmead Avenue, Midsomer Norton. 4500

**HALIFAX DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting and prize contest, Denholme, Saturday, June 27th. Entrance fee, 10s., to Sec. by June 20th. For teas please notify by June 20th W. Proctor, Greystones, Keighley Road, Denholme, Bradford.—A. Farrand, Sec. 4498

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Idle, Saturday, June 27th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. This fine ring has just been rehung on bearings and quarter-turned. Names for tea by Thursday, 25th, to Mr. T. Hill, 5, Leyton Crescent, Idle, Yorkshire. 4525

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Horncastle, Saturday, June 27th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Church Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, June 22nd (certain), to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 4514

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern and Western Branches.—Joint interim meeting at Dereham, Saturday, June 27th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. G. Adams, 37, Sandy Lane, Dereham.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 4484

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South Oxon Branch.—Aston-Clinton, Bucks (6), Saturday, June 27th. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 23rd, to A. White, 4, Twichell Lane, Aston Clinton.—J. E. Godman, Sec. 4487

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wadenhoe (6), Saturday, June 27th. Usual arrangements.—L. Witten, 4, John's Street, Thrapston, Kettering, Northants. 4511

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, June 27th. Wootton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Social 8 p.m. (United Players Band, admission 2s. 6d.). Names for tea by previous Saturday to, and social tickets (c.w.o.) from E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton. 4493

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (est. 1623).**—The 336th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (12) available from 11 a.m. 12-bell ringing guaranteed. Service 4 p.m. Lunch and tea arranged for those notifying me by June 25th.—L. E. Pistow, 4, Highfields. 4518

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Alfriston (please note change of venue) on Saturday, June 27th. Tea 5 p.m. Practice method, Oxford Treble Bob Minor. Names for tea, please, to F. Beeny, Hillbrae, Carters Corner Road, Hailsham. 4521

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available: St. Mary's, Portsea (8), 11 to 12.30; Portsmouth Cathedral (10), 1 to 2.15 and 6.30 onwards; Alverstoke (8), 7 to 9. Business meeting in Cathedral House at 2.30. Service in Cathedral 4.30. Tea in Cathedral House 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 8, West End Terrace, Winchester, Hants. 4501



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