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IN the great Diocesan Associations the Annual Festival is, as it were, a gathering of the clans. Throughout the year the Branches conduct their business and meet for their practices and discussions, and for the period are virtually self-supporting. But once a year comes the family reunion, with a survey of the things done and left undone, of losses and gains, a look to the needs of the future, and a rededication to the service of God and His Church.

Here the past and the future meet and are linked, for, as it has been said, there is no present, only things for ever going by and things for ever coming. This wonderful chain of things that has been and things to come, this partnership of young and old, this handing on of the torch of life and endeavour, came forcibly to our minds this year as we travelled through Dorset and joined the Festival of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild at Sherborne. Everywhere and at all times during the day there were, to the seeing eye, manifestations of this companionship and partnership of old and young, of things incredibly ancient linked progressively to new life and things of the future.

We found it in the charming villages with the delightful names, Marnhull, Sturminster Newton, Compton Abbas, Childe Okeford and many others. Here the Norman cable work of the font was ringed with primroses of Easter; there the recumbent figure of some old knight lay grey behind the blue of the grape hyacinth of this new year; and on the lectern the Authorised Version and the New English Bible in perfect accord and mutual support. And in tower after tower, right down to the ultimate goal of Sherborne, the young rang with the old, and tiny offerings of fuel to the great Torch were thereby made.

And so to Sherborne and the Abbey, and the thoughts of that great Scholar of Malmesbury, Aldhelm, Bishop of Sherborne in 705 A.D. A greatly learned man, a stout Christian capable of wielding a flashing spiritual sword, and a poet of forceful expression. His description of a storm on the Cornish coast is one (says Helen Waddell) "which the Northumbrian Swinburne would be hard put to it to beat." Steeped in the wisdom of his time and its past, he was almost aggressively modern. Was it not he who stood on the bridge clad as a minstrel, singing scraps of the Gospel to secular tunes, if haply he might attract some men and women to the worship of God? So, surely, it was no ordinary thought which inspired the plaque on the wall of the new St. Aldhelm's School, which shows the

Bishop sitting between a boy and a girl of this age, each child clad in the simple everyday costume of work and play. Aldhelm would have loved this school.

In this splendid building we held the annual meeting, and the Master spoke movingly of our late president, that great Christian gentleman and untiring servant of the Church of God and all that made for worship. This absence of Canon Cox seemed, by some strange and lovely twist of fancy, to bring him very much into our presence; and so much could we still find him near to us that it seemed natural to leave his chair vacant and to take no steps to fill his place.

The focus and very centre of the Festival was the service in the Abbey, its prelude an almost immaculate touch of Stedman Triples on the noble eight, and as Office Hymn before the Magnificat a course of Grandsire Caters rung on handbells at the chancel arch. As that great gathering of ringers raised their voices in a glorious swell of sound we could lift our eyes to the marvel of the fan tracery of that wonderful chancel roof, and could fancy, in the springing of vaultings, innumerable young trees growing from these ancient walls, spreading branches and gracefully uniting to perform their own function and their part in worship.

"Holiness unto the Lord." So, the Archdeacon told us in his address, the prophet Zechariah proclaimed that the bells on the horses would hold as their inscription in the Day of the Lord. "And every pot in Jerusalem," said the Holy Man, "shall be holiness unto the Lord of Hosts." Nothing is too mean (as George Herbert said) to offer worship and praise to God, and this, it would seem to us, was where Archdeacon Maddock's peroration led us. The ultimate function of the bells lies in the worship and praise of God, and as we pass the Torch from the old to the young this must be the burden of our valedictory message, just as it must be the fundamental of our teaching.

So we come home with pleasant and impressive pictures: of Ronald Marlow handling the great bell with consummate skill in the Cambridge 3-4 places; of the great crowd of eager youngsters of both sexes anxious to ring something on the heaviest ringing eight in the world; and above all, of one lonely young boy, hovering rather timidly in the shadows, hoping to get at least a few moments of rounds. And embracing all, the marvel and majesty of the great Abbey interior, the comradeship and the singing, and the perfect unity of young and old in this moving rededication. It is fitting that this occasion follows so soon upon the Great Resurrection Festival with its new promise, its new hope and its new call to service.

E. C. S.

SUFFOLK GUILD HAS ITS PROBLEMS

Officers Combating Reverse Trend

THE Suffolk Guild was fortunate in having a fine day for its annual general meeting at Ipswich on May 1st. Throughout the afternoon and evening the bells of seven of the town's churches were rung to a wide variety of methods. Evensong at St. Lawrence's Church was conducted by Mr. Lawrence R. Pizzev (a theological student and an Ipswich ringer) with Mr. George W. Pipe (Ringing Master) reading the lesson. In an address pertaining to ringing, the Rev. W. H. Donnan retold his own recent experience on a bell rope after the stay had broken on the tenor bell of his parish church at Tannington, and his rather early heavenward ascent! A collection for the Guild's Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £3 15s. The ladies of the South-East District had prepared a splendid tea in St. Lawrence's Hall, which was enjoyed by 90 members and visitors.

THE GOOD AND THE BAD

The business meeting was presided over by the chairman (Mr. John W. Blythe), who welcomed visitors from Norfolk and Essex. The Ringing Master, in presenting his report, regretted the general decline in ringing throughout the diocese and the present state of the bands at the leading centres, i.e., Bury St. Edmunds, Debenham, Hadleigh, Helmingham, Ipswich, Leiston, Stowmarket and Sudbury, left much to be desired. He offset this by congratulating the beginners at the following towers: Beccles, Blythburgh, Bures, Ashbocking, Bramford, Henley, Rushmere, Rougham and Oulton, whose example had set a most encouraging reverse trend. The striking competition had now proved a most popular event in the calendar and was held at Buxhall. Eight teams entered and the shield was won by a representative band from the South-East District.

Seventy peals had been recorded, an increase of 14 over 1963, with six members scoring their first peal. Congratulations were extended to C. W. Pipe and R. E. Lester for their 400th and 300th peals respectively for the Guild. Also to James Bennett on his 1,300th peal and George E. Symonds on scoring six in his 90th year! Quarter peals also totalled 70 in a variety of methods.

The general secretary presented his report and stated that the posts of chairman and report editor had been created during the year and the constitution of the committee enlarged. A big drop in membership to 327 from 412 in 1963 was reported, but the increase in the annual subscription and the abolition of compounding towers were given as contributory factors in addition to the general decline. A week-end course of instruction providing for the needs of prospective instructors had been held at Belstead House, Education Centre, Ipswich, and was attended by about 20 members. Lecturers Norman Chaddock, Randal Clouston and Wilfrid Moreton were thanked, in addition to the organiser, Leonard Last. The financial statement revealed a satisfactory position. The balance in the General Account had increased to £164 14s. 4d. and the Restoration Fund balance stood at £113 17s. The secretary concluded his report by thanking members for past support and looked forward with confidence to a greater furtherance of the Guild's work.

TECHNICAL MATTERS

The technical adviser presented his report, which showed that a further ten inspections in Suffolk towers had been carried out, bringing the total to 276. Noteworthy items were the weighing of the Lavenham tenor at the bell foundry, which for many years had been recorded as 23 cwt. It had now turned the scales at 21 cwt. 0 qr. 7 lb. in D flat, truly a remarkable note for this weight. Also the removal of the octave at St. Mary's, Bury St. Edmunds, to the Loughborough foundry fol-

lowing the partial disintegration of the tower. It was regretted, however, that no date was known for these bells' return. An experiment with welding was to be undertaken with the tenor at Bramford. In conclusion, the technical adviser said he had been reappointed to the Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches by the Bishop and offered his advice and services in connection with bells and their hanging.

Mr. George E. Symonds presented the report of the Pearson Handbells Trustees and gave details of the bells on loan at present.

The adoption of the aforementioned reports were all moved by the respective officers concerned, seconded and carried. The chairman expressed thanks to all the officers for their hard work during the past year.

The officers of the Guild were all re-elected as follows: Patron, Mr. R. A. Vestey; vice-presidents, the Ven. T. R. Browne, Messrs. Bert Chilvers, Charles E. Fisher Cecil W. Pipe, H. Claude Rush, Charles J. Sedgley and George E. Symonds; chairman, Mr. John W. Blythe; Ringing Master, Mr. George W. Pipe; general secretary and treasurer, Mr. Andrew T. Beckwith; report editor, Mr. Roger L. K. Whitell; hon. auditor, Mr. J. W. H. Preaster; hon. technical adviser, Mr. Randal W. M. Clouston; Pearson Handbells trustees, Messrs. George E. Symonds and Roger L. K. Whitell.

Under any other business, the chairman said the General Committee had approved the establishment of a Guild library and asked all members if they would like to donate any books relating to ringing to the formation of such a library. A start had been made by Mr. Edwin Goate kindly offering to present a copy of Raven's "Church Bells of Suffolk" in memory of Charles Sayer, of Beccles. The Bishop's indisposition through illness was mentioned by Mr. C. W. Pipe, and the secretary was asked to write expressing the Guild's best wishes for a speedy recovery, and also to Charles E. Fisher (vice-president), who had been in poor health of late. The Ringing Master said the response to his circular letter appealing for donations towards the St. Marvle-Tower Bells Appeal had been very encouraging to date and he thanked those who had generously given to the appeal.

The business was closed with votes of thanks, and ringing was resumed until well into the evening. A. T. B.

SOUTH WILFORD PEAL

Regarding the peal of Antelope Doubles rung at South Wilford (page 317), Mr. G. A. Dawson submits the variations used, all derived from an Antelope Plain Course.

Wilford.—Bob, Antelope; Single Grandsire.
Shelford.—Bob, Antelope; Single Grandsire with 5th, 4th, 5th.

Holme Pierrepont.—Bob, Grandsire, 5th, 4th, 5th; Single ditto.

Sutton Bonington.—Bob, Grandsire, 5th, 4th, 5th; Single Antelope.

Lowtham.—Bob, Grandsire, 5th, 4th, 5th; Single Grandsire.

Shipstone.—Bob, Grandsire; Single Antelope.

Worthington.—Bob, Grandsire, Single Grandsire with 5th, 4th, 5th.

Blackwell peal.—In the peal of Doubles at Blackwell (page 299), Mr. E. A. Harrison gives the following explanations:

Castle Hill.—St. Martin with Bob, Plain Bob and Single Old.

Boar Hill.—Winchendon Pl. with Bob, Plain Bob and Single Old.

Cliff Hill.—St. Martin with Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire Extreme.

Nest Hill.—Winchendon Pl. with Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire Extreme.

Kirkby.—Reverse St. Bartholomew Plain Course with Shipway's Place P.L. as a bob.

WILTSHIRE BELLS OF 1880 RUNG FOR FIRST TIME

MANY readers will have read with interest the account in "The Ringing World" by Mr. R. Russ of the efforts of Australian ringers to make the bells of the Town Hall, Adelaide, ringable after a silence of many years.

A similar project was recently carried out in isolated Chute Forest, Wiltshire, some seven miles from Andover. The church, a comparatively modern one built in brick with a shingle spire, was erected about 1880 by the wealthy Fowle family, and is approached by a muddy farm track.

At the same time, six bells were hung in a timber frame in the small tower, bells 2, 4, 5 and tenor being on one level with No. 1 and 6 hung above. A massive clock case in the centre of the ringing chamber hid bells 5 and 6 completely from 1, 2 and 3, with No. 4 hidden from them all.

It is my contention—and this was supported by the Vicar in 1958 on my first visit there—that the bells, although hung for ringing, were never rung. An elaborate chiming apparatus was installed with handles in the church, and pulley wheels over the holes in the belfry ceiling.

A challenge to this effect was published in "The Ringing World," and never disputed, in September, 1958. It was, therefore, with a feeling of jubilation that, after a long fight, permission was at last granted by the new incumbent, the Rev. G. M. Neill, previously of Great Bedwyn, to try to put the bells in order.

This, however, proved to be a bigger job than either of our two previous local unringables—Sylminton and Hurstbourne Priors. Four successive Sunday afternoons were spent on the task in an endeavour to have the bells ready for Easter morning service. But by the previous week only five of the bells could be rung in rounds, these being Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6, the fourth bell still needing attention.

After a further five hours' work, mainly on wheel repairs, the fourth was finally raised, and with the bells fully muffled were rung in rounds by: M. Goss, Mrs. M. Green, G. Dodd, A. Green, G. Evans and Mrs. G. Dodd, and then, after a brief interval for removal of the clock case, the first changes consisting of a plain course of Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rung.

The final triumph came on Easter Sunday, when seven ringers from the towers of Highclere and Burghclere made a rush journey over to Chute after ringing at two Communion services at their churches. The bells were rung fully open for the first time for the Easter service. Members of the congregation were most appreciative of our efforts, and although we could not stay for their service because of getting back to ring for our own, we are sure that their day was made all the more memorable for hearing the bells for the first time. The chiming apparatus had been broken since the war.

Negotiations are under way for an open Sunday so that ringers can come and ring these bells and join in a service of thanksgiving with local residents.

Provisional date, June 27th, but watch for a notice in "The Ringing World." G. K. D.

The first peal rung on these bells is reported in our peal columns.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION Biggleswade District

Mr. L. H. Bywaters, the local tower captain, was Ringing Master when the Biggleswade District held an evening meeting at Henlow on May 8th. It was well attended and methods rung ranged from rounds in Cambridge, London, Primrose and Norwich Surprise. Some very good striking was obtained on the pleasant easy-going 14 cwt. six.

Next meeting: Roxton and Great Barford, June 12th. A. R. A.

GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS

Nottingham, 1965

THE annual ringing "Week" of the Clerical Guild was at a well-chosen centre, Nottingham. Apart from the weather, which was vile for late April, the arrangements worked excellently. We had a good hotel, well-varied selection of bells and were warmly welcomed wherever we went.

Inevitably the gathering this year began under the shadow of the death of our late president, Canon C. C. Cox. He had done so much for the Guild that some almost felt that he was the Guild. This shadow of the past was reinforced by the fact that we stayed in West Bridgford, for so many years the parish of Canon Wilkinson, a founder member and stalwart of past days. We rang at the church there, with its very effective device for silencing the bells, and we had our Corporate Communion in the same building where the reredos and altar rails are a memorial to Canon Wilkinson.

"AGGIORNAMENTO"

This splendid word was used by the late Pope John in opening the Vatican Council. Roughly, it means a new look. It is appropriately used to describe what is happening to the Guild of Clerical Ringers. As the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith rightly said at the beginning of the annual meeting of the Guild, the best tribute we could pay to Canon Cox would be to carry on the work of the Guild to which he gave so much. From taking the chair as senior vice-president, Mr. St. John Smith was speedily translated to doing it as the newly-elected president. The members rightly acclaimed this election: the new president is a man who combines great ringing ability with genuine sincerity and the Guild is fortunate in having such a worthy successor to Canon Cox. Among the other signs of aggiornamento were the election of eight new members and the presence of the Revs. D. E. Ford, R. Keeley and R. O. Fry at the meeting. The last two rang in a memorial peal to the late president. With their help and that of Canon A. G. G. Thurlow the success of the peal was virtually assured. Fittingly called by the new president, it was brought round on the excellent eight at Greasley in the fast time of 2 hours 42 minutes. Reverting to the annual meeting, among other business was the election of Canon K. W. H. Felstead as vice-president in addition to Canon B. T. Sheppard and of the Rev. J. B. T. Homfray to join with the Rev. I. J. Richards to form the committee with officials. Again the choice of a younger man looked to the future rather than the past. In one election, however, aggiornamento was out of the question! No one could replace Prebendary J. H. B. Andrews as secretary and treasurer of the Guild. His blend of imperturbable efficiency and impish humour is unique.

FAMILY MATTERS

Another sign of the changing times is that the ringing week is becoming more and more a family affair. Wives and one sister have been for years a feature of "those present." This year we had Longdridge minor and Robbins minor with us all the time, and the daughter of the president for two days until school claimed her. The keenness of these younger ringers is good for the future and their presence added to the social character of the week. This is, of course, always part

of the object of the exercise and extends beyond the towers in which we ring. It was, to a slight degree, lessened by the fact that so far as our hotel was concerned, we were, like Gaul, divided into three parts, sleeping in three different houses. One of these had a real fire alarm in the middle of the night. In an adjoining flat some furniture caught fire, producing volumes of acrid smoke. This aroused some of the sleepers and "Action Stations" was called and the fire brigade rung up. It was all something of an anti-climax because the fire was well out by the time the engine arrived but no doubt the incident will long be remembered by Wood minimus, who was brought out of bed for the occasion. The hotel had no bar and so refreshment was found at the Trent Bridge nearby. Here, one night, the locals were heard speculating on the identity of the body of husky men who advanced to the bar. One theory was that they were policemen but this gave way to the assurance that they were members of a choir when our worthy secretary, complete with the clerical collar lacking in the others, joined the party. Fancy not guessing they were ringers!

Another family took a hand at Sutton-on-Trent. There the Misses Burchnell gave a very warm welcome to the visitors. Canon Felstead produced, as is his wont, a list of peals rung in the tower. (Incidentally, how on earth does he find time to do this in addition to his many other duties?) Normally, the locals are interested and often surprised to find how many peals have been rung in their own tower. On this occasion our charming hostesses replied: "Oh yes, we have rung in all but one on your list." Then, just to show what they could do, they joined with the more skilful performers in a first-rate course of Yorkshire, some of the best ringing of the week.

THE RINGING

In the words of many District meeting reports, this ranged from rounds to London Surprise. There were several courses and one good touch of Double Norwich and quite a lot of Cambridge, both Minor and Major. At St. Mary's, Nottingham, we failed to do justice to a good ten, and a course of Bob Royal was fittingly described as more an exercise in perseverance than in ringing. At Basford everything went wrong from the rise to the fall but even so a band of ladies assembled outside the tower for a wedding (?). At Aspley, on a pleasant six, the Rev. P. T. Robbins kept some enthusiasts ringing a mixture of St. Simon's and Brayford, which is his own speciality, so making them late for lunch in the hall, where tea was kindly provided to wash down our packed meal. Stedman was rung in good measure and Grand sire for the less talented. Southwell Minster delighted those who did not know it and the building was well matched by the new twelve there. Grand sire Cinoues was successful but clerical Stedman failed. So the days went quickly by and all too soon we came to Shepshed, the last tower. Here Oxford Bob Triples, which had failed miserably at West Bridgford and Sutton-on-Trent, was triumphantly brought round. A final lower in good style and away we went. The sun shone and the M.1 lay ahead. So, full speed for our parishes in many parts of England and Wales, with happy memories of an excellent week and resolve to come again next year—which, we hope, will be in Sussex F. A. S.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

THE annual general meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Berkeley on April 24th. In spite of several important items on the agenda, the attendance was somewhat smaller than of late, there being about 120 members and five visitors present. All of the retiring officers, with the exception of Mr. Eric Sutton, the hon. peal secretary, were re-elected: there was a ballot for Mastership, the Rev. F. F. Rigby being re-elected. Mrs. M. A. Wratten was appointed peal secretary after some amusing exchanges between the treasurer and the Master, and a question of whether or not Mrs. Wratten had either a typewriter or a secretary. It appeared that the Master did not realise that the candidate for the job was the wife of the treasurer. All reports were accepted as printed, and the Association is now well on the way to full financial recovery, though there has been another drop in numbers of members.

After some discussion, the draft of a new set of rules, prepared by a sub-committee over the last three years, was adopted; these rules will take effect from January 1st, 1966. The main difference will be that the Management Committee will be reduced in size and have greater powers to make proposals and take a fuller part in the running of the Association. It will now be also possible to alter subscriptions as required without alteration of the rules.

Mr. Eric Sutton had made a brave effort to get the peals written up, but with a backlog when he took office, and an increasing number of peals being rung, the task had become impossible. The members present decided that with the exception of the record multi-Minor peal at Castle Eaton, no more peals are to be written, but all are to be printed in full in the annual reports in future, copies of which are to be bound.

After 25 guineas had been voted to Mr. Eric Sutton, the balance of the Peal Fund is to go to the General Fund and will be used to cover additional costs of printing the reports. An attempt to have the peal booking fee reduced from 1s. failed.

The Association service, at which the Rev. W. F. Burlton, chairman of the Wotton Branch, preached, was well attended, and five members of the Wotton Branch took part in the service touch; four of the younger members acted as sidesmen and collected £6 17s. 2½d., which is to be used towards the cost of painting the frame at Berkeley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Canterbury District

THE first annual striking competition of the Canterbury District for the trophy presented by the late Mr. Frank C. W. Knight was held at Great Mongeham on May 8th. It was disappointing to find only two teams competing—Whitstable and Canterbury Cathedral. Whitstable, who rang All Saints' Doubles, were placed first by the judge, Mr. J. R. Cooper, with 63½ faults, and Canterbury Cathedral (Plain Bob Minor) were a close second with 65½. A ladies' band rang 360 Plain Bob but they were not an official team.

Mr. Phillips had gone to a lot of trouble in making everything just right. The bells are perfect for a striking competition.

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Letters to the Editor

GREAT ADVENTURE II

Dear Sir,—In my recent letter, which you kindly published in these columns, on the tour to Australia, I mentioned that we may be able to enjoy some concession in the travelling fare. I now have a letter from the Passenger Agency stating that providing at least 15 persons form a group travel party, then a 30 per cent. discount would be applicable on the round world air fare. This would make a fare of £336 each—a considerable saving which I sincerely hope will influence more people to join in this tour. A closing date for inquiries was made but, knowing that our Australian friends would like to see the arrival of a large party, this date will be extended to accommodate this new situation.—Yours faithfully,

T. J. LOCK.

Hatfield, Herts.

EXETER TENOR RUNG SINGLE-HANDED

Dear Sir,—Would you please allow me, through the columns of "The Ringing World," to congratulate Peter Border, who on Saturday last rang Exeter Cathedral tenor (72½ cwt.) single-handed to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. The ringing was of high standard throughout and was a superb performance by Peter and his fellow back-enders.

The Cathedral ringers are indeed proud to enter yet another outstanding event in the records of performance on Exeter Cathedral bells.—Yours faithfully,

N. MALLETT.

Heavitree, Exeter.

Dear Sir,—As one of some two dozen or more keen listeners, I was privileged to hear what must be one of the greatest achievements in 250 years of change ringing. We heard a magnificent peal of 5,280 changes of Cambridge Exeter Maximus rung on the heavy 12 bells of Exeter Cathedral. Throughout the peal the tenor, Grandison, was placed with great accuracy by Mr. Peter Border single-handed. The whole band worked together well and it is without question the best 12-bell ringing that many of us have heard at Exeter.

Congratulations to the band and to Peter in particular for this worthy historic performance. — Yours sincerely,

FRANK D. MACK.

Exmouth.

RINGING ON HOLY SATURDAY

Dear Sir,—I feel I must join Mr. Caple in the way he has hit out at ringing in Holy Week and especially on Holy Saturday. The Rev. A. S. Roberts has by a rather subtle means tried to say all is well, but I am sure even he would agree that the Collect for Easter Day and thereafter is specifically prohibited from being used on Easter Even, therefore it is obvious in the context of Holy Week that the Church's message of its Risen Lord must not be proclaimed until Easter Day.

Personally, I do think that if, as ringers, we wish to witness—as surely our church bells should be doing—to the Risen Christ, no better way could be found than by a week of silence and then on Easter morning, as early as you like, let the joyous message ring forth as loud and as long as is humanly possible.

In the world of to-day, where God and the Church mean almost nothing to very many people, we should, as ringers, and, I trust, members of the Christian Church, witness in a way which is unmistakable and may indeed have a profound effect on many a wayward soul.—Yours faithfully

R. C. LUCAS (Rev.).

Rumney, Cardiff.

COLLECTION OF DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Derek Jones' letter (page 308), inquiries have been made regarding the printing or duplicating of "The Collection of Doubles Methods" by G. K. Dodd and R. H. Jones. In any case nothing will be done until Part D has been amended. Much information has been received since the publication of "The Collection" and this has to be "sifted." Any information regarding names, composition and callings would be gratefully received.

In "The Collection" Reverse Canterbury with a Plain Bob bob is called Southrepps. To ring Southrepps one starts as for Reverse Canterbury. If the tenor is called observation with this start, the bells will come round before 120 changes have been rung. Starting as for Plain Bob and then ringing Reverse Canterbury, the tenor may be called "observation" to give 120 changes. As written in "The Collection" information regarding the different start is not given—hence the reason for saying that the tenor cannot be called observation.

Southrepps has many other names—e.g., Stoke, Castle. These names refer to Southrepps no matter which bell is called observation. To distinguish (I suppose) the calling with the tenor as observation, the name Cadbury was given to it. Cadbury refers to one particular calling. Many ringers asked me for the composition of Cadbury. It was not another name for Southrepps (as is Castle) but the name of a particular calling. Considering these requests I decided to add the information to "The Collection" in such a position as to make it easy to find—the bottom of the group which referred to the "parent method"—Folke, Tredington (Reverse St. Bartholomew), Thrumpton (Fortune) and Preston (Northrepps) are names given to a particular calling of the "parent method"—the calling of which can be obtained only by having a different start from that of the method whose plain course forms the basis of the method.

Several ringers have asked for information regarding Alvaston and Shardlow. Alvaston is another name for Norfolk, and Shardlow for Broadwas.—Yours sincerely,

ROY H. JONES.

Marston, Oxford.

A BISHOP WHO RANG WITH BERT LANGDON

Dear Sir,—Last December, whilst teaching change ringing at Washington, I was contacted by a secretary at the College of Preachers and informed that Bishop Higgins, of Rhodesia, wished to meet me, and the meeting was arranged in the Cathedral belfry. Bishop Higgins had been "born within the sound of Bow bells." had been taught to ring, and before leaving for America at the age of 16 had rung a peal of Grandsire Triples conducted by the late Herbert Langdon.

Although I had not rung a peal with the late Mr. Langdon, I knew him very well for many years prior to 1939, and the Bishop was amused at a story of how a quarter peal of Stedman Caters for Sunday Evensong at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, had failed. Challis Winney had called the bobs, but he had to "make this all" when the bells failed to come round. Some good-humoured Cockney fun was poked at Challis as we left the tower, with Bert Langdon doing most of the quizzing. Challis—then over 80 years of age—could take no more and, in a violent outburst, silenced his tormentors.

I had promised to convey the Bishop's good wishes to his friend of long ago, but, alas, this was not to be.

Before leaving the belfry the Bishop pulled up, and rang the treble—the first time he had touched a bell for nearly 50 years.

FRED PRICE.

Bournemouth.

CATHEDRAL RECRUITING

Dear Sir,—I would like to comment on the usual method used by Cathedrals in obtaining new members, i.e. (1) using the ability of good ringers moving into the area; (2) using ringers formerly from other local towers. I know well that this method has been applied successfully in some cases; I think, however, I was reasonable to criticise it at Newcastle simply because it was unsuccessful there. The great advantage of it is that if successful it ensures that the ringing at a Cathedral is of a worthy standard.

The disadvantage of (1) is that it relies far too much on chance. Perhaps Newcastle is not so much of a centre as, perhaps, Birmingham, Leicester and London. The disadvantage of (2) is that it annoys any band to have its best member moving to the Cathedral. I believe I am right in saying that the mechanism of removal to the Cathedral has never been at Newcastle what Mr. Ainsworth states; I don't know about other places. Ringers have moved from other towers to Newcastle Cathedral, not as a reward for outstanding services, but simply because they were reasonably able and wanted to be Cathedral ringers.—Yours faithfully,

R. A. YEATES.

Newcastle upon Tyne.

CATHEDRALS SHOULD TRAIN OWN BANDS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Alan Ainsworth invites comments on his remark that Cathedral companies might "honour ringers from other churches in the diocese by inviting them to join the Cathedral band instead of the Cathedral band training its own ringers."

Presumably this would be so as to have their services to ring on Sundays instead of their ringing at their own churches.

This is only another way of poaching ringers, a practice which leads to the depletion of nearby service bands.

No doubt the invitation would only be extended to highly skilled ringers, i.e., the very ones most needed to maintain service ringing at their own church.

It is not just the loss of an odd ringer now and again which would have a detrimental effect on such nearby bands, but the fear that once a ringer reaches a certain standard there is danger of losing him, with the obvious harmful effect on progress.

Except in special circumstances such as a new installation, as at Guildford, where help of neighbouring churches is needed whilst a Cathedral band is trained, Cathedral and major churches should train their own ringers.

Often they are much better placed to do so than are lesser churches.—Yours, etc.,

"FAIRPLAY NEEDED."

HENRY JOHNSON'S BIRTHDAY

Dear Sir,—May I, too, offer congratulations to Derek and Jane Sibson on the birth of their son and heir, Andrew. I should like, however, to point out a discrepancy in the published dates ("Ringing World," May 7th, 1955) of the late Henry Johnson's birth date—March 26th in "Belfry Gossip," and March 28th in the Tottenham peal footnote. As I have always believed that I shared Henry Johnson's birth date, which is February 28th, hoping that in certain quarters I may be forgiven for doing so.—Yours truly,

FRANK E. DARBY.

Croydon.

TRURO GUILD OF RINGERS

The spring festival of the Penzance Branch was held at Madron (8) on May 1st. Over 80 ringers attended, and the service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. D. Cox.

The ladies provided a delicious tea, which was followed by a short business meeting.

Other towers open were Gulval, Ludgvan and Paul. M. C.

A CHESTER RINGING MASTER MARRIED

The wedding took place at Buckley Parish Church on May 8th of Mr. Geoffrey Parting, of Dodleston, Chester, and Ringing Master of the Chester Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild, and Miss Nancy Lloyd, ringer at St. Matthew's Church, Buckley, Flint.

The bells were rung prior to the service, the bridegroom joining in the ringing, and after the service, following the customary firing and Queen's, an attempt for a peal of Grand sire Triples was made by members of the North Wales Association and the Chester Diocesan Guild. Unfortunately this had to be called to a stand after 1½ hours' ringing owing to the indisposition of a member of the band. However, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was afterwards rung to celebrate the happy event by the following: Miss B. A. Carter 1, F. R. Evans 2, B. R. Millward 3, D. E. Collins 4, M. H. Hodgkinson 5, D. H. B. Millward 6, J. W. Griffiths (conductor) 7, J. W. Bull 8.

Prior to leaving the church the bride and bridegroom were photographed in the ringing chamber by the Press and the event received mention in the B.B.C. Welsh News Service.

The ringers were afterwards entertained to tea by the bride's father, and Mr. D. H. B. Millward proposed a toast to the bride and bridegroom for a happy married life.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

After ten years' service as hon. secretary and treasurer of the East Devon Branch, Mr. W. Webb, of Honiton, did not seek re-election at the Branch annual meeting at Honiton on May 8th. He was sincerely thanked by the chairman (Mr. T. Sage) and Mr. K. Clarke. His successor is Mr. R. Woodley. Other elections were: Chairman, Mr. Sage; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Arbury; Ringing Master, Mr. C. Turner. A short talk on Honiton bells was given by the chairman and votes of thanks were passed to the curate, who conducted the service, and the organist.

Next annual meeting: Sidmouth, May 14th, 1966; quarterly meeting, Hemyock, October 9th.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Twelve towers accepted the invitation of the Barnsley District Society to meet at Kirkheaton on May 8th. At the business meeting, with Mr. Noel F. Moxon in the chair, it was agreed that the Ringing Festival at Wakefield on June 12th of the Joint Council of the Yorkshire Association should take the place of the next meeting. Other fixtures: Outing, June 26th (names to Mr. C. Moxon); Shield Contest, July 10th.

Mr. B. Senior, on behalf of local ringers, welcomed the Society; they also provided cups of tea.

CAMBRIDGE MAXIMUS AT EXETER

MAY 8th is a date already established in history as a day associated with victory, and the 20th anniversary of the ending of the war in Europe saw another conquest which has made ringing history, namely, the ringing of the first peal on the bells of Exeter Cathedral, in which the tenor bell was turned in "single-handed." Only once previously has the bell been rung by one man, and that was to a peal of Stedman Caters, with William Pye on the tenor, when the bells were a ring of ten.

The band, drawn from many parts of the country, met at the Cathedral at 3.30 p.m., and set about raising the bells. "Grandison," the 72½ cwt. tenor, was pulled up by four men, and the strap-ropes were duly removed. After some trial rounds and the adjustment of ropes, the bells went off into Cambridge Maximus at 4 p.m. A steady beat was established straight away at just under 20 changes per minute, and the first course-end came up 28 minutes later. With the prospect of some four hours' ringing ahead, the band settled down to enjoy these magnificent bells, and the peal was successfully accomplished in 4 hours and 26 minutes.

A number of ringers were listening outside all through the peal, some having come quite considerable distances, and any comment on the quality of the ringing is best left to them, but as one who was privileged to be inside the tower may I say that at no time during the peal was there any outward indication that Peter Border would not complete the length. He showed complete mastery over the bell from start to finish, and evidence of this exists in a tape-recording made by J. R. Taylor, of Bristol.

In conclusion may I, on behalf of Mr. Wilfred Williams, who organised the attempt, and also on behalf of the rest of the band, thank Mr. Fred Wreford, the Cathedral Ringing Master, for having everything ready for us on arrival, and also say a word of thanks to those kind ringers who came into the tower at the end of the ringing and assisted with the lowering of the bells.

R. O. F.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD West Dorset Branch

The newly-appointed Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Fidler, gave a warm welcome to the West Dorset Branch when they met at Burton Bradstock on April 24th. Following the service, three lady members provided an excellent meal in the Reading Room.

Two members—Messrs. George Whitmore (Lyme Regis) and Tom Gunning (Beaminster)—were proposed for honorary life ringing membership.

Next meeting: Evershot with Melbury Osmond, June 26th. Practice meetings: Whitchurch Canonorum, May 24th; Hawkchurch, June 9th; Beaminster, June 22nd.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE H. CROSS

An outstanding personality in the Exercise, Mr. George H. Cross, died peacefully at his home at Pinney's Cottage, Chardstock, Axminster, Devon, on May 10th, after a long illness. He was 71 years of age. A Norfolk man, Mr. Cross spent much of his life in the London area before retiring to Devon in 1954.

He learned to ring at the Church of St. John-de-Sepulchre, Norwich, a city which has given many noted men to ringing, including the late Mr. J. A. Trollope. Before leaving Norwich he was Master of the famous 12-bell tower at St. Peter Mancroft.

Coming to London in the 1920's, Mr. Cross joined the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths in 1927, he being then Master of the St. Clement Danes' Youths. In 1936 he was elected to the Mastership of the Cumberlands and he held this office for 17 years, there being a break of only one year. His ability and leadership attracted many well-known ringers to St. Martin-in-the-Fields. When he retired from the Mastership in 1954, members presented him with a silver salver, the presentation being made by Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, the senior steward, who succeeded him as Master. Mr. Cross presented to the Society his copies of "The Ringing World" from 1928 to 1953, which were specially bound.

Mr. Cross gave long service to the Central Council, being first elected as representative of St. Clement's Youths in 1929 and serving for five years. With the Mastership of the Cumberlands he represented that body from 1935 to 1955. For many years he lived at Barneshurst, Kent, and he served the Kent County Association for a time as auditor.

His peals numbered over 600 and he was a conductor of note. To his memory are a number of compositions. In 1946 he took part in a programme of ringing presented by the B.B.C. His severance from London ringing on his retirement was keenly felt by his many friends. In the West Country he attended several ringing meetings, with the late Prebendary E. V. Cox.

The sympathy of the Exercise is extended to his widow, Marjorie, who has rung some 80 peals, and to his son and two daughters.

The funeral service was at Chardstock last Saturday afternoon.

MR. JOHN JEYNES

With sorrow, the ringers of Christ Church, Ebbw Vale, record the death of their oldest ringer, Mr. John Jeynes, on April 20th, at 86 years of age.

He came from Lynton, Herefordshire and was affectionately known as the "father of the ringers." A most faithful and regular churchgoer, he had been a member of the local band ever since the installation of the bells. He had rung many quarter peals. Very quiet and sincere, Mr. Jeynes was respected by young and old alike and will be greatly missed in the tower.

On the Sunday following his death a half-muffled quarter peal was unfortunately unsuccessful. His grandson was on the treble attempting his first quarter.

A. B.

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Canon Cox Remembered at Salisbury Festival

THE annual general meeting and festival of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Sherborne, Dorset, on May 8th and attracted a good attendance. Lying almost at the centre of the large Salisbury Diocese, it provided a most convenient meeting place, and members were present from practically all the branches. Some 25 towers in and around Sherborne, in the North Dorset Branch, were open for ringing and full use was made of the opportunities during the permitted hours.

The meeting was at St. Aldhelm's C. of E. School, the Rev. R. Longridge (Master of the Guild) presiding. Supporting him were Mr. W. C. West (hon. secretary), Mr. F. Slatford (assistant hon. secretary), Mr. McCormick (chairman of the Sherborne U.D.C.) and the Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore (chairman of the North Dorset Branch). Opening the proceedings, the Master welcomed the chairman of the District Council, who in his turn extended a warm and sincere welcome to Sherborne on behalf of the town. A similar welcome was also given by the Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore.

After the confirmation of the minutes, Mr. West submitted his annual report and statement of accounts. The former noted the regretted loss of Mr. R. H. Duke, who had resigned as hon. secretary of the Dorchester Branch after many years of devoted service, and welcomed Mr. John Slade in his place. The biggest blow to the Guild had been the passing of the revered figure of Canon C. C. Cox, for 21 years Master of the Guild and latterly its president. Several peals had been rung to his memory with, by express wish, the bells left open.

An increased balance in hand of £7 12s. 6d. on the year's working was noted with satisfaction, and the secretary's action in realising £100 of 3½ per cent. Bonds and re-investing at 5 per cent. was unanimously approved. The report and accounts were accepted nem. con.

A moving tribute to the late Canon Cox was given by the Master and all stood in silence for a brief space. It seemed as if the benign presence and spirit of the late president hovered over the meeting and indeed the feeling persisted throughout the day. Others remembered who had passed away during the year were Messrs. F. R. Haines, J. Goddard, C. Perry, E. Mould and S. G. Pound.

A résumé of Branch activities was given by the Master, and the elections followed. These resulted in the Rev. R. Longridge being unanimously re-elected as Master, Mr. W. C. West as hon. secretary, Mr. F. Slatford as assistant hon. secretary and Mr. C. F. Andrews and Mr. J. S. Weeks as auditors. Mr. W. C. West expressed a wish not to stand for the Central Council again after 21 years' membership, and the Rev.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Despite inclement weather, the quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch at Mulbarton was well attended; the service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. C. J. H. Sanderson. Messrs. C. H. and L. Kiddle, the Rev. H. M. A. Crawshaw (Garveston), Messrs. D. R. Staveley (Thurton), H. Tinsey (Wramplingham), A. B. Warnes, F. Draper, A. Cator, (Mulbarton), Paul S. Royd-Jones, Jonathan A. Royd-Jones, W. Sawyer (Gresham School) were elected members.

The president (Mr. Nolan Golden) asked members to consider the possibility of a week-end ringing course at Morley College some time during 1966. He also congratulated Mr. C. Moore, who has completed 30 years as Ringing Master at Hethersett.

The chairman (Mr. G. Sayer) thanked the Rector, Mrs. Valiant for playing the organ, the Adcock family and all who provided and assisted with the tea.

Roger Keeley was unanimously chosen in his stead. The other representatives are Messrs. G. Harding, G. S. Morris and J. T. Barrett. Mr. A. North, Mr. E. P. Bailey, Mr. A. Winters, Mr. A. Tom Gunning, Mr. W. Hart and Mr. V. C. Perrett were elected life members with acclamation.

The resignation of the Guild librarian, the Rev. W. Uphill, was received with regret, and tribute was paid to his past services. Mr. R. Longridge, of Okeford Fitzpaine, Dorset, is his successor.

A grant of £15 was made to the Wootton Bassett tower in aid of its restoration plans, and a useful and businesslike meeting concluded.

The festival service was held in the famous Abbey Church, conducted by the Vicar, Canon T. B. Wingfield-Digby. A service touch of Stedman Triples was rung by: E. C. Shepherd 1, G. W. Harding 2, E. W. J. Harding 3, D. Nibbs 4, H. G. Keeley 5, N. J. Knee 6, Rev. R. Keeley 7, J. Marlowe 8. During the service a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by H. G. Keeley 1-2, C. W. Powell 3-4, G. S. Morris 5-6, E. C. Shepherd 7-8, Mrs. C. W. Powell 9-10.

An eloquent address was given by the Archdeacon of Sherborne (the Ven. David R. Maddock, M.A.), tracing the mention of bells from earliest times.

Two hymns written by Canon Cox for the Guild were sung and also one which was especially requested at his funeral, but which unfortunately had to be omitted at that time. This was "Immortal, invisible, God only wise."

A bountiful meat tea was thoroughly enjoyed in St. Aldhelm's School at 5.30 p.m., at which over 100 sat down, and ringing was then resumed until 9 p.m. W. A. E.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Rochester District

A HANDSOME silver cup has been given by Mr E. J. Beer for a competition for Sunday service ringing in the Rochester District to be held later in the year at Rodmersham. At the District's quarterly meeting at Ash-by-Wrotham on April 24th, details of the competition were announced by Mr. George Butcher, and Mr. Beer was thanked for his kind gift by Mr. L. Mitchell and Mr. G. Butcher. Seven new members were elected and there was a discussion on the holding of annual meetings of the Kent County Association on Easter Monday.

Mr. L. Mitchell proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector (the Rev. S. W. Baker) for conducting the service and presiding at the meeting, the organist (Miss C. Meadway), to Mr. J. V. Muller (captain of Ash) and the ladies for providing tea.

Ringing was under the direction of Mr. L. Crouch, District Ringing Master, and a course of Grandsire Cinques was rung "in hand" after tea.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION Northern District

Cup Final fever caused a later start than usual for the monthly evening meeting, which was held at Walkern, the first time for many years, on May 1st. Despite showery conditions, a good crowd gathered to sample the rather quiet six, and experts and learners alike were able to satisfy their demands before the evening ended in the usual way.

We in the Northern District would like to thank the president of our Association, who travelled a fairly large mileage to be with us, and we look forward to seeing him at our other meetings throughout the year. J. K. O.

THE HEREFORD RINGING COURSE

WARM springlike weather greeted ringers arriving in Hereford on the evening of St. George's Day for the third week-end Ringing Course to be held at The Training College until the afternoon of Sunday, April 25th. The course was organised by and under the direction of Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton, a vice-president of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, and the instructors were Mr. Michael Hatchett, Mr. F. Sharpe and Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson. Mr. Austin T. Wingate was responsible for the local arrangements.

Hereford is fortunate in having a number of energetic teenagers who have attended the previous courses. They seem to grow noisier with each successive course, but they, together with founder members from other Associations, do much to assist newcomers to settle down quickly. The amenities of the College and the excellence of the food were superb, in fact some people were heard to remark that there was too much time spent in eating and drinking!

who have attended courses at Hereford. He commenced on Friday evening with a lecture which was illustrated with slides, on bells, and, in particular, Hereford bells. He is at present engaged on a survey of the Herefordshire towers and he very soon had his audience wishing they had been able to accompany him on some of the visits to the more interesting places he described. Only one-fifth of the towers have been visited as yet, but already it is apparent that Herefordshire is unique in the number of old and interesting bells it possesses. A 13th century bell which formerly hung in a church at Brockhampton was on view, and a Sanctus bell cast by a local Hereford founder, John Finch, in 1629.

AN AMERICAN BEGINNER

One of the enrolment forms received was endorsed: "I am a beginner." No one realised just how much a beginner until after the first practical session. However, local

resources proved equal to the occasion, and Mrs. Asta Almond became the first American to learn to handle a bell at Hereford Cathedral. Before the course ended she was able to attempt her first rounds.

Last year suggestions were put forward for a complete group on tune ringing, but as so often happens only one application was received, and this was not from any of the people who had made the request. However, sufficient volunteers were forthcoming and Mr. Sharpe was able to achieve a certain amount of success with this group.

The progress made by the Hereford teenagers can be judged from these courses. This year they were in the advanced group, and their instructor was Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson, who dealt with Surprise Major and gave an introductory talk on ten-bell ringing. The beginners were under the care of Mr. Michael Hatchett. Practical sessions were held at the Cathedral, three eight-bell and five six-bell towers, and Sunday service ringing took place at the Cathedral and All Saints'.

Was it worth it? This is probably best answered by repeating one of the last questions asked before farewells were said—"Will there be another course next year?" Once again 40 people had met together bound in their common interest in ringing. They had worked together, discussed their own particular difficulties, exchanged views about bells in their own towers, listened to others who were talking about their own bells, and about ringers and ringing in its many forms. All had made new friends during the week-end in Hereford, many of them will no doubt return in the future, all will be welcomed if they do. All of them would be returning with at least some of their problems solved, and better equipped to meet future problems.

Thanks must be expressed to the instructors for the careful attention and patience shown to all. The Hereford Ringing Course, 1965, is now a memory, but already thoughts are turning to the course for 1966. G. T. C.

Surrey Association Honour Mr. F. E. Collins

MAY DAY is an important date in the year for many an organisation, not least the above Association. Although the weather still reminded one of the previous month, many ringers converged on Reigate, mostly from Kingswood and Redhill, whose towers were open before the service which was to be held at St. Mary Magdalene's, Reigate. The Association service was conducted by the Rev. N. J. Stowe, the theme of whose address being "The Message of the Ropes." He showed how ropes were associated with three things in the Bible—repentance, rebuke and release from sin. The organ was played by Mr. Harding. Tea was taken by the company of about 100 members in the recently completed Church Hall opposite. Mr. A. P. Cannon, the Master, presided at the meeting.

Mr. J. W. Parrott, the secretary, presented the report, stating: "1964 was a year of steady progress, for which we are grateful to all who have made it possible. The year brought distinction to the Association in two ways. Our Master, Mr. A. P. Cannon, rang his 1,000th peal, and we extend to him our congratulations on this unique achievement in joining the select band. There are few ringers who ask for and receive as much leg-pulling as our Master and we tend to overlook the sterling work he does in encouraging young ringers. Perhaps only Ernest Morris of the four-figure peal ringers has had as many first peal ringers in his peal. A 1,000th peal is a great occasion, so is a first peal!"

The secretary had been elected to the Biographies Committee of the Central Council. In 1964 Mr. F. E. Collins retired as Northern District Master after serving in that capacity since 1945 apart from the three years he served as General Master. He had also represented the Association on the Central Council since 1945 and had served on its Towers and Belfries Committee since 1952.

HIGH TURNOVER OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership had increased during the year and stood at 381, chiefly due to an increase in the Southern District. The turnover of members remained high, nearly 25 per cent., but this was perhaps inevitable with the very large number of young people in the Exercise. Only one member died during the year, and they paid their respects to Mrs. Norah Shorter of Walton. Truly a pioneer of ladies' rights to become ringers and a stalwart for the Association, she served as secretary of the former Western District.

Another increase was reported in the peal total for the year. All 48 were on tower bells but five were rung outside the county. The total was made up as follows: Cinques 1, Royal 4, Caters 6, Major 15, Triples 5, Minor 15 and Doubles 2; 137 ringers took part, of whom 73 were resident members. There were 16 first-pealers, and they congratulated Miss J. Geiringer, K. Game, A. R. Millidge and W. J. Muntin on calling their first peals.

Quarter peals showed a small decrease but the total was still high at 192 in 31 towers. They welcomed Battersea to their list of towers with members and wished Mr. R. Cooles every success in his efforts there. They were sorry to report that ringing at the two Wandsworth towers had stopped, which put an end, for the time being, to the excellent work done there by Mr. M. Uphill. Benhilton and Betchworth were out of action and Kingston was planning a major overhaul. Merstham had been augmented to eight.

Mrs. M. V. Chilcott presented the treasurer's report. She stated that 1964 had been a successful year. The accounts were in a healthy state and the Belfry Repair Fund now stood at £203 4s. 2d. Leatherhead had been granted £20 towards the restoration of their bells.

After the election of 17 resident and non-resident ringing members the Master (Mr. A. P. Cannon) proposed Mr. F. E. Collins as

a vice-president of the Association in honour of the many years he had served them as an officer and representative. This received unanimous approval. The Master then invited Mr. Collins to take the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

In taking his new place, Mr. Collins thanked the members for their kind gesture. General officers for 1965 were elected as follows:—Master, F. E. Collins; honorary secretary, W. Parrott; assistant secretary, A. G. Clark; hon. treasurer, Mrs. K. E. Chilcott; auditor, M. V. Chilcott; liaison officer to Guildford Guild, F. E. Collins. The election of the three members to be the Central Council representatives for the 1966-69 session provided some excitement. The first ballot placed Mr. A. P. Cannon and Mr. W. Parrott at the top, but the third member had to be agreed after a second ballot, there being a dead heat for the third place. He was Mr. Alan Streeter.

The chairman proposed that the 1966 annual general meeting be held at St. John's, Croydon, it being his last year in the county. The meeting unanimously adopted Mr. Collins' proposal.

MORAL STAND

Mr. F. H. Cook proposed "that a selection of ringers' prayers be composed, printed, and circulated to towers, and that tower captains be requested to read one before or during service ringing." His proposal was seconded by Mr. G. West. Mr. A. Patterson objected, regarding the matter as one for the tower captains' discretion, not the Association's. Mr. W. Parrott replied that it was the Association's duty to take a moral stand. "We should lead, and not follow others like sheep," he said. The motion was carried.

There was unanimous approval to a motion by Mr. G. West making the proposer of a new member responsible for the initial subscription.

Mr. W. Parrott proposed that "no peal shall be recorded as being rung for the Association unless all members of the band were properly elected members of the Association at the commencement of the peal. The conductor of the peal shall send to the general secretary of the Association within two weeks of the ringing of a peal for the Association the same information as is sent for publication to 'The Ringing World.'" Where a composition was rung for the first time the details should also be sent to the general secretary.

Under any other business the secretary stated that Mr. D. West had resigned his post as Association librarian. The committee thanked him for his services and nominated Mr. K. Game in his place. The library remained at St. John's, Redhill. It was proposed to send a list of all books in the library to every tower, and he appealed to members to help bring it up to date by donating new publications and thereby leave their names for posterity. Mr. W. F. Oatway had once again kindly presented a 1964 bound copy of "The Ringing World."

Mr. R. Davies asked about the writing up of the peal books. The hon. secretary replied that Mr. Leyton was now working on 1951 and was progressing steadily. Mr. A. Streeter suggested that in view of the duplicator having to be hired at a cost of over £5, one should be purchased. The matter was referred to the committee. Mr. F. E. Darby asked about the possibility of instituting a peal secretary. This was heartily endorsed by Mr. Parrott, and here again the chairman asked if the committee might decide on this. The meeting agreed.

The collection for the Belfry Repair Fund amounted to the record figure of £5 11s. 7d. The chairman then formally moved thanks to all who had helped make the annual general meeting most successful. He especially thanked Mr. and Mrs. Streeter and their helpers for the glorious tea, and all members of the Southern District for their hospitality.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Harry Gaylord, of Yeovil, Somerset, has now rung the Stedman family from Doubles to Cinques.

Messrs. Taylors, of Loughborough, have promised to repair the damage of the bell frame at St. Peter Mancroft before the end of the year, and to have the 12 ringing again.

Mr. Bert Gogle, of Norwich, entered the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital and has had the operation on one of his eyes. We wish him well.

The band who rang the quarter peal on April 22nd at Melbourn, Cambs, would like to thank Miss J. Sanderson for standing in at five minutes' notice.

Mr. James R. Lawson, carillonneur of the Riverside Church, New York, is giving regular recitals at the New York World Fair on the Belgian village carillon containing 41 bells cast in Holland by Eijsbouts Foundry.

Mr. Edwin Barnett writes: "I realise that with advancing years one's memory tends to become less reliable, but surely I am right in thinking that Henry Johnson's birthday (see page 312) is February 29th, not March 26th."

Corrections: The weight of the tenor at Tenterden is 27 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D (page 315). First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major at Erith was on July 8th, 1955 (page 315). Mr. T. E. Sone writes: "My old friends Bert and Fred were also in it."

Mr. J. A. G. Ball, of Fareham, Hants, has been at Greenwich Naval College for five years and has been a great help to the local band. He will be leaving shortly, and was glad to have the opportunity of ringing in a peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Alfege's Church on May 8th.

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GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL DEDICATION

The dedication of the ten bells at Guildford Cathedral took place last Monday evening, the Bishop of Guildford (the Rt. Rev. G. Reindorp) officiating in an impressive ceremony. The tone and "go" of the bells received many favourable comments and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have made a most satisfactory job. Appropriately, Mr. Harry Parks, who hung the bells at Washington Cathedral, hung these bells with Mr. Lewry; they are of the same weight as the well-known American ring and came off the same drawing board.

After the dedication the opening touch of Stedman Caters was rung by a band selected from the four Districts of the Guild, consisting of H. N. Pitstow (Banstead, head ringer at Westminster Abbey) 1, C. W. Denyer (Farnham, vice-president of the Guild) 2, F. W. Housden (Shalford, Guild librarian) 3, S. G. Ponting (Milford, Central Council representative) 4, C. W. Munday (Ewell, Guild secretary) 5, T. Page (Aldershot, Master Farnham District) 6, D. A. R. May (Old Woking, Master of Guild) 7, F. E. Hawthorne (Thames Ditton, Master, Chertsey District) 8, C. H. Kippin (Farnborough, Guild treasurer) 9, R. G. Collins (Chobham, secretary Chertsey District) tenor. The Master conducted.

An open day will be held next Saturday, May 22nd, from 11 a.m. until 5.45 p.m.
A peal attempt will take place on Sunday, May 30th.

CELEBRATING THE FESTIVAL

The Cecil Arms public house at St. Stephens-by-Saltash, Cornwall, was granted its first all-day drinking licence for an open bellringing festival on May 8th.

Fourteen teams of ringers competed. The Botus Fleming team had what the organiser, Mr. L. G. Hodge, called "the highest standard of ringing for many a year," and gained top honours with the Morval and Lansallos teams in second and third places.

Before the festival a service was conducted in the church by the Vicar, the Rev. S. A. R. Guest.

TOM MYERS IS PEAL RINGING AGAIN

The band which rang the peal at St. Germans would like to welcome Mr. Tom Myers back to the peal columns after an absence of 19 months due to his long illness. We hope it will be the first of many similar peals.

We would also like to associate the peal with Harry and Rene Stacey, who were celebrating their 20th wedding anniversary on that day.

NOT A SILENT EASTER

The report of "The East Anglian Daily Times" that the bells of Great Hallingbury, Essex, were silent this Easter is incorrect (page 312). Mr. Douglas R. Hutley, of Carfield Lodge, Hadham Road, Bishop's Stortford, writes refuting this. His letter states: "I have been a ringer at St. Giles' Church, Great Hallingbury, for 38 years and can assure 'The East Anglian Daily Times' that the bells were rung for the evening Easter service by two ringers from St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, one from St. Mary's, Stansted, my wife and myself. After the service, Canon Grant, Vicar, shook hands and thanked us for a very good half-hour's ringing!"

ASPIRATIONS

Gone are the days when plain methods sufficed,

My thoughts are of Cambridge, or Surfleet, or Spliced;

I ring endless courses of Kent in my head, And work out the bobs and the places in bed;

To ring Double Norwich I keenly aspire, A short touch of London's my earnest desire;

I fancy conducting a Stedman six-score, I fancy conducting a few methods more;

In spite of all this I repeatedly find That when ringing Bob Doubles I'm dodging behind;

Or at a plain lead causing chaos and din, By omitting the 3-4 and running straight in!

Yet gone are the days when plain methods sufficed;

My thoughts are of Cambridge, or Surfleet, or Spliced.

E. M. B.

A GOOD EASTER TOUR

The highlight of Mr. J. Martin-Thorley's Easter peal tour, which included successes of four peals for the Lincoln Guild, three for the Peterborough Guild and one for the Yorkshire Association, was a peal rung silent and non-conducted at Deeping St. Nicholas. Of this peal he writes: "I can vouch for the correctness of the silent peal—all the bobs and singles were made correctly. No indication was made to any ringer and the only word spoken was 'Go' by the treble ringer, the bells being lowered immediately after the last extent." The peal was one of Minor in seven methods.

WILLIAM HODGE

When asked to write a short epitaph in verse, a schoolboy ringer of St. Albans produced the following (no reference is intended to any ringer known to himself or otherwise):

Here lies the body of William Hodge Who, whilst ringing Grandsire, forgot to dodge.

He felt so ashamed that, when they "came round,"

He quietly collapsed and fell to the ground.

L. B.

MR. E. C. THRALE

Mr. Ernest H. Masten, of Downham Market, sends us the following tribute to Mr. E. C. Thrale:

"The foundation of my ringing career was well and truly laid when I joined the Newark-on-Trent band as a probationer in 1924. My rapid progress and enthusiasm was almost entirely due to the patience of Ted Thrale.

"From struggling with Grandsire Doubles to Stedman Caters was achieved in a very short time, and for two years I was able to appreciate ringing with a band of ringers for whom only the best was good enough. Thanks, Ted."

ALAN PEAL

Grateful thanks are due to Alan W. Payne, from Over, Cambs, who stood in the "Alan" peal at St. Clement's, Ipswich, at the last minute. This was intended to be an all-Suffolk residents' peal.

NORTH TIDWORTH BELLS

The sympathy of Hampshire ringers goes out to Sergeant Julian Smith, stationed at Tidworth, Wilts, who, previous to the induction of a new incumbent, had worked to put the bells in ringable condition so that they could be rung at the induction service last November.

On October 21st six ringers from Longparish and Highclere received permission from Dr. Oliver, priest-in-charge, to oil the bells and fit a new treble rope, after which the bells were raised for the first time this century and rung for an hour, the rope circle falling 1, 3, 2, 4, 5

The "go" was quite good considering the long years of silence; however, it has since transpired that a week previous to the service, on the architect's advice, the bells were regarded as unsafe and can be chimed only. This, of course, the ringers dispute.

The present Rector and churchwardens will not allow any ringing, so it appears that all Sgt. Smith's work was in vain and the bells will probably remain unringable once again for another 50 years. G. D.

FAN WORSHIP

The report of the third week-end course at Hereford contains this cryptic reference: "The popularity of a certain instructor who was engaged elsewhere was responsible for the Leighton Buzzard party being reduced to half of the usual strength. This has, however, been duly noted and it is hoped that he will be available at Hereford next year."

ROPE FEE AT ROTHERHAM

At the last annual meeting of the Rotherham Parish Church ringers, in agreement with the Vicar and churchwardens, it was decided that a rope fee of 2s. per ringer would be payable for peal attempts. This could be waived in special circumstances. We also acknowledge from this tower a donation of two guineas towards "The Ringing World" funds. There is evidently at Rotherham the spirit of giving and not just receiving all the blessings that come our way.

5,040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Submitted by Edward F. P. Bryant,
Brockley, S.E.4.

First six parts	Last six parts
234567	235476
342675—2	642357 3
753642—1	256734—4
657342 5	472563—3
426357—1	574263—5
574326—1	275463—5
375426—5	632475—1
(x) 263475—1	326754—2
372546—4	(x) 473265—3
243657—4	734652—2
	637452—5
	246375—3

Both to be repeated five times, omitting bobs at (x) in alternate parts.

Holt's Bob Single at end of sixth and twelfth parts.

MR. J. MARTIN THORLEY'S EASTER TOUR

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

EDENHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

Roger D. Bailey Treble	Gerald W. Reynolds .. 5
Derek J. Jones 2	Edwin T. Chapman .. 6
William A. Holmes .. 3	Alan G. Payne 7
Keith R. Davey 4	J. Martin Thorley Tenor

Composed by F. A. Holden.

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

BILLINGBOROUGH, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

Derek J. Jones Treble	Gerald W. Reynolds .. 5
Keith R. Davey 2	Frank Taylor 6
Edwin T. Chapman .. 3	Roger D. Bailey 7
Alan G. Payne 4	J. Martin Thorley Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

WHISSENDINE, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Thurs., April 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Being one extent each of London, York, Norwich, Primrose, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.	
Derek J. Jones Treble	Roger D. Bailey 4
*Kenneth B. Sissons .. 2	J. Martin Thorley 5
Keith R. Davey 3	David R. Baxter Tenor

Conducted by David R. Baxter.

* First peal of Surprise Minor in seven methods.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Fri., April 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Cambridge, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.	Tenor 6½ cwt.
Roger D. Bailey Treble	David R. Baxter 4
Kenneth B. Sissons .. 2	*J. Martin Thorley 5
Derek J. Jones 3	Keith R. Davey Tenor

Rung silent and non-conducted.

* "Completes circle" for second time.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

GLASTON, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Tues., April 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Cambridge, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.	Tenor 7½ cwt.
Gerald W. Reynolds .. Treble	Roger D. Bailey 4
*Robert C. Woodward .. 2	Derek J. Jones 5
Keith R. Davey 3	J. Martin Thorley Tenor

Conducted by Derek J. Jones.

* First peal in seven methods.

PRESTON, Rutland.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Tues., April 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Cambridge, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob—seven different callings.	Tenor 10½ cwt.
*Keith R. Davey Treble	*J. Martin Thorley 4
Derek J. Jones 2	Gerald W. Reynolds .. 5
Roger D. Bailey 3	E. Alan Jacques Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* 50th peal together. First in seven methods on the bells.

GREETHAM, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., April 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Double Court and Single Court, (2) Oxford and Kent, (3) Beverley and Surfleet, (4) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (5) Hereward and Single Oxford, (6) Thelwall and Childwall and (7) Double Bob and Plain Bob—seven different callings, 42 changes of method.	Tenor 10½ cwt.
Kenneth B. Sissons .. Treble	Derek J. Jones 4
J. Martin Thorley .. 2	David R. Baxter 5
Keith R. Davey 3	Roger D. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOMERBY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., April 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 Plain methods: (1) Double Court and Single Court, (2) Thelwall, Childwall and Fulbeck, (3) Double Oxford and Double Bob, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Hereward, (6) Single Oxford and (7) Plain Bob.	Tenor 11½ cwt.
Kenneth B. Sissons .. Treble	Derek J. Jones 4
J. Martin Thorley .. 2	Roger D. Bailey 5
Keith R. Davey 3	David R. Baxter Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

HENFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.	
William Hibbert .. Treble	Dennis Randall 5
Brooke K. Lunn 2	James Phillips 6
John Phillips 3	Michael V. Chilcott .. 7
John H. Crampton .. 4	Roger F. Overington .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael V. Chilcott.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

YEOVIL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 3 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CLIFTON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C.

Claudia A. Critchley .. Treble	Dennis Knox 6
Joan Beresford 2	Thomas J. Lock 7
G. William Critchley .. 3	Dennis Beresford 8
John Hill 4	Frank C. Price 9
Brian Bladon 5	John R. Mayne Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

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

BARTON ST. DAVID, Somerset.—At the Church of St. David.

On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 15 callings.	Tenor 10 cwt.
George Prescott .. Treble	†Francis J. White 4
Victor G. Roberts .. 2	*Harry J. Gaylord .. 5
*Albert T. Harris .. 3	William A. Prescott .. Tenor

Conducted by William A. Prescott.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First of Stedman "inside" First peal on the bells since augmented to six.

Rung for the 90th birthday of Mrs. Plumley, of Barton St. David.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, Bath, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods: two extents Plain Bob, 14 extents Reverse St. Bartholomew and 22 extents and two of 240 Grandsire.	Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.
*John H. Thompson .. Treble	Alan F. Lee 4
*Shirley A. Cox 2	*Ian P. Cox 5
*Robin L. Coles 3	*Percival R. Young .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

* First in three methods.

Rung as a welcome to Karen Susan Lee, born May 2nd, 1965.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

P. M. Wilkinson (Selwyn) Treble	K. J. Triplow (Selwyn) 5
*J. M. H. Hunter (Trin.) 2	K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's.) 6
F. C. Hobson (John's) 3	C. M. Press (King's) .. 7
J. A. Harrison (Sidney) 4	*C. H. Rogers (Emman.) Tenor

Composed by Hadley Hunter.

Conducted by K. J. Darvill.

* 50th peal together. First in the method for all.

THE GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS.

GREASLEY, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., April 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Canon K. W. H. Felstead Treble	Rev. J. B. T. Homfray .. 5
Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith .. 2	Rev. C. J. B. Marshall .. 6
Rev. R. Keeley 3	Canon A. G. G. Thurlow .. 7
Rev. E. B. Wood 4	Rev. R. O. Fry Tenor

Composed by Ernest Morris.

Conducted by Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith.

In memoriam Canon Charles Carew Cox, late President of the Guild.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.

On Thurs., April 22, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Frederick W. Stone .. Treble	David W. Parkin 6
Gordon A. Halls 2	George Roobottom .. 7
Joseph C. Woolley .. 3	Alan Taylor 8
David W. Friend 4	Harold Taylor 9
Trevor Taylor 5	*Clive Thrower Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd.

Conducted by David W. Friend.

* First peal. Gordon Halls has now "circled the tower" to peals. In memoriam Miss Elizabeth Foulk, for many years a ringer at this church.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ASHOVER, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.	
Geoffrey Gardner <i>Treble</i>	Neil Lomas 5
Sidney Hough 2	Alex Richardson 6
Allen Twyman 3	Denis Mottershead 7
Peter Wycherley 4	John Robinson <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
 A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Richardson.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
EXETER, Devon.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 4 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B flat.	
Wilfred Williams <i>Treble</i>	John S. Mason 7
Tudor P. Edwards 2	Ralph G. Edwards 8
Ronald F. Diserens 3	George E. Thoday 9
John C. Eisel 4	Rev. Roger O. Fry 10
Frederick R. Shallcross 5	John A. Anderson 11
Kenneth J. Hesketh 6	Peter Border <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
 First peal on the twelve with the tenor rung single-handed.

ST. GERMAN'S, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Germanus.
On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F.	
Margaret A. Bould <i>Treble</i>	H. Frederick Myers 5
Frederick Sangwin 2	*Denis F. Wheeler 6
Thomas G. Myers 3	Harry Stacey 7
Edgar Nunn 4	D. Roy Bould <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. Parker. Conducted by D. Roy Bould.
 * First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.
 To commemorate the 250th anniversary of the first peal ever rung.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
WATLINGTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.	
A. Keith Phillips <i>Treble</i>	Thomas R. Bush 4
M. Roland Reed 2	Ernest H. Mastin 5
Graham Knight 3	Graham J. Mann <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by Ernest H. Mastin.
 An 81st birthday compliment to Edward Barker, who has for over 60 years served Shouldham Church as bellringer, verger and churchwarden.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
WALTHAM ABBEY, Essex.—At the Church of the Holy Cross and St. Lawrence.

On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5081 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in C.	
Donald E. Cobb <i>Treble</i>	Michael C. Austin 7
R. George Morris 2	Frank W. Lewis 8
Frederick W. Ellis 3	John C. Slater 9
M. Roger Ashmore 4	George E. Evenden 10
Dennis A. Hewitt 5	Robert J. Chapman 11
Dennis Ellisdon 6	David Beacham <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Donald E. Cobb.
 Rung to mark the 905th anniversary of the consecration of the Abbey Church.

COLCHESTER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 7 lb. in E.	
Frank G. Oliver <i>Treble</i>	*Harry J. Millatt 5
*Edward P. Duffield 2	*Philip G. Erith 6
Nicholas J. Davies 3	Alan R. Andrews 7
Edward F. P. Bryant 4	James L. Towler <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.
 * First peal in the method. The ringer of the fifth has now "circled the tower" to peals.

GREAT WALTHAM, Essex.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence
On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22½ cwt.	
Ian V. Foster <i>Treble</i>	†James L. Towler 5
Dennis A. S. Symonds 2	Philip J. Rothera 6
*†Peter G. Brown 3	Ian R. Panton 7
*Michael J. Cowling 4	Alfred J. House <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Alfred J. House.
 * First peal in method. † 25th peal together.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Redcliffe.
On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 4 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B.	
Jack L. Millhouse <i>Treble</i>	Stanley Jenner 7
Raymond E. Finch 2	Colin A. Tester 8
Olive D. Tester 3	Philip M. J. Gray 9
*Ann Jenner 4	Geoffrey Paul 10
D. John Hunt 5	Thomas H. Francis 11
Geoffrey R. Parker 6	Frank E. Darby <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
 * First peal on twelve bells.

CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.	
Valerie Willard <i>Treble</i>	*Peter Clarkson 6
William A. Farmer 2	*Leonard Edwards 7
Peter Baker 3	Cyril A. Wratten 8
Ivor Goulter 4	Peter T. Hurcombe 9
*Charles T. Burrige 5	Victor Griffin <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. W. Debenham. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
 * First peal of Royal.

BRISTOL.—At Christ Church with St. Ewen.
On Mon., May 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SWINDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt.	
Richard J. Bowden <i>Treble</i>	Bernard G. North 6
D. John Hunt 2	Brynley A. Shackleton 7
Michael J. Hobbs 3	John C. Slater 8
Gillian M. Hussey 4	Philip M. J. Gray 9
James R. Taylor 5	Peter Bridle <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
 First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
PRESTEIGNE, Radnorshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (6th observation). Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.	
John W. Hope <i>Treble</i>	*Laurence T. Mainwaring 5
H. Lyndon Hatfield 2	George T. Cousins 6
Frederick R. Harris 3	Austin T. Wingate 7
Robert A. Hatcher 4	†Reginald J. Preece <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by George T. Cousins.
 * First peal of Triples. † First on eight.
 Rung to mark the quarter-centenary of the Presteigne Grammar School.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Thurs., May 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in G sharp.	
H. George Hart <i>Treble</i>	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 5
Elsie K. Hart 2	Vernon Green 6
Peter F. Windley 3	Roger Baldwin 7
Kenneth R. Dunstan 4	Christopher W. Woolley <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

CHIPPING BARNET, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in D.	
Julia A. Fellows <i>Treble</i>	Eric Edmondson 5
Christine M. Rimmer 2	Richard Castledine 6
*Philip Cuckson 3	C. Michael Orme 7
Keith D. Waples 4	Antony R. Kench <i>Tenor</i>

Arranged and Conducted by Antony R. Kench.
 * First peal attempt.

LITTLE MUNDEN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., April 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, Cambridge, Kent, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, Plain.	
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.	
Gillian M. Brearley <i>Treble</i>	Keith J. Walpole 4
*Michael J. Bew 2	*Frederick W. Ellis 5
A. Trevor Hawkins 3	Martyn Marriott <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by Martyn Marriott
 * First peal in seven methods.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
GREENWICH, London, S.E.—At the Church of St. Alfege.
On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
 Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in D.

Percy J. Spice Treble	John A. G. Ball 6
*Andrew J. Corby 2	†Tony Lewis 7
Lucile M. Corby 3	D. Paul Smith 8
Freda Cannon 4	Philip A. Corby 9
§Judith M. Corby 5	‡Paul J. Dye Tenor

Composed by Richard F. Deal. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
 * First peal of Grandsire. † First of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First ten bell peal. § First peal of Grandsire and of Caters.

THROWLEY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

*Dorothy M. Groves .. Treble	Norman Maittingly 5
Christopher T. Osenton .. 2	Bernard F. L. Groves 6
George Fry 3	David S. Osenton 7
Martin L. Howe 4	Cyril S. Jarrett Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Cyril S. Jarrett.
 * First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Surprise Major as conductor.
 Rung on the occasion of the birth of a son, David Paul, to Mr. and Mrs. David K. Putnam on April 8th, 1965.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
PRESTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sun., May 2, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
 Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

Dexter's No. 2.	Tudor P. Edwards 5
Richard J. Parker .. Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw 6
Margaret E. Fort 2	Cyril Crossthwaite 7
John P. Partington 3	Derek Butterworth Tenor
Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 4	

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
 Rung after meeting short for Caters.

PENWORTHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., April 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge, Oxford, Kent, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*John A. Ascroft .. Treble	Lawrence Walmsley 4
†Dennis H. McCormick .. 2	Bernard Moss 5
Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 3	Cyril Crossthwaite Tenor

Conducted by Philip J. Crossthwaite.
 * First peal of Minor. † First in more than one method.
 Rung for the wedding of the Rev. James Haslem, curate at this church.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
ANSTEY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., May 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 KENNINGHALL SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

Malcolm E. Wade .. Treble	John M. Jelley 5
W. Ernest Rawson 2	Roland H. Cook 6
William A. Lacey 3	Brian S. Chapman 7
Monica M. Jelley 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John M. Jelley.
 First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

IRCHESTER, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Katherine.
On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

Ian W. Hall Treble	John M. Jelley 5
Sandra E. Chesterton .. 2	A James Poyner 6
Monica M. Jelley 3	Brian S. Chapman 7
Murray A. Coleman 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John M. Jelley.
 First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSN.
CALDICOT, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Bartholomew.
On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
 Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

Parker's Twelve-Part Treble	William F. Scudamore 5
Richard Owen 2	James L. Fitzgerald 6
Jacqueline S. King 3	David J. King 7
Donald G. Clarke 4	David J. Hughes Tenor

Conducted by David J. King.
 Rung on the occasion of the opening of Caldicot Castle to the public by the Rural District Council.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
GRANTHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Wulfram.
On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
 Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*Vaughan P. Evans .. Treble	*Gerald W. Reynolds 6
John F. Pearson 2	*Graham J. N. Colborne .. 7
*David J. Hopkinson .. 3	*Alan G. Payne 8
J. Martin Thorley 4	‡David R. Baxter 9
†Keith R. Davey 5	Denis A. Frith Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by David R. Baxter.
 * First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal. ‡ First of Royal "inside" and as conductor. The tenor ringer has now "circled the tower" twice to peals.
 Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Mon., May 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Jack L. Millhouse .. Treble	George H. Randles 5
Norah M. Randles 2	Geoffrey R. Parker 6
Joyce M. Gurnhill 3	John Walden 7
*Harold F. Gibson 4	Peter A. Sharp Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
 * First peal of London Surprise Major "inside."
 Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. P. N. Harley Morton.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
ISLEWORTH, London.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., May 5, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE-ROYAL
 Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

P. Gerald McIlhone .. Treble	*Edward F. P. Bryant 6
Diana M. Frost 2	†Robert E. J. Dennis 7
Anthony G. Tyers 3	*Roger W. Powell 8
*Yvonne Edwards 4	Anthony H. Smith 9
†Timothy G. Pett 5	*Richard O. Humphries Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.
 * First peal of Cambridge Royal. † First on ten bells. ‡ First of Cambridge. First of Surprise Royal as conductor.
 Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the eighth.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Wed., May 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

*A. Stephen Taylor .. Treble	†John W. Gander 5
Allen Twyman 2	§David J. Baker 6
†Clive C. Calton 3	†David L. Wilcox 7
‡Roger L. Coley 4	Gordon Benfield Tenor

Conducted by Gordon Benfield.
 * First peal of Major. † First of Yorkshire. ‡ First of Surprise. § 25th peal.
 Rung by an all-resident band as a farewell to the Rev. A. P. Lumley, Rector of the Sacred Trinity, Salford, who is leaving this month.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., May 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Brian G. Warwick .. Treble	Joseph W. Cotton 5
Richard J. Clifton 2	John A. Underwood 6
Dan S. Pont 3	Arthur E. Rowley 7
Edwin Deakin 4	G. Ronald Edwards Tenor

Composed by J. Nicholls. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
PACKINGTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of the Holy Rood.
On Tues., April 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 Being seven extents in five methods: (1) and (2) Single Oxford, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) and (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob.
 Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in B flat.
 William H. Curson Treble *Richard J. Clifton .. 4
 Brian G. Warwick 2 Joseph W. Cotton 5
 Edwin Deakin 3 Arthur E. Rowley Tenor
 Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
 * 300th peal. 600th peal as conductor.

NON-ASSOCIATION.
BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Fri., May 7, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
 Being 2,016 Plain Bob, 2,016 Little Bob and 1,008 St. Clement's, with 377 changes of methods.
 Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.
 Gillian M. Hussey Treble Michael J. Hobbs 5
 John C. Slater 2 Bernard G. North 6
 John H. Taylor 3 Patrick J. Bird 7
 Richard J. Bowden 4 D. John Hunt Tenor
 Composed by G. E. Feirn. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
 First peal of Spliced Plain by all the band.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
HETHERSETT, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Remigius.
On Wed., April 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 *Michael E. Lee Treble Thomas E. Spight 5
 Charles H. Moore 2 Raymond G. Lofty 6
 William Clover 3 Henry Tooke 7
 Nolan Golden 4 George Sayer Tenor
 Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
 * First peal. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

NORWICH.—At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft.
On Sun., May 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
 Martin Cubitt Treble Nolan Golden 5
 George Sayer 2 Clifford Bird 6
 David Cubitt 3 H. William Barrett .. 7
 David Heighton 4 F. Charles Goodman .. Tenor
 Composed by Benjamin Annable. Conducted by Nolan Golden.
 Rung to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the peal of "Gransir Bob" Triples rung at this tower, and in memoriam all those who took part in it—John Garthon, Isaac Pearce, John Briggs, James Brooks, David Sannevill, Thomas Gardiner, William Dixon and Robert Woodcock. Tenor 19 cwt. 55 lb. in F.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
WANTAGE, Berkshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.
 *Gillian Bailey Treble James White 5
 †Kenneth Leach 2 John H. Napper 6
 †H. Vaughan Booker .. 3 A. Roy Wood 7
 Michael Bishop 4 Robert B. Blond Tenor
 Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Robert B. Blond.
 * First peal. † First peal of Major.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
ROTHERSTHORPE, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
 Being 42 extents (15 callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in G.
 *Roger W. Smith Treble *Alan A. Paul 3
 *Graham C. Paul 2 †Patrick I. Chapman .. 4
 †George F. Roome Tenor
 Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
 * First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Doubles. First of Stedman on the bells.
 Rung to welcome Bishop A. R. Graham-Campbell to the combined living of Kislingbury and Rothersthorpe.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, Wiltshire.—At the Church of SS Peter and Paul.
On Sat., April 24, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
 Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-Part.
 Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.
 Richard Garratt Treble Archibald T. Knight .. 5
 Jonathan H. Nibbs 2 David L. Nibbs 6
 Edgar C. Shepherd 3 †Frederick S. Slatford .. 7
 *Reginald F. Jones 4 †Norman G. N. Knee .. Tenor
 Conducted by Frederick S. Slatford.
 * First peal. † 25th peal together. First peal on the bells since rehanging and augmenting to eight, in 1948.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORTH COLLINGHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., May 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.
 Margaret E. Chilton .. Treble Maurice W. Harrison .. 4
 F. William Midwinter .. 2 George A. Dawson 5
 Ruth M. Blackshaw 3 *John R. Pratchett Tenor
 Conducted by George A. Dawson.
 * 50th peal for the Guild.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD
GREAT BARTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of the Holy Innocents.
On Wed., May 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 Being seven extents in four methods, viz.: (1) St. Clement's, (2) Double Court, (3) Plain Bob, (4) and (5) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb.
 *Harold J. Culpin Treble Janet I. Rogers 4
 Raymond J. Fordham .. 2 Robin H. Rogers 5
 †Richard Rose 3 Maurice J. Rose Tenor
 Conducted by Robin H. Rogers.
 * First peal. † 50th peal for the Guild.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
FINDON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John Baptist.
On Sat., March 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.
 Norman Wright Treble Angela Grainger 4
 *David M. Hunns 2 John R. Norris 5
 Peter J. Came 3 †Michael J. Bew Tenor
 Conducted by Michael J. Bew.
 * First peal. † First in the method.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
CARBIS BAY, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Anta and All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
 Hubbard's Five-Part. Tenor 9½ cwt.
 Frances M. Rickard .. Treble Alan Carveth 5
 Anthony J. Davidson .. 2 Anthony Locke 6
 Geoffrey W. Taysom .. 3 *Bryan J. Sautelle-Smith 7
 *Mary Carveth 4 Denis Stephens Tenor
 Conducted by Alan Carveth.
 * First peal in the method.
 Rung to mark the 250th anniversary of the ringing of the first recorded peal, at Norwich in 1715, which was also of Plain Bob Triples.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
SOUTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.
 *Rosemary Kemp Treble John B. Faithfull 5
 Carolyn Vibert 2 Maurice J. Butler 6
 †Michael D. Trigg 3 Michael J. Thomas 7
 Peter J. Joyce 4 David J. Forder Tenor
 Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by David J. Forder.
 * First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Surprise "inside."

CHUTE FOREST, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., May 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, one 720 of Oxford T.B., one 720 of Kent T.B., and four 720's of Plain Bob.
 Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A.
 Gordon W. Land Treble Robert C. Kippin 4
 Geoffrey K. Dodd 2 Robin G. Leale 5
 Brian Bladon 3 A. Patrick Cannon Tenor
 Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
 First peal on the bells, cast by Mears and Stainbank in 1871.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
HULL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
 Tenor 25½ cwt.
 Howard Scott Treble Vernon Bottomley 7
 Jeanne E. Bottomley .. 2 Barry Sullivan 8
 Kathleen M. Higgins .. 3 J. Henry Fielden 9
 Roger J. Lumley 4 Norman Chaddock 10
 W. Eric Critchley 5 John N. D. Chaddock .. 11
 Rev. Frederick Ross .. 6 Richard E. Price Tenor
 Arranged and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Carole Beccralt (first quarter of Minor) 1, Margaret C. Godfrey 2, P. Milton 3, Carol E. Cousins 4, C. H. Macve 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Josephine Cottrell (first quarter) 1, R. B. Pike 2, Jillian Pike 3, Mrs. F. Wilcox 4, D. L. Wilcox (cond.) 5, A. Wigmore 6. For Evensong.

ALDRERSHOT, HANTS.—On May 2nd, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: Mary Bragg 1, Sylvia Tate-Mitchell 2, Betty Stewart 3, E. J. Bragg 4, D. Elsmore 5, W. H. Viggers 6, K. Williamson 7, T. Page (cond.) 8. First in method 1, 2, 5, 7 and 8.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. W. Cave 1, D. Brown 2, Miss M. Walshaw 3, W. Rawlings 4, Mrs. C. Shiers 5, S. A. Nicholls 6, R. Ling (cond.) 7, D. E. Beach 8. For visit of Miss Walshaw, of Manchester Cathedral band.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. L. Andrews 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, Mrs. E. G. Pannell 3, D. B. Ellery 4, H. D. W. Bishop (cond.) 5, J. T. Barrett 6, F. G. Knight 7, A. D. Case 8. Rung prior to the service of induction of the Rev. J. Barrington Wood by the Bishop of Sherborne.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on May 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Butler 1, S. D. Davies (first "inside") 2, M. J. Leigh 3, M. J. Harris (cond.) 4, P. E. Parry 5, J. Barry 6. Rung by the Bristol Cathedral School Society as a mark of congratulation upon the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Bird.

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's Church, on May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Pollard (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Blich-Cheesman 2, Miss S. Jenkins 3, Miss J. Phillips 4, D. B. Williams (cond.) 5, J. Parsons 6. For the birth of a daughter (Louisa Jane) to Patrick and Mary Bird.

BRISTOL.—At SS. Philip and Jacob's, on May 9th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss C. Snelling 1, M. Zobel 2, J. Parsons 3, N. W. H. Simon 4, P. Hurcombe 5, C. M. Foster 6, D. B. Williams 7, P. J. Bird (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major 1 and 2. For Evensong.

BROUGHTON, LANCS.—On April 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Burns (first quarter) 1, J. Hodson 2, P. Crossthwaite 3, J. Jolley 4, G. Mellor 5, D. H. McCormick (first as cond.) 6.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Stephen's Church, on May 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire): Anne Clark (first quarter) 1, Rachael Sinden 2, J. M. Elaine Dixon 3, D. Cox (first "inside") 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, Raif Copley 6. First quarter for Christ Church College Ringing Society by all College members. Rung to celebrate the East Kent Students' Carnival Week.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. King 1, Miss C. Wickens (first "inside") 2, J. Nicholson (first quarter) 3, Mrs. M. Dallison 4, A. J. Ede 5, I. Wickens (first "inside," cond.) 6.

CHATHAM, KENT.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Andrews 1, C. J. Gauld 2, C. T. Davidson 3, F. J. Cheal 4, C. E. J. Norris 5, G. Philpott 6, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 7, B. Trill 8. Rung to celebrate the bicentenary of the launching of H.M.S. Victory in Chatham Dockyard, May 7th, 1765.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Percy 1, P. Fox (first of Minor "inside") 2, Betty Percy 3, H. Reynolds 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5, I. White 6.

FINCHLEY, MIDDX.—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Campbell 1, F. Barker 2, L. Tubb 3, A. Warren 4, Miss D. Robothom 5, B. Watson 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, P. Taylor 8. For Evensong.

GREAT BRUMLEY, ESSEX.—On May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Stephenson (first quarter) 1, Janet Semken 2, A. Cole 3, J. Gould 4, F. Erith 5, A. Semken (cond.) 6.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On May 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. W. Pipe 1, C. R. Lovett 2, J. Bennett 3, A. T. Beckwith 4, S. R. E. Pipe 5, E. G. Pearce 6, G. W. Pipe (cond.) 7, F. J. Crannell 8. For Matins.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. C. Robinson 1, Laura Beeny 2, Amette Bradbury (first of Minor) 3, B. Stepany 4, G. Beeny 5, Rosemary Earl (first as cond. in the method) 6.

HESTON, MIDDX.—On May 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Hawkins 1, J. Sansom 2, D. Fowles 3, Miss C. Andrews 4, D. Sumner 5, P. Ruch 6, A. Butcher (cond.) 7, S. Porter 8. Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of Mrs. G. Butcher (April 22nd).

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Double Grandsire Triples: R. Newton 1, R. Biggs 2, Miss G. Smith 3, Miss J. Barton 4, A. Newton 5, P. Newton 6, D. Cornwall (cond.) 7, K. Gould 8. First in the method by all the band.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.—On May 9th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: N. Whitehouse (first of Triples) 1, C. Peakman 2, J. Caddick (first of Oxford Bob Triples) 3, Dr. D. N. Layton 4, A. E. Morgan 5, F. E. Jukes 6, C. F. Jukes (cond.) 7, F. Preston 8.

LLANFRECHFHA, MON.—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Challenger 1, Miss S. Ford 2, Miss G. Addis 3, R. J. Waters 4, R. E. R. Smith (cond.) 5, R. J. Stewart 6. First peal of any length on the bells for over 2½ years. Rung to mark the third anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. W. T. Child.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on May 9th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Susan Davis (first of Caters) 1, Hilda Oatway 2, C. A. Hughes 3, M. Sprackling 4, A. M. Stacey 5, R. Cademy 6, F. Ransom 7, J. Marks 8, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 9, A. Fulwell 10.

MARK, SOMERSET.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss K. Hine (first quarter) 1, S. Lewis 2, P. J. Hale 3, J. Burroughs 4, J. Creber 5, F. B. Comer 6, J. S. Walton (cond.) 7, P. Ham 8.

MELBOURN, CAMBS.—On April 22nd, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. D. Bellamy 1, Miss Jean Sanderson 2, T. R. Hatchett 3, G. E. Bonham 4, J. Meredith 5, P. Mehew (cond.) 6.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On May 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain and Grandsire): L. Childs 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, J. Lott 3, P. Blake 4, T. Phillips 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCS.—On April 24th, 1,568 Cornwall Surprise Major: A. Twyman 1, Miss I. Lemare 2, S. Hough 3, J. Booth 4, P. Wycherley 5, J. Robinson 6, N. Lomas 7, D. Mottershead (cond.) 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. R. Flint, son of a local ringer, and Miss P. Lee, daughter of Mr. F. Lee, M.P., Minister of Fuel and Power, who were married at this church earlier in the day.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): Valerie Howell 1, Heather Walters 2, A. J. Luxford 3, S. Kirby 4, P. J. Joyce 5, M. D. Trigg (cond.) 6, Rosemary Kemp (covering) 7.

NUNBURNHOLME, YORKS.—On March 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire): R. Smith 1, K. Ather 2, P. Thompson 3, R. Aldington 4, G. Pluckrose (cond.) 5, H. Griffiths 6. Rung by St. John's College Bellingers' Society, York, to celebrate St. David's Day.

PARRAMATTA, NEW SOUTH WALES.—On April 25th, 1,260 Bob Doubles (April Day, Grandsire, Old and Plain Bob): Miss Delwyn Logan (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Sandra Clark 2, Miss Jenny Lees 3, W. Watson (cond.) 4, Ralph Clark 5, David Langdon 6. Rung half-muffled for Anzac Day.

RADLEY, BERKS.—1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. J. Evans 1, O. B. Thompson (first "inside") 2, D. P. Sturge (first as cond.) 3, P. R. Daws 4, Marie R. Cross 5, R. N. P. Salter (first quarter) 6. Rung for the birthdays of Margaret Allen and Diana Jones.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Laurence's Church, on May 7th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss M. Montgomery 1, Mrs. E. A. Lewis 2, Miss M. Wilson 3, A. Diserens 4, Miss M. Marshall 5, Miss F. Webber 6, F. Lewis 7, J. N. Diserens 8, N. T. Diserens (cond.) 9, V. Cherrill 10. First Caters 1 and 3.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On April 29th, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: C. Haylings 1, Anna Sadowska 2, D. Price (cond.) 3, F. Hawkes 4, J. Clements 5, M. Hawkes 6. First in method for all except ringer of 6.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—On Easter Day, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. D. Bellamy 1, H. S. Peacock 2, P. Woolven 3, G. E. Bonham 4, S. Brown 5, D. R. Sanderson 6, G. E. Thoday 7, P. Mehew (cond.) 8. Rung to welcome Julie Carol Presland, born April 13th, and Christine Elizabeth Staniforth, born April 9th.

SALFORD, LANCS.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity, on May 2nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: D. L. Wilcox 1, Norma Coom (first of Major) 2, Margaret Whitehead 3, C. R. Calton 4, A. S. Taylor 5, D. J. Baker 6, R. L. Coley 7, J. Gander (cond.) 8. Also on May 9th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: P. Coddington 1, R. L. Coley 2, A. S. Taylor (first of Surprise) 3, C. R. Calton 4, A. Twyman 5, J. W. Gander 6, D. L. Wilcox (first in the method) 7, D. J. Baker (first of Surprise as cond.) 8. Both rung by M.U.G.C.R. for Evensong.

SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES.—At St. Mary's Basilica, 1,320 Ipswich Surprise Minor: G. E. Langshaw 1, Miss B. E. L. Roberts 2, Mrs. S. J. Clark 3, J. C. Sheehy 4, R. L. Clark 5, W. D. Watson (cond.) 6. First in the method for all the band and in Australia. Also on April 11th, 720 St. Werburgh Delight Minor: Mrs. S. Clark 1, Enid Roberts 2, J. Sheehy 3, R. Clark 4, W. Watson 5, T. Goodyer (cond.) 6. First touch in the method in Australia and for all the band.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH, SOMERSET.—On April 25th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods, 7, 6, 8 covering): J. H. Thompson 1, Shirley A. Cox 2, I. P. Cox (first in three methods "inside") 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, J. R. Hobbs 5, M. J. Hawkins 6, R. L. Coles 7, D. F. Jefferies 8.

WESTON BEGGARD, HEREFORDS.—1,260 Doubles (in tea methods): P. D. S. Caigari 1, D. M. Morton 2, P. D. Sell 3, M. C. W. Sherwood 4, J. F. I. Turney (cond.) 5.

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BEACH.—On Thursday, May 6th, 1965, to Mary and Don, Greasley, Nottingham, a son, Jonathan David. 6873

WILKINSON.—To Walter and Janet, of Burnley, on May 12th, 1965, a son, John David. 6897

ENGAGEMENTS

BRASIER—DICKEN. — The engagement is announced between Peter John, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. John Brasier, of Dursley, Gloucestershire, and Anne Felicity, elder daughter of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. E. W. T. Dicken, of Caunton Vicarage, Nottinghamshire. 6869

BROOKES—EAMES.—The engagement is announced between David Charles, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brookes, 4, Redgrave Road, Putney, S.W.15, and Lesley Margaret, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Eames, 105, Melrose Avenue, Wimbledon Park, S.W.19. 6892

DEATH

CROSS.—On May 10th, 1965, peacefully at his home at Pinney's Cottage, Chardstock, Axminster, Devon, George Hubert Cross, aged 71 years, formerly of Norwich and Barnehurst, Kent, beloved husband of Marjorie and father of Michael, Jacqueline and Jennifer, departed this life. 6874

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

FRIEND.—From May 15th the address of David W. Friend will be 32, Parkside Road, Chaddesden, Derby. 6866

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STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. Preliminary Notice.—A striking competition will be held at Shreshill on Saturday, July 3rd next, draw at 3 p.m. Entries, in writing, please, by June 19th (A.G.M.) to me.—C. M. Smith, 29, Dimbles Hill, Lichfield, Staff. 6872

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Meeting at Earls Colne on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Names for tea to Mr. P. Wood, 10, The Causeway, Finchfield, Braintree. 6805

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow-on-the-Wold Branch. — Evening meeting at Moreton-in-Marsh, Saturday, May 22nd. Bells (8) from 6-7.30 or after if required.—L. C. Dowdeswell, Sec., Park Street, Stow-on-the-Wold. 6890

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District. — Quarterly meeting, Stoke Lacy, 3 p.m., May 22nd. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 by reservation only. Numbers to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard, please. 6858

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District. — Meeting, May 22nd. Ringing to be held at Heather 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Istock open at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. and tea 5 p.m. at Istock Church Hall. Names for tea to Mr. A. R. Tonks, 84, High Street Istock. Methods to be rung: Norfolk and Ipswich. 6786

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Norton Subcourse on May 22nd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. N. P. J. Cossey, Hon. Sec., Low Road, Norton Subcourse, Norwich, Nor. 26W. 6526

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Fast Berks and South Bucks Branch. — Saturday, May 22nd, Penn. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 n.m. Those requiring tea please send names to Miss Hague, 6, Stompsit Road, Holyport. Maidenhead. 6820

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch. — Evening Practice, Cogenhoe, Saturday, May 22nd. Bells 6 p.m. All welcome.—B. E. Frost, Sec. 6784

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—District meeting at Stoke-by-Nayland on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. R. King, 3, Crossfields, Stoke-by-Nayland, Colchester, Essex. 6779

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rally, Stratford-upon-Avon, May 29th. Ringing organised 3-5 p.m. and open after 6 p.m. All arrangements for tea, Wellesbourne, Sherborne Snitterfield and Alderminster. Open from 2-8 p.m. Ringing order at Stratford will be sent direct to towers.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, 6989

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DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — Meeting at Oswin, Wylam, on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea in good time, please, to Mr. J. Smith, 8, Tyne View, Wylam, Northumberland. 6889

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GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District. —Venue of meeting for Saturday, May 29th, changed from Puttenham to Worplesdon, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Collier, Crims-cote, Fox Corner, Worplesdon, by previous Wednesday.—D. P. Elsmore, Hon. Sec. 6865

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — Quarterly meeting at Reading, May 29th. Bells available: St. Laurence's (12) 3-4; St. Mary's (8) 4 o'clock. Service at St. Mary's at 5 o'clock followed by tea, meeting and further ringing. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. F. E. Diserens, 15, Hartsbourne Road, Earley, Reading, Berks, by previous Tuesday.—J. Spreadbury. 6837

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Stoney Stanton, May 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 at Star Inn. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday previous, to Mr. M. Vernon, Long Leys, Stoney Stanton. 6882

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, Wantage, Saturday, May 29th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than May 25th, please, to: C. Corderov, West-Wyndy, Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot. 6814

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Whaddon, Saturday, May 29th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Dormer, 32, Vicarage Road, Whaddon, Blechley, Bucks, by May 26th.—R. W. Sears, Hon. Sec. 6867

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DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at St. Thomas', Stourbridge, June 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to me by June 2nd, please.—M. D. Fellows, Hon. Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 6893

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MONDAY, June 7th

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 86th annual general meeting will be held on Whit Monday, June 7th, at Chelmsford. Service at 11 a.m. Annual meeting immediately after in Chapter House. Coffee available in Cathedral Hall from 10.15-10.45 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m., cost 5s. 6d. Tea (poached egg, etc.) as a running buffet, 5-6.15 p.m., cost 2s. 6d. Ringing: Cathedral, 10-10.45 a.m. and from 6-8.30 p.m.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, May 29th, 1965, at Oundle. Committee meeting, 3.15 p.m., and service, 4.15 p.m., in church.

Tea (followed by meeting) 5 p.m. Tea tickets (3/6 each and c.w.o.) to be obtained from Mr. A. Hinton, The Police Station, Warmington, Nr. Oundle, by not later than Tuesday, May 25th, 1965.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

	Oundle (8)	2.30 p.m.—4.15 p.m.	7.00 p.m.—9.00 p.m.
	Benefield (6)	Evening only	7.50 p.m.—8.30 p.m.
Route A			
	Weldon (6)	1.00 p.m.—2.30 p.m.	7.30 p.m.—8.30 p.m.
	Deene (6)	1.15 p.m.—2.45 p.m.	7.45 p.m.—9.00 p.m.
	Bulwick (5)	1.15 p.m.—2.45 p.m.	7.45 p.m.—9.00 p.m.
	Nassington (5)	1.45 p.m.—3.15 p.m.	7.15 p.m.—9.00 p.m.
	Cotterstock (5)	2.00 p.m.—3.30 p.m.	7.00 p.m.—9.00 p.m.
Route C			
	Castor (6)	1.00 p.m.—2.30 p.m.	7.30 p.m.—9.00 p.m.
	Wansford (5)	1.15 p.m.—2.45 p.m.	7.15 p.m.—9.00 p.m.
	Elton (5)	1.30 p.m.—3.00 p.m.	7.15 p.m.—9.00 p.m.
	Warmington (6)	1.45 p.m.—3.15 p.m.	7.15 p.m.—9.00 p.m.
	Polebrook (5)	2.00 p.m.—3.30 p.m.	7.60 p.m.—9.00 p.m.
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	Lowick (6)	1.15 p.m.—2.45 p.m.	7.30 p.m.—9.00 p.m.
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	Stoke Doyle (5)	2.00 p.m.—3.30 p.m.	7.00 p.m.—9.00 p.m.

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CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, DAVENTRY

The dedication of the ring of ten bells will be performed by Bishop Otter-Barry on

SATURDAY, JUNE 5th, 1965, at 12 noon

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Detailed programme sent with tea tickets.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 6758

DEVON GUILD.—Annual festival, Exeter, June 19th. Service, St. Mark's, 4 p.m., preacher Rev. J. Shephard-Walwyn, Vicar of Westleigh. Tea and meeting St. Mark's Hall. Numbers for tea to Mr. C. Densham, 27, Monkswell Road, Exeter. Ringing: Cathedral, 1.30-3 and 6-8; Heavitree, 2-3.30; St. Mark's, 3-4; St. Petrock's 6-7; St. Thomas', 7-8 p.m.

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD AND LADIES' GUILD (Central District).—Joint ringling day, Saturday, June 19th. Bells: Morning, Stanford-le-Hope, South Benfleet and Rawleigh; afternoon, Great Wakering, Prittlewell. Service and tea, Prittlewell. Evening ringling: Leigh, Thorpe Bay and Prittlewell. All welcome. 6835

LATE NOTICES

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Bromborough, May 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying, by Thursday previous, Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Rd., Oxtou, Birkenhead. 6840

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Hope, May 29th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 6900

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Evening meeting at Kimbolton, Saturday, May 29th. Bells (5) 6 to 8.30 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 6901

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Nazeing on Saturday, May 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 6902

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Cup contest meeting at Beighton, Saturday, May 29th, 3 p.m. Names for tea must reach Mr. W. E. Wyld, 23, Woodhouse Lane, Beighton, Sheffield, by Thursday, 27th.—J. Seager, Sec. 6903

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Meeting at Breamore on May 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea in Hulse Hall 4.30 sharp. Fording-bridge bells in the evening. Names for tea essential to Mr. J. Mussell, "The Shallows," Breamore, by Thurs., 27th. No name no tea!

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Practice meeting, Martley, Saturday, June 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Chantry, 5s. Shelsley Beauchamp (6) 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to A. A. Jopp, Church Road, Stoulton, Worcester. No names no tea.

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SUFFOLK GUILD

The meeting at Earl Stonham of the Central District on April 24th is believed to be the first on record. The Guild Ringing Master and general secretary attended, and Mr. Harold Leather (District chairman) was supported by Messrs. L. E. Last and R. E. Lester (Ringing Master). Local church workers provided an excellent tea and the day finished on the ten at Stonham Aspal.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

NEW members from Tor and Teignmouth were elected at the Mid-Devon Branch's quarterly meeting at Brackawton on May 1st. Ringing ranged from rounds to Plain Bob Minor and Stedman. The Rev. A. D. Teague conducted the service. In the evening a plain course of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung at Dittisham.

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