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Belfry Prayers

BEFORE PRACTICE OR RINGING FOR SERVICE

Sanctioned by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

IT is hoped that the Clergy will encourage the use of these Prayers and by this means strengthen the connection of Ringers with the Church.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Who of old didst ordain the sound of the golden bells on the robe of the High Priest to be a figure of the Voice of Thy SON, the great High Priest; Grant that the sound of these our bells may be as a message from Him to the people, bidding them to come and adore devoutly in Thy Sanctuary; through the same JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, we beseech Thee mercifully to bless us who are appointed to the Ministry of calling Thy people to worship in Thy House; preserve us from evil, accident, and misfortune; give us the grace of reverence, and a sober mind; and bring us all hereafter to take part in the worship that the holy Angels offer Thee in heaven; through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

OFFICE BEFORE RINGING A PEAL.

IN the Name of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY GHOST. *Amen.*

Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise Him upon the loud cymbals.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

ASSIST us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour and further us with Thy continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy Holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

AFTER THE PEAL.

THE Grace of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, and the love of GOD, and the fellowship of the HOLY GHOST, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

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EIGHTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year ended 31st December, 1955

Patron:

The Right Rev. the LORD BISHOP OF EXETER.

President:

Rev. Prebendary E. V. COX, Hunthay Close, Axminster.

Vice-Presidents:

The Right Rev. the Lord Bishops of Crediton and Plymouth,

Ven. Archdeacon of Exeter, Very Rev. Dean of Exeter,

Rev. Chancellor D. McLaren (the late).

Rev. W. H. Smale, Rev. J. M. Turner,

Messrs. T. G. Bartlett, G. H. Myers, E. J. Ryall, A. W. Searle, F. C. Smale.

Gen. Treasurer: Mr. A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Elliot Plain,
Buckfastleigh.

Gen. Secretary: Mr. E. J. Taylor, West Hayes, Post Hill, Tiverton.

Hon. Auditor: Mr. T. G. Bartlett, 15 King's Road, Exeter.

Chairmen and Secretaries of Local Branches:

Exeter—Rev. C. J. Poulton, Chairman; Mr. F. Wreford, Secretary.

Aylesbeare Deanery—Rev. H. V. Christie, Chairman; Mr. R. T. Perry,
Secretary.

East Devon—Mr. G. C. Woodley, Chairman; Mr. W. Webb, Secretary.

North-East Devon—Rev. J. H. Jones, Chairman; Mr. W. H. Ware,
Secretary.

North Devon—Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, Chairman; Miss B. M. Boyle,
Secretary.

North-West Devon—Mr. F. C. Smale, Chairman; Mr. J. W. Sangwin,
Secretary.

Mid-Devon—Mr. J. E. Lilley, Chairman; Mr. A. L. Bennett, Secretary.

South-West Devon—Mr. H. H. Thomas, Chairman; Mr. T. G. Myers,
Secretary.

Representatives on the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers:
(1954-6)—Messrs. E. W. Biffin, J. E. Lilley, T. G. Myers, Rev. J. G. M.
Scott.

The above Officers with Representatives of Branches whose names are
preceded by an * form the General Committee.

GUILD RULES.

- I. That this Society shall be called "**The Guild of Devonshire Ringers**"; that its objects shall be:
 - To recognise the true position of Ringers as Church Workers;
 - To encourage ringing for Divine Service;
 - To promote order and good feeling among Ringers;
 - To cultivate the art of scientific Change Ringing, especially by giving instruction where it is desired; and that it shall be affiliated to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers and loyally abide by the rules and decisions thereof.
- II. That it shall consist of Honorary Members, Honorary Life Members, Performing Members, and Associates, and that the Bishop of Exeter, being a Member, shall always be Patron, and the Suffragan Bishops and Archdeacons, being members, shall be Vice-Presidents.
- III. That duly qualified members and associates shall be admitted at any meeting of the Guild, on being proposed and seconded, and approved by a majority of those voting; that the General Committee and the Branch Committee shall also have power to elect members at any Committee Meeting; and that no election shall be complete until the first subscription has been paid. That members incapacitated from further ringing may be nominated Honorary Life Members on being proposed and seconded as such at any Branch or Branch Committee meeting and approved by a majority of those voting, such nominations to be forwarded to the General Secretary for confirmation by the General Committee.
- IV. That an Honorary Member shall subscribe not less than 5/- annually, or by a donation of not less than two guineas become a Life Member; and that each Performing Member and Associate attached to a band in union, and each unattached Performing Member resident in the County of Devon shall contribute annually the sum of 3/- to the funds of the Guild, except that Performing Members and Associates aged 16 and under shall contribute annually 1/6 to the funds of the Guild. That any Member or Associate elected after September 30th in any year shall pay half the subscription for that year which shall be applied to the general fund of the Guild.
- IVa. That no one shall receive the certificate of the Guild as a Performing Member until the Committee are satisfied that he has rung a changing tower bell through a touch of 120 scientific changes. That Associates shall have the privilege of being taught by competent Instructors appointed by the Guild, the expenses of such Instructors to be paid by the Associates and the Guild or a Branch of the Guild, in such proportion as may be determined by the General or Branch Committee as the case may be.
- V. That persons resident outside the County of Devon may be elected Non-Resident Members on payment of 5/- terminable on residence in the County. When a Performing Member, who has paid not less than five annual subscriptions, leaves the County, he may apply to be placed on the Non-Resident Members' list without further payment. Non-Resident Members will not be entitled to any pecuniary grant or notices from the Guild unless they are specially employed.
- VI. That at the Annual General Meeting in each year the members present shall elect from either the Honorary Members or the Performing Members—

A President, At least four Vice-Presidents (in addition to the Suffragan Bishop and Archdeacons), a General Secretary, a General Treasurer, an Auditor, and five representatives from the Honorary Members, to sit on the General Committee. That the General Committee of Management shall consist of the foregoing together with the representatives on the Central Council of Church

Bell Ringers, elected triennially at the Annual General Meeting one year previous to each Central Council session, the Chairman and Secretaries of the local Branches and three representatives elected by each Branch, of whom five shall form a quorum. In the event of a casual vacancy among the Officers the General Committee shall have power to elect a successor to act until the next Annual General Meeting, and shall moreover have general powers of management subject to Guild or Branch rules. Nominations for any Guild Office, except those made by the General Committee, must be sent to the General Secretary fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting.

In the event of a Branch Officer or representative of a Branch being unable to attend a General Committee Meeting, he may appoint a deputy (who must be a member belonging to his own Branch).

- VII. That the General Committee shall fix the time and place of the Annual General Meeting, which shall always be held between Easter Day and the end of June in each year, and shall also arrange from time to time united Practice Meetings of the Guild.
- VIII. That all subscriptions shall become due on January 1st and no member, whose subscription is three months in arrears, shall be entitled to any privileges of membership until arrears be paid. That no peal shall be recorded in the Guild Peal Book or Annual Report unless all members taking part have paid their subscriptions.
- IX. That the expenses incurred by resident members in attending ringing meetings, arranged by the General Committee, may be paid by the Guild when the funds in the hands of the General Treasurer suffice.
- X. That the ordinary times of practice of each band in union be stated in the Annual Report.
- XI. That bands in union with the Guild shall undertake to ring on the great Festivals of the Church, if required to do so by the Incumbent of the Parish.
- XII. That no member shall forward any communication to the public Press reflecting adversely on any band in union with the Guild, or upon any member thereof, without first obtaining permission from the General Secretary, who shall take the earliest opportunity of bringing the matter before the General Committee.
- XIII. That any alteration or addition to these Rules, or to the Rules of local Branches, shall be made only at an Annual or Special General Meeting, after due notice given of the proposed amendment.

RULES FOR LOCAL BRANCHES.

1. That every Branch shall be governed by a Committee consisting of a Chairman, a Secretary (who shall also act as Treasurer), and one member from each belfry in the Branch. Incumbents of parishes forming the Branch (if members of the Guild) shall be ex-officio members of the Branch Committee.
2. That the Secretary of each Branch shall collect, and forward to the General Secretary not later than January 31st in each year, a correct list of members and reports of the work of the Branch and of its individual bands during the past year. He shall also send to the General Treasurer by the same date the subscriptions of the members for the current year (including those of honorary members collected by him), retaining not more than one-half for local needs, and the Branch accounts for the past year. The subscriptions of members elected subsequently shall be sent to the General Secretary not later than December 31st.

3. That the election of Branch Officers and representatives on the General Committee shall be made at the Annual Meeting of the Branch.
4. That the Committee of the Branch shall have the same power as the General Committee to elect members of the Guild, and to award Certificates, which will be issued by the General Secretary on written application from the Branch Secretary on the printed form provided for the purpose.
5. That each Branch shall be represented on the General Committee by the local Chairman and local Secretary, together with three representatives elected annually, whose travelling expenses may be paid by the Branch.
6. That a Branch Committee shall have the same right to make grants to its members attending Branch meetings as is given the General Committee by Guild Rule IX.

CERTIFICATES ISSUED IN 1955.

Bruce, Michael O. B., Silverton.	Creighton, Alistair, do.
rurbear, Terence J. do.	Cross, Dennis J., do.
rurbear, Jeremy C. W. do.	St. Michael's, Teignmouth.
Hart, Ernest J. do.	Mills, Patricia A. M., do.
Snell, Kenneth R., Bradninch.	Price, John A. W., do.
Drennan, Robert J., Plymouth, St. Andrews.	Manley, Edward J. W., do.
Turner, Alan, Ottery St. Mary.	Ford, Edward W., Thorverton.
Munt, David J., Monkton.	Johnson, Peter R., do.
Hood, Michael, Teignmouth.	Northwood, Owen T., do.
Hood, Mrs. Heather, do.	Jelley, John M., do.
Atkins, Mrs. Frances A. do.	Three young men from Leices-
Lugger, John, Lympstone.	ter, who came down to Devon
Joslin, Keith D. G., Awliscombe.	on holiday and who were elec-
Manley, Dennis R. do.	ted non-resident life members.
Tucker, Miss Sheila, do.	Lyndon, Miss Elizabeth E., do.
Brittram, Miss Ann, do.	Plymouth.
Bathe, Miss Patricia, do.	Hines, Keith, Clyst St. George.
Curtis, Miss Marina H., Cotleigh.	Duxbury, Stephen, do.
Chick, Walter J. do.	Newton, Ann, do.
Netherway, Horace F. do.	Bragg, Ivor, do.
Aynes, James R. H., do.	Glanvill, Brian J. do.
Gash, Thomas, Ottery St. Mary.	Stone, Bernard, do.
Farthing, Miss Jeannette, do.	St. Thomas', Exeter.
Combe Martin.	Wills, Mary, do.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE.

The year 1955 saw a much-coveted milestone reached in the history of the Guild by the scoring of the 1000th peal, which was also the first to be rung by Guild Officers. This may indeed be considered a remarkable achievement after 81 years of dogged perseverance in the face of innumerable difficulties caused largely by the distances between so many affiliated towers. The ringing of peals is undoubtedly a hall-mark of progress and should be encouraged, especially in the more advanced methods. It is distinctly gratifying to note two peals of Cambridge Surprise Minor, in only one of which did a non-resident take part, whilst the first peal of Doubles in 28 methods for the Guild is another instance of what concentration and good memories can accomplish.

Forty-two peals were rung during the year, an increase of nine on the previous year, but only six members scored their first peal as against twenty-five in 1954: the local conductors were S. Skinner (8), J. Quick

(6), W. Webb (5), E. M. Atkins (4), G. E. Retter (3), and T. G. Myers, J. L. S. Glanvill, N. Mallett one each.

Towards the end of the year the revised Form of Service was published with the approval of our Patron. Only a "Guild Hymn" is included as hymn books are almost always available in the churches where our meetings are held.

On this question of quarterly meetings, we seem at times to be forgetting their main purpose, namely, that members of different bands should help one another in the progress of their art. So often we are content to ring just what we can ring without any outside help in our home towers, whereas these meetings are a great opportunity to look up a fresh method beforehand and then to stand in with those who know it. It is here that the office of Ringing Master carries a great responsibility in so arranging much of the ringing; already something has been done in this way. On more than one occasion during the year, there has been no Ringing Master present during the early part of the meeting and no provision made for a deputy: sometimes, of course, this may be unavoidable, but it is none the less regrettable. In some branches the attendance of Branch members is comparatively small, and were it not for visitors from other branches and further afield, the meetings would be very disappointing. After all, we should remember that these gatherings are arranged primarily for the Branch members, although visitors are always welcome.

The new arrangement confining the official ringing to two towers at the annual meeting in Exmouth, with a Ringing Master in each tower, apparently worked well. This left all other ringing during the day to be arranged by individual bands.

It is with much regret that we record the deaths of the Rev. W. H. T. Ravenhill, chairman of the N.W. Branch, and the Rev. E. A. Jullian, one of our Vice Presidents.

The Guild Accounts show a balance in hand of £73 2s. 8d., and the Bells Restoration Fund, £206 13s. 2d.

This Report cannot be considered complete without recording the debt which is owed by the whole Guild to its officers and those other members who work so hard and so ungrudgingly for its welfare.

MR. ERNEST J. TAYLOR.

Although this Report is intended only to cover the year 1955, we cannot go to press without recording our feelings of deepest sympathy with our General Secretary who met with a very serious accident on 6th February, 1956, when he fell from a ladder in his home and fractured his spine. Fortunately for him, his wife and family, and for the Guild, medical science of to-day can effect cures which some years ago would have been impossible humanly speaking. For this we give thanks to Almighty God who has spared one of the best secretaries that the Guild has ever had. That he may fully recover in due time is the earnest prayer of all our members. Our sympathy is also extended to Mrs. Taylor, who has been such a help to our Guild since the accident, and to their relatives.

BRANCH REPORTS.

Aylesbeare Deanery.—The Branch has again been active during the year. Three meetings have been held, at Aylesbeare, E. Budleigh and Honiton Clyst. The fourth meeting of the year was not held as the Annual General meeting was held at Exmouth. The meeting at Aylesbeare was the first to be held there for many years, this Tower not belonging to

the Guild. It is hoped to visit more non-Guild Towers for meetings. Ten new members have been elected during the year. It is with deep regret that we announce the deaths of the Rev. E. A. Jullian, a former chairman of the branch, Mr. W. Gibbons, for many years captain of the Topsham Band, and Mr. Dunster, for many years a regular member of the Sowton Band.

The usual number of peals have been rung during the year. Mr. S. Skinner is to be congratulated on calling a peal of 28 doubles methods at Lypstone, this being an increase of 7 methods on the one rung at Aylesbeare last year. The branch was represented in the Officers' Peal at Heavitree by two members. This was the 1000th peal by the Guild. We should like to congratulate Mr. J. Quick on the increasing number of peals he is conducting.

Steady progress has been maintained with the young ringers at Clyst St. George. It was hoped to ring a quarter peal before the end of the year, but this was not to be. We wish them the best of luck for next year. R. Holloway has left the band as he has left the district, but we hope he will find a new tower where he has gone to live.

The Woodbury Ringers had their annual half day outing to Minehead in September. Three other towers were visited and a very enjoyable time was spent. On November 1st, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the local band in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Stokes, who recently celebrated their Golden Wedding. In past years Mr. Stokes was a well known bellhanger in the district. This was the first quarter peal for B. Glanvill, T. Gooding and J. Briggs. On December 26th, Mr. T. Gooding was presented with an electric clock, on the occasion of his forthcoming marriage, by Mr. J. Glanvill on behalf of the ringers. It is hoped that the bells at Woodbury Church will be rehung in the near future.

The Littleham Ringers visited Lynton and Lynmouth for their outing and rang at towers on the way. We are very pleased to hear that there are now some boys learning to ring there.

There has been good progress at Topsham. Three new members have joined the Guild and more recruits are coming along. The band wish to thank members from Clyst St. George for their help.

We hear that the bells at Colaton Raleigh are now in ringing order, and hope that it will soon be possible for the bells to be rung regularly.

Good progress has been made at Lypstone, where there are several new members. Miss J. Addenbrooke is to be congratulated on being able to ring Grandsire doubles on an "inside" bell within six months of learning to ring.

During the year it was decided to start an instruction account. Instructors have been appointed and towers notified of arrangements. It is hoped that full use will be made of this scheme.

Withycombe Raleigh ringers visited Weston-super-Mare, Burnham on Sea and Wellington for their day's outing and some very good ringing was enjoyed. It is good to hear that more learners are coming along to learn to ring. The tower has been very sorry to lose Mr. F. Burnett, their Hon. Secretary, who has moved from the district.

Service ringing has been well maintained at Sowton although practices have fallen off due to the ringers not living in the district. However seven quarter peals have been rung and with the help of outsiders two peals have been rung, one of plain Bob Major and the other Oxford Bob Triples.

Exeter Branch.—Gains reported at the end of 1954 have not been consolidated, and membership shows a marked decrease. Some of this can be offset by the return home of six college people. Going through the "Bands in Union": **The Cathedral** has a full complement, and can now ring Grandsire Cinques and Caters when required. **Brampford Speke**, whilst showing a membership of ten, seldom ring their bells. **Exeter St. David:** Here the boat has been most sadly missed through the lack of assistance by members. At the end of 1954 there was a nucleus of a strong band, but this has now deteriorated to the point of restarting all over again. It is certain that Miss V. Seymour will fight again, but when the occasion arises she must have assistance. **Exeter St. Mark** still continues to make progress and has a strong young band who will do well in the future. **Exeter St. Thomas** has had a difficult year, but it is hoped, with the introduction of learners, to soon overcome any set back. The sympathy of the Branch is extended to Mr. E. W. Biffin whose wife has been ill for some months. **Heavitree** still continue to ring regularly for practice and services, but the absence of learners is not a good sign for the future. **Idc:** Not much is known about results here, but it is feared that the bells are seldom rung. **Newton St. Cyres** is still one of the bright spots with a strong go-ahead band. Congratulations are extended to them on winning the local Deanery Shield for Call-change ringing. **Thorverton:** Here Mr. Horace Butt still continues to achieve much in spite of rough going bells, and deserves to succeed in his efforts towards the restoration of the bells. **Upton Pyne:** It is sad to have to report that there are no ringers here, probably for the first time for eighty years. Our only hope is that, when eventually a new Rector is inducted, he will move to have the bells rung again.

Meetings have been held at Shobrooke, Brampford Speke and Exminster where we were warmly welcomed, and a fair attendance recorded. But there is still room for improvement. It is suggested that at least 40 members out of the 100 in the Branch is not too much to ask for! Much good could result in the support of Branch activities.

The passing of Mr. William S. Lethbridge was a sad event of 1955. He was a life long devotee to all ringing efforts in the Exeter district, 30 years a member of the Cathedral Band and Hon. Secretary of St. David's when in their "hey-day." Lately, when incapacitated for ringing, he was elected a life member of the Guild. The Branch was well represented at the funeral, a wreath was sent, and a knoll rung in respect of his memory.

Looking forward to 1956 our only hope lies in the interest of members in the Guild. To pay the subscription is not enough. We need to go to the belfry for Sunday ringing and practices, teach the recruits in other towers as well as our own, attend the Branch meetings, and keep alive the science of ringing now or the future will be grim indeed.

East Devon.—The Branch held three meetings during the year, and these were the best attended ones for some time. During the winter and spring monthly practices were held and proved very successful.

Performing members number 99 against 95 in 1954, and one honorary and two life members have been elected. Cotleigh has come into the Guild, and the members are very keen and progressing rapidly. Five peals have been rung during the year by resident members of the branch.

Several young members of the branch have received certificates, the majority coming from Ottery St. Mary, whilst many Cotleigh members have also received certificates.

The Branch is still in a very sound financial position with £43 9s. 2d. in the bank, which is an increase of £4 7s. 1d. on the previous year.

North-East Devon.—Membership of the Branch now totals 88 performing members; and the finances of the Branch are sound.

The Secretary is most grateful to the Clergy of both the Tiverton and Cullompton Deaneries for their willing help in arranging Branch functions.

Meetings have been held at Silvertown, Bampton, Hemyock with Culmstock and Clayhydon, and Calverleigh. The attendances have been up to the average, but there has been lack of support by resident members of the branch. Are these meetings worth while? Poor attendances are disappointing to both the Branch Officers and the incumbents of the parishes visited. The joint meeting with our friends over the border of the Bath and Wells Association held at Tiverton was once again the most successful meeting.

Sunday Service ringing and practices have been maintained at all the Branch towers. Quarter peals have been scored at Halberton and Huntsham (Grandsire Doubles and Triples respectively), and Stedman Doubles at Bickleigh. In all of these Mr. C. Stevens and his two daughters took part. A peal of Bristol Surprise was rung at St. Peter's, Tiverton, by a visiting Band, and Bob Minor at Calverleigh by members of the Guild who are all members of the Bath and Wells Association.

Several quarter peals of Grandsire Triples have been rung at Tiverton. The Branch Secretary and General Secretary, who are members of the St. Peter's Tiverton Band, were privileged to take part in the 1000th peal for the Guild at Heavitree.

Silvertown are probably the most enthusiastic band of young ringers in the branch and a certain measure of progress has been made under the guidance of Mr. A. G. Selly. Progress has been a bit slower than was hoped for but this was probably due to the unfortunate accident to Mr. Richards, which resulted in a broken leg. The Branch wishes him a speedy recovery. Four of the younger members took part in their first quarter of Grandsire Doubles which was rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Dymond.

Huntsham, Bampton and Bradninch still make some progress. The position at Calverleigh is a little disappointing after the instruction given there. Kentisbeare are keen and enthusiastic and would soon ring Grandsire Doubles with a little more instruction. Uffculme keep their eight bells ringing for Sunday services and practices.

The branch was sorry to hear of the accident to the Branch Chairman and hope he will soon recover.

North Devon.—The North Devon Branch has suffered serious losses during the year. David Beacham, who gave us so much help while he was stationed at Chivenor, has returned to civilian life, and more advanced ringing methods. We are glad to have this opportunity to offer him our formal thanks and to send to him our good wishes for the future. Margaret Parkin, our most regular attendant for service ringing and practices, has taken up work and ringing in Birmingham. Two more very regular members, Derek Jewell and David Yeo, have joined Her Majesty's Services. Mr. Tom Yeo, after many years of faithful service now finds the tower stairs too much for him, and has joined the ranks of Honorary Life Members. A quarter peal was rung to mark the occasion of his fifty-sixth wedding anniversary.

During the year the first peal on the bells was rung at Georgeham, and two attempts to ring the first peal on Hatherleigh bells were made; we hope the third attempt will meet with more success. Eight quarter-peals have been rung which enabled two members to ring their first quarter peals, three, their first quarters of Plain Bob Major, and four their first quarters of Stedman Triples. Kenvyn Walters, aged 16, is to be congratulated on calling his first quarter so well.

Service ringing has been well attended throughout the year for Mattins and Evensong every Sunday, and for the first Communion service of Easter and Whitsun and Christmas midnight. Six members are to be congratulated on maintaining over 80% attendance throughout the year.

We have been pleased to welcome many visitors during the summer, including an excellent band that rang the first peal of Surprise on the bells of Combe Martin.

We are glad to welcome to the Combe Martin Band and North Devon Branch, Mr. David Gay who has come to work in Barnstaple.

North-West Devon.—During the year three meetings have been held. The annual meeting at Ashwater was somewhat curtailed by icy roads, but the Holsworthy and Petrockstowe meetings were well attended by ringers from a wide area. The Branch has maintained its membership of 38. Three new members have been elected during the year. It is with regret that we record the passing of the Rev. W. H. T. Ravenhill, our Chairman for the past twenty-three years. Members represented the Branch at the funeral.

The Branch has a balance in hand of some £7 17s. 5d. It was decided to hold our Annual Meeting in November, instead of February, as we have often found travelling difficult, owing to weather conditions.

Three quarter peals have been rung at Clawton, Holsworthy and Bridgerule. Some members rang peals in other areas. The Branch has received several setbacks, but is coming into its own again. Sunday ringing and practices are well maintained.

Mid-Devon.—The main feature during the past year has been the giving of instruction to the Ringers at Buckfast Abbey. Several visits have been paid and some good progress has been made, and we thank those who have helped to provide this instruction. Meetings have been held at Teignmouth, Townstal, Kingskerswell and Paignton, with visits to other towers afterwards, and attendances have been satisfactory. Members elected during the year have been eight Non-Resident and 26 Resident, these latter being mainly attached to St. Michael's, Teignmouth; All Saints', Babbacombe and Townstal, Dartmouth. Thanks to the efforts of Mr. E. M. Atkins, Change-Ringing is now regularly rung at Teignmouth. Peals rung in the Branch during the year have been Plain Bob Major and Stedman Cinqués, both at Buckfast Abbey, whilst a peal each of Plain Bob Major and Double Norwich Court Bob Major has been rung at Wolborough. Quarter Peals have also been rung at Townstal, Totnes, Buckfast Abbey and Dean Prior. The peal of Double Norwich at Wolborough was rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the Rev. and Mrs. J. G. M. Scott, whilst the Quarter peal at Townstal was rung in honour of the birth of a son to the Rev. and Mrs. N. F. D. Coleridge. It is also interesting to report that two members of the Community took part in the Quarter peal at Buckfast Abbey. A Quarter Peal of Plain Bob Triples was rung at St. Michael's, Teignmouth, on Boxing Day, in which six members of the local band took part.

Our finances, although still below previous years, remain satisfactory.

We again thank those Clergy who continue to allow us the use of their bells, and members of other Branches who give us their usual valuable support, and this report concludes with grateful thanks to the Buckfast Abbey Authorities and others who have so kindly provided us with hospitality on numerous occasions.

South-West Branch.—Two successful meetings were held during 1955, namely the annual at Lifton, and the autumn one at Emmanuel Church at Plymouth. Both were notable for the high standard of striking maintained throughout all the ringing which ranged from rounds to touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain-Bob and Kent.

Each tower is the proud possessor of a peal of eight bells ideal to ringers for "tone and go," and to the public through sound adjustments to bellchamber windows, carried out by the respective Church authorities.

Through no fault of the S.W. Branch the spring meeting, and the joint meeting with the Mid-Devon Branch, did not take place.

The Secretary arranged a tour for friends on holiday on September 17th, when seven towers in S.E. Cornwall were "netted." This trip will be remembered by the participants as unique in that the whole programme ran ahead of scheduled times.

Several of our members attended the Annual Meeting of the Guild on Whit Monday at Exmouth, where they met many old friends, and were particularly pleased to number Mrs. E. S. Powell amongst them.

Two certificates were awarded to members during the year. One to R. J. Drennan of St. Andrew's, and the other to Elisabeth Lyndon of Emmanuel. Unfortunately for us "Bob" Drennan's occupation has now taken him to Weston-super-Mare, and our best wishes go with him.

Several quarter peals have been rung at Emmanuel and a new conductor has emerged. Mr. "Fred" Day called his first quarter on December 22nd, with a band of Sunday Service ringers, at Emmanuel.

Two quarter peals were rung at St. Andrew's, one of Grandsire Caters with six "firsts," and the other of Grandsire Doubles with four "firsts" in.

This is a big "step-up" on 1954 when not a single quarter was scored, and we trust all those who have rung their first quarter will figure in the Peal columns of 1956—that at least should be their aim.

Regular Sunday Service and practice ringing has been carried out at St. Andrew's, Emmanuel, and St. Maurice's. However, were it not for support from Emmanuel and St. Maurice practice at St. Andrew's would cease. Here young blood is badly needed, but at present none is forthcoming.

The finances of the Branch are sound and in the general account a small increase is again shown, and the sum in hand is £24 12s. 9d.

The instruction fund remains unaltered at £3 6s. 0d., while membership is, more or less, the same.

On June 12th, St. Andrew's bells were heard over the air to Grandsire Caters prior to a service broadcast at 9.45 a.m., and on the evening of December 18th Emmanuel bells were broadcast for the first time, and well struck Grandsire Triples was provided for the listening public.

The standard of striking by each band was of the best possible according to listeners who were competent to judge. In fact, their only criticism was that the B.B.C. did not allow more time to the bellringers. In the case of the broadcast from Emmanuel, the bells were on the air for forty seconds only! and the ringers, between them, had travelled eighty miles to perform this duty for their church.

HONORARY AND PERFORMING MEMBERS.

Abbreviations:

(r) Representative on the Branch Committee.

(*) Representative of the Branch on the General Committee.

AYLESBEARE DEANERY BRANCH.

Chairman: Rev. H. V. Christie, The Vicarage, Honiton Clyst.

Hon. Sec. and Treas.: Mr. R. T. Perry, Redcliff, Burgmans Hill, Lymptstone.

Ringin Master: Mr. J. L. S. Glanvill, Higher Bagmore Farm, Woodbury.

Hon. Members: Revs. C. H. Bray, H. V. Christie, E. A. Jullyan (the late), E. A. Osmond, A. T. Rich.

CLYST ST. GEORGE. 6 Bells. Tenor 10½cwt.

W. Wills (r), Restholme, Clyst St. George; Mrs. E. Bathe, Miss P. Bathe, Miss A. Brittain, Miss H. Broom, Miss K. Buckler, S. Duxbury, Miss C. Clutterbuck, T. Handford, K. Hines, S. Hartnoll, R. Holloway, B. Matthews, J. Pym, Miss S. Tucker, D. Wills, W. Shepherd. Practice—Monday, 7 p.m.

COLATON RALEIGH. 6 Bells. Tenor 12 cwt.

S. Elliott (r), Quashbrook Cottage, Colaton Raleigh; C. Elliott, F. Hill;

EAST BUDLEIGH. 6 Bells. Tenor 9cwt.

S. Skinner (r), Angle Cottage, East Budleigh; M. Board, J. Carter, C. Deem, C. Parker, R. Pitman, J. Quick, C. Savage, N. Skinner, Practice—Monday, 7 p.m.

HONITON CLYST. 8 Bells. Tenor 19cwt.

E. E. Retter (r), Waldrons, Honiton Clyst; W. Ashdown, D. Collard, E. Cox, A. Holway, Miss R. Lake, E. Mortimore, G. Retter, Mrs. G. Retter, R. E. Retter, J. Salway, G. Richards. Practice—Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.

LITTLEHAM. 8 Bells. Tenor 7½cwt.

O. Gatter (r), 4 New Cottages, Littleham, Exmouth; D. Deem, P. Gatter, J. Gatter, R. Gatter, E. Piper, H. West, J. West, T. Sparkes. Practice—Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.

LYMPSTONE. 6 Bells. Tenor 12cwt.

S. H. Seager (r), 5 Globe Cottages, Lymptstone; E. Bowden, R. G. Hill, J. Luggar, J. Newton, Miss L. Pannell, R. Perry, Miss J. Terry, J. Whipp, D. White. Practice—Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.

SOWTON. 8 Bells. Tenor, 9cwt.

A. Tapley (r), 17 Sowton; G. Betts, C. Burnett, L. Burnett, W. Burnett, A. Gooding, W. Panter, Mrs. W. Panter, G. Pidsley, D. Reekes, W. Reekes, W. Seldon, J. White, F. White, F. Wilmington, H. Wilmington. Practice—Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.

TOPSHAM. 6 Bells. Tenor 12cwt.

R. Berry, 45 Retreat Road, Topsham; R. Coles, Miss M. C. Goodman, Miss M. E. Godfrey, H. May, Miss M. Richards, A. W. Smith. Practice—Thursday, 7.30 p.m.

WITHCOMBE RALEIGH. 8 Bells. Tenor 15cwt.

S. T. Sharland (r), 9 Woodville Road, Exmouth; F. Bastin, F. Burnett, W. H. Clifton, J. Cox, W. Hayman, J. Skinner, J. Rogers, Miss S. Harvey. Practice—Friday, 7.30 p.m.

WOODBURY. 8 Bells. Tenor, 25cwt.

J. Briggs (r), Post Office, Woodbury; L. K. Dawe, B. J. Glanvill, J. F. Glanvill, J. H. Glanvill, J. L. S. Glanvill, J. Gooding, Miss J. Gooding, D. Gooding, T. Gooding, C. Morrish, H. Miller, J. Sellick. Practice—Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.

*S. H. Seager, *J. Salway, *W. Wills.

EXETER BRANCH.

Chairman: Rev. C. J. Poulton, St. Mark's Vicarage, Exeter.
Hon. Sec. and Treas.: Mr. F. Wreford, 24 Normandy Road, Heavitree, Exeter.

Assistant Sec.: Mr. F. Wills.

Ringling Master: Mr. E. W. Biffin.

Hon. Members: Rt. Rev. The Lord Bishop of Exeter, Rt. Rev. Bishop W. F. Surtees (the late), Very Rev. The Dean of Exeter, Rev. Chancellor D. McLaren (the late).

Hon. Life Member: Mr. R. Wilmington.

Unattached Members: W. G. Burrows, Miss G. Davey, S. J. Harvey, N. Mallett, H. V. Richards, E. E. Ryall, G. Tribe, R. Truman, W. C. Wakely, S. Milton, A. R. Jones.

BANDS IN UNION.

CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER. 12 Bells. Tenor 72½cwt.

W. H. Howe (r), 8 Courtenay Road, St. Thomas; T. G. Bartlett, E. W. Biffin, H. J. Corry, C. C. Deem, C. E. Densham, H. P. Burton, C. G. Glass, J. L. S. Glanvill, J. Hosgood, Miss M. Mundy, R. T. Perry, G. Skinner, A. T. Truman, F. Wreford, F. Wills, W. A. Wills, C. P. Yates. Practice—3rd Saturday monthly, 6 p.m.

BRAMPFORD SPEKE. 6 Bells. Tenor, 5½cwt.

H. J. Corry (r), J. Andrews, J. Caryl, A. J. Bowers, G. Hooper, W. Baker, W. H. Key, W. Street, N. Thomas, T. H. Wright. Practice—Monday, 7.30 p.m.

EXETER ST. DAVIDS. 8 Bells. Tenor, 13cwt.

Miss V. Seymour, "Renworth," Birchy Barton Hill; B. T. Clynick, Miss S. Flynn, Miss M. Grayer, Rev. F. G. Rice, A. W. Searle. Practice—Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.

EXETER ST. MARK'S. 8 Bells. Tenor, 12½cwt.

Rev. C. J. Poulton (r), St. Mark's Vicarage; M. Back, H. Baker, C. E. Densham, Miss S. Hicks, Miss M. E. Jeffs, Miss R. S. King, J. Langabeer, Miss E. C. Leyman, C. Smale, J. Woodland. Practice—Wednesday, 7 p.m.

EXETER ST. THOMAS. 8 Bells. Tenor, 15cwt.

E. W. Biffin (r), 17 Sydney Road; E. Bristowe, W. H. Fairchild, Rev. J. P. Henton, J. Hosgood, Miss M. Mundy, Mrs. L. Oliver, Mrs. P. Rogers, R. Rendle, E. J. Ryall, B. Stone, F. Wills, Miss M. Wills, Mrs. W. Wills, W. A. Wills, F. Wreford. Practice—Wednesday 7.30 p.m.

HEAVITREE. 8 Bells. Tenor, 26cwt

C. G. Glass (r), 24 South Lawn Terrace; E. Glass, A. Mitchell, H. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, G. Miller, R. B. Roberts, T. Rogers, G. Skinner, G. H. Williams. Practice—Thursday, 7 p.m.

IDE. 6 Bells. Tenor 9cwt.

W. J. Burnett (r), "Woodmans," Ide; A. Beer, D. Hawkins, H. Spicer, L. Spicer. Practice—Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.

NEWTON ST. CYRES. 8 Bells, Tenor, 15cwt.

E. G. Cork (r), The Post Office; G. Cole, J. T. Leach, G. S. Luxton, T. Ridgman, F. Weeks, Miss J. Williams, Mrs. V. Williams. Practice—Thursday, 7.30 p.m.

THORVERTON. 8 Bells. Tenor, 14cwt.

H. W. Butt (r), Berry Cottage; Mrs. L. Baker, W. H. Baker, M. T. Butt, J. Ellicott, R. B. Ford, E. W. Ford, T. Gilpin. Practice—Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.

EAST DEVON BRANCH.

Chairman: Mr. G. C. Woodley.

Vice-Chairman: Mr. F. H. Parr.

Hon. Sec. and Treas.: Mr. W. Webb, Oakwell, Millhead Rd., Honiton.

Ringling Master: Mr. P. Davis.

Unattached Performing Member: Mr. C. Joyce.

Honorary Member: Mrs. C. Bryant.

Honorary Life Members: Mr. W. Turk, Mr. R. Lansfield.

BANDS IN UNION.

AWLISCOMBE. 6 Bells. Tenor, 19½cwt.

C. Summers (r), Wessington Farm, Awliscombe; D. Dymond, A. Codling, K. Josling, R. Manley, Mrs. J. Phillips, R. Summers. Practice—Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.

BROADHEMBURY. 6 Bells. Tenor, 19cwt.

Rev. C. Crowhurst (r), The Vicar's House, Broadhembury; Miss E. Boxall, W. Churchill, R. Crowhurst, R. Granger, H. E. B. Gundry, S. Trim. Practice—Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.

BUCKERELL. 6 Bells. Tenor, 8½cwt.

F. H. Parr (r), Butts, Buckerell, Honiton; R. Bakke, J. A. Broadhurst, M. Broadhurst, R. Collins, F. E. J. Parr, Miss M. Parr, J. Wheaton. Practice—Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.

COTLEIGH. 6 Bells. Tenor, 8cwt.

W. A. Sparks (r), Burnside, Cotleigh; J. Blake, W. Chick, Miss M. Curtis, L. Dare, H. Netherway, R. Netherway, E. Snell, Miss M. Snell. Practice—Monday, 7.30 p.m.

HONITON, St. Paul's. 8 Bells. Tenor, 12½cwt.

St. Michael's. 6 Bells. Tenor, 22cwt.

H. A. Hodge (r), Omega, Sidmouth Road, Honiton; W. Baker, O. Griffin, L. Helliard, C. Lowman, C. Manley, J. Real, W. Ridler, B. Tozer, F. Warren, W. Webb, C. D. J. Webb. Practice—Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.

LUPPITT. 6 Bells. Tenor, 14½cwt.

A. J. Crabb (r), Lambeth Farm, Luppitt; C. Churchill, L. Marker, J. Middleton, Mrs. J. Pullen, J. Pullen, J. Sage, E. Thorn, A. Wright. Practice—Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.

MONKTON. 6 Bells. Tenor, 9cwt.

T. Travers (r), 11 Hillside, Monkton; S. Bright, F. Coombe, G. A. Coombe, D. Munt. Practice—Thursday, 7.30 p.m.

OTTERY ST. MARY. 8 Bells. Tenor, 18½cwt.

C. J. Turner (r), Hillcote, Ottery St. Mary; Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox, J. Arbury, J. Ayres, W. S. Burrows, A. J. Down, C. Glanville, L. Gush, G. Hine, C. Lawrence, Jeremy Manley, John Manley, E. H. Marks, J. Price, V. Pyne, A. Tratt, C. C. Turner, R. J. Wood, Practice—Monday, 7.30 p.m.

SHUTE. 6 Bells. Tenor, 16cwt.

H. Sprague (r), The Post Office, Shute, Axminster; C. Farmer, F. Gardener, A. Gillingham, R. Loud, A. Pring, J. Sprague. Practice—Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.

SIDBURY. 8 Bells. Tenor, 16cwt.

K. T. Clarke (r), Lower Brook Meadow, Sidford; A. Chown, B. Coles, E. Pinn, R. Southwood, E. Summers, G. C. Woodley, R. Woodley. Practice—Thursday, 7.30 p.m.

SIDMOUTH. 8 Bells. Tenor, 13cwt.

P. Davis (r), 8 Peasland Road, Sidmouth; P. Bromfield, Miss M. Davis, H. Dyer, N. Farrent, Miss A. Farthing, S. Harmer, Miss J. Pollard, D. Rowe, E. W. Rowe, B. Vincent, G. Vincent. Practice—Monday, 7.30 p.m.

*C. J. Turner, *F. H. Parr, *P. Davis.

NORTH DEVON BRANCH.

Comprising the Deaneries of Barnstaple and Sherwill.

Chairman: The Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, Chittlehampton.

Vice-Chairman: Mr. L. Walters, Slattens, Combe Martin.

Hon. Sec. and Treas.: Miss B. M. Boyle, Libra Gardens, Combe Martin.

Ringling Master: The Rev. J. H. B. Andrews.

Hon. Members: Mr. P. P. Willis, Miss D. E. Whitford, The Rev. F. A. Lovell, Mr. R. Irwin.

Unattached Performing Members: The Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, S. G. Sully.

COMBE MARTIN. 8 Bells. Tenor, 10½cwt.

T. Yeo, L. Walters, F. Sangwin, B. M. Boyle, J. Farthing, C. Rook, R. Gubb, F. Yeo, D. Jewell, A. Smallridge, M. Parkin, K. Walters, D. Yeo, A. Creighton, D. Gay.

*The Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, *L. Walters, *K. Walters.

NORTH EAST DEVON BRANCH.

Deaneries of Cullompton and Tiverton.

Chairman: Rev. J. H. Jones, The Rectory, Huntsham.

Hon. Sec. and Treas.: Mr. W. H. Ware, 1 Holly Road, Tiverton.

Ringling Master: Mr. A. G. Selley.

Hon. Members: Rev. Canon R. C. Worsley, Mrs. K. J. Taylor, Mr. F. V. Voysey, Rev. W. G. Sanderson.

Hon. Life Members: Mr. F. Newcombe, Mr. E. Richards.

Unattached Performing Members: W. J. Stevens, Rev. W. M. K. Warren, Miss V. Buckingham.

BAMPTON. 6 Bells. Tenor, 16½cwt.

J. Waite (r), 2 High Street; F. Baker, A. H. Banberry, V. N. Burrow, A. Cooke, D. J. Gould, D. Hancock, E. H. Oxenham, M. Toze, T. Toze, D. Bellamy, Mrs. D. Bellamy, E. Quick. Practice—Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.

BRADNINCH. 8 Bells. Tenor, 20cwt.

W. Beed (r), 12 Culver Close; F. Bowden, K. Carpenter, J. Drew, E. Ecsott, A. Gould, R. Peperal, K. Snell, M. W. H. Beed. Practice—Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.

CALVERLEIGH. 6 Bells. Tenor, 7cwt.

R. Hill (r), Lurley, Washfield; W. R. Burnett, L. F. Elston, C. J. Greenslade, W. H. Greenslade, T. H. Woodley. Practice—Wednesday 7.30 p.m.

HUNTSHAM. 8 Bells. Tenor, 13½cwt.

J. Davey (r) Hayes Cottage; Miss M. Bolt, P. Bolt, V. Bolt, R. S. Carpenter, R. Carpenter, Rev. J. H. Jones, N. Lewis, Miss D. M. Lewis, Miss J. D. Lewis, Miss R. Pratt. Practice—Friday, 7 p.m.

KENTISBEARE. 6 Bells. Tenor, 14cwt.

L. G. Leatt (r), 1 Silver Street, Kentisbeare; F. Clarke, G. F. Cottey, W. Cox, S. T. Howe, W. P. Lane, W. G. Radford, W. Walkley, F. J. Western, D. J. Cox. Practice—Wednesday, 7.45 p.m.

SILVERTON. 8 Bells. Tenor, 16cwt.

A. G. Selley (r), The Square; D. Brooks, F. S. J. Down, C. G. Dymond, D. G. French, A. Hawkins, J. R. Hutchings, J. Lamacroft, H. Ransom, W. E. Richards, Mrs. A. G. Selley, E. J. Hart, M. O. Bunce, T. and J. Furbear, Mrs. E. W. Richards. Practice—Thursday, 7.30 p.m.

TIVERTON. 8 Bells. Tenor, 25cwt.

J. Upton, 20 Westexe North, Tiverton; W. Cockram, P. Cork, J. Kelland, A. Kerslake, L. H. May, P. Mayne, Mrs. C. F. Miles, A. W. Payne, E. J. Taylor, W. H. Ware, G. Court. Practice—Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.

UFFCULME. 8 Bells. Tenor, 22cwt.

A. Whittle (r), Coldharbour, Uffculme; C. Andrews, B. Cavell, F. Edwards, D. Hobbs, E. G. Spurway, G. Spurway, R. Spurway, R. Wheadon. Practice—Friday, 7.30 p.m.

*A. G. Selley, *J. Upton (1954), *W. E. Richards, *D. Bellamy (1955).

NORTH WEST DEVON BRANCH.

Chairman: Mr. F. C. Smale, Oakfield, Okehampton.

Hon. Sec. and Treas.: Mr. J. W. Sangwin, N. Tamerton, Holsworthy.

Ringling Master: Mr. C. Sangwin, Thornycroft, Bude.

Unattached Life Member: J. Elliott.

Unattached Performing Members: A. E. Bissitt, E. Ford, F. Gilbert, H. Heard, Mrs. P. Johnston, S. Stacey, H. Stacey, G. Vinnicombe, S. Littlejohns.

ASHWATER. 6 Bells. Tenor, 9cwt.

R. H. Moon (r), Ashwater, Beaworthy; M. Cole, A. E. Moon, D. Neal, J. Pope, Miss Ruby, Rev. R. J. D. Newhouse.

BRADWORTHY. 6 Bells. Tenor, 12cwt.

R. G. Collacott (r), Beaver Road; T. Prance.

BRIDGERULE. 8 Bells. Tenor 10½cwt.

W. H. Cholwill (r), Highlands; J. H. Bowden, R. J. Hicks, W. R. Hill, R. G. Pearce, C. Sangwin, J. W. Sangwin, W. J. Vinnicombe. Practice—Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Marhamchurch, Monday, 7.30 p.m.

HOLSWORTHY. 8 Bells. Tenor 15cwt.

Rev. A. Warne (r), C. Lyle, G. K. Metters. Practice—Wednesday.

MARLAND ST. PETERS. 6 Bells. Tenor 9cwt.

Rev. W. H. Smale, Petrockstowe; F. C. Smale, W. H. R. Smale, H. Luxton, F. Jennings.

PYWORTHY. 6 Bells. Tenor, 9cwt.

W. H. Slee, Court, Pyworthy, L. Cawsey, J. H. Gliddon, Rev. E. P. James.

MID-DEVON BRANCH.

Chairman: Mr. J. E. Lilley, Perry Farm, Highweek.
Hon. Sec. and Treas.: Mr. A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh.
Ringling Master: Mr. J. E. Lilley.
Hon. Members: A. L. Bennett, E. W. C. Coode.
Unattached Members: M. J. Bray, Mrs. C. R. Lilley, Mrs. J. E. Lilley, A. Newman, M. G. Heath, G. A. Uglow, J. V. Parnell.

BABBACOMBE. 8 Bells. Tenor, 14½cwt.
 G. W. Smith (r), 199 Babbacombe Road, Babbacombe; Miss J. Wiltshire, Miss J. Smale, Miss J. Hardy, Miss P. Rees, Miss H. Day, P. Smythe, J. Perkin, G. Nicks. Practice—Monday, 7.30 p.m.

HIGHWEEK. 8 Bells. Tenor, 12cwt.
 J. E. Lilley (r), Perry Farm; A. H. Birley.

PAIGNTON. 8 Bells. Tenor, 22cwt.
 C. F. Austin (r), 2 Quarry Terrace. Practice—Thursday, 7.30 p.m.

TEIGNMOUTH ST. JAMES. 8 Bells. Tenor, 13cwt.
 F. J. Pillar (r), "Derry," Landscore Road; Miss D. Stephens. Practice—Monday, 7.30 p.m.

TEIGNMOUTH ST. MICHAEL. 8 Bells. Tenor, 22cwt.
 E. M. Atkins (r), Rock Cottage, Woodland Avenue; Capt. A. R. Poyntz, K. Shelley, Mrs. K. Shelley, Rev. D. E. Hood, Mrs. D. E. Hood, Mrs. E. M. Atkins, D. Cross, Miss P. Mills, Miss P. Symons, M. Hood. Practice—Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.

TOWNSTAL. 6 Bells. Tenor, 9cwt.
 Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge (r), Ridgway Cottage, 27 Ridge Hill, Dartmouth; Miss V. Goss, B. Goss, R. Saunders, Miss S. Elliott, Miss E. Evans, Miss P. Evans, G. Pickett. Practice—Second Tuesday, 7 p.m.

WOLBOROUGH. 8 Bells. Tenor, 15½cwt.
 Rev. J. G. M. Scott (r), 44 St. Leonard's Road, Newton Abbott; Mrs. J. G. M. Scott.
 *E. M. Atkins, *Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge, *Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

SOUTH-WEST DEVON BRANCH.

Archdeaconry of Plymouth.

Chairman: Mr. H. H. Thomas, 4 Coleridge Road, Lipson, Plymouth.
Hon. Sec. and Treas.: Mr. T. G. Myers, 79 Regent Street, Plymouth.
Ringling Master: Mr. T. G. Myers. **Auditor:** Mr. H. O. Thomas.
Hon. Members: Rev. H. E. Bennett, Mr. W. G. Hiscott, Mrs. J. Woodley.
Unattached Members: T. G. Hillman, T. Hillman, Mr. E. May, Miss I. E. Martin-Petty, A. J. H. Sandy, G. W. Simmonds.

PLYMOUTH ST. ANDREW'S. 10 Bells. Tenor 35cwt.
 T. G. Myers, 79 Regent Street, Plymouth; R. J. Drennan, W. J. Harvey, C. Holmes, H. W. Milford, A. Mitchelmore, A. W. Myers, G. H. Myers, H. F. Myers, S. O'Shaughnessy, Miss Y. C. Porter, J. H. Tippett, D. F. Wheeler.

PLYMOUTH EMMANUEL. 8 Bells. Tenor, 21-2-12.
 J. P. Sims, 85 Shrewsbury Road, Whiteleigh, Plymouth; D. A. Baldry, W. Collier, F. E. Day, G. Godard, Mrs. G. Godard, F. R. Hocking, Miss E. E. Lyndon (under 16), Miss M. McClelland, A. Perkin, R. G. Perkin, H. N. Rogers, Miss S. Sims (under 16), Miss M. Stoneman, Miss A. E. Thomas, H. B. Thomas, H. H. Thomas, H. O. Thomas, H. Trehern, Rev. J. D. Wakeling, M.A., M.C., A. S. Weatherly.

PLYMPTON ST. MAURICE. 8 Bells. Tenor, 16cwt.
 K. Farnham, 31 Reynolds Road, Plympton; Miss B. Browning, D. J. Farnham, E. Gapper, A. Hansford, Miss R. Hansford, W. G. Lavers, R. A. Southwood.

KELLY. 6 Bells. Tenor, 8cwt.
 G. Fitze, Kelly Mill, Lifton; J. Boucher (under 16), W. C. Boucher, J. Eggins, S. Horrell, R. Johns.

LIFTON. 8 Bells. Tenor, 21cwt.
 W. A. T. Brimacombe, Spry Farm, Lifton; T. Barriball, J. Benoy, W. Manning.

RECORD OF PEALS RUNG BY MEMBERS OF THE GUILD.

967 **EAST BUDLEIGH.**
 On Monday, January 31st, 1955, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
 At the Church of All Saints.

A Peal of 5040 Grandsire Doubles.
 Being seven 240's and 28 extents. Tenor, 9cwt.

*NORMAN SKINNER ... Treble	†CYRIL DEEM 4
JOHN QUICK 2	†ROBERT PERRY 5
†CECIL PARKER 3	SIDNEY SKINNER ... Tenor

 Conducted by John Quick.

*First peal away from tenor. †First peal. ‡First peal of Grandsire Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

968 **PINHOE.**
 On Friday, February 25th, 1955, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
 At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

A Peal of 5040 All Saints' Doubles.
 Being 42 extents. Tenor, 11cwt.

CECIL PARKER ... Treble	CYRIL DEEM 4
SIDNEY SKINNER 2	JOHN QUICK 5
WILFRED PANTER 3	A. COURTNEY THORNE Tenor

 Conducted by John Quick.

First complete peal in the method for all, in the county and for the Guild. First peal on the bells since rehangng.

969 **BROADCLYST.**
 On Saturday, February 26th, 1955, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
 At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

A Peal of 5008 Plain Bob Major.
 Tenor 21cwt in E flat.

NORMAN MALLETT ... Treble	FREDERICK WREFORD ... 5
*MARIELLA MUNDY 2	DAVID BEACHAM 6
DEREK JEWELL 3	HARRY J. GAYLARD 7
GEORGE BURTON 4	GEORGE STEDMAN MORRIS

 Tenor

Composed by F. H. Dexter. Conducted by Geo. Stedman Morris.
 *First peal of Major "inside." Rung as a compliment to Miss M. Mundy and Norman Mallett on their engagement this day.

970 **GEORGEHAM.**
 On Saturday, March 5th, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
 At the Church of St. George.

A Peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples.
 Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation) Tenor 13cwt.

DAVID YEO Treble	FRED YEO 5
BEATRICE M. BOYLE 2	NORMAN MALLETT 6
MARIELLA E. MUNDY 3	DAVID BEACHAM 7
D. KENVYN WALTERS 4	ARTHUR SMALLRIDGE Tenor

Conducted by David Beacham.

The first peal on the bells.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Norman Mallett and Mariella Mundy on their engagement.

971 **DALWOOD.**

On Saturday, March 12th, 1955, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Peter.

A Peal of 5040 Grandsire Doubles.

Being 11 variations of Morris and 20 six-scores, eight different callings.
Tenor 8cwt.

ALAN HODGE Treble	WILLIAM SPARKS 4
*JOHN REAL 2	WILLIAM WEBB 5
CHRISTOPHER WEBB 3	†BRIAN TOZER Tenor

Conducted by William Webb.

*First peal "inside." †First peal.

972 **TEDBURN ST. MARY.**

On Friday, March 11th, 1955, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary.

A Peal of 5040 Minor.

Being two extents each of Double Court, Double Oxford and St. Clement's and one of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10cwt.

HORACE W. J. BUTT ... Treble	HAROLD P. BURTON 4
FREDERICK WREFORD ... 2	JOHN QUICK 5
SIDNEY SKINNER 3	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL Tenor

Conducted by Sidney Skinner.

First peal on the bells.

A birthday compliment to the tenorman.

973 **BUCKFAST.**

Mid-Devon Branch.

On Saturday, March 19th, 1955, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.
At the Benedictine Abbey of St. Mary.

A Peal of 5008 Plain Bob Major.

Tenor 12½cwt. in G.

AUBREY L. BENNETT ... Treble	WILLIAM J. HARVEY 5
MARIELLA E. MUNDY 2	*GERALD A. UGLOW 6
Rev. JOHN G. M. SCOTT ... 3	JAMES E. LILLEY 7
E. MAURICE ATKINS 4	NORMAN MALLETT Tenor

Composed and conducted by E. Maurice Atkins.

*First peal of Major.

First peal in the method on the bells and rung on the front octave.

974 **SHOBROOKE.**

On Thursday, March 31st, 1955, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Swithun.

A Peal of 5040 Minor.

Being two extents each of Single Court, Oxford Bob, Double Bob and one of College Bob.
Tenor 12cwt.

H. W. BUTT Treble	HAROLD P. BURTON 4
FREDERICK WREFORD ... 2	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL 5
SIDNEY SKINNER 3	JOHN QUICK Tenor

Conducted by Sidney Skinner.

975

BUCKFAST.

On Saturday, April 16th, 1955, in 4 Hours and 2 Minutes.
At the Benedictine Abbey of St. Mary.

A Peal of 5007 Stedman Cinques.

Tenor 41cwt.

HARRY MILES Treble	JOHN S. MASON 7
JOHN CHILCOTT 2	T. MARK WHITE 8
WILLIAM HIBBERT 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION 9
JOHN PHILLIPS 4	THOMAS G. MYERS 10
DAVID E. PARSONS 5	ROGER O. FRY 11
ERNEST J. TAYLOR 6	LEONARD DERRICK Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John Chilcott.

976

HARPFORD.

On Thursday, April 21st, 1955, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Gregory.

A Peal of 5040 Minor.

Being 720 each of College Bob, Single Court, Double Court, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Bob.
Tenor 8cwt.

*L. K. DAWE Treble	HAROLD P. BURTON 4
FREDERICK WREFORD ... 2	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL 5
SIDNEY SKINNER 3	JOHN QUICK Tenor

Conducted by Sidney Skinner.

*First peal in seven Minor methods.

A birthday compliment to H.M. The Queen.

977

BRAUNTON.

On Saturday, May 7th, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Brannock.

A Peal of 5040 Plain Bob Major.

Tenor 16cwt.

MARIELLA MUNDY ... Treble	DEREK JEWELL 5
FRANK WILLS 2	FRED WREFORD 6
DAVID GAY 3	ARTHUR TRUMAN 7
DAVID BEACHAM 4	NORMAN MALLETT Tenor

Composed by J. Carter.

Conducted by Norman Mallett.

The first peal on the bells.

978

LYMPSTONE.

On Tuesday, May 10th, 1955, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
At the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin.

A Peal of 5040 Kent Treble Bob Minor.

Being seven 720's each called differently.
Tenor 12cwt.

*L. KENNETH DAWE ... Treble	SIDNEY SKINNER 4
*HAROLD P. BURTON ... 2	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL 5
*ROBERT PERRY 3	†JOHN QUICK Tenor

Conducted by Sidney Skinner.

*First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor. †50th peal.

A 96th birthday compliment to the mother of the ringer of the second, whose birthday was on May 8th.

979

OTTERTON.

On Saturday, May 14th, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

A Peal of 5040 Doubles.

Being 14 extents of Plain Bob, 14 extents of Reverse St. Bartholomew, 14 extents of Grandsire. Callings: Ten 120's and two 240's of Morris' arrangement. Tenor 12cwt.

CECIL PARKER ...	Treble	JOHN QUICK ...	4
SIDNEY SKINNER ...	2	ROBERT PERRY ...	5
L. KENNETH DAWE ...	3	NORMAN SKINNER ...	Tenor

Conducted by John Quick.

First peal in three Doubles methods for all.

980

LUPPITT.

On Saturday, May 14th, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary.

A Peal of 5040 Grandsire Doubles.

Being 16 240's and 10 six-scores. Tenor 14½cwt.

BRIAN TOZER ...	Treble	*JEFFERY COOMBS ...	4
*ALBERT CRABB ...	2	WILLIAM WEBB ...	5
CHRISTOPHER WEBB ...	3	JOHN REAL ...	Tenor

Conducted by William Webb.

*First peal.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Sparks, of Cotleigh, on their 25th wedding anniversary.

981

SOUTH MOLTON.

On Saturday, May 14th, 1955, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

A Peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples.

Parker's Twelve-part (6th Observation).
Tenor 24cwt. 3qr. 12lb. in D.

MARIELLA MUNDY ...	Treble	DAVID BEACHAM ...	5
*NORMAN MALLETT ...	2	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL ...	6
REV. J. H. B. ANDREWS ...	3	FREDERICK WREFORD ...	7
DAVID GAY ...	4	S. G. SULLY ...	Tenor

Conducted by John L. S. Glanvill.

*75th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to the South Molton ringers on winning the Devon Championship Shield for call change ringers.

982

AYLESBEARE.

On Saturday, May 21st, 1955, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

A Peal of 5040 Stedman Doubles.

Being 42 extents (10 callings). Tenor 12cwt.

SIDNEY SKINNER ...	Treble	JOHN H. GLANVILL ...	4
L. KENNETH DAWE ...	2	JOHN QUICK ...	5
WILFRED PANTER ...	3	NORMAN SKINNER ...	Tenor

Conducted by Sidney Skinner.

First peal of Stedman Doubles for all.

20

983

OFFWELL.

On Friday, June 3rd, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary.

A Peal of 5040 Grandsire Doubles.

Being 20 240's and two six-scores. Tenor 8cwt.

BRIAN TOZER ...	Treble	WILLIAM SPARKS ...	4
CHRISTOPHER WEBB ...	2	WILLIAM WEBB ...	5
ALLEN HODGE ...	3	JOHN REAL ...	Tenor

Conducted by William Webb.

First peal on the bells.

984

NEWTON ABBOT.

On Friday, June 3rd, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Wolborough.

A Peal of 5024 Plain Bob Major.

Tenor 15½cwt.

JOHN QUICK ...	Treble	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL ...	5
WILLIAM J. HARVEY ...	2	*OWEN T. NORTHWOOD ...	6
E. MAURICE ATKINS ...	3	*PETER R. JOHNSON ...	7
SIDNEY SKINNER ...	4	JOHN M. JELLEY ...	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. Maurice Atkins.

*First peal in the method.

985

COLEBROOKE.

On Saturday, June 4th, 1955, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Andrew.

A Peal of 5040 Doubles.

Being eight extents each of Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, and nine each of April Day and Reverse St. Bartholomew. Tenor 18cwt.

ARTHUR TAPLEY ...	Treble	*SIDNEY SKINNER ...	4
WILFRED PANTER ...	2	JOHN QUICK ...	5
L. KENNETH DAWE ...	3	A. COURTNEY THORNE ...	Tenor

Conducted by John Quick.

*50th peal. First peal in five Doubles methods for all. First peal on the bells.

A birthday compliment to the mother of the ringer of the third.

986

SOWTON.

On Wednesday, June 8th, 1955, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Michael.

A Peal of 5056 Plain Bob Major.

Tenor 9cwt.

ARTHUR TAPLEY ...	Treble	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL ...	5
WILLIAM REEKS ...	2	JOHN QUICK ...	6
SIDNEY SKINNER ...	3	ERNEST W. ROWE ...	7
JACK SALWAY ...	4	GEORGE E. RETTER ...	Tenor

Conducted by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by George E. Retter.

987

DALWOOD.

On Saturday, June 25th, 1955, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Peter.

A Peal of 5040 Doubles.

Consisting of 10 extents of Stedman and 32 extents of Grandsire (10 callings each). Tenor 9cwt.

HERBERT W. PEARCE ...	Treble	*ALBERT W. DYER ...	4
WALTER H. POOLE ...	2	*WILLIAM G. TURK ...	5
*RAYMOND P. SELWAY ...	3	*CYRIL F. JOYCE ...	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond P. Selway.

*First peal in two methods.

Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Evans.

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WOLBOROUGH.

On Thursday, August 18th, 1955, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

A Peal of 5024 Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

Tenor 14½cwt.

JOAN GRAY	Treble	REV. J. G. M. SCOTT	5
NORMAN MALLETT	2	G. W. SIMMONDS	6
JOHN L. S. GLANVILL	3	BRIAN PIDGEON	7
FREDERICK WREFORD	4	PHILIP J. M. GRAY	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Philip J. M. Gray.

To celebrate the birth of a grandson to John Glanvill, a daughter to the Rev. and Mrs. John Scott, and the sixth anniversary of the marriage in this church of Joan and Philip Gray.

TIVERTON.

On Saturday, August 20th, 1955, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Peter.

A Peal of 5024 Bristol Surprise Major.

Tenor 25cwt, 2qr. 18lb. in D.

DONALD G. CLIFT	Treble	ALAN F. THIRST	5
GEORGE W. MASSEY	2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	3	*RONALD N. MARLOW	7
DEREK P. JONES	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

*First peal in the method.

SOUTH MOLTON.

On Monday, August 22nd, 1955, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

A Peal of 5056 Yorkshire Surprise Major.

Tenor 24cwt, 3qr. 10lb. in E flat.

WILFRED WILLIAMS	Treble	ALAN F. THIRST	5
DONALD G. CLIFT	2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	3	ROGER O. FRY	7
ARTHUR H. REED	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

First peal in the method on the bells.

COMBE MARTIN.

On Monday, August 22nd, 1955, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula.

A Peal of 5056 London Surprise Major.

Tenor 10½cwt, in F sharp.

ARTHUR H. REED	Treble	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	5
GEORGE W. MASSEY	2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	6
WILFRID F. MORETON	3	RONALD N. MARLOW	7
WILFRED WILLIAMS	4	DEREK P. JONES	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.

On Saturday, August 27th, 1955, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

A Peal of 5088 Bristol Surprise Major.

Tenor 25cwt, 3qr. 21b. in D.

ROGER O. FRY	Treble	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	5
GEORGE W. MASSEY	2	ALAN F. THIRST	6
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	3	DEREK P. JONES	7
*NORMAN MALLETT	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

*First peal in the method.

STOCKLAND.

On Saturday, September 17th, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

A Peal of 5040 Doubles.

Consisting of 20 extents of Stedman (10 callings), 12 of Plain Bob (4 callings) and 10 of Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 14cwt.

*RAYMOND P. SELWAY	Treble	*ALBERT W. DYER	4
WALTER H. POOLE	2	WILLIAM G. GIGG	5
ARTHUR H. REED	3	*CYRIL F. JOYCE	Tenor

Conducted by William G. Gigg.

*First peal in three methods.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Margaret Joy Rowe and Mr. Nigel Tedbury, married at the church before the peal.

BROADCLYST.

On Saturday, October 8th, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

A Peal of 5088 Plain Bob Major.

Tenor 21cwt.

MARIELLA MUNDY	Treble	FREDERICK WREFORD	5
NORMAN MALLETT	2	WALTER H. POOLE	6
HAROLD P. BURTON	3	HARRY G. KEELEY	7
ERNEST J. TAYLOR	4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	Tenor

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by G. Stedman Morris.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. S. Stockman, of Kingswear, on his 80th birthday, also to Mr. and Mrs. C. Mallett on their silver wedding anniversary. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

BRAMPFORD SPEKE.

On Thursday, October 20th, 1955, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Peter.

A Peal of 5040 Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 5½cwt.

ERNEST J. TAYLOR	Treble	HAROLD P. BURTON	4
JOHN L. S. GLANVILL	2	E. MAURICE ATKINS	5
FREDERICK WREFORD	3	BRIAN PIDGEON	Tenor

Conducted by E. Maurice Atkins.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Skinner, of East Budleigh, on the birth of a son.

996

SEATON.

On Saturday, October 29th, 1955, in 3 Hours.
At the Church of St. Gregory.

A Peal of 5024 Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

Tenor 12cwt.

HENRY G. KEELEY ... Treble	WILLIAM A. YATES ...	5
CANON C. CAREW COX ... 2	CUTHBERT W. POWELL ...	6
*RICHARD P. LANCEFIELD ... 3	*HARRY J. GAYLARD ...	7
WALTER H. POOLE ... 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by G. Stedman Morris.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung for All Saintside.

997

KILMINGTON.

On Saturday, October 29th, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Giles.

A Peal of 5040 Grandsire Doubles.

Being 21 240's (six callings).

Tenor 12½cwt.

ALLEN HODGE ... Treble	WILLIAM SPARKS ...	4
CHRISTOPHER WEBB ... 2	WILLIAM WEBB ...	5
*WILLIAM BAKER ... 3	*ERNEST SNELL ...	Tenor

Conducted by William Webb.

*First peal. First peal on the bells.

998

CALVERLEIGH.

On Saturday, November 5th, 1955, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

A Peal of 5040 Plain Bob Minor.

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 5cwt. 22lb.

STANLEY N. BRISTOW Treble	CLAUD W. J. TARR ...	4
DOUGLAS M. BELLAMY ... 2	REGINALD BEALE ...	5
GORDON WALFORD ... 3	WILLIAM F. SLOCOMBE	Tenor

Conducted by William F. Slocombe.

999

NEWTON ST. CYRES.

On Saturday, November 12th, 1955, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
At the Church of SS. Cyr and Jullietta.

A Peal of 5024 Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

Tenor 13½cwt.

GEORGE SKINNER ... Treble	BRIAN PIDGEON ...	5
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 2	FREDERICK WREFORD ...	6
HAROLD P. BURTON ... 3	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL ...	7
SIDNEY SKINNER ... 4	JOHN QUICK ...	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. Maurice Atkins.
The first peal of Major on the bells.

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1000

EXETER.

OFFICERS' PEAL.

On Saturday, November 19th, 1955, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Michael, Heavitree.

A Peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples.

Holt's Ten-part.

Tenor 25½cwt.

BEATRICE M. BOYLE (Sec., N. Devon Branch) ...	Treble	2
ERNEST J. TAYLOR (Gen Sec.) ...	3	3
ROBERT T. PERRY (Sec., Aylesbeare Branch) ...	4	4
FREDERICK WREFORD (Sec., Exeter Branch) ...	5	5
JOHN L. S. GLANVILL (Ringing Master, Aylesbeare Branch) ...	6	6
*WILLIAM H. WARE (Sec., N.E. Devon Branch) ...	7	7
THOMAS G. MYERS (Sec., S.W. Devon Branch) ...	Tenor	7
†WILLIAM WEBB (Sec., E. Devon Branch) ...	Tenor	

Conducted by Thomas G. Myers.

*First peal of Triples "inside." †First peal of Triples. First Officers' Peal for the Guild, The 1,000th peal for the Guild.

1001

LYMPSTONE.

On Monday, November 21st, 1955, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
At the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin.

A Peal of 5040 Doubles.

Being 240 each of Stedman, All Saints, Newborough, Grandsire, New Grandsire, Chase, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, St. Blaize, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Little Aston, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps, and one extent each of St. Columb, St. Nicholas, April Day, Bob Doubles, Dedworth, Seighford, Old Doubles, Norfolk, Kennington, St. Simon's, Elford, St. Martin's, Austrey and Stedman Slow Course.

Tenor 12cwt.

L. KENNETH DAWE ... Treble	CYRIL DEEM ...	4
ROBERT PERRY ... 2	*JOHN QUICK ...	5
*SIDNEY SKINNER ... 3	†JIM BRIGGS ...	Tenor

Conducted by Sidney Skinner.

*50th peal together. †First peal. First peal in 28 methods for all and the Guild. 25th peal as conductor.

1002

PLYMTREE.

On Thursday, November 24th, 1955, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

A Peal of 5040 Minor.

Being 720 each of (1) Kent and Oxford; (2) Cambridge Surprise; (3) Single Oxford; (4) Double Oxford; (5) Double Court; (6) St. Clement's; (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 11cwt.

L. KENNETH DAWE ... Treble	FRED WREFORD ...	4
SIDNEY SKINNER ... 2	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL ...	5
BRIAN PIDGEON ... 3	JOHN QUICK ...	Tenor

Conducted by Sidney Skinner.

First peal in eight Minor methods for all and the Guild. First peal of Minor on the bells.

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1003

HARPFORD.

On Saturday, November 26th, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Gregory.

A Peal of 5040 Plain Bob Minor.

Seven extents each called differently. Tenor 7cwt.
*NORMAN SKINNER ... Treble *ERNEST ROWE ... 4
†RONALD PITMAN ... 2 SIDNEY SKINNER ... 5
L. KENNETH DAWE ... 3 JOHN QUICK ... Tenor

Conducted by John Quick.

*First peal of Plain Bob Minor. †First peal of Plain Bob Minor "inside."

1004

CREDITON.

On Saturday, December 10th, 1955, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.
At the Church of The Holy Cross.

A Peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples.

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 27cwt. in D.
*JUDITH WILLIAMS ... Treble GEORGE LUXTON ... 5
CYRIL C. DEEM ... 2 JOHN L. S. GLANVILL ... 6
EDWARD G. CORK ... 3 GEORGE E. RETTER ... 7
GEORGE SKINNER ... 4 STANLEY J. SHARLAND Tenor

Conducted by George E. Retter.

*First peal.

Rung in memory of James Perkins, churchwarden, chorister and ringer at this church, captain of the local band for 50 years, who died on December 2nd, 1955.

1005

BUCKERELL.

On Saturday, December 17th, 1955, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
At the Church of SS. Mary and Giles.

A Peal of 5040 Grandsire Doubles.

Being 17 240's and eight 120's. Tenor 8½cwt.
FRANCIS PARR ... Treble JOSEPH BROADHURST ... 4
CHRISTOPHER WEBB ... 2 WILLIAM WEBB ... 5
ALAN HODGE ... 3 JOHN REAL ... Tenor

Conducted by William Webb.

1006

COLERIDGE.

On Monday, December 26th, 1955, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Matthew.

A Peal of 5040 Doubles.

Being seven extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and five each of All Saints', Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, April Day, Plain Bob, St. Martin's and St. Simon's. Tenor 13cwt.

CECIL PARKER ... Treble CYRIL DEEM ... 4
SIDNEY SKINNER ... 2 JOHN QUICK ... 5
ROBERT PERRY ... 3 RONALD PITMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by John Quick.

First peal on the bells. First peal in eight Doubles methods for all and for the Guild.

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1007

SOWTON.

On Wednesday, December 28th, 1955, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Michael.

A Peal of 5040 Oxford Bob Triples.

C.C.C. No. 25. Tenor 9½cwt.
ARTHUR TAPLEY ... Treble †KENNETH DAWE ... 5
GEORGE E. RETTER ... 2 *FREDERICK WREFORD ... 6
ERNEST E. RETTER ... 3 *JOHN QUICK ... 7
*SIDNEY SKINNER ... 4 *WILLIAM REEKS ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by George E. Retter.

*First peal in the method. †First peal of Triples. First peal in the method on the bells.

1008

EAST BUDLEIGH.

On Saturday, December 31st, 1955, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
At the Church of All Saints.

A Peal of 5040 Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Being seven extents (two callings). Tenor 9cwt.
*CYRIL SAVAGE ... Treble JOHN CARTER ... 4
SIDNEY SKINNER ... 2 BRIAN PIDGEON ... 5
FREDERICK WREFORD ... 3 JOHN QUICK ... Tenor

Conducted by Sidney Skinner.

*First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the Rev. H. W. Gardiner, who was at one time Rector of East Budleigh.

ABSTRACT OF PEALS RUNG FOR THE GUILD.

Owing to the General Secretary's illness, this item must be held over until the next Report.

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BRANCH ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1955

	Exeter	Ayls. D.	East	N. East	North	N. West	M. Dev.	S. West
RECEIPTS								
Balance in Hand	19 8 9	37 7 3	39 2 1	41 13 1	3 17 1	7 3 9	1 9 1	21 8 8
Honorary Members' Subscriptions ...	1 15 0	—	5 0	15 0	1 0 0	—	10 0	1 0 0
Life Members' Subscriptions ...	—	—	10 0	5 0	1 0 0	—	2 0 0	—
Performing Members' Subscriptions ...	12 15 0	16 2 0	14 5 0	13 1 0	2 6 6	5 19 0	5 8 0	9 16 6
Sundry Receipts	—	—	—	2 6	—	1 14 8	—	16 1
Bank Interest	9 5	17 9	1 16 6	18 9	1 9	—	1 4	—
	34 8 2	54 7 0	55 18 7	56 15 4	8 5 4	14 17 5	9 8 5	33 1 3
EXPENDITURE								
Half Subscriptions to General Fund	7 5 0	8 1 0	7 10 0	7 0 6	2 3 3	2 19 6	3 19 0	5 8 3
Whole Subscriptions to General Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Postages and Secretary's Expenses ...	1 18 6	10 4	1 4 5	1 13 9	10	2 3 10	2 16 11	1 0 0
Advertising in "Ringing World" ...	1 6 0	13 6	7 6	1 2 6	—	7 6	15 0	6 0
Hire of Rooms, Teas, etc. ...	1 2 0	3 16 0	—	1 5 6	—	19 6	1 5 0	7 6
Travelling Expenses	—	—	—	—	2 0 0	—	—	11 6
Levies on Reports	1 12 6	1 7 9	1 1 0	1 1 6	4 9	9 6	7 6	15 3
Balances carried forward	21 4 2	39 18 5	45 15 8	44 11 7	3 16 6	7 17 7	5 0	24 12 9
	34 8 2	54 7 0	55 18 7	56 15 4	8 5 4	14 17 5	9 8 5	33 1 3
INSTRUCTION ACCOUNT								
Balances in hand	38 8 10	—	7 14 0	13 0	—	—	4 4 0	3 6 0
Plus Bank Interest	19 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Balances in hand	39 7 10		7 14 0	13 0			4 4 0	3 6 0

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

From January 1st, 1955, to December 31st, 1955.

Receipts.	£ s. d.	Expenditure.	£ s. d.
Balance January 1st, 1955	76 13 0	Affiliation Fee, Central Council	2 0 0
Half Subscriptions from the following Branches:		Southwood's Ltd., New Peal Book	5 16 5
Exeter, per Mr. F. Wreford	7 5 0	Pollard and Co., Ltd., 100 Certificates	3 19 1
Aylesbeare Deanery, per Mr. R. T. Perry ...	8 1 0	Friends of Exeter Cathedral	1 0 0
East Devon, per Mr. W. Webb	7 10 0	Ben Oke, Printing 600 Reports	29 4 6
North East Devon, per Mr. W. H. Ware ...	7 0 6	Delegates Expenses, Central Council Meeting ...	6 5 0
North Devon, per Miss B. M. Boyle	2 3 3	Southwoods, Ltd., 100 New Badges	13 12 0
North West Devon, per Mr. J. W. Sangwin ...	2 19 6	Advertising in the Ringing World	13 6
Mid-Devon, per Mr. A. L. Bennett	3 19 0	Expenses Annual General Meeting	1 0 0
South West Devon, per Mr. T. G. Myers ...	5 8 3	Printing and Stationery, General Secretary ...	19 8
Levy on Reports	6 19 9	Postages and Telephones, General Secretary ...	2 17 2
Sale of Badges	6 12 6	Postages and Expenses, General Treasurer ...	1 15 11
Booking Fees, 42 Peals	7 7 0		
Bank Interest	7 2		
	£142 5 11	Balance in Hand	69 3 3
			73 2 8
			£142 5 11

BELLS RESTORATION FUND.

£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
Balance January 1st, 1955	186 6 9	Balance in Hand	206 13 2
North East Branch	3 16 0		
Aylesbeare Deanery Branch	3 4 7		
East Devon Branch	1 5 1		
Mid-Devon Branch	16 6		
Exeter Branch	2 18 3		
Annual General Meeting	2 12 9		
South West Branch	1 1 0		
Bank Interest	4 12 3		
	£206 13 2		£206 13 2
December, 1954. 49 Badges in Hand, at cost ...	5 2 1		
December, 1955. 124 Badges in Hand, at cost ...	13 3 6		

GUILD MEMBERSHIP, 31st DECEMBER, 1955.

	Ex.	Ayls.	E.	N.E.	N.	N.W.	Mid.	S.W.	Total
New Performing Members elected during 1955	3	—	12	—	3	3	26	—	47
No. of Performing Members, 31-12-55	80	99	98	88	15	38	36	51	505
No. of Unattached Members, do.	11	—	1	3	2	—	4	4	25
No. of Hon. Members, do.	7	3	1	4	4	—	2	3	24
No. of Hon. Life Members, do.	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	3
TOTALS	99	102	102	95	21	38	42	58	557

