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LADIES AND RINGING.

When the Ladies' Guild was reorganised last year into defined districts, designed to cover the whole country, it was done as an experiment, but the plan has been found to work as successfully as could be expected, and at the annual meeting at Ipswich, last Saturday, it was resolved that it should be continued. The ringing membership of the Guild is now 350, and it is felt that the scheme, as now in operation, is the best that can be devised for linking up the widely scattered members and maintaining interest in the organisation. The ladies, and particularly the officials, deserve the utmost praise for the determination with which they carry on the work, which, in its disappointments and discouragements, is at times sufficient to daunt the enthusiasm of the keenest spirits. The task which faces the ladies in and around London and in certain other smaller areas is not a difficult one; the problem is to organise their forces in such a way that the members who are widely dispersed in other regions can be given a sufficient interest to support the Guild. It is, of course, perfectly well recognised that, in holding meetings, the ladies have to rely for a considerable measure of their success upon the presence of gentlemen, which is always readily and gallantly forthcoming, but, even so, there are times when the ladies, for whose special benefit the gatherings are arranged, might be expected to show a greater interest, and be prepared to make a little more sacrifice. But when all is said and done, a total of three hundred and fifty members spread over the whole country does not give the Guild much opportunity to make a show of strength at any one point.

Nevertheless the Guild, despite its drawbacks, is doing a very useful work, which must not be measured by the attendances at meetings. Directly and indirectly it is bringing more ladies into the Exercise, and it cannot be denied that, in the belfry, their influence is for good. As in other things which require the exercise of physical strength, there are few ladies fitted for anything more than the lighter tasks in bellringing. Not all the ladies, either, can be classed as good ringers, but, then, neither can all the men. The ladies came into ringing at a critical time, and present conditions make their services equally valuable. In the past they have filled gaps when men have been unobtainable, and now that a certain proportion of young ringers will be withdrawn for a time from the towers to serve in the Forces of the Crown, the ladies may once more prove themselves a real asset to the Exercise. It is an encouraging sign to read of eleven pupils at a Malvern school joining the Worcestershire Association the other day. They will not, of course, re-

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main there indefinitely as a band, but the interest which they are now displaying will be carried, when they leave, to various parts of the country there, we hope, to take root and flourish to the advantage of the art. There is a place for ladies in the belfries; there is a place for the Ladies' Guild in the Exercise. If the Guild does nothing else, it gives the ladies a standing which they might not otherwise have, and it gives the members a fuller sense of their responsibilities as ringers. Its handicaps and difficulties of organisation are met with determination, and all the while this spirit prevails the Ladies' Guild will, we are convinced, hold its own.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

MANCHESTER.

THE NATIONAL POLICE GUILD
AND THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 1, 1939, in Three Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE TOWN HALL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5015 CHANGES;

Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

EX-P.C. JOHN MULLINER ... Treble	P.C. JOHN CARTER ... 7
P.C. DONALD BROWN ... 2	EX-P.C. FREDERICK PAGE ... 8
P.C. WILLIAM ROBINSON ... 3	P.C. FRANK YATES ... 9
P.C. ALBERT FORD ... 4	EX-SUPT. FRED. R. WILLIAMS 10
EX-P.C. JOSEPH WILSON ... 5	P.C. RICHARD BENSON ... 11
P.C. WILLIAM PYE ... 6	EX-P.C. JAMES TURNER } ... Tenor
	EX-P.C. GEORGE PYE }

Composed by S. Wood. Conducted by EX-P.C. FREDK. PAGE.

Rung in honour of the retirement of Supt. F. R. Williams. All the ringers are retired or serving members of the Manchester City Police Force.

WALSALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, July 6, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL ... Treble	GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 7
HERBERT KNIGHT ... 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... 8
BARNABAS G. KEY ... 3	WALTER R. HUGHES ... 9
EDGAR T. SMITH ... 4	GILBERT HARDING ... 10
CHRIS. WALLATER ... 5	JAMES S. EASTWOOD ... 11
ALFRED ADAMS ... 6	WILLIAM A. WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Thomas J. Elton, for 38 years a ringer and chorister at this church.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 29, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

SYDNEY APPLEBY ... Treble	*ARTHUR FREESTON ... 5
*ROBERT A. RICHARDSON ... 2	†DONOVAN R. WHITE ... 6
ARTHUR YOUNG ... 3	JACK PETCH ... 7
*GEORGE H. SCOTT ... 4	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to B. Jackson, also to E. P. Clarke, son of the conductor.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 1, 1939, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

*MISS FREDA N. ARLOTT ... Treble	GEOFFREY E. FOWLER ... 5
EDGAR HUMPHREY ... 2	REGINALD W. REX ... 6
*BERNARD C. CASTLE ... 3	WILLIAM J. PAICE ... 7
ARTHUR HEYWOOD ... 4	*CHARLES COLLYER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Heywood on the anniversary of their wedding and as a farewell to the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, on his preferment to Norwich Cathedral.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 1, 1939, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

MRS. J. H. CRAMPION ... Treble	MISS HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... 5
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 2	ALBERT WIFFEN ... 6
*ERIC J. COE ... 3	JOHN G. NASH ... 7
CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION ... Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

* First peal in the method.

ELLUSMERE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
AND THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 1, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt. (approx.) in E.

ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 5
THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. ... 2	FRANK VARTY ... 6
THOMAS R. BUTLER ... 3	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... 7
WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... 4	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... Tenor

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TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 1, 1939, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN GRANSBURY ... Treble	CHARLES W. OTTLEY ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 6
NORMAN H. MANNING ... 3	ERNEST J. KING ... 7
MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK ... 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 1, 1939, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes;
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 24 cwt.

HARRY D. LISTER ... Treble	WILLIAM E. WATHEN ... 5
GEORGE W. ABLITT ... 2	SHELFORD SPARROW ... 6
ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 7
KRITH W. WHITTELL ... 4	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. Sparrow, wife of the secretary of the local band.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 4, 1939, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JACK A. STIRLAND ... Treble	TOM CLARKE ... 5
ROGER D. ST. JOHN SMITH ... 2	FRANK BRADLEY ... 6
*RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 3	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 7
ALEX HITCHISON ... 4	WILLIAM P. STIRLAND ... Tenor

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH.

* 100th peal for the M.C.A. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss B. J. Smith, daughter of the Rev. D. G. Smith, R.D., Vicar of Heanor, and sister of the conductor, and Mr. E. W. Frost, of Langley Mill.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 4, 1939, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE H. SPICE ... Treble	JAMES BENNETT ... 5
MISS DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 2	STANLEY S. T. SHELLOCK ... 6
CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 7
JOHN E. SPICE ... 4	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 27). Conducted by J. BENNETT.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM.

On Wednesday, July 5, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 3½ cwt. in F.

DANIEL T. MATEIN ... Treble	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 5
JOHN S. MASON ... 2	GEORGE H. WILLIAMS ... 6
HOWARD HOWELL ... 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... 7
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 4	ERNEST G. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATEIN.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Tom Miller, on his 81st birthday.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 5, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOHN GRUNDY ... Treble	KENNETH I. ROE ... 5
COLIN HARRISON ... 2	SIDNEY O. CHEENEY ... 6
ERNEST MORRIS ... 3	GEOFFREY HARRISON ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROOY ... 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 8, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE
SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

REGINALD A. REED ... Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
WILLIAM T. BRESON ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 8, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

GEORGE A. PARSONS	... Treble	FRANCIS KIRK	5
ERNEST W. PYE	2	EDWIN JENNINGS	6
STAFFORD H. GREEN	3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	7
CECIL C. MAYNE	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	Tenor

Composed by J. PIGOTT.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Bristol and first attempt.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 8, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfrid,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOSIAH MORRIS	... Treble	ERNEST MORRIS	5
ARTHUR CATTELL	2	FRED STANFORTH	6
FRANK K. MEASURES	3	GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS	7
WILLIAM A. WOOD	4	C. RAYMOND HILL	Tenor

Composed by H. BURSTOW.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal of Triples in the method by all, on these bells and in this diocese. A wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. Ernest F. Staniforth, who were recently married at Fleckney.

STANDISH, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 8, 1939, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Wilfrid,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES MARSH	... Treble	JAMES L. WRIGHT	5
JOHN BOOTH	2	JOSEPH RYDARD	6
CHARLES SHARPLES	3	E. ROGER MARTIN	7
CYRIL CROSSSTEWAIT	4	JAMES W. GROUNDS	Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDER.

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First peal in the method.

BRAMLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 8, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt, 15 lb. in F.

JOSEPH THACKERAY	... Treble	FRED DAVISON	5
REGGIE GREAVES	2	FRANK RAYMENT	6
SAM HELLIWELL	3	RONALD H. DOVE	7
JOHN W. SCHOLEFIELD	4	LEONARD DRAKE	Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by LEONARD DRAKE.

* First peal of Kent Major. First peal of Kent Major as conductor. Rung to mark the 76th anniversary of the consecration of the church (July 9th), also the patronal festival (June 29th).

LONGTON, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 8, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALAN D. STEEL	... Treble	THOMAS HURD	5
HENRY HALL	2	JOHN G. CARELIDGE	6
HENRY CARNWELL	3	CHARLES H. PAGE	7
EDWARD STEELE	4	ARTHUR W. HALL	Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by ARTHUR W. HALL.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ELMORE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 10, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire, two each of Pitman's and Morris arrangements, and 24 of St. Dunstan's, each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

RONALD WRIGHT	... Treble	ERNEST MATTHEWS	4
MELVILLE JORDAN	2	THOMAS WORRELL	5
LESLIE BARRY	3	LIONEL JORDAN	Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal and first attempt, aged 14½ years.

STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 25, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with 10 callings. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

LEONARD E. A. DAVIES	... Treble	HUBERT JONES	4
JAMES HUGHES	2	ARTHUR C. MASON	5
GEORGE RANDLE	3	GEORGE ALLEN	Tenor

Conducted by WM. J. BENIAMS.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. and Mrs. S. N. H. Frost.

IGHTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 1, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

ROBERT COLLINS	... Treble	FREDERICK E. BUDGEN	4
ROBERT G. RAYFIELD	2	FREDERICK WOOLWAY	5
ARTHUR WENBAN	3	FREDERICK PAIGE	Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT COLLINS.

HARTFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 1, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent of Plain Bob and three extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

REGINALD W. WORRELL	... Treble	RICHARD T. HOLDING	4
DAVID SMITH	2	WALTER ALLMAN	5
ALBERT CRAWLEY	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	Tenor

Conducted by H. W. HOWARD.

OLD BRADWELL, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 1, 1939, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

HERBERT C. BEARD	... Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY	4
GEORGE GILBERT	2	HARRY WINGROVE	5
WILLIAM WELLING	3	TONY PRICE	Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. H. C. Beard.

GLASBURY-ON-WYE, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 2, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Clifford Pleasure, Percy's Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury and 720 each of Lindoff's and Morris' and two 720's of Pitman's arrangements of Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS VAUGHAN	... Treble	FREDERICK J. WATKINS	4
DAVID H. BENNETT	2	JAMES P. HYETT	5
ALBERT E. JONES	3	ALBERT F. RALPHS	Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. Rung for the patronal festival service, also in honour of the installation of the Vicar (the Rev. R. W. Lockyer) as Canon of Brecon Cathedral.

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On Saturday, July 1, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 9½ cwt.
 *H. W. SMITH Treble H. SHERMAN 4
 P. W. TOMPKINS 2 E. BUCK 5
 E. WAGSTAFF 3 S. WALLIS Tenor

Conducted by S. WALLIS.

* First peal at first attempt, aged 14.

GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 4, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-de-Lode,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's, each called differently.

RONALD WRIGHT Treble ERNEST MATTHEWS 4
 THOMAS BALDWIN 2 LESLIE BARRY 5
 *GEORGE SMITH 3 CHARLES HODGES Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal and first attempt, aged 14 years. Rung on the occasion of a visit of H.R.H. the Duchess of Gloucester.

STAVERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 6, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

MRS. E. S. POWELL Treble REV. E. S. POWELL 4
 WALTER PERKINS 2 CHARLES W. CLARKE 5
 MISS EVELYN STEEL 3 REV. C. E. WIGG Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

First peal in seven methods on the bells. A birthday compliment to W. Perkins.

STANTON-ON-HINE-HEATH, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 8, 1939, in Three Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

WALTER LYCHT Treble WILLIAM J. CHESTER 4
 *THOMAS LEECH 2 EDWARD V. RODENHORST 5
 THOMAS PRICE 3 ARTHUR PRITCHARD Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal in seven methods.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 8, 1939, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 callings. Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

ERIC WIGLEY Treble †WILFRED WILDE 4
 *EDWARD F. M. SAMSON 2 C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
 †ALBERT T. BANCROFT 3 †JAMES A. MILNER Tenor

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

* First peal and rung at first attempt. † First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, July 8, 1939, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Angels,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

NORMAN G. LEECH Treble ERIC E. SPEAKE 4
 CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 2 HOWARD HOWELL 5
 JOSEPH W. COTTON 3 BARNABAS G. KEY Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, July 2, 1939, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At 95, SINCIL BANK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 16 in B.

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN ... 1-2 | JOHN FREEMAN 5-6
 *RAYMOND F. SMITH ... 3-4 | †KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal 'in hand' and first in the method. † First peal and first attempt. All the above are under 20 years of age, the average age being 17 years 7 months.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 4, 1939, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At 45, WALSHINGHAM ROAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 1-2 | EDITH K. FLETCHER ... 5-6
 CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3-4 | *EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 7-8

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal in the method 'in hand.'

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, July 5, 1939, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2 | JACK BRAY 5-6
 *FRED JEFFREY 3-4 | *PHILIP BARNES 7-8

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal 'in hand.'

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 5, 1939, in One Hour and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At 20, SWAISLAND ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents called differently. Tenor size 15 in C.

*JAMES E. BAILEY 1-2 | DEREK M. SHARP 3-4
 GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 5-6

Conducted by D. M. SHARP.

Witness—Mrs. J. E. Bailey.

* First peal of Minor on handbells.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 6, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At 19, MIDDLE LANE SOUTH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

T. COLIN RYDER 1-2 | ALBERT NASH 5-6
 *HAROLD CHANT 3-4 | JOHN THORPE 7-8

SIDNEY F. PALMER 9-10

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by A. NASH.

* First peal of Royal on handbells.

PEAL NOTES.

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Another youthful peal ringer has scored a peal. At Hinxworth, Hertfordshire, on July 1st, H. W. Smith, who is only 14 years of age, rang his first peal at the first attempt.

Two other youths of 14 years have scored their first peal at the first attempt. At Elmore, Gloucs., on June 10th, Lionel Gordon rang the 12 cwt. tenor to a peal of Doubles, and at St. Mary de Lode, Gloucester, George Smith rang the third to a peal of Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles. The latter peal, on July 4th, was rung in honour of a visit of the Duchess of Gloucester.

PEAL NOTES.

NEARING 1,500.

Mr. George Williams got a 'star' last Saturday. He rang his first peal of Spliced Surprise Major, and rang it almost faultlessly. There is no limit to the enthusiasm and ambition of some of these young men. Mr. Williams is only 82.

Incidentally it was his 1,499th peal. In some respects it was a pity this notable performance did not make the round 1,500, for it was at the same church, Soberton, Hants, that in 1883 he rang his first peal.

Messrs. James Bennett and C. E. J. Norris have now rung every bell in the tower of St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Gillingham, Kent, to a peal. They completed this together on July 4th. Mr. Bennett began 'collecting' peals in this tower in the days when he was O.S.M., R.M. (We hope we have got these initials right.)

A peal of Bob Major was rung on June 29th at Boston 'Stump,' that tall and famous pile that overlooks the Wash. The peal was a birthday compliment to Mr. B. Jackson, one of the local ringers, and E. P. Clarke, son of Mr. W. E. Clarke, the conductor.

The tower of St. Botolph's is 272ft. high and now contains ten bells. Its restoration was carried out in 1932 with the help of the Bostonians of America, and it was then that the bells were increased from eight.

Members and ex-members of Manchester City Police Force rang a peal of Grandsire Cinques at Manchester Town Hall on July 1st, as a compliment to Supt. F. R. Williams, upon his retirement. Supt. Williams has long been connected with the ringing at the Town Hall and has been president of the National Guild of Police Ringers, of which he is now one of the vice-presidents.

It is desired to point out that although two men rang the tenor to the peal, this does not in any way reflect on the 'go' of the bell. It was so arranged to enable all the ringing members to take part in this tribute to the retiring Superintendent.

The 81st birthday of Mr. Tom Miller, of Birmingham, was celebrated on July 5th with a peal of Grandsire Triples at Lye, on the highest ring of eight in the country. The two trebles are approximately 60lb. each, and, as those who have tried them realise, all the bells require skilful handling. The small bells have to be rung with the clappers on the wrong side and the slightest error of judgment puts the clapper back, with fatal results to the ringing.

Mr. James Shepherd, who took part, has now rung peals on the heaviest and lightest rings in the country.

Messrs. Albert Nash, of Rotherham, and John Thorpe, of Sheffield, rang a handbell peal together on July 6th at Rotherham. Their previous handbell peal together was in June, 1909.

The peal of Canterbury Pleasure Triples at Kibworth on Saturday was specially arranged as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest P. Staniforth, who were recently married at the nearby village of Fleckney, which has no ring of bells. The bridegroom is a namesake of the conductor, Mr. Ernest Morris, who 29 years ago acted as 'best man' at his father's wedding. The latter, Mr. Fred Staniforth, was in the same class at St. Margaret's School, Leicester, with the conductor 40 years ago, and here they are, still ringing side by side! It was also a 72nd birthday compliment to Mr. Josiah Morris, father of the conductor, who completed 250 peals for the Midland Counties Association.

With a peal of Stedman Triples at Ellesmere, on Saturday week, Mr. William Saunders, of Coalbrookdale, has now rung a peal upon every available and ringable 'eight' in the county. The band, who travelled an average distance of 30 miles each, wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. M. J. Rush) for his permission to ring the peal, and Mr. A. Haynes, the local captain, for having everything in readiness.

The first peal in seven Minor methods on the bells at Staverton, Northants, was rung on July 6th. The Vicar and his wife (the Rev. E. S. and Mrs. Powell) took part, it was called by a Bedfordshire veteran, Mr. O. W. Clarke, and was a birthday compliment to a veteran of the Peterborough Guild, Mr. Walter Perkins. Miss Evelyn Steel and Mr. Walter Perkins rang their fiftieth peal together, and afterwards the Rev. E. S. and Mrs. Powell kindly entertained the ringers to supper.

The half-muffled peal at St. Clement Danes, the report of which was published last week, was rung on Thursday, June 29th, not Friday, the 30th. The explanation of the error is that our correspondent gave the date Friday, June 29th. We imagined that he knew the day of the week when it was rung, but mistook the day of the month, as many of us easily do. But we guessed wrong.

The church at Hoar Cross, Staffs, is one of the most beautiful in the country, but peals on the heavy ring are few and far between. A peal of Minor was, however, rung there on July 8th, and a member of the local band was so impressed by change ringing that he sat patiently in the belfry for four hours while the bells were pulled up and the peal rung.

The length of the peal of Cheltenham Bob Major rung at Crayford on June 16th was 5,024 and not 5,056 changes as published. The Editor, and the conductor, Mr. J. C. E. Simpson, are both innocent of this crime. The ringer who sent in the report did not know the length of the composition, but thought he could remember the number of 'Befores.' It is perhaps fortunate that he does not rely entirely on his memory for his living.

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RINGERS' OUTINGS.

EASTBOURNE RINGERS TRY DOUBLE COSLANY.

In perfect weather, the Christ Church, Eastbourne, ringers, with wives and lady friends, had their annual outing on Whit Monday and made a trip into Surrey, with Guildford its farthest point. En route they rang at Turner's Hill, but owing to Bank Holiday traffic conditions, coupled with the fact that the coach lacked 'horses' in climbing the numerous hills, the party arrived at Guildford three-quarters of an hour late. This was regretted by all, as it meant that ringing at S. Nicolas' Church, where they were met by Mr. E. G. Heath, had to be cut down to a bare half-hour.

After dinner, places of interest were visited and the journey, resumed to Horsham for an hour's ringing at St. Mary's. On the homeward journey Slaugham was visited. This little village is rather off the map, but it has a lovely little peal of eight that go like tops. For an hour and a half the visitors rang from rounds to Surprise, the striking being mainly good.

During the afternoon some of the party had been studying some hastily drawn diagrams of Double Coslany Court Major, and at Slaugham decided to try for a course. At the third attempt, with the help of a friend from Southgate, they managed to 'Wade' through. The method proved to be more tricky than some had expected, but was voted 'a top hole' method by all. The journey to Eastbourne was enlivened by the choral efforts of the occupants of the back seat, but this was not appreciated by the four members who were trying to ring Plain Bob on handbells at the same time.

SURPRISING THE NATIVES.

Lowestoft, known as the 'land of the Rising Sun,' belied its name on June 22nd, when the members of the St. Margaret's Society held their annual outing, Thursday being early closing day. It was fine, but the 'north easter' was still bobbing around. Nineteen members and friends started off at 2 o'clock for a good run, Diss (Norfolk) being their first call. They were met by two of the local ringers, and touches of Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob were brought round. Some of the natives were surprised to hear their bells pealing out in the afternoon, and evidently thought that it was a celebration of the return on that day of the King and Queen. Eye (Suffolk) was the next call and upon arriving there the party enjoyed a sumptuous high tea at the White Lion Hotel, which had been arranged for by their octogenarian member. Visiting the Parish Church, touches of Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob were rung. Wilby (Suffolk) was their next venue, but while pulling up the bells they were informed that owing to illness near the church no ringing could take place. Nothing daunted, they doubled back to Fressingfield, dug out the obliging steepkeeper and rang touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Bob Major. Home via Harleston, where, at the Magpie Hotel, they had an impromptu supper. They arrived back in the land of the 'missing' sun at 11.20 p.m., well satisfied that, notwithstanding King Sol's absence, it had been a very enjoyable outing. The ringers wish to thank all the incumbents for the privilege granted for using their towers, and their thanks are also extended to the ladies and gentlemen of the parish of St. Margaret's for their support.

A TWO-DAY AFFAIR.

The 41st annual outing of St. John the Baptist Society, Leytonstone, was, as usual, spread over two days, June 17th and 18th, a good time being spent in the Romney Marsh district of Kent, with headquarters at Tenterden. The party left London on Friday night and were joined by Mr. W. J. Nevard, who was looking well despite his 83 years. All were very sorry, however, at the absence of Mr. W. H. Theobald, who was prevented from going through indisposition.

Mr. R. Edwards acted as pilot for the two days spent in visiting the Kent towers, the travelling being done in a comfortable coach. At Staplehurst the party were met by Mr. Wenban, while at Frittenden they were welcomed by Mr. F. White. In the afternoon Appledore was first visited, after which the visitors rang at the historic old tower of New Romney, where the Vicar congratulated them on the good striking of Stedman and Double Norwich. A splendid drive followed along the sea front to Lydd, and then on to Rye for tea, which had been arranged by Mr. Hobson. Before reaching headquarters for the night a call was made at Stone-in-Oxney, where the local men met the party and they rang short touches of Surprise Minor on the peal of six.

A stroll in the country before breakfast is a thing that Leytonstone ringers seldom enjoy, but some of them were out before 7 a.m. on Sunday. After breakfast they visited Benenden to ring for morning service. On Sunday afternoon a visit was paid to Biddenden and Bethersden. At the former church is a handy ring of eight, but at the latter is a ring of six which would be better with the help of a competent bell hanger. The last pull of the tour was reserved for Tenterden's grand ring of eight, with a tenor of 30 cwt. Stedman, Superlative and Cambridge were rung, and some of the 'boys,' including Mr. Nevard, did well on the heavy peal.

The methods rung during the two days were Stedman, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire and London Surprise. The time spent in Kent made a great impression on those who were fortunate to take part, and the members wish to thank the clergy who so readily granted them permission, and Mr. Ballard, Mr. F. White and all the local ringers who met and welcomed them they are extremely grateful.

SURREY RINGERS AMONG HERTFORDSHIRE TOWERS.

Buckland, Charlwood and Merstham joined forces for their annual outing on June 10th and made a tour of six Hertfordshire towers. The tour had been arranged by members of the Merstham band, who this year decided on breaking new ground, and the perfect June weather which favoured the outing, combined with the interest of the churches visited, made the day one to be remembered.

The first contingent joined the coach at Charlwood as early as 6.20 a.m., the company being augmented at Brockham Green, Buckland, Reigate, Redhill and Merstham. With a full load they left the latter place at 7.40 and proceeded across London and thence via Barnet to Northaw, where the fine tower containing six bells marked their first call. The church is comparatively modern, having been restored about the middle of last century, when the earlier building had been destroyed by fire. It is a fine edifice in a setting so rural that it is difficult to believe London is well under 20 miles away.

A few miles further on the party came to Essendon, whose ancient church stands in an even lovelier setting. There is much that could be recorded of St. Mary the Virgin's Church, whose chief points of interest were kindly pointed out to the visitors by Mr. Giles, the parish clerk. The building was considerably damaged by a bomb dropped from a Zeppelin in the early hours of a September morning in 1916, and, though restored, the building contains many evidences of that tragic event.

The fine Church of St. Etheldreda at Hatfield was the next call, and there was enough of interest to detain the party far beyond their scheduled stay. The history of the church for many years is closely associated with that of the Marquises of Salisbury, and many monuments and tablets testify to the greatness of that illustrious house. The church has a fine tower containing ten bells, whose beauty of tone was heard to full advantage in Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. At the conclusion of the ringing here there was just time for a peep at the exterior of the great pile of Hatfield House and a tour of the Old Palace. The latter dates back to the fifteenth century and its restoration some years ago has brought to light many of the striking features of its interior. Here Queen Elizabeth gained much of her early education and not long after in the same building she was imprisoned by her half-sister, Mary Tudor. The gardens outside are reputed to be in the same formation and lay-out as when Elizabeth walked in them nigh on four centuries ago. The items of interest here were kindly shown to us by ex-Sergt. A. Lawrence.

The company enjoyed an excellent lunch at the Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, where they were very pleased to welcome Mr. D. K. C. Birt, Master of the Surrey Association, who accompanied them for the rest of the tour.

The village of Sandridge, a few miles distant, was the next place of call, where they made the none-too-easy ascent of the tower of St. Leonard's, containing six bells. The church is extremely ancient, having been founded by Herbert Losinga, founder of Norwich Cathedral, not later than 1119. There is here a wonderful stone arch dividing the chancel from the nave, which, though altered from its original design, has remained unchanged for 400 years. In common with many other churches, there are signs of rough usage in the stormy days of Cromwell.

A church in the fields was next visited, that of SS. Peter and Paul, Kimpton, whose tower, again, contains six bells. The church has a very long nave and possesses many interesting memorials. It is of great age and comprises a mixture of the Norman and Early English styles.

Tea was taken at the Old Cock Inn at Harpenden, hard by the Church of St. Nicholas, the last tower on the programme. This fine tower has eight bells, and here, after tea, the longest spell of ringing was indulged in. The church itself is a spacious building with much history and full of interest. The people of Harpenden were given an hour of melody and local ringers joined the company in some of the touches.

The sun was getting low by the time the last of these died away and it was necessary to think of the long trip southwards again. Although so much ground had been covered, the day had seemed all too short. The thanks of all are due to those who made the arrangements.

At each of the towers visited rounds were rung for the beginners and during the day the ringing at the six-bell towers included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain and Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. At the other towers Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major.

DAGENHAM RINGERS' OUTING.

Dagenham ringers and friends, mustering 20, had a charabanc tour embracing Essex and Hertfordshire, and visited Harlow Common, Hunsdon, Little Hadham, Braughing and Broxbourne—four peals of eight and one of five. Various methods were rung throughout the day. Lunch was disposed of at the Turkey Cock at Hunsdon, where the 'go' of the bells made refreshment rather necessary. Tea at Braughing was 'a sight for the gods,' and parties visiting Braughing would be well advised to visit the Golden Fleece. The Dagenham men take this opportunity to thank incumbents for their permission to ring, and the local ringers for having everything ready for them.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

'Mr. Green' seems to be up to his tricks again and going round to ringers in the South, endeavouring to impose upon their generosity. He visited a ringer at Hastings and asked for money to get to Eastbourne. He was given 2s. Two or three days later he called on Mr. A. C. Pankhurst, in Eastbourne, and asked for money to enable him to get to Hampshire. He gave the name of 'Mr. Green.' His quest was not successful. Ringers should be on their guard against this gentleman.

A party of members and friends of the Ladies' Guild travelled together to Ipswich for the annual meeting. Owing to the fact that one or two of them belonged to the 'Tower Snatchers' Union,' or some similar organisation, the return train was only caught because it was running late.

There is, however, no truth in the rumour that three well-known members of the Guild intend to issue a challenge to the present holder of the 'Mile Championship.'

The death took place on July 5th, at an advanced age, of Mr. J. W. Elkins, senior dean's verger at Winchester Cathedral. A long life in the service of the Church has thus closed. Mr. Elkins was keenly interested in the Cathedral bells, and he knew and loved every stone of the fabric, with which he had been so long and so intimately associated.

Ringers at a loose end on August Bank Holiday will be catered for at Leatherhead, Surrey, where an 'open' meeting is to be held.

Mr. Cornelius Charge, of Auckland, New Zealand, arrived in England on June 28th by the N.Z. liner 'Remuera,' from Wellington, via Panama. His address for the present will be 30, Carmarthen Road, Slough.

The first touch at 'home' after 17 years' absence was rung at St. Mary's, Slough, on Thursday, July 6th, when a good company met at the tower and welcomed the wanderer.

Mr. William Nevard, of Great Bentley, was present after spending the day at the Royal Agricultural Show at Windsor, recalling his first attendance at the show in 1875, held at Taunton. The Wroughton Society of Ringers also joined up for touches, a party of 33, who had been to the Whitechapel Foundry to see the new bells for Liverpool Cathedral and the ringing tenor of four tons.

METAL FRAMES.

A SIMPLE PROTECTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I see that there was a discussion on steel girders at the Central Council meeting and that photographs handed to members showed an instance of steel girders largely eaten away with rust.

We have such girders and frame here, which were put in by Taylors in 1913. Up to now they have never had a coat of paint, and I do not think anyone could find a spot of rust on either girders or frame.

When cleaning up the lubricant which escapes from the plain bearings I finished off with cotton waste, and I rubbed the girders and frame with this waste occasionally. It was only just sufficient to give a thin coating to the work, and there always seemed enough lubricant collected in the cotton waste to do this without adding any more to it. The work, besides being protected from rust, always looked fresh and clean. I did this for 25 years, while I was steeplekeeper, and when I gave up everything appeared to be in as good a condition as when first put in.

Henfield, Sussex.

C. TYLER.

BELLS FOR CHIMING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I note in your issue of June 23rd under the Towers and Belfries Committee report that a bell hung for chiming only should be on gudgeons so that it is free to move. I take it that this refers to a bell fitted with a chiming hammer, not a rope attached to the clapper. Personally, I should think it would be more likely to damage the bell under these conditions than if it could not move, for several reasons, and I have had experience in one case of this happening.

D. A. OSBORN.

Galhampton, Yeovil.

YORKSHIRE SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major which appeared in 'Peal Notes' in your last issue, credited to Mr. C. K. Lewis, was composed by Mr. George Lewis, of Ecclesfield, many years ago.

This composition, starting at the ninth course, was rung by members of the Yorkshire Association at Rawmarsh on November 20th, 1937, to Pudsey Surprise, and appears in our records as No. 4,071 of the association's performances.

W. BARTON,
Peal Secretary, Yorkshire Association.

NEW BISHOP WELCOMED.

On Sunday, June 25th, at St. Thomas' Church, Neath, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung as a welcome to the diocese of the newly-elected Bishop of Llandaff (the Right Rev. John Morgan): Raymond Grant 1, Glyn Jones 2, Henry Boyce 3, Roland Key 4, William Gear (conductor) 5, Frederick Symons 6.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

MEMBERSHIP NEARLY 400.

The annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at Ipswich on Saturday and was attended by 28 members. Five peals of bells were available, ranging from five to twelve, and all the towers were visited by some of the members.

A short service was held at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, conducted by the Rev. R. J. Brady, Rector of St. Lawrence with St. Stephen, who gave an address. In the absence of an organist, Miss Snowden played the piano for the hymns.

Tea was enjoyed by 57 members and friends, after which the business meeting was held, with the president, Miss E. Steel, in the chair.

The accounts showed a very gratifying state of affairs. Excess of income over expenditure for the year was £6 2s. 3d., and the total cash balances were £33 5s. 11d., with a stock of badges valued at £1 17s. The treasurer paid tribute to the work of the district secretaries for their untiring efforts in collecting the elusive subscriptions, and looked forward to the time when she could report that all subscriptions were up to date. Matters were undoubtedly improving.

Miss Evelyn Steel was unanimously elected president and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher hon. secretary and treasurer.

The secretary reported that the membership had now reached 350 ringing members and about 40 honorary members, which brought the total nearly to the 400 mark. One peal of Minor had been rung during the year by members of the newly-formed Eastern District. Miss Thursfield had been reluctantly obliged to resign from the secretaryship of the South Midland District, and her place had been taken by Miss F. Hart.

The President spoke of the loss through death of Mrs. Taylor, of Maidenhead, and Mrs. Atkins, of Isham, and a silent tribute was paid to their memory.

At the meeting in 1938, when the Guild was divided into new districts, it was decided to try the experiment for one year. Reports were received from secretaries who could not be present at the meeting, and district secretaries present reported individually. On the whole the new scheme had worked satisfactorily, and it was resolved to continue the present working. It was also decided to publish reports at an early date.

Mrs. Richardson reported briefly on the Central Council meeting held in London on Whitsun Tuesday.

Three places were proposed for the next annual general meeting, viz., Winchester, Brighton and Leicester. Brighton received no seconder, and, on being put to the vote, Winchester was chosen.

The President congratulated Mrs. J. Bray on taking part in the record peal of Spliced Minor, and also spoke of the pleasure it gave her to read of the many excellent performances of the members in various parts of the country.

Votes of thanks were passed to Miss Sylvia Bowyer and all who had helped in the arrangements for the meeting, which was undoubtedly one of the most successful ever held by the Guild.

LONDON DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the London District of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. George-the-Martyr's, Southwark, on Saturday, July 1st. During the afternoon the bells were rung to Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge and London.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Cook), who welcomed the Guild to St. George's.

Tea was at the George Inn, Borough High Street, where 35 sat down, 20 being members of the Guild. The Vicar, who joined the company at tea, was amazed to find that many of the ladies (whom he had been secretly thinking must be still at school) were nonchalantly referring to their 'husbands'!

The business meeting was held at the church, where Mrs. R. F. Deal, the vice-president, was in the chair.

The election of officers resulted in the vice-president and the district secretary (Mrs. F. W. Housden) being re-elected. The committee now consists of the vice-president, Mrs. C. H. Kippin, Mrs. F. Mitchell and Mrs. J. E. Davis.

Three new members were elected: Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Miss Brenda Richardson and Miss May Davies.

As the district has members as far down as Eastbourne, it was thought that a tower somewhere between London and the coast for the next meeting might result in bringing in some of these outlying members, and Crawley, with its ideal ladies' peal, was suggested as a good rendezvous.

This met with the approval of the company, and Milton-next-Gravesend was selected as an alternative, should Crawley tower not be available.

However, as has since been ascertained, Crawley tower is available for the required date, September 23rd, and Mr. Oliver Sippetts has kindly consented to the meeting being held.

Further ringing took place in the evening. Two 'solo pieces' by the ladies were Stedman Triples and Cambridge Major, conducted by Mrs. G. W. Fletcher. Nevertheless, the Guild would like to mention here that they are always extremely grateful to the menfolk who support the meetings and assist in the ringing, thereby contributing in no small measure to their success.

Thanks are due to Mr. Norman Bagworth for having the tower in readiness for the Guild.

DEATH OF MR. THOMAS J. ELTON.

CAPTAIN OF ST. MATTHEW'S, WALSALL.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Mr. Thomas J. Elton, of Walsall, who passed away on Saturday, July 1st, at the Wolverhampton Eye Infirmary after only a comparatively short illness. He stayed with his son in Guildford during Whitsun week and took part in a peal of Stedman Triples at the Cathedral.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, July 5th, the service being held at Blakenall Heath Parish Church, Walsall, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. W. Wardle, and the address given by the Vicar of Walsall. The interment took place at Bloxwich Cemetery.

The late Mr. Tom Elton was 65 years of age, having been born on November 29th, 1873. He had been a ringer for 43 years. He first learned to ring at Blakenall Heath (a peal of five bells) in 1891, and then went to Bloxwich to instruct a band. In 1901 he joined the company at St. Matthew's, Walsall, where there was then a peal of ten, and he remained a regular ringer there for 38 years and had been towerkeeper. He was also a chorister for over 30 years and served on the Church Council.

Tom Elton rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples) at Bloxwich on November 5th, 1892. His first peal as conductor was at the same tower on November 24th, 1894. This was also Grandsire Triples.

He has been a member of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford for 47 years and served on the Central Council from 1924 to 1938. Under his influence the ten bells at St. Matthew's were recast and augmented to a fine peal of 12 bells in 1928.

The total number of peals in which he had taken part was 270 and he had conducted 85. His conducting was somewhat unique, as all the compositions he had called were different. He had rung peals of Grandsire and Stedman from Doubles to Cinques, and Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus. In 1899 he took part in a peal of 11,563 changes of Grandsire Caters at Wolverhampton, rung in 7 hours and 10 minutes, conducted by J. E. Groves, and another noteworthy peal was at Wednesday in 1915, when he conducted a peal of Stedman Caters on St. Thomas' Day with all the ringers named Thomas.

He will be sadly missed by numerous ringing colleagues throughout the country and particularly by the local band at Walsall.

On Thursday, July 6th, members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang a peal of Stedman Cinques (recorded elsewhere) with the bells half-muffled as a memorial peal. Prior to the peal, with all the ringers at their ropes, the Vicar of Walsall (the Rev. H. J. Carpenter) conducted a brief service in memory of Thomas J. Elton.

BARNESLEY SOCIETY'S CONTEST.

GOOD RINGING IN BAD WEATHER.

The fourteenth annual shield contest of the Barnesley and District Society was held at Kirkthorpe, near Wakefield, on Saturday, when nine bands competed. The test piece was 600 changes in any method. Mr. A. Hoyle, of Shelley, and Mr. H. Chant, of Felkirk, acted as judges, and Mr. T. W. Strangeways, of Rothwell, was marker. The order of the ringing and the result was as follows:—

	Faults	Penalties	Total
1. Wath	131	0	131
2. Shelley	113	0	113
3. Meltham	89	10	79
4. Felkirk	108	0	108
5. New Mill	36	10	Rung out
6. Liversedge	98	0	98
7. Friezland	61	0	61
8. Sandal	70	0	70
9. Horbury	160	0	160

All the bands rang Oxford Treble Bob. Friezland were the winners and received the shield and six cases of knives and forks. Sandal were second and received six oak biscuit barrels. Meltham were third and were awarded six cases of pastry forks.

The Vicar (the Rev. W. Willoughby) spoke a few words of welcome to all. He said he felt honoured very much in having such an event at Kirkthorpe, and he had enjoyed hearing their bells rung well.

Darfield was chosen as the next place of meeting, on August 12th.

The usual vote of thanks followed, to the Vicar for inviting the society to hold the contest at Kirkthorpe, to the ladies for the splendid tea they had provided, to the local company for the arrangements made and to the judges. Thus ended a good contest on a very wet day.

THE IBSTOCK PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I congratulate Miss Rowley on her performance of ringing a peal within twelve days of her 14th birthday? At the same time, the claim to have been the youngest lady to do so in the 'M.C.A.' falls by nearly a month. On October 12th, 1912, two of my daughters rang in Holt's Original, the younger—then Miss Hilda Willson—being then 13, and 26 days short of her 14th birthday.

On the following Boxing Day both again rang in a peal of Double Norwich. During August Bank Holiday Hilda rang four peals—Supernative, Cambridge, Stedman Caters and Double Norwich, the last two being rung in one day (see M.C.A. report, 1912-13).

WILLIAM WILLSON.

Leicester.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

BIRMINGHAM RINGERS' SUMMER MEETING.

The summer quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on Saturday, July 1st. It is customary to hold this gathering at one of the country parish churches within the diocese, and so on this occasion a return visit was paid to the ancient and royal borough of Sutton Coldfield, which is situated in lovely country about eight miles north-east of the city. The Parish Church of the Holy Trinity was built at the end of the 13th century and the first incumbent appointed in 1305. Extensive alterations and additions were made in the 16th, 18th and 19th centuries, and the whole of the fabric was restored in 1926, together with extensive interior decorations and improvements.

Until two years ago the church was quite hidden by cottage property; since then much of it has been demolished and the space laid out as a memorial garden in memory of Bishop Vesey, who was Rector of Sutton Coldfield in 1535, and afterwards became Bishop of Exeter. He later returned to Sutton Coldfield and built the Moor Hall, where he spent the latter part of his life in hospitality and splendour and died in his 103rd year. So great was his affection for his native place that he spared no pains to improve it and make it flourish. He was buried in the church and his tomb is in the Vesey Chapel in the north aisle. Some years ago this chapel was enclosed by a fine oak screen erected in memory of Canon C. W. Barnard, who was Rector from 1909 to 1925.

The massive tower contains a peal of eight bells, and these were made good use of during the afternoon and evening in various methods ranging from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise, also Spliced Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Triples.

The usual Guild service was dispensed with, but the Rector (the Rev. G. L. Harvey) addressed the company prior to tea, giving them a hearty welcome to Sutton Coldfield. An excellent tea had been arranged at the British Legion Club, and this was thoroughly enjoyed by 30 members present.

In the absence of the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., who had sent an apology stating he was too unwell to attend, the vice-president, Councillor A. Paddon Smith, presided at the business meeting. The secretary reported that he had on behalf of the Guild undertaken to dispose of six copies of the new publication of Surprise Major Methods, being double the quantity allotted by the Central Council. The action of the secretary was confirmed on the proposition of Mr. A. Walker, who stated there would be no difficulty of disposing of even more copies.

There were no new members to be proposed, but the following tower elections were duly ratified: Messrs. James F. Harvey, of Bradford, C. H. Kippin, of Croydon, E. C. S. Turner, of West Ealing, M. G. Turner, of West Bromwich, and John Walton, of Hagley, Stourbridge, all as life members.

The Chairman, the Guild's representative on the Central Council, gave a very short report of the last Council meeting, stating that he took it all members of the Guild were regular subscribers to 'The Ringing World,' and were, therefore, quite conversant with all the proceedings as published in recent issues. In his opinion the Council meeting had been well worth while and some excellent work accomplished.

This opinion was fully endorsed by Mr. Albert Walker, an honorary member of the Council.

On the proposition of the Ringing Master (Mr. F. E. Haynes), it was agreed to hold the next quarterly meeting at King's Norton.

The Chairman said they were pleased to see Mr. James George amongst them again, looking quite his old self, and congratulated him on his recovery and his wonderful performance in ringing the 7th recently at Measham in a peal of Stedman Triples.

The Secretary also referred to the recent peal of Stedman Cinques rung at Aston Parish Church by a purely local band. Considering that the peal of twelve had only been in about four years and that most of the band were quite young ringers, they were to be highly congratulated on their success and the spirit that animated them.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, to the British Legion for the use of their club room and the excellent tea so well served, and to Mr. W. G. Anker, the local towerkeeper, for making such excellent arrangements, proposed by the chairman, ended the meeting. This, however, by no means ended the proceedings. Several good touches were rung on the handbells, and, whilst some returned to the tower for further ringing, the attractions of the billiard tables engaged the attention of others, whilst some patronised another part of the club, where they were joined by others, including a party of ringers from Ruardean, Glos. And so terminated a very pleasant meeting.

FAREWELLS.

For evening service at St. Mary's Church, Peckleton, Leicestershire, on June 18th, two 720's of Plain Bob Minor were rung by F. Mears 1, L. Ward 2, A. Pegg 3, W. A. Wood 4, F. Deacon 5, G. Newton (conductor) 6, to mark the last service conducted by the retiring Rector (the Rev. S. R. Pocock), after completing 53 years in Holy Orders. At the same time, the sexton (Mr. E. A. Hall), who had held office at Peckleton for 24 years, retired from his duties.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A PEAL OF TWELVE FOR SOUTH WALES?

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at Caldicot on Saturday, July 8th, and, considering what a very wet day it was, was fairly well attended. Ringing took place prior to service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. C. Garrod, who also gave a very interesting address. Following tea in the Schoolroom, the Vicar presided over the business meeting. A proposal to restore St. Bride's Major tower, which is in a bad state, and to restore the bells, was explained by the hon. secretary (Mr. J. W. Jones), who read the Vicar's letter and the appeal. It was unanimously decided that a recommendation be made to the annual meeting that £3 be voted from the funds. Mention was made that two bells are to be added shortly to the ten at St. Woolos', Newport, so as to make a ring of twelve. There was no one present from St. Woolos' to endorse this.

Instructors' reports were received, and a report of the Central Council meeting was submitted by Mr. E. Stitch. A number of new members were elected, including the ringers from a new tower, Penrhos, where it was stated Mr. R. Smith, of Llanfrehfe, had given instruction.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting for Monmouthshire at Abergavenny.

The Chairman made a proposal that, when the enthronement of the new Bishop took place at Llandaff, all the bells in the diocese should be rung.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar, the ladies and all who contributed to make the meeting such a success and also for the hospitality in providing tea. Afterwards the bells were rung in various methods for the rest of the evening.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

'PROGRESS ONLY SLOW.'

The 40th annual meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association was held at Whitby on Saturday, June 24th. In spite of the wintry nature of the weather, quite a good number visited the old-world seaside town. Tea was held at Breckon's Cafe, Sandgate, and, being a ringer, the proprietor very capably supplied the requirements of all appetites. The annual business meeting, which was afterwards held, was presided over by the president (Mr. J. C. Pollard).

In his annual report the secretary stated that the past year had not shown the improvement that he had hoped for, and, whilst nothing had declined, progress had only been slow. He wished to thank all those who had assisted him in any way during the year.

The financial position was found to be very satisfactory, a credit balance of £28 3s. 11d. being reported. As the association had a good balance in hand, it was decided that during the next year the association should contribute 6d. towards the cost of each member's tea when attending meetings. All the officers were re-elected and a vote of thanks for their services during the year was unanimously carried.

Meetings were arranged to be held during the year as follow: September, at Middleham; January, 1940, Thirsk; April, Richmond; and the annual meeting in June at Middlesbrough.

The question of printing a report instead of duplicating it as had been done for some time past was discussed, and, after a long discussion, it was decided to have the report printed.

Mr. H. Simpson, of Middlesbrough, was elected a member. A vote of thanks was accorded to the churchwardens for the use of the bells and to the local company for their part in arranging the meeting. The secretary was instructed to send a letter of condolence to Mr. J. Stott, one of the vice-presidents of the association, in his bereavement by the death of his wife.

A return was made to the tower for further ringing until eight o'clock, but it was interesting to note that only the older ringers found sufficient energy to climb the 199 steps which lead to the church for a second time. Once up the steps during the afternoon proved to be sufficient for the younger generation.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT REVISIT STAMFORD HILL.

After a lapse of a few years, a meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at St. Ann's Church, Stamford Hill, on Saturday, June 24th, where the association received a friendly welcome.

Mr. W. J. Frost, the local captain, had everything in readiness, and the bells were made good use of throughout the afternoon and evening. Methods rung included Double Court Bob Minor and London Surprise Minor, specially selected for the meeting, and rounds were rung for those not up to change ringing standard, some young people making a very welcome appearance.

A short service was conducted by the Rev. A. T. Morgan. An excellent tea followed, after which the Vicar was thanked for the use of the bells and the hospitality extended to the association. In reply, he said he was very pleased to have the bells rung again every Sunday by a local team and thanked Mr. C. T. Coles (secretary of the association), who is teaching the newly-formed band there, for his efforts in this respect.

At the business meeting the election of five members was agreed to. A joint meeting with the Hertford County Association is being arranged to take place at Barnet and Monken Hadley on Saturday, July 22nd, and Hendon was chosen as the tower to visit in August.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A DEPUTY RINGING MASTER APPOINTED.

The summer quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Easington on Saturday, and was attended by over 30 ringers from Goole, Hemingbrough, Hessle, Howden, Hull, Kirk Ella, Market Weighton, Nunburnholme, Pontefract (St. Giles' and All Saints'), Selby Abbey, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Thorne and the local company.

The Vicar (the Rev. H. Firby), who since coming to Easington some two years ago has taken up ringing, conducted a short service in church and gave a most interesting address and also presided at the business meeting.

A letter was received from Mr. H. C. Walters expressing his wish to resign from the position of Ringing Master, but it was decided, after a discussion, to ask him to remain in office, and Mr. E. Bradley, of Sherburn-in-Elmet, was elected as Deputy Ringing Master.

An invitation to hold the September meeting at Pocklington was received from the Vicar of Pocklington, who is also Rector of Nunburnholme, and both these rings of bells will be at the disposal of the association.—This was unanimously accepted.

Mr. Cryer, the vice-president, thanked the meeting for the letter of congratulation sent to him on his 80th birthday, and expressed the hope he would be with them for a long time to come. He was pleased to say he was once again in his usual good health.

Those present learned with regret of the deaths of Mr. A. Hatfield, of Hemingbrough, after a long illness, and of Mr. W. Middleton, of Beverley, a former Ringing Master of the Eastern District, and a ringer at Beverley Minster for a number of years. The members stood in silence to their memory, and the secretary undertook to write to the relatives.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, organist, local company and the ladies who served tea were passed, and in his reply the Vicar welcomed the association to Easington, while Mr. W. N. Hains, the local secretary, said how pleased they were at having such a good company present on such a wet day.

WESTERN DIVISION AND THE 'OVERCROWDING' PROBLEM.

The members of the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association had a very enjoyable outing on Saturday, June 24th, when they held their summer meeting at the Church of Holy Trinity, Skipton. Upwards of 50 members were present during the day and a pleasing feature was that most of the towers from the surrounding district were represented.

The bells, which are a fine peal of eight with a lovely tone, were raised about 2 o'clock, and, excepting for a brief interval for the tea and meeting, were rung in a variety of methods until finally lowered about 8.40 p.m.

Tea was served in the Castle Cafe, opposite the church, so that no time was lost in attending to this most essential part of the proceedings, and the 38 who sat down were amply repaid for their afternoon's efforts in catching those elusive 'Sallies.'

The business meeting was held in the church vestry and was exceptionally well attended, Mr. P. J. Johnson occupying the chair, supported by the association's president (Canon C. C. Marshall). One new member, Mr. Donald Fowler, of Silsden, was elected.

As no invitations had been received for the September meeting, it was hoped that arrangements could be made to hold this in the Bradford district, as it was a considerable time since the association had been there. Mr. Barton thereupon proposed and Mr. Lofthouse seconded that arrangements be made with a view to taking the meeting to Shipley if at all possible. It was further hoped to make this a joint meeting with the Leeds and District Society, as September is a month when almost every Saturday is taken up with meetings, and this would, to a certain extent, assist the overcrowding problem.

In moving a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and wardens for so kindly granting the use of the bells, and to the local company for making such splendid arrangements for the meeting, Canon Marshall spoke of their very great pleasure in being allowed to have the meeting there. He was sure everyone had thoroughly enjoyed themselves and they really appreciated all that had been done for their comfort. He expressed his regret at the absence of the Rector, who, he was sorry to hear, was about to enter the Leeds Infirmary, and was sure everyone present would wish him a speedy recovery. He suggested that a message of good wishes be sent to him from the meeting.—Mr. J. F. Harvey seconded this proposition, which was cordially carried.

Mr. H. Stanforth replied for the local company, and said how pleased they were to see so many present and hoped that everyone would thoroughly enjoy themselves. They would be only too pleased to do the same again whenever the association could visit them.

The chairman was pleased to announce that another record had been made in the division—instead of failing to send in the names for tea, which was a usual ringers' habit—that day 37 had sent in for tea and 36 had sat down. He could see that his words at previous meetings had borne fruit, and he hoped it would be maintained.

This concluded the business and the handbells appeared and were greatly enjoyed.

The towers represented during the day were as follows: Addingham, Armley, Bradford Cathedral, Burley, Denholme, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Huddersfield, Idle, Kildwick, Ilkley, Keighley, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Queensbury, Rothwell, Skipton, Silsden, Ripon and the local company.

THE ROUNDABOUT.

AN ORDER AND WHAT CAME OF IT.

A few days ago a ringer, or ringers, in Derbyshire, required a copy of two method sheets and the 'Collection of Minor Methods,' published by the Central Council. The order was placed with the local Co-operative Society, who passed it on to Messrs. W. H. Smith and Son, who sent it to 'The Ringing World,' who forwarded it to the Council's Librarian. The Librarian sent the publications to the Co-operative Society, who handed them to the customer. The Librarian had also to send an account to Messrs. Smith and Son, who sent an account to the Co-operative Society, who, in turn, charged the customer. The customer paid the Co-operative Society, the Co-operative Society sent a remittance to Messrs. Smith and Son, less discount; Messrs. Smith and Son sent a remittance to the Librarian, less a larger discount. The Librarian sent a receipt to Messrs. Smith and Son, and Messrs. Smith and Son sent a receipt to the Co-operative Society. Happily 'The Ringing World' kept itself out of all these subsequent transactions, but it might well have been included in the circumlocution. By the time postages and discounts had been taken out of the cost of the purchase, the transaction was not a very profitable one.

We mention all this in the hope that ringers, when they require any of the Council's publications, will forward their order and remittance direct to the Librarian, whose address is given in the advertisement in our columns, from which the customer in this case must have taken particulars. It was, perhaps, thoughtlessness which led to this particular order being placed in this way, and the customer could hardly have realised the amount of clerical work involved, for, in addition to sending to and fro, there has been book-keeping to do at every stage. And the gross amount of the order was about 2s. 6d.! Verb sap.

RETIREMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT WILLIAMS.

A MANCHESTER PEAL AND PRESENTATION.

Following the ringing of the peal of Grandsire Cinques at the Town Hall, Manchester, on July 1st, in honour of the retirement of Supt. F. L. Williams (who is a vice-president of the National Police Guild), the band, with many of his ringing friends in the district, were entertained to tea by Mr. Williams. Altogether 32 sat down, but it should be mentioned that cups and saucers were not used on this special occasion.

During the evening P. C. W. Pye called upon Mr. F. Page (a past member of the Force) to make a presentation to Mr. Williams. This took the form of a solid silver inkstand, in the shape of a bell, and a fountain pen.

Mr. Williams thanked the police ringers for their present and said he was prepared during his leisure time to give what assistance he could to the Police Guild and the Lancashire Association.

A very enjoyable social evening was spent and some excellent touches of various methods on handbells were much appreciated.

Mr. Walter Wolstencroft, in thanking Mr. Williams on behalf of the visitors, said how delighted they were that the peal had been successful. Many of them had heard different parts of the ringing that afternoon and all agreed that a good peal had been rung and they looked upon it as a definite advancement by the Town Hall band.

On Sunday, visits were made to Christ Church, Didsbury, and St. George's, Heaviley, Stockport, enabling Mr. Fred Page to again meet some of his old acquaintances prior to his return to Lancing, Sussex.

WEDDING OF TWO CORNISH RINGERS

REV. A. S. ROBERTS AND MISS JESSIE ANGIN.

The wedding of two well-known Cornish ringers took place on Saturday, July 1st, when Miss E. Jessie C. Angwin was married to the Rev. A. S. Roberts, now curate at St. Aldhelm, Upper Edmonton. The marriage took place at Truro Cathedral, and the ceremony was performed by the Venerable the Archdeacon of Cornwall (Canon G. W. Hockley), assisted by the Rev. H. M. Boswell (Vicar of St. Aldhelm's, Edmonton). A Nuptial Mass followed, the celebrant being the Sub-Dean of the Cathedral (Canon H. W. Sedgwick).

The bride was attended by two page boys, two bridesmaids, the Misses Sylvia Jenkin and Mary Grix, and two matrons of honour, Mrs. N. E. Penrose and Mrs. S. Balls, her sisters. Mr. F. M. Roberts, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man, and Messrs. Cyril E. Laxton and B. Beckerley were ushers. Mr. Guillaume Ormond, the Cathedral organist, was at the organ. After the ceremony the Cathedral bells were rung by members of the Cathedral company.

On the previous Tuesday evening, after the usual Cathedral practice, the Rev. W. H. R. Trewbella presented the bride and bridegroom with a fireside chair on behalf of the company. The bride has been a member of the company for many years, and the bridegroom, before leaving Cornwall, was for many years secretary and for a while Master of the company, as well as being district secretary of the Truro Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild for ten years, and during that time both were actively interested in bells and ringing throughout the county of Cornwall.

The honeymoon is being spent at Hereford, Liverpool, the Isle of Man and Chester, and the future address of Mr. and Mrs. Roberts will be 40, Haselbury Road, Edmonton, London, N.18.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**VISIT TO MILTON ABBEY.**

A meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Milton Abbey on Saturday, June 17th, and the large number who attended from far and wide was evidence of the continued popularity which this beautiful place holds; many companies making the meeting the occasion of their summer outing. The writer travelled down with the Weymouth party, and on the way a halt was made to enable them to ring on the six bells at Puddletown.

Milton Abbey and the Abbey House are beautifully situated in a valley, and the parks and woods of the estate extend to over 5,000 acres. The Abbey itself stands on the site of an earlier abbey, which was founded in 938, and was struck by lightning and burnt down in 1309. Close by stands the Abbey House, built about 1771, where the Rev. John Maillard is now carrying out his wonderful work of spiritual healing.

The service in the Abbey was attended by over eighty ringers, friends and visitors, and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. J. Collis, who also gave the address. The Rev. A. W. Markby, chairman of the branch, assisted at the service and read the lesson.

In the course of his address, Mr. Collis spoke of the privilege which ringers had in transmitting the joyfulness of Christianity to the world through the joyful pealing of the bells from the church towers of England. He had heard many fine bells on the Continent, but the method of ringing them could not be compared with the beautiful and peculiarly English method. He loved the sound of the bells himself and could never understand how it was that up and down the country there were bells which remain unring because their ringers were dilatory in turning up themselves to ring for Sunday services. There was a tower, he said, not 100 miles from Milton, where the ringers practised every week, but could only ring once a month for Sunday service.

Tea was taken in the gardens of a nearby café and 76 sat down. The towers represented included Bere Regis, Bradford Peverell, Dorchester (St. Peter's), Milton Abbey, Stratton, Maiden Newton, Srdling (St. Nicholas'), Upwey and Wyke Regis from the Dorchester Branch; Lytchett Matravers and Poole from the Wimborne Branch; and Gillingham, Mere and Zeals from the North Dorset Branch. Visitors attended from Portsmouth, Wincanton, Devizes, Coventry and a party of students from the training college at Exeter.

Immediately after tea votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar of Milton Abbas for the use of the Abbey and for conducting the service, to the organist and to Mr. North, the captain of the local band. The Vicar suitably replied and invited those who wished to view St. Catherine's Chapel, and many availed themselves of this opportunity. The chapel, which stands by the woods at the top of a hill, was built by King Athelstan, who also founded the Abbey.

The Weymouth party started on its homeward journey soon afterwards, and returned to the bus laden with samples of wild flowers and wild strawberries. A stop was made at Hilton, where there is an excellent ring of six. Four handbell enthusiasts made good use of a peal they found there, and touches and courses of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob were rung. The hour spent at this beautiful village was all too short, but time was slipping by, and so the party once more reluctantly went on its way.

M. C. C. M.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**PROPOSAL TO APPOINT A RINGING MASTER.**

Only a small number came to Tuxford on July 8th for the meeting of the North Notts Association and to ring the fine peal of six at this tower. The bells are rather noisy outside, as the louvers are not shuttered, but from the ringing chamber, which is on the ground floor, the peal has a mellow and much more subdued tone, while the 'go' of the bells is very good. During the afternoon and evening the usual range of methods was rung, and, in addition, London Surprise, Oswald, spliced Oxford Bob, Single Court and Bob Minor. Original, Harlington Alliance, Crayford Little Court and a method, believed to have been rung for the first time, called by its composer, Double Little Bob.

At the business meeting it was proposed that the method of advertising meetings be altered, and the secretary was instructed to circularise all towers with details; it was also proposed that a Ringing Master should be elected. This office has never existed in the association, as an old rule that the committee representative of the tower visited be in charge of ringing has not been rescinded. The proposal will go before the next annual meeting.

Ringings continued after tea until 7.30, when the lowering of the bells brought an enjoyable day's ringing to an end.

APARTMENTS.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Little Waltham on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 15th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher, Rev. J. K. E. O'Malley (Rector of Sandhurst, Berks). Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m. A collection will be taken at the service for the Guild Restoration Fund.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Silchester on Saturday, July 15th (not 8th). Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business meeting follow.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A great gathering is expected at Penshurst on Saturday, July 15th. The beautiful gardens of Penshurst Place, and the Rectory, will be open to ringers, by kind permission of Lord de Isle and Dudley, and the Rev. P. H. Turnbull. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Village Hall at 1s. 3d. a head, followed by a short business meeting. Special attention paid to learners at all meetings.—Alec. E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on July 15th at St. Mary Magdalene, Richmond, Surrey. Ringing from 2.45 to 7.30 p.m. An ideal spot for a summer meeting and a peal of bells not often available. All visitors welcome.—N. H. Manning, Dis. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—Quarterly meeting to be held at Solihull on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (10) available during afternoon and evening. Tea at the café of Messrs. J. Welch, High Street, 1s. per head, at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.—Dorothy E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Buriton on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Five Bells Inn. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, Hon. Sec., 6 Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held, d.v., at Yardley-Hastings (6 bells), on Saturday, July 15th. Guild certificates ready for six members. Service at 4.30. Come if you can.—A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A ringers' garden party will be held at Acton on July 15th, by kind invitation of the Rector. Bells available from 3 p.m. and in the evening. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Rectory gardens, at the invitation of the Rector, followed by games for those who prefer this to ringing. Church of St. Mary (8 bells, tenor 14 cwt.). A large attendance is hoped for. Visitors and friends from other districts will be welcomed. Reports available. Subscriptions due.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting is at Market Bosworth on Saturday, July 15th. It is hoped that members will support this meeting, the first for many years at this tower. Ringing friends cordially invited. Ringing from 3.30. Tea at 5. Because of catering difficulties, please notify Mr. Wm. Henson, Station Road, Market Bosworth, near Nuneaton, as early as possible. Usual charge. Midland Red buses run from Leicester, Coalville and Nuneaton. Come and try some 'New' Doubles.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Scarning on Saturday, July 15th. Gressenhall bells will be available after tea.—W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The six-bell ringing contest for the Society's Silver Cup will take place at Dronfield Church on Saturday, July 15th; commence 2.30 p.m. Please notify Mr. R. Parker, Green Dragon, Church Street, Dronfield, for tea, 1s. each. Tower open after contest.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronan's Road, Sheffield 7.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come. Let us have another good meeting.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingstone, near Ilminster, on Saturday, July 15th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify early for tea, important.—D. G. Taylor, Braeside, Ilminster.

WILLOUGHBY, NOTTS.—The ring of 5 bells restored by John Taylor and Co. will be re-dedicated on Sunday, July 16th, at 6.30 p.m. Preacher, the Archdeacon of Newark.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Practices for July: *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th; St. Magnus-the-Martyr, 20th; Southwark Cathedral, 25th; St. Clement Danes, 27th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Seale, on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (6) from 3.30. Service 5. Tea and business 5.15 in Jubilee Room. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next meeting will be held at Duffield on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Tea arranged for all who notify Mr. Fred Stone, Derby Road, Duffield. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Lancaster, Hon. Sec., 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (North and East District) **AND HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (St. Albans District).—A joint meeting will be held at St. John the Baptist's, Barnet, on Saturday, July 22nd. Ringing also at St. Mary the Virgin's, Monken Hadley. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea to follow, for which please notify Mr. H. J. Eldred, 98, Fitzjohn Avenue, Barnet, Herts.—T. J. Lock and H. V. Frost, Hon. Dis. Secs.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Whitechurch Canonorum on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Everybody welcome. Please notify for tea by Tuesday, July 18th.—C. H. Lathey, Hon. Sec., Malmesbury, Bradpole, Bridport.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Littlebourne on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of Rev. C. A. Manley (Vicar). Names for tea, please, to Mr. P. W. Smith, Fair View, Jubilee Road, Littlebourne, near Canterbury, to reach him not later than Thursday, July 20th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Grimsby District.—Please note that the meeting fixed to be held at Elsham, on Saturday, July 22nd, is cancelled.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland Parish Church on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (10) available from 2.30 to 7.45 p.m. The committee of the Lancashire Association will meet the same date. Tea provided for all who notify Mr. L. Walmsley, 5, School Lane, Leyland, not later than July 19th. No card, no tea, so please send word if you are coming.—A. Blogg and W. H. Shuker, Secs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—A meeting will be held at Littlebury and Elmdon on July 22nd. Bells (two rings of six) Littlebury from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tea at Elmdon, followed by business meeting and further ringing. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, July 19th?—W. Wheeler, Hon. Dis. Sec., Mill Street, Harlow Common, Harlow, Essex.

NORTH STAFFORD ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Cheddleton on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5.15, and tea at 5.45, 1s. 3d. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Mrs. Lawton, The Runde, Ostlers Lane, Cheddleton, Leek, Staffs, not later than Wednesday?—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bathford on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15.—Theo Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Sea on July 22nd. Bells (8) open at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—H. Minifie, Royston, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bitton on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (8) open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please advise for tea.—R. C. Gifford, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Aspenden on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the Fox public-house after, also a combined practice at Hunsdon on Thursday, July 20th. Bells (8) open at 6.30 p.m.—A. Lawrence, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A combined meeting of the Suffolk Guild and the Essex Association will be held at Wormingford and Bures on July 22nd. Service will be at Wormingford Church, and tea in Village Hall. Will all those intending to be present please let me know by July 19th, so that the necessary arrangements can be made for tea?—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe, Essex.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of Southampton District at Sherfield English on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5.15. Names for tea by July 19th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Hurworth on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Ringers requiring tea please notify me by morning of 20th inst.—James T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 54, Newlands Road, Darlington.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual summer festival at St. Neots, on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Falcon Hotel at 5 o'clock. Ringing at Eynesbury (6).—Kitty Willers, Gen. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Penn (6 bells) on Saturday, July 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than July 17th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tortworth on July 22nd (not Berkeley as suggested). Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—W. J. Smith, 130, Station Road, Yate, Bristol.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Much Marcle on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting following.—W. Poston, Bridstow, Ross, Herefordshire.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A mid-quarterly meeting will be held at Great Glenn (6 bells) on July 22nd. Ringing will commence at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the local cafe.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—Summer meeting will be held at South Stoke, Oxon, on Saturday, July 22nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea (9d.) at 5 p.m. Goring bells available after tea. Please notify me three days before meeting number for coach and tea.—T. W. Palmer, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Cranbourne, Cranbourne Avenue, Calcot, Reading.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Shepshed on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Please send names to me by Wednesday previous at the latest.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Penistone Street, Ibstock, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Winwick, on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. After tea a call will be made at St. Peter's, Newton-le-Willows.—S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—On and after Thursday, July 27th, practice night will be changed from Tuesday to THURSDAY, 7.30 p.m., till end of September. Sunday ringing 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. All ringers visiting Great Yarmouth and Gorleston are welcome.—J. Harwood, Sec. to St. Nicholas' ringers.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting is at Tutbury on Saturday, July 29th, and the district extends a hearty invitation to North Staffs friends. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.20. Tea at 4.45. All ringers welcome, and a card re tea by the 26th will oblige.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Dis. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sutton St. Nicholas' on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (6) available from 3 to 8.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., Dodmarsh, Withington, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Singleton Parish Church (6 bells) on Saturday, July 29th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Bus leaves Talbot Mews at 2.20. All visiting ringers welcome.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Sidcup, on Saturday, July 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Further particulars next week. Half-fares up to 2s. will be paid to members attending this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch will hold a meeting at Somerleyton on Saturday, July 29th. Bells recently rehung (6) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5.15. It is very particular for the names or numbers for tea to be sent to me not later than Wednesday, July 26th. All ringers welcome.—J. Harwood, Hon. Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

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ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The next quarterly meeting of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society will be held at St. George's Church, Hyde, on July 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Carus Wilson, Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District) **AND SURREY ASSOCIATION** (North-West District).—The joint meeting will be held at Ranmore on Saturday, July 29th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by tea at the old Post Office. Please send numbers for tea to A. H. Smith, Drakelow, Howard Road, Great Bookham, as early as possible.—A. H. Smith and F. G. Woodiss, Dis. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, July 29th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea in the Memorial Hall (which will be provided by the Rector and churchwardens) and meeting. Members intending to be present please advise the undersigned not later than Wednesday, July 26th.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

SPECHUL HEXTER.—Minor crisis averted. Alteration of date, Abbots Langley meeting, to Saturday, July 29th. All the usual arrangements, good practice, excellent tea, social company. Your strong support is requested. Charming old church and country.—C. H. Horton, Bushey, City 4270. Herts Association.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Brockdish on Saturday, July 29th (not 22nd as arranged). Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 'neath' the fir tree (if fine), Rectory Hut if wet. Meeting follows. Special methods, 'Westminster Surprise' and 'Bala Bob.' I have diagrams. Names for tea by 25th, please. Suffolk ringers specially invited; we are on the border.—A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec., 90, Denmark Street, Diss.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—The ring of eight bells, restored by John Taylor and Co., will be re-dedicated on Sunday, July 30th, at the 11 o'clock service. Preacher, the Archdeacon of Bedford. Ringing during the afternoon 3 to 4.30 p.m.

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