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ETIQUETTE

Comparatively few ringers, except those who are members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, have heard of the little town of Kington. Hitherto the name has conveyed nothing save a place name, but in future it is likely to have a permanent niche in the vocabulary of the Exercise. An incident in this quiet Hereford township has brought to a head the unwritten rule—the etiquette which governs the general practice of peal ringing.

What are the facts that have up to the present transpired as narrated in our correspondence columns? The ringers of Kington raised £186 towards the provision of two new bells, and under their veteran captain were planning the first peal on the rehung ring of six. A telephone call is put through to the incumbent by a responsible ringer holding office in the Guild, and the Vicar, not knowing the general etiquette governing peals, gives permission without consulting the captain of his ringers. The peal is rung on January 13th, within a few hours after receiving permission, but it is not until the issue of March 7th that the Exercise learns the names of the ringers.

The legal position was explained last week by the Rev. J. M. Turner, president of the East Devon Guild. The belfry is the freehold of the incumbent, and he has control of his bells. The Vicar of Kington was perfectly within his rights in giving permission; what he did not realise was the affront he innocently cast on his own ringers by not consulting with the captain. A peal, and especially a first peal after the bells have been rehung, is an occasion, and the local team, if they are peal ringers, naturally should have the privilege of ringing the first peal.

As to the ringers of the peal, it was not a case of ringing without permission. Technically they acted correctly in securing permission from the incumbent. It has been, however, the accepted practice in the Exercise, when asking permission to ring to approach the captain and head ringer, and he acts as an intermediary with the incumbent. This etiquette has prevailed for many years. What was peculiar about the conduct of these ringers was that the day before permission was sought they were in company with certain members of the Kington band and not a word was said about the proposed peal. Ringers will also note the method selected. Hereward Bob Minor has never been rung before for this Guild, and an attempt

of that character would be planned and with many companies practised beforehand.

The sympathy of the Exercise is extended to the Kington band, after raising such a substantial sum, being debarred from ringing the first peal. Some ringers might even regard the martyrdom of the captain in resigning after holding office for such a long period as justifiable. We do not believe that we are creating a 'mountain out of a molehill' in calling attention to this unfortunate incident. It might have been due to over-keenness or even an attempt to play a practical joke on the Kington ringers. This must be understood by peal ringers: that when enjoying the privilege of ringing in a strange tower a courtesy is due to the regular band, who Sunday by Sunday ring the bells. Peal ringers are not, or should not be, in a class unto themselves. They are all part of the ringing fraternity who have their common bond of service in their regular Sunday ringing.

TEN BELL PEALS

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

*ANTHONY HIGGINS	*Treble*	WM. C. PORTER	6
MARIE R. CROSS	2	NEIL I. ALLNATT	7
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	3	HERBERT IMPEY	8
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	4	WALTER F. JUDGE	9
†EDWIN G. MOORE	5	CECIL G. CALCUTT	*Tenor*

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Mar. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ALFRED E. REEVES	*Treble*	HERBERT W. KNIGHT	6
FREDK. G. LEAKER	2	WILLIAM STOWELL	7
ANDREW J. CORRIGAN	3	WM. H. PARKER	8
ALBERT M. TYLER	4	DONALD G. CLIFT	9
EDWIN J. RIDLER	5	EMLYN F. HANCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam for W. A. Cave J. A. Burford, C. H. Gordon, W. Knight and W. H. Thomas (members of St. Stephen's Guild), and S. H. Wood and R. Clark, killed by enemy action during the war years 1939-1945.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WIMBORNE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part peal. Tenor 17¼ cwt. in F.

MARY E. DAVIS	*Treble*	*EDWARD F. M. SAMSON	5
WILLIAM G. YOUNG	2	BRUCE B. ROGERS	6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS	7
REV. R. F. R. ROUTH	4	JOHN COLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.
* First peal on eight bells.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(East Berks and South Bucks Branch.)
On Sat., Mar. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE	*Treble*	JESSE HARRISON	5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER	2	WILLIAM HENLEY	6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	3	WILFRED EDWARDS	7
*DAVID LAMB	4	F. DONALD BOREHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. WINGROVE.
* First peal.

BASINGSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

*ALWYN E. A. SMITH	*Treble*	HARRY E. BALAAM	5
*RONALD A. HICKMAN	2	ERNEST P. AUSTIN	6
CHARLES W. MUNDAY	3	REGINALD W. REX	7
DAVID H. ANSTEY	4	JOHN CHESTERMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by C. W. MUNDAY.
* First peal of Major.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

FREDERICK SOUTER	*Treble*	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	5
PHILIP A. CORBY	2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	6
LUCILE M. HUBBERT	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
JOHN E. FOWLER	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.
First peal in the method on the bells.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ALEC MUNDY	*Treble*	FREDK. A. TARGETT	5
JOHN E. METCALFE	2	HENRY J. SANGER	6
GILBERT H. HARDING	3	RONALD G. BECK	7
SAMUEL J. HECTOR	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch.)
On Sat., Mar. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, OXTON,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in E.

ERNEST F. BENNETT	*Treble*	*WILLIAM DEAN	5
GEORGE LEDSHAM	2	ERIC J. GILBERT	6
RALPH G. EDWARDS	3	FRANK VARTY	7
ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.
* First peal of London. First peal of London on the bells and by a resident Wirral band.

ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

RICHARD T. HOLDING	*Treble*	THOMAS W. LAMB	5
HARRY F. HOLDING	2	GEORGE A. PACKER	6
*P.R.E.M. D. JOHNSON	3	RICHARD D. LANGFORD	7
*WILFRED KERR	4	*E. JOHN HOLLOWAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD D. LANGFORD.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

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OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Mar. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

HERBERT C. SPENCER	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
FRANK E. HAYNES	2	HENRY H. FEARN	6
DANIEL T. MATKIN	3	JOHN S. MASON	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	4	JOHN PINFOLD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

MISS GWEN MURKITT	*Treble*	MISS J. M. BROOMFIELD	5
H. WM. BARRETT	2	CYRIL A. BURGESS	6
*MISS MARY JAYCOCK	3	GEORGE GILBERT	7
MISS MARY PEMBERTON	4	GEORGE C. GOODMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.
* First peal other than Bob Major. 100th peal on the bells, which were augmented in 1897. A 61st birthday compliment to the conductor.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Arrangement. Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRANK E. PERVIN	*Treble*	HUBERT SUMMERS	5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE	2	JOHN MORETON	6
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	3	LEONARD TREVOR	7
THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	4	JOHN THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.
A birthday compliment to past and present Masters of the Guild, Messrs. T. W. Chapman and F. E. Pervin.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WINIFRED,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

H. BAKER	*Treble*	*WALTER ALLMAN	5
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	CYRIL VALENTINE	6
JOHN W. BEST	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	CECIL RADDON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
* First peal of Cambridge.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

FRANK WHITE	*Treble*	GEORGE HOLIFIELD	5
*EDWIN DREWITT	2	FRANCIS A. WHITE	6
*ANTHONY G. HOLIFIELD	3	RICHARD WHITE	7
ALAN CORNISH	4	FRED WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD.
* First peal 'inside.' Rung to celebrate the 129th anniversary of the opening of the bells (March 4th).

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Sat., Mar. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ARTHUR RIGBY	*Treble*	JAMES BLACKBURN	5
LAURENCE WALMSLEY	2	ARTHUR HATCH	6
B. A. KNIGHTS	3	SIDNEY TUSAN	7
THOMAS BARKER	4	JOHN H. GARTSIDE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. H. GARTSIDE.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the present ring, which were first rung for service on March 10th, 1897.

THROWLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 11 cwt.

*WILFRED W. RING	*Treble*	WM. A. OLDFIELD	5
MRS. T. CULLINGWORTH	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	6
PERCY PAGE	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
*FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	4	THOS. CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Mar. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF SPLICED PAINSWICK, PUDSEY SUPERLATIVE, CAMBRIDGE AND YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

*WM. H. B. WILKINS	*Treble*	BETTY SPICE	5
WALTER F. JUDGE	2	*WILFRID F. MORETON	6
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT	3	WM. C. PORTER	7
MARIE R. CROSS	4	†ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Arranged by A. G. Driver. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. † First peal in five Surprise Major methods. These methods are now rung spliced for the first time. The peal comprised 1,472 changes of Painswick, 736 of Pudsey, 1,408 of Superlative, 704 of Cambridge and 736 of Yorkshire, and there were 135 changes of method.

WILTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Mar. 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

RONALD W. HAYWARD	*Treble*	ARTHUR H. REED	5
DUDLEY SHELDON	2	†WILLIAM H. TARR	6
*WILLIAM T. CLARK	3	ARTHUR W. HAYWARD	7
ERNEST CAUSLEY	4	WILLIAM G. GIGG	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by W. G. GIGG.
* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' † First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS

PUCKINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being ten 240's (Morris' arrangement) and 22 six-scores, 10 callings.

*WALTER H. MARKS	*Treble*	FREDERICK WELCH	4
*DENNIS R. BEST	2	REGINALD WELCH	5
REGINALD BEALE	3	ALBERT H. DRAYTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD BEALE.
* First peal.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's.

ARTHUR MACKEARS	*Treble*	SIDNEY WHALLEY	4
CALEB L. SIMCOCK	2	JOHN CRAGG	5
HENRY SQUIRES	3	LESLIE SQUIRES	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. MACKEARS.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam to Thomas W. Cragg, churchwarden for 46 years.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield District Society.)
On Wed., Feb. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 26 lb. in B flat

L. COLIN RYDER	*Treble*	NORMAN CHADDOCK	4
WILLIAM GREEN	2	J. EDWARD CAWSER	5
ARTHUR FIRTH	3	*ERNEST A. THORPE	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells. Rung half-muffled in memoriam to Walter M. Beeden, over 50 years a ringer at this church.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*JACK MUSSEL ... ...*Treble*		*PETER D. WENHAM ...	4
†LESLIE A. PAGE	2	WM. A. THEOBALD ...	5
HERBERT ABRAHAMS ...	3	FRANK L. HARRIS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.
* First three-method peal. † First three-method peal 'inside.'

NOCTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northern Branch.)
On Sat., Mar. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one extent each of Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*CHARLES BROWN ... ...*Treble*		BERTIE BEE	4
*BETTY BROWN (aged 14)	2	JOHN F. PEARSON	5
*ALBERT T. AMIES ...	3	FREDK. W. STOKES ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.
* First peal.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Mar. 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

VINCENT A. HEMMING ...*Treble*		EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	4
*ARTHUR D. COOK	2	ARTHUR MORRIS	5
†THOMAS ABBOTTS	3	EDWARD T. LLOYD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by VINCENT A. HEMMING.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor.

SOUTHBROOM, DEVIZES.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Mar. 3, 1947, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

EDWIN J. POTTER ... ...*Treble*		FREDK. W. HALE	4
SIDNEY G. GRANT	2	WM. C. WEST	5
WM. G. MORTIMER ...	3	JOSEPH S. WEEKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. S. WEEKS.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. T. Weeks, for 30 years an honorary member of the Guild.

BRASTED, KENT.
THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Mar. 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*LESLIE R. E. MARTIN ...*Treble*		VERNON J. BENNING ...	4
BETTY SPICE	2	PHILIP M. J. GRAY ...	5
†E. S. JOHN HATCHER ...	3	WILFRID F. MORETON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal. † First peal on six bells. 25th peal as conductor. A wedding peal for Christopher G. H. Ditmas and Monica J. F. Richardson.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*HARRY FOLLEN ... ...*Treble*		WALLACE W. COUSINS ...	4
ERNEST H. MASTIN ...	2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ...	5
†ARTHUR ROLFE	3	CLAUDE COUSINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUCKENHAM.
* First peal in seven methods. † First in seven methods 'inside.'

BOLTON, LANCS.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Jan. 31st, 1440 Kent Treble Bob Minor and Plain Bob Minor: E. Ford, C. Brownlow, A. E. Sandiford, A Heywood, J. F. Wood, Peter Crook, sen. (conductor), E. Iddon.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*LEONARD CAMPEY ... ...*Treble*		MILLICENT LAWTON ...	4
†GEORGE BARNARD ...	2	JOHN W. L. SLACK	5
CHARLES W. LAWTON ...	3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER...	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. W. WHITTAKER.
* First peal. † First peal away from treble. Rung fully muffled in memory of Mrs. A. E. Mason, organist at the church for 28 years.

HENSINGHAM, CUMBERLAND.
THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb

*T. HOLMES ... ...*Treble*		J. DEAR	4
*J. LING	2	R. LING	5
*A. FORSYTH	3	J. E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. E. BROWN.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 5 and 6.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Doncaster and District Society.)
On Sat., Mar. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ...*Treble*		HARRY BARNES	4
JAMES THORLEY	2	ERNEST SHORT	5
J. MARTIN THORLEY ...	3	JAMES MCCLUSKEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. E. CRITCHLEY.
In memoriam, Charles H. Thorley, who died on March 3rd, 1947, aged 73 years, ringer at Thorne, Yorks, for nearly 60 years.

HAWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Mar. 9, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*BRIAN PHALP ... ...*Treble*		*LESLIE HELLIWELL ...	4
JOHN I. ROBERTSHAW ...	2	VERNEY BAIRSTOW ...	5
STANLEY WHITEHEAD ...	3	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. BAIRSTOW.
* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT ST. PETER'S HALL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Six-part Peal. Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG	1-2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY...	3-4	FRANCIS S. WILSON	7-8

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

BLACKSTONE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Mar. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes.
AT 2, NORTH VIEW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one Morris' 240, forty six-scores, ten callings. Tenor size 13.

MISS STELLA M. WICKENS	1-2	CECIL R. LONGHURST ...	3-4

*CHARLES H. WICKENS ... 5-6
Conducted by C. H. WICKENS.
* First peal 'in hand.' First peal of Doubles 'in hand' by all. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. C. H. Wickens on her birthday.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Mar. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.
IN TRINITY COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

JOHN A. ACRES	1-2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ...	5-6
ROGER LEIGH	3-4	EDWIN J. LINDLEY	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED

ALFORD, LINCS. — On March 6th at St. Wilfrid's Parish Church, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: H. Scoffin 1, S. H. Sutton 2, R. Armstrong 3, K. Ketteringham (conductor) 4, E. D. Chandler 5, J. Myers 6. First quarter by the ringers of 3, 5 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam to the Lord Bishop of Lincoln.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS. — On March 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. D. Pilcher 1, F. W. Burnett 2, Miss E. Landon 3, P. H. Speck 4, H. A. Nobes 5, E. A. Jurd 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, F. G. Barron 8.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS. — At St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Wolstencroft 1, J. Robinson (first quarter) 2, R. Wimpenney 3, R. Edward 4, W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 5.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Greenough 1, C. Gregory 2, A. Greenough 3, C. Corderoy 4, F. James (conductor) 5, H. Dunsdon 6, H. Aldridge 7, C. Corderoy 8. Also the same day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples for evensong: G. Walker 1, C. Gregory 2, F. James (conductor) 3, A. Greenough 4, C. Corderoy 5, C. Aldridge 6, H. Aldridge 7, C. Corderoy 8.

BICKER, LINCS.—On March 8th, at the Church of St. Swithin, 1,320 Surprise Minor (240 Ipswich, 360 Primrose, 720 Cambridge): R. Howard 1, J. Morris 2, W. B. Dawson 3, G. R. Dawson 4, A. H. Bennett 5, C. Wander (conductor) 6. Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. G. H. Clark, Vicar at the above church for 19 years before becoming Vicar of Surfleet.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Burt 1, Mrs. J. Salmons 2, H. Higson 3, R. Burford 4, G. Pullinger 5, E. Wheeler 6, E. Salmons (conductor) 7, W. Trill 8. A welcome home to P.O. Salmons, R.N., on his return from the Far East.

QUARTER PEALS

EALING, LONDON.—At St. Mary's Church on March 6th, 1,280 Bob Major: F. Hopgood 1, Miss M. Cole 2, Miss D. E. Lidbetter 3, P. E. Clark 4, A. M. Stacey 5, W. J. Paice 6, A. H. Fulwell (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8. Also on March 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Churchill 1, Miss D. E. Lidbetter 2, A. H. Fulwell 3, P. E. Clarke 4, C. J. Tricker 5, A. M. Stacey (conductor) 6, G. Fogden 7, A. Harding 8.

EAST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Robinson 1, W. Stepney 2, E. E. Breed 3, B. Stepney 4, F. H. Hicks (conductor) 5, A. Ellis 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. W. Hardy Johnson, M.A. (Rector).

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Fletcher 1, J. F. Atkins 2, G. H. Williams 3, W. Mumford 4, J. Eaton 5, W. T. Matkin (conductor) 6, T. Russell 7, E. G. Fletcher 8.

GLASGOW. — At St. Mary's Cathedral on March 9th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: L. Boumphrey 1, R. M. Preston 2, A. E. Haynes 3, N. Sharpe 4, H. F. Sargent 5, R. Clouston 6, T. C. Winderam 7, E. A. Stafford 8, C. Barker (conductor) 9, W. H. Pickett 10. First quarter of Grandsire Caters by 1, 2, 4 and 6. Rung to mark the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Winderam.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX. — At All Saints' on March 9th, 1,260 Spliced Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples: W. Bradfield 1, A. Easton 2, S. Driver 3, J. Downing 4, J. Pennells 5, S. Smith 6, A. Levett (conductor) 7, G. Piper 8.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—At St. Mary Magdalene's on March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Charge 1, R. Newman 2, E. Pryor 3, E. Pratchett 4, A. F. Lancaster 5, R. H. Begrie (conductor) 6, A. Turner 7, H. W. Barnard 8. In honour of the birth of a granddaughter to Mr. R. Newman on the previous afternoon.

LAMBETH, LONDON. — At St. Mary's on March 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. Dixon 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, T. H. Taffender 3, S. Croft 4, W. J. Ellis 5, C. Ottley 6, J. Bullock (conductor) 7, W. Prockson 8.

LEE, LONDON.—At St. Margaret's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Packer 1, S. Ball 2, Miss Mary Cole 3, F. Hopgood 4, E. Jones 5, E. Mounter 6, J. Dafters (conductor) 7, H. Brasher 8. Rung for the centenary of the consecration of the church.

MARGATE, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Dadds 1, Miss B. Solly 2, A. J. Dadds 3, H. Luck 4, J. Russell 5, F. G. Gadsden (conductor) 6, A. Hinkley 7, E. Milstead 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. R. Dalby Reeve, aged 85, a great personal friend of the ringers.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—At St. Denys' Church on March 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Lyddon 1, E. Bishop 2, C. Brasier 3, A. F. Lewry (conductor) 4, F. Hammond 5, S. T. A. Russell 6, W. Rogers 7, H. Hinson 8.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS. — At St. Peter's Church on March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. V. Frost 1, A. Dale 2, Miss A. Bailey (first quarter-peal) 3, H. Mason 4, R. W. Darvill 5, G. W. Debenham 6, T. J. Southam (conductor) 7, F. J. Spicer 8.

ST. ANNES-ON-SEA, LANCS. — On March 3rd, 1,260 Bob Major: C. Sharples (conductor) 1, A. Houldsworth 2, A. Adcock 3, T. Hargreaves 4, F. Youles 5, W. Ratcliffe 6, H. Ramsbottom 7, N. Thornber 8. First quarter-peal by the local band.

THORNE, YORKS. — On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Thorley, jun. 1, L. Gerrard 2, J. Thorley 3, J. M. Thorley 4, E. Thorley 5, W. Hobson 6, C. Thorley (conductor) 7, T. D. Leask 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. C. H. Thorley, for many years a regular ringer at this church, interred the same day.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

This is a special Lancashire number, with an order for 500 additional copies. To all who have contributed to 'the hot pot' (tripe excluded) the Editor extends his sincere thanks.

The 23 years' silence of Farnworth (Bolton) bells has been broken. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on March 9th by Pte. J. Thornley (first quarter) 1, Miss Annie Potter 2, J. Boyer 3, R. Collier 4, J. Potter (conductor) 5, J. V. Cheetham 6, P. Crook, sen. 7, H. Prescott 8.

The art of Spliced Surprise has been advanced by the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who have introduced in a peal Painswick, Pudsey, Superlative, Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Major for the first time. There were 135 changes of method.

With snow piling up outside, Mr. James E. Burles, of Barrow-in-Furness, writes on March 12th a line of congratulation to New South Wales ringers on getting their quarter home at Turramurra. 'It is a far cry from cold and hungry England to warm and sunny Sydney,' he adds.

Leicester Guild have some promising young people at Stoney Stanton. The following band, whose average age was 16½ and eldest 18, rang 1,260 Grandsire Doubles on March 8th: J. Smith 1, H. Briggs 2, T. Flint 3, Jean Taylor 4, G. Ball (conductor) 5, G. Fisher 6. And now for a peal!

Behind the peal at Ditcheat, Somerset, on March 8th, there is a story of great determination. Mr. G. H. Harding, with Mr. Sam Hector as passenger, took 2½ hours to cover 23 miles. Another ardent motor-cyclist wisely elected to drive himself over in his lorry. A fourth walked four miles to get to a workable telephone to ascertain if the attempt was to be made. The band was able to wish Sam many happy returns of his birthday, which took place on the following Monday.

The Rev. F. F. Rigby, president of the Lancashire Association, has now left parish work and has been appointed lecturer and worker for the Manchester Diocesan Council for Moral Welfare and also Bishop's Chaplain to the Youth Organisations.

Peals by the Cumberland Association are rarely recorded. Four ringers from Carlisle Cathedral joined two locals at Hensingham for a peal of Minor on March 8th and were successful.

Lancashire and other ringers should note that we are now taking new postal subscribers for the next quarter. Remittances (4s. 3d.) to be sent to Mr. H. J. Eldred, 26, Springfield Road, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth.

'Elementary Change Ringing' has received a remarkably good press. Comments one reviewer: 'This useful little volume is not for Wranglers, but for Janglers, actual ringers who require only enough theory to be able to follow the method when devised.' Janglers is not a happy word to apply to ringers. Poetic licence, however, could justifiably be claimed. The author informs us that the book is selling well.

For 55 years Mr. Walter W. Wolstencroft has been a ringer and conductor at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne. He is shortly leaving the district for Buckinghamshire. Apart from his own tower, he and Mrs. Wolstencroft, who has rung at Ashton for 21 years, will be greatly missed in the district. A farewell quarter of 1,259 Grandsire Caters was rung on March 5th at Manchester Town Hall by the following in appreciation of his many years of faithful attendance and support: B. Jones (first quarter) 1, P.C. W. Robinson 2, F. Barraclough 3, H. Ludkin 4, ex-P.C. G. Pye 5, W. W. Wolstencroft 6, P.C. W. Pye 7, P.C. A. Ford (conductor) 8, Harold Walker 9, ex-P.C. J. Turner 10.

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MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL

NUMERICALLY one of the largest Associations in affiliation with the Central Council, the Lancashire came into being as the result of the following circular :—

Sir, — It has been proposed to form an Association of Change Ringers for Lancashire. We would like to hear your opinion on the above proposition. The objects of the above are : (1) To promote the art and science of change ringing; (2) belfry reform; (3) to induce the clergy and churchwardens to take more interest in the ringers and the ringing.—Yours respectfully,

J. R. Pritchard,
W. G. Mann.
J. Aspinwall.

A meeting was duly held in the National Schools, Chorley, on June 10th, 1876, when officers and committee were appointed and subscriptions became due on July 1st. The entrance fee was fixed at 2s. 6d. and subscriptions at 1s. per year. Thus started our Association.

'The Church Bells' of the day did not give the Association much encouragement because it did not make more use of the clergy and also because it was open to all denominations which had bells.

At the first meeting 30 members were elected, and this number was increased to 60 during the first year. In 1879 when the annual meeting was held at Bolton the Association was reconstituted and the block of a bell which has graced the front page of the Association's annual reports was purchased; it is still going strong!

The first balance sheet showed an income of £10 9s., against an expenditure of £7 12s. 10d., which left £2 16s. 2d. to start the second year.

THE PRESIDENTS.

At first, Presidents held office for a very short period, the founder president being Mr. W. G. Wray, of Kirkham. He was succeeded in 1879, when the Association was reconstituted, by Mr. John Mason, of Southport, who was followed by Mr. W. Albinson (Stockport) in 1880, Mr. Joseph Scott (Manchester) 1881, the Rev. T. A. Turner (Bury) 1883, the Rev. C. Lowe (Bolton) 1886. In 1890 Canon Elsee, of Bolton, was elected, and he held office until he died in 1936. He was, indeed, one of the great leaders of the Exercise, and during his period of office the number of ringing members rose from 506 to 1,434. Membership of the Lancashire Association was a privilege: there was a keenness among the young men to qualify by having rung 120 changes on tower or handbells, or covered 500 on tower bells.

There were frequent changes in the post of general secretary in the early years. The principle of continuity in office was established by the appointment of Mr. J. Redford as assistant in 1882, later to become general secretary. In 1898 he was succeeded by Mr. A. E. Wreaks, who held office until 1911, when Mr. W. H. Shuker, the present holder, took office. He has now a co-secretary in Mr. T. Wilson, of Blackburn.

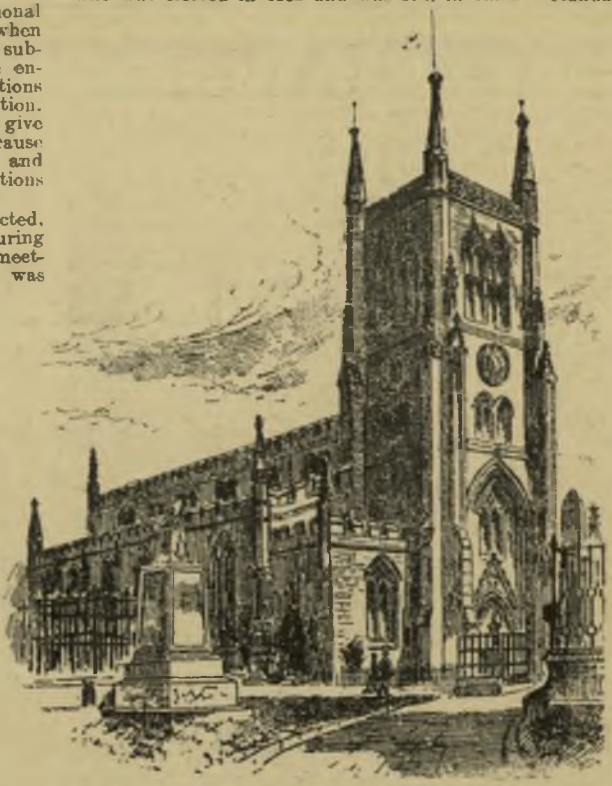
Long and faithful service is also to be found among the treasurers, of which the Association has had five in 70 years. A noteworthy holder of this office was Mr. H. W. Jackson, who was elected in 1882 and was still in office when he died in 1928. The present treasurer (Mr. F. R. Williams) was elected in 1942.

When Sir A. P. Heywood was considering the formation of the Central Council he invited Canon Elsee to meet him at the Johnson Dinner at Birmingham in 1899. The Canon reported back to the committee, who asked him to represent the Association at any other meetings and also on the Council when it was formed. This he did faithfully until his death. It is thought that he only missed one meeting when he was in South Africa.

The membership certificate was designed in 1891 with etchings of four churches (three illustrated with this article), the bell and a bunch of handbells.

In 1893 a leaflet was printed with the four standard methods. From this small beginning has grown the present volume containing 20 minor, six Triples and 14 Major methods, with a chapter on Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cinques.

In 1887 the Association decided to form branches. To-day there are 11, some of which were the outcome of smaller associations in the county joining the central association and then forming branches. The area of the Association embraces the Dioceses of Blackburn, Liverpool and Manchester and parts of Carlisle and Wakefield, and the existing branches and their secretaries are : Blackburn, Mr. C. W. Blakey; Bolton, Mr. P. Crook; Furness and Lake District, Mr. N. M. Newby; Lancaster, Mr. H. Parkinson; Fylde, Mr. J. H. Foster; Liverpool, Mr. G. R. Newton; Manchester, Mr. F. Reynolds; Preston, Mr. F. Rigby; Rochdale, Mr. Ivan Kay; Rossendale, Mr. H. Parkinson; Wigan, Mr. N. Heaps.



BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL

GROWTH OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The following record of annual meetings since the Association was reconstituted in 1879 tells of its growth:

		No. of Members.	Hon. Ringing.
1879	Bolton		...
1880	Manchester ...	11	90
1881	Manchester ...	18	106
1881	Bolton	21	113
1882	Bolton	24	165
1883	Bolton	29	188
1884	Eccles	34	192
1885	Manchester ...	43	208
1886	Bolton	50	223
1887	Ashton-under-Lyne	45	258
1888	Bolton	43	277

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

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		No. of Members.	Hon. Ringing.
1889	Bacup	57	407
1890	Manchester	71	506
1891	Liverpool	78	526
1892	Blackburn	86	608
1893	Rochdale	83	679
1894	Bolton	86	755
1895	Wigan	90	763
1896	Manchester	86	812
1897	Newchurch	89	830
1898	Bolton, Holy Trinity	88	839
1899	Preston	91	857
1900	Oldham	93	850
1901	Blackpool	93	873
1902	Eccles	97	871
1903	Bolton, St. George	96	919
1904	Rochdale	101	938
1905	Wigan	101	989
1906	Ashton-under-Lyne	98	1084
1907	Blackburn	94	1073
1908	Manchester	94	1168
1909	Rawtenstall	97	1168
1910	Burnley	107	1153
1911	Blackpool	117	1156
1912	Kendal	110	1194
1913	Liverpool	110	1245
1914	Bolton Parish	93	1266
1915	Pendleton	95	1300
1916	Chorley	93	1308
1917	Blackburn	91	1213
1918	Rochdale	97	1163
1919	Liverpool	98	1009
1920	Eccles	104	1084
1921	Todmorden	99	1000
1922	Preston	99	1163
1923	Kendal	101	1314
1924	Oldham	103	1269
1925	Rawtenstall	88	1273
1926	Bolton, Holy Trinity	93	1349
1927	Wigan	92	1451
1928	Blackpool	86	1408
1929	Blackburn	80	1406
1930	Liverpool	79	1446
1931	Manchester	95	1419
1932	Chorley	105	1267
1933	Lancaster	109	1441
1934	Rochdale	104	1478
1935	Preston	105	1478
1936	Kendal	96	1434
1937	Bolton, The Saviour	92	1451
1938	Wigan	86	1380
1939	Blackpool	84	1434
1940	Bolton, Holy Trinity	80	1363
1941	Preston	75	1305
1942	Wigan	73	1287
1943	Bolton, Deane	73	1324
1944	Manchester	70	1367
1945	Blackburn	68	1351
1946	Dalton-in-Furness	72	1302

FIRST PEALS IN THE METHOD BY ASSOCIATION.

Dec. 22, 1877, Grandsire Triples, Bolton, H.T.
Sept. 5, 1884, Grandsire Major, W. Didsbury.
June 19, 1884, Grandsire Caters, Manchester C.
Oct. 27, 1884, Grandsire Royal, Manchester C.
Aug. 15, 1892, Grandsire Cinques, Ashton.
Nov. 30, 1886, Stedman Triples, Stalybridge.
Dec. 15, 1897, Stedman Caters, Manchester C.
Sept. 12, 1905, Stedman Cinques, Ashton.
Aug. 3, 1899, Darlaston Bob Triples, Walkden.
Jan. 10, 1899, Union Triples, Heywood.
Oct. 26, 1911, Erin Triples, Worsley.
Feb. 18, 1939, Erin Caters, Manchester Cath.
Dec. 19, 1905, Oxford Bob Triples, Woolton.
Nov. 13, 1925, S. Clement's Triples, Deane.
Nov. 12, 1883, Bob Major, Eccles.
July 6, 1931, S. Clement's B.M., Church.
Dec. 5, 1885, Bob Royal, Manchester Cathedral.
Mar. 30, 1909, Bob Maximus, Ashton.
Sept. 17, 1882, Kent T.B. Major, Southport.
Oct. 26, 1885, Kent T.B. Royal, Manchester C.
April 7, 1892, Kent T.B. Maximus, Ashton.
Aug. 10, 1896, Oxford T.B. Major, Pendleton.
May 16, 1898, Oxford T.B. Royal, Manchester C
Jan. 20, 1914, Oxford T.B. Maximus, Ashton.
Dec. 25, 1921, Granta T.B. Major, Blackburn.
April 20, 1922, Forward Major, Blackburn.
Feb. 22, 1900, Duffield Major, Walkden.
May 2, 1914, Little Bob Major, Halewood.
May 17, 1937, Little Bob Royal, St. Helens.
May 11, 1893, Canterbury P.M., Liverpool C.
April 14, 1927, Oxford Bob Major, Church.
July 14, 1928, N. Cambridge S.R., Manchester.
April 8, 1889, Double Norwich Major, Worsley.
Aug. 23, 1939, D. Norwich C.B. Royal, Wigan.
Oct. 14, 1933, Real D. Norwich Major, Milnrow.
Jan. 11, 1897, Superlative S.M., Pendleton.
Oct. 9, 1899, Cambridge S.M., Pendleton.
Nov. 27, 1926, Cambridge S. Royal, Liverpool.
May 5, 1927, Cambridge S. Maximus, Liverpool.
Mar. 21, 1902, London Surprise M., Helmshore.
July 3, 1909, Bristol Surprise M., Helmshore.
Jan. 4, 1915, Guildford S.M., Oswaldtwistle.
June 28, 1921, N'thampton S.M., Oswaldtwistle.
Aug 7, 1922, Lancashire S.M., Oswaldtwistle.
Dec. 17, 1923, Palatine S.M., Oswaldtwistle.
April 18, 1925, Yorkshire S.M., Newchurch.
May 21, 1927, Ipswich S.M., Newchurch.
Jan. 23, 1932, Belgrave S.M., Milnrow.
April 6, 1932, Spliced Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major, Radcliffe.
Aug. 20, 1932, Rochester S.M., Prestwich.
Jan. 20, 1891, 7 Minor Methods, Walton-on-Hill.
Aug. 13, 1894, 7 T.B. Minor Methods, Bacup.
Nov. 12, 1899, 7 Surprise M. Methods, Bacup.
Feb. 16, 1913, 7 Surprise M. Methods non-conducted, Oswaldtwistle.
Dec. 12, 1923, Cambridge S. Minor, Grassendale
Mar. 21, 1931, London S. Minor, Brindle.

RECORD LENGTHS.

April 17, 1911, 12,240 Kent. T.B. Max., Ashton.
April 13, 1914, 14,000 Kent T.B. Royal, Ashton.
Apr. 18, 1927, 17,824 Oxf'd T.B. M., Heptonstall
Jan. 29, 1927, 11,232 Superlative S.M., Bolton.
Aug. 5, 1929, 15,312 Cambridge S. Max., Ashton.

FIRST PEALS IN THE METHOD ON HANDBELLS.

Nov. 14, 1888, Grandsire Triples, Ashton.
Mar. 1, 1889, Grandsire Caters, Ashton.
Nov. 6, 1924, Stedman Triples, Manchester.
April 23, 1923, Stedman Caters, Manchester.
Oct. 26, 1929, Stedman Cinques, Manchester.
April 8, 1888, Kent T.B. Major, Hyde.
April 28, 1888, Kent T.B. Royal, Ashton.
April 29, 1929, Oxford T.B. Royal, Manchester.
Aug. 15, 1929, Oxford T.B. Major, Manchester.
June 6, 1888, Bob Major, Ashton.
April 14, 1897, Bob Minor, Oswaldtwistle.
Sept. 18, 1897, 7 Minor Methods, Oswaldtwistle.
Sept. 5, 1908, Bob Royal, Widnes.
Dec. 22, 1932, D. Norwich C.B. Major, Stockp't.
Feb. 21, 1942, Thirteen Minor Methods, Preston.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Despite the wintry conditions, the South Norfolk Branch annual meeting at Diss on March 1st was attended by 39 ringers from 21 different parishes—Attleborough, Bunwell, Diss, Forncett, Garboldisham, Palgrave, Redenhall, Saxlingham, Norwich, Swaffham, Mulbarton and Winfarthing. Also Suffolk ringers attended from Bury St. Edmunds, Cotton, Groton, Hadleigh, Horringer, Mendlesham, Stowmarket, Stowupland and Yaxley.

The Rector, the Rev. J. A. Appleton (vice-president), conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. A. St. J. Heard (president), with the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow at the organ.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (general secretary) presided at the business meeting in the absence of the chairman, Mr. W. L. Duffield, supported by the Rev. A. St. J. Heard (president), Mr. Nolan Golden (Ringing Master), Mr. A. G. Harrison (branch secretary), Messrs. Bennett and Banham (committee).

After the company had stood in silence to the memory of the late Mr. D. H. Whiting, of Diss, a late member of the association and Suffolk Guild, the officers were all re-elected. Two new members were elected—Mr. Dennis Poyntz (Saxlingham) and Miss Mattholie (Diss).

The branch secretary drew attention to the forthcoming broadcast service from Diss Church on Sunday, May 11th, at 9.30 a.m., when it is hoped the bells will also be broadcast. The next meeting will be held at Bunwell on Saturday, May 3rd.

Chorley Bells

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF PRESENT RING.

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the present ring of Chorley (Lancs) bells, a peal of Treble Bob Major was rung on March 8th.

The ringers of the peal, the Rector (Canon Wyatt) and other ringers and friends were afterwards entertained to tea, after which the Rector congratulated the team, making special reference to Mr. Gartside on his first peal as conductor, and Arthur Rigby on ringing his first peal on the treble.

Canon Wyatt recalled that his first curacy was with the late Canon Elsee. Later he went to Ashton-under-Lyne, where several long peals were rung. On going to Burnley as Vicar he was visited by Canon Elsee, who on hearing the bells being chimed said in shocked tones, 'Wyatt, tubular bells!'

Mr. T. Lofthouse, one of the wardens and a ringer for over 50 years, added to the reminiscences. He related how in his early days the Chorley ringers were asked to ring the bells at Blackrod whilst an architect tested the tower for stability, as the local squire had forbidden the bells to be rung on the grounds that the tower was unsafe. After the squire's death the bells were rung regularly!

The writer mentioned that some 10 or 15 years ago Chorley bells became more or less unringable, so much so that Mr. Gartside, the towerkeeper, had to oil them before every service. The writer decided to try out some of his own ideas and gadgets and these made the bells pealable, as shown by ringing the peal on March 8th under Arctic conditions, there being no heat in the tower through fuel shortage.

Chorley bells have a history. When the Commissioners of Edward VI. visited the church in 1552 there were 'three great bells and two little bells called sacring bells.' The register records that the great bell weighing 770lb. was increased to 863lb. in 1646 when it was recast by Geoffrey Scott, of Wigan, bell-founder. The six bells in the tower in 1883 were rehung by G. Mears, of London. Three were dated 1763, another 1800, another 1832.

These six were recast in 1896 and two added, making the present ring of eight by John Warner and Sons. Three bear old inscriptions; the others have the maker's name and date. The three inscriptions are:—

I bear my part in concorts pleasing sound,
But when alone I summon to the ground.

The day is over; cease from labour, I call to rest.

Our voices do with cheerful sound,
The hills and valleys echo round.

A faculty for a ringers' gallery was granted in 1897; before that time the bells were rung from the ground floor.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

APPLETON FEAST.

Saturday, February 8th, at Appleton, was the day of the 129th annual feast. Appleton, in common with many other villages, was almost completely isolated, and a good deal of effort was needed to be present. Spartans were present from Launton, near Bicester, and Basingstoke, and an attendance of nearly 40 was most pleasing.

Stedman and Grandsire Caters, the methods towards which this well-known ring seems to lean, predominated, and the standard of striking demanded by the local band was fully maintained.

After an excellent tea at the Thatched Tavern, members of the White family entertained the company with both change ringing and tunes on handbells as well as vocally.

With the return of the younger members from the Forces, the ringing at Appleton has reached a new high standard, and this augurs well for the future as well as for the continuity of this ancient celebration.

OBITUARY

MR. ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

Mr. D. G. Elliott, Groton, Suffolk, writes :—Andrew Shufflebotham came to Coggeshall and rang a peal with us in 1902 and he rang over 50 peals with us up to 1912. He was, as the writer says, a good and sure ringer and a good striker. He would cycle the six miles from Braintree to Coggeshall every Monday night if the weather was not too bad. With Andrew on the third and Frank Claydon on the fourth we were set up and had a good band. I moved out of the district after the 1914 war and lost sight of him. I should like the Stoke-on-Trent men to know how much we appreciated Andrew's ringing.

MR. ALFRED HINDS.

Following a fall, the death took place on March 2nd of Mr. Alfred Hinds, aged 76. He had lived at Tenterden all his life, was a member of St. Mildred's Church ringers for 40 years and had rung 41 peals in different methods.

A member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, he had rung peals with Challis F. Winney and Frederick G. Newman.

The funeral took place on March 6th and in the evening touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, with the bells half-muffled, by the following members of St. Mildred's band: Miss Mary Meynell 1, Pat Relf 2, Miss Vie Relf 3, John Smith 4, Percy Relf 5, Toby Want 6, William Tickner 7, Bert Stanger 8. R.E.

MR. C. F. FOWLER.

With deep regret we report the death of Charles Frederick Fowler, of Anston, near Sheffield, which took place on February 12th. He was buried in Anston Churchyard on February 17th, and a muffled peal was rung after the funeral.

Mr. Fowler, who was 86 years of age, was a ringer of renown on six bells, in fact he with his team of ringers at Anston Church in their heyday were known as the Kings of Six Bell Ringers. The team, of which Mr. Fowler was the conductor and captain, could ring well over 300 methods on six bells, many of which Mr. Fowler composed. One method he composed and called 'King George V.,' by kind permission of His Majesty.

Mr. Fowler had been ringing for 70 years and rang regularly up to his death. His great friend, Mr. Henry Stenton, who is 85, much to his disappointment had to give up last year after 74 years as a ringer.

There are two other ringers of the old band each over 70 and one almost 60. One died just before the war—Mr. S. Smith, aged 85, after ringing for 58 years, and one died last year, aged 76. Thus has this famous band been broken up.

In all the years that he did ring
His greatest friend ne'er heard him sing,
He had no temper for to slip,
A harsh word ne'er escaped his lip.
But ring from morn till night would he
And glory in bells minstrelsy,
His compositions he would name,
Towns, flowers and Generals of Fame.

F.S.

TOWER SNATCHING!

Dear Sir,—Can anyone exceed any of the following?

(1) To have rung in at least one tower every Saturday during the year 1946.

(2) To have rung in all, 123 towers during 1946 (five bell upwards). These towers were in the following counties: Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Cheshire, Huntingdonshire, Leicestershire, Lancashire, Northamptonshire, Oxfordshire, Staffordshire and Warwickshire.

(3) To have at least rung rounds for at least one service during 1946 every Sunday with the exception of one.—Yours faithfully,

Duston, Northants. ERIC NOBLES.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Universities and Colleges

Dear Sir,—May I, through the correspondence column, address an open letter to the Publications Committee concerning their decision briefly communicated to the Exercise in Belfry Gossip last week? I would address to them a strong protest, and an equally strong plea for reconsideration of the decision not to include names of colleges in peals by members of University Guilds.

In the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge it has always been the custom to put the name of a man's college after his name when publishing details of activities in which members of various colleges are participating together. This applies in all spheres of sport, politics or art. It is sad if this traditional custom is to be refused to the members of University ringing organisations.

Surely, Mr. Editor, this raises the question of the purpose of publishing peals. It would be possible to record peals without publishing them; thus it would seem that the reason they are published is to give information to those who may be interested. When new names appear in the reports of University Guild peals it is of great interest to older members who have 'gone down' to see in which Colleges the interest in ringing is centring.

Uniform may be essential in the Forces. Utility furniture and clothing may be desirable in time of war. But please let not the craze for standardisation enter into the realms of art. Are the clergyman and the medical practitioner to be stripped of their rightful descriptions? When the Freemasons ring a peal, may they not include the names of their lodges for the information of their brothers in the craft? May the Police Guild no longer issue details of rank or force? Is the married woman now forbidden the honourable title of 'Mrs.'?

One could continue this list to great lengths. I will not do so; enough is here to back my plea for freedom of expression in matters relating to our art.—Yours truly,

R. D. St. JOHN SMITH.

Manchester.

ST. MARGARET'S RECORD

Dear Sir,—To put it mildly, I must say that I was shocked at the contents of Mr. A. R. Burgess' letter regarding the recording of the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, published in the current issue of 'The Ringing World.' As you say, sir, such a sweeping accusation is hardly justifiable, and I would suggest that Mr. Burgess and his own selected band assemble at a tower to make the Grandsire and Stedman recording that is to replace the existing one.

Whilst admitting that this matter is no business of mine, I do feel that I should point out how detrimental these sweeping statements are to the Exercise. There seems to me to be a large amount of bad feeling abroad in the world of ringing that should not and need not exist. This bad feeling would not exist if, to use a vulgar expression, backbiting were non-existent.

We should all remember that change ringing is a purely voluntary activity. People do not enter its noble ranks for the purpose of personal gain, but for the state of fellowship which at the present moment does not exist to its greatest extent. I do feel that if we, one and all, would try to remember that every ringer is doing his very utmost to justify his presence in the tower as a ringer, the state of comradeship would soon be at its highest. Also, if the 'greater' will put themselves out to the task of helping the 'lesser,' a better standard of ringing would soon result.—Yours faithfully, FRANK C. W. KNIGHT.

Camden Town, N.W.1.

The Kington Peal

Dear Sir,—There have been two letters in 'The Ringing World' during the last few weeks about a peal of Hereward Bob Minor rung at Kington on January 13th; the last letter written by the ex-captain of the local band appears in the same issue as the report of the peal.

It seems a shame that a local band should be broken up, even for a peal of Hereward Bob Minor. To me it is a tragedy because I learnt to ring with that band, and on the Saturday previous to the peal I returned with two other members of a Shrewsbury band and had a ring with my old comrades. Afterwards we travelled on to Eardisland to the Kington District annual meeting. At the business meeting the Ringing Master resigned. His place was filled by a member of the peal snatching band.

Was it coincidence which made them pick Kington tower for the peal attempt so soon after the local captain had resigned his position as District Ringing Master? I wonder. I believe the incubation period might have been shorter than two days except for the fact that at least one of the peal ringing band had other duties which would have prevented the attempt on the following day (Sunday).

I would like to point out that the incumbent acted in good faith and did not realise there was any breach of ringing etiquette.

As Mr. Jones states in his letter, he has rung at Kington for 30 years and none better than I know how much time and patience he has spent keeping up the standard of ringing in that tower and others. I can only deplore the fact that all his years of work and devotion have been brought to nought by six irresponsible peal snatchers.

No doubt it was a great joke for them to score one off on the local band, but was it worth it? On one hand, a peal of Hereward Minor, on the other a smashed local band. In years to come will they feel proud to turn up their peal records and say, 'That one smashed a local band'?—Yours truly,

Shrewsbury. J. F. BUTLER.

RECONSIDER, MR. TREVOR JONES

Dear Sir,—With reference to the 'snatched peal' at Kington, this seems to be a very exceptional case, and, as the Rev. J. M. Turner points out, until all the facts are taken into consideration one cannot come to any conclusion. I cannot remember hearing of a similar incident before.

In any case, I hope that Mr. Trevor Jones, the late captain of Kington ringers, will reconsider his decision to cease membership of his native tower after 30 years' association with it. This is especially important at a time like this when many towers are desperately short of leaders and ringers.—Yours faithfully,

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

The third session of the nineteenth Council (50th annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, May 27th, in the ancient Guildhall, Exeter (by kind permission of the Mayor).

Notices of motion should be in the hands of the hon. secretary not less than two calendar months previous to the meeting.

Secretaries are reminded that affiliation fees became due on January 1st, but up to the moment only thirteen have been received.

G. W. FLETCHER, Hon. Sec.

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BIRTH

WAGSTAFF.—On Feb. 23rd, 1947, at 41, Goodhead Street, Nottingham, to Violet (née Hutsby), wife of J. Kenneth Wagstaff, a son (John), brother for Ann. 1083

RINGING TOUR

FOUR YOUNG RINGERS, 17-21, desire others to join in Ringing Tour, proposed Wilts and Dorset, during August; youth hostels and cycles.—Apply Box 1086, 'Ringing World' Office, Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford. 1086

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING, EXETER.—The Rev. C. C. Cox will be glad to hear from any ringers wishing for a peal attempt in Lyme Regis or neighbourhood during the Whitsun week-end (Surprise Major).—Write to the Vicarage, Lyme Regis. 1088

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Canterbury District. — Meeting, Hernhill, Saturday, Mar. 22nd, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 1s. 6d.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1037

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN. —Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Alvaston, Mar. 22nd, 3. Own tea arrangements. Business meeting, belfry, 6.—W. A. Parsons, Local Sec. 1077

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. —Meeting Fulmer, Saturday, Mar. 22nd, 3.30 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea only.—A. D. Barker. 1071

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Axbridge Deanery.—Quarterly, Congresbury (8), Mar. 22nd, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting after, White Hut.—E. J. Avery, Hill Road, Sandford. 1080

YORKSHIRE ASSN. — Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Keighley, Saturday, Mar. 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., 2s. 6d. per head.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1025

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Lymington (8), Saturday, Mar. 22nd, 2.30 p.m.—A. V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 1111

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—Practice meeting at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields on Monday, Mar. 24th, from 7 to 9 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 1084

ESSEX ASSN. — South-Western Division.—Meeting Bentley (5), Saturday, Mar. 29th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Names for tea by Tuesday, Mar. 25th, please.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath. 1065

SURREY ASSN.—Annual general meeting, Reigate, Saturday, Mar. 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5, Parish Hall, Lesbourne Road. Names to Mr. W. Claydon, 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate, by Mar. 26th.—C. de Ste. C. Parks, Asst. Hon. Sec. 1067.

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Maidstone District. — Harrietsham (8), Mar. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, near Maidstone. 1066

LADIES' GUILD.—South-Western District (Southern Division).—Storrington, Mar. 29th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea and meeting 4.30. Gentlemen cordially welcomed.—Mrs. Tamplin, 7, St. John's Street, Chichester. 1081

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. —Syston District. — Meeting at Barkby (5), Mar. 29th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea; bring own food.—H. Morton, Dis. Sec. 1100

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN. —Ilkeston District.—Important meeting, Sandiacre, Mar. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 4.45. Names to Mr. P. L. Parrott, School House, Sandiacre, by Mar. 26th. 1104

BEDS ASSN.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Clifton, Saturday, Mar. 29th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 1097

SUSSEX ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Practice, Bexhill, Saturday, Mar. 29th, 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify Rev. P. J. Boulsover, Chantry Croft, Barrack Road, Bexhill.—John Downing, Hon. Sec. 1101

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech District.—Levington (6), Saturday, Mar. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please bring food.—W. Buckenham, Marham. 1106

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Ashford District.—Biddenden, Mar. 29th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent. 1108

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Halliwell, Bolton, on Mar. 29th. Bells 2.30. Business 6.30. Tea provided for those who send names to J. F. Wood, 51, Melrose Avenue, Bolton. —Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 1109

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOC.—Annual nomination meeting Armley, Saturday, Mar. 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Members bring own food; cups of tea provided. Business meeting in tower 7.— H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12. 1096

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, Oswaldtwistle, on Mar. 29th. Ringing 2.30. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 1098

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. —Nuneaton District.—Monthly meeting on Saturday, Mar. 29th, at Chilvers Coton at 3. Names for tea by the 26th.—Leonard Trevor, 32, King Edward Road, Nuneaton. 1091

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Tickhill, 2.30, Mar. 29th. Names to W. E. Critchley, 21, Askern Road, Bentley, Doncaster. 1089

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Dallington, Mar. 29th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea provided.—R. S. Cowley. 1087

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. —Loughborough District. — Whitwick (8), Mar. 29th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.45. Tea and meeting in School. Bring own food.—C. W. Hall, Dis. Sec. 1085

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Horsham, Apr. 5th, 3 p.m. Tea; names to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malt House Road, Crawley. 1093

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rochdale Branch.—Open ringing day at Saddleworth Church, Easter Saturday, Apr. 5th. All ringers and friends welcome. Buses to Uppermill; trains to Greenfield Station. Names for tea to Mr. J. P. Carter, Lee-Cross House, Diggle, near Oldham, by Mar. 28th, please. —J. Kay, Hon. Sec. 1090

GLOS AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Annual general meeting, Lydney, Forest of Dean, Easter Monday. Bells (8) 11 a.m. Lunch (4s. 6d.), Feathers Hotel, 1 p.m., followed by business meeting. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring lunch and/or tea must notify me not later than Mar. 26th.—Cyril Harding, 77, Bromley Heath Road, Downend, near Bristol. 1068

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.—Annual general meeting, Norwich, Easter Monday, April 7th. Bells of Mancroft, St. Giles' and St. Miles' available 10 to 11.45 and after 3 p.m.; St. John de Sepulchre also, after 3. Service Mancroft, 12; preacher, Rev. J. A. H. Waddington. Lunch, Bedford Grill, Bedford Street, 1 (4s.), followed by business meeting. Accommodation at lunch must be restricted to the first 70 who notify me.—A. G. G. Thurlow, Gen. Sec., 52, The Close, Norwich. 1011

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Annual meeting, Bedford, Easter Monday, Apr. 7th. St. Paul's (10) available 10.30; St. Peter's (6) available during afternoon and evening. Business meeting 5 p.m. Full details next week. 1095

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Annual general meeting Canterbury, Easter Monday. Arrangements as last week's 'Ringing World.' Names for luncheon at once. Towers: Cathedral, 10.30 to 11.30 and 4 to 5 p.m.; St. Dunstan's, St. Alphege's, Ash, Wingham, and Sturry from 10 a.m. onwards.—G. H. Spice, 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne. 1107

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSN.—Annual meeting Penarth, Easter Monday. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4. Business to follow. Bring own food; cups of tea provided. —F. J. Hannington. 1094

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSN.—Annual general meeting, Worcester, Easter Monday, Apl. 7th. Service in All Saints', 11 a.m. Business meeting in College Hall, 12 noon prompt. Bells available: All Saints' (10) and St. Swithin's (6), from 10 a.m.; Cathedral (12), 5-6.30 p.m.; St. John's (8), 3-5 p.m.; Claines (10), from 2 p.m. No arrangements have yet been possible for meals.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Hon. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 1103

SURREY ASSN.—North-Western District.—Meeting Ewell, Easter Monday. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notice for tea, please, to J. E. Beams, 4, Cottage Road, West Ewell, by Apr. 2nd.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 1092

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN. — Annual meeting, Bath, Easter Monday. More than half luncheon seats booked. Late applicants may be disappointed. Full details next week. Shearn pamphlets now available.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath. 1102

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Annual general meeting, St. Albans, Saturday, April 12th. Bells: Hatfield (10), available in morning; Abbey (12), St. Peter's (10), 2-3.45 and in evening; St. Michael's (6) and St. Stephen's (6), 2-3.40. Service in the Abbey 4 p.m. Tea, Water End Barn 5.30, for those whose notify me by Tuesday, Apr. 8th. Alteration of Rule V.: That the portion of Rule V. relating to the day fixed for the annual meeting be amended as follows: 'That the Annual Meeting of the Association be held on the Saturday after Easter or any other date selected by the Committee.'—W. Ayre, Gen. Sec., Leverstock Green. 1099

SOUTHWELL DIO. GUILD.—Annual general, Newark, Saturday, Apr. 12th. Bells (10) 2.30. Committee meeting 3.30. Tea at Barnbygate Restaurant 5. Business meeting in belfry afterwards. Ringing till 8. Will all members please make a special effort to attend.—T. Groombridge, jun. 1105

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—200th anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, July 12th, at 6.30 p.m., at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn; tickets 12s. 6d. each. As numbers strictly limited, early individual applications are necessary from members with remittance. A small allocation reserved for non-members. All applications will be treated in order of receipt.—G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 1053

Beverley & District Society

VISIT 'THE QUEEN OF HOLDERNESS'

St. Patrick's Church, Patrington, is as famous as it is beautiful and has the proud title of the Queen of Holderness. Its tall spire is a famous landmark and holds a nice ring of six bells with a tenor of 10 cwt. 24 lb.

The invitation of the Rector and ringers for the society to hold their meeting on March 8th at this church was gladly accepted, and despite Arctic weather, a large contingent of members attended. Towers represented were Beverley Minster, Beverley St. Mary's, Cottingham, Goole, Hull (Holy Trinity), Hessle, Hedon, Patrington and Sutton-on-Hull.

Efforts are being made to raise the sum of £500 as a thanksgiving memorial to add two more bells to complete the octave. A collection taken among members towards this effort produced £7 15s., which was gratefully accepted.

A well-struck touch of Kent Treble Bob Minor preceded the service in the church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. T. R. Frost). A most substantial tea had been provided by the ringers and their lady friends in the Church Hall, which was greatly appreciated.

Mr. G. F. Williams (president) was in the chair for the business meeting, supported by Mr. F. Dale (vice-president), Mr. Clem Glenn (Ringing Master) and Mr. A. E. Sellers (hon. secretary).

Mr. Clem Glenn brought to the notice of the meeting the compliment paid to the society in 'The Ringing World' on the occasion of their meeting at Pocklington, and members felt proud of the distinction put on their efforts and an incentive to carry on to further success.

As to future meetings, the committee was instructed to make final arrangements for the meeting at North Cave on April 12th; a combined meeting with Selby and District at Market Weighton on May 10th and an invitation from Nunburnholme for June 14th were accepted.

The Ringing Master reported that he had attended many practices and appealed to members to combine with neighbouring towers and make as large attendance as possible at practices. Two new members were elected.

Votes of thanks which concluded the meeting were comprehensive in character, and then all adjourned to the tower, where ringing to suit all tastes was provided. Many then had a 20-mile journey home, but it was well worth the effort.

LADIES' GUILD IN SOUTH SUSSEX

For their second meeting, the Southern Division of the S.E. District of the Ladies' Guild visited Henfield on March 8th. In spite of the inclement weather, the gathering was attended by some 70 ringers. Whether it was the attraction of the fair sex or the fine peal of bells, the gentlemen outnumbered the ladies by three to one. However, their assistance in both ringing the back bells and in helping beginners was very much appreciated.

Ringing during the afternoon consisted mainly of Grandsire for the many beginners who were present. Before tea eight ladies rang this grand peal of bells (tenor 16½ cwt.) to Grandsire Triples.

Forty-five ringers sat down to a sumptuous tea very generously provided by Mr. Cruttenden as a welcome to the ladies on their first independent meeting in South Sussex. While the ladies held their business meeting the gentlemen returned to the tower for further ringing, the ladies returning in time to ring the service touch for the parish evensong. Unfortunately, the previous 'back enders' had to leave after the meeting for distant homes, so that the touch was not as successful. Still, practice makes perfect!

After evensong further ringing took place until 8.30 p.m. In spite of the majority of the ringing being in the simpler methods, time was found to fit in two courses of Surprise.

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