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SIXTY YEARS ON

Last Saturday, the 60th anniversary of the first ringing of Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells silent, was commemorated by a supper party given by one of the ringers, Mr. John C. Mitchell, J.P., and attended by another of the survivors, Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham. This silent peal was rung at the Goose and Gridiron, London, on March 11th, 1887, and it was originally planned for the commemoration supper to be held on March 8th, but owing to the very severe weather conditions it was postponed. Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell on this happy occasion were Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. E. G. Fenn (past-master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. A. A. Hughes, J.P. (treasurer of the society), and Mrs. Hughes, and Mr. A. B. Peck (secretary of the society).

The story of this peal, in which the order of ringing was J. C. Mitchell 1-2, W. H. L. Buckingham 3-4, C. F. Winney 5-6, G. F. McLaughlin 7-8, was told in reminiscent vein by the survivors. The idea of attempting such a performance dawned upon Mr. C. F. Winney, the well-known ringer, after a peal of Holt's Original on January 25th, in which Messrs. Mitchell and Buckingham took part. These two ringers, whose ages were then 19 and 20 respectively, came from St. Albans daily to London for business. The first practice took place on February 9th, the condition being no calls, but mistakes corrected without stopping. On February 25th, this being the eighth time of meeting, the band met at the residence of Mr. Winney, and upon the arrival of Mr. Mitchell, who had been detained at business until 10 p.m., it was decided to commence the peal, which was successfully brought round at 1.20 a.m.

The public performance at the headquarters of the Ancient Society of College Youths was a different proposition. A demonstration that the band was equal to the task was given on March 2nd, when two-thirds of the peal was rung. Another start was made on March 8th, when 4,600 changes were rung, and the clock of St. Paul's struck eleven so hard that one of the band thought he counted 13 and in consequence came to grief! The peal was finally accomplished on the 11th, the day being the 33rd anniversary of the silent peal of Stedman Triples, which was rung at the Whittington and Cat, Bethnal Green, by Messrs. Cox, Cooter, Haley and Wood. The peal was umpired by Mr. W. Barron, of the Royal Cumberland Society, and Mr. J. W. Rowbotham, of the

Ancient Society of College Youths, who took down each lead as rung.

Of the survivors, Mr. Buckingham celebrated his 81st birthday last Tuesday. He joined the Abbey Guild at St. Albans Cathedral in 1884, was elected a member of the College Youths in 1885, and has some 400 peals to his credit. A prominent Freemason, he is a Past Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Lodge of England and a Past Grand Registrar of the Province of Hertfordshire. Mr. Mitchell joined the St. Albans Society in 1885 and was elected a College Youth in the same year. He had the distinction of being elected the first honorary member of the Central Council. His business life was spent in London Transport. Upon retirement in 1933 on the construction of the London Passenger Transport Board, he was secretary and treasurer to the London General Omnibus Company, Ltd., and allied companies. Since 1923 he has been a J.P. for the City of London. He is a Past Master of the Worshipful Company of Coachmakers and Coach Harnessmakers, and in Masonic circles is a Past Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of England and a Past Senior Grand Warden of the Province of Hertfordshire. Of the other two who have passed over, Mr. Winney died in 1940, having been elected a College Youth in 1879, and Mr. Geo. F. McLaughlin was elected a College Youth in 1881, Master in 1886 and died in 1929. The anniversary is one which we can recall with just pride, and the coincidence is that it has been celebrated in a vintage year of handbell ringing with the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal in hand—a happy omen for the future of this side of the Exercise.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

EXETER, DEVON.

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

On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, *in* 4 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B flat.

FRANK E. HAYNES	*Treble*	HENRY H. FEARN	7
G. WM. CRITCHLEY	2	JOHN PINFOLD	8
WALTER F. JUDGE	3	FREDK. E. COLLINS	9
THOMAS H. REEVES	4	*THOS. G. MYERS	10
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY	6	WILFRED WILLIAMS / JOHN S. MASON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

* First peal of Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS

BECKENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 10, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WM. H. HEWITT	*Treble*	*DUDLEY H. P. BUXTON	6
MRS. F. E. COLLINS	2	DANIEL D. COOPER	7
*MRS. W. J. RAWLINGS	3	PERCY J. SPICE	8
DENNIS G. BROWN	4	FREDK. E. COLLINS	9
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	5	*WM. J. RAWLINGS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by F. E. COLLINS.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Philip A. Corby and Miss Lucile M. Hubbert.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Fri., Apr. 11, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5029 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	FREDK. W. RISHWORTH	6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	2	J. DENNIS HOLDEN	7
GEORGE E. OLIVER	3	HAROLD SMITH	8
GEORGE W. HUGHES	4	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	9
ALBERT D. COLLINS	5	JOHN LUCK	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

Rung for the wedding of the Rev. F. C. Hambrey and Miss A. M. Snape.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 11, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*

AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES;

Tenor 31½ cwt.

GEORGE DAVIS	*Treble*	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS	6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	2	ALAN WHITE	7
JEAN A. SOUTHERS	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	8
*MICHAEL P. MORETON	4	JOHN E. SPICE	9
BETTY SPICE	5	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

* First peal on ten bells and in the method.

WELLS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 56½ cwt.

ARTHUR H. REED	*Treble*	GILBERT H. HARDING	6
HERBERT W. KNIGHT	2	NORMAN COOMBS	7
DONALD G. CLIFT	3	RONALD G. BECK	8
EMLYN F. HANCOCK	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	9
HENRY J. SANGER	5	FREDK. TARGETT / LEONARD DERRICK	*Tenor*

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

WM. J. ELLIS	*Treble*	FRANCIS D. BISHOP	6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	ARTHUR B. WIFFEN	7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER	3	HAROLD W. ROGERS	8
ALAN F. THIRST	4	JAMES BULLOCK	9
LEONARD H. BOWLER	5	DAVID J. CHARNLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALAN A. POTTS	*Treble*	GEORGE A. PACKER	6
HARRY F. HOLDING	2	*G. LEONARD HEWITT	7
*F. HECTOR BENNETT	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	8
*THOMAS PRICE	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	9
RICHARD T. HOLDING	5	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal.

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WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mark,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5130 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

*Miss M. E. Ridyard	*Treble*	*Thomas Horridge ...	6
Miss Norah Bibby ...	2	Joseph Ridyard	7
*Geo. H. Randles ...	3	Fredk. Grundy	8
James Taylor	4	Percy H. Derbyshire...	9
*John Lunham	5	*Harry Moorcroft ...	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Shipway. Conducted by Frederick Grundy.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HEREFORD.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 7, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 17¾ cwt.

Sheila B. Moreton	*Treble*	George Davis	5
Michael P. Moreton ...	2	Leslie Evans	6
Charles L. Sadler ...	3	Austin T. Wingate ...	7
Wm. H. Symonds	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. Beevor (C.C.C. No. 25).
Conducted by M. P. Moreton.
First peal as conductor.

PRESTEIGNE, RADNORSHIRE,
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Apr. 8, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

Charles L. Sadler ...	*Treble*	*Fredk. R. Harris ...	5
*†John D. Rock	2	*E. Peter Rock	6
Michael P. Moreton...	3	†Leslie Evans	7
George Davis	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Thorp. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † 25th peal together. A compliment to Peter Rock for his 21st birthday.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Apr. 8, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

*Frank P. Wright	*Treble*	†Peter C. Wright ...	5
Betty Spice	2	Walter H. Dobbie ...	6
†Dorothy T. Richardson	3	James S. Webb	7
†Stanley Evans	4	John E. Spice ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. W. Debenham. Conducted by John E. Spice.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Apr. 8, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Pritchard's. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Mrs. P. Billington	*Treble*	John W. T. Taylor ...	5
Joseph W. H. White ...	2	John W. Taylor	6
Thomas Sheppard	3	John Thompson	7
John E. S. Moreton ...	4	Leonard Trevor ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by L. Trevor.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Apr. 9, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in A flat.

Albert Walker	*Treble*	Sidney O'C. Holloway	5
G. Wm. Critchley ...	2	George E. Fearn	6
Daniel T. Matkin ...	3	John Pinfold	7
Thomas H. Reeves ...	4	Frank E. Haynes ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.
Rung for the wedding of Jean Margaret Freemantle and Stanley George Wallis.

EDMONTON, LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Apr. 10, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 17¾ cwt.

Margaret F. Emere ...	*Treble*	Alick Cutler	5
Eric A. Dench	2	Dennis H. Langdon ...	6
Philip J. Coward	3	Alfred J. House	7
John H. Bottom	4	Victor R. Woodards...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Eric A. Dench.
Rung for the wedding of Philip A. Corby and Lucile M. Hubbert

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Apr. 11, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Ebbe,
A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

Wm. H. B. Wilkins ...	*Treble*	R. Gordon Cross	5
Walter F. Judge	2	William C. Porter ...	6
James Higgins	3	Neil I. Allnatt	7
Marie R. Cross	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
The first peal in the method for the Guild, on the bells and by all the band.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Apr. 11, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 17¾ cwt.

*Everest Ford	*Treble*	Arthur Tomlinson ...	5
John T. Gartside ...	2	Percy H. Derbyshire ...	6
Stephen L. Parry ...	3	Fred Dunkerley	7
Peter Crook	4	Richard Benson	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Fred Dunkerley.
* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Selwyn H. Dearden.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Apr. 11, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

Fredk. J. Cullum ...	*Treble*	*Arthur S. Richards ...	5
Edwin A. Barnett ...	2	Frank B. Lufkin ...	6
*Frederick A. Coley ...	3	Harry Hoverd	7
Geoffrey V. Murphy ...	4	Herbert E. Audsley ...	*Tenor*

Composed by S. H. Wood. Conducted by E. A. Barnett.
* First peal of Ipswich. Rung for the wedding of Mr. P. A. Corby and Miss L. M. Hubbert.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paulinus,
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

Fredk. A. Coley ...	*Treble*	Geoffrey V. Murphy ...	5
Edwin A. Barnett... ...	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
Albert W. Coles	3	Harry Hoverd	7
Maurice Hodgson ...	4	Chas. W. Roberts ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by E. A. Barnett.
Rung for the wedding of Mr. P. A. Corby and Miss L. M. Hubbert

METHERINGHAM, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northern Branch.)
On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Jack F. Hodson	*Treble*	Jack L. Millhouse ...	5
*John Freeman	2	*John Walden	6
Charles McGuiness ...	3	Walter Tomlinson ...	7
†Madeline M. Lyon ...	4	‡Kenneth S. B. Croft...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by John Freeman.
* 50th peal together. † First peal in the method. ‡ 50th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF COBHAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES SMART ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE MARRINER	5
GEORGE L. GROVER ...	2	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ...	6
ALFRED H. WINCH ...	3	ARTHUR H. SMITH	7
GEORGE A. COOK	4	ALBERT HARMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Arranged by G. MARRINER. Conducted by A. HARMAN.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

GEORGE SPERRING	...*Treble*	JAMES S. WEBB	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ...	2	*ARTHUR B. CLOSE...	... 6
*JOHN W. BEST	3	HARRY PYE	7
JAMES SWINDLEY	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. ROYLE. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.
* First peal in the method. A welcome home to the Rector of Farndon after a serious operation.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 23¾ cwt.

*CHARLES BROWNLOW	...*Treble*	ERIC BRUNTON	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	2	RICHARD BENSON	6
FRED READ	3	PETER CROOK	7
STEPHEN L. PARRY ...	4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER CROOK.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	*Treble*	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ...	5
DENIS R. MORRIS	2	THOMAS W. LEWIS ...	6
NORMAN J. GOODMAN ...	3	REGINALD WOODYATT ...	7
SIDNEY T. HOLT	4	THOMAS HEMMING	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WM. B. CARTWRIGHT.
First peal of Bristol on the bells.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes.*
AT THE CAMPANILE OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

MRS. G. W. TAMPLIN	...*Treble*	HENRY C. WEAVER ...	5
HAROLD F. WOOD ...	2	FREDK. W. BURNETT ...	6
*ERNEST TREAGUS	3	JOHN H. HUNT	7
*JOYCE HUMPHREY	4	†HERBERT F. DUNFORD...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

C. ERNEST SMITH ...	...*Treble*	TOWER R. TAYLOR ...	5
TOM PAGE	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ...	6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY ...	3	FREDK. W. ROGERS ...	7
CHARLES E. BASSETT ...	4	*ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.
* 300th peal.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On March 30th, at St. Peter's, 1,287 Stedman Caters: M. Thomas 1, R. F. B. Speed 2, A. Gravett 3, R. G. Cross (conductor) 4, Miss F. A. Edgar 5, G. Ades 6, A. W. Bond 7, W. C. Hart 8, F. Page 9, A. Hobden 10.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 24¾ cwt.

JEAN A. SOUTHERST	...*Treble*	ALAN WHITE	5
MARGARET L. TUTT ...	2	WILFRID F. MORETON ...	6
*FRANCES A. EDGAR ...	3	REV. E. ELLIOT WIGG ...	7
BETTY SPICE	4	JOHN E. SPICE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.
* First peal in the method. The first peal of Surprise for the Society.

TERRINGTON ST. CLEMENT, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11¾ cwt.

ERNEST H. MASTIN	...*Treble*	'CECIL V. EBBERSON ...	5
WALLACE COUSINS ...	2	EDWARD BARKER	6
FRED WIGMORE	3	†WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ...	7
*WALTER JARVIS	4	CLAUDE COUSINS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by F. WIGMORE.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † 100th peal. Rung for the wedding of Mr. P. A. Corby and Miss L. M. Hubbert.

RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 14, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	...*Treble*	*VICTOR J. C. WOODS ...	5
*CHARLES BLAKEY	2	*ROGER LEIGH	6
ERNEST J. GOWER ...	3	*WILLIAM PROCTER ...	7
*ALBERT YATES	4	FRED READ	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by F. READ.
* First peal of Oxford. First peal of Oxford as conductor. Rung for the wedding anniversaries of the 4th and tenor ringers.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 14, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5124 CHANGES;
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

*CHARLES L. SADLER	...*Treble*	JOHN E. SPICE	5
JEAN A. SOUTHERST ...	2	*GEORGE DAVIS	6
BETTY SPICE	3	REV. E. G. BENSON ...	7
*MICHAEL P. MORETON ...	4	WILFRID F. MORETON...	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF (C.C.C. No. 35).
Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal in the method. The first peal in the method on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS

WHILTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 7, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

S. M. RUDDLESDEN	...*Treble*	HAROLD HAYNES	4
*ERNEST G. ORLAND ...	2	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE ...	5
JAMES H. WEBB	3	VICTOR A. PERRY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by VICTOR A. PERRY.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 7, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, two 720's Single Oxford and three 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

REGINALD PEPPER ...	...*Treble*	C. WILLIAM HALL	4
G. STANLEY BREWIN ...	2	HARRY KIRBY	5
DONALD L. WALTON ...	3	G. RONALD EDWARDS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. R. EDWARDS.
First peal in four methods by all except the conductor.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—At St. Mary Magdalene's on March 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Charge 1, E. Pryor 2, R. Newman 3, N. Hollingworth 4, A. F. Lancaster 5, G. Parsons 6, R. H. Begrie (conductor) 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

SILSDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON	*Treble*	†SIDNEY H. BARRON ...	4
*MARY S. LINGARD ...	2	*DONALD R. MARSHALL...	5
KATHLEEN HIGGINS ...	3	CLIFFORD A. VEYSEY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by K. HIGGINS.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

PIDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents (Nos. 34, 52, 54, 49, 51, 50 and 48 C.C.C.).
Tenor 11 cwt.

*WALTER MAWBY ...	*Treble*	FRANK BURGESS	4
ERIC NOBLES	2	WILLIAM R. HAMMONS ...	5
RONALD C. NOON... ...	3	GEORGE CARE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE CARE.
* First peal. Rung for the wedding of Mr. P. Jones and Miss W. Parris.

WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Apr. 13, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, APOSTLE AND MARTYR,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Morning Star, five extents each of Stedman, Spliced Stedman and Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 240 of Morris' Arrangement and 18 extents of Grandsire (15 callings). Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

LESLIE EVANS	*Treble*	FREDERICK R. HARRIS...	4
MICHAEL P. MORETON ...	2	E. PETER ROCK	5
JOHN D. ROCK	3	*REGINALD J. HERBERT...	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. P. ROCK.
* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Ebenezer Charles.

SMARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

*WILLIAM C. MARSHALL...	*Treble*	†FREDK. S. MACEY ...	4
PERCY PAGE	2	WM. J. LANCEFIELD ...	5
†FREDK. G. HUCKSTEP ...	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD...	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Kent Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 5, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT 26, IRON MILL LANE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

MARGARET D. TELFORD ...	1-2	*ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ...	5-6
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3-4	CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY ...	7-8

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.
* First peal of Treble Bob on handbells.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT VICTORIA VILLAS,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*OLAVE BROYD	1-2	*ALBERT CATTERWELL ...	5-6
*ERNEST W. PYE	3-4	EDWIN JENNINGS	7-8

Conducted by E. W. PYE.
* First peal in the method on handbells.

HEREFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sun., Apr. 13, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CLOSE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

BETTY SPICE	1-2	JOHN E. SPICE	7-8
JEAN A. SOUTHERST	3-4	*MARGARET L. TUTT ...	9-10
WILFRID F. MORETON ...	5-6	†ALAN WHITE	11-12

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.
* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Maximus, and first peal on twelve bells 'in hand.'

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Heavy bell issue might well describe this number of 'The Ringing World.' The St. Martin's Guild with a peal of Stedman Cinques at Exeter Cathedral will receive many congratulations, and Mr. J. T. Dyke's band, who rang for the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association at Wells Cathedral, will certainly be not overlooked.

Peals at Exeter are no light occasions. Five of the company rang the Bank Holiday previous a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, with its 50 cwt. tenor. Wilfred Williams turned in the tenor at Bristol and was with John S. Mason on 'Grandison' at Exeter. George E. Fearn rang the eleventh at both towers.

Wells Cathedral tenor of 56¼ cwt. required two men for the peal on April 12th. The late J. W. Washbrook had a companion on the tenor for the reopening peal on November 4th, 1891.

Started in 1893, the first Monday evening in the month practices at St. Mary's, Lambeth, were a regular feature until 1939. The London County Association announce their revival in this issue.

Congratulations were extended to Mr. Sam Petter (Worplesdon) at the Guildford Guild annual on attaining his 70th birthday. Tea was prepared for 110 and 130 arrived. 'Ticket holders only' is the threat of Mr. G. L. Grover for future meetings.

The Acoustics Group of the Physical Society, which is open to both members and non-members of the society, is arranging a special summer meeting which will take the form of a symposium covering a particular aspect of acoustical investigation. For details of the society's activities application should be made to the Joint Hon. Secretary, 1, Lowther Gardens, Prince Consort Road, London, S.W.7.

Central Council me... desirous of att... peals during the Whit... week-end and week following at Exeter sh... write to Mr. E. W. Biffin, 17, Sydney Roa... St. Thomas', Exeter, who is in charge of ... arrangements. Many towers in the loc... are available. Please state methods.

A jaunt to Broadclyst, near Exeter, is p... posed by the Ladies' Guild. They are hold... a meeting there on Whit Saturday.

The peal of Bristol Surprise Major rung ... St. Mary's, Portsea, was A. T. Greenwood's 300th peal. Of his peals 286 have been ... with the conductor, F. W. Rogers.

To ring his 21st peal for his 21st birthd... is a distinction. The ringer was E. Pet... Rock, of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, ... the coming of age celebration was at Pre... teigne, Radnorshire.

On two successive days peals of D... Norwich were rung in Bolton, Lancs, at d... ferent churches. Messrs. P. Crook, A. Tomb... son and R. Benson rang in both peals.

Peals were rung in honour of the weddi... of Mr. Philip A. Corby and Miss Lucile M... Hubbert at Beckenham, Edmonton, Erit... Crayford, Loughborough Bell Foundry ... Terrington St. Clement, Norfolk.

Cobham Surprise has been rung for the f... time. The method, which was rung at As... tead, was to the memory of William Jam... of Cobham, who was for many years lead... of the Cobham, Surrey, ringers. He was la... to rest at Cobham on the previous day.

Mr. H. Clarke, for many years a ringer ... Kingsthorpe Parish Church, Northampto... celebrated his 80th birthday on April 10t... His many friends in the Peterborough Dioc... will join us in wishing him many more happ... years' association with ringing. A touch w... rung in the evening as a tribute to him, an... the team was later entertained at his hom...

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Exeter Cathedral Peal

An important ringing achievement was the peal of Stedman Cinques on the magnificent bells of Exeter Cathedral on April 12th rung for the St. Martin's Guild. The time occupied, 4 hours and 10 minutes, was precisely the same time as the first peal on the twelve bells, which took place on July 5th, 1924, and which was also rung by members of the St. Martin's Guild. Messrs. T. H. Reeves and J. F. Smallwood took part in both these performances.

Congratulations to Thomas Myers, who rang the tenth faultlessly in this, his first peal of Cinques.

Details of the bells:—

		cwt.	qr.	lb.	Founder	Note
Treble	1923	6	2	16	Taylor	F
2	1923	6	3	2	Taylor	E flat
3	1729	7	0	22	W. Evans	D
4	1616	8	3	10	J. Byrdon	C
5	1658	8	2	0	J. Pennington	B flat
6	1630	10	1	0	T. Purdue	A
7	1902	18	0	4	W. Evans	G
8	1693	19	0	19	T. Purdue	F
9	1676	28	0	4	T. Purdue	E flat
10	1729	33	2	11	W. Evans	D
11	1676	40	3	19	T. Purdue	C
Tenor	1902	72	2	2	Taylor	B flat
Half-tone 6th		11	1	8		A flat

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

TITLE CHANGED AT ANNUAL MEETING.

After a lengthy discussion the Derby and District Association at their annual meeting at Derby on April 12th decided to change the name of the Association to the Derbyshire Association of Change Ringers. The decision was prompted in view of the inclusion of the Peak District in the Association's area.

About 60 ringers attended the meeting at Derby Cathedral from Sheffield, Staveley, Chesterfield, Ashby, Overseale, Repton, Ticknall, Darley Dale, Ilkeston, Sawley, along with ringers from the local towers. St. Peter's tower was also available. Methods rung included Cambridge and Superlative, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman, the youngest ringer, Master Peter Marriott, of Ticknall, having to stand on a chair to ring the treble to a touch of Grandsire.

Owing to catering difficulties, tea was served in St. Peter's Parochial Hall, where Miss Wickman along with help from ringers' wives provided an excellent tea.

The Vicar of St. Peter's (the Rev. C. A. Shaw) presided at the business meeting and gave a hearty welcome to all. The retiring officers, president, secretary and trustee F. Lowe were all re-elected, and the quarterly meetings fixed as follows: July, Peak district; October, Ilkeston; January, Chesterfield; and Easter, Derby. Ringing continued until 8.15 at St. Peter's and 8.30 at the Cathedral.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

BURTON A HOLIDAY ATTRACTION.

The Easter Monday meeting of the Guild, held at Burton Parish Church, proved to be a real holiday attraction for upwards of 60 ringers and friends assembled from Ashby, Measham, Overseal, Netherseale, Lullington, Repton, Rolleston-on-Dove, Ticknall, Derby (Cathedral, St. Luke's, St. Peter's and St. Andrew's), Rotherham, Norton-in-the-Moors, Stoke, Ilkeston (St. Mary's), Duffield, Burbage, Spondon, Bournemouth, Lichfield, Wolverhampton and the two Burton towers.

Tea was served in the Friars Walk Schoolroom, after which the secretary (Mr. J. W. Cotton) announced that the postponed annual meeting will be held at Burton St. Paul's on Saturday, May 10th. Thanks were accorded to the Vicar for use of the bells and to the ladies who had served tea. A retiring collection for the Bell Repair Fund amounted to £1 4s. 6d.

Touches brought round included Bristol Surprise, Superlative Surprise, Kent and Oxford Spliced Treble Bob, Little Bob and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

Southwell Diocesan Guild

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.

For their first annual general meeting the Southwell Guild visited their newly-formed Newark District on April 12th and were rewarded with an attendance in the region of 60.

Ringing was indulged in on Newark's heavy ten from 2.30 to 5, when the entire company assembled at the Barnbygate Restaurant for tea, where they were joined by the Guild president, the Bishop of Southwell.

The Bishop expressed his pleasure at meeting the members of the Guild in force for the first time and emphasised the need for spade work in isolated districts where instructors are hard to find.

The meeting in the belfry was conducted by the guild chairman (Canon Wilkinson). After having accepted the secretary's and treasurer's reports, the members had a hard nut to crack with the problem of supplying each member with a report which would cost about 2s. each to print for an annual subscription of 1s. 6d.

After an exhaustive discussion it was decided that a report must be printed of this first year's operations, during which the membership had grown to 230, 31 peals had been rung ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Kent Treble Bob Royal and much fresh ground broken. The secretary was instructed to proceed with the compilation of a report which should be as concise a record as possible and be as nearly as possible a directory of the towers in the area.

It was further decided to make a charge of 6d. for this report when available with a recommendation to tower secretaries to ask those who could to pay 1s., and to increase the annual subscription to 2s. 6d. in 1948 to include a free report. No charge was made in the general officers, the Bishop, Canon Wilkinson, Miss Thompson and T. Groombridge, jun., being re-elected en bloc as president, chairman, hon. treasurer and hon. secretary respectively. Canon Wilkinson and Miss Thompson were elected trustees, and Messrs. F. W. Brown and P. E. Ball auditors. The sum of three guineas was voted from the Bell Restoration Fund to Rampton, where an augmentation is in hand.

Mention was made of the Leicester Guild's outstanding success in scoring the first of Surprise Royal 'in hand,' and the secretary was asked to convey to the band the congratulations of the meeting on such a meritorious performance.

In conclusion, the chairman noted the progress of 1946, not measured in any spectacular achievement, but in the opening up of new ground and getting the far ends of the area together, in short, the benefits of organising on a diocesan basis, which could never have been hoped for on the far flung basis of pre-1946 days, and looked forward to the day when the Bishop's exhortation to cultivate the village towers had borne fruit and every tower was an active unit of the Guild.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, to the local officers for the facilities given, and to the local district secretary (Mr. Raithby) for his excellent arrangements concluded the meeting and ringing was again the order till 8 p.m. T.G.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

East Ilsley's outing on Easter Monday was enjoyed by some 30 ringers and friends. Chipping Norton, Shipton-under-Wychwood, Witney, Clanfield, Bampton and Appleton (Berks) were the towers visited, and the ringing all day was quite good.

The Ilsley ringers are most grateful to Mr. Harry Farmer for his splendid arrangements, and feel very honoured that Dick White with his records was quite happy to be with the Ilsley boys and girls, and that two branch secretaries, the deputy master and general secretary of the Guild found time to spend a very pleasant day with them. W. H.

Guildford Diocesan Guild

GOLDSMITH MEMORIAL BELL.

An announcement was made at the annual meeting of Guildford Diocesan Guild on April 19th that the sacring bell for the new Guildford Cathedral, which is to be the ringers' memorial to Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, the first secretary of the Guild, will be handed over on the anniversary of Mr. Goldsmith's death in June.

Mr G. L. Grover (secretary) explained that the diocesan authorities had received a licence to complete the crypt into a chapel and had notified the Guild that the bell would be required. An order for the bell had been given to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and delivery had been promised about the anniversary of Mr. Goldsmith's death. So far £56 had been raised towards the cost of £70, and contributions were invited. About the anniversary, in the first week in June, the Guild hoped to stage some ceremony for the handing over of the bell.

The Rev. K. C. Davis, who presided, said the Bishop felt that while there were so many people homeless, the work of completing the Cathedral should not be put in hand. It might be possible to start again in two years' time.

The report of the Executive Committee gave the strength of the Guild as 430 ringing members (70 life and unattached, 41 Service members) and 95 honorary. As to restorations, Chertsey (8) and Merrow (6) had been rehung; Dunsfold (6) and Hascombe (5) recast and rehung; Walton-on-Thames (8) rehanging in progress. Restoration work at Shere, Wonersh, Ash and Bagshot was contemplated, and at Send the church authorities intended to provide a peal of six as their war memorial.

Losses by death included Major J. H. B. Hesse (first Master), the Rev. A. C. Tranter (Egham), Mr. H. Baldock (Cobham), hon. members; Mr. A. E. King (Farnham) and Mr. H. Harris (Guildford), ringing members.

During 1946, 46 peals were rung against 52 in 1945. This slight falling off was more than counterbalanced by the fact that there were 20 first pealers compared with 12 in the previous year. Five of the peals were rung outside the diocese and 16 diocesan towers claimed one or more of the remaining 41. Although there were 10 conductors once again, unfortunately there were no claims to 'first as conductor.'

The balance sheet, presented by Mr. J. Corbett, showed that the balance in hand had increased from £47 2s. 5d. to £58. The Benevolent Fund stood at £83 13s. 5d.

The report and accounts were adopted. The Master (Mr. A. Harman) reported the death of Mr James, of Cobham. In his memory a new Surprise peal had been dedicated Cobham Surprise. The Master also made acknowledgment of the services of Mr. W. H. Viggers in connection with the Guild's new peal book, and Mr. A. C. Hazelden mentioned that the Guild was indebted to Mr. Harman for making a fine box for the custody of the book.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden announced a valuable addition to the Guild library by Supt. Hilton (Surrey Police) of a copy of 'Campanologia Improved,' by C. A. Bettesworth, dated 1733. It was a third edition and the book had been restored by Mr. Viggers. A welcome addition was from Mr. Shuker (secretary of the Lancashire Association) of instructional books issued by his Association.

There was only one change in the elections. Mr. R. Hasted being succeeded by Mr. Leslie Hunter as hon. auditor. In appreciation of his services in the Farnham District the Guild conferred on Mr. Hasted a vice-presidency.

The Guild service was held in St. Nicolas Church, the Rev. K. C. Davis giving the address and Mr. W. A. Dollimore (Aldershot) read the lesson. Tea was served in St. Nicolas' Hall, and ringing took place at the Guild churches and Merrow and Shalford. Those who contributed to the success of the meeting were thanked.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM C. JAMES.

Captain of the Cobham (Surrey) band for over 40 years, Mr. William C. James died on April 8th, aged 69. He started ringing at Cobham in 1903, was elected captain in 1906 and continued in office until last year.

Cobham ringers earned the title of 'the happy family.' With Mr. James they were always prominent at Guild meetings, and this same friendliness prevailed in the village where there were over 30 honorary members of the Guild recruited mainly by Mr. James.

Mr. James was very methodical. He kept records of practice and service ringing and was a good instructor.

The funeral service was on April 11th, the Guildford Guild being represented by Mr. A. Harman (Master) and Mr. Arthur Smith (secretary, Leatherhead district). The bells of the Parish Church were rung half-muffled. Cremation was at Woking.

MR. J. J. PRATT.

As briefly announced in our columns, we regret to report the death on April 5th at the Hillingdon County Hospital of Mr. Joseph J. Pratt. His wife, who had been ailing for some time, did not long survive her husband, and died on April 8th. They were both buried together in Hillingdon Cemetery on April 11th.

The interment was preceded by a service in St. John's Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. M. Bashford), and was attended by many parishioners and over 20 ringers. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells over the open grave by A. R. G. Twinn 1-2, F. G. Baldwin 3-4, F. W. Goodfellow 5-6, W. H. Coles 7-8, T. G. Bannister 9-10.

At the express wish of the family, the bells at St. John's were not rung on the day of the funeral, but the following day an attempt for a memorial peal of Grandsire Caters on these bells failed after about three hours through a shift-course. A peal of Bob Major, however, was rung as a tribute to Mr. Pratt's memory at St. Andrew's, Uxbridge, on April 19th, at which tower he had done much ringing, including his first peal on April 16th, 1894.

Jack Pratt, as he was affectionately known, gave long and faithful service to St. John's Church for nearly sixty years, and for the last 21 years had been a popular and respected captain. Just before the war parishioners and ringing friends presented Mr. Pratt with an armchair, and his old friend William Honor a clock, as mark of appreciation of the 50 years' service of each in St. John's belfry. Mr. Pratt did a good deal of ringing locally and in neighbouring districts.

No accurate record of his peals is known at the moment, but it was round about a hundred. Steps have been taken to see that Mr. Pratt's ringing papers and his handbells are not lost to the Exercise.

Jack Pratt endeared himself to all who knew him. His kindly disposition, dry humour, patience and understanding made him well fitted to lead the ringers. He was particularly popular with the youngsters, who held him in great esteem and regarded him with undisguised affection. F.W.G.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.

COMPETITION FROM TWO QUARTERS.

The fact that the Cheltenham Gold Cup race was being run and that the weather was ideal for gardening combined to keep all but 15 from the meeting at Charlton Kings on April 12th. This was a pity as tea was provided for 30.

The next meeting was fixed for Childswickham, in June if possible, and if sufficient support is forthcoming an outing in the Bristol-Bath area will be arranged later. Mr. C. Harding (general secretary) reported on details of management and annual meetings of the Association. The Rev. W. Wardle (Vicar) presided. Ringing continued afterwards until 8.45.

LETTERS

WELLS CATHEDRAL PEAL

Dear Sir,—I would like to congratulate those who took part in the peal on our Cathedral bells on Saturday last. As an old ringer and living so near the Cathedral I just smoked my pipe and listened to every round of the peal, wishing, of course, that I was taking part, and I must say that I have never heard better striking. I think special praise should be given to the ringers on the back bells, as most ringers know our Wells Cathedral bells are heavy, but in this peal they were rung beautifully.—Thanking you, yours truly,

Wells, Somerset. A. SAUNDERS.

RINGERS' NAMES ON BELLS

Sir, — The inscription on the 3rd bell at Stonham Aspal, Suffolk, reads as follows:—'Danl. Wade, aged 80 years, Wm. Last, two of the parish ringers. T. Mears, of London, fecit 1826.'—Yours faithfully,

P. LAFLIN.

25, Hallam Street, Stockport.

EIGHTY TO-DAY!

Dear Sir, — Mr. George Wilson, who celebrates his 80th birthday on the 25th of this month, started ringing at the Parish Church at Goring in 1880, and has been a regular member of the band ever since.

He joined the Oxford Diocesan Guild in 1889, and was one of the band who taught themselves to ring 120 Grandsire Doubles on the existing five bells, and so got the new treble which had been promised as a reward by the Vicar. This bell was cast in 1889.

He missed only one attendance for service ringing in 1946 (103 out of 104), and also waded through the recent floods to attend. His striking of the 7th or tenor in Triples or Major is exceptionally good, and in the words of one visiting ringer, 'extremely good for any ringer at any age.'—Yours faithfully,

L. G. HAINES (Foreman).

Goring.

BATH AND WELLS MEMBERSHIP

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' of 18th inst., I note that the membership of the Bath and Wells is given as 1.200.

On turning up the Master's reports for previous years I find the following: Year ending June 1st, 1920, new members 198, made up as follows, performing 181, honorary, etc. 17; report ending May 31st, 1931. membership 1,730; report ending May 31st, 1933, membership 1,620; report for 1938, nearly 1,400.

Surely these figures give room for thought.—Sincerely yours, '1947.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

SPRING MEETING AT RICKLEIGH.

Gardening opportunities created by fine weather militated against large attendance at the spring meeting of the North-East Devon Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers at Rickleigh, near Tiverton, on April 12th. However, the fixture provided a pleasant afternoon and good use was made of the six bells for Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob.

Service was conducted in the Parish Church by the Rector (the Rev. H. G. Hatch). Mr. N. T. D. Coleridge (a ringer and relative of Canon Coleridge) played accompaniments for hymns. Tea was kindly arranged by Mesdames Carew, Hatch, Vowler and Haydon and Miss Butt. The Rev. J. M. Turner (of Washfield, of which parish he has just written an interesting booklet) presided over business, which included approval of arrangements for a special combined meeting at Uffculme (8 bells) with Taunton Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association on July 5th, and a quarterly meeting of the Tiverton Branch at Huntsham (8 bells) on July 19th. Preb. E. V. Cox (president of the Devon Guild) was at the meeting, with Mr. F. C. Smale (general secretary).

Beverley and District Society

NORTH CAVE MEETING.

A hearty welcome was accorded the Society by the Vicar (the Rev. H. F. Elgood) on the occasion of the visit to North Cave on April 12th. The bells, a handy and musical six with tenor weighing about 12 cwt., are rung from the ground floor and these were set going to various methods, a touch of Kent Treble Bob Minor preceding the service, conducted by the Vicar.

Tea, provided by the local company, was thoroughly enjoyed by about 50 members. The president (Mr. G. F. Williams) presided at the business meeting, supported by Mr. F. Dale (vice-president), the Vicar, Mr. A. H. Fox (vice-president, Eastern District) and Mr. A. E. Sellers (hon. secretary).

During the meeting Mr. A. H. Fox asked the president to accept on behalf of the Society the gift of a peal record book. In doing so he wished the Society a great future and that they would soon score their first peal. The President, in accepting the book, assured Mr. Fox that the Society appreciated the kindly thought and fine gesture that had prompted the gift.

Other business transacted was a rearrangement of forthcoming meetings to Nunburnholme on May 10th and Market Weighton (with the Selby and District) on June 14th. Three new members were elected. The gratitude of the assembly to the Vicar, the local company and the ladies was appropriately expressed by Mr. Arnbo, seconded by Mr. F. Dale. Ringing, which was most enjoyable, continued until 8.30 p.m.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

FARNHAM DISTRICT AT ASH.

In spite of the bad 'go' of the bells, the striking was quite good at the Farnham District meeting at Ash on April 12th, which was attended by more than 50 members.

The Rector (the Rev. H. M. Insley) presided at the business meeting, when the Ringing Master (Mr. C. W. Denyer) spoke of the decision of the Parochial Church Council to raise funds for restoring the bells and bell frame in the tower to first-class order. This was a real necessity if the ringing was to continue. About £1,000 was required and every donation, however small, would help. A collection taken for the Bell Fund realised £2.

New members elected included Mr. and Mrs. W. Butler and Miss B. Rowe-Hunter (Aldershot), Mr. and Mrs. R. Woods, Mr. J. Waugh and Mrs. G. Joyce (Farnborough), Miss Jean Whelan (Ash), ringing members, and Mrs. R. Hasted (Farnham), the Rev. L. E. Jones, Mr. A. G. Pitt and Mr. G. Bartlett (Farnborough), honorary members.

Mr. Viggers (Aldershot) brought a gramophone record of the bells of the Cathedral Church, Birmingham, for the company to hear and this was much appreciated. Handbell ringing followed.

The service was conducted by the Rector, and Mr. C. Williamson (Aldershot), a bell-ringer, was the organist. Tea was served by ladies in the Catholic Hall.

AN EDGBASTON WEDDING

A wedding of much interest to Birmingham ringers was that of Miss Jean Margaret Freemantle to Mr. Stanley George Wallis at St. Bartholomew's, Edgbaston, on April 9th. The bride is the only daughter of Mr. Sidney W. Freemantle, beadle and parish clerk at Edgbaston Church and a ringing member of St. Martin's Guild.

The bells were rung to Stedman Triples and 'fired' immediately after the ceremony. The reception was held at the Vicarage by kind permission of Canon Stuart Blofeld, who officiated at the choral service.

In the evening a peal of Double Norwich was rung at Edgbaston in honour of the occasion, the band being afterwards entertained at Mr. and Mrs. Freemantle's home.

EASTER DAY QUARTER PEALS

ASH, KENT.—At St. Nicholas' Church, 1,440 Plain Bob with 7.8 covering: Miss J. Holman 1, A. C. Gambrill 2, Miss D. M. Jenner 3, W. E. C. Goldup 4, J. D. Ogilvie (first quarter as conductor) 5, J. Wells 6, W. Payne 7, E. Prescott 8. First quarter 1, 7 and 8.

BEXLEY, KENT.—1,264 Bob Major: Miss B. Frost 1, Miss A. Holden 2, H. Holden 3, A. Williams 4, J. Bailey 5, A. Ball 6, J. E. Bailey 7, A. Hall (conductor) 8.

BURNHAM, BUCKS. — 1,264 Bob Major: Miss G. Murkitt 1, Miss M. R. Jaycock 2, Miss M. Pemberton 3, Miss J. M. Broomfield 4, Miss F. D. Murkitt 5, Miss J. Hearn 6, Cyril A. Burgess 7, G. Gilbert (conductor) 8.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON. — At St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, H. Cook 2, J. Keyte 3, C. F. Taplin 4, I. Harris 5, J. Jarvis 6, R. H. Jarvis (conductor) 7, C. Tompkins 8.

CROYDON, SURREY. — At the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Mrs. F. E. Collins 1, C. Pothecary 2, C. Parks 3, D. Cooper 4, R. Davies 5, J. Saunders 6, W. Oatway 7, G. H. Humphries 8, F. E. Collins (conductor) 9, F. E. Mitchell 10. First quarter of Stedman Caters by 3 and 7.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—At St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. C. Mears 1, H. W. Else 2, A. E. Symonds 3, E. W. Winters 4, F. Croft 5, L. Fidler (conductor) 6, W. E. Symonds 7, G. Cherry 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—At St. Andrew's Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob: E. Faulkner 1, T. Laybourne (first in method) 2, J. Carrot 3, G. W. Faulkner 4, J. G. McDougal 5, J. T. Grove 6, F. V. Gant (conductor) 7, F. Freestone 8.

HYTHE, KENT.—At St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Prebble 1, W. Fright 2, W. Bidnell 3, C. Swan 4, S. Mowl (conductor) 5, W. J. Bidnell 6, R. J. Birch 7, W. Parkes 8.

LEWISHAM, LONDON. — At St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original: H. Warnett (conductor) 1, S. Ball 2, L. Chislett 3, E. Jones 4, W. Packer 5, E. Mounter 6, J. Dafters 7, R. Boyce 8. Rung as an 84th birthday compliment to the conductor.

LANE END, BUCKS.—1,440 Bob Minor: H. Duffield 1, W. Woodward 2, J. Meakes 3, K. Seymour 4, R. Wright 5, W. Avery (conductor) 6.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.—1,376 Bob Major: W. E. Allman 1, C. Ward 2, A. Billington 3, W. Allman 4, D. Maddock 5, E. E. Hughes 6, J. Orme 7, T. H. Mather (first quarter as conductor) 8. First quarter 1 and 2.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Leeson 1, C. Dale 2, H. Hofton 3, T. Warner 4, J. N. Jukes 5, E. C. Shepherd (conductor) 6, H. Shepherd 7, C. Bragg 8, H. Bragg 9, J. Bragg 10.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE. — At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicolas, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Bennett (first quarter, age 13) 1, S. E. Bennett 2, A. D. Mills 3, A. J. Farr 4, J. T. Newington 5, W. Hollingworth 6, J. G. Ames (conductor) 7, D. Lawson 8.

STALYBRIDGE, LANCS.—At Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Crawshaw 1, W. Schofield 2, A. Jackson 3, H. Saxon 4, J. Jackson 5, F. Hodge (conductor) 6, V. Turner 7, A. Brownhill 8.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—At All Saints', 1,260 Plain Bob: J. P. Stocker 1, F. Nicholls 2, L. W. Fisher 3, H. W. Pratt 4, G. L. Perkins 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6, John Perkins (aged 81 this day) 7.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas', 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss F. L. Wright 1, E. A. Turner 2, R. Smith 3, A. Whatmore 4, F. V. Nicholls 5, G. C. Cookson 6, J. W. Smith (conductor) 7, D. Watson 8. First quarter in method for 3, 6 and 8. A compliment to Mr. A. Whatmore, who has been a ringer for 51 years, and on his retirement from the G.W. Railway.

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA. — At St. Jude's, Randwick, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. White 1, I. Napper 2, N. Robinson 3, R. S. Rowe (first as conductor) 4, J. Duncan 5, A. Grant 6. First quarter by all the band except the conductor.

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA. — At All Saints', Parramatta, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Short 1, Miss G. Somerville 2, W. M. Rowe (conductor) 3, G. Williamson 4, B. Dunbar 5, T. Howell 6.

WHEPSTEAD, SUFFOLK.—At the Church of St. Petronella, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): C. Hurrell 1, A. W. Rolfe (conductor) 2, W. E. Hurrell 3, F. M. Cooper 4, G. Jennings 5.

OTHER QUARTER PEALS

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS. — On March 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Smith 1, R. Biggs 2, A. E. Cox 3, D. Cox 4, A. G. Janes 5, A. Heywood 6, P. Newton (conductor) 7, V. Evans 8.

LAMBETH, LONDON. — On March 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples at St. Mary's Parish Church: Miss Audrey Castle (first in method) 1, J. Bullock (conductor) 2, T. H. Taffender 3, S. Croft 4, J. Bowler 5, C. Ottley 6, C. D. Nichols 7, J. Rea 8.

LEYTONSTONE, E.11. — On March 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. W. Housden 1, C. A. Hughes 2, G. Dawson 3, A. Prior 4, C. E. Willmington 5, F. V. Gant 6, E. D. Smith (conductor) 7, W. R. Killingback 8.

OFF SARDINIA, MEDITERRANEAN. — 39½°N. 11°E. — On March 12th, on H.M.S. 'Wolfe,' 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lieut. B. Girling (first quarter) 1-2, Rev. M. C. C. Melville (conductor) 3-4, Surg.-Lieut. F. L. Hall (first quarter) 5-6.

OXFORD.—March 30th at St. Giles', 1,280 Bob Major: A. Higgins 1, P. Walker 2, A. H. Gearing 3, E. G. More 4, R. Higgins 5, V. J. Bennett 6, J. R. Chaundy 7, J. Higgins (conductor) 8. First quarter of Major for ringers of 1, 2, 3, 5 and 8.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—On March 23rd at St. Leonard's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Pothecary 1, Miss A. Look 2, E. L. Miles 3, E. E. Bish 4, W. J. Ellis 5, C. D. Nichols 6, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 7, T. W. Welbourne 8.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Meeting Hoddesdon, April 26th, cancelled. 1296

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District. — Meeting, West Wickham (6), April 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. 1192

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — Annual meeting, Cookham, Saturday, April 26th, 3 p.m. Service, tea, meeting. Names for tea.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 1207

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, April 26th, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 3-8; tea and business 4. Names for tea, H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 1190

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Springfield (6), April 26th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Chelmsford Cathedral (12) available 7 to 9 p.m. Names for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 1215

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Joint meeting with Doncaster and Selby District Societies at Thorne, April 26th. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. Tea, 2s. each, at Silver Street Cafe at 5.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 1222

ESSEX ASSN.—N.W. District.—Meeting, Saffron Walden (12), Sat., April 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. 1256

SCOTTISH ASSN.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, April 26th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4, followed by tea and business meeting in Synod Hall. 1221

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. — Buckland Newton, April 26th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3.45. Bring food; cups of tea provided. Bus from Dorchester 2.30 and 3.30.—J. H. Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 1223

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon Branch.—Meeting at Tredington (6 bells), Sat., April 26th, at 3 p.m. Good attendance, please!—D. Stanley, Branch Sec. 1224

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—Meeting at Heston, Sat., April 26th. Bells 3. Tea (Church House) 5.—J. E. Lewis Cockey. 1229

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting Duffield April 26th, 3. Cups of tea only. Business meeting belfry 6.—W. A. Parsons. 1245

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury-Clare District.—Meeting at Poslingford (5), Sat., April 26th, 3 p.m. Tea at Shepherd and Dog Inn 5. Clare (8) available 7.30 till 9 p.m.—A. Fitch, Dis. Sec., 7, Croft Road, Sudbury, Suffolk. 1234

OXFORD GUILD. — Newbury Branch.—Thatcham (8), Sat., April 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 1226

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Woolton St. Lawrence, April 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Parish Room.—J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 1242

CRUSADERS OF S.W. ESSEX.—Romford (8), April 26th, 3 to 9. Interval 5 to 6 for light refreshments. Competent band will help any who want progress. Anything from rounds up. Everybody welcome. Just come along and ask.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath. 1247

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech Branch.—Hockwold-cum-Wilton (6) (not Northwold as intended), Saturday, April 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please bring food; cups of tea available.—W. Buckenham, Marham. 1287

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Meeting, Bishop's Waltham and Swanmore, April 26th. Bells 2.30. Service Bishop's Waltham 4. Tea and business follow.—J. H. Hunt, Dis. Sec. 1210

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting Topsham, May 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Brian Pidgeon, East Budleigh, by April 28th. 1258

GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD—Leatherhead District. — Meeting at Cobham (6), Sat., May 3rd. Usual arrangements. Please send numbers for tea to E. Matthews, 48, Freelands Road, Cobham, by April 30th.—A. H. S. 1249

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.—Dedication of the new treble bells at the Parish Church, May 3rd, 3 p.m. The ring of 8 bells will be available before service. Arrangements will be made for tea; as catering is difficult, please advise early.—Percy Fordham, 8, Kingsway, Mildenhall. Tel. 2269. 1252

SOUTHWELL DIO. GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Sutton-in-Ashfield, May 3rd. Bells 3. Tea 4.30, Welcome Cafe. Names to Mr. F. Bradley, 2, Glen Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield, by April 30th. 1227

SHROPSHIRE ASSN.—Sat., May 3rd. Montford (6), 2 to 4.30. Tea (2s.) at Wingfield Arms, 5. Bicton (6), 6 to 9. Bus service from Baker Street, Shrewsbury.—E. D. Poole. 1254

SUSSEX ASSN.—Annual general meeting, Brighton, May 3rd. Ringing, St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', from 3, Good Shepherd 7.30 to 8.30. Service St. Peter's 4.30. Tea and business follow. Names for tea to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill, by April 30th.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Gen. Sec. 1236

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Great Doddington, May 3rd. Names for free tea by April 29th to Mr. F. Barber, Fairlawn, Doddington Ridge, near Wellingborough. 1232

NORWICH ASSN.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting, Bunwell, on May 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and light refreshments in the school for those who let me know by April 29th.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss. 1264

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Ashford District.—Warehorne, Sat., May 3rd, 2.30. Service 4.30. Bring own food.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1248

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting Buckingham (8), Saturday, May 3rd, 5 p.m.—R. H. Howson. 1294

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting Faringdon, May 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by April 30th—R. F. J. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 1293

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Peak District.—Great Longstone (6), 3, Saturday, May 3rd. No tea arranged. Meeting 5.—H. E. Taylor, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1295

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSN.—Western District.—Meeting Lanchester (6), May 3rd, at 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—John A. Brown, 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street. 1271

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSN.—Southern District.—Meeting Shildon, May 3rd, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by April 30th.—J. T. Titt, 54, Newlands Road, Darlington. 1278

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOC.—Ecclesfield (8), Saturday, May 3rd, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided; bring food. Details of cup competition now available. All welcome.—H. O. Chaddock, Sec. 1272

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, May 3rd, at 2.30. All welcome. 1266

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—St. Peter's, Bushey Heath (8), 3 p.m., May 3rd. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 1273

NORTH STAFFS ASSN.—Meeting Leek (10), Saturday, May 3rd. Names for tea to Mr. E. Sharratt, 13, Lowther Place, Leek.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 1274

OXFORD GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Wargrave (8) on Saturday, May 3rd, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 1281

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting May 3rd. Ringing: St. Margaret's (12), 12 noon to 4.15 p.m.; Cathedral (12), St. John's (10) and All Saints' (6), 2 p.m. to 4.15 p.m. Service St. George's 4.30 p.m. Tea, St. George's Hall, Colton Street, 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting and social evening. Tea only for those who obtain tickets by April 28th.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Gen. Sec. 1284

HEREFORD GUILD.—Hereford Branch.—Quarterly, Burghill, Saturday, May 3rd. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers to J. W. Downes, 1, Holmer Hall Cottage, Holmer. 1286

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—South Forest Branch.—Annual meeting, Ruardean, Saturday, May 3rd. Also the dedication of memorial tablet to the late William Bishop by the Bishop of Gloucester, assisted by the Master, Rev. C. Hope. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Dedication and service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Room 5 p.m. Ringers who require tea must let me know by April 28th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 11, Victoria Road, Lydney. 1283

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN. — Bedford District.—Meeting Sharnbrook (6), May 3rd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.30.—P. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1279

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting Hornby, May 3rd. Names for tea to H. Parkinson, 76, Lancaster Road, Morecambe. 1291

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District. — By-meeting Cranbrook (8), May 3rd, 3.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by May 2nd to R. A. Whitehead, Leigh, near Tonbridge, Kent. 1302

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—St. Mary's, Lambeth. Ringing first Monday in each month (except August), 7-9 p.m., commencing May 5th. Everyone welcome.—H. W. Rogers. 1191

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—50th annual meeting, May 10th, Ealing. Ringing St. Stephen's from 2.30, St. Mary's 3 and evening. Service St. Mary's 4.30. Names for tea to E. Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing. 1246

YORKSHIRE ASSN. — Annual general meeting, St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, on Sat., May 10th. Bells (8) available 2. Service 4. Tea (2s. per head) in the schools 5. Names to H. R. Parkinson, 11, Moor Road, Leeds, 6, by May 7th. General meeting on same premises immediately after. Bells again available after meeting until 9, also St. Michael's (8) 7 to 8.30.—L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 1255

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I.W. District.—Freshwater, May 10th. Bells 2.20. Notify by 7th Mrs. Guy, Merriemeade, Watergate Road, Newport, I.W. 1282

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Taunton Branch.—Meeting Bradford-on-Tone, Saturday, May 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided.—A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec. 1285

LADIES' GUILD.—North Midland District.—The annual meeting will be held at Washingborough on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea provided for those who notify me by Tuesday, May 6th.—Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. 1298

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Branch.—Annual meeting Ambrosden (8), May 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Bicester (8) available in evening. Names for tea to F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire. 1300

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter and Mid-Devon Branches. — Joint meeting Chudleigh (8), May 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Number by 5th.—E. J. Ryall, Sec., Alphidex, Dunsford Hill, Exeter. 1275

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting Ranworth (6), Sat., May 10th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Business meeting 5. Bring own eats; cups of tea provided. South Walsham bells (5) also available.—J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 1277

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Annual meeting St. Paul's, Burton, May 10th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea by May 3rd to Mr. B. G. Key, 10, Grange Street, Burton.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec. 1292

OXFORD GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Annual meeting Clanfield, Sat., May 10th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 3.15. Tea and meeting 4.30. Names for tea by May 6th to H. C. Farmer, Standlake, near Witney, Oxon. 1280

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Northern District.—Meeting Scarborough, St. Mary's (8), Saturday, May 17th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at Hornsey Dene Boarding House 5. Names for tea to Mr. Bert Sutton, 12, Highfield, Scarborough, by May 10th. All ringers welcome.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1288

CHESTERFIELD PARISH CHURCH.—Ring of ten bells, recast and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, will be dedicated on Sat. afternoon, May 24th, by the Bishop of Derby. Names for tea by May 7th Road, Sheepbridge, Chesterfield. 1244 to Sam Scattergood, 797, Sheffield

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual shield contest, Royston, Saturday, June 14th. Open to all members. Entrance fee 6s. per company. Tower open for practice until June 8th. Each band allowed one practice only. All entries not later than June 7th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 1289

WISBECH.—10-bell practice the first Saturday of every month, 6.30 to 9. 1269

VISITORS TO BRIDLINGTON.—Visiting ringers are always made welcome at the Priory Church tower (8). Sunday ringing 10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Practice night Tuesday 7 p.m. Towerkeeper, W. Tyson, 48, Hermitage Road. 1290

ELY.—St. Mary's. Practice night Wednesdays, 7.30 to 9. Service ringing Sundays 10.30 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. All visitors welcome. Make note of times for reference, please.—R. H. Bullen, Tower Sec. 1265

Our Leicester commentator writes: 'Old Joe' Morris, of Leicester, who will be 80 on July 1st, holds the distinction of having rung the tenors to the lightest and the heaviest handbells ever rung to peals. We think, however, his latest achievement (as reported recently) of ringing 11-12 to Stedman Cinques with a tenor 17 *cwt.* in A will take a bit of beating! Good old Joe!!

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