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FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN

EVIDENCE is not lacking that ringers will make a contribution towards the Festival of Britain. From three independent sources, each unknown to the other, the idea has been ventilated and accepted with alacrity. Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher brought up the question when the committee of the Kent County Association met on Monday, and to this end it was decided to table a motion for the consideration of the Central Council at Eastbourne. On the same day at Worcester, for the meeting of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, Mr. D. H. Watson moved: 'That the Central Council representatives be instructed to move that the Exercise be represented at the Festival of Britain, 1951.' The same idea occurred to Mr. T. J. Lock at the Middlesex Association's annual meeting, and there it was decided that a committee be formed to consider what arrangements could be made for ringing in connection with the Festival. Mr. Lock has carried his ideas a stage farther by the letter which is published in this week's issue.

The year 1951 coincides with the triennial meeting of the Council in London. At York there were suggestions made that, owing to the difficulty of securing meeting halls and because of the number of towers damaged by the raids on London, ringing facilities were not satisfactory for a meeting at the Metropolis and that a centre in the Home Counties should be substituted. Our personal opinion is that, despite these difficulties, every endeavour should be made to hold the Council meeting in London. The Festival of Britain is unquestionably an event that ringers from all parts of the country will like to see and the dual event will make a strong appeal.

It must not be assumed that the Festival is confined to London. While it is true that the centre piece of the Festival will be the exhibition in London on the south bank of the Thames, the idea behind this event is that the whole country is on show, demonstrating to the visitor the British way of life, Britons' past achievements, their energy and determination in enriching the present and endowing the future. A special appeal has been addressed to every Parish Council to prepare its own village for the event, to tidy the general surroundings and to arrange events which will enable the visitor to understand our mode of living.

Of all British pursuits the art of change ringing is an essential prerogative of our people. No country possesses bells equivalent to our own; no country practises our art with the same dexterity, knowledge and enthusiasm. And as villages make their respective contribution to the Festival as a whole, we, as ringers, will be ready to play our part, not only by the ringing of bells, but by inviting visitors into our ringing chambers and explaining to them how to ring. It is strange as one travels about in this country to notice that a relatively small number of people has visited a belfry and seen bells rung; still less are those who have any ideas of the art of change ringing. The Festival in itself provides an unrivalled opportunity for propaganda which should be readily embraced.

In certain provincial towns festivals are being planned quite apart from the two touring exhibitions. We would suggest that the local Guilds should not hesitate to offer their services to the town's committee, and make appropriate suggestions as to ways and means bells can be introduced into the local programme. Ringers are not just an isolated body unto themselves; by their vocation they are the instruments for giving public expression to national sentiment. Such offers of co-operation, we feel certain, will be readily accepted by the Civic Authorities.

We feel certain that whatever course is adopted by the Central Council on Whit Tuesday the peal side of the programme will not be neglected. What we should like to see is not only the regular peal ringers participating, but those to whom a peal is a special occasion, an event to be treasured in memory. Since the war we have had three memorable days in the annals of the Exercise—the Thanksgiving Day for Peace, the marriage of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh and the birth of Prince Charles. The opening of the Festival is likely to be a similar occasion. It was a century ago that the great exhibition at the Crystal Palace was held, and it is possible that some Guilds or Societies have records of peals rung on that occasion. If any exist we would welcome the details. But times have changed since 1851; ringing to-day is on a far different footing. The Exercise is now in a position to act in unity and make a worthwhile effort. There can be little doubt that at Eastbourne a sound lead will be given.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 23½ cwt.

JOYCE A. ENGLAND ... Treble	PHILIP A. F. CHALK ... 7
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT ... 2	GEORGE E. EVENDEN ... 8
JILL BRITTAIN ... 3	T. MARK WHITE ... 9
DAVID E. PARSONS ... 4	JOHN W. STEPHENSON ... 10
AUDREY N. DISERENS ... 5	JOHN CHILCOTT ... 11
NOEL J. DISERENS ... 6	ROGER O. FRY ... Tenor

Composed by DAVID E. PARSONS. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.
Believed to be the youngest band to ring a 12-bell peal. Average age 19 years 8 months. A wedding compliment to Hilda Prescott and William H. Kingcott.

TEN BELL PEALS

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

*REGINALD WOODYATT ... Treble	†ALLEN MORGAN ... 6
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 2	†ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES ... 7
†CLAUDIA A. HARDING ... 3	WILLIAM LEWIS ... 8
†R. GEORGE MORRIS ... 4	CYRIL TANSELL ... 9
JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... 5	*THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* 100th peal together. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First peal of Treble Bob Royal. First peal of Treble Bob Royal as conductor.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

E. JOAN SALMONS ... Treble	LESLIE A. TREMEER ... 6
HARRY BALAAM ... 2	JOHN H. HUNT ... 7
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3	*TOM PAGE ... 8
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 4	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 9
NELIA M. LEAHY ... 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

*JOHN N. LINDON ... Treble	*TREVOR REYNOLDS ... 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 7
†BARNABAS G. KEY ... 3	*MAURICE G. TURNER ... 8
HARRY F. HOLDING ... 4	GEORGE A. PACKER ... 9
†WILFRED KERR ... 5	HOWARD HOWELL ... Tenor

Composed by J. H. TUCKER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Bob Royal and completes Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus. ‡ First peal of Royal 'inside.' First peal of Royal as conductor. A compliment to Miss A. I. Clements and Mr. W. A. Tart on the occasion of their wedding at this church.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MOORSIDE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

VERNON SYKES ... Treble	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	SELWYN H. DEARDEN ... 6
STEPHEN LL. PARRY ... 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 7
DEREK OGDEN ... 4	ALAN J. BROWN ... Tenor

Composed by E. H. LEWIS. Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.
A wedding compliment to Miss E. Beryl Brierley and Mr. Tyson Cook.

BLEWBURY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE ... Treble	NOEL J. DISERENS ... 5
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 2	FRANCIS A. WHITE ... 6
AUDREY B. DISERENS ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
EDMUND E. PEARSON ... 4	GEORGE HOLIFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by MARGARET L. TUTT.

On the 28th anniversary of the record peal of 21,363 Stedman Caters at Appleton. in which the tenor man took part.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 18 cwt.

*GEORGE E. HANCOCK ... Treble	EDWARD F. GOBEY ... 5
JOHN E. TURLEY ... 2	HAROLD TAYLOR ... 6
†ALBERT E. THOMPSON ... 3	FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 7
JOHN F. WILKINSON ... 4	DENIS R. CARLISLE ... Tenor

Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

* First peal. † First peal of Cambridge Major. To mark the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Thompson. Also a birthday compliment to Miss Dorothy Templeman, of Ilkeston.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F.

JAMES THORLEY ... Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... 5
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
*WILLIAM H. JACKSON ... 3	GIBSON JACKSON ... 7
ALAN ROGERS ... 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, POOLSTOCK,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY ... Treble	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 5
ALEX J. WEBSTER ... 2	JAMES S. WEBB ... 6
*WALTER ALLMAN ... 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
* 200th peal. First in the method as conductor.

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 23½ cwt.

VICTOR SAVAGE	Treble	EDWARD J. CHIVERS ...	5
THOMAS W. KIMBER ...	2	HENRY J. SANGER ...	6
*HILDA KIMBER ...	3	RONALD G. BECK ...	7
HERBERT W. KNIGHT ...	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ...	Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

* First peal in the method.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ...	Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ...	5
E. JOAN SALMONS ...	2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	6
JOHN H. HUNT ...	3	ERNEST F. SALMONS ...	7
FREDERICK W. BURNETT ...	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

PAUL L. TAYLOR ...	Treble	*REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	5
*TERENCE A. THORNER ...	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ...	6
HAROLD J. POOLE ...	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ...	7
†SIDNEY O. CHENEY ...	4	COLIN HARRISON ...	Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major in the method.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.

Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb.

WILLIAM JUDGE ...	Treble	*WILLIAM YATES ...	5
MARGARET L. TUTT ...	2	†FREDERICK C. CASE ...	6
*FREDERICK VICKERS ...	3	*GEORGE W. HOLLAND ...	7
*EDMUND E. PEARSON ...	4	WALTER F. JUDGE ...	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER J. LEMON ...	Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS ...	5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ...	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	6
ALFRED G. HILL ...	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	4	HARRY PARKES ...	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.

A compliment to Miss Jean Barnett on her seventh birthday.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

HAROLD J. POOLE ...	Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON ...	5
ALFRED BALLARD ...	2	JOHN R. SMITH ...	6
*WINIFRED M. BURTON ...	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ...	7
ELIZABETH FAULKNALL ...	4	*ALFRED BROUGHTON ...	Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal.

BATHWICK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*KENNETH F. MEDWAY ...	Treble	BETTY SPICE ...	5
THOMAS F. KING ...	2	†EDWARD J. FRY ...	6
MRS. DORA EVANS ...	3	JESSE HALETT ...	7
GEORGE J. HAWKINS ...	4	SEALY S. WOODBURN ...	Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal of Bob Major 'inside.'

Eighty-fourth birthday peal for Charlie Bell.

BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

SYDNEY F. CARTER ...	Treble	*ANTHONY R. AGER ...	5
REGINALD DORE ...	2	ERIC EDMONDSON ...	6
*DOROTHY H. JACKSON ...	3	J. MARTIN PAGE ...	7
*JOHN M. KEMP ...	4	JACK WELCH ...	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by SYDNEY F. CARTER.

* First peal of Major.

BERKHAMSTED, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

No. 419 Reverse Variation.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

BERTIE A. CORWELL ...	Treble	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ...	5
WALTER AYRE ...	2	WILLIAM C. HUGHES ...	6
*OLIVE MARTIN ...	3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ...	7
PAMELA A. MARTIN ...	4	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON ...	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by GEO. W. DEBENHAM.

* First peal in the method.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN WHEADON ...	Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	5
WILLIAM G. COOK ...	2	LEONARD H. BOWLER ...	6
MRS. F. I. HAIRS ...	3	FRANK I. HAIRS ...	7
ALFRED G. HILL ...	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

John Wheadon's 100th peal in this tower.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

JOSEPH H. COX ...	Treble	STANLEY PRESTIDGE ...	5
J. DENNIS HOLDEN ...	2	RODERICK J. LEES ...	6
JOHN LLOYD ...	3	WILLIAM DAVIES ...	7
MOLLY TROMANS ...	4	FRED HOLDEN ...	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.

The annual peal for the Guild; also to mark the 50th anniversary of the Dudley Guild.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

RONALD E. NORRIS ...	Treble	FRED BISHOP ...	5
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ...	2	*ELLIS D. SILLS ...	6
VICTOR A. JARRETT ...	3	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ...	7
GLADYS K. JARRETT ...	4	WM. A. J. KNIGHT ...	Tenor

Composed by J. W. BARKER.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Major 'inside' and first peal for 30 years. Birthday peal for the ringer of the 3rd.

HOOK NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

WILLIAM JUDGE Treble	*BERNARD S. NICHOLS ... 5
*EDWIN G. MOORE ... 2	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 6
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER (No. 5). Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method away from the treble. The first peal on the recast bells.

HORNBY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... Treble	VICTOR J. C. WOOD ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	ERNEST J. GOWER ... 6
THOMAS BARKER ... 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 7
*CHARLES CLEGG ... 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* 50th peal.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... Treble	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 5
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEEP ... 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... 6
WILFRED W. RING ... 3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... 7
PETER D. HUCKSTEEP ... 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PETER D. HUCKSTEEP.

NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MAURICE A. COLLINS ... Treble	WALTER D. POOLEY ... 5
HORACE E. WERRETT ... 2	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... 6
JOHN CHURCH ... 3	ROY V. WEBB ... 7
JACK S. DEAR ... 4	LOUIS H. BYWATERS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 173). Conducted by ROY V. WEBB.

* First peal, aged 13. A compliment to the incumbent, Canon J. H. Bailey, on fulfilling 40 years' service in this parish.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*REGINALD HOLMES ... Treble	†HENRY C. WHITE ... 5
FRANK WHITE ... 2	FRANCIS A. WHITE ... 6
ANTHONY G. HOLIFIELD ... 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD ... 7
FREDERICK MESSENGER ... 4	FRED WHITE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' Believed to be the first peal in the method on the bells.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

*HENRY N. VAUGHAN ... Treble	*ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 5
*ERNEST J. LADD ... 2	*WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... 6
*ALBERT RELFE ... 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... 7
*FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 4	†FRANK H. HICKS Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

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

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Monday, May 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James-the-Great,

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

Tenor 6½ cwt.

VINCENT A. HEMMING ... Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 5
H. JAMES TURNER ... 2	EDWARD T. LLOYD ... 6
HENRY H. FEARN ... 3	JOHN PINFOLD ... 7
JAMES F. HARVEY ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by A. P. HYZWOOD. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

COUND, SHROPSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sun., Apr. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*KENNETH M. GRAYSON ... Treble	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 4
†ANNE M. DICKINSON ... 2	W. GWYN THOMAS ... 5
†M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY ... 3	FRANK P. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise.

MARKSBURY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

R. EDWARD HUDSON ... Treble	†WALTER STAR ... 4
E. CONNOCK ... 2	*ERNEST SHEARN ... 5
*AUDREY TIBBOTT ... 3	GEORGE PRESCOTT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' Believed to be the first peal of Minor on the bells. For the wedding of H. W. Kingcott and Hilda Prescott.

CHURCH BROUGHTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

WALTER SHAW ... Treble	WALTER STEEN ... 4
JACK BAILEY ... 2	WM. LANCASTER ... 5
JACK W. GLEW ... 3	ALFRED MOULD Tenor

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

In memoriam Robert William Bowles. First peal on the bells. The treble was dedicated by the Bishop of Derby on April 2nd, when the above band rang for the opening ceremony.

COLNE ENGAIN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE TRENDLELL ... Treble	CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... 4
FRANK CLAYDON ... 2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... 5
ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 3	RONALD SUCKLING Tenor

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Saunders. Mr. Saunders was Master of the Northern Division, Essex Association, for many years.

GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents, 10 callings.

Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

GEORGE E. LARGE ... Treble	*ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES ... 4
R. GEORGE MORRIS ... 2	ALLEN MORGAN ... 5
REGINALD WOODYATT ... 3	FRED HYDE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. In honour of Princess Elizabeth's 24th birthday.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob and one 720 of Oxford Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

MARGARET ACKERS ... Treble	ELLEN RICE ... 4
VERA DRAPER ... 2	CUTHBERT ACKERS ... 5
JACK POUNDS ... 3	*ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MAWDSLEY.

* 100th peal.

HAWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... Treble	HERBERT HELLIWELL ... 4
JOHN I. ROBERTSHAW ... 2	*HARRY WILD ... 5
*DORIS M. KILLINGLEY ... 3	SAM LONGBOTTOM ... Tenor

Conducted by SAM LONGBOTTOM.

* First peal in three months. First peal of Minor as conductor.

HENLOW, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

J. CHURCH ... Treble	RONALD J. SHARPE ... 4
C. HENRY HARDING ... 2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... 5
DAPHNE J. HARE ... 3	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

HUNTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 240 Original and 2,400 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire, rung in alternate quarters.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MARGARET A. TOMLIN ... Treble	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON ... 4
*DAPHNE TURK ... 2	*KEITH H. BURBIDGE ... 5
FRANK W. TOMLIN ... 3	*JOHN H. MANKTELLOW ... Tenor

Conducted by ALEXANDER WADDINGTON.

* First peal.

LITTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

GORDON FORD ... Treble	JOHN BARTLETT ... 4
LEONARD PULLIN ... 2	RICHARD DUDDIN ... 5
JOHN WITHEY ... 3	CHARLIE FORD ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WITHEY.

First peal by all the band except the ringer of the second.

SILKSTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Plain Bob and three each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb.

DOUGLAS HALL ... Treble	STANLEY DANCE ... 4
ERIC STAINROD ... 2	EDWIN ATKINSON ... 5
LEONARD W. CARBUTT ... 3	HARRY MANN ... Tenor

Conducted by ERIC STAINROD.

A birthday compliment to Eric Stainrod.

TYDD ST. MARY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

A. W. TOWNSEND ... Treble	G. R. G. BUTLER ... 4
JOHN W. KETTERINGHAM ... 2	W. ROSE ... 5
CHARLES C. RAWDING ... 3	C. HAROLD WHITTON ... Tenor

Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

A birthday compliment to Princess Elizabeth.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising fifteen 120's each of Grandsire and Stedman and twelve 120's of Plain Bob, 24 callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL <i>Treble</i>	JOSEPH T. BARRATT ... 4
ARTHUR J. SCOTT ... 2	HENRY G. KEELEY ... 5
ROGER KEELEY ... 3	W. CECIL POOLE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL.

In honour of the 79th birthday of Mr. A. Stone (uncle of the tenor man). Mr. Stone is also the oldest inhabitant of the village.

WRENBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extent. Tenor 11 cwt.

*THOMAS G. HAYES <i>Treble</i>	JOHN E. BROUGH ... 4
HAROLD G. SMITH ... 2	FRANK OLLIER ... 5
FREDERICK S. SUTTON ... 3	EDWARD J. BOFFEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

* First peal.

TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sun., Apr. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

SIDNEY H. JONES <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR J. MARRIOTT ... 4
*PETER MARRIOTT ... 2	*JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 5
BARNABAS G. KEY ... 3	ROLAND BENISTON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First in seven methods. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Double Court. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN W. MOORE <i>Treble</i>	CHARLES E. BROWN ... 4
EVELYNE M. WRIGHT ... 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 5
BETTY BROWN ... 3	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

In memoriam David Midwinter.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 extents of Stedman (10 callings) and 32 extents of Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 14 cwt. 22 lb.

ERNEST PARKER <i>Treble</i>	RICHARD PEARSE ... 4
SIDNEY WYBURN ... 2	ALBERT J. CHUBB ... 5
RAYMOND YOUNG ... 3	JOHN M. COOK ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by SIDNEY WYBURN.

A compliment to Major H. J. Cann and Mrs. Cann on the silver anniversary of their wedding.

PARRAMATTA, NEW SOUTH WALES.

THE NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5280 CHANGES;

Being 16 extents of Grandsire, 12 of Antelope and 16 of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

*EDMUND J. FOWELL <i>Treble</i>	*JOHN S. CLARK ... 4
ROBERT W. FERRIS ... 2	*THOMAS W. GOODYER ... 5
†A. ROBERT BOTTING ... 3	†JAMES SMITH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ROBERT W. FERRIS.

* First peal. † First peal in Australia. ‡ First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. Rung for the commemoration of Anzac Day.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

SIDNEY CLEMENTS <i>Treble</i>	EILEEN MOUNFIELD ... 4
WALTER PAPWORTH ... 2	*HAROLD S. PEACOCK ... 5
*FRANK WARRINGTON ... 3	FRANCIS H. NEWMAN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* 25th peal together. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Chamberlain, of Eynesbury.

WALPOLE ST. PETER, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of St. Clement's and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

JOHN E. FOX <i>Treble</i>	*WALTER HAMMOND ... 4
*STANLEY HARTLEY ... 2	ROBERT WISKIN ... 5
†DORIS WISKIN ... 3	ROLAND REED ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN E. FOX.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since rehanging. Believed to be the first peal ever rung at this church.

WHISTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 27, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 30 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN E. LABUTT <i>Treble</i>	PERCY AMOS ... 3
KILBY HOLTOM ... 2	VICTOR S. ADAMS ... 4
HARRY WOODING ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by HARRY WOODING.

First peal on the bells since 1936, and believed the third only.

FELKIRK, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, London Scholars, Sandal, Kingston and Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERIC STAINROD <i>Treble</i>	HERMANN RUSBY ... 4
CYRIL RUSBY ... 2	JOHN W. MOXON ... 5
NOEL F. MOXON ... 3	DANIEL SMITH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

A wedding peal for the Vicar, the Rev. Donald Moxom, M.C., and Miss Elizabeth Ann Tate, of Ashington, Northumberland.

STEBBING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*SHIRLEY BARRINGE <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE SAUNDERS ... 4
ALFRED LITTLE ... 2	WALTER LITTLE ... 5
F. E. L. HARRINGTON ... 3	RONALD SUCKLING ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* First peal (age 14 years).

HANDBELL PEALS

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Mar. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE HOLYWELL STORES, LONDON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

ALFRED JORDAN ... 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD ... 5-6
EDGAR VALLANCE ... 3-4	HECTOR KNIGHTS ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT 52, RICHMOND ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's.	Tenor size 13 in C.
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 1-2	HUBERT E. ASHLEY ... 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 methods: Pulford, Avalon, Painswick, Kidlington, Double Oxford, Pershore, Hereward, Double Norwich, St. Clement's, Crayford College, Richmond, New London, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Plain Bob, Gainsborough, Little Bob, Wellington Little Court, Little Bob, Crayford Little Court, Bastow Little Court and Kent Little Court, 332 changes of method.

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2 | JACK BRAY ... 5-6
 GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 3-4 | PHILIP BARNES ... 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes.

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in C.

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 1-2 | HUBERT E. ASHLEY ... 5-6
 WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4 | HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5004 CHANGES;

Being 22 methods: Pulford, Avalon, Painswick, Kidlington, Double Oxford, Pershore, Hereward, Double Norwich, St. Clement's, Crayford College, Richmond, New London, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Plain Bob, Little Oxford Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob, Wellington Little Court, Little Bob, Crayford Little Court, Bastow Little Court and Kent Little Court, 346 changes of method.

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2 | JACK BRAY ... 5-6
 GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 3-4 | PHILIP BARNES ... 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Washbrook's.

Tenor size 17 in A.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2 | JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 5-6
 *JOHN J. MORRIS ... 3-4 | ERNEST MORRIS ... 7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman 'in hand.'

RISLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 19, 1950, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

AT 85, DERBY ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 12 in F.

DENIS R. CARLISLE ... 1-2 | ALFRED MOULD ... 3-4
 JACK BAILEY ... 5-6

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT 9, WINDSOR STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

ALFRED BALLARD ... 1-2 | JOHN J. MORRIS ... 5-6
 W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 3-4 | HAROLD KILBY ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

No. 14.

Tenor size 17 in A.

MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
 MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3-4 | JAMES E. DANIELS ... 7-8

GEORGE E. EVENDEN ... 9-10

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
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LATE NEWS.

We regret to record the deaths of Mr.
William Hayes, of Flamstead, Herts; Mr.
H. M. Hurst, of the Peterborough Guild;
and Mr. John Cox, St. Ambrose, Bristol.

Mrs. C. J. Matthews is acting as secre-
tary of the Society of Royal Cumberland
Youths until the end of the present year.

By completing his 100th
peal in Dartford tower,
where his first peal was
rung in 1905, Mr. John Wheadon has become
the first to accomplish this feat. Mr. Wheadon,
now in his 79th year, is a native of London
(County Hall now stands on the site of his
birthplace), but learned to ring at Brenchley,
Kent, some 55 years ago. He was, however,
out of ringing for some years on first coming
to Dartford, so that he did not ring a peal
until he was 33. Of the 360 odd in which he
has now taken part, 68 others have been at
Crayford and about 50 at St. John's, Erith.
Mr. Wheadon's outstanding contribution to
ringing has been in originating the principle
of clapper buffers about 30 years ago, his idea
having later been developed by Messrs. Mears
and Stainbank.

Peal ringing visitors at Shrivenham, Berks,
will pay 10 shillings for each attempt towards
the bell ropes fund. Bells are guaranteed to
be oiled and ropes in good condition.

Bletchley, Bucks, bells, which have been
away for 15 months at the Whitechapel
Foundry, are now in the process of being
reinstated.

Whiston, Northants, where a peal of Doubles
is recorded this week, has no sally guides to
the ropes and one of the longest pulls in the
Midlands. The bells are very difficult to ring.
This church is lit by candles, and a paraffin
lamp illuminates the belfry.

Congratulations to Mr. Alfred Broughton,
the village postman at Gilmorton, who rang
the tenor to the peal of Stedman Triples rung
at Gilmorton on April 28th. He has been a
ringer for 47 years, and this was his first
attempt for a peal. Another first pealer in
the same peal was Winifred M. Burton,
daughter of Mr. Shirley Burton.

BELFRY GOSSIP

A promising Yorkshire
ringer is 14-year-old Wil-
liam H. Jackson, who rang
his first peal of London Surprise Major at
Thorne on April 22nd. Previously he had only
rung the plain course in the method on two
occasions. He never made a false blow during
the peal. This was his sixth peal, his others
being Grandsire Triples, Double Norwich (2),
Superlative and Cambridge.

The peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung
at Brightling, Sussex, on April 16th, was com-
posed by E. W. Tippler and not E. W. Turner
as stated in the issue of April 28th.

In connection with the broadcast of Trow-
bridge bells the following appeared in 'The
Radio Times': 'Captain of the Ringers,
Samuel Hector.' 'This is a very welcome inno-
vation,' writes Mr. T. G. Hawkins, of Slough,
'and I wonder if it would be possible to inform
the B.B.C. that it is appreciated.'

Mr. A. R. Botting, who rang in the peal of
Doubles at Parramatta, N.S.W., on April 24th,
1950, rang his last peal 39 years ago at St.
Michael and All Angels', Betchworth, Surrey,
being Holt's Ten-part Grandsire Triples, which
he conducted. Also in the same peal was Mr.
James Smith, who rang his last peal 40 years
ago, being a peal of Minor.

When Miss Eileen Maisey, a bellringer at
St. Michael's, Bray, Berks, married Mr. Robert
Mills, of Lake Vyrnwy, North Wales, at Wind-
sor Parish Church on April 15th, her friends
from Bray tower rang for her and formed an
archway of handbells as she left the church.
The bride and bridegroom met through a pen-
friendship. At the ceremony Miss Maisey wore
ivory figured satin, a headdress of orange
blossom, and carried dark roses. She and
her husband will live at Lake Vyrnwy.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

PEAL BOOKING FEE ACCEPTED.

THE Association held its 72nd annual meeting at Lancaster on April 29th. The day opened with a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at St. Margaret's Church in the lovely village of Hornby, where a ring of eight is installed in an octagonal tower.

General ringing commenced at 2 p.m. at Priory Church, eight bells (tenor 35 cwt.) and the R.C. Cathedral, ten bells (tenor 25 cwt.). Various methods were rung by a good muster of ringers, which was, however, not as large as it would have been had the weather been good. As it was the methods ranged from Plain Bob to London Surprise.

The service was held at the Priory Church and was conducted by the Rev. A. F. Clark. The president of the Association, the Rev. F. F. Rigby, read the lessons, and the Bishop of Lancaster, the Rt. Rev. Benj. Pollard, preached the sermon. The service was very well attended by approximately 200 members and a very pleasing feature was the large number of younger members.

An excellent muster sat down to tea, which had been arranged at the Priory Club. Mr. Wood, a well-known local ringer, organised the function and also the arrangements for the meeting. The Bishop stayed to tea and his jovial presence contributed in no small measure to the pleasant way in which the proceedings went off. The Rev. F. F. Rigby thanked the Bishop and all concerned in making the meeting possible and the Bishop suitably responded.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

The Rev. F. F. Rigby was in the chair for the business meeting, supported by Mr. W. H. Shaker (secretary), Mr. F. Dunkerley (ringing secretary) and Mr. A. E. Sandeford (treasurer).

The President asked the members to stand as a token of respect to the 19 members who had died during the year, amongst them being such well-known ringers as John Potter, Benj. Thorpe and W. Taylor.

The secretary reported that there were 73 honorary life members, 409 non-resident members and 865 ringing members. The new ring of ten at Blackburn and eights at Bilsborrow and Ormskirk were completed, but the Liverpool Cathedral bells and the new eight at Walton were not ready.

The ringing secretary reported that the year had been a record one for the Association in so far as peals rung, which totalled 162, ranging from Doubles to London Surprise Major and Rochester Surprise Royal. Twenty-nine members rang their first peal, three their first as conductor.

Mr. A. Tomlinson rang his 400th peal for the Association, Mr. J. Ridyard his 200th peal and Messrs. H. Davenport and F. Varty their 150th peal for the Association. Mr. J. Hall (Miles Platting), Mr. Thomas Metcalfe (Dalton-in-Furness) and Mr. Miller have given 50 years in the service of ringing. Canon Wilson had been Vicar of Great Harwood for 50 years.

OLDEST MEMBER.

Mr. John Holme was introduced to the members as the oldest ringer in the county, having been a bellringer for 70 years.

The members were informed that the annual reports from the reconstitution in 1879 to 1948 had been made up into bound volumes, having been collected by Mr. A. Tomlinson, and an old copy of 'The Church Bells of Lancashire' been given by Mr. P. Crook. The ringing secretary thanked Mr. Arthur Tomlinson and Mr. Stephen L. Parry for the assistance given him in compiling the report.

The treasurer produced the balance sheet and during the discussion which followed it was decided that, owing to the state of the Association's finances, some emergency measure would have to be taken. Suggestions ranged from cutting down the annual report to

halving the representatives on the committee, but it was decided that this be left in the hands of the committee.

A proposal that a peal booking fee of 6d. per rope be charged and the proceeds go to the Association funds was carried unanimously. The ringing secretary was instructed to advise all conductors that they were responsible for forwarding to the treasurer the moneys due from successful peals.

In the election of officers, Mr. J. Leatherbarrow was elected vice-president. Mr. J. Burns was elected auditor. The next annual meeting will be held in the Fylde branch, and after some discussion about bringing it forward earlier than April, the matter was left in abeyance and in the hands of the committee and the Fylde ringers.

The meeting closed with an expression of thanks for by the president to all who had contributed to making this annual meeting a success, and Mr. Wood replied on behalf of the ringing fraternity in the Lancaster Branch, stating that anything they had done had been done willingly and had given them a great deal of pleasure.

Dedications

ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.

Two new trebles have been added to make a ring of six at Aston Ingham, near Ross-on-Wye. The first bell is to the memory of the Rev. C. L. Whatley, who was Rector from 1914-1945, and the second is in memory of the fallen in the World War 1939-45.

The tenor, weighing 5 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb., is a pre-Reformation bell inscribed 'Saneta Margareta Ora Pro Nobis.' The third and fifth are Rudhall bells dated 1828 and 1740 respectively.

The hallowing of the restored bells and the dedication of the two new bells took place on April 28th, the ceremony being performed by the Bishop of Hereford. Assisting in the service was the Rector (Rev. H. L. Whatley), and the ropes were presented to the Bishop by Mr. T. E. Aubrey on behalf of the churchwardens. Following the dedication rounds were rung by ringers of the Ross District of the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

The contract, which included new fittings and framework, was carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

MUCH HADHAM, HERTS.

Much Hadham bells were dedicated by the Bishop of Bedford on April 22nd. The Bishop was escorted to the belfry by the Rector (the Rev. H. Thomas), the former Rector (the Rev. H. B. Tower) and churchwardens. After the dedication rounds were rung by eight of the local company. The old six have been restored and two trebles added and all hung on ball bearings in a new oak frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

After the service the bells were set going by ringers from neighbouring towers. The Hertford County Association was represented by the secretary, Mr. W. Ayre, and many ringers were present.

The new bells are part of the church's war memorial. The two oldest bells are dated 1595. The opinion of all present was that they are a very nice eight, and despite the long draught the 'go' is very good.

F. G. S.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.

The dedication of Lyminster's recast tenor and restored roof took place at morning service on Sunday, April 30th, by the Archdeacon of Chichester, the Ven. Lancelot Mason. The new bell bears the following inscription: 'Recast 1950 in memory of Stephen P. Duval, DD., O.B.E., Vicar 1924-1947.' A quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles preceded the service.

Guild of Clerical Ringers

THE CHESTER WEEK.

As noted in 'The Ringing World' recently, the Guild of Clerical Ringers visited Chester for its annual ringing week this year. Those present were the Revs. C. C. Cox (president), Canon R. F. Wilkinson (vice-president), J. H. B. Andrews, E. W. Blyth, D. L. Board, W. G. Bridge, K. C. Davis, F. L. Edwards, K. W. H. Felstead, T. P. Hearn, J. Kingdon, F. A. Oswald, R. H. Palmer, I. J. Richards, A. S. Roberts, D. P. Roberts, B. F. Sheppard, R. D. St. J. Smith and A. G. G. Thurlow.

The absence of the hon. secretary, Preb. E. V. Cox, owing to prolonged illness, was regretted by all, especially after all his work of organising the week. The Rev. J. H. B. Andrews proved a very efficient deputy. Everything went without a hitch.

The week was most successful from the very beginning, and a happy omen of this came the very first night when we learned at dinner at the headquarters, the Queen Hotel, that Mr. Thurlow had purchased a book on ringing from another member! How are the mighty fallen! So much so that investigation revealed that after that he never attempted to sell one of his own.

After dinner we visited our first tower, St. Mary's-without-the-Walls, before returning to plan the peal attempts during the week.

Tuesday started with the annual corporate Communion at St. Barnabas' Church. The day was spent in the Wirral district—Shotwick (6) with a touch of London Minor, Neston (8) where Mr. Thurlow did not recognise the Double Norwich touch, Bebbington (8), Bromborough (8), Eastham (6) and, after dinner, Eccleston (8), the best bells of the day despite the notice in the belfry on arrival, 'Dangerous, bells are up.'

Before the coach had gone very far on Wednesday it was realised that an important member had been left behind! Pulford (8) was the destination for eight members, who rang a long touch of Bob Major before the bells ran round perfectly after nearly an hour's ringing. Consultations decided that this could not be called a peal! The remainder of the party spent the morning at Duddleston (6), but the best ringing of the day was at Gresford (8) and Wrexham (10). Tea at Wrexham, during which reporters of the local paper recorded with awe the prowess of the eight in ringing for a whole hour without stopping and the fact that we hoped to ring for three solid hours the following day. Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, joined the party in the evening in the belfry of Chester Cathedral.

Goodbye was said to several members on Thursday. At Northop (8) a successful peal of Bob Major was conducted by the president while the remainder of the party rang at Halkyn (6). Lunch was followed by a ring on the light six at Mold, a visit to St. Demetrius' Library, Hawarden (founded by Gladstone), and tea with the warden. Ringing in the church preceded evensong.

That evening the annual meeting was held, at which the officials were re-elected and a proposal to make Wells the centre for next year's week (if possible) adopted.

Numbers were reduced to nine on Friday, when there was ringing at Tarporley (8), Waverton (6), Christleton (a light 8) and after dinner St. Mary's-within-the-Walls (8). Thanks are due to all who helped in various ways.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Mary's on April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. C. Williams (cond.) 1, M. J. Butler 2, Miss C. Nicolas 3, Miss J. Cox 4, Miss E. Arthur 5, E. J. Smith 6, C. Perry 7, W. Glasspool 8.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.—On April 15th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob: E. J. Leversuch 1, D. Cattell (first in method) 2, F. Cattell 3, A. Wenban 4, W. Wenban 5, T. Clark 6, J. Rootes 7, W. J. Nudds (cond.) 8.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING AT HITCHIN.

THIS year, the northern part of the county was visited on the occasion of the annual meeting, with Hitchin as the central part. The bells of Norton, Great Wymondley and St. Ippolyts were available and well used, as were the eight at Hitchin—a variety of methods to suit all tastes being rung.

In addition, one party had obtained permission to use the lovely ring of six at Stotfold, just over the border, earlier in the day. The well-attended service was conducted by the Vicar of Hitchin (Canon Kemp), who extended a cordial welcome to all, and gave 'food for thought' in his short address.

Tea and business meeting followed at The Angel. The president, Mr. A. V. Good (Apsley) expressed his thanks for the welcome extended to him when he had attended the various meetings in the districts. Continuing, he said how gratifying it was to see more young ringers about, but urged the older ones to make more efforts to obtain many more, though it meant sacrifices on their part.

Members stood in silence in memory of those who had passed on to higher service.

The treasurer (Mr. G. E. Debenham), in his report, explained that more funds were necessary to keep the Association in a sound position. The Voluntary Bell Fund and the Benevolent Fund had received no applications for grants during the past year. The reports were adopted.

In his report the secretary emphasised the remarks made by the president about the necessity of obtaining new recruits to the Exercise and went on to regret the silence of many church bells on a Sunday evening, either through lack of ringers or enthusiasm, as, after all, their main purpose is to call people to worship. It was everyone's duty, both individually and collectively, to try and alter that state of affairs.

Congratulations were offered to the Northern District, which had had its most successful year, mainly through a small group of enthusiasts. The Eastern District, too, seems to be on the upward trend, but the secretary asked why it had to depend on one or two keen people to stir up an area. He was perturbed at the tendency to rely on one good conductor to organise and call the peals. Was it slackness on the part of others, lack of knowledge, ability or opportunity?

19 PEAL CONDUCTORS.

But when he came to the peal list, a little relief was apparent, for out of the 56 peals rung, there were 19 conductors, some new names appearing. The outstanding conductor was Mr. H. G. Cashmore, with 15 peals to his credit. His brilliance and ability could not be over praised. A peal in eight Spliced Surprise Major methods had appeared in their lists for the first time. Several outstanding peals were mentioned, with the youthful Roy Webb, of Norton, being particularly singled out.

Regarding restoration in the county, Much Hadham bells had been rehung in a new oak frame and augmented to eight. The order for recasting the old six at Stevenage into eight, together with rehanging, had been placed. St. Mary's, Hemel Hempstead, were to be rehung at least.

Members lost to higher service were Canon Greig, Royston; Herbert Else, Hitchin; Charles Henley, Apsley; Leonard Turner, St. Albans; Thomas Seymour, St. Albans; Canon Coleridge and Mr. C. F. Johnston.

The district secretaries' reports were read, and the secretary thanked them for their unfailing energy, keenness and patience. Those who so loyally supported them by turning up at district meetings were heartily thanked.

Mr. Ayre expressed a real heartfelt regret that Mr. G. E. Debenham had come to the decision that he must give up being the

treasurer. His kindly thoughts, words and actions, his sincerity and his work for the Association had maintained the true Debenham tradition; and for all that was felt, he (the secretary) personally said, 'Thank you.'

The report was adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Mr. R. G. Bell (Watford) was elected president for the ensuing year and was suitably installed by the retiring president. Mr. Bell said that he considered it a real privilege to serve the Association in that capacity.

Mr. G. W. Debenham was appointed treasurer in place of his brother. The retiring treasurer was heartily thanked for his services. He thanked the members for their remarks, explaining why he had taken that step, but rejoicing that the name and office were being maintained.

The general secretary (Mr. W. Ayre) was re-elected. Mr. W. C. Hughes was elected assistant secretary and Mr. C. F. Sayer librarian.

Rule 2 was amended so that from December 31st next the annual subscription shall be raised to a minimum of 2s. 6d. per annum. Rule 10 was also amended so that from December 31st, 1950, the peal booking fee shall be 3d. per bell.

The next annual meeting was fixed to be held at St. Albans, the probable date being March 31st.

Mr. G. F. Carter thanked the retiring president for his kindness and courtesy throughout the past year. It was regretted that Mr. G. W. Cartmel could not be present owing to having a chill.

The secretary proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Hitchin, the incumbents of the several churches, to Mr. A. E. Symonds and the Hitchin company, and all who had made the meeting such a success.

W. A.

CENTRAL COUNCIL LIBRARY

Dear Sir,—If those ringers who so considerably postponed their requests for loans from the Central Council Library last autumn would care to let me know their wants before May 26th, I can now send out books.

May I remind members of the Exercise of conditions for loans?

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Derbyshire Association

INCREASE OF 52 IN MEMBERSHIP.

About 80 members attended the annual general meeting of the Association at Derby on April 16th. The bells of the Cathedral and St. Peter's were available, and a short service was held in the Cathedral, at which the president, the Right Rev. R. S. M. O'Ferrall, officiated. Tea was served in St. Peter's Hall, followed by the general meeting. Mr. Jack Bailey was re-elected vice-chairman, Mr. E. Fletcher treasurer in place of Mr. W. Steen, retired, and Mr. F. George appointed trustee in place of Mr. W. Buxton, retired.

It was decided to increase the annual subscription to 2s. 6d., juniors up to the age of 18, 1s. 6d., and abolish the entrance fee.

The secretary was asked to send a letter of condolence to the Vicar of Melbourne, the Rev. J. Morris, who was unable to attend on account of illness, with the hope he would soon be restored to health.

The secretary (Mr. W. Lancaster) presented the annual report and financial statement, which were adopted. Good meetings were held during the year in both Derby and Peak districts; in Chesterfield district the joint meetings with neighbouring associations were the best attended, but the meetings in Ilkeston district were not supported as they should have been, and an effort was to be made to remedy this in the future.

Membership increased by 52, but it was pointed out that several members were in danger of lapsing, and it was felt that this could be avoided if tower secretaries would collect subscriptions and remit to the district secretaries. Forty-one peals were rung during the year, an increase of one on the previous year. First pealers numbered 14, whilst as many as 87 rang their first in the method, and seven as first in method as conductor.

During the year grants of £5 each were made to the restoration funds of Bolsover, St. Luke's, Derby, and Fairfield (Buxton).

The best thanks of the Association were given to the retiring officers, the district secretaries, to the clergy for their co-operation in granting the use of the bells for meetings and peals, to the ringing masters and Mr. D. Carlisle, peal secretary, and finally to the lady workers for arranging teas and giving their help and support whenever called upon.

After the meeting ringing continued at both towers until 9 p.m. The standard of the methods rung and the striking at St. Peter's was particularly good throughout the day. One very pleasing feature was the number of young ringers present.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.

A special interest attached to the Wellingborough Branch meeting at Mears Ashby on April 22nd was the fact that the Rector (the Rev. R. H. Robinson, D.D.) is a son of the late Rev. W. J. Robinson, whose record is unsurpassed by any other clerical ringer. At the meeting Mr. J. R. Main (Finedon) and Mr. A. Tyler (Irthlingborough) recalled ringing 50 years or more ago with the Rector's father.

The service was conducted by the Rector, who also gave the address. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 5s. 9d.

The Rev. J. C. R. Creagh Coen (Wollaston), branch president, was in the chair for the business meeting. Members stood in silence to the memory of Mr. F. Letts (Wollaston).

New members elected were Miss June Abbott (Mears Ashby), Michael King and Colin Riley (Wilby). First peal certificates were presented to Brian Mabbutt (Mears Ashby) and J. L. Le Marquand (Irthlingborough). Mr. J. R. Main (Finedon) moved a vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting a great success.

The Rector, in reply, paid a tribute to the fine band of church workers who had provided tea, and expressed the hope that the Guild would soon visit Mears Ashby again.

Mr. G. W. Steere

AN APPRECIATION.

The many friends of George William Steere will have heard of his passing with extreme regret. It was about 1911 that George commenced ringing, and from then until the end of 1926 he did the majority of his ringing with the Guildford District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. During this period he took part in many peals with his friend, Alfred Pulling, chiefly at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Guildford. These included the first peals of Double Dublin Surprise Major and also that of Spliced Surprise in four methods ever rung.

At the beginning of 1927 he took up an appointment with the Customs and Excise Department in Moorgate, and from that time became a regular member of the St. Martin's-in-the-Fields Society, which is also the headquarters of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. Subsequently he took part in nearly all the peals rung by the S.R.C.Y. at the Churches of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, amongst which were the Society's first peals of Cambridge Surprise Royal and Maximus. During the whole of the period from 1927 to the time of his admission to hospital in April this year he rang regularly at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, and also up to the time of the ban at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch.

Among other peals of note in which he took part were the first name peals of London at Gravesend and Bristol at St. George-in-the-Borough; at this latter church he also rang in the first peal of London by a band of civil servants.

As a peal ringer George seldom made a mistake, was an excellent striker and most useful at the back end. It was not, however, as a peal ringer that he will be best remembered, but as an official of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. In 1928 he was appointed treasurer of that Society, and upon the death of George Card in 1936 he took over the duties as secretary. Later in 1939 he filled the dual office of secretary and treasurer and held this position until January of this year. At the annual meeting of the Cumberlands in January he resigned from his position as secretary, but continued with his duties as treasurer. For some years past he had also been a Central Council representative for the Cumberlands, and also filled the position of hon. auditor for the Surrey Association.

In addition to his interest in ringing, George was a prominent Freemason and took part in several of the first peals in different methods by members of the craft.

Our sympathy will go out to his widow and two children (one of whom, Pamela, is a ringer) in their great loss.

A fine ringer, a sincere friend, painstaking in whatever duties he undertook, he will long be remembered and his place will be hard to fill.
G. H. C.

OBITUARY

MR. WALTER WALLACE.

By the death of Mr. Walter Wallace, Derby has lost one of its oldest members, who was one of the band that rang in the first double-handed handbell peal in this town. This was followed shortly after by the famous 'Original,' which he himself called from an 'inside' pair. As far as the writer knows, he rang about 100 peals altogether, a good many of these 'in hand,' in various plain methods ranging from Bob Triples to Grandsire Caters.

On tower bells he rang Stedman, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative. A big, robust man of commanding physique, he was a fine heavy bell ringer and a safe conductor. The sympathy of all the older generation of the now defunct Midland Counties Association will be extended to his widow and family in their bereavement.
A. H. W.

TOWER CORNER (10)

'DEVELOPMENT OF BELL CONTROL'

(Continued)

Dear Learners, — Last time our instructor, Tom Truettouch, was about to give us, you may remember, our first exercises in the development of bell control, having warned us that being just able to raise, set and lower a bell does not make us good strikers; for that is an art to be acquired by patient perseverance.

'The first exercise for this,' Tom continues, 'is setting the bell at sally, to order. Then follows a similar exercise, setting at back. In a third exercise you are required to set either at hand or at back, according to when the order to "stand" is actually given, your bell coming to rest just two strokes afterwards.'

So begins exercise 16, with Tom and his assistant Mary watching two pupils each, on the four *silenced* bells; and with Tom calling 'Stand' at two or three whole-pull intervals, so that the pupils set at hand.

Exercise 17 follows similarly, but with the calls timed for setting at back-stroke.

The pupil should now be ready to act correctly on calls coming for either hand or back-stroke setting, as the instructor may require; and exercise 18 continues until this is assured.

'Next,' says Tom, 'comes the whole-pull-and-stand exercise. First from hand to hand. Then from back to back. It surprises me,' he goes on, 'that oftentimes beginners are somehow expected to muddle through their first bits of change ringing without ever having been put through exercises of this kind; still less, exercises in beat or stroke variation. This whole course of instruction is designed, as the result of experience, to introduce the pupil to the successive stages of the art in a natural and logical fashion. He must be able to control his bell *before* he starts change ringing. How many beginners (and others for that matter!) fail to set up when the conductor calls "Stand"? And if they have not that elementary degree of bell-control, how can they possibly strike properly in changes? So don't expect,' Tom emphasises, looking round at each one of us, 'don't expect me to allow any of you to try to run before you can walk. In point of fact, our system of training will get you "running" (change ringing with precision and confidence) long before those taught with less care can reach that stage, and even, almost, before you realise it!'

So now follows exercise 19, pulling off from hand and setting at next hand position. (Repeated.)

Then exercise 20, pulling off from back and setting at next back position. (Repeated.)

'The next exercise,' continues Tom, 'will show more clearly what I meant just now. Mary will take the treble and I will take the 3rd. One pupil will take the second and follow Mary, and another will take the 4th and follow me. As the bells are silent we shall not disturb neighbours, with what might otherwise sound annoyingly. If you can do this exercise well you will have no trouble with bell control. No word will be spoken. You will take your rope and watch intently. As we begin to pull off, so will you. And as your "lead-bell" sets at hand or back, so will you. It's very difficult at first, but don't be discouraged. Even experienced ringers have been caught out by this exercise. The secret is to pull just sufficiently at each stroke to send the bell up to its balance point—no more—so that if your lead-bell pauses, so can you; but if it doesn't, check yours and follow away. If your bell drops, or if you get in front of your lead-bell, your bell is NOT under control. It's one of the best exercises for its purpose, but it requires the use of all the fine points of ringing action that we've taught you in earlier exercises.'

Then follows exercise 21, ring and set, to visual sequence only.

'Next comes the rhythm exercise. This,' says Tom, 'can only partially achieve its object—sometimes playfully called "earsight"—because the bells are silenced. But it is a useful preliminary to the "dodging exercise" which follows it. The effect to note is the gap after the back-stroke, producing what we have called the "open hand-stroke." For this exercise Mary will take the treble, I will take the 2nd, and each pupil, in turn, will take the 3rd. This is the bell which, you may remember, we said was preferable for teaching ringing action, and on this same bell you will shortly find yourself automatically slipping into the beginnings of change ringing.'

'We are going to ring rounds, silent, on three bells, then. In following the second you will notice how the bell rises a little more at sally, to give a pause after what is the back-stroke pull, thus providing the "open hand-stroke."'

Accordingly, in exercise 22, as we ring No. 3 we note that to follow Tom properly we have to 'hold up' a little at hand and 'cut' a little at back. After a while we get the rhythm of it and feel we could almost do it without watching the preceding rope. Why, yes! Of course! We could do this indeed, if only we could *hear* the stroke of the bell. So that's what Tom meant by 'ear-sight'.

'Watch it, now,' calls Tom, bringing our attention back on the job, 'closer at back-stroke! Then, after a few more strokes, "Stand!"—and we set up and tie off.'

'In the last exercise of this lesson,' says Tom, 'I shall call "Dodge!" or "Double dodge!" or "Triple dodge!" adding the words either "At hand" or "At back." As you will be ringing the 3rd in rounds on three you can only dodge with the 2nd, which I shall be ringing. To make these dodges you "cut" (either at hand or at back according to the order given) and thus find yourself pulling after the bell I was following—the treble. At the next stroke, either back or hand as the case may be, you "hold up" over the bell following you—the 2nd now—and thus strike back into your old third place again. That is a single dodge. If the order is "Double dodge!" you will do that twice. If it is "Triple dodge!" you will do it thrice. Now stand to for exercise 23.'

So it proceeds, with Tom calling out at intervals the various dodgings he requires. Mary maintains a steady pull on her treble, and we watch and follow with care, first Tom's rope then hers, as our dodging proceeds. So we find ourselves 'changing place' with the bell next to us.

'Yes,' says Tom, 'you've actually started change ringing. Though, of course, it's only a very simple form of it. Next lesson will see us on the "open" (sounding) bells, and learning the beginnings of the art of striking.'

'Before we disperse from this practice, I want to draw attention to what too often happens in the teaching of beginners. You will remember that one of our number, Sim Slackpull, did not give his undivided attention to the job. We instructors have to give ours, or we should fail. Sim failed to pass the Beginner's pass-out test. He, therefore, needed more than any of you to concentrate and catch up. But what has happened? He's not been since and has sent no message. Very well, we can waste no time on those who cannot give us their full attention in return. It wouldn't be fair to the rest of you.' So that's the last of Sim as a ringer!—Yours ever,

CORN. R. STONE.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.—On April 23rd. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: G. Stratton (first away from tenor) 1, E. Lathall 2, R. Abraham 3, H. Beard (cond.) 4, R. Evans 5, R. Howson 6, R. Hall 7, F. C. Wilson (first quarter) 8. For St. George's Day and farewell to ringer of tenor, who is leaving to join R.A.F.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN

Dear Sir,—My thoughts have turned during the last few weeks to what could be done by bellringers during the Festival of Britain, 1951, and I would have liked more time for discussion at the annual meeting of the Middlesex Association when the matter was brought up. I was pleased to read Dr. Hatcher's letter as to what was decided at a recent committee meeting of his association, and I shall await the outcome of the notice of motion.

At the annual meeting referred to I confined my suggestions to the closer area of the festival where I would wish to know that during the period of the exhibition every bell would be rung in every church for every one of the usual services. My other main remark was that we ringers in and around London should extend an invitation to our fellow-ringers or otherwise assist any of those who would like to visit the festival, and at the same time arrange for them to ring in our local towers. Owing to the lateness of the hour at the annual meeting the proposition was that the matter be dealt with by the Central Committee of the Association, but, doubtless, the committee will not now consider this matter in any case until after Whitsun.

London will be full of visitors from all parts of the world, and ringers should be their witness.—Yours faithfully,
T. J. LOCK.
North Mimms.

A COMMITTEE'S FUNCTION

Dear Sir,—Mr. Semmens' letter in 'The Ringing World' suggesting that Mr. York-Bramble was 'out of order' in replying to the Methods Committee's statement about 'Steadfast' and that criticism of the M.C.'s views should only be made to a meeting of the Central Council prompts me to point out that:—

(1) The Exercise is governed, voluntarily, by the Central Council, which is, therefore, the appropriate body to decide questions of originality in method composition.

(2) The Methods Committee exists to collect and examine all relevant material and advise the Central Council.

It would, therefore, seem that it is the Methods Committee rather than Mr. York-Bramble which is 'out of order' in publishing what purports to be a binding decision when in fact its terms of reference do not entitle it to do any such thing. In any case, I think it is the duty of 'The Ringing World' to publish not only the decisions of the Central Council, but also the arguments for and against those decisions.

Finally, might I suggest that, as the Shipway-Steadfast controversy has now occupied a total space equivalent to about three pages of 'The Ringing World,' the various views have been sufficiently publicised and the matter should now be left to the Central Council to settle at Whitsun.—Yours faithfully,
Banstead, Surrey. DENIS N. LAYTON.

PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL BELLS

Dear Sir,—Re statement on front page of 'The Ringing World' of April 21st of heaviest tenor of a ring of five bells, the tenor at Peterborough Cathedral is 56½ inches in diameter and is reputed to be over 30 cwt., as indeed it should be. It was cast in 1709 by Henry Penn, of Peterborough.

I doubt if it is possible to get its correct weight. The condition of the bells is reported to be fair, but the reason they are not rung is as you state. They were a ring of ten until 1831, when the front five were sold, tradition says to Mr. Dobson, a bell founder of Dereham, Norfolk, who installed them in the church of Witham-on-the-Hill, Lincs, after recasting them into six.—Yours, etc.,

ROBERT G. BLACK.

Geddington, Kettering

WILLIAM BANISTER'S BOOK

Dear Sir,—This Sunday afternoon I am perusing some 'Ringing Worlds' kindly given me by a ringing companion, and have come across a letter signed by Alfred Grove in a copy dated April 1st, 1949, referring to the Banister family.

No mention in that letter is made of William Banister, and as I have not any previous copies I could not refer to them. But what I want to point out is that there was an excellent work on ringing by that noted ringer. This is on the fly leaf: *The Art and Science of Change Ringing*, by William Banister, of Her Majesty's Dockyard, Devonport (late of Woolwich), member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, London, 'Exeter.' Printed for the author by William Pollard, 1874.

Banister has recorded all the Ancient Society of College Youths' peals from the year 1724 to 1873. The Woolwich peals are recorded: 5,376 Superlative Surprise, 3 hrs. 15 mins.; 5,600 London Surprise, 3 hrs. 27 mins., both 1849. In 1852 the famous Grandsire peal (famous I presume, because it was rung in 2 hrs. 53 mins.). The peal of Stedman in 1861 is not recorded, so it was not a College Youth peal. In 1858, 5,088 Kent Treble Bob Major, 3 hrs., and 5,040 Grandsire Triples, 2 hrs. 57 mins. 1860, Kent Treble Bob Major, 5,004, 2 hrs. 56 mins.; Stedman Triples, 5,040, 2 hrs. 50 mins. He also records: 1867, 5,040 Grandsire Triples, and another in 1868 at the Royal Dockyard Chapel, Devonport.

This book was given to me by my grandfather when I commenced ringing in 1886. It contains four Surprise Minor methods, Imperial, Cambridge, Superlative and London, and almost everything from Doubles to Maximus. From it I learned the conducting of Holt's Original and the science of composition, proving and conducting.

I regret I did not come across Mr. Alfred Grove's letter earlier, and I do not suppose that Banister's Treatise is heard of to-day. I am very glad I brought it out to Australia with me. I have never lost touch with ringing. I left Betchworth, Surrey, April 22nd, 1912. I did not ring when Mr. Pink and company were here owing to a bad attack of fibrositis in my back, but am back at it again.

On Easter Monday, a peal was attempted at All Saints', Parramatta. Owing to bad going of tenor it was abandoned after 186 extents of Doubles. A wedding at 4 p.m. and St. Mary's, Srdney, in the evening, Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. I rang at all times. Not bad for 73 years.—Yours sincerely,

A. R. BOTTING.

16, Miller Avenue, Ashfield, N.S.W.

LARGEST PARISH CHURCH

Dear Sir,—For some time now I have understood that St. Botolph's Church, Boston, Lincs, is the largest Parish Church in England, but it is a subject on which there seems to be much divergence of opinion.

I should be grateful if any reader of 'The Ringing World' could inform me which really is England's largest parish church, with, if possible, approximate dimensions.—Yours sincerely,

R. S. HUNT.

Mapledurham, Oxon.

PEAL CORRECTIONS

Dear Sir,—I conducted the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at St. Mary's Church, Barwell, Leicester, on February 11th, 1950.

It was printed in 'The Ringing World' as rung for the Leicester Diocesan Guild. I wish to have it withdrawn from that Guild and have it recorded for the Midland Counties Guild as it was intended for. The composition was Groves' Variation of Parker's and not Morris'. Also the time of the peal was 2 hrs. 42 mins. and not as printed.—Yours truly,

ALAN H. HOUGH.

Barwell.

'Church Bells of Britain'

Sir,—In your leading article of April 21st you quote Mr. R. H. Dove's new work on the above subject as stating that the Cathedral Church of St. Germain at Peel, Isle of Man, has a ring of eight bells.

In point of fact, the Cathedral Church at Peel, situated among a miscellaneous group of buildings generally known as Peel Castle on St. Patrick's Isle just off the entrance to Peel Harbour, has been in ruins since the mid-eighteenth century and never possessed more than one bell, some broken fragments of which are still preserved in the building usually referred to as the Castle Keep. The eight bells, now unringable, are hung in the tower of the Parish Church of St. Germain (or German), Peel, erected in 1884.

The Pro-Cathedral of the Diocese of Sodor and Man is the Chapel of the Bishop's residence at Bishopscourt, Kirk Michael, and has one small bell hung in a turret on top of the tower.

There have, from time to time, been schemes to reconstruct St. Germain's Cathedral on St. Patrick's Isle at Peel, but so far nothing has matured, which may be all to the good, as this building and the ruined Church of St. Patrick on the same isle are of the greatest historic and archaeological interest, associated as they are with both Celtic and Scandinavian times, but Mr. Dove may be assured that this ruined building is still the official Cathedral of the Diocese.—Yours faithfully,

Harborne, Birmingham. W. E. BOX.

P.S.—In pre-war days it was the custom to hold one service each year in the Cathedral ruins, and I remember attending the one held in 1939, which, I understand, although standing open to correction, was the last one.—W. E. B.

TUNE RINGING

Dear Sir,—In his letter re tune ringing, the Rev. J. M. Turner tells us that he could not discover any book on this subject, even after much searching. I have in my possession a book written by C. W. Fletcher, of the Royal Criterion Handbell Ringers, published by J. Curwen and Sons, music printers.

It is not dated, but I am almost certain that it would be in the '90's of last century. The contents comprise six chapters of instruction for ringing up to 109 bells, followed by six pieces of music for practice.

These are given in ordinary musical notation, tonic solfa, and in figures. Mention is made of a table 13ft. long with half a dozen pairs of blankets on it (a tall order for 1950!). The book concludes with a course each of Stedman Doubles and Triples. Probably this book is long out of print, else Mr. Turner would have discovered it.—Yours, etc.,

Stockport. PETER LAFLIN.

MR. PETER N. BOND LEAVING LONDON

Dear Sir,—I should like, on my departure from London, to express my thanks and good wishes through the columns of our journal to my many ringing friends in the London area. I have very many happy memories of visits to numerous towers and the friendly reception accorded to me—also excellent tuition in advanced methods by the Bushey band—and would like to thank those who have kindly allowed me to stand in peal attempts.

With best wishes to all, particularly to the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—I am, Yours sincerely,
Bosham, near Chichester, Sussex. PETER N. BOND.

FIRST PEAL AT SUTTON VENY

Dear Sir,—Re the peal at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire, published in 'The Ringing World' of April 14th, footnote, 'Believed to be the first peal on the bells,' the first peal on these bells was rung on June 2nd, 1929—Bob Minor, conducted by Yours truly,
Melksham. C. F. ANDREWS.

Letters (continued)

CONTROVERSY A HEALTHY SIGN

Dear Sir,—We may well remember that controversy is not a bad thing, providing our sense of proportion and humour be maintained.

Libra, once again attacking anonymously, pays, nevertheless, an unconscious tribute to the protagonist of Steadfast when he attributes to him a 'nuisance value.' The history of human achievement reminds us that progress is aided rather than hindered by critical reaction, which is, of course, a symptom of vitality.

Not so very long ago in these pages appeared a plaint that discussions on the theoretical aspects of our art seemed moribund. From the attitude of your two correspondents on this subject last week it might be inferred that they 'couldn't care less.'

But heaven forbid that our official journal should abandon its laudable policy of impartiality!—Yours faithfully,

CORN. R. STONE.

MR. T. BARNETT, OF STAUNTON

Dear Sir,—I was very pleased to see the quarter peal at Staunton, Glos. in honour of the 99th birthday of Mr. T. Barnett, a former ringer (and churchwarden) there, and perhaps I may be allowed to congratulate the two of his three granddaughters who took part on their first quarter.

The old gentleman is, I have recently discovered, a distant relation of mine, his father (my great-great-grandfather), who with his five sons formed the band at Staunton at the time, having taught my own grandfather to ring there more than 70 years ago. Mr. Barnett himself is, I understand, in good health, and it is to be hoped he will be spared to reach his century and beyond.—Yours faithfully,

Crayford, Kent. E. A. BARNETT.

A DUPLICATED NAME

Dear Sir,—I wish to make a correction to the peal report published in your issue of March 3rd recording a peal in 14 Surprise Major methods, as I now find that the method we rang as Blackburn is actually named Cranbourne in A. J. Corrigan's collection.—Yours faithfully,

Altrincham, Cheshire.

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

HONOUR DECLINED

Dear Sir,—Although Mr. C. Ernest Smith was kind enough to attribute to me the composition of Belgrave Surprise he called recently, I'm afraid there are many other claimants, among them John Reeves, John Cox and Ernest Pye. As these gentlemen were associated mainly with the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries respectively, we should perhaps wait until the 21st before attaching yet another composer's name!—Yours faithfully,

Crayford, Kent. E. A. BARNETT.

ALDRINGTON RINGERS' LONG SERVICE

On April 22nd, the ringers and their friends at St. Leonard's Church, Aldrington, Sussex, celebrated the long service given by three of the band. Mr. G. A. Steele has completed 60 years, while Mr. E. G. Godley and Mr. A. J. Cherryman have completed 56 years each.

The Church Council, choir, sidesmen and ringers representing the neighbouring towers enjoyed a social evening and entertainment with the Aldrington ringers in the Church Hall. During the evening the Rector, the Rev. H. T. Mogridge, presented plaques, commemorating the occasion, to the three veterans. These specially cast plaques were designed by a young member of the local band.

In the afternoon 1,260 Grandsire Doubles was rung in honour of the occasion by B. K. Turnbull 1, M. W. Brown 2, S. W. Brown 3, E. E. Trusler 4, H. W. Brown (conductor) 5, R. W. Beach 6. This was the first quarter peal by all and believed to be the first quarter peal on the bells.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

—On April 16th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major:

M. F. Layton 1, G. R. Smerdon 2, D. N. Layton 3, Jill Brittain 4, N. Hobden 5, A. E. Cheesman 6, A. J. Adams 7, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 8. First quarter in method 1 and 2.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—At the Church of Holy Trinity on April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: John Chambers (first quarter) 1, Geoffrey Lowe 2, Roger Soars (first quarter 'inside') 3, J. Lowe 4, Keith Lovett (cond.) 5, H. Myatt 6.

BILLINGBOROUGH, Lincs.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Minor (540 of Bob Minor and 720 of Oxford Treble Bob): J. Rolt 1, F. Carford 2, A. Chilton 3, L. P. Wilson 4, W. Hare 5, B. H. Dalton (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Mr. C. Truswell and Miss P. Creadland, daughter of the churchwarden.

BRUTON, SOMERSET.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. J. Parsons 1, W. P. White 2, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 3, H. Gaylard 4, F. Symonds 5, F. L. Andrews 6.

BURFORD, OXON.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. J. Westmacott 1, M. C. F. Collett 2, H. Parker 3, B. S. Nichols (cond.) 4, J. W. Dixon 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon 7, L. Jewell 8. First quarter on the restored ring.

CALNE, WILTS.—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Freegard 1, H. Parsons 2, W. Hacker 3, E. Dixon 4, F. Walker 5, H. Burry 6, R. Barry (cond.) 7, W. Haines 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Wilson, of Wootton Bassett. Mr. Wilson has been secretary of the Calne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild for a number of years.

CHATHAM, KENT.—On April 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. E. Norris 1, V. A. Jarrett 2, E. A. G. Allen 3, C. S. Jarrett 4, F. Bishop (Lincs) 5, E. D. Sills 6, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 7, C. E. J. Norris 8.

CHESTER.—On April 23rd, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Caters: H. G. Miles 1, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 2, J. W. Best 3, A. B. Close 4, F. H. Birks 5, D. H. B. Millward 6, H. O. Baker 7, S. Jones, jun. 8, P. Swindley 9, R. G. Corby 10.

CHISWICK, MIDDLESEX.—At the Church of St. Nicholas on April 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Sheila E. Harris 1, Jeanne Askew 2, Eileen D. Farrell 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 5, E. Dodds 6, P. N. Bond 7, A. Tomblin 8.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Dunmall (first quarter) 1, E. Barnett 2, J. Wheadon 3, J. W. Eden 4, F. I. Hairs 5, C. R. Popple 6, W. J. Lemon 7, W. E. Bond 8. Conducted by E. A. Barnett from the belfry.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On April 16th, 1,232 Plain Bob Major: W. Saunders 1, Miss K. Harrison (longest length 'inside') 2, K. Brown 3, C. Barber 4, C. Catchpole 5, H. Moss 6, E. Whiting (cond.) 7, J. Smith 8.

DITCHFORD, SOMERSET.—On April 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. J. A. Lintern (first of Stedman) 1, Audrey Look 2, W. Higdon 3, J. Metcalfe 4, J. T. Dyke (cond.) 5, E. Chivers 6, D. Gare (first of Stedman) 7, A. Lintern 8.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On April 23rd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: E. C. Stacey 1, E. Dalingwater 2, E. Baldwin 3, F. A. Staveley 4, J. McCluskey 5, H. Wagstaffe 6, R. C. Westney 7, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to R. Willcocks.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Jackson 1, K. Beardsall (cond.) 2, C. Cook 3, J. Bartram 4, A. Towler 5, H. Denman 6, J. Segar 7, H. Willows 8.

EVERSHOT, DORSET.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Samways 1, H. Smith 2, E. T. Groves 3, Mrs. H. Smith 4, H. D. W. Bishop (cond.) 5, W. Groves 6. To mark the golden wedding of the parents of the conductor.

GREAT PONTON, Lincs.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. S. H. Valters (first quarter) 1, J. Pearson 2, T. Charity 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, P. C. H. R. Woods (cond.) 5.

QUARTER PEALS

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.

—On April 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. S. Hawkins 1, F. A. Barker 2, R. Newman 3, R. W. Green 4, G. A. Parsons 5, R. Charge 6, R. H. Begrie 7, A. W. Coles (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to 4th ringer.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On April 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Warwick (first in the method and for his 13th birthday) 1, Miss E. K. Fulton (cond.) 2, H. D. Butler 3, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 4, H. G. Hart 5, P. D. Beedie 6, C. C. Mayne 7, J. R. Mayne 8.

HORBURY, YORKSHIRE.—On April 23rd, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob (720 and 600): H. Rowley (cond.) 1, R. Axford 2, E. Atkinson 3, M. T. J. Axford (first 'inside') 4, J. W. Milner 5, J. Dews 6. First quarter for 2 and 6. To mark 61 years of service ringing at St. Peter's by H. Rowley, who is in his 82nd year.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. M. Salisbury (first quarter) 1, A. H. Worboys 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. M. Peacock 4, A. J. Salisbury 5, F. V. Gant 6, C. E. Knight (cond.) 7, S. Penfold 8.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On April 16th, 1,260 Royal, being one lead Plain Bob and the remainder Cambridge Surprise Royal: W. J. Williams 1, A. H. Winch 2, G. P. T. Peters 3, G. Marriner 4, E. G. L. Coward 5, B. Hawkins 6, G. Smart 7, A. H. Smith 8, W. J. Newberry 9, A. Harman (cond.) 10. All members of the local band. First for 1, 3, 6 and 7.

LONDON.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, Southwark, 1,275 Stedman Caters: Joyce A. England 1, H. M. Page 2, J. Allsop 3, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 4, J. E. Chilcott 5, J. W. Stephenson 6, P. A. P. Chalk 7, M. V. Chilcott 8, A. W. J. Appleton 9, H. Belcher 10.

LONDON.—At St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, on April 23rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: N. Bagsworth 1, Miss P. Kitchen 2, H. J. Andrews 3, W. A. Theobald (first in method as cond.) 4, J. Boyack 5, C. Wilmington 6, R. H. Begrie (first quarter) 7, J. Prior 8. For patronal festival.

LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Colum on April 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss Joan McKinley (first quarter) 1, Miss Lily Hughes (first 'inside') 2, W. Young 3, J. J. Fielding (cond.) 4, J. Campbell 5.

MAPLEDURHAM, BERKS.—On April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Roy Assher (first quarter) 1, C. Smith 2, Mary Hart 3, C. Pocock 4, P. Dyke (cond.) 5, L. Fogg 6.

MORTON, DERBYS.—On April 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: K. Sterland (age 11, first quarter) 1, R. M. E. Richards 2, W. Swain 3, W. E. Gough 4, E. J. Sterland 5, B. A. Richards (cond.) 6.

NAILESEA, SOMERSET.—On April 17th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Canterbury, Kennington, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Norfolk, Old, Plain Bob, April Day, St. Bartholomew's and 180 of Grandsire): J. Yeates 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, E. Shearn 3, B. Shearn 4, C. Kortright 5, M. Shearn 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. E. T. Baker (captain), a ringer in the tower for 56 years, and for J. Yeates' silver wedding.

NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. McCutcheon 1, H. Newnham 2, Miss E. K. Knight 3, F. N. Lane 4, S. McCutcheon 5, G. Allen 6, L. A. Treemeer (cond.) 7, H. Mansfield 8. First quarter 1 and 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. Eric Lane, and to Mr. H. Newnham on the 48th anniversary of his wedding.

OLDHAM, LANCs.—At St. Mark's, Glodwick, on April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Fletcher 1, Miss M. Fielding (cond.) 2, O. Moores 3, A. F. Taylor 4, F. Pritchard 5, Cpl. A. J. Baker, R.A.F. 6, Miss M. I. Jaggard 7, E. Casterton 8.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Ivin (first of Minor) 1, J. Long 2, A. Smith 3, L. Mardlin 4, C. Woodhead 5, M. Stephens (cond.) 6.

Outings

ROCHDALE BRANCH.

Thanks are due to Mr. J. Taylor for his admirable arrangements for the Rochdale Branch's outing on April 15th by motor-coach to Ripon, York and Selby.

About 10.30 the party arrived at Ripon Cathedral and a happy hour was spent on the very good ring of ten.

Following a good lunch at York, the party had two privileges—a conducted tour of the Minster and an hour's use of the bells. The exceptionally long rope draught and the weight of the bells made some of the party feel strange, but they were soon at ease through the presence of some of the Minster ringers.

A tea of York ham at Selby made the party feel that they could ring the Abbey bells all night. Nevertheless, they were rather tired ringers who eventually left the coach at various points between Todmorden and Oldham. Apart from Mr. Taylor, thanks are due to local ringers who kindly arranged for the use of the bells and the meals at the places visited.

ST. MARY'S, OVER, CAMBS.

On April 17th, a party of about 30, consisting of past and present members of the Over band, together with friends and ringers from Cambridge and other small places, enjoyed another well-organised outing.

The coach left Cambridge at 7 a.m., picking up at Long Stanton, Swavesey and Over. Among the party was Mr. A. Ginn, for many years captain of the Over band. Arriving at Littleport, we were met by the Vicar, who pointed out interesting features of the church. We hardly did justice to the bells, for which we blamed either the early morning or the introduction of 'Summer Time.'

At Hilgay we were met by Mr. E. Mastin, who had everything ready for us, both there and at his own tower at Downham Market. With his help the ringing improved and we managed a course of Yorkshire. From Downham on to King's Lynn, where an excellent lunch was ready. At Fakenham, Mr. Cooke and two lady ringers awaited us. A lot of comments on Stedman had been going on during the journey, so much, in fact, that we made quite a good job of it.

The last stage of the outward journey saw us arriving at Norwich for tea, then on to St. Peter Mancroft, where with the encouragement of Mr. A. Bason and Mr. Nolan Golden, some of our eight-bell ringers put up quite a good show in a touch of Stedman Caters with the Norwich and Cambridge people. Leaving Norwich at about 9.30 p.m., we dropped the Cambridge contingent about 11.30 p.m. and all were safely home about 18 hours before the price of petrol went up. The thanks of all are expressed to the organiser, Mr. Mansfield Ginn. C. W. C.

A TOUR OF KENT.

On April 11th, a party of about a dozen ringers from several towers in the Hawkhurst district went by car on a day tour in Kent.

The first tower was High Halden, where several more ringers arrived by car and motor-cycle to make a party of just over 20. About an hour was spent at each tower, those visited in the morning being High Halden, Bethersden and Smarden, each having six bells.

After a picnic lunch, the party inadvertently split up during the break. Everybody, however, reassembled at Pluckley, and the ringing there was followed by more at Egerton, Lenham and Harrietsham, the last two being the day's only eight-bell towers.

Tea had been booked at Harrietsham, and the trip was then finished off by visiting Hollingbourne, East Sutton and Boughton Monchelsea, all six-bell towers. At the last tower Mr. Frank Wright, on behalf of the company, thanked Mr. Geoffrey Waters for organising the tour. Methods ranged from rounds to London Surprise Minor, and the bells from the very rough to the very smooth. M. S. C.

NOTICES

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Other notices one penny per word, minimum 2s. 6d.

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Notices must be received not later than Monday.

DEATH

WALLACE.—On Wednesday, April 26th, 1950, Walter Wallace, aged 77 years. Interred in Darley Abbey Churchyard, Monday, May 1st, 1950. 6998

HANDBELLS WANTED

Wanted, set of handbells, not less than 12. State key, condition and size, etc.—George Yaxley, 7, Vicarage Road, Woking, Surrey. 6956

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

SCARBOROUGH.—Glen Tor, 43, Peasholm Drive. Modern residence, overlooking Peasholm Glen. Near sea, bathing pool, etc. Comfortable lounge. H. and C. in all bedrooms. Personal attention. Tariff on request.—H. Spencer. 7016

PUBLICATIONS

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price.

'THE ART AND SCIENCE OF HANDBELL RINGING,' illustrated, by J. M. Turner, Washfield, Devon, late president of N.E. Devon Guild of Ringers and broadcaster. 3s. 6d. post free from the Author. 6787

No better pen picture of early ringing societies has been published than J. Armiger Trollope's 'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' illustrated, 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd. Guildford.

MISCELLANEOUS

ST. CHAD'S, SHREWSBURY.—Practice, Wednesdays, 8 to 9 p.m. Visitors especially invited May 17th, June 21st, July 19th. 7019

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Until further notice all communications should be sent to Mrs. C. J. Matthews, Hon. Sec. (pro tem), 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W.18. 6989

PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittance must be sent with peal report.

EXTRA COPIES.—It is an advantage if those requiring extra copies will send their orders at the time copy of peals or quarter peals are submitted.

MEETINGS

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, May 13th, Isleworth, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m. Further ringing after Church rebuilt—dedicated May 12th. Names early, please. Surprise practice, St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Wednesday, May 17th, 7.45. Everyone welcome to both.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921. 6946

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Meopham (8) on Saturday, May 13th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea is by kind invitation.—B. W. May. Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 6932

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, May 13th, Eckington (8), 3. Bring own food. Good attendance specially requested.—A. B. Cooper, District Sec. 6985

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Swanmore (6), May 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business, Parish Hall, 5. Names to H. Ainsley, Chapel Road, Swanmore, Southampton. Bishop's Waltham (8) bells available 2 to 3.30 and 6 to 8.—John H. Hunt, Dis. Sec. 6921

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting will be held at St. James', Cowley, Oxford (6), on Saturday, May 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Ifley (6) 7. Names for tea to Mr. Walter Holloway, 17, Westbury Crescent North, Cowley, Oxford.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Sec. 6916

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Ulcombe (6), May 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 6937

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Crusaders of the S.W. Division.—Meeting at Shenfield (6), May 13th, 3.30 p.m. Meeting essentially for learners. Everybody welcome. Names for tea to H. Turner, Church Cottages, Hall Lane, Shenfield, Essex. 6976

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Westerham (8), May 13th. Bells 3. Names for tea to Mr. J. Weller, Moor Cottage, Westerham.—C. A. Bassett. 6957

OXFORD—WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILDS.—Combined meeting of Newbury and Basingstoke branches, Saturday, May 13th, Newbury (10). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. E. Curtis, 67, King's Road, Newbury. 6955

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Blunsdon (6), May 13th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 6954

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Ruislip, Saturday, May 13th, 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and short business to follow. Ringing during evening.—F. Finch. 6979

ELY ASSOCIATION (Ely and Cambridge Districts) and CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Joint meeting, Saturday, May 13th, Longstanton (8). Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 6951

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting, Puttenham, May 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. No name, no tea.—Eric T. Lee, Ashley Cottage, Ockford Road, Godalming. 6950

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at the Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, May 13th, 3 p.m. Practice afterwards at St. Stephen's, Westminster.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 6981

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Meeting, Milverton (8), May 13th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting follow. Everyone welcome.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 6967

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guild Festival, Trowbridge, May 13th. Annual meeting in St. James' Hall, Union Street, 2.15 p.m. Guild service, Parish Church, 3.45 p.m. Meat tea, Court Hall Cafe, 4.45 (2s. each). Towers available: 12 bells, Trowbridge; 8 bells, Bradford Christ Church, Melksham, North Bradley, Westbury, Warminster, Longbridge Deverill; 6 bells, Devizes St. James' (Southbroom), Hilpert, Holt, Seend. Ringing from 11 a.m. to 1 and after 6 p.m. Ringers intending to be present should signify their intention to the secretary.—F. Ll. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 6969

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Stickney on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (6) at 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in Schoolroom at 5 p.m. Good bus service from Boston.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 6968

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Limpsfield (6) on May 13th, 3. Service 5. Tea and business following. Ringing after. Names for tea to J. W. Knight, 19, White Cots, Hurst Green, Oxted. 6980

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at Sutton on May 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mrs. C. W. Lawton, School View, Sutton. 7023

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—At the Church of St. Lawrence, Caversfield, on Tuesday, May 16th, at 7 p.m., two treble bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Dorchester. (Ring now augmented to five bells.) 6964

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Fryerning (6), Saturday, May 20th (note alteration of date). Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Number for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 6940

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting at Woodbury, May 20th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by May 14th to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. 6929

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—Dedication by Bishop of Buckingham on Saturday, May 20th, 6 p.m., of Parish Church bells, rehung and augmented to ten.—W. Birmingham. 6959

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, East Hagbourne, May 20th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Notify by 16th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 6962

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Owlebury (6), May 20th. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names by Monday, 15th.—L. A. Tremmer, 34, The Dean, Alresford. 6943

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Sutton-on-Trent (8), Saturday, May 20th, at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify Miss G. Burchall, Pembroke House, Sutton-on-Trent, Newark, by previous Tuesday.—P. N. White, Hon. Sec. 6925

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grimsby, Saturday, May 20th. Bells, St. James' (8), available 2.30 p.m. until service, and 7.20 p.m. until 9 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Tudor Cafe, 3s. per head, but only for those whose names reach Mr. H. I. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby, by Wednesday, May 17th. Business meeting in Church House, Bull Ring, 6 p.m., in Room 6. Please note, teas ordered have to be paid for.—F. Lord, Hon. Branch Sec. 6906

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I.W. District.—Meeting at Freshwater (6) bells, May 20th. Names for tea to Mrs. Guy, Merrie Meade, Watgate Road, Newport, I.W. 6983

ST. GEORGE COLEGATE, NORWICH.—The ring of six will be opened for ringing on Saturday, May 20th, by the Archdeacon of Norwich. Service 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, 3, Colegate, Norwich. 6877

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Eacrick, May 20th. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.15. Bring own food. Cups of tea available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7000

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Coddington, Saturday, May 20th, 3 p.m. Bells (6). Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by 18th to H. K. Hill, The Village, Bosbury, Ledbury. 6996

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Annual meeting will be held at Aylestone, Leicester (8), on Saturday, May 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. Names for tea to Miss J. Poole, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, not later than Wednesday, May 17th. No. 23 bus from Bowling Green Street every five minutes. All ringers welcome.—Jill Poole, Hon. Sec. 6995

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The May meeting will be held at Guiseley on May 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea arranged for all who notify Mr. Walsh, 45, Ashtoft Mount, Guiseley, by May 17th. Business meeting in the tower 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 7021

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Bugbrooke, May 20th. Names for tea by May 17th to Mr. Eric Nobles, Hon. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 6994

PIDDLETRENTHIDE, DORSET.—You are invited to the fete on Saturday, May 20th, to help in raising the £1,000 required for the restoration of the bells. Good bus service from Dorchester. 6993

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting, Tytherington (5), May 20th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 (limited). Tea bookings by May 15th, please, to Mr. N. Denson, 1, Quadrant East, Fishponds, Bristol. 6922

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Hanbury (2.30) and Hoar Cross, Saturday, May 20th. Service at Hoar Cross 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Few seats available on special bus. Apply early to J. W. Cotton, Overseal. 7020

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Thirsk (8), May 20th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. Jack Stott, 13, Kirkgate, Thirsk, before 18th.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 6990

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice, Petworth, May 20th, 2.30 to 4.30; Fittleworth, 6 to 8. Names for tea (at Petworth) to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 7014

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Staindrop, May 20th, 2.30. Names for tea by 17th inst.—J. T. Titt, 34, Stooperdale Avenue, Darlington. 7013

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting, May 20th, Preston. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Tea, Siddington, 4.30. Service 5.30. Siddington bells (6) after. Card for tea, please, Mr. J. Hope, 1, The Towers, Siddington, Cirencester, Glos. 7012

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Kingston Seymour, May 20th, 4. Tea. Notify, May 19th, E. R. Norton, Goat House Farm, Kingston Seymour. 7010

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at Christ Church, West Didsbury, May 20th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea.—Richard Benson. 7017

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Husbands Bosworth, May 20th. Bells (5) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 at The Bell.—L. W. Allen, Sec. 7009

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 7008

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Thurlaston, May 20th. Bells 3. Tea and meeting at Dog and Gun 5. Names to P. Hallam, 41, Queen Street, Thurlaston, by Tuesday, May 16th. 7007

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual conference at Ely Cathedral of C.E.M.S., Saturday, May 20th. St. Mary's bells (8) available until 2.45 p.m.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 7005

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Meeting, May 20th, Compton Martin. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names essential for tea. Ubley and East Harptree bells available after tea.—E. J. Chivers, The Retreat, Chilcompton, Bath. 7003

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Littleton (6), Saturday, May 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30 and business meeting. Names to W. J. Newman, 10, Peewit Road, Hampton, Evesham, by May 17th. 7002

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Smarden, May 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Names (tea) to Mr. P. Reeves, 5, The Oaks, Smarden. 7004

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, May 20th, Walton-le-Wolds. Tea 4.30, Village Hall. Names to C. W. Hall, The Terrace, Copt Oak, near Markfield, by Tuesday, May 16th. 7001

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting at Sandhurst, Glos. (8), May 20th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea required by May 15th to C. C. Larner, Chedholm, Churchdown Lane, Hucclecote, Gloucester. 7025

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting, Newdigate, May 20th. Bells (6) from 3. Service 5. Tea at Village Club. Numbers to Mr. Vine, Village Club, Newdigate, Dorking. 7024

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—May 20th, Newton-Hall, St. James'. Own food arrangements. Cups of tea provided.—C. T. Lamb, Dis. Sec. 7026

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at All Saints', Harrow Weald, Saturday, May 27th, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names to Mr. H. G. Hart, Woodside, Uxbridge Road, by previous Wednesday (Tel. Grimsdyke 609).—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 7006

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION and CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Crewe Branch).—Joint meeting, Market Drayton (8 bells), May 27th. Tea provided *only* if you notify Mr. F. Price, The Grove, Bentleys Road, Market Drayton. 7018

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Woodbridge and Ipswich Districts.—Joint meeting for practice, Grundisburgh, May 27th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Bring own food. 7015

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Benington, Saturday, May 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All welcome.—A. S. Carter, 93, North Road, Hertford. 6997

STITHIANS, TRURO.—Dedication of Stithians bells on Saturday, May 27th, at 3 p.m. by the Bishop of Truro. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 23rd.—Clemens, Carnsiddia, Stithians, Truro. 6999

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival and meeting at Hereford on Whit Monday, May 29th. Service 3.30, followed by tea and meeting. Bells: Cathedral (10), All Saints' (8), St. Nicholas' (6), available 11.30.—Rev. E. G. Benson, Hon. Sec., Presteigne Rectory, Radnorshire. 6966

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Chelmsford, Whit Monday, May 29th. Service in the Cathedral 11 a.m.; preacher, the Very Rev. C. K. Waller, M.A., Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. Lunch at the Cathedral Hall at 1.30 p.m.; members 2s. 6d., non-resident members and non-members 3s. 6d. Tea will be served as a running buffet in the Cathedral Hall from 4.30 to 6 p.m. at 1s. 6d. per head. Applications for lunch and tea tickets to the hon. general secretary not later than May 23rd to be prepaid, enclosing stamped addressed envelope for the return of the tickets. Bells available: Cathedral (13) 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. The following are available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Great Baddow (8), Doreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Gallewood (8), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6).—Robert C. Heazel, Hon. Gen. Sec., The School House, Wimbish, near Saffron Walden, Essex. 6991

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—Rededication of the rehuing ring of eight at the Parish Church, tenor 13½ cwt., by Lord Bishop of Lewes, Wednesday, May 31st, 7 p.m., followed by ringing. All ringers cordially invited to attend.—Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. 6903

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Wicken on Whit Monday, May 29th. Committee meeting in the Schools 2.30. Guild service with address by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough 3.15. Tea on Vicarage lawn (schools if wet) 4.30. Names for tea to Guild Secretary not later than Monday, May 22nd. No name no tea; this is definite. Bells available: Newport Pagnell (8) 10.30 to 12 noon; Stony Stratford (8), Towcester (6), 11 to 1; Buckingham (8), Passenham (5), 1 to 2.45; Wicken, 1 o'clock onwards; Cosgrove (6), Paulerspury (6), Olney (8) and Hanslope (8) after meeting.—R. C. Noon, Guild Sec., 3, Denton Road, Brafeld, Northants. 7022

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary notice. Annual meeting, Oxford, July 15th. Choristers are invited to form a choir for the festival service. Will intending choristers please notify F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon?—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 6988

CHRIST CHURCH, FRIEZLAND.—An open six-bell contest will be held at the above tower on Saturday, August 5th. Entrance fee 10s. per team, to be returned to each company completing 120 changes of test piece of 600 changes, any method. Draw to take place at 12.45 p.m. For full particulars and entry form please write Mr. L. Dawson, 28, Shaw Hall Bank Road, Greenfield, Oldham, Lancs. 7011

PENSHURST, KENT.—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Manser 1, B. Pankhurst 2, A. Leigh 3, J. Medhurst 4, L. Honess 5, J. Lambert 6, A. Richardson (cond.) 7, A. Branch 8. To celebrate the 81st birthday of George Edwards.

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