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DOWN SOMERSET WAY

FOR a big Association like the Bath and Wells, the second largest in the country as far as performing members are concerned, to meet at Wrington, which is off the map in the matter of railway communication and is approached from Bath by a series of narrow lanes, strikes the stranger as a little unusual. It was not to do honour to the birthplace of that 17th century philosopher John Locke or that humanitarian Hannah More, who is buried in the churchyard, that the Bath and Wells Association selected Wrington for its annual meeting this year. Throughout the Exercise its bells are noted for their magnificent tone and they are placed in what has been described as 'possibly the finest square western tower in the whole world.' There were, doubtless, other reasons; the village has a reputation for a keen band of ringers, and what, as far as Guild Festivals are concerned, is of equal importance, can produce for its visitors as tasty a slice of 'home-cured' as the heart could wish for in these days, washed down with a glass of 'home brewed.' To town dwellers this truly rural and homely atmosphere came as a welcome relief to the meetings in big towns and cities. And the warm welcome dispelled the gloom of a cold March rain during the afternoon.

Who are the policy makers of British ringing to-day? Probably some would answer the Standing Committee of the Central Council, others would regard the small groups of experts who foregather and correspond together on the pressing points of the moment, but for interpretation we would unhesitatingly say it is those Guild officers and ringing masters who by unremitting attention to meetings endeavour by precept to set the standard. A pleasing thing is the loyalty of these executives to the Central Council; what is codified at the hub is interpreted on the circumference of the wheel, which alone comes in contact with the earth. At times rocks are encountered which cause splinters, but by and large the wheel revolves smoothly.

We do not suggest that the Bath and Wells Association is the policy maker of the Exercise; its members in no sense claim such a distinction. They do say, however, that they conscientiously perform their primary duty to the Church in the matter of Sunday ringing, and by a steady flow of young ringers into the belfries they are insuring against the future. There is one question that is engaging their immediate attention and that is that there should be

no peal ringing in Lent—service ringing and practices, yes, but not peal ringing. On this subject the Master (Preb. A. J. Hook) has a staunch ally in the general secretary, Mr. J. T. Dyke, whose name has added lustre to the peal columns of 'The Ringing World' since its inception.

We are conscious that this is a burning question. The Exercise as a whole has accepted the principle that there should be no tower-bell peal ringing in Holy Week, although a Bishop with a clear conscience can umpire one of the nation's biggest sporting events on Holy Saturday. There has, however, been no acceptance by the Exercise that there should be no peals in Lent. We think on this particular subject it would be unwise for the Central Council to give a ruling. It is a matter more for 'the circumference of the wheel.' If the Bath and Wells regard this abstinence as conducive to the best interests of ringing in their territory, then their viewpoint should be accepted by the Exercise and visiting peal ringers would not attempt to dissuade them or impede them in their ideal by asking for towers or inviting their members to stand in peals in their own area territory during the 40 days in question. The treatment of peal ringing in Lent is a matter of 'local option.'

Where the Bath and Wells can take special credit is in their success in fostering a good relationship with the B.B.C. in the Western Region. The report of Mr. Dyke on this matter we give in extenso. A programme of six recordings of different towers in the West Country has been arranged through friendly co-operation. What has been accomplished in the Western Region should be possible in other regions. It seems to us that where those in authority are prepared to show initiative there will be a co-operative response from the programme builders of the B.B.C. This new series, which starts about April 24th—Evercrech tower is to be the second on the list—should give ringers a real chance. In the matter of broadcasts the B.B.C. are influenced by public opinion. If you enjoy the programme, let the B.B.C. know—a postcard will suffice—but do write. It is the voice of the many that counts. We hope that at Chester Mr. Dyke will give the Council the benefit of his advice and experience on this important subject. There are, we feel sure, influences at work. The marked improvement in the Easter Day broadcast, to our mind, was not a matter of chance. If we are wrong then all we can say is that the columns of letters on the subject that appeared in 'The Ringing World' were not in vain. The ringers in question were on their mettle and they performed with great credit.

TEN BELL PEALS

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY OF CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Mar. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 28 cwt.

*GEOFFREY SMITH	2	†HAROLD F. BROWN	6
†PERCY H. PIGG	2	CHARLES W. SMITH	7
†CYRIL A. HURST	3	†HARRY L. MARTIN	8
JOHN GIPSON	4	JAMES W. R. QUINNEY ..	9
†WILLIAM J. RIDGEMAN ..	5	†PETER BORDER	Tenor

Composed by G. NEWSON.

Conducted by CHARLES W. SMITH.

*First peal. †First peal of Caters. Rung in honour of Cambridge becoming a city and a birthday compliment to Anthony Martin.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

HAROLD WALKER	Treble	†BERT SUTTON	6
WILLIAM A. BRECKEN ..	2	*SIDNEY ELWICK	7
*STEDMAN STEEL	3	†DESMOND FORTH	8
†EDWARD HUDSON	4	*HARRY SHORT	9
†EDWARD RICKITT	5	NORMAN CHADDOCK ..	Tenor

Composed by S. MARCH.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

*First peal of Treble Bob Royal. †First peal of Royal. †First peal on ten bells and first of Treble Bob. First peal on the new ten bells.

SLOUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

LEONARD STILWELL	Treble	WILLIAM E. JUDD	6
ARTHUR D. BARKER	2	†WILLIAM F. BUTLER ..	7
*EDWARD S. T. FARR ..	3	*EDWARD L. A. HUDSON ..	8
WILLIAM WELLING	4	†WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ..	9
WILLIAM HENLEY	5	*JOHN B. FORD	Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON.

Conducted by WM. BIRMINGHAM.

*First peal on ten bells. †First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal on ten bells and of Grandsire as conductor. First peal on the bells since their augmentation to ten.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

*EDGAR BUXTON	Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ..	5
†GERALD ARMSTRONG ..	2	ARTHUR LYGO	6
SAM PINDER	3	†JOHN HOUGH	7
MAUREEN PINDER	4	CECIL KNAPP	Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

*First peal. †First peal of Bob Major. †First peal on eight bells.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 23 cwt.

Day's Six-part.		CHARLES BROWNLOW ..	5
EDWARD B. WEBSTER ..	Treble	ALBERT HEYWOOD	6
JACK KAY	2	PETER CROOK, SEN. ..	7
EVEREST FORD	3	JOHN F. WOOD	Tenor
ARNOLD CRITCHLEY ..	4		

Conducted by ALBERT HEYWOOD.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. A. T. Richards, also a 74th birthday compliment to Edward B. Webster.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR

No. 23, C.C.C.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

VERNON SYKES	Treble	JACK CLEGG	5
STEPHEN LL. PARRY ..	2	IVAN KAY	6
DAVID J. GAY	3	SELWYN H. DEARDEN ..	7
ARTHUR HIBBERT	4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK ..	Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, in the county and for the Association. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Kay.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

CHARLES C. RAWDING ..	Treble	HORACE BENNETT	5
*G. DULCIE ROBINSON ..	2	WILLIAM ROSE	6
*GEORGE R. G. BUTLER ..	3	*W. ALLEN RICHARDSON ..	7
AUBREY D. MILLS	4	*C. HAROLD WHITTON ..	Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of the engagement of the ringer of the 2nd and 4th.

WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22½ cwt.

DEREK WHITFORD	Treble	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ..	5
MURIEL REAY	2	ROGER LEIGH	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ..	3	CHARLES CLEGG	7
WILLIAM PROCTOR	4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ..	Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar of Whalley, the Rev. F. Brown.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Mar. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours.

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

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

*EDWARD J. CLEMENTS ..	Treble	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ..	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	JOHN BRAMLEY	6
HAROLD KILBY	3	ARTHUR BODYCOTE	7
*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN ..	4	JOHN J. MORRIS	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

*First peal of Major. Rung muffled in memory of James George. It was at this church Mr. George rang his last tower peal on August 24th, 1939. The same composition and same conductor.

RAUNDS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 RAUNDS SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb.

ERNEST E. WHITMORE ..	Treble	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	5
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ..	2	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ..	6
BURLEY P. MORRIS ..	3	JOHN E. SKERRITT	7
BRIAN S. COPE	4	RONALD C. NOON	Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

First peal in the method on the bells, in the county and for the Guild. In memoriam James George.



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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.			
CHARLES WENBAN Treble	FREDK. A. H. CATTILL ..	5	
THOMAS J. CLARK 2	DEREK R. JUDD	6	
EDWARD J. LEVERSUCH .. 3	JOHN E. ROOTES	7	
W. GEORGE CHESHIRE .. 4	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ..	Tenor	

Composed by A. P. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

Rung as a farewell to the Rector, Dr. Edward Carpenter, who has been appointed a Canon of Westminster Abbey.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 COURT BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 14½ cwt.			
EDGAR R. RAPLEY Treble	ERNEST TREAGUS	5	
RAYMOND P. WOOD 2	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ..	6	
*ENID LONNEN 3	HENRY C. WEAVER	7	
RICHARD G. BLACKMAN .. 4	HAROLD J. PESKETT	Tenor	

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

* First peal on eight 'inside.' First peal in method by all except conductor. First peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.			
THOMAS HORRIDGE Treble	THOMAS HESKETH	5	
MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. 2	RONALD KENRICK	6	
THOMAS HAMMOND 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	7	
JACK ASHCROFT 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	Tenor	

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

BINGHAM, NOTTS.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 15½ cwt.			
Washbrook's.			
FREDK. A. SALTER Treble	ALBERT E. THOMPSON ..	5	
*JOHN D. NIBLETT 2	FRANK BRADLEY	6	
CLEMENT GLENN 3	FRANCIS R. LOWE	7	
J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF .. 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS ..	Tenor	

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 22 cwt.			
Taylor's.			
JAMES GORDON Treble	JAMES P. BLOND	5	
MICHAEL BISHOP 3	ROBERT B. BLOND	6	
HENRY L. BISHOP 3	THOMAS F. EAST	7	
GEORGE BISHOP 4	ALEXANDER WOODLEY ..	Tenor	

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

Rung in honour of the 30th anniversary of the Rev. H. A. Smith-Masters as Vicar and of Mr. H. E. Parsons as schoolmaster. Also a compliment to the ringer of the seventh, this being his first peal at his home tower since 1919.

EAST MEON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 19½ cwt.			
Heywood's Transposition.			
E. WINFRED KEYS Treble	JOHN W. MEADE	5	
BLANCHE M. BALL 2	FREDK. W. BURNETT ..	6	
MRS. G. W. TAMPLIN .. 3	JOHN H. HUNT	7	
NORMAN J. SMITH 4	SAMUEL J. HARDING ..	Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Thurstans' Five-part.			
WILLIAM H. T. KING .. Treble	Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.		
HAROLD TAYLOR 2	*THOMAS W. ROBINSON ..	5	
*KATHLEEN I. TIVEY .. 3	FRANCIS R. LOWE	6	
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 4	*JOHN F. WILKINSON ..	7	
	†HARRY F. MAKINS	Tenor	

Conducted by FRANCIS R. LOWE.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal. The conductor's 75th peal and first peal as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. M. B. Bannister, M.A. Also as a wedding compliment to Miss Jill Poole and Peter J. Staniforth, of Leicester.

MEOPHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.			
DAVID W. BEARD Treble	FRANK C. MAY	5	
COLIN E. WRIGHT 2	GERALD FROST	6	
VICTOR W. GRIMWADE .. 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7	
*ANDREW J. SALISBURY .. 4	†ARTHUR HUBBLE	Tenor	

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Double Norwich.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.			
*MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. Treble	JACK ASHCROFT	5	
RONALD KENRICK 2	THOMAS HESKETH	6	
ARTHUR MAWDSLEY 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	7	
THOMAS HORRIDGE 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	Tenor	

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* 50th peal. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFLEDA,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in D.			
JACK MUSSELL Treble	JOHN HARTLESS	5	
JEAN M. BROWN 2	FRANK L. HARRIS	6	
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS .. 3	REGINALD W. REX	7	
DAVID R. REED 4	RONALD N. MARLOW ..	Tenor	

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

First peal in the method, on the bells and by all the band.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb.			
*JEAN A. BROOKS Treble	*PETER HALLAM	5	
*MARY C. PAYNE 2	ERNEST MORRIS	6	
†DIANA SEAL 3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE ..	7	
ERNEST F. PAYNE 4	FREDERICK WATSON ..	Tenor	

Composed by BRIAN D. PRICE. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. This composition, an eight-part with 200 calls, is now rung for the first time.

WARE, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22½ cwt.			
*JOHN E. LOFTY Treble	ALICK CUTLER	5	
G. WILFRID SLACK 2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6	
MRS. N. O. L. MANCHIP .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ..	7	
PHILIP J. COWARD 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE	Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

WITTON, NORTHWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERIC HORNBY	Treble	WILLIAM ALLMAN	5
ALBERT H. BOOTH	2	DOROTHY C. OSBORN	6
DAVID GODFREY	3	DAVID SMITH	7
HENRY PARKER	4	HARRY W. HOWARD	Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Parker and son of ringer of the 7th, and for Mr. Johnson, who has just completed 60 years as a ringer at the above tower.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

JAMES W. GROUNDS	Treble	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	REV. F. F. RIGBY	6
MISS M. REAY	3	ROGER LEIGH	7
SIDNEY LEATHERBARROW	4	ALBERT GREENHALGH	Tenor

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS.

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

Rung as a farewell peal to Miss M. Reay, who is leaving the district to take up an appointment in West Bromwich.

LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Mar. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.	Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A.
CHARLES W. COOK	Treble
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY	2
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD	3
JOHN G. GIPSON	4
*WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	5
ERNEST G. HIBBINS	6
PETER BORDER	7
FRANK E. HAYNES	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

On Tues., Mar. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 13 cwt 3 lb.
RODERICK J. LEES	Treble
FRANCES RAYBOULD	2
STANLEY PRESTIDGE	3
HAROLD J. SHUCK	4
*RAYMOND DUNN	5
THOMAS A. TOWNSEND	6
WILLIAM DAVIES	7
†JACK TROMANS	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. Rung for the Easter festival.

SIX BELL PEALS

BROWN EDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Comprising seven 720's of London, Wells, Durham, York, Ipswich, Cambridge and Norwich.	Tenor 10 cwt. 15 lb. in G.
JAMES STANWAY, JUN.	Treble
WILLIAM P. DEANE	2
LESLIE HIGGS	3
WILLIAM A. WESTON	4
JAMES STANWAY, SEN.	5
WILLIAM HAZELDINE	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM P. DEANE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Attoe, mother of the Vicar. First Surprise peal to be rung on the bells.

LANGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores.	Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.
PETER G. BARNES	Treble
MAX PAGE	2
RAYMOND TALBOT	3
JOHN GOULD	4
GEORGE W. BARNES	5
*WALTER BAILEY	Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND TALBOT.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles for all the band. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 960 April Day, 1,920 Plain Bob (four callings) and 2,160 Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN E. LOYD	Treble	†ALAN J. TWIGGER	4
GEOFFREY W. HAIR	2	WILLIAM H. CURSON	5
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	3	†WALTER R. BEERE	Tenor

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in three methods.

OLD RADNOR, RADNORSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Mar. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

*MRS. D. BOWEN	Treble	FREDERICK R. HARRIS	4
MRS. E. CHANDLER	2	LESLIE EVANS	5
†DOROTHY HUGHES	3	WILFRID NORGROVE	Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 18 six-scores and four 240's of Grandsire, eight six-scores of Bob Doubles and eight six-scores of April Day. Tenor 13 cwt.

PETER BENNETT	Treble	KEN SPIERS	4
CHARLES HAYTINGS	2	JACK ROBERTS	5
*BERNARD SPIERS	3	†ALGIE WILLIAMS	Tenor

Conducted by JACK ROBERTS.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. M. A. Bennett, mother of the treble ringer.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.

*FRANK BLONDELL	Treble	†PETER A. LAWRENCE	4
†JANET S. BAILEY	2	*WILLIAM BUTLER	5
†SIDNEY SABAN	3	†FRANK T. BLAGROVE	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. † First peal of Treble Bob. ‡ First peal 'inside.' The first peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Rung for St. Patrick's Day.

ELMORE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Mar. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire, 24 of St. Dunstan's and four 240's of Morris's arrangement. Tenor 11 cwt.

*DAVID COBB	Treble	LESLIE BARRY	4
*TIMOTHY COBB (13)	2	WILLIAM RICHINGS	5
HAROLD MEEK	3	CHARLES LARNER	Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal.

WAVERTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Mar. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,200 Plain Bob and 3,840 Grandsire (12 Morris's 240 and eight extents, six callings). Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

BETTY GRIFFITHS	Treble	*REV. J. KINGDON	4
HENRY O. BAKER	2	IVOR R. NICHOLS	5
SHIRLEY GOLDING	3	JOHN BOUTLAND	Tenor

Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.

* First peal in two methods.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Selby and District Society.)

On Fri., Mar. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's Bob and two extents each of Plain Bob and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

HORACE S. MORLEY	Treble	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	4
JOHN J. TAYLOR	2	THOMAS W. TUNE	5
FRED TERRY	3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

LEONARD WALSH Treble	A. VICTOR WILLIAMS .. 4
STUART A. SMITH 2	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. 5
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. 3	ROGER LEIGH Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

WHITCHURCH, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRED J. BAILEY Treble	*DONALD G. CLARKE .. 4
*THOMAS YEOMANS 2	*WILLIAM DARE 5
ROBERT E. COLES 3	JACK R. WORRALL Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal in three methods of Minor. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Emrys Rees on his 26th year as Vicar of St. Mary's, and to Frank J. Bailey (79), 42 years leader of the ringers.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Southern Branch.)

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 720 each of Norfolk and Primrose, Berwick and Hexham, Lightfoot and Wearmouth, London and Wells, Beverley and Surfleet, York and Durham and Cambridge and Ipswich.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*LYDIA M. CROWSON .. Treble	CECIL WADE 4
RAYMOND WADE 2	FREDERICK W. FRENCH .. 5
*JAMES W. HAW 3	ALBERT SCOTT Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

* First peal in 14 Spliced Surprise methods. Rung in honour of the Vicar, the Rev. Charles W. E. Horne, who is seriously ill and is retiring after just over 50 years in the ministry.

FITZHEAD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,440 of April Day, 1,440 of Plain Bob and 2,160 of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

*H. COMMINS Treble	*G. DAVIS 4
F. MORRIS 2	*C. TARR 5
*F. BRANCHFLOWER .. 3	*W. COMMINS Tenor

Conducted by C. TARR.

* First peal of Doubles in three methods. The conductor's 100th peal. A coming-of-age compliment to Miss E. Wallis, granddaughter of a former incumbent of this parish.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Mar. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

ROGER LEIGH Treble	CHARLES W. BLAKEY .. 4
J. BRIAN SMITH 2	DEREK WHITFORD 5
A. VICTOR WILLIAMS .. 3	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

COUNTSTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Mar. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. Treble	ARTHUR BODYCOTE .. 4
HAROLD KILBY 2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 5
JOHN J. MORRIS 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal of Kent Minor by all except conductor. A wedding compliment to Kathleen M. Gillam and Gordon Barlow (local) and to Jill Poole and Peter Staniforth, of Leicester Cathedral.

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At 110, NOEL STREET,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.

GEORGE E. PADGETT 1-2	FREDK. A. SALTER 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4	FRANK BRADLEY 7-8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

400th peal as conductor.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Fri., Mar. 16, 1951, in 1 Hour 53 Minutes,*

At GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor size 17 in A.
MRS. A. RICHARDSON 1-2	CYRIL WANDER 3-4
*STANLEY E. BENNETT 5-6	

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

BIRMINGHAM.**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Tues., Mar. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,*

In ST. MARTIN'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 1-2	FRANK E. HAYNES 5-6
ALBERT WALKER 3-4	GEORGE E. FEARN 7-8
JOHN PINFOLD 9-10	

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

LEICESTER.**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tues., Mar. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,*

In THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor size 18 in G.

TERENCE A. THORNBER .. 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD 7-8
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4	HARRY POYNER 9-10
PETER J. STANIFORTH .. 5-6	DEREK G. GOODMAN .. 11-12

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

LEICESTER.**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Wed., Mar. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*

At 76, COLLINGHAM ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor size 18 in G.

TERENCE A. THORNBER .. 1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE 7-8
PETER J. STANIFORTH .. 3-4	HARRY POYNER 9-10
ALFRED BALLARD 5-6	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Specially arranged as a 21st birthday compliment to Brian G. Warwick.

RISLEY, DERBYSHIRE.**THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Wed., Mar. 21, 1951, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,*

At 85, DERBY ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 8 in C.

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

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

* First handbell peal away from 1-2.

LEICESTER.**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thurs., Mar. 22, 1951, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,*

At RAVENSCAR, 22, KINGSWOOD AVENUE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 14 in D sharp.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK 1-2	†DEREK G. GOODMAN .. 3-4
†HARRY POYNER 5-6	

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor on handbells. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal of Minor on handbells and first peal as conductor on handbells.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.**THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thurs., Mar. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,*

At 52, RICHMOND ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

M. J. Morris's Variation of J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor size 11 in G.

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD 5-6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 3-4	HECTOR A. KNIGHTS .. 7-8

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

John Taylor & Co.**LOUGHBOROUGH****The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS**

QUARTER PEALS

ASHCOTT, BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Bagg (first quarter) 1, K. Prime 2, G. Bird 3, Miss Sylvia Dean 4, W. Cavill (cond.) 5, W. Somers 6.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On March 11th, 1,230 Doubles (240 Canterbury, 120 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 390 Grandsire): J. Chambers 1, R. Soars 2, G. Lowe (first quarter as cond.) 3, J. W. Lowe 4, K. Lovett 5.

BICKER, Lincs.—On Easter Day, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Howard 1, J. P. Morris 2, A. T. Randall (first 'inside' 3), W. B. Dawson 4, N. B. Fovargue 5, G. R. Dawson 6, C. Wander (cond.) 7, A. H. Bennett 8.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Hutton 1, D. Henshall 2, A. Ward 3, A. M. Cooper 4, Miss E. S. Wise 5, R. M. Edwards 6, D. Ogden (cond.) 7, F. Dawson 8. First of Triples for 1, 2, 4 and 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Edwin Boroughs, who rang at the church for 57 years and died on Feb. 6th.

BOSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): P. R. Blackman 1, E. W. Keys 2, N. J. Smith (cond.) 3, H. W. Stoveld 4, C. Sangwin 5, R. A. Harley 6.

BOYNE HILL, MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—On Easter Eve, at All Saints', 1,264 Bob Major: T. Holmes 1, G. Martin (cond.) 2, T. Goodchild 3, J. Eldridge 4, W. Judd 5, R. Howes 6, M. Upstone 7, E. Gosling 8. First quarter of Major for 6 and 7. Also on Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Lister 1, T. Goodchild 2, G. Martin 3, W. Judd 4, J. Eldridge 5, R. Hunt 6, E. Gosling (cond.) 7, H. Baldwin 8.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—On Easter Day, at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Jenkins 1, Miss Betty Hewison (first 'inside' 2), J. Liddle 3, J. W. Cundall 4, E. H. Simpson (cond.) 5, A. Ashton 6, D. R. Marshall 7, T. Pedder 8. J. W. Cundall is now in his 83rd year.

BROWN EDGE, STAFFS.—On March 15th, 1,416 Surprise Minor (96 London and Wells, 360 Dereham, 144 York, 240 Ipswich, Cambridge and Norwich): J. Stanway, jun. 1, W. P. Deane (cond.) 2, L. Higgs 3, W. A. Weston 4, J. Stanway, sen. 5, W. Hazeldine 6.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Townsend 1, H. Folwell 2, W. Yates (cond.) 3, D. Wesley 4, C. Gough 5, J. Waite 6, G. Burton 7, N. Treggitt (first quarter) 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—At Great St. Mary's on Easter Day, 1,299 Stedman Caters: P. Pigg 1, A. T. Chinery 2, C. A. Hurst 3, P. Border 4, W. J. Ridgeman 5, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 6, C. W. Smith 7, H. Martin 8, J. W. Quinney 9, H. F. Brown 10. First of Stedman Caters for 1, 3, 4, 5 and 9.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On March 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Pimlott (cond.) 1, W. McDowell 2, I. Davidson (first 'inside' 3), A. Campbell 4, A. Street 5, G. Barber (first quarter) 6. Also on March 20th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: I. Davidson 1, A. Worth 2, R. Barratt 3, A. Campbell 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, J. Lawrence 6. First in method for 1, 4 and 6.

CHEPSTOW, MON.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Voss (first away from tenor) 1, Jacqueline S. Evans (first as cond.) 2, D. J. King 3, Yvonne Porter 4, J. L. Smith 5, J. Morgan 6, J. J. Sims 7, Peter Farrington 8. Rung half-muffled with 7.6.8 covering before the performance of a sacred cantata, 'The Way to the Cross,' in which five of the band took part.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On March 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Pulker 1, H. Cook 2, I. Harris 3, C. Taplin 4, R. H. Jarvis (cond.) 5, F. E. Perry 6, J. Jarvis 7, H. Francis 8. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 7th on his 70th birthday.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On March 17th, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Moss 1, H. T. Pye 2, G. M. Rashbrook 3, E. J. Butler 4, J. Edwards 5, L. Mills 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, E. Hyndard 8. First quarter in method for 5 and 6. A birthday compliment for G. M. Rashbrook.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On March 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Henderson 1, T. Dodd 2, W. Tyson 3, A. Cowen 4, P. Draffen 5, R. Skelton 6, R. Oliver 7, T. Hargreaves 8.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.—On March 17th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): H. Cummings 1, J. Higgins 2, C. Sharp (cond.) 3, F. Lambert 4, E. Lambert 5, F. Tustain 6. A wedding compliment to Miss M. Ruff and Mr. H. Holdom.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—On March 25th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: S. Leyland 1, R. D. Langford (cond.) 2, H. Edge 3, W. Kerr 4, R. T. Holding 5, H. F. Holding 6, G. Packer 7, Wm. Edge 8, I. Nichols 9, W. F. Stenson 10. In memoriam Jim Riding. A birthday compliment to Wm. T. Holding.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Easter Day, 1,288 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Stanford (first of Triples) 1, G. H. Paulson (cond.) 2, Miss N. Howes 3, Miss J. Dunn 4, H. E. Taylor 5, Robert Edden 6, D. Scott 7, N. Hotchin 8.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Yates 1, A. T. Weeks 2, M. S. Hunt 3, W. Mortimer 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, R. Neate 6.

EASEBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On March 17th, 1,260 Erin Triples: Miss E. W. Keys 1, Miss B. M. Ball 2, Mrs. G. W. Tamplin 3, N. J. Smith 4, F. W. Burnett 5, P. R. Blackman 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, S. J. Harding 8. First quarter in the method for all except 5 and 7. Rung in honour of St. Patrick's Day.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Allen (first quarter) 1, W. Coates 2, C. Cook 3, Mrs. Rowntree 4, H. Denman 5, J. Bartram 6, K. Beardsall (cond.) 7, H. Willows 8. Also on Good Friday, 1,344 Spliced Grandsire and St. Clement's Triples: J. Segar 1, Miss W. Wilkinson 2, C. Cook 3, J. Bartram 4, H. Denman 5, W. Coates 6, K. Beardsall (cond.) 7, H. Willows 8. First quarter in these methods spliced by all the band.

EATON, LEICS.—On March 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Cecil Darley (first quarter) 1, Hilda Shipman 2, F. J. Williams 3, P. Turner 4, H. W. Shipman 5, J. Morris (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Pamela Kemp and Mr. Geoffrey Wade.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On March 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hill (aged 12) 1, R. Crago (aged 10) 2, A. Sanger (aged 11) 3, R. March (aged 13) 4, J. Nicholls (aged 15) 5, J. Badman (aged 16) 6, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 7, A. White 8. First quarter of Triples for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On March 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 6.7.8 covering: Miss J. Sturgess 1, Miss B. M. Ball 2, G. Privett 3, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 4, A. Noble 5, A. Sturgess 6, Rev. Royds-Jones 7, H. Jupe 8. First of Doubles by all.

FARINGDON, BERKS.—On March 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Walker 1, J. Hutt 2, F. Wheeler 3, C. Evans 4, M. J. Pryor (cond.) 5, E. C. Hughes 6, F. Whipp 7, D. Vincent 8.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On March 18th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: B. E. Jemmett 1, C. Eades 2, H. Manuel 3, P. R. Jemmett 4, Miss E. S. Wyles 5, F. Pack 6, E. Eades 7, W. S. Palin (cond.) 8. First quarter of Plain Bob Major for 1, 2, 4, and first 'inside' for 3. Rung for Palm Sunday.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Johnson (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Ainsworth (first 'inside' 2), J. A. Ainsworth 3, T. M. Cox (first of Grandsire) 4, E. N. Harrison 5, K. Arthur (cond.) 6, T. W. Crowe 7, J. Heal 8.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Easter Day, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Mason 1, J. Mason, jun. (first 'inside' 2), Mrs. W. White 3, C. Fennell 4, A. Fleet 5, R. Elliott (cond.) 6.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.—On March 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (from Carter's Odd Bob One-part): H. Baker 1, W. Grice 2, J. Wallis 3, L. Mannering 4, B. Baker 5, G. Waters 6, L. Head 7, H. Smith 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. W. Packer and Miss B. E. Lee, of the Lewisham band.

GODSHILL, I.O.W.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hollis 1, C. Callaway 2, E. Thorne 3, L. Bailey (cond.) 4, E. Westmore (first 'inside' 5), C. Morris 6.

GODSTONE, SURREY.—On Feb. 24th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Gibbs 1, D. Martin 2, Joan Gray 3, R. E. Price 4, M. S. Cloke 5, P. G. Foote 6, D. N. Layton (cond.) 7, P. M. J. Gray 8. First quarter of Surprise for 2 and 6. A farewell to Philip and Joan Gray, who sailed for Australia on March 1st.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On March 21st, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: A. P. Harrison (first on ten) 1, S. Proctor 2, R. Parker 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, F. Parsons 5, W. Dale (first on ten) 6, J. Cragg 7, H. R. Woods (cond.) 8, T. Hall 9, W. Pacey 10. Rung half-muffled in memory of the late Canon Bernard Hancock, interred at Grantham the same day.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Evelyn M. Capon (first quarter) 1, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 2, C. J. Piper 3, W. M. Stepany 4, E. G. D. Tonkin 5, G. Beeny 6. Rung in honour of the visit of the Archdeacon of Bombay.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Pam Collis 1, H. Colcombe 2, Pat McFarlane (first quarter 'inside,' age 13) 3, J. King 4, Judy Dodson 5, F. J. Dodson 6, W. Simmonds (cond.) 7, J. Brent 8. Also 1,260 Stedman Triples: Judy Dodson 1, R. F. B. Speed 2, H. Colcombe 3, J. King 4, Pam Collis 5, F. J. Dodson 6, W. Simmonds (cond.) 7, Pat McFarlane 8. First of Stedman Triples 1, 4, 5 and 8.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss I. King 1, M. Sharpe (first quarter) 2, E. Bishop 3, H. King 4, L. Sharpe 5, R. E. Manton (cond.) 6.

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral on March 25th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: C. E. Brown 1, R. F. Smith 2, J. L. Millhouse 3, L. Snell 4, D. R. White 5, W. Tomlinson (cond.) 6, J. A. Freeman 7, G. M. Mayer 8, S. A. Chambers 9, H. Lowman 10.

MARKET WEIGHTON, EAST YORKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Dove 1, Frank Kneeshaw 2, P. Thompson 3, Harry Kneeshaw 4, John W. Kneeshaw (cond.) 5, H. Musk 6.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. F. Andrews (cond.) 1, Miss R. Gibbons 2, Miss M. Kennelly 3, Miss M. Hunt 4, S. R. Cockell 5, A. W. T. Hunt 6, W. C. West 7, H. Cockell 8.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Easter Day, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: T. Leighton 1, G. Bailey 2, J. Stimson 3, W. Smith 4, Miss S. Wise 5, F. Sheppard 6, H. Clayton 7, H. Ale (cond.) 8.

MORTON, DERBYS.—On March 17th, 720 Kent, 240 Norwich, 240 Cambridge, Plain Course, Plain Bob: K. Sterland (12) 1, W. Swain 2, P. H. Wright 3, R. M. E. Richards 4, E. J. Sterland (cond.) 5, B. A. Richards 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Joan Babington Turbutt to Mr. Godfrey Francis Harris.

NORTON SUBCOUSE, NORFOLK.—On Easter Day, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: A. Walpole 1, J. Forder 2, G. Walpole 3, D. Fenn 4, S. Fenn 5, E. A. Long (cond.) 6. First quarter peal after restoration of the bells.

OCKBROOK, DERBYS.—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (ten callings): R. Harrison 1, R. Grice 2, M. Bailey (cond.) 3, J. Salisbury 4, C. J. Gibbs 5. Rung for Confirmation service.

OLD BASFORD, NOTTS.—On March 25th, 1,280 Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major: R. W. Carlisle 1, S. Pinder (cond.) 2, Mrs. D. R. Carlisle 3, H. Seagrave 4, G. R. Widdall 5, R. E. Carlisle 6, H. Bates 7, D. R. Carlisle 8.

OXFORD.—At St. Mary Magdalene's on March 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Patricia M. Wareham 1, M. Elizabeth Roe 2, Renata Buchthal 3, A. M. Elliott 4, E. H. Edge 5, K. M. Grayson (cond.) 6. Rung on the 225th anniversary of the birth of John Aubrey, antiquarian, who is buried in this church.

PIDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On March 12th, 2,520 Minor (720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 1,080 of Plain Bob): W. Mawby 1, P. Jones 2, I. Dickens (first half of Minor) 3, W. Hammonds 4, G. Care 5, H. Wooding (cond.) 6. In memoriam Mrs. A. Sansome, donor of the treble bell.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ruth Jeanes (14) 1, N. B. Davis (13, first as cond.) 2, I. T. Read (15) 3, F. C. Davis (first 'inside' 4), E. T. P. Field 5, B. Cheeseman (16) 6.

QUEENSBURY, YORKS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. Ingham 1, P. Birkett 2, C. Ellison 3, G. Turner 4, J. Pearson 5, H. Wild 6, W. Bottomley 7, S. Longbottom (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1 and 5.

ROYSTON, HERTS.—On March 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Gilbert 1, A. Dockerill 2, G. Allgood 3, H. Heathfield 4, S. E. Roberts 5, W. J. Houghton 6, E. W. Roberts (cond.) 7, A. Walby 8.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—At St. Chad's on Feb. 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Maximus: Miss B. Carter 1, J. R. Griffiths 2, A. E. Reeves 3, F. Price 4, C. Lee 5, J. Butler 6, T. Price 7, B. Harris 8, W. A. Farmer (cond.) 9, F. G. Beddow 10, J. N. London 11, P. Swindley 12. First quarter of Plain Bob Maximus for all.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—On March 18th, at the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, 1,313 Stedman Cinques: D. E. Parsons 1, Joyce A. England 2, Mrs. F. E. Collins 3, M. V. Chilcott (cond.) 4, M. O. Thomas 5, R. C. Pridgeon 6, W. Williams 7, J. Phillips 8, J. H. Crampion 9, F. E. Collins 10, R. F. Deal 11, C. J. Watts 12.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Harling 1, J. Mitchelson, sen. 2, F. G. Fairhead 3, W. Parker 4, E. Butler 5, L. Knowles 6, W. Peck (cond.) 7, M. Harbott 8. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of London.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor with tenor covering: K. C. Seger 1, Miss I. B. Cording 2, Miss G. L. Friswell 3, Miss J. H. Friswell 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, C. F. Neal 8.

WEOBLEY, HEREFORDS.—On March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Inceal 1, H. T. Price (cond.) 2, C. Williams 3, A. Webb 4, T. Bound 5, R. Farmer 6. First quarter by all except conductor. First quarter on the bells by local band. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Williams on the birth of their daughter.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Dorling (first quarter) 1, A. G. Ballam 2, W. F. Rickwood (first 'inside' 3), E. Foster 4, E. A. Murrell 5, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 6.

WICKHAM MARKET, SUFFOLK.—On Easter Day, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob): A. Cuthbert 1, G. Berry 2, G. Finch 3, A. Pipe 4, J. Prestrean (cond.) 5, B. Cooper 6.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Roger 1, F. Burnett 2, J. Skinner 3, C. Deem (cond.) 4, W. Hayman 5, F. Bastin 6, R. Perry 7, J. Deem 8. First quarter Grandsire Triples by 1 and 7.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—On March 12th, at All Saints', 2,520 Grandsire Triples: E. Whittingham 1, Miss G. Crookford 2, J. Woodason 3, Miss M. Cole 4, E. Langley 5, H. Dyer 6, W. Pearce (cond.) 7, J. Elliott 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Dr. E. Ward, churchwarden for many years.

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The marriage of Miss Jill
Poole, daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. Harold Poole to Mr.
Peter Staniford, at Leicester Cathedral on Easter
Monday was a very happy occasion. The
Bishop of Leicester officiated. The wedding has
been honoured by peals in various parts of the
country, the Leicester Cathedral band's con-
tribution being a peal of Albanian Maximus on
the following day.

Messrs. B. G. Warwick and D. G. Goodman,
of Leicester, have now rung handbell peals of
Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

Great Totham, Essex, had their six bells re-
hung in time for Easter by Messrs. Mears and
Stainbank.

A purse containing money was found in the
cloakroom at Tonbridge after the annual meet-
ing of the Kent County Association. Will any-
one claiming same forward particulars to Mr.
F. M. Mitchell, 144, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

A ringing tour in Northern Ireland, prob-
ably to begin at Dublin on August 11th and to
finish there on August 17th, is under considera-
tion. The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, 3, Colegate,
Norwich, would be glad to hear from anyone
who might like to join the party.

The first peal on the bells at 'S. Nicholas',
Arundel, since rehanging, was achieved at the
third attempt. On the first occasion it was
lost by a missed bob in the last part and the
second time by a shift course five minutes from
the end.

When Leicester University College football
team visited Tübingen University, Germany,
they took with them an illuminated scroll com-
memorating the happy relationship between the
two educational establishments. The scroll is
the work of Mr. Ernest Morris. Tübingen
students visit Leicester in May and Mr. Morris
has promised to conduct them on a tour of the
city.

BELFRY GOSSIP

There are changes in the
representatives of the Kent
County Association on the
Central Council as the result of voting at the
annual meeting at Tonbridge. Those elected were
Messrs. G. H. Spice, P. A. Corby, T. E. Sone
and J. Willis. Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher and Mr. F.
M. Mitchell failed to retain their seats on the
Council.

Mr. Tom Southam is the new president of the
Hertfordshire County Association and Mr.
Walter Ayre has resigned the secretaryship, a
post he has held since 1946. His successor is
Mr. A. V. Frost, of St. Albans.

The peal of Triples at Syston on Easter
Monday was a triple wedding peal:—For Jill
Poole and Peter Staniforth, who were married
that morning at Leicester Cathedral; for Mavis
Barker and Robert Tubby, for whom the seventh
ringer acted as 'best man'; and for Mary
Hunt and Peter West, of local fame.

It may interest members of the Cambridge
University Guild that Mr. Eric Roberts, who
for the last two years has been Master of the
Hereford Cathedral School Society has won an
exhibition to Selwyn College. He has rung 15
peals and is proficient in several Surprise Major
methods.

Members of the Guild of Clerical Ringers
will assemble at Wells, Somerset, next Monday,
for their annual tour. Visits will be paid to
most of the towers within an approximate radius
of ten miles including Wells Cathedral and
Wington. The party will consist of the Revs.
J. H. B. Andrews, Canon C. Carew Cox, Pre-
bendary E. V. Cox, K. C. Davis, F. Ll. Ed-
wards, K. W. H. Felstead, R. H. Palmer, D. P.
Roberts, I. J. Richards, A. G. G. Thurlow,
W. H. R. Trehella, C. Elliot Wigg and Canon
R. F. Wilkinson. The Rev. H. F. Warren and
Mrs. E. S. Powell hope to join the party on
three days.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING AT WRINGTON — MASTER REQUESTS NO PEAL RINGING IN LENT — RISING COSTS, BUT NO INCREASED SUBSCRIPTION — LIAISON WITH B.B.C.: A NEW WEST COUNTRY PROGRAMME — MR. OSBORN AND LOSING BELL MUSIC

WRINGTON'S full-toned bells, with a tenor of 37 cwt, were heard in all their glory on Easter Monday, when the annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held. A large and representative gathering attended and listened to three thought-provoking and controversial speeches from the Master, the hon. secretary and the tower adviser.

Proceedings started with ringing, followed by the service at mid-day conducted by the Rector of Wrington (the Rev. E. Chetwynd Talbot). The address was given by Preb. A. J. Hook (the Master). Lunch followed under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. H. Knight.

The Master presided at the business meeting, supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. J. T. Dyke), and announced apologies from Mr. G. Coles, whose wife was dangerously ill, Mr. George Stacey, Mr. Topp and Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Cannon.

He extended a hearty welcome to the Editor of 'The Ringing World.' 'We are very proud of our "Ringing World,"' he said. 'It has not let us down: it always puts forward the fundamental things, that our ringing is for the Glory of God and service ringing is the most important thing in the Exercise.'

He also welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Perrens, Mr. Haywood and Mr. Webb (Coventry).

THE WAR MEMORIAL

Arising from the minutes, a question was raised as to why no mention was made in 'The Ringing World' of the dedication of the Association's War Memorial at Bath Abbey.

The hon. secretary said the Archdeacon of Bath decided to dedicate the memorial on a Sunday evening at 6.30, when the ringers were at their own churches, with the result that hardly any ringers were present. He himself was not there, but was ringing in his own church.

The Master, in his report, regretted that he now lived in a backwater as far as ringing was concerned and was unable to drive after dark.

The Association was in a very flourishing condition; that was shown by the activities of the branches, the number of members and the number of parishes which were tackling the business of putting their bells in order. Where the money was coming from he could not think. At Holford, where he was living, they now had five bells and were providing a floor for the ringing chamber. At Yatton, a pre-Reformation bell was incorporated in the ring and the result was very good. The founders and all concerned were much to be congratulated.

MEMBERSHIP OF 1,516

Last year the secretary announced the membership was 1,515. It was more this year—it was 1,516. The secretary had told him that it was the most flourishing association in the county in regard to its population. The membership of the different branches was as follows: Axbridge 221. Bath 126. Bridgewater 120, Cary 192. Chew 161. Crewkerne 73. Dunster 175. Frome 145. Glaston 81. Ilchester 82 and Taunton 130. The attendance at the meetings had been extraordinarily good and he understood that the average attendance at the Dunster Deanery was 76. Portishead was honoured by inclusion in the Christmas Day broadcast.

The Association had been behaving itself very well during the past quarter for, if they remembered, there was a strong recommendation that there should be no peal ringing in Lent and that, he felt sure, was really right. It was the fashion to pay no attention to Lent. His grandfather would have had a fit if he knew the Boat Race was held on Holy Saturday. 'I think we as churchpeople, should

ring in Lent only for services and necessary practices and I hope you will all bear that in mind when another Lent comes round.'

The hon. secretary, in his report, thanked the local secretaries and Ringing Masters who had done so much to make the work of the Association run smoothly. He congratulated the secretaries of the Axbridge and Cary branches, which were the two leading branches, as far as numbers were concerned. These two branches, together with Bridgewater, had shown the greatest increase in membership during the past few years.

He proposed to print the report for the past three years in one volume. They had sufficient money in hand to print a report yearly after then for the next three years without touching investments. It would be after those three years that they would have to decide on a method to increase income.

In that respect he had come to the conclusion that to raise the subscription would be the most unwise thing to do. 'Who cost the Association most? The peal ringers do. It costs approximately sevenpence to print a ringer's name once in the peal list. So that if he rings three peals he owes the Association threepence and he gets a shilling report free. I can say these things quite freely because I ring as many peals as most. Don't think that I spend a lot of time peal ringing. The only thing is that I don't lose many. So I say to you now, while I have a chance, make the peal ringers pay. They can do it. If you ask ringers for a subscription to a peal board with their names on it, they will simply rush to pay.'

RELATIONSHIP WITH B.B.C.

'I am happy to report that our relations with the B.B.C. remain good. Ever since 1926 when, through earphones, I took down the calling of a magnificent touch of Stedman Trioles from Barking, Essex, I have been in fairly regular touch with the B.B.C. In 1937, the late Stephen Wood, Miss Williams and I sought an interview with the then regional director. We were received with sympathy and we thought we had got somewhere. Unfortunately, within a few weeks, the director had taken another job, and we had to start all over again.'

'A break came when many leading ringers in the six Western counties were asked for advice concerning the forthcoming feature, "From Tower to Steeple." I told the B.B.C. that a ringer was needed to get things right, and I put forward the name of E. J. Taylor who was, I felt, the man to hold the balance between the change ringers and the call change ringers of Devon and Cornwall. At this point I would like to put on record that I have now a tremendous amount of respect for the latter. I had a ring with some of them some months ago and found that I had to concentrate tremendously to fit in with the uncanny accuracy with which they struck their bells. I didn't let you down. They told me that my ringing was "maain" accurate but nearer to 34 changes a minute than to 32, which it should have been. I replied that they didn't tell me that when they started or it would have been done.'

'Mr. Taylor told me that he went to Plymouth to hear all the existing records of West Country bells and with the exception of one tower, not a Somerset one, the ringing was definitely poor. So new records had to be made. Of the many recordings taken, it is satisfactory to note that Chewton Mendip and Wrington records were processed and are used as interval signals. Those of us who made them would like to get a chance to improve them. The bands were those we could get at short notice and time did not permit of retakes, as it were. We

were also honoured by the inclusion of Queen Camel and Ditchbeat in the programme.

A NEW PROGRAMME

'Now things promise to be better still. There is to be a series of six bell programmes starting, I think, on April 24th, one from each of the south-western counties. Somerset, with a programme from Evercreech, is the second in the series. Harry Sanger and I have had the temerity to submit a script to the B.B.C. We have had no comments on it and as we are doing the recordings on Wednesday next, there seems hope that it has now passed muster. If you like it, do write to the B.B.C. and tell them so. If you don't like it, or have any criticisms, write to us, so that we can collate those criticisms and pass them on to the next who have to perform.'

'Concerning criticism, ringers perform in public, frequently to that public's annoyance. So it follows that ringers should expect public criticism. Now criticism is of two kinds, well-informed and ill-informed. You have had a recent example of this. The president of the Central Council spoke adversely of the Christmas broadcast ringing. Those of us who have the privilege to know him personally are well aware that he never makes a statement without carefully weighing his words. So that if he said the ringing was bad, then it was bad. His was well-informed criticism. The criticism of the writer in 'The Ringing World' who could not tell six bells from eight, nor Grand-sire Triples from call changes was ill-informed. But we should be well advised to listen to criticism, whether it be well-informed or not, and not dismiss it lightly. You must remember that the outside public, in towns particularly, is ill-informed as far as ringing is concerned, but it is most anxious to learn. It is to catch the interest of non-ringers that we have devised our programme.'

'In Somerset there are good bells and in many cases there are local bands who can ring their own bells very well indeed. I think, with Harry Sanger, that every local band should prepare a short touch suitable for service broadcasting, so that if called upon to broadcast, they can make a reasonably good show. If any band requires my help to prepare such a touch, they have only to ask. I am very much against the principle of importing bands to broadcast if it can be at all avoided. On the other hand, I do think that local ringers' efforts should be vetted, as are the other adjuncts to a religious service.'

'In conclusion, I am anxious to help any ringer either in his ringing or his conducting or in elementary composition and he has only to ask. There is only one type of ringer whom I am powerless to help and that is the individual—fortunately there are few of them—who resents criticisms and tries to progress at a rate greater than his natural aptitude will let him. That is the greatest source of bad striking that there is.'

The acceptance of the report was agreed on the proposition of Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. E. E. Fisher.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE

The secretary reported on the recommendations of the committee. He said that Mr. Stacey owned the die of their badge, which had been in use for 50 years, and he had quoted £32 8s. a gross for badges which they could sell at 4s. 6d. each. The committee had ordered a gross. With regard to the Shearn pamphlet the committee recommended that no further steps be taken in view of the excellent publications available such as the 'Ringers Handbook.' A ballot took place at the meeting.

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BATH & WELLS ASSN.—Cont.

ing of the committee for Central Council representatives and the following were elected:—Miss Williams, Messrs. G. Cole, H. Sanger and J. Dyke.

Mr. H. Sanger gave an interesting report on the Central Council meeting at Eastbourne.

Mr. W. A. Osborn reported on seven towers he had visited during the year. Yarlington had three musical bells and they hoped to add three more there.

At Farleigh Hungerford and another tower work had been done to the clappers. At Wells Cathedral the clappers had been attended to and also those of the two prayer bells. He wrote to the Chapter of Wells Cathedral calling attention to the fact that in raising the last four, they set at backstroke and it was necessary for someone to climb up and turn over the clapper. He suggested that they should give permission for the four bells to be left up and lowered, say, once a month. The Chapter replied that some years ago the Dean made an order that they should be lowered each day and there was no reason to alter it.

He found in many towers a lot of clapper staples without split pins and no nut spins. At one tower they found that the main girders were rusting at the tower end. He asked members to examine their girders and keep them painted. Ropes in many towers he inspected were in bad order.

Another thing worrying him was the closing up of louvres. In many cases bells had been lowered and the louvres blocked up, the sound being allowed to escape from a little hole in the roof. By this means they were stopping a lot of the harmonics of a bell from getting out. If they made an expensive bell with beautiful tones and a powerful note and stonped up the louvres, the music was ruined. He could not help feeling that the blocking of louvres was overdone.

The way to control the sound was at the source—the clapper strike. 'Later on,' continued Mr. Osborn, 'the bellfounders will say we need not make all these expensive bells; we will make some "short-winded" ones. Don't go and box up your bells. We, in Somerset, delight in bell music and it is better heard at a distance. If you want those beautiful tones and harmonics, you must have an open tower. The best is one with an open roof.'

Upon the proposition of Mr. F. Farrant, the officers were re-elected as follows:—Master, Preb. A. J. Hook; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. T. Dyke; hon. auditor, Mr. F. C. Andrews; tower adviser, Mr. W. A. Osborn.

Returning thanks, the hon. secretary said: 'I told you last year the dead line was Easter, 1953, if I live as long.'

The president concluded the meeting with a vote of thanks to the Rector of Wrington, the organist, the incumbents of the churches who had opened their towers and to Mr. and Mrs. H. Knight, Leslie Pullin and Mrs. Nurton for the excellent lunch.

Mr. F. E. Perrens also expressed his thanks for the excellent arrangements.

JOINT MEETING AT BENENDEN

In spite of inclement weather about 30 members and friends attended a joint meeting of the Ashford District of the Kent County Association and the Hawkhurst and District Guild at Benenden on March 17th.

Ringing during the afternoon was followed by the Association's form of service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. V. B. Yearsley) who was also organist. A good tea was served in the schoolroom followed by a short business meeting, the Vicar being in the chair. Kent County Association business was quickly got through, one practising member (Mr. A. Smith, of Biddeford) and one honorary member (Mrs. Willis, of Folkestone) being elected.

The only item on the Guild's agenda was the choice of a tower for the May meeting, Heathfield being chosen.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**TOP THE 1,000 MEMBERSHIP MARK FOR FIRST TIME**

THE annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Stroud on Easter Monday, about 120 members being present from all over the territory. The fine ring of 12 at Painswick was available during the morning and the 10 at Stroud during the morning and evening. Ringers from Bristol enjoyed ringing at Dursley and Wotton-under-Edge en route.

The proceeding commenced with lunch served in the Church Institute to over 100 members and friends. Lunch being over, the business meeting commenced at about 2 p.m. presided over by the Master, Mr. W. B. Kynaston (Swindon). The Rev. A. D. H. Allan (Cromhall) opened with prayer.

The secretary read apologies for absence from Mr. J. M. Stallard (Bristol), auditor, who was prevented from being present on business grounds, and Mr. J. C. Goulding (Lydney), hon. secretary South Forest Branch, through the ill health of his wife.

Reports for 1950 were before the meeting, which obviated a lot of unnecessary reading of Master's secretary's and treasurer's reports. The membership of the Association stood now, for the first time in its existence, at over 1,000 performing members, all branches except Stow-on-the-Wold having maintained or increased their membership, and were generally in a flourishing state. The standard of ringing had improved greatly during the past year and quite a number of young members had scored their first peal.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1951

All the present vice-presidents were re-elected and four new ones were added, namely, Messrs. C. R. Harding, late general secretary and chairman of the Bristol Rural Branch; F. G. Leaker, a very well-known figure in Bristol ringing, and chairman of Bristol City Branch; Alfred E. Reeves, another well-known figure in ringing (hon. peal secretary); and Andrew J. Corrigan, who has served the Association well through enabling the annual reports to be produced on economical lines.

The election of Master was the cause of quite a lot of excitement, there being four nominations. For this, the Master (Mr. Kynaston) vacated the chair, which was taken by Mr. Sidney Romans (Gloucester), Past Master and senior vice-president. The nominations were as follows:—Mr. John G. Jefferies (Mangotsfield); Mr. Leslie Barry (Gloucester); Canon W. H. Thomas (Slimbridge); and Mr. Cyril R. Harding (Downend, Bristol). This necessitated a ballot, which resulted as follows:—Mr. John G. Jefferies, 33 votes; Mr. Leslie Barry, 29; Mr. Cyril R. Harding, 28; and Canon W. H. Thomas, 15. Mr. John G. Jefferies was elected. Mr. Jefferies, who is 70 years of age, is the popular skipper at Mangotsfield and has done yeoman service for the Association for over 40 years and was for many years chairman of the Bristol Branch during the 1930's.

In thanking the meeting, Mr. Jefferies said it was a great honour that had been conferred on him that day, of which he was very proud. He thanked the retiring Master for the excellent work he had put in during his three years of Mastership and said that Mr. Kynaston had been as good a Master as the Association had had during his memory.

Mr. Frank Skidmore was re-elected hon. secretary and Mr. Percy Williams hon. treasurer, with Mr. Alfred Reeves hon. peal secretary. Mr. E. F. Hancock and Mr. John Stallard were re-elected hon. auditors.

REPRESENTATION ON GENERAL COUNCIL

Mr. Hancock (Bristol) here raised a protest that the Management Committee should not have the power to recommend nominees for these positions but that the annual meeting

only should have that right. It was explained that the recommendations were made as was customary, for the four Archdeacons, only as a guide, and the general meeting had every right to recommend who they liked, irrespective of the recommendations. The nominations were then asked for and the recommendations of the Management Committee were voted in, viz.: Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Swindon Archdeaconry; Mr. Frank Skidmore, Bristol Archdeaconry; Miss D. M. Drew, Gloucester Archdeaconry; and Mr. P. Baker, Cheltenham Archdeaconry.

Revision of rules was tackled next and certain rules were amended in light of up-to-date circumstances it being decided to issue Rule Cards to all members instead of printing in each annual report.

FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN

It was decided to fall in with local arrangements and ringers were asked to give of their best for this occasion. It was also decided that the Master should arrange a Festival Peal with a representative band at some convenient centre.

Newnham-on-Severn tower was to be returned to the North Forest Branch from the South Forest, where it had been transferred for many years past. Certain irregularities in a peal, rung this year, which had contravened Rule 22 but had since been put in order, were reported. The sanction of the meeting was asked to allow that peal to be recorded for the Association. This permission was granted.

There were two proposals for the place of the next annual meeting to be held on Easter Monday, 1952, Tewkesbury and Berkeley. On being put to the vote the meeting was in favour of Berkeley. Mr. Hancock invited the Association to hold its meeting in the near future in the Bristol City area.

This concluded the general business of the Association, votes of thanks being left over until after the tea, and a move was made to the church for divine service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Maltin), the address being given by the Rev. Dr. Lewis (Hardwick), the Rev. A. D. H. Allan reading the lesson. The revised form of service was used for the first time, it being generally acknowledged to be an improvement on the old one. A collection for the Belfry Repair Fund was taken and amounted to £3 12s. 8d.

Tea was partaken of and the usual votes of thanks were made to all concerned, especially the branch secretary, Mr. Tom Price, who was responsible for the arrangements and received with acclamation, thus bringing to a close one of the best meetings the Association has had. Further ringing took place after the meeting on the ten at Stroud and the visitors made their way home by coach to Bristol and Swindon, etc., after a very enjoyable day well filled.

F. C.

**'BELFRYMANSHIP'
(As I See It)**

Who well intends and forthright tells,
Thereby makes friends—'midst ringing bells
Who scorns the gift to voice his hopes,
May cause a rift—and 'empty ropes.'

No method fails—in mellow sounds,
Yet Ringers' tales sound best—as 'rounds.'
Who yields his place—to entertain,
Will by his grace—esteem now gain.

Who bendeth deep—to sow good seed,
Will rise to reap tenfold indeed,
Here 'take' and 'give' applies to all.
Strike well—and live—then (sweetly) fall.

G. C. G.

Tavistock.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE EASTER BROADCAST

Sir,—The excellence of striking and the quality of bells chosen for the Easter Day broadcast was in marked contrast to the rather mediocre efforts we heard on Christmas Day.

Congratulations of the Exercise at large should be extended to all the various bands whose striking was of the highest order and to the B.B.C., who evidently conferred with some ringing authority in order to select the best towers for the programme.

If this standard can be kept up for future broadcasts, with the commentators telling the listening public the number of bells being rung, much good will be done and there will be less antagonism from ordinary people towards bells and ringing.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN. H. HUNT.

Titchfield, Hants.

THE VILLAGE WEDDING

Sir,—All ringers know that the B.B.C. have, on occasions, been guilty of campanological howlers but ringers' protests seem to be having some effect, for recently the Birmingham B.B.C. rang me up to ask if I could help them to record accurately some typical village ringing for a wedding.

Whether the ability to ring the treble in Grandsire Doubles qualifies one as an authority competent to advise the B.B.C. is a point verging somewhat on the moot, but the upshot of the enquiry was that the ringers of Hanbury Church, Worcestershire, did their best to record a programme of rounds, firing and a plain course of Grandsire.

One record was reproduced in 'The Archers'—a story of country folk—on Friday morning, and another touch is to be used in about three weeks' time in the evening production of the same programme. No doubt many ringers will hear these recordings and the letters will flow. Let me stem the tide here and now. We rang as an ordinary village band—the striking was not perfect, but it was not bad, and we did our best. Can one do more? It is at least a sign of grace that the B.B.C. asked for help and were anxious to get their descriptions accurate.—Yours faithfully,

LEONARD J. BIRCH,

Rector of Hanbury.

'THE MEAT SAFE'

Dear Sir,—During a recent session of the B.B.C. programme, 'Question-Masters' Club, Mr. Gilbert Harding nosed a query to his fellow members which stumped them all. It was 'What is in the meat safe at the House?' Apart from one ingenious suggestion that the answer should be 'Mr. Webb' no one had any solution to offer, whereupon Mr. Harding proceeded to tell them, and his elucidation was that bells were in the meat safe at the House. Had he been content to leave it at that, he would have been snared considerable correspondence, but he went on to add that the meat safe was, in fact, Tom Tower, at Christ Church, Oxford!

Apparently Mr. Gilbert Harding has been overwhelmed with protests from indignant campanologists who know that Tom Tower isn't the meat safe as, in answer to one listener, he writes 'Thank you for your letter. Yes! I was quite wrong about the meat safe, and I am busy admitting my mistake.'—Yours, etc.

WEST COUNTRYMAN.

A 1949 BARWELL PEAL FALSE

Dear Sir—It has recently been pointed out to me by Mr. Shirley Burton that the peal of Plain Bob Major rung at Barwell, Leics, on Wednesday, February 29th, 1949, is false.

I therefore wish to have the peal withdrawn and extend my sincere apologies to you, Mr. Burton, and all members of the band who took part.—Yours faithfully,

J. W. F. TROTMAN.

Nuneaton.

A STANDARDISED CHANGE-OVER

Dear Sir,—On practice nights we usually have more ringers than ropes and very often wish to change our band over without setting the bells. In order to do this safely, we have standardised our method of handing over a bell and teach this as part of bell-handling. We find the idea works perfectly in our own tower but when our learners go visiting they still expect the 'standard' change-over and don't always get it.

Our method is, I believe, the most often used and is very simple. The change-over takes place at hand-stroke, the person 'taking over' standing behind and to the left (to the right if the ringer is left-handed). The ringer catches the sally with the right hand only and pulls the bell off again normally, at the same time passing the rope's-end safely to the person taking over. Then both wait until the bell goes up at back-stroke, when they change places. The essence of the method is that no feet are moved, nor does the relieved person move clear of the circle except at back-stroke when there is no coil of rope to step on (with disastrous results).

As by means of this change-over (which may be usual in other places but is certainly not standardised throughout the Exercise) we change over complete bands quickly without mishap and with very few bad blows, I am sure it would be beneficial to the Exercise if it were used by all ringers.

W. H. VIGGERS.

Aldershot.

POSITION OF HERSHAM TOWER

Dear Sir,—May I, through the columns of 'The Ringing World,' correct a misstatement appearing in the annual report of the Surrey Association.

The list of towers in the N.W. District wrongly includes that of St. Peter's, Hersham. Hersham tower is affiliated to the Guildford Diocesan Guild, through its Parochial Church Council, and is not in union with any other Guild but that of its own diocese.

The fact that individual members of the Hersham band have joined the Surrey Association does not give that Association the right to claim that the tower is in union with them. Such union can only be effected by consent of the entire local band with the added consent of the Parochial Church Council.—Yours faithfully,

W. SIMMONDS,

Captain of Ringers and member of Parochial Church Council.

Hersham.

MR. CHARLES TYLER'S HANDBELL PEALS

Dear Sir,—Reference Mr. C. E. Borrett's letter on page 140 in 'The Ringing World' of March 2nd, re the death of Mr. C. Tyler, of Henfield, and the peals of Stedman referred to, the first peal, Stedman Triples, was rung on April 14th, 1896; composition, Thurstans' Original. W. Hillman 1-2, L. Payne 3-4, C. Tyler 5-6, G. Payne 7-8. Referee, A. W. Groves.

Then on December 3rd, 1896, Stedman Caters: C. Tyler 1-2, W. Hillman 3-4, L. Payne 5-6, G. Payne 7-8, A. W. Groves 9-10. Referee, H. Stringer.

Then on February 9th, 1897, Stedman Cinques: L. Payne 1-2, W. Hillman 3-4, G. Payne 5-6, C. Tyler 7-8, W. J. Alliss 9-10, A. W. Groves 11-12. Referee, H. Stringer.

The peals are taken from the records of the S.C.A. and A. W. Groves, who is now 84 years of age and is the sole survivor of the band.

I hope this will meet with Mr. Borrett's requirements; truly a wonderful record at that time.—Yours faithfully,

J. DEARLOVE.

Hassocks, Sussex.

KEEP IT UP, EVERCREECH

Dear Sir,—I write to say how much I agree with Mr. H. J. Sanger's recent letter. In his first paragraph Mr. Sanger speaks of the necessity of 'an awful lot of spade work of a very elementary character,' and how very true this is! If the Exercise is to continue to flourish in years to come, it is up to all of us to do everything in our power to encourage and help young recruits to the belfry to become keen and enthusiastic Sunday service ringers and, above all, good strikers. All too many towers, both in town and country, are silent because a band is content to rest on its laurels without bothering to train recruits to carry on when they themselves became too old to climb the stairs!

However, thank goodness, there are many towers up and down the country, of which Evercreech is obviously an outstanding example, in which enthusiasm and patience have resulted in real progress. Comparisons are odious, I know, but it may interest readers of 'The Ringing World' to hear of slow but sure progress in several towers with which I am acquainted in this area. At St. Maurice's, Winchester, a strong Sunday service bands being built up practically from scratch; at Horsham six or seven youngsters aged from 12 to 15 are making excellent progress, and a young band has been built up at the neighbouring five-bell tower of Itchingfield. At Thakeham, whose bells were augmented to six a year or so ago, another keen band of young ringers is making excellent progress; and in our local six-bell tower of Bosham, the bells are rung regularly for the first time for many years. We have four youngsters who are doing well and we hope to find some more recruits soon. These examples all go to show how much can be done but there is always room for more improvement.

Every good wish to Mr. Sanger in his fine work! I had the pleasure of taking part in ringing on the grand new ring of ten in his tower a couple of years ago, and I know that his young ringers have good reason to be proud of their bells. Well done, Evercreech—keep it up!—Yours sincerely,

Bosham, Sussex.

PETER N. BOND.

ANCIENT BELLS

COLD ASHBY

Dear Sir,—The second bell in the ring of four at Cold Ashby, Northants, is dated 1317 and is the oldest dated bell in Northamptonshire.—Yours truly,

Geddington. ROBERT G. BLACK.

BRADWELL, BUCKS.

Dear Sir,—At Bradwell, Bucks, we have three bells in our ring of six older than the seventh at Yatton. The treble and second are thirteenth-century bells by Michael de Wymbis. The fourth, a fifteenth-century bell, is by John Walgrave. This bell was badly cracked, but early in the present century it was welded. Although a good piece of work, the tone spoils the ring of six.—Yours faithfully,

Wolverton, Bucks. J. E. WHITLOCK.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

Dear Sir,—The seventh bell of the ring of eight at North Wingfield, weighing 10 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb., bears no date, but cast into the metal is a coin of the late fourteenth century. In Gothic letters, it bears the inscription: 'In Multis Annis Resones Campana Johannis.' and is older than the tower in which it hangs.

I should be interested to know if it is possible that the 'Johannis' refers to the founder. John of Stafford, who I understand was active about that time.

The fourth and sixth bore the date 1617, but the latter was recast in 1878. The tenor was recast in 1922 after serving since 1661, and the fifth, which bears no inscription whatever, is also reputed to be very old.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE E. HANCOCK.

North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

LETTERS—Continued

WHAT CONSTITUTES GOOD STRIKING

Dear Sir,—Mr. F. J. Jackson is, of course, perfectly at liberty to express his 'considered opinion founded on observation' in support of his preference for the sound of even bell-ringing.

The whole question is entirely a matter of taste and has formerly been adequately dealt with by the late Editor of 'The Ringing World' and several others. Odd-bell ringers like a preponderance of musical changes with the tenor behind and no variation whatsoever, whilst even-bell ringers find 'the mixture' a bit too sweet and sickly and prefer to have plenty of 'salt' in between the doses of 'sugar.'

I also have very little doubt that in due time, Mr. Jackson will learn that Stedman and even Grandsire Triples necessitate good striking no less than Double Norwich.

I feel that we should be far better employed than decrying each other's tastes (or defending our own) if we set about raising the general standard of striking throughout the Exercise to the highest possible level or, what is perhaps more important, if we endeavour to define what really does constitute good striking.

About a quarter of a century ago, on the few occasions I was privileged to see the late Canon Coleridge, Pye Brothers, W. H. Fussell and other past members of our art 'in action.' I never failed to be impressed by their calm, dignified, unhurried ringing, especially of Triples or Major with the faintly perceptible widening of backstrokes in 6-7-8.

Nowadays, with some bands at any rate, all this sort of thing appears to have 'gone by the board,' the idea apparently being to rap in the 6-7-8's and, indeed, all the bells, as speedily as possible without actually clashing.

In spite of all the obvious 'material' progress, therefore, which has been made in recent years, one wonders, on looking back, whether we haven't lost something infinitely greater in the way of true striking and I believe this is a matter which might well engage the serious attention of the Central Council at its forthcoming meeting in Chester.—Yours faithfully,

THOMAS R. BUTLER.

Liverpool.

THE SLATERS OF GLEMSFORD

Dear Sir,—I was particularly interested to see the reference to Zach Slater, of Glemsford, Suffolk, in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World.' Having gained my initial knowledge from the late Theodore Slater, I heard a good deal about the brothers Zachariah, John, Joe and Samuel, who, in their heyday, saw peal boards erected in many towers in this part of the country.

Many were the times we heard how one of them walked from Glemsford to Norwich and back for a peal—a distance of 60 miles—and of how Sam Slater walked the 30 miles to Ipswich several times to get his peal of Maximus. And of Sam's peal book; he was a fine scholar for his day and the book is written masterly in old English.

Alas, their bells at Glemsford are now silent; many hopefully await the rehanging. A fund has been opened with that object in view. Just a few weeks ago it was announced that £700 must be raised as soon as possible to clean and restore the church.

One evening, a week or so back, a letter was circulated in the village asking for the effort to be well supported and it was tragic to find, next morning, that the roof of the north aisle had been ransacked of its lead—an area of 60 feet by 16 inches. For a time, at least, it looks like hard lines on the bells the Slaters loved so well.

Sudbury.

ARCH A. FITCH.

The bells of St. John-the-Baptist, Keynsham, near Bristol, are being rehung, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, on ball-bearings. It is hoped they will be ready for Whitsun. These bells were last rehung in 1910.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
SOCIETY

Wit at Annual Dinner

The Society's annual dinner was held on February 10th at the 'Museum Tavern.' During the day there was ringing at St. Mary's, Willesden, St. Mary's, Acton and at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, where a short service was conducted by the Rev. A. H. Taylor.

Thirty-eight members and guests sat down to dinner, the Master, Mr. D. N. Layton, being in the chair. After the loyal toast had been honoured, Mr. P. R. Layton proposed the health of the guests. His speech followed lines which he regarded as customary at ringers' dinners, comprising Reminiscences of the Past, What is Wrong with the Exercise, Advice to Young Ringers and (for one year only) the Festival of Britain. In the latter connection he suggested that the extent of Caters should be rung by 30 or so young ringers in relays during their fortnight's summer holiday.

Mr. Layton then welcomed the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths to this meeting of genuine college youths. The Society was also pleased to welcome the Masters of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the Cambridge University Guild, the secretary of the Bristol University Society, Mr. and Mrs. Bevan, of Hampstead, and Mr. Hardy, of Lambeth. They were especially pleased to have with them Mr. and Mrs. Gardener, to whom they were much indebted for hospitality during last summer's tour.

Mr. A. S. Watt, Master of the Cambridge University Guild, said in reply that he knew from previous experience how difficult it was to speak after any member of the Layton family, but he would do his best. In thanking the Society for their hospitality he pointed out that one of the most gratifying things about functions of this kind, quite apart from meeting old friends, was the discovery that other Societies rang as badly as one's own. On this occasion, however, he had found most of the ringing quite good.

The health of the Society was proposed by the 'Scandinavian Department,' Mr. P. G. Foote. His discursive and cultured speech was made more interesting by his voluminous notes, which were, however, used more for effect than for reference.

The Master, in reply, pointed out that Mr. Watt was doubly unfortunate in that he was followed as well as preceded by a Layton. He went on to a somewhat Gilbertian discussion of a book he happened to have with him but was not trying to sell. Mr. D. N. Layton then gave a brief review of the Society's activities so far this session, and had to report that a large number of undergraduates wanting to learn ringing had come forward, and considerable progress was being made in teaching them. He finished by reminding the gathering that two members—Philip and Joan Gray—were sailing for Australia on March 1st.

'IN WHICH CENTURY?'

Dear Sir,—I cannot see why peals rung in 1900 should be considered as rung in the last century.

A person born on January 1st, 1800, and living over 100 years would celebrate his or her 100th birthday on January 1st, 1900, and 1900 would be that person's 101st year, completed on January 1st, 1901.

Obviously our calendar was calculated long after Christ had left the earth. His ministry terminated in the year 33 A.D., when he was 33 years old.

For the purposes of our calendar we must accept a year 0 A.D. and a year B.C. 0, or plus 0 and minus 0, zero hour being the time of Christ's birth.

I think those people who wished each other a happy new century at midnight on December 31st, 1899, were quite correct.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR DAVIS.

116, Alma Road, Bournemouth.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION

Larger Income Wanted

The annual general meeting took place in Norwich on Easter Monday and was very successful. The towers of Mancroft, St. Giles', St. George Colegate, St. Miles' and St. John de Sepulchre's were available for ringing. Methods up to Cambridge Royal were rung.

The service was at Mancroft at 12 noon, the preacher being the president. Lunch and the business meeting were held at Mancroft Youth Centre and ringers were present from Caister-on-Sea, Beccles, Roydon, Fornett, Wymondham, Diss, Somerleyton, Hethersett, Great Yarmouth, Chester-le-Street (Durham), Sheringham, Costessey, Fakenham, Gressenhall, Shipdham, Caston, Bunwell, Pulham Market, Pulham St. Mary, North Creak, Dickleburgh, Redenhall, Norton Subcourse, Wood Norton, Long Stratton, Mulbarton and Norwich, besides people from Peterborough Diocesan Guild and Suffolk and Mr. T. H. Taffender and Mr. J. Bullock from London.

At the business meeting officers re-elected included the president, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard; the general secretary and treasurer, the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow; Ringing Master, Mr. Nolan Golden; auditor, Mr. George Fletcher; Central Council representatives, Mr. Nolan Golden, Mr. W. C. Duffield and the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow. Vice-presidents were re-elected with the addition of Mr. William Lee, for many years the chairman of the East Norfolk Branch.

It was noted that the new rule, asking all to order lunch from the general secretary in advance, enclosing 4s., and being given a ticket of admission, had worked well, and it was agreed to continue this practice at future annual meetings.

Deep sympathy was expressed with Mr. W. J. Eldred, secretary of West Norfolk Branch, in the loss of his wife.

The auditor, in presenting the accounts, said that steps would have to be considered to increase the income and reduce the expenditure.

Festival of Britain arrangements were discussed. It was noted that the authorities request the ringing of Mancroft bells on the opening day of the Norwich Festival fortnight, Monday, June 18th, from 9.30 to 10.30 and from 2 p.m. for an hour. Although it was found possible to arrange bands for these times, any visiting ringers will be welcome.

Steps were discussed with a view to collaborating with other Guilds in the printing of a new service book.

Names are requested for the annual outing on Saturday, May 26th. Leave Mancroft at 7.30 a.m.

MR. T. R. HAMPTON'S 100 PEALS

Mr. Terry R. Hampton, of Erdington, Birmingham, has completed his first hundred peals, the majority of which have been rung in the past two years. They have been rung for seven Guilds and Associations, with 122 different ringers and in 36 towers. His list is as follows:—

Minor: Cambridge Surprise 1.
Triples: Grandsire 5, Stedman 2.
Major: Plain Bob 2, Double Norwich 5.
Surprise Major: Ashted 1, Aldenham 1, Bristol 3, Cambridge 6, *Dorney 1, Hitchin 1, Jersey 1, London 3, Norfolk 1, Pudsey 1, *Radnor 1, Rutland 1, Superlative 2, *Somer-set 1, *Vauxhall 1, Whitminster 1, Yorkshire 7.
Caters: Grandsire 1, Stedman 5, Erin 1.
Surprise Royal: *Birmingham 1, Cambridge 3, Lincolnshire 1, Lindsey 1, Prittlewell 1, Pudsey 1, Painswick 1, Rutland 1, †Solihull 1, Yorkshire 3.
Cinques: Stedman 20.

Surprise Maximus: †Albanian 1, Cambridge 2, †Prittlewell 1, †Pontefract 1, Pudsey 1, *Solihull 1, Yorkshire 3, Spiced (two methods) 1.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method on that number of bells.

DEDICATIONS

BERRINGTON, SHROPSHIRE

On Tuesday evening, March 20th, the two new trebles to make a ring of eight and cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, were dedicated by Bishop Sara, Assistant Bishop of Hereford, at All Saints', Berrington, Shropshire. The inscription on the treble reads: 'This bell and the second of this peal were added in thanksgiving for peace, in 1945.'

About four years ago the Berrington band decided to raise funds to provide these bells and this they did, with the help of a few friends, in the space of 18 months, by organising whist drives and dances.

Verses of the hymn 'Ring up the Bells,' the words and music of which are by the Rev. H. Scott, Master of the Clun District of the Hereford Guild, 1919-1928, were sung before and after the dedication.

After the service the bells were opened with rounds and queens by members of the local band. Nearly 50 ringers were present from places as far apart as Hereford, Clun, Market Drayton and Wolverhampton.

CRANBORNE, DORSET

'I replace my ancient sister,
May I too ring for 500 years.'

So reads the inscription on a new bell dedicated at Cranborne, Dorset, on March 17th, with the seven other bells of this ring which have been recast by Messrs John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The tenor, of 16 cwt. 3 qr., was originally cast by Clement Tosier in 1713.

The treble, originally cast by John Warner and Sons in 1890 has been recast to the memory of my mother, Julia Ann Day.' Her son, Mr. W. F. G. Day, a churchwarden, was chiefly responsible for organising the fund which raised £1,000 in this parish, which has little more than 500 people, towards the total cost of £1,500.

The ceremony of dedication was performed by the Rural Dean (the Rev. J. C. Meyer) in the absence of the Archdeacon of Dorset (the Ven. L. F. Addison who was Vicar of Cranborne from 1921 to 1948). The present Vicar, the Rev. W. F. Bond, conducted the service.

The dedication took place beneath the tower. The Rural Dean read the respective lines of Psalm 150 with which each bell is inscribed, and the dedication prayer was as follows:—

'Almighty God who by the mouth of Thy servant Moses, didst command to make two silver trumpets for the convocation of solemn assemblies, be pleased to accept these bells. Bless, hallow and sanctify these bells with Thy heavenly benediction and grant that through this generation and through those who are to come, they may continually call together Thy faithful people to praise and magnify Thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.'

The bells were rung in rounds as the procession returned to the chancel. To the congregation the Dean said: 'You are to take notice that these bells of the church are committed to the custody of the Vicar of the Parish to be used with his consent, subject to the ultimate control of the Bishop of the Diocese.'

Among the congregation which filled the church were the Marquess and Marchioness of Salisbury and the Earl and Countess of Shaftesbury. Mr. Paul Taylor also attended.

Tea was served afterwards in the Village Hall where Lord Salisbury, in a brief speech, described the occasion as historic. The present church, he said, dated back to Norman times and they had at Cranborne Manor a relic of an earlier building thought to have been seventh-century, so probably since that time church bells had sounded over this countryside.

The bells were afterwards rung in standard methods, the opening touch being rung by a picked band of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

WEEDON

Two memorial bells to complete the ring to eight were hallowed by the Archdeacon of Northampton (the Ven. C. J. Grimes) on March 10th. The inscription on each bell, one weighing 44 cwt. and the other 44 cwt., reads:—

This Bell was hung to the Glory of God and in honour of the men and women of this Parish who served in the World War and in grateful remembrance of those who died in the service of their King and Country, 1939—1945.

The bells were supplied by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. and in them is the metal of the bell formerly at St. Katherine's, Northampton. There was a good attendance at the service which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. I. V. Lewis); the congregation included many ringers. The Archdeacon was preceded by the choir, the churchwardens (Messrs. G. F. Goff, Vicar's warden, and G. A. Wallis, people's warden) and the Vicar, to the belfry.

The ropes of the two new bells were handed to the Archdeacon by the churchwardens, the request for hallowing being made by the people's warden. After hallowing, the Archdeacon handed the ropes and committed the bells to the care of the Vicar. Then a team of eight Weedon ringers, Messrs. V. Perry, B. Hill, T. Deacon, K. Deacon, R. Smith, G. Webb, F. Robinson and A. Deacon, rang rounds as the choir and Archdeacon returned to the chancel.

The sermon was preached by the Archdeacon who said the bells were a memorial to those who made the supreme sacrifice and we should thank God for their memory, also for the freedom which they had preserved. They would seem to say to us—we have done our part, now go on and do yours in the building up of the perfect social order. The collection in aid of the Bell Fund amounted to £26 3s.

After the service a tea was held in the Schools. The Archdeacon thanked the ringers. Mr. G. H. Hancock, of Willoughby, chairman of the Daventry Branch, Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Ringers, presided, supported by Mr. F. W. Hancock, Willoughby, secretary of the branch, the Rev. I. V. Lewis, Vicar, and Messrs. G. F. Goff and G. A. Wallis, churchwardens. The Rev. Lewis welcomed the ringers and hoped they would have the pleasure of testing the new ring that evening. Mr. G. H. Hancock thanked the Vicar and also Mr. Ron Smith, who made the arrangements for the tea, and Mr. V. Perry, captain of the Weedon ringers, for the arrangements.

The meeting of the Daventry Branch was held afterwards. Messrs. G. H. Webb (Coventry), Mr. G. H. Hancock and Mr. F. W. Hancock gave selections on handbells.

During the evening peals in methods ranging from rounds to Bristol and Yorkshire Surprise were rung. Representatives from the following towers were present:—Charwelton, Staverton, Gayton, Byfield, Hevford, Bugbrooke, Harpole, Burton Latimer, Raunds, Green's Norton, Blakesley, Daventry, Long Buckby, Great Brington, Allesley (Coventry) Flore, Newnham, Loughborough, Helmdon, Maids Moreton, Buckingham, Badby, Watford, Lois Weedon, Eydon, Desborough, Tiddington, Deddington, Wicken, Northampton (St. Giles'), Kingsthorpe, East Haddon, Weston Favell, Whilton, Yardley Hastings and Weedon Bec and took part in the ringing. Mr. E. W. Whitmore, of Raunds, Ringing Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, was also present and Messrs. Taylor and Co. were represented by Mr. J. P. Fidler.

The eight bells at Hampton have been cleaned, retuned and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The great improvement in the tone and 'go' received many favourable comments at the dedication service on Holy Saturday.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION Cambridge Honoured by Memorable Week-end

During the Easter week-end, Cambridge, by the consent of H. M. The King, attained the dignity of becoming a city. Added to this, her oarsmen achieved a brilliant victory in the famous Boat Race.

It was, therefore, more than usually appropriate that the bells of her churches were ringing throughout Easter Monday on the occasion of the Association's annual general meeting.

Ringers attended from the following places:—Harston, Somersham, Sawston, Trumpington, Ely, Bardney (Lincs), Duxford, Little Shelford, Over, Burton Latimer, Brampton, Surfleet, Downham Market, Saffron Walden, Tilney All Saints, Shouldham, Huntingdon, Great Staughton, Birmingham (St. Martin's), Terrington St. John and Walpole St. Andrew, together with members of the Cambridge towers.

The business meeting was held in the Consistory Court at Great St. Mary, presided over by the Rev. W. H. Hopkin, deputising for the Vicar who was indisposed.

The general secretary and treasurer (Mr. W. W. Cousins) was re-elected, likewise the auditor (Mr. T. R. Dennis). Other elections were:—Peal secretary, Mr. E. G. Hibbins; Diocesan committee, Messrs. J. Gibson, C. Hurst, R. Brooker, R. H. Bullen, F. W. Lack, F. Warrington, C. Cousins and C. Rolfe. Representatives to the Central Council, Messrs. F. W. Lack and E. H. Mastin.

It was decided to hold the next A.G.M. in Huntingdon.

The visitors were welcomed by Mr. R. H. Bullen, Mr. R. C. Heazel, of Saffron Walden responding. Thanks to the various incumbents for permission to ring were expressed by the Rev. B. F. Sheppard. The service which followed was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Hopkin, who gave a short address, the Rev. B. F. Sheppard officiating at the organ very effectively. Tea followed in the Oak Room of the Dorothy Cafe, after which ringing was resumed. W. W. C.

WE KEEP TRYING.

to produce the 'Notebook and Diary' without errors, but the following have crept in for 1951. Please correct your copy.

Page 17, column 3. The part end of the third 180 of Stedman Triples should read: 2314756.

Page 29, column 5. First 720 of Double Court. Alter 35642 (at first single) to read 35462.

Page 47, column 2. Add a bob at 4 in the third course of the 240 of Double Norwich

Page 52, column 2. The length marked 256 is actually 192.

Page 56, column 2. Delete the bob H in the third course.

Page 57, column 1. Alter 32645 to 32654.

Page 57, column 3. Add a bob M and delete the bob W in the fifth course. Also add a bob H in each of the last two courses. (These may be faintly visible in some copies.)

Page 63, column 1. Alter Y to X in the second course.

Page 63, column 2. The last lead of the first course must not be rung London.

W. VIGGERS, M. HODGSON.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE STRAW

Leicestershire ringers will learn with regret that Mr. George Straw passed peacefully away on March 14th after a very short illness.

A native of Derbyshire, he moved to Leicester after the first Great War and for a time rang at Knighton Parish Church but for the past quarter of a century had been a member of the Cathedral band.

Although a keen ringer, he could never ring methods beyond Stedman and his total of peals was only seven but he was a regular service ringer and was always present at ringing meetings.

The funeral service was held in St. Philip's Church and was attended by ringers from Aylestone, St. Margaret's and the Cathedral. Before the service finished a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by H. Wayne, H. J. Poole, E. Morris and Mrs. H. D. Poole.

MR. G. W. TEMPLE

For 65 years a member of the Twerton Company, Mr. George William Temple died, on February 24th at the home of his niece at 49 Maybrick Road, Bath. He was 87 years of age.

A bronze plaque over the tower door at St. Michael's, Twerton-on-Avon, records the fact that he was tower master for 60 years. He cared for those bells as a good father tends his child. He was also a ringer at Bath Abbey for 30 years. Apart from membership of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association and the Salisbury Guild, he was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

It gave great pleasure to him to hear his niece read out his name among the veterans who rang peals in the last century. The peal board at Twerton records his first peal, in May, 1888, which was the last peal for the Bath and Keynsham Association. Another board records his name on the first peal rung for the Bath and Wells Association.

The funeral was on February 28th, the body being taken into the Church of the Ascension at the express wish of the Vicar (the Rev. F. Pollard). The service was fully choral. Deceased's nephew, with whom he lived, carried the cross. Interment was at Twerton Cemetery in the same grave as his wife.

In the evening the bells of Twerton were rung muffled by Miss Williams, Mrs. Evans, Messrs. A. Baverstock, E. King, M. Helms, T. Hayward, W. Starr, G. Hawkins, S. Woodburn, P. Young, W. Prescott and F. King. The whole pull and stand was rung and then the bells lowered, each bell being struck three times from treble to tenor.

QUARTER PEALS

SPARSHOLT, HANTS.—On March 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Keen (first quarter) 1, T. Tockock 2, J. A. C. King 3, M. Keen (first 'inside') 4, H. D. Buckingham (first as cond.) 5.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On March 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Payne 1, F. Norrish 2, L. H. May 3, E. Richards 4, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 5, R. J. Bowden 6, W. H. Ware 7, A. Kerslake 8.

TYRINGHAM, BUCKS.—On Easter Day, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Orchard 1, Edith Sharp 2, S. Birch (first quarter) 3, A. Armstrong (first as cond.) 4, C. Sharp 5.

WARE, HERTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Smith (first quarter) 1, W. Smith 2, J. Little (first quarter) 3, R. Stacey 4, S. W. Smith (cond.) 5, J. Lee 6.—Also E. Lankester 1, F. Lankester 2, T. Chapman 3, R. Smith 4, J. Smith (cond.) 5, R. W. Smith 6.

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DEATH

LINCOLN, Thomas.—Passed to rest at his home, Victoria Road, Writtle, on Thursday, March 29th, 1951. 'Life's work completed.' 8678

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MEETINGS

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD—Winchester District—Quarterly meeting at Hursley on Saturday, April 7th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. in King's Head Hotel. Business meeting follows. 8561

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Meeting, Burslemcombe, April 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea to C. Dymond, Silverton, near Exeter. 8623

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ton-bridge District.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Tun-bridge Wells (8), April 7th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 8750

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-West Division.—Quarterly meeting at Rayleigh (8), April 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. to be followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing after tea. Names for tea to E. Blower, 37, Highfield Crescent, Rayleigh. 8544

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, Saturday, April 7th. Bells of Cathedral Church and St. Nicolas from 2.45. Service at St. Mary's 4.15. Tea and business meeting, St. Nicolas' Hall, 5.15 p.m.—G. L. Grover East Clandon, Hon. Sec. 8577

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting, Nettleham, April 7th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.15.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec. 8602

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Winhill, April 7th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4. Tea for those notifying F. Fretwell, 16, Bladon Street, Winhill, Burton-on-Trent.—J. Cotton. 8622

SOUTHWELL GUILD—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Barton-in-Fabis, Saturday, April 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. 8615

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Cowfold, Saturday, April 7th, 3 p.m. 8611

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Monthly practice, Tilehurst, Saturday, April 7th. Bells 6 p.m.—A. Diserens, Branch Sec. 8596

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Aston, April 7th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone SPR 1025. 8614

GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS.—The annual business meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's Vicarage, Wells, on Wednesday, April 11th, at 8 p.m.—E. V. Cox, Hon. Sec., West Hill, Ottery St. Mary, Devon. 8635

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, Herts.—Rededication of the ring of eight by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans, Wednesday, April 11th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Bells rehung with new fittings and framework (tenor 19½ cwt.) by Gillett and Johnston. 8578

BUXTED, SUSSEX.—April 14th. Bells (8) 2. Dedication of helfry screen 3. Tea, by kind invitation. 5. All ringers welcome. Names to E. Fade, Beacon View Buxted. 8594

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Meeting, Creech St. Michael, April 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 8608

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Chrishall on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by April 12th, please, to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 8610

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Barton-on-Humber, April 14th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, by April 11th, to A. W. Hoodless, 11, Holydyke, Barton-on-Humber. 8618

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Clerkenwell, April 14th. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Bells: Clerkenwell, 3; Holiway and St. Giles-in-the-Fields, after meeting. Names for tea to Ernest Turner, 73, Braithwaite Gardens, Stanmore (WORDSWORTH 51C9). 8607

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Shireoaks (6), Saturday, April 14th. Names for tea, by April 10th, to Mr. H. Hall, Measham House, Shireoaks, Worksop.—H. Denman. 8627

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, April 14th, 3 p.m. Ringing St. Mary's, Lambeth, 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 8660

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Meeting at Othry, April 14th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30, names please. Service after. Middlezoy open 7.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 8664

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Compton Dando, April 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. J. Chivers, Chilcompton. 8649

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 8654

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Spring meeting, Aldford, Saturday, April 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Names for tea not later than April 11th.—Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 8652

DERBYSHIRE AND EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATIONS AND SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Bolsover, April 14th, 2.30. Names for tea to Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Lane, Duckmanton. 8677

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Gainford meeting arranged for April 14th has now been postponed until later date.—J. T. Titt, 54, Stoopersdale Avenue, Darlington. 8661

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—April 14th, Buxted (8). Names to E. Eade, Beacon View, Buxted.—C. A. Bassett. 8669

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Ickleton (8), Saturday, April 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 8651

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Blunsdon (6), April 14th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 8644

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bushey Heath (8), April 14th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 8655

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Aylesford, Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea by invitation. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Thatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 8637

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Flookburgh on Saturday, April 14th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. Edgar, Holker, Cartmel.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 8673

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, April 14th, St. Francis Xavier, Liverpool. Start 2.30. Tea 5.30. All names to Mr. T. Egan, 6, Norwood Grove, Liverpool, 6.—Julia M. Preston, Branch Sec. 8674

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Todmorden, April 14th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in School 5 p.m.—F. Pritchard. 8653

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Diseworth, Saturday, April 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in School. Names, by Wednesday, April 11th, to Mr. J. W. Fletcher, Hall Gate Lane, Diseworth.—C. W. Hall. 8657

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Glenn, April 14th. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Crown Inn. P.C. by 11th. Outing, Windsor, fare 24s. each including tea.—L. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn. 8666

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 14th. St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. Ringing 3. Tea 4.30. Business, in tower, 5.30. Ringing afterwards.—A. Boyack, Dis. Sec. 8658

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Benson on Saturday, April 14th, at 3. Service at 4. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea by April 10th to H. Badger, North Street, Thame, Oxon. 8665

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Martinstown, April 14th. Usual arrangements. Names by April 9th, please.—J. Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 8662

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—An informal practice meeting will be held at Burwarton (6) on Saturday, April 14th. Names for tea by April 12th. Foxalls bus leaves Bridgnorth at 2.15 p.m.—E. J. Rowe, Church House, Broseley (Ironbridge 3324). 8638

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Look up your Doubles Methods and attend the practice meeting at Twineham (5) on Saturday, April 14th, 2.30. Names of those who require tea, by Wednesday, April 11th, to Miss Stella M. Wickens, 7, Blackstone Rise, Woodmancote, Henfield.—B. W. White. 8650

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting, Upton-on-Severn, Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names by Tuesday, April 10th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 8676

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Dover, April 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 1s. 9d. per head. Names, with cash enclosed, to me not later than Wednesday, April 18th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beasonsfield Road, Canterbury. 8670

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Deanery.—Meeting, Dinder, April 21st. Bells 3. Service 4. Notify for tea by Tuesday, 17th.—Wm. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 8659

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Saturday, April 21st, at Warwick. Bells of St. Mary's (10) available 3 p.m. Tea 5, at Warwick Restaurant (1s. 6d.) only for those who notify me by first post on Wednesday, April 18th. Those failing to notify must make own arrangements. Business meeting in vestry 6. Bells of Sherbourne (6) and Leamington (8) may be available in evening, if required, in addition to St. Mary's.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21 Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nun. 3296. 8656

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Eyam (6), Saturday, April 21st. 3. Tea at the Bull's Head. Names for tea by April 19th to D. Scott, Orchard House, Hillside, Darley Dale. 8679

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, Eltham, Saturday, April 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea (1s. 9d.) 4.30. Names for tea not later than Monday, 16th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent. 8671

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Milton-next-Gravesend, on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, which is at the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, of 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, Kent, to whom names should be sent not later than Wednesday, April 18th. 8668

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 21st, at the Parish Hall, Church Street, Blackpool, commencing immediately after tea, at approximately 6 p.m. The service will be at the Parish Church, commencing 4 p.m. and the preacher will be the Rev. Canon Wm. Yates, M.A. Tea will follow at 4.45 p.m. at the Parish Hall, Church Street, 2s. 9d. per head. Names to Mr. J. H. Foster, 58, East Topping Street, Blackpool, before April 18th (numbers limited). The following churches will be open for ringing: The Parish Church, St. John's, 10 a.m. to 3.45 p.m.; after meeting until 9 p.m.; Sacred Heart (R.C.), Talbot Road, 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Holy Trinity, South Shore, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.—F. Dunkerley, Ringing Secretary. 8643

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Loddon, Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names or numbers for tea by Wednesday, 18th, to H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon, Norfolk.—J. Harwood, Sec. 8646

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Great Doddington, Saturday, April 21st. Service 4.30. Names, please.—A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 8640

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting at Reading, April 21st. St. Mary's (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. St. Laurence's (12) after meeting. Names for tea, please, by April 19th, to Mrs. A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading.—K. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 8680

NORTH MYMMS PARK, HATFIELD, HERTS.—A fete will be held on Whit Monday, May 14th, at 2 p.m., part proceeds of which are to be given towards the Church Bells Restoration Fund. Bells will be available for ringing during the morning. Lovely house and grounds for your Bank Holiday enjoyment. Further details later. 8641

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—N.W. District will be holding a district meeting with the Saffron Walden Guild on the occasion of the Great Ringing Day (June 30th). Book this date and help to make it a great day. Lunch and tea will be arranged. Further details later.—G. Bake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 8609

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