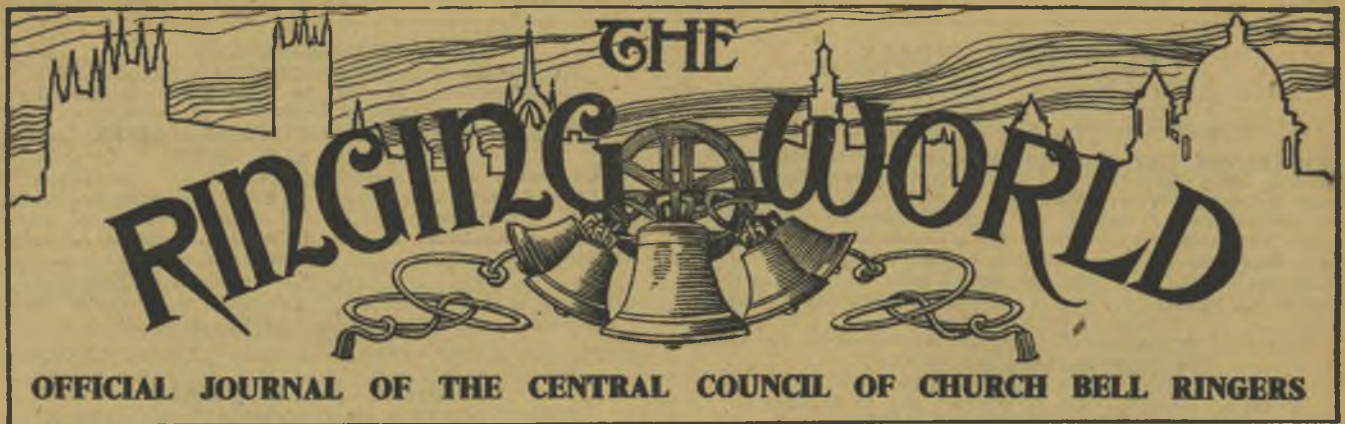




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OUR POLICY

RECENTLY a question was addressed to the Editor as to what was the policy of 'The Ringing World.'

We know that our journal is exclusive in character as being the only weekly periodical in the world devoted to the advancement of the art of change ringing and of stimulating good striking, but while that is the purpose of 'The Ringing World' its policy covers a far wider field.

It is not inappropriate to remind the many new readers that 'The Ringing World' was acquired by the Central Council in 1942 from the executors of the founder, Mr. John S. Goldsmith. By that act of purchase the journal became the recognised medium for communications from the Central Council to the affiliated Guilds and Associations. Thus in the formulating of the policy of the journal that policy must conform to the accepted decisions of the Council and there must be an appropriate loyalty to the Council. This does not mean that the Editor of 'The Ringing World' should stifle any point of view that is contrary to that of the Council, but there must be that primary surrender in the matter of editorials to the majority view as expressed by resolution at a full session of the Council.

Thus it comes about that the policy of 'The Ringing World' is the upholding of the Central Council in the various actions it takes towards the advancement of the art of change ringing. The Central Council is in the same relationship to change ringing as the M.C.C. is to cricket. It means that the principles governing what is a true peal must conform to the conditions laid down by the Council to be recognised by that Council. That does not mean that Harry Jones cannot ring a touch of Minor with a tenor behind if he wishes to for service ringing or on a practice night. The individual has perfect freedom to ring what he likes, but if he desires to receive recognition from his fellow ringers at large that his performance is in accordance with prescribed standards, then it must conform to the Council's decisions.

While, therefore, the policy of 'The Ringing World' is to uphold the Central Council and act as its mouthpiece in presenting the reports and findings of the Council and its committees to the Exercise, it also performs the same service to all affiliated bodies. The true presentation of their

proceedings naturally has to be concise in character because of the limitation of space, but every guild is entitled to appropriate recognition. An essential function of 'The Ringing World' is to act as a clearing house for information between guilds and associations.

An important point in the policy of this journal is the encouragement of fraternal relationship between the whole body of church ringers. We doubt if there is another body of men and women with such a strong sense of comradeship and mutual understanding. From east to west, north to south, there has been established these strong bonds of friendship. The rivalry and petty jealousies that were, unfortunately, so marked in bygone years have given way to mutual understanding. This in no small measure has been engendered by the big social gatherings that appear in the Ringers' Calendar, the Guild Festivals, where a welcome is extended to all ringers, and those marked courtesies to visitors in a strange tower. It is the policy of 'The Ringing World' to do its utmost to advance such friendly relationships.

The policy of the journal is to provide an open forum, within reasonable bounds, to those who have a useful contribution to make to the advancement of ringing and the general interest of its readers. While the Editor exercises a wide measure of latitude, he uses a discretionary control. Because an expression of opinion is not in accord with the existing Decisions of the Council it does not mean that the particular point of view should be excluded from the correspondence columns. It is the policy of the journal that its pages should be open to those whose criticism is fair, without malice and without an ulterior motive.

This journal is the property of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, not the Central Council of Ringers. There is a definite accent on the word Church, and it is an integral part of our policy that due recognition should be received from diocesan and similar bodies that ringers are servants of the Church. It is our desire to establish the closest liaison. Such a recognition cannot be one-sided in character. The recognition by the Church carries with it corresponding responsibilities—the faithful performance of those duties in as proficient a manner as possible and the appropriate training to give that service. It is our policy to remind our readers that such service to the Church does not end with the ringing of the bells, that we ring our bells on Sundays and other special occasions to the glory of God and it is to the advancement of His Kingdom on earth that the whole Exercise is attuned.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., April 12, 1952, in 4 Hours and 11 Minutes,
At THE TOWN HALL.*

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Five-course Block Rep.	Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.
WALTER ALLMAN Treble	*ALAN A. POTTS 7
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS 8
WILFRED STEVENSON 3	PETER LAFLIN 9
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	JOHN WORTH 11
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 6	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Mon., April 14, 1952, in 3 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 34½ cwt.

DAVID W. BEARD Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 7
MRS. R. F. DEAL 2	RICHARD F. DEAL 8
*THOMAS G. FOX 3	†CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON 9
*ROBERT C. HEAZEL 4	†FRANK V. GANT 10
†FRANK B. LUFKIN 5	†JOHN F. GROVE 11
AIDAN J. N. BOYACK .. 6	JOHN H. CRAMPION Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Kent Maximus. † First peal of Maximus.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.

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

On Mon., April 14, 1952, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in C.

HENRY H. FEARN Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 8
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY .. 3	JOHN PINFOLD 9
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN 10
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 5	FRANK E. HAYNES 11
FRANK E. PERVIN 6	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. Tenor

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

A birthday compliment to Mrs. K. M. Adamson, née Smallwood, of Edinburgh.

TEN BELL PEALS

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 5, 1952, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 12½ cwt.

PETER N. BOND Treble	WALTER H. GLASSPOOL .. 6
CHARLES H. KIPPIN 2	JOHN GILBERT 7
JOYCE R. COX 3	ERNEST BROWN 8
*NORMAN HAYES 4	REGINALD A. REED 9
C. ANN WEST 5	MAURICE J. BUTLER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal on 10 bells and first in the method. A birthday compliment to M. J. Butler.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Mon., April 14, 1952, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5093 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 34½ cwt.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. Treble	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 6
BARRY HOLLAND 2	*GIBSON JACKSON 7
DENNIS HOLLAND 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 8
*PHILIP COOTE 4	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK.. 9
†WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 5	FRED JACKSON Tenor

Composed by M. J. MORRIS (C.C.C. 14). Conducted by N. CHADDOCK.

* First peal of Caters. † 50th peal.

WELLS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 14, 1952, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 56 cwt. 42 lb. in B flat.

JOHN CHILCOTT Treble	JOHN HILL 6
DAVID E. PARSONS 2	NOEL J. DISERENS 7
JOHN W. STEPHENSON .. 3	T. MARK WHITE 8
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 4	PHILIP A. F. CHALK .. 9
NORMAN MALLET 5	WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT
	RAYMOND I. F. PARSONS } Tenor

Composed by JOHN CHILCOTT. Conducted by DAVID E. PARSONS.

Rung by members of the Society of Roving Ringers.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 2, 1952, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

NOLAN GOLDEN Treble	CHARLES W. LOOME .. 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 2	ERNEST WHITING .. 6
ARTHUR G. BASON 3	BERT GOOLE 7
STANLEY W. COPLING .. 4	FREDERICK SEAGER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., April 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5056 TRING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. Treble	JOHN PINFOLD 5
MURIEL REAY 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 6
FRANK E. HAYNES 3	HENRY H. FEARN 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

First peal in the method by all, and for the Guild.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 5, 1952, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 32 lb. in F.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT .. Treble	ERNEST WHITING .. 5
GEORGE SAYER 2	ARTHUR G. BASON .. 6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 3	NOLAN GOLDEN 7
CHARLES W. LOOME .. 4	*FREDERICK SEAGER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method. Composition contains all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6 and 6-ten courses home.

HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., April 6, 1952, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. in A flat.

Parker's Twelve-part.	
*LUTHER J. HONESS .. Treble	ROY E. WOOD 5
ERNEST J. LADD 2	BERNARD V. COLLISON .. 6
TOM SAUNDERS 3	WILLIAM R. MANSER .. 7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY 4	JOHN T. MEDHURST .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* 200th peal. Arranged and rung as a welcome to the new Vicar of Hadlow, Canon R. S. Greaves.

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WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 5, 1952, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Evangelist,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

WILLIAM YATES Treble	HERBERT C. EDWARDS .. 5
WILLIAM CHESTER 2	REGINALD H. HOWSON .. 6
GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 3	FRANK J. GREEN .. 7
*EDWIN R. LAMBERT .. 4	GEORGE E. GREEN .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. GREEN. Conducted by GEORGE E. GREEN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5024 EDMONTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER 5
ALFRED J. HOUSE 2	LEONARD H. BOWLER .. 6
ANNE B. STOCKDALE .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
PHILIP J. COWARD 4	FRANK E. DARBY .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

First peal in the method.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 14, 1952, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

JEAN C. BROWN Treble	ROGER LEIGH 5
HARRY W. HOWARD 2	ALAN N. BROWN 6
JAMES CARTER 3	*JACK CLEGG 7
RONALD M. EDWARDS .. 4	DEREK OGDEN .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JACK CLEGG.

* 75th peal and 25th as conductor. Rung for the Easter Festival.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 14, 1952, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Ten-part (C.C.C. 26).	Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.
*BERNARD R. MILLWARD .. Treble	FREDERICK H. BIRKS .. 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 2	†BRIAN HARRIS 6
*J. BENJAMIN BUDD 3	PERCY SWINDLEY 7
*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD 4	*JOHN E. USHER .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal of Triples in the method. † First peal of Triples in the method 'inside.' A wedding compliment to Miss Nancy P. Birks (a former member of the local company) and Mr. John K. Hanton; also a birthday peal for Mr. John E. Usher.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 14, 1952, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

CECIL E. R. EVANS .. Treble	ALBERT C. WENBAN .. 5
REGINALD ROWLEY 2	JOHN E. ROOTES 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3	*LEONARD J. NORTH .. 7
JOHN D. A. CLEAVER .. 4	NEVILLE JENKINS .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal.

CANNOCK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., April 14, 1952, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 11 lb.

*CLIVE SMITH Treble	*PETER BERESFORD .. 5
*FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK .. 2	*DENNIS BERESFORD .. 6
*J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 3	*JEFFREY B. WEBB .. 7
*JOAN BERESFORD 4	GEORGE E. OLIVER .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 14, 1952, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ROSEMARY JARRETT .. Treble	REGINALD T. JONES .. 5
AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. 2	GEORGE DAVIS 6
WILFRID F. MORETON .. 3	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 7
FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. 4	LESLIE QUARTERMAIN .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL P. MORETON.

First peal of Triples and in the method as conductor. Rung in honour of the Easter Festival.

HINDLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 14, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES W. GROUNDS .. Treble	W. E. ALLMAN 5
HARRY S. COOPER 2	HENRY PARKER 6
KENNETH EDWARDS .. 3	RALPH TAYLOR 7
HAROLD WORRALL 4	JOHN ASHCROFT .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

First peal of Major as conductor. A 21st birthday compliment to Gordon Halls, of Newton-le-Willows.

MANSFIELD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon. April 14, 1952, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation.

Tenor 16 cwt. 11 lb. in F.

CHARLES CARR Treble	*JOHN ROBINSON 5
*EVELYN PEAT 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 6
†GEORGE E. FOSTER .. 3	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS .. 7
L. WILLIAM JACQUES .. 4	HARRY BAGULEY .. Tenor

Conducted by J. FREDERICK MILNER.

* First peal of Stedman. † 100th peal.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 14, 1952, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MERVYN KING Treble	DAVID J. KING 5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. 2	DAVID S. VOSS 6
A. RYAN PRICE 3	JACK R. WORRALL 7
BRYNLEY J. PARRY .. 4	JAMES L. FITZGERALD .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

The first peal of Bob Triples by all the band except the conductor. First peal of Bob Triples as conductor.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 14, 1952, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JAMES CARTER Treble	JEAN C. BROWN 5
ROGER LEIGH 2	HARRY W. HOWARD .. 6
ALAN N. BROWN 3	DEREK OGDEN 7
CHARLES CLEGG 4	†JACK CLEGG Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JACK CLEGG.

* First peal of Treble Bob to Cambridge. † 50th peal of Major. Rung for the 40th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 14, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Watch Tower,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb.

HERBERT P. CLIFF .. Treble	THOMAS W. CROWE .. 5
*STEPHEN THOMPSON .. 2	*THOMAS M. COX .. 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 3	†ERIC N. HARRISON .. 7
*KATHLEEN SOFTLEY .. 4	KENNETH ARTHUR .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the restored bells. Recorded as a birthday compliment to T. M. Cox.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 14, 1952, in 3 Hours,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Davies's Five-part.		Tenor 13½ cwt.	
*ROY POWELL	Treble	NORMAN TOMPKINS	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	JOSEPH THORNLEY	6
*IAN MCEWAN	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
WILLIAM THOMPSON	4	HENRY PRESCOTT	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the Feast of Eastertide.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 15, 1952, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
JAMES BENNETT	Treble
EDWIN BARNETT	2
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	3
MICHAEL FULLER	4
RALPH BIRD	5
ERIC NAYLOR	6
JOHN E. CANNELL	7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

A birthday compliment to Miss Sheila Gramson, of West Wickham (aged 21) and to Mr. Edwin Barnett.

HAMPTON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tues., April 15, 1952, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*ROGER WOODCOCK	Treble	SIDNEY J. WOODCOCK	5
BRIAN L. TAYLOR	2	PETER C. RIDGWAY	6
PETER A. LAWRENCE	3	TERENCE H. BLUNT	7
ROBERT G. LAY	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.

* First peal.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Tues., April 15, 1952, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Trans. of Thurstans' Four-part.		Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.	
RODERICK J. LEES	Treble	ALFRED C. BOXLEY	5
HAROLD J. SHUCK	2	STANLEY PRESTIDGE	6
FRANCES RAYBOULD	3	WILLIAM DAVIES	7
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	4	JACK TROMANS	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.

Rung for the Easter Festival. Also a 71st birthday compliment to H. Hill, a ringer at this tower.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 17, 1952, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.	
*REGINALD BULLOCK	Treble
LESLIE EVANS	2
F. ERIC ROBERTS	3
†ARNOLD G. HAZLEDEN	4
FREDERICK R. HARRIS	5
MICHAEL P. MORETON	6
AUSTIN T. WINGATE	7
WILFRID F. MORETON	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

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

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 17, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

FRANK LORD	Treble	RONALD CHAFER	5
C. AUBREY HARRISON	2	HARRY HALL	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	JACK BRAY	7
GEORGE W. MOODY	4	PHILIP BARNES	Tenor

Composed by N. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 17, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5152 EASTCOTE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.	
C. EDWARD LANKESTER	Treble
*THOMAS H. FRANCIS	2
*†ANNE B. STOCKDALE	3
LEONARD H. BOWLER	4
*†RICHARD F. B. SPEED	5
ALICK CUTLER	6
ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
*FRANK E. DARBY	Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 18, 1952, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.	
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	Treble
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	2
*NORMAN TOMPKINS	3
*IAN P. MCEWAN	4
ALBERT GREENHALGH	5
PETER CROOK, SEN.	6
RICHARD BENSON	7
*JOSEPH THORNLEY	Tenor

Composed by O. LANG.

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal of Kent Major.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., April 18, 1952, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.	
*REX WITHAM	Treble
PAUL LEA TAYLOR	2
C. WILLIAM HALL	3
HORACE O. OVER	4
†HORACE MYATT	5
†LEONARD CHAMBERS	6
†JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	7
ROLAND BENISTON	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob hunt. † First peal of Kent. First peal of Kent as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

SIX BELL PEALS

HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 31, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.		Tenor 12 cwt.	
DORIS H. SHEPPARD	Treble	JACK R. WORRALL	4
JOAN BUSSEY	2	WILLIAM RICHINGS	5
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	3	LESLIE BARRY	Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Bussey.

WINWICK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 2, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 16 cwt.	
*KENNETH EDWARDS	Treble
*GORDON HALLS	2
RONALD POCKINGTON	3
HAROLD WORRALL	4
JOHN ASHCROFT	5
CECIL RADDOON	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor. Rung to welcome the new Rector, Canon Irwin.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.		Tenor 6½ cwt.	
FREDERICK E. WATSON	Treble	L. EDGAR CHAPMAN	4
*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	2	E. CHARLES TURNER	5
WILLIAM A. WOOD	3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ..	Tenor

Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.

* First peal of Minor in the method. Rung to the respected memory of Charles Marshall.

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 5, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in 20 methods, viz.: (1) Charlwood, Neasden, Wragby and St. Albans Delight, (2) Capel, Sandal, Kingston and London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob, (3) Newdigate, Old Oxford, Willesden and College Bob IV. Delight, (4) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury and College Exercise Treble Bob, (5) Trinity Sunday, (6) Killamarsh, (7) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

AMOS INGALL Treble	MOSES BILLINGS 4
*BERTIE BEE 2	LOUIS WILLIERS 5
†RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 3	JOHN E. COOK Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

* First peal in 20 methods. † First peal in 20 methods 'inside.'
First peal in 20 Treble Bob methods by all the band.

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 5, 1952, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Double Court and Plain Bob, and one each of Oxford, Kent, and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt.

ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. Treble	JACK BAILEY 4
FRANCIS R. LOWE 2	DENIS R. CARLISLE 5
C. JOHN GIBBS 3	HAROLD TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 5, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*DAVID J. TEMPLE Treble	*RICHARD GARDINER 4
*RHONA BENDING 2	JOHN WEST 5
†MARY E. SHADRACK .. 3	JOSEPH E. G. ROAST .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. G. ROAST.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.
Average age of band 16½ years.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Good Friday, April 11, 1952, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

MRS. J. J. TAYLOR Treble	JOHN WARDLE 4
WILLIAM GRAVES 2	JOHN J. TAYLOR 5
ROBERT B. SMITH 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

ERIC EDMONDSON Treble	WILFRED CORE 4
TOM MARSHALL 2	GEORGE MILLS 5
RONALD KENRICK 3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MAWDSLEY.

TIDENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

*DAVID S. VOSS Treble	*DONALD G. CLARKE 4
*JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. 2	DAVID J. KING 5
*FRANK D. MACK 3	JACK R. WORRALL Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First 720 of Surprise. First peal in five methods by all the band except the conductor. The first peal on the bells



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HOLKHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 13, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WITHIBURGA,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of a 720 each of (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Double Oxford, (5) Single Oxford, (6) St. Clement's Bob and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in E.
*MRS. EVELYN M. HICKS *Treble* | ERNEST H. MASTIN 4
CECIL V. EBBERSON .. 2 | NORMAN V. HARDING .. 5
CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. 3 | FRANK H. HICKS *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

*First peal in seven methods.

ADWICK-LE-STREET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 14, 1952, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob, and St. Clement's, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

JOHN THORLEY *Treble* | DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 4
J. MARTIN THORLEY 2 | HOWARD SCOTT .. 5
DOREEN E. SMYTHE 3 | RONALD J. SANDERSON .. *Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., April 15, 1952, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb.

CLIVE M. SMITH *Treble* | J. NORMAN HADLEY 4
*MONICA WALKER 2 | MAURICE G. TURNER .. 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 3 | HOWARD HOWELL *Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

*First peal of Minor and in more than one method. Rung for the Easter Festival and a birthday compliment to Mr. S. W. Smith.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT 76, COLLINGHAM ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor size 15 in C.
HARRY POYNER 1—2 | ERNEST MORRIS 5—6
*DEREK G. GOODMAN .. 3—4 | BRIAN G. WARWICK 7—8

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK. Witness: WINIFRED M. BURTON.

*First peal of Grandsire Triples 'in hand.' A birthday compliment to Mrs. S. Burton.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., April 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5112 SPLICED MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 1,504 Plain Bob, 1,416 Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 416 Reverse Bob; 352 each of Double and St. Clement's Bob; 288 Wellington Little Bob, and 208 Crayford Little Bob, with 403 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG .. 1—2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN 5—6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3—4 | ROY C. HURST 7—8
Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 8, 1952, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
IN THE BELFREY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Thelwall Bob and Double Oxford Bob, (2) Childwall Bob and St. Clement's Bob, (3) Plain Bob, (4) Double Bob, (5) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

ERIC NIXON 1—2 | FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT 3—4
MICHAEL SLANEY 5—6

Conducted by FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT.

First peal in eight Minor methods for the Association and by all the band.

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LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

QUARTER PEALS

ALDENHAM, HERTS.—On April 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Inwood (first quarter) 1, C. Evans 2, R. Rowley 3, C. Wenban 4, W. Wenban (cond.) 5, J. Cleaver 6, J. E. Rootes 7, A. C. Wenban 8.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—On April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Andrews 1, F. Erith 2, J. Gould 3, G. Barnes 4, A. Honeywood 5, P. G. Barnes (cond.) 6. A farewell quarter to P. G. Barnes, who is leaving for his National Service.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Scott 1, R. Webb 2, T. Holehouse 3, E. Buck (cond.) 4, W. Hitch (first in method) 5, W. Pooley 6, J. Dear 7, W. Collins 8.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Double Oxford Bob Minor: J. W. Lowe 1, K. Lovett 2, G. J. Lowe 3, F. K. Thompson 4, R. G. W. Soars 5, H. Myatt (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method by all. Rung as a farewell to G. J. Lowe, who is leaving to serve in H.M. Forces.

BENTLEY, YORKS.—On Easter Day, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. A. Sanderson 1, Miss D. Smythe (cond.) 2, Mrs. E. Wylie 3, D. Wheat 4, R. J. Sanderson 5.

BJOCKING, ESSEX.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. James (first quarter of Minor) 1, Miss J. Starling 2, Mrs. M. E. Moore 3, R. Suckling 4, S. Bones 5, Miss H. G. Snowden (cond.) 6.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Pryke (first quarter) 1, J. H. Sitch 2, T. Wilson 3, H. Turner (cond.) 4, B. Hines 5, A. Pryke 6, D. Symonds 7, C. Sharplin 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. P. R. Young and Miss P. Bennett Gay.

BRIISTOW, HEREFORDS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Bennett 1, F. E. Roberts 2, Miss M. Tilbury 3, A. G. Hazelden 4, R. Poston 5, W. T. Poston 6, W. Poston (cond.) 7, J. Parsons 8. First quarter of Triples for 1 and 3.

BRISTOL.—At St. Stephen the Martyr, on Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. M. Tyler 1, F. C. Mogford 2, H. Bennett 3, J. Stallard 4, L. Pearce 5, D. G. Maycell (cond.) 6, A. A. Hilliar 7, W. Parker 8.

CHEPSTOW, MON.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. F. Blundell 1, J. J. Simms 2, Jacqueline S. Evans 3, Yvonne Porter 4, J. E. Morgan 5, D. S. Voss 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, C. G. Bryant 8. First quarter for 1 and 8. First 'inside' for 2 and 6. Rung for Evensong and as a farewell to C. F. Blundell.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Oliver 1, E. Henderson 2, R. Oliver 3, W. Tyson 4, A. Cowan 5, R. Skelton 6, T. Dodd (cond.) 7, T. Hargreaves 8.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. G. Hall 1, Miss F. Raybould, B.A. 2, H. Wyre 3, A. Wyre 4, H. White 5, L. R. Hall 6, H. J. Shuck (cond.) 7, J. Griffiths 8. Rung for Easter Sunday.

ESHER, SURREY.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Rooke (first quarter) 1, Mrs. W. Massey 2, W. Massey 3, G. Huxley 4, J. King 5, H. Colcombe 6, W. Simmonds (cond.) 7, R. Rooke (first quarter) 8. First quarter peal on the bells since augmented to 8.

GOODNESTONE, KENT.—On April 5th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob: H. Stringer 1, J. Walter 2, S. Walter 3, H. J. Saunders 4, H. R. French 5, B. J. Luck (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the treble ringer's birthday.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Greenhall 1, J. H. Cox 2, Miss W. Pretty 3, T. Greenhall (cond.) 4, H. Shilcock 5, L. Clissett 6, B. E. Woodall 7, T. Cockin 8. A welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. P. Blakiston).

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On April 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. D. Prockson 1, Miss M. A. Prockson 2, E. F. Pryor 3, J. Morris 4, D. F. Harman 5, F. C. W. Knight 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On April 1st, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. Sandford 1, J. Salway 2, A. Tapley 3, E. E. Retter 4, A. Holway 5, W. Reeks 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, C. R. Sandford 8. First in the method for 3 and 6.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. J. Price 1, W. H. Lewis (cond.) 2, W. Humphreys 3, H. A. Price 4, S. J. Lewis 5, P. Mathers 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rector of Hope and Mrs. Hughes on their wedding anniversary, and as a welcome to the Rev. T. J. Bryan and family as curate of Hope.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Palm Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Felce (first quarter Minor) 1, J. Payne 2, F. Benfield 3, S. Earl 4, E. Frost 5, E. Nobles (cond.) 6.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, SURREY.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. A. Clarke 1, Miss B. M. Harris 2, W. Sparrow 3, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 4, C. W. R. Grimwood 5, G. C. Goodman 6, N. S. Bagworth 7, H. E. Ellis 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

LYDNEY, GLOS.—On Mar. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. B. Kear 1, W. H. Harris 2, R. J. Thomas (first quarter) 3, J. W. Davis 4, J. L. Smith (cond.) 5, D. Townsend (first quarter) 6. An 83rd birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Davis, who has been a ringer and tower-keeper here for 61 years.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Conquest 1, W. Morris 2, H. B. Whitney 3, R. Butcher 4, F. J. Plummer 5, V. W. Conquest (cond.) 6, E. J. Conquest 7, M. Conquest 8. Rung for Easter Day, and a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Conquest, parents of ringers of 6, 7 and 8.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Mar. 29th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. H. Friswell 1, Mrs. I. B. Smith 2, G. A. Parsons 3, Miss G. L. Friswell 4, R. H. C. Wilkings 5, M. Sinden 6, D. F. Harman 7, D. Neal (cond.) 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On April 13th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. L. Taylor 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, C. W. Powell 3, Canon C. C. Cox (first as cond. in the method) 4, H. G. Keeley 5, R. Keeley 6, G. H. Whitmore 7, G. S. Morris 8. Rung for the Easter Festival.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Vinnicombe 1, A. J. Hicks 2, L. Facey (first quarter 'inside') 3, R. J. Hicks 4, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 5, J. Hamby (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. C. E. B. Scatiff, organist at this church.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On April 6th, 1,248 Superlative Surprise Major: F. Price 1, B. Madeley (first in method) 2, W. Lycett 3, R. Hazeldine (first in method) 4, T. Price 5, A. Hickman 6, S. Hughes 7, W. Tyler (cond.) 8. Rung prior to Confirmation service by the Bishop of Lichfield.

MARTIN-BY-TIMBERLAND, Lincs.—On April 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Jackson (first quarter) 1, F. Inggall 2, A. Inggall 3, P. Mason 4, B. Bee 5, L. Willders (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. R. Bradley and Miss E. M. Frost.

MERROW, SURREY.—On April 1st, 1,260 Doubles (240 St. Simon's, 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 240 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): F. A. Smith (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Warren 2, G. L. Grover 3, R. W. Morant 4, J. Glanville (cond.) 5, D. Clarry (first quarter) 6.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCs.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering: G. Bailey (first quarter) 1, K. Edwards 2, P. Millward (first quarter in method) 3, J. Mawdsley, sen., 4, J. Ashcroft 5, G. A. Halls (first quarter in method as cond.) 6, J. Mawdsley, jun., 7, R. Clark 8.

NEWINGTON, FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary P. Longhurst (first quarter) 1, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 2, M. J. Martin 3, E. J. Walker 4, J. Chittenden 5, G. F. Gray 6. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter (Hilary Dianne) to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Chandler, of Cheriton.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. R. Sherlock (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Lawrence (first 'inside') 2, Miss A. E. Satter (first 'inside') 3, Miss J. M. Midgley 4, J. R. Loftly 5, G. Spencer 6, T. J. Lock (cond.) 7, P. J. Coles 8.

OLD SWINFORD, WORCS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: R. Chance 1, R. G. Morris 2, R. Woodyatt 3, S. T. Holt (cond.) 4, C. Skidmore 5, H. V. Cooper 6, N. Goodmar 7, T. W. Lewis 8.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Cross 1, J. Burt 2, F. Tindall 3, J. A. Coombs 4, D. Stone 5, A. J. Bates (cond.) 6, W. Welling 7, G. Cousins 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On April 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. G. Leale (first quarter of Stedman) 1, J. D. Harris 2, T. R. Taylor 3, F. W. Burnett 4, S. E. Cook 5, J. W. Meade 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, F. G. Edwards 8.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Sadler 1, D. Coombes 2, P. Sadler 3, J. Belcham 4, B. J. Howard 5, A. Wiffen 6, V. W. Grimwade (cond.) 7, B. Sadler 8. Rung for the patronal festival.

PURTON, WILTS.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Berry 1, F. H. Strange 2, R. Shailes (cond.) 3, F. Sorsby 4, V. Griffin 5, C. R. Shailes 6. Rung as a compliment to E. J. Webber, of the local band, on his 80th birthday.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cox 1, E. Cassell 2, R. Charge 3, A. Jones 4, S. Howard 5, R. Sanders 6, W. T. Elson (cond.) 7, W. Winter 8. An 85th birthday compliment to the conductor.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On April 5th, 1,568 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. Mussell 1, Miss E. Brown 2, W. Shute 3, A. V. Davis 4, R. N. Marlow 5, J. Hartless 6, R. Reed 7, W. Cheater (cond.) 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. D. Rivers 1, W. Birmingham 2, Miss R. Tabraham 3, B. L. Taylor 4, F. Scott 5, E. E. Gosling 6, J. M. Ellwood 7, W. F. Butler (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method for 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8, and first in the method as conductor. Rung for the Easter Festival, and as a birthday compliment to A. D. Rivers.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On Mar. 23rd, at St. Thomas's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Lowe 1, H. Abrahams (cond.) 2, Miss M. Page 3, J. Sutton 4, L. Page 5, J. Mussell 6, R. N. Marlow 7, E. Doel 8. Rung for Mothering Sunday.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Mary's, on Easter Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. C. Williams 1, J. W. Faithfull (cond.) 2, Ann West (first quarter Stedman) 3, Joyce Cox 4, N. Hayes (first quarter Stedman) 5, M. J. Butler 6, R. W. Rex 7, W. Glasspool 8.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On April 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Myhill 1, E. J. Runter 2, H. A. Shadrack 3, G. P. Sollars 4, Mary E. Shadrack (cond.) 5, P. J. Eves 6. Rung in honour of the wedding of Sgt. J. K. Shadrack, R.A.F., to Miss O. E. Evans.

STAMFORD HILL, LONDON.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. H. Neal 1, J. H. Friswell 2, I. M. Parry 3, R. K. C. Wilkings 4, E. J. Rowe (cond.) 5, L. H. Green 6.

STANWELL, MIDDLEX.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Double Grandsire, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas, Royal Union, Cassington, Eynsham, New, Reverse Canterbury, Kennington, April Day, Old, Norfolk, Plain): Rita Thompson 1, K. Frith 2, F. Flagrove (cond.) 3-4, R. Smith 5, Doris Thompson 6. First in fifteen for all and on the bells. Also on Mar. 9th, 13,260 Doubles (Single, Double and Reverse Grandsire, Union, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas, Reverse Union, Winchendon Place, Accrington Place, Cassington, Eynsham, Plain, Place Bob, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Kennington, Norfolk, Old): Rita Thompson 1, S. Saban 2, F. Flagrove (cond.) 3-4, K. Frith 5, Doris Thompson 6. First quarter in 19 methods for all and on the bells. Both by Sunday service band.

STAVELEY, DERBYS.—On Easter Day, 1,280 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. Dickinson (first quarter, 13) 1, L. G. Palmer 2, H. Paddison 3, A. E. Parsons (cond.) 4, W. Dickinson 5, D. Parsons 6.

ST. MELLONS, MON.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (600 Stedman and 660 Grandsire): G. Monk 1, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 2, Miss D. L. Hulbert 3, L. I. Hulbert 4, G. Chouls 5, D. Monk (first quarter) 6.

STROUD, GLOS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Riddiford 1, G. Latham 2, B. Latham 3, Miss D. Shepperd 4, T. Pritchard 5, B. Cottle 6, T. Wits (cond.) 7, W. Dean 8.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At St. James's, on Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss I. Sevier (first quarter) 1, F. Matravers 2, W. H. Tarr 3, D. Witt 4, W. Warren 5, H. Mackridge 6, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 7, G. Sage 8. A birthday compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. E. Hirst).

TERRINGTON, ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.—On April 6th, 1,260 London Surprise: Miss C. Harding 1, S. G. Eley 2, J. Fox 3, W. Cousins 4, E. Mastin (cond.) 5, C. Cousins 6. A birthday compliment to C. Cousins.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Warboys (first quarter, aged 15) 1, C. Warboys 2, P. Warboys (first quarter of Grandsire as cond.) 3, F. Bird 4, T. Camp 5, J. Foreman 6.

WANBOROUGH, WILTS.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Harrison (first quarter) 1, Mrs. L. Love (first quarter 'inside') 2, E. C. Anger (cond.) 3, D. Lester (first quarter) 4, F. W. Pearce (first quarter 'inside') 5, J. Pearce 6. First quarter by a local band. A token of appreciation to Mr. W. Ayres, who has left Wanborough after being a ringer here for 15 years.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Easter Monday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. E. Hawkins (first in method) 1, Mrs. A. D. Pearson (first in method) 2, E. F. Marlow 3, C. N. Pearson (cond.) 4, N. G. Knee 5, T. E. Mallard 6. A farewell quarter to the conductor and his wife, who are leaving for Haslemere, Surrey.

WATERLOO, LONDON.—On Mar. 16th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, C. H. Wood 4, N. Hollinsworth 5, E. T. Beauchamp 6, C. W. Ottley 7, J. Bullock 8.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On April 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Angela Bell (first of Major) 1, H. G. Timms 2, F. M. Crook 3, R. G. Smith 4, A. W. Dix 5, W. G. Paul 6, S. H. Hoare 7, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 8.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—On April 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. Barrett 1, C. Butters 2, W. Jarvis 3, Miss M. Whitlock 4, S. Haw 5, W. Storey 6, F. Moyes 7, F. Wigmore (cond.) 8, W. Freeman 9, G. Duffield 10.

WOOD GREEN, WEDNESBURY.—On Easter Sunday, 1,280 combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major: B. Bicknell 1, Miss M. Walker 2, E. Marlow 3, J. R. Cotterill 4, Miss J. Cotterill 5, E. J. Tyler 6, J. N. Hadley 7, M. G. Turner (cond.) 8.

WORTHEN, SALOP.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. J. Green 1, D. A. Passant 2, E. T. Embry 3, E. W. Colley (cond.) 4, L. Colley 5, J. D. Green 6.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.—At St. Luke's, on Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Corbett (first quarter) 1, E. E. Speake 2, T. G. Martin 3, H. L. Flavell 4, A. D. Collins 5, C. R. Collins 6, T. Reynolds (cond.) 7, H. Boswell 8. Rung half-muffled for William Brant, formerly of the local band, and also for James Powis, Sunday School superintendent.

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The peal of Double Norwich at Wicken on
April 5th was rung as a birthday compliment
to Mr. A. J. Green, local tower captain. Al-
though restricted in his ringing during the
last two years owing to ill-health, Mr. Green
is now able to enjoy short touches on the bells.
The band, and all local ringers, congratulate
him and sincerely hope that his progress to
better health continues rapidly.

One hundred years of
service as parish clerks,
choristers and bellringers
by members of the Hoare family at Woodston,
Peterborough, was marked by 720 Bob Minor
rung for evening service on Easter Sunday by
Mr. Herbert Hoare, his three sons (Eric, Stan-
ley and Bert) and his two brothers (Charles
and Stephen).

At the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan As-
sociation annual meeting at Berkeley no less
than five ringing clergy were present, all con-
nected with the Wotton-under-Edge Branch.

We regret to hear that Mr. C. J. More, the
captain of the Diss tower, is ill. We join with
the band who rang a quarter peal at Diss
on April 15th, in wishing him a speedy re-
covery.

There has been criticism in the past con-
cerning ringing on Good Friday. The half-
muffled peal rung at Hemingbrough, Yorks, on
Good Friday, was at the special request of the
Vicar. When such a request is made we think
ringers should comply. Half-muffled ringing
has a special message to the community.

Miss Christine Beale, daughter of Mr.
Reginald Beale, of Shepton Beauchamp, Somer-
set, is a promising recruit to the Exercise. At
her first serious practice night, on handbells,
she rang her first quarter peal, which was con-
ducted by Mr. Jack W. Drew, and her father
rang the trebles. We wish Christine many
happy hours in our belfries.

The Radio Luxembourg feature, 'Wedding
Bells,' last Tuesday, contained the reading of
a letter from Mr. Joseph Burgess, of Green-
field, near Oldham, telling of his friend Harry
Nutt's 50th wedding anniversary. A guinea
prize went to Mr. Nutt. Mr. Burgess and Mr.
Nutt have been ringers for over 50 years.
Many more happy rings together!

BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal of Stedman
Cinques at St. Chad's,
Shrewsbury, on Easter
Monday, should have been conducted by Mr.
Albert Walker, who had for some time been
looking forward to adding this fine twelve to
his impressive list of twelve-bell towers where
he has called peals. Unfortunately illness
vented his ringing—a great disappointment both
to Mr. Walker and to the band.

Not since 1926 had a peal of Stedman Cinques
been rung here. Despite the stormy weather,
several visiting ringers, as well as some of the
'locals' gave a critical ear to the ringing
throughout the afternoon.

We are certain that all will join in the hope
that Mr. Walker will soon be restored to com-
plete health and able to celebrate his 76th birth-
day in May with at least one peal. Last year,
it may be recalled, he rang three twelve-bell
peals in a week to celebrate his 75th.

Four schoolboy members of the Liverpool
Cathedral Cross Guild included a course of
Grandsire Triples in their broadcast last
Saturday.

Mr. W. P. Cleaver, of Ramsgate, seconded
Mr. J. A. Russell's amendment at the annual
meeting of the Kent County Association and
not as stated. (See page 250.)

A note recorded many years ago: Sixty-three
men were required to ring the five great bells
in Canterbury Cathedral's campanile of the 12th
century, a sixth bell added later needing a fur-
ther 32 men.—E. L. H.

The christening took place on Easter Sunday
at All Saints' Church, Laughton, Sussex, of
Daphne Iris Booth, daughter of Mr. B. Booth,
a Laughton ringer. Touches of Grandsire
Doubles, Bob Doubles and Bob Minor were
rung by the ringers of Laughton, East Hoathly
and Hellingly.

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THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

CONCERN AT DROP IN PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP — A POOR YEAR FOR PEALS — SUCCESS OF ANNUAL DINNER

VISITORS from as far afield as Leicester and Salisbury attended the annual meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held at S. Nicolas' Hall, Guildford, on Saturday. The Rev. K. C. Davis (vice-president) presided, supported by the Master (Mr. A. Harman), the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. G. L. Grover) and the assistant hon. secretary (Miss W. Oliver).

A majority vote decided to dispense with the reading of the minutes, which the minority did not hesitate to deplore as occasion arose. 'Why keep any minutes?' commented one who felt particularly hurt. This speeding-up process, which was encouraged from the chair, drew forth a rebuke to the chairman, who was reminded of the importance of the meeting and that the ringing which followed was secondary to the Guild's business! The chairman accepted the censure with due humility to the delight of the meeting.

The secretary, having reported the re-election of the officers, the chairman made one of those delightful 'thank you' speeches which should never be forgotten, to those who give of their time to other people's enjoyment: Mr. A. Harman's services as Master; 'Our George's' work as secretary; Miss Oliver's help as his assistant; and Mr. L. Hunter, the auditor. He thanked the District officers for their services and mentioned the change in the Chertsey District with the retirement of two old stalwarts, Mr. J. Hessey, Ringing Master, and Mr. F. Hawthorne, hon. secretary. The new officers are Mr. J. F. Dodson (Hersham) Ringing Master and Mr. W. Simmonds (Hersham) hon. secretary.

An itemised explanation of the accounts was submitted by Mr. G. L. Grover. The year had witnessed the balance in hand grow from £49 14s. 1d. to £59 8s. 9d. He deplored that a loss occurred on the teas at the annual meeting through the non-arrival of certain members who had notified their intention of being present. The Benevolent Fund had paid one grant of £5 and had a balance in hand of £113, and the Cathedral Bell Fund a balance of £62 10s. 8d. Only nine towers sent contributions to the latter fund—the poor support being specially commented upon.

While there was a strong demand for Guild badges there was a meagre application for Guild certificates. Mr. C. W. Denyer attributed this to dating certificates to the day of issue and not the day the individual joined the Guild, a practice which was resented by the old members, particularly those whose membership went back to the formation of the Guild. An assurance of a wholehearted willingness to give the date a member joined on the certificate, if it would encourage sales, was forthcoming from the secretary.

The accounts were then approved.

THE REPORT

The report of the Executive Committee gave the strength of the Guild as follows:—Chertsey District 34 ringing, 3 honorary; Farnham 133, 10; Guildford 95; Leatherhead 72, 36; Life and unattached 70, 9; other honorary 41; total 404 ringing and 99 honorary. The total for 1950 was 577 and the decrease in the number of members who paid annual subscriptions was large enough to cause concern.

Restorations:—The six at Frensham had been rehung as, also, after a silence of half-a-century, had the six at St. Mary's, Guildford. At Capel, after hanging useless for 20 years, the six there were now in good going order, a young band had been recruited and rang regularly. The eight at East Molesey were being overhauled and those who had rung there

in recent years would doubtless add 'Not before time.' At Hersham, too, the eight were now being rehung.

Losses by Death.—The following deaths were regretted:—Mr. T. Upshall, of Farnham, a founder-member; Mr. C. Childs, also a founder-member, who was tower captain at Godalming for many years; Mr. H. Sycamore, a ringing member from Ewell; the Rev. R. M. Bankes-Jones, of Bagshot, an honorary member of long standing; Mr. F. Wigley, an honorary member from Cobham; Mrs. Edwards, of Godalming.

Peals.—If peal ringing was any guide as to the vitality of the Guild, then it would appear that they were at a low ebb for only 19 peals were rung as against 34 in 1950 and 42 in 1949. What was worse, there were only two first pealers and but one first as conductor, although there were the usual varied claims to first in a different method or on a different number or as conductor in a fresh method. The first peal of Berkshire Surprise Major was rung for the Guild. There were 13 conductors, one of whom, John Wells, of Farnham, conducted his first peal.

Festival of Britain.—The committee sincerely congratulated the Farnham District on the effective way in which it complied with the committee's request for special ringing to mark the opening of the Festival. Thirteen quarter peals (one at each tower—Frensham being out of service—in the District) were attempted and 12 were successful.

Cathedral Bell Fund.—Only nine towers remembered the special appeal that was made a few years ago for a minimum contribution of one shilling per year from each tower. Other Diocesan organisations were taking an active part in furnishing and equipping the new building; were they to be lagards?

The chairman said it was very distressing that the membership of the Guild had gone down nearly 50 and it was large enough to cause concern. He was afraid it was a case of people not paying their 'subs.'

The report was adopted.

LIBRARY

Mr. A. C. Hazelden presented the report of the Library Committee and said it was a matter of regret that owing to repairs at S. Nicolas' tower the library had been inaccessible. The books were now back in their places. Copies of 'The Ringing World' had been bound to 1950 and a schedule of library books had been prepared. Mr. W. Viggers had produced a distinctive book plate. An exhibition of books in the library by the late Mr. J. A. Trollope would be on view after the meeting. The Library Committee was re-elected.

Major E. J. Bragg reported that the Guild's peal book had been written up until the end of 1949. He was re-elected peal recorder.

Mr. G. S. Joyce was re-elected badge secretary and Mr. A. Harman liaison officer with the Surrey Association.

NEW MEMBERS

New members elected were:—Hon. members: Mr. and Mrs. J. Booth, Mr. and Mrs. Isherwood. Miss Warren and Mrs. Theobald (all from Shere); ringing members: Messrs. J. Newman, E. Norton, W. Spooner, G. Moorey, F. Foord, T. Summers and Miss M. Kirkby (Shere); the Misses Iris Purser, Shirley Potter, Margaret Bright and Beryl Roker (West Clendon). Mr. C. F. Pearson (Haslemere, late of Warminster).

The committee decided to donate from the General Funds £5 to the Pailing Memorial Fund.

Mr. W. Simmonds reported that Hersham bells were now in order. The ringers were very

satisfied with the rehanging but he was sorry to say they had still the same bells.

An application was made by Mr. E. C. Arthur for Shere to be transferred back to the Guildford District because of the difficulty of reaching Leatherhead. This was agreed to although the secretary issued a caveat that a couple of years ago the Executive Committee spent a considerable time in reorganising the Districts. There were then 24 towers in the Guildford District and the Executive Committee went to a lot of trouble to get 15 towers in each District. If transfers took place there was a danger of disturbing the balance of towers in the Districts.

AFTERNOON MEETINGS?

While the date and place of the next annual meeting was left to the Executive Committee, Mr. C. Denyer suggested that there should be an alteration with the business meeting in the afternoon followed by tea and evensong and then ringing. The suggestion brought forth an immediate protest from Miss Oliver, who pointed out that it took the whole of the afternoon for the ladies to prepare the tea.

Mr. E. J. Lindley suggested that the venue for the next meeting should be Epsom and Ewell, where, he said, there were two excellent towers. Guildford did not lack its advocates in the meeting and the matter was referred to the Executive Committee.

DINNER CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations were voiced by the chairman to those who organised the annual dinner and he expressed the hope that it would be a regular fixture in the Guild's calendar. The dinner committee—Messrs. Joyce, Viggers and Denyer—was re-elected with one representative from the Guildford District. The Lion Hotel, Guildford, had been booked for Oct. 18th. Mr. Viggers stated that a profit on the dinner of £2 11s. 10d. had been carried forward to next year's dinner account.

OVERLAPPING TERRITORY

Mr. W. Simmonds raised the thorny question of the overlapping territory with the Surrey Association. He regretted that the Executive Committee had not held a special meeting to discuss this question.

The secretary replied that the Executive had discussed the matter and decided to let matters remain as they were. They did not want to open up old grievances with the Surrey Association.

Asked if the Surrey Association had done anything about the matter, Mr. D. Cooper replied that there was nothing to discuss as they had not received an official communication from the Guildford Guild.

Mr. Simmonds was still dissatisfied. He maintained that it was unfair to ask for two Guild subscriptions from ringers in the Chertsey District. Chertsey was a tower where there were always complaints following a meeting there and with the Surrey Association also visiting the tower there were additional complaints.

Mr. Hawthorne assured the Guild that there was no clash of meetings between the two bodies.

The chairman voiced the Guild's congratulations to Mr. Mark White and Miss Audrey Morrison, who were to be married in August, and to Mr. Eric Lee and Miss Jean Woodward, whose wedding would take place at Hawley on May 10th.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. F. Hawthorne. This included the ladies who prepared the tea and the officers of the Guildford District who arranged the meeting. A

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GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

PRESENTATION OF MASTER'S CHAIN OF OFFICE

OVER 100 members attended the annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association at Berkeley on Easter Monday, and the fine ring of ten was heard to advantage before and after the meeting.

The Association's form of service was used at the service at noon, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. W. Fisher), who also gave the address. The Rev. A. D. H. Allan (a vice-president) read the lesson.

The Master (Mr. John G. Jefferies) presided at lunch, served in the Town Hall. He was supported by the Revs. W. A. Pell and A. D. H. Allan. Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Romans, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. F. Oakhill, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Harding and Mr. and Mrs. F. Skidmore.

A MASTER'S CHAIN

The business meeting followed with the Master in the chair and prayer being offered by the Rev. W. A. Pell. The Master was then promptly called to order for not wearing his badge of office, to the amusement of the assembly. He was then presented by the retiring treasurer, Mr. Percy Williams, with a chain of office consisting of 21 miniature bells, replicas of the Master's bell, and each inscribed with the names of past Masters of the Association since its formation in 1878.

Making the presentation, Mr. Williams mentioned the great pleasure it was to him to make the gift to the Association as a lasting memory of the fine associations he had had during nearly 50 years of membership, in 23 of which he had served as treasurer. He regretted having to relinquish the office as he had moved from the Bristol district and taken up residence in Plymouth.

The Master thanked Mr. Williams for his beautiful gift and spoke of their long association together and the harmony which had existed between them for nearly 50 years. He congratulated Mr. Williams on his recent marriage and extended to Mr. and Mrs. Williams the wishes of the meeting for many years of happy life together.

LOSSES BY DEATH

After referring to the death of our beloved King, the Master referred to the deaths of the following members: Sidney Mills (76), St. Mark's, Swindon; George Hacker (77), Wroughton; William Chandler (70), Lydiard Millicent; Charles Smith (50), Rodbourne Cheney; George Charles (79), Lydney; Leonard Helmes (71), Ruardean; Albert Wm. Goulding (77), Aylburton; George H. Walters (71), Cheltenham; Reuben F. Hemming (72), Cheltenham; Henry Pring (81), Bristol; Rupert Saxton (65), Alveston; Andrew James Corrigan (67), Bitton, Bristol.

Speaking of Mr. Corrigan, the Master recalled his loyal service to the Association in matters of printing, which enabled the Association to continue to issue their annual report despite the heavy cost. He also referred to the tragic death of Mr. Herbert Marsh, chairman of the Chippenham Branch, who was killed whilst returning from a ringing practice, being knocked down by a motor-car.

The meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect to their memory.

MASTER'S REPORT

In his report the Master thanked all for the kind welcome they had extended to him when he visited their towers. Membership had kept about the same and peals rung had increased to 90, the list of first-pealers being most promising. In some of the branches better support was needed at meetings, and he appealed for loyalty in this direction.

He congratulated Bishop's Cleeve on their augmentation to eight, Malmesbury on the restoration of their bells, now augmented to eight; Chipping Sodbury, Cheltenham Parish Church and St. Stephen's, Bristol, on having their bells rehung; also St. Mary Redcliffe on the addition of a flat sixth.

Points from Mr. F. Skidmore's report as hon. secretary were congratulations to the North Forest Branch on their splendid effort in the renewed interest at Huntley and Longhope, also the Cirencester Branch for their efforts in obtaining an active membership at Windrush; grants of £10 each to Chipping Sodbury and Malmesbury and £15 to Cheltenham from the Belfry Repair Fund; sale of 118 Association badges during the year.

The accounts showed a balance in hand at the end of the year of £90 6s., against a balance brought forward of £100 15s. 3½d. Items of expenditure which should not occur again for some years, reported the hon. treasurer, were service forms £14 18s., register of life members £2 7s. 10d., diocesan badge line block £1 11s. 7d., reconditioning typewriter £25. The peal book account showed an income of £14 13s. 6d. for a total of 90 peals rung during 1951. After writing up the peals for 1950 (53) and clearing the deficit of 12s. 6d., there was a balance in hand of £9 9s. 6d. towards a new peal book which would be required before the end of the year.

The reports and accounts were adopted.

THE NEW OFFICERS

The election of officers for 1952 did not cause any controversy. Mr. Jefferies vacated the chair, which was taken by the senior vice-president, Mr. S. E. Romans, who called for nominations for Master, remarking that the Master usually held office for two years. Seeing that they had that day been presented with such a beautiful chain of office, he thought that Mr. Jefferies should be allowed to wear it for another year. He asked Mr. Jefferies if he was willing to stand for another year and, receiving his assent, there being no other name put forward, Mr. Jefferies was unanimously re-elected for 1952. Thanking the meeting, Mr. Jefferies assured them he would give of his best in the interests of the Association.

Mr. W. B. Kynaston (Swindon), Mr. S. T. Price (Stonehouse) and Mr. C. Martin (Cheltenham) were elected vice-presidents in recognition of the splendid service they had rendered the Association over a great number of years. All the present vice-presidents were re-elected. Mr. F. Skidmore was re-elected hon. secretary, and Mr. S. G. Riches was elected treasurer in place of Mr. P. C. Williams, who was retiring. Mr. Riches thanked the meeting said he would do his best to follow in Mr. Williams' steps. Mr. A. E. Reeves was re-elected peal secretary. Messrs. Stallard and Hancock were re-elected hon. auditors, and the six members were re-elected to the Management Committee.

Gloucester is to be the place of the next annual meeting for 1953.

The suggested meeting in the Stow-on-the-Wold area was left in the hands of Mr. C. R. Harding, together with the hon. secretary and treasurer, to arrange at a convenient date.

The Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. J. H. W. Fisher for the use of the bells and conducting the service, commenting on the fine address he had given, also Mr. Lewis, steeplekeeper, who had everything ready, and last, but by no means least, to Miss D. M. Drew, branch secretary, for making arrangements for catering. After tea further ringing was enjoyed by all until 7 p.m., bringing to a close a very pleasant meeting.

F. SKIDMORE.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' of
April 26th, 1912
ODD CHANGES

From Mr. R. F. Deal, who a few months ago went to Australia, we have received the report of a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples rung on March 13th at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. The ringers were: A. Brown (first quarter peal) 1; J. Guest 2; C. Stocks 3; R. R. Deal (conductor) 4; A. Fitzgerald 5; A. E. Barnes 6; H. Blakeley 7; T. Perry 8. On the preceding Sunday, at St. Patrick's (R.C.) Cathedral, three courses of Stedman Triples were rung.

The London Society of Compositors can muster a band between them, and on Saturday, at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, they made their first attempt for a peal (Holt's Original), but lost it after ringing 4,000 changes in 2 hours 25 minutes. The bells were half-muffled as a mark of esteem to those who lost their lives in the 'Titanic' disaster, and the ringers were: J. A. Dart 1, T. Loosmore 2, J. Bartlett 3, C. N. Leman 4, G. F. Margeson 5, W. H. Dickinson 6, J. D. Matthews (conductor) 7, J. Millmen 8.

RINGING RHYMES

No. 10. PLAIN BOB

Class of method—'Hunt controlled.'
For even numbers. Very old.
This method is. All bells plain hunt
From front to back and back to front.
'Till Treble leads. Here (at the 'link'),
When ringing, everyone must think,
What interruption his bell takes,
Because, the bell off lead—place makes.

In seconds, (over Treble) she
A whole pull lies. And thus, from 'three'
To place behind, bells dodge in pairs.
(Like backward stepping, on the stairs!)
Reverting then to hunting plain
Through next 'div.', 'till the Link again.

The dodging pairs—three/four, five/six,
Etcetera, up to 12, will fix
The method's 'working cycle.' So,
Pray learn it 'pat,' ere he calls 'Go!'
From second's place, dodge down, but climb
The 'rising' pairs, until the time
You're out behind. Dodge up from there
Through 'falling' numbers, 'till you're where
Your seconds place again you'll take.
And thus a plain course all will make.

The 'Cvclics' for Plain Bob now learn!
(In rhyme the eighth, these you'll discern.)

Now in 'work-cycle,' learn the 'breaks'
A 'Call' inevitably makes.
The 'Single' alters '3' and '4.'
The 'Bob,' '2' also—but no more!

A. Y-B

GUILDFORD GUILD—Cont.

special word of appreciation was said by the Master to the Rev. D. Scott Gardner (Rector of West Clandon), who gave the address at the service held at St. Mary's Church.

The meeting concluded with a little homily from the chairman, who said that as a poor ringer he hoped they all, when they rang, were not merely doing it for their own pleasure but to the glory of God. He appealed to them to keep their bells going for Sunday services. They lived in a materialistic age; people were not antagonistic to the Church—they were simply indifferent and were finding no need in their lives for God and His Church. It was up to them to remind them of the eternal realities and that in their midst there was a place where God was worshipped. However indifferent people might be they could not help being reminded when they heard the bells.

Mr. Harman thanked Mr. Davis for presiding.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Dear Sir,—I wish to draw attention to two serious infringements of the printed rules of the Kent County Association which took place at the annual general meeting at Ashford on Easter Monday. I will quote first the relevant parts of the rules affected.

Rule 7: The quarterly meetings immediately before the committee meetings in November or December shall be considered the annual district meeting. The district secretary and two representatives from each district to serve on the committee for the ensuing year shall be elected at that meeting, or districts may, if desired, elect them by tower representation.

At every quarterly meeting a business meeting shall be held to arrange place and date of the next meeting, discuss Association matters and advise representatives of the opinion of the district in respect of any important matter coming before the committee for decision.

All notices of motion for the agenda for the annual committee meeting must be forwarded to the general hon. secretary before September 1st each year, and same shall be forwarded to districts for consideration at their meeting previous to the committee meeting.

Rule 9: There shall be a general meeting of the Association every year between Easter and July, etc. . . . and a Committee of Management shall be appointed, consisting of not less than five persons elected from the honorary members, the general secretary, peal secretary, treasurer, three trustees, auditor, the district secretaries, the Central Council representatives and two representatives elected by each district; the committee to have power to add to its numbers. Eight to form a quorum.

Rule 19: No alteration or addition to these rules shall be made, except at a general or special meeting.

By Rule 9 it is clear that ordinary practising members can only be elected to the Committee of Management by being elected representatives of their district at the district quarterly meeting, or by being co-opted as an additional member. Nevertheless, an ordinary practising member was at the annual meeting elected to this committee to fill an existing vacancy. The facetious remark of the chairman, 'We can make him a life member if necessary,' does not absolve the rule.

It is clearly the intention of Rule 7 that all important matters affecting the Association shall first be discussed at a district quarterly meeting and that all notices of motion shall be forwarded to the general hon. secretary before September 1st each year to enable this to be done. Nevertheless, a very important matter, the raising of the adult annual subscription from 2s. to 3s., was passed contrary to this rule. This is minority rule with a vengeance.

Although present at the annual general meeting, I had not a report with me and did not venture to speak in case of error, but I did refrain from putting forward an important addition to rules of which I had notified the general hon. secretary in March this year, being under the impression it was out of order.

I may say I have no objection to the person elected to the committee—I think he is a very useful addition—but one does expect the officers of the Association either to know the rules or to consult them before making a decision. Expedition in business is laudatory, but unseemly haste can lead one to serious error.

W. BOTTRILL.

Deal, Kent.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

Dear Sir,—I notice in 'The Ringing World' of April 4th that the writer commences his leading article by stating what things were like in Victorian days and then asks if people are any happier to-day. If he were to pay visits to our modern schools, modern factories, hospitals, homes for the aged or the new housing estates and compare the conditions that exist now with the conditions that people worked under and the hovels they were compelled to live in in those far off days, he would get a true answer to his question.

I also notice he pulls out his hardy annual, 'No peal ringing during Lent'; also that quarterly meetings should be put off until after Easter—yet I notice in 'The Ringing World' of March 21st that the Bridgwater Branch had a practice meeting advertised for March 29th from 6.30 to 9 p.m.

As he is chairman of that branch, did he approve of this meeting? If so, perhaps he will be kind enough to explain why practice meetings are permissible during Lent and not peals and quarterly meetings?

I have always been given to understand that the incumbent is in sole charge of the bells, also that the duly elected foreman or his deputy is in charge of the ringing. If an incumbent gives his permission for a peal attempt, a meeting or wishes to stop ringing altogether during the season of Lent he has a perfect right to do so, irrespective of what any official of an association or guild may say.

In an annual report I have by me I find the following: 'For just as fate would have it, for the past 21 years the church to which I owe allegiance has one small bell in a turret.' These words were written by one of our finest ringers, one who has rung hundreds of peals and is capable of conducting on all numbers, and has all the necessary qualifications for teaching the art of change ringing; yet he places his talents under a bushel, instead of using them Sunday by Sunday in the service of his Church and Creator.

What we want in our ranks to-day are ringers with a modern outlook, who are prepared to help teach, to organise our man power, etc.; for instance, if our tower has a surplus on a Sunday and another is short, the tower with a surplus should help the other.

The problem before us to-day is not 'Should ringers attend church services after they have rung?', 'Build their own towers and buy their own bells' or 'What shall we do with our bells during the season of Lent?'

The problem is, Can we provide the man power so that our bells are rung Sunday by Sunday by human hands in face of the ever-increasing call for National Service, Civil Defence, etc.? Are they to suffer the fate of the Taunton twelve where the touching of an electric switch starts the bells sounding out their music prior to the services on Sunday?—Sincerely yours, B. T. JEANES.

Bridgwater, Somerset.

ST. MARY'S, SWANSEA, BELLS

Dear Sir,—On February 23rd, 1941, Hitler smashed the ring of eight bells at St. Mary's, Swansea (tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr.), and left it in a tangled mass of metal at the base of the tower. After this 60 per cent. of the metal was stolen.

Now on Tuesday, April 1st, 1952, Canon J. J. A. Thomas, Vicar of Swansea, published in 'The South Wales Evening Post' that £230 4s. 3d. had been received from the sale of the damaged bell metal left on the site.

So ends a grand ring of bells, the remains of which now rest in some hole and corner in a bell founder's yard waiting to be melted with other bell metal for the process of casting another grand ring.—Yours, etc. J. A. H.

Swansea.

'CAMPANALOGIA IMPROVED'

Dear Sir,—I have just had the good fortune to be presented with an original copy of 'Campanalogia Improved,' by J.D. and C.M., and printed in 1702. My copy bears all the marks of having passed through many hands, yet is singularly free from signs of ill-usage. It has been rebound some time about 1830. The book-binder who did the work was a master of his craft. After 130 years of constant use the pages were very frail and have consequently been interleaved with substantial plain paper. On these plain sheets there are several annotations, among them one which indicates pride of ownership with the words: 'Pugh John his book 1842.' Another owner who, like I, acquired the book as a gift was a 'Richard Bowen of Devon Cottage, George Street, Camberwell near London.' (I like the word 'near'.)

As many of your readers will know, J.D. and C.M. were members of the Society of London Scholars, but they might not know of the authors' eulogy of the Exercise, and their castigation of those 'partial and extrajudicious persons' responsible for casting 'many malicious aspersions' upon the Exercise.

One wonders what present-day ringers would say if they were told of their Exercise '... that it withdraws and alienates men's minds from the business by which they obtain and procure sustenance for themselves and families, making them drunkards, neglective of their occupations and trades, and consequently the utter ruin and impoverishment of themselves and all that depend upon and receive a livelihood and maintenance from them.' There are more than eight pages devoted to refuting charges against ringers and ringing.

A handwritten note records a peal of 5,040 Grandsire Tripples rung at Conover in 1842, giving the names of the ringers.

Quite apart from the many methods in which instruction is given, absorbing interest is to be found in the Epistle Dedictory and the Preface to the Reader. It might be that many other of your readers have enjoyed reading this book and could give their reactions.—Yours faithfully, Capenhurst, Ches. ROGER B. MORRIS.

A THOUGHT FOR THE WIFE

Dear Sir,—The arrival of 'The Ringing World' and the National Gardens Scheme list by the same post reminds me to write you a letter that has long been in my mind.

There must be many a ringer who would enjoy his art with a clearer conscience if he could find somewhere to park his wife and family while he was ringing. What better place could there be than one of England's lovely gardens? There must be many a garden within reach of a church where a visiting ringer would be welcome on a Sunday evening. And if I might add a personal note, my garden is alongside Lamberhurst Church where ringers are always welcome at 5.45 p.m. on Sundays.—Yours faithfully, WILLIAM MORLAND.

Tunbridge Wells.

EASTER MORNING RINGING

Dear Sir,—May I say how much I appreciated your leading article of April 11th on the subject of Easter morning ringing? When I first read the article I thought, 'What a beautiful idea if only it could be put into practice.' But when I made inquiries of the members of the tower I found that almost without exception they had intended to make their Communion at 7 o'clock, and those who had intended to come at 8 o'clock were quite prepared to come to the earlier service. To arrange to ring before the 7 o'clock Eucharist thus presented no great difficulty, and although we are only a struggling band, we managed to ring Grandsire Triples.

It was indeed a privilege to be able to ring early on Easter morning and to add our 'affirmation,' as you so rightly term it, to the great chorus of 'The Lord is Risen.' I might add that the early ringing of the bells was much appreciated.—Yours faithfully,

Ashted, Surrey.

J. T. SYMONDS.

LETTERS—Continued**BELLS' MESSAGE FOR ALL SEASONS**

Dear Sir,—I should like to join Prebendary Cox in thanking you for the article on 'Lent and Easter' by Prebendary Hook; it is indeed lamentable that for most people Lent has become no different from any other time in the year. It is also a pity that, in the minds of most people, bells have become associated only with festivities.

The bells are the voice of the Church—the Body of Christ—bringing the Church's message at all seasons, including Lent, to all those who can hear them. Their message can be heard by thousands of people who never attend church.

There are many churches whose bells are never heard on Sundays owing to a shortage of ringers and consequently a full peal by a visiting band, even during Lent, can do much to remind the people of their church, their obligation to attend it and to 'seek those things which are above.' It would, no doubt, be a very good thing to reduce weekday ringing to a minimum during Lent in towers where peal attempts are frequent, but such towers are rather few and far between, especially in the West Country.—Yours faithfully,

NICHOLAS F. D. COLERIDGE (Rev.).

Newton Abbot, Devon.

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir,—That one of the happy personalities who visited Liverpool recently should have recorded the turning in of the tenor single handed will be as pleasing to the bell-hangers as to those who witnessed the perfect technique.

One feels terribly sorry that the little word 'first' should creep into this recording note. Because of it, for reasons which persisted, particularly obvious to those who neither shouted nor were shouted at, no recording of this performance can possibly be recommended here.

All the bells can now well and truly be heard in the ringing chamber, the ropes are no longer new and jumpy, there were no sliders oddly and unexpectedly sticking, and no howling gale through the once open belfry and, perhaps most valuable to any band, there was a feeling of goodwill and fellowship to those manning the ropes.

May one express some surprise that any individual's personal ambition should be so highly overrated. Surely there was something to be found here within this massive inspiring structure, if only of a technical nature, more worthy of report.—Very faithfully yours,

Woolton, Liverpool. E. L. HUMPHRISS.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE TO MR. CHARLES TURNER

An oak plaque to the memory of Mr. Charles Turner was dedicated in St. Mary's Church, Dover, during morning service on April 6th by the Vicar (the Rev. A. S. Cooper). The late Mr. Turner was a ringer at St. Mary's for over 50 years and captain of the band for 33 years.

Before the service 504 Stedman Triples was rung by the following: J. Willis 1, H. R. French 2, F. A. Rye 3, C. George (cond.) 4, H. J. Saunders 5, T. Anderson 6, B. J. Luck 7, E. T. Ellenden 8.

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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION**A Lady Elected New Master**

RAIN did not damp the enthusiasm of the 80 odd members who attended the annual meeting at All Saints', Newport, on Easter Monday. Visitors and friends who started assembling early in the afternoon were met by the Vicar (Canon C. G. R. Lewis), who extended a warm welcome to all. The bells were kept going in various methods until 4 o'clock, the time appointed for the service, which was conducted by the Vicar.

After the service the visitors were invited to the Parish Rooms, where tea, which had been generously provided by the Vicar's wife and ladies of the parish, was awaiting them. On the proposition of the Rev. Ivor Richards, they were duly thanked.

The Vicar took the chair at the business meeting which followed. The secretary, in presenting his report, reviewed the activities of the Association for the year 1951. Regarding Sunday service ringing, he thought there was little change, but in the matter of methods practised there was a definite advance, more and more varied methods being rung. Thirty-three peals were rung during the year, which was a post-war record.

Presenting the balance sheet, Mr. T. M. Roderick said the Association was in a sound financial position. There was a balance on the year's working of £9 4s. 6d. and a total credit in hand of £64 17s. This did not include interest accrued on War Savings Certificates. The Bell Restoration Fund stood at £26 8s. 5d.

The next item was a motion moved by Mr. L. H. Jones and seconded by Mr. J. Worrall that the Association be divided into districts. This has been a subject of controversy for years, and it was decided that a committee of 12 be appointed to draw up recommendations for carrying it out. The same committee is to draw up a new set of rules to submit to the next annual meeting.

History was made when Miss Jacqueline Evans was unanimously elected Master for the ensuing year. This is the first time a lady has held this post. Canon Lewis expressed a wish to be relieved of his duties as treasurer. He was thanked for his past services and the Rev. Ivor Richards was elected in his place. The secretary and auditors were re-elected.

The secretary reported on Llandaff bells and said he thought it would be quite a long time before they would be ready, there being other work to do to the tower.

Mr. J. W. Jones reported that the contract had been placed for the rehanging of Coity bells.

For the next two quarterly meetings it was decided to accept invitations to visit Marshfield and Pen-y-fai. Cardiff was the place selected for the next annual meeting. New members elected included the whole of the Pen-y-fai band and members from Ebbw Vale, Cowbridge, Bedwellty, Caerleon, Whitchurch and Barry.

Methods rung during the day ranged from rounds (for the learners) to Surprise.

Branston Ringer's Wedding

The wedding of Mr. Adam G. Brummitt, captain of the local band, to Miss Grace Lintin took place at All Saints' Church, Branston, Lincs, on March 29th.

As the bride and bridegroom left the church the bells struck off into a peal of 16 Treble Bob methods, rung by members of the local band.

After the peal, as compensation for missing the wedding reception, the ringers were invited to supper by Mr. E. Lintin, father of the bride. The meal was much enjoyed.

GUILD OF CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL BELL RINGERS

This Guild, originally formed in 1878 to maintain regular ringing at the Mother Church of Sussex, has been reconstituted.

At a ceremony on April 2nd at the Deanery, the members took an oath of allegiance to the Dean and Chapter and were thus formally admitted to the Cathedral foundation as are the choirmen and other lay officials. The Dean, the Very Rev. A. S. Duncan Jones, presented each member with a prayer and hymn book. Refreshments were also provided.

Mr. W. G. Challen, of 6, Exton Road, Chichester, accepted the office of Tower Master, who is to have prime responsibility for the affairs of the Guild. To this office he was unanimously elected by the members. To assist him Mr. P. R. Blackman and Mr. H. F. Dunford were elected as Ringing Master and steeplekeeper respectively. The Ven. Lancelot Mason, the Archdeacon of Chichester, who is himself learning to ring and has done much to further the interests of the Guild, continues in his appointment as liaison with the Dean and Chapter.

Two important amendments have been made to the original constitution. At the request of the ringers, the Dean and Chapter have agreed to discontinue the payment of a small annual remuneration to the members and instead to pay it into a Tower Fund, from which the Guild can vote money for the improvement of the bells and amenities of the tower. There is no longer to be a limit to the number of members. Newcomers may be admitted as soon as they show that they will attend regularly and can take part in change ringing proficiently.

The thanks of the Guild are due to many visitors and especially to those from neighbouring towns and villages and to students of the Theological and Bishop Otter Colleges in the city. Their help in the years since the war has often made it possible to ring the eight bells week by week.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the East Norfolk Branch was held at Acle on March 22nd with an attendance of 42 members of the Association. The president (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard) conducted the service and the Rector of Acle (the Rev. H. Chisnell) was organist. Tea was held in the Church Room.

The Rev. H. Chisnell presided at the business meeting, when Mr. E. Goate was re-elected chairman, Mr. J. Harwood secretary, Mr. H. W. Barrett Ringing Master, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher and Mr. P. G. W. Newstead representatives on the Standing Committee. To the Branch Committee were elected Messrs. G. Bussey, P. Newstead, P. Kindred, Ling and G. Walpole. New members elected were Malcolm Minter, Brian Turner, both of Blofield, and Evelyn Killington, of Loddon.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Pakefield on May 3rd. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and to the ladies who arranged the tea. Handbells and tower bells were used freely after tea.

News From Australia

Mr. W. Smith, captain of St. James', Turramurra, in a chatty letter to the Editor, writes: Our ringers and bells at Turramurra were very much to the fore in expressing the deep sorrow and shock which we all experienced in the announcement of the death of our beloved King. This is the greatest shock that the Empire has had since the passing of Queen Victoria. On the day of the King's death and on the day of the funeral we rang fully muffled.

Two of our veteran ringers are Mr. C. Parr, of Ilfracombe, and Mr. A. R. Botting, of Betchworth, Surrey, who rang in England for the Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1887 and on every national occasion since that great event.

GETTING RINGING ACROSS TO THE PUBLIC

An Example From Retford

Promoted by the Rotary Club of Retford, a hobbies exhibition was held at the Town Hall, Retford, recently.

Advantage was taken of the occasion by the East Retford Church bell ringers to bring to the public's attention some of the hidden mysteries of change ringing, and their efforts met with conspicuous success.

Three of the Sunday service band erected a stand 9ft. wide and 5ft. deep. A prominent sign, 'Campanology,' headed the stall and beneath was a coloured badge of the Southwell Diocesan Guild. Features of the stall were a model bell, kindly lent by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and the belfry's instructional model of a bell. There was also the clapper stay of a 24 cwt. tenor to indicate the inside diameter of a bell and three octaves of handbells.

Method ringing was explained by two big coloured charts of Double Oxford Triples and Stedman Triples, while the Crawford Cup, at present held by Warsop ringers, was also on view. Copies of 'The Ringing World' were available referring to items of local interest.

Eight ringers took their turn to act as stewards. Punctually every 15 minutes each evening 36 changes of Bob Minor were rung, the touches being kept short so as not to interfere with short wave transmitters working all the time.

The stewards were kept busy and were required to demonstrate the belfry model almost continuously. No fewer than 2,700 people paid for admission to visit the exhibition. Appointment cards were available for people to visit the belfry, and 12 applied for the first practice night, of which six were honoured. Other appointments were received for later dates.

When the exhibition was not open to the public it was visited by 1,000 school children. The steward on duty gave an address and illustrated his talk with handbell ringing of Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters and Kent Treble Bob Major. The talk was received with great enthusiasm and a number of other schools have asked for appointments.

Ringers in other towns should watch for similar exhibitions and offer their services.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD

Mr. F. Colclough Retires

The annual meeting was held at St. Thomas' Church, Dudley, on Saturday, April 5th, when over 50 ringers and friends attended. The Guild service was conducted by the new president, the Rev. T. W. Keith Murray, Vicar of Dudley, who presided at the meeting following.

A special welcome was given to one of the original members of the Guild, Mr. A. Spittle, a vice-president, who told the meeting that his family had been associated with St. Thomas' Church for over 100 years. Mr. H. Shuck, of Cradley, was re-elected treasurer and reported that there was an increase in the balance for the year. Mr. W. Davies, Netherton, was elected Ringing Master, and the retiring Master, Mr. D. Holden, was thanked for his past services.

The office of secretary was left open, as Mr. F. Colclough said that health reasons prevented his carrying on in that position, but he agreed to continue until a suitable successor could be found. Seven new members were accepted.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Penn., on Saturday, June 28th. A return to the belfry for further ringing brought an enjoyable meeting to a close.

The footnote to the peal of Three Spliced Royal rung at Isleworth on March 29th should read 'First of Three Spliced Royal in the county of Middlesex.' There have been many peals of Three Spliced Major in Middlesex. The error is regretted.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD A Promising Young Ringer

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Aston Parish Church on April 5th. The Guild's special form of service was conducted by the Vicar of Aston, Canon F. F. Guy Warman, the organist being Mr. Frank Price, of Feltham.

At the business meeting, which followed a splendid tea, Canon Warman presided. New members were plentiful. Miss Shirley Rymer, Mrs. J. Smith and John McDonald were elected full ringing members. At the age of 14 John McDonald has already rung several Surprise methods and shows great promise. The tower elections, as life members, of the following non-resident ringers were duly ratified: Messrs. William T. Beeson (Cranleigh), E. G. Buck (Baldock), A. Patrick Cannon (Betchworth), Jack S. Dear (Baldock), John Hill (Ewell), Wm. H. Hewett (London), Wm. A. Lacey (Anstey), David Mozley (Haslemere), W. Norman Park (Darlington), Wm. J. Root (Leicester), W. Frank Stenson (Crewe), Wm. Simmonds (Hersham), Hubert Summers (Allesley).

Knowle was chosen as the place for the July meeting, with Tanworth-in-Arden as a second choice in the event of Knowle bells not being available. It was decided to hold a bi-quarterly meeting, which would take the form of a coach trip to two six-bell towers, Grendon and Polesworth, which, although in the diocese, are not easily accessible from Birmingham. This will take place on May 24th.

The secretary read a letter received from the Rev. Leonard Birch, of Hanbury, Worcestershire, appealing for funds for the repair of the tower pinnacles which are in a dangerous condition. A collection taken at the meeting realised £2 11s. 6d. for this object. The secretary reported that he had been successful in securing the Connaught Room at the Imperial Hotel for the first Saturday in March next year for the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar of Aston for conducting the service and presiding at the meeting was carried with acclamation.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Six Australian Members Elected

A very successful and well-attended spring quarterly meeting was held at Bishopsgate on April 5th. The Assistant Rector of St. Botolph's (Preb. H. H. Treacher) conducted the short service and gave an inspiring address.

Mr. Treacher presided over the business meeting, which was held later in the Church Hall. The following new members were elected: Messrs. John Boutland, Milpera Bridge; Bruce Dunbar, Robert Ferris, Thomas Howell, George Williamson, all of Parramatta; Kenneth Stacey, Pymble and Harold Hazell, of Enfield. In proposing the new members, Mr. A. R. Botting intimated that they had hoped to ring at least three peals for the Society during the Royal visit to Australia. It is to be hoped that they will be rung at some future date.

In welcoming the new members, Mr. Hawthorne remarked that so far from the Society being nation wide, it was becoming world wide! The next meeting will be held at Bray on June 21st.

Members were reminded that the Society's dinner would be held on October 4th and tickets could be obtained from the dinner secretary (Mr. F. J. Matthews). The sum of £2 10s. was collected for the Shoreditch bell fund.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to Mrs. Davis and her helpers for the splendid tea and to Miss Barbara Harris for providing the music at the service at short notice. Ringing took place at St. Margaret's, Westminster, in the evening, and the Society's thanks are due to Mr. W. H. Hewett for having the bells in readiness. Methods rung ranged from rounds to Cambridge Royal.

VETERANS OF YORK MINSTER Mr. G. Horner and Mr. E. Rickitt Honoured

In the ringing chamber of York Minster's bell tower on April 6th two men who had completed an aggregate of 100 years' service were honoured by the York Minster Society of Change Ringers.

But only one of them—77-year-old Mr. George Horner, of Clifton Green, York—was able to attend the ceremony, at which the Dean of York (the Very Rev. E. Milner-White) presided. Mr. Edward Rickitt was absent owing to ill-health.

Mr. H. Walker (president) said Mr. Horner, who was elected a member of the Society on February 2nd, 1898, became assistant secretary in 1905 and secretary in 1907—a position he held until a few months ago.

For many years before his retirement he was chief staff clerk at the Railway Carriage and Wagon Works at York.

Elected a member on February 2nd, 1906, Mr. Rickitt was an instrument maker with Messrs. Cooke, Troughton and Simms before his retirement some months ago. He has now given up ringing on medical advice.

Mr. Horner was presented with a copy of 'Bells of All Nations,' by Mr. E. Morris, who for two years during the first World War was a member of the York Society. In a letter to the Society, the author conveyed his best wishes to Mr. Horner and Mr. Rickitt.

The Dean wished Mr. Horner all happiness on the completion of his long service, and regretted that Mr. Rickitt was unable to share in celebrating a remarkable century's work.

Mr. S. H. Steel (secretary) said it was up to every member to resolve to bring more people into the Society. The Society had to maintain a reputation which had been upheld for many years by members like Mr. Horner and Mr. Rickitt.

Mr. Horner said he was not intending to leave the Society entirely, and that he would be pleased to offer any assistance required.

In addition to the presentation of the book, the Dean and Chapter joined with the members in the presentation of a sum of money to both Mr. Horner and Mr. Rickitt.

DEDICATION

LYNSTED, KENT

For the first time in about 30 years the sound of bells was heard in the pretty village of Lynsted. The occasion was the rededication of the five bells, which have been rehung.

The church, situated in the midst of orchards, was badly damaged during the war. In 1940 a bomb penetrated the nave roof and caused considerable damage. Further damage was caused by a 'doodle-bug' in 1944. Work had commenced on the rehanging of the bells just prior to the war, but this had to stop, although by this time a new oak frame was already in position. The bells remained in the church for several years. Following the restoration of the church the bells were taken to the Whitechapel Foundry. Here the second was recast and the whole five retuned, and on their return to the tower have been quarter turned and hung on ball bearings.

The service of rededication was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. D. G. Reeve, the dedication prayers being said by the Archdeacon of Canterbury (the Ven. A. Sargent). Following the prayers, and while the clergy were returning to the chancel, 120 Grandsire Doubles were rung. After the service and during the evening the bells were kept busy by ringers from Ashford, Bethersden, Canterbury, Littlebourne, Sittingbourne, Teynham and Wickhambreaux.

The church now has a useful ring, with the tenor weighing 10½ cwt., and it is hoped that when other schemes have been put through a treble will be added. In spite of war damage payments, the village has had to find large sums for work not covered by this scheme, and they are to be congratulated on their efforts.

OBITUARY

MR. SHELFORD SPARROW

His many ringing friends will regret to learn of the death of Mr. Shelford Sparrow, of Stowmarket. He had been ill for several months and was thought to be making progress towards recovery, but he had a relapse and passed away suddenly on the morning of March 30th at the age of 64.

A regular Sunday ringer at Stowmarket for over 40 years, Mr. Sparrow had rung about 150 peals, mostly for the Suffolk Guild, including a 7,616 of Kent Treble Bob in his home tower and 10,000 odd in the same method at Horringer. He was a faultless striker and a thoroughly reliable method ringer, and was at home on all numbers. His genial personality won for him the affection of all with whom he came in contact in all spheres, and his passing leaves a gap which will not easily be filled. He leaves a widow and two daughters, to whom deepest sympathy is extended.

At the funeral on April 4th there were representatives of the Stowmarket company and the Suffolk Guild, four of whom rang a course of Grandsire Triples over the grave after the committal. The Vicar of Stowmarket made reference to Mr. Sparrow's long period of service as a ringer, and to the work of ringers, generally.

AN APPRECIATION

Shelford Sparrow was a man endowed with sterling qualities. As a friend he was of the staunchest; as a ringer, he was the acme of reliability in every way; as a craftsman few could equal him and we are proud to record that a new buttress near the south-east corner of Stowmarket Parish Church stands as a monument to his skill.

'Shelly' could tap changes in standard methods on any numbers of his twelve handbells, which he suspended on a specially-made frame, and it was fitting that we used his own bells when ringing our farewell salute over him. Only those who knew him intimately can bear adequate testimony to his devotion as a husband and father, but we who shared his leisure hours knew him as a truly great little man, whose passing on to the Higher Service leaves the world a poorer place. O. G. B.

MR. J. CARWELL COOKE

The funeral took place at Crayford on April 12th of Mr. James Carwell Cooke, who was in his 90th year.

Mr. Cooke learned to ring at Aspley Guise in 1883, and one of his early 720's, on April 26th, 1884, is of interest, three of the band at least having played a prominent part in the early history of the Bedfordshire Association. It was rung by J. Carwell Cooke (Aspley Guise) treble, Charles Herbert (Woburn) 2, Mark Lane (Aspley Guise) 3, Rev. J. C. Maltby (Rector of Aspley Guise) 4, Walter Chibnall (Aspley Guise, conductor) 5, W. W. C. Baker, Esq. (Eversholt Rectory) tenor. In the following year Mr. Cooke took part in a 720 half-muffled for the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, the well-known antiquary and author of several county histories of bells, who was born in the 1790's, so that the two men between them spanned some 160 years.

He was somewhat reticent about his life after leaving Aspley Guise, but in the 1930's he came to live at the Seamen's Homes, Belvedere, Kent, and later moved to Crayford, where he rang until the ban put an end to his active career. 'The Captain,' as he was not unnaturally known, retained his interest in ringing, however, and was also a regular member of the congregation until a few months ago. So far as is known he rang three peals, Grandsire Triples in 1902 and 1934, and Kent Treble Bob in 1936, when he was 73 years of age. E. A. B.

MR. H. P. MARSH

The death occurred on April 1st, as the result of a tragic accident, of Mr. H. P. Marsh, chairman of the Chippenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association and secretary of St. Andrew's, Chippenham. Mr. Marsh was walking home from the tower, where he had been instructing some young recruits, when he was struck and killed by a car which mounted the pavement. He was aged 46 and leaves a widow and son, aged 15.

The funeral service, which preceded cremation, was held at St. Andrew's on April 8th and was attended by a large and representative gathering. Among the ringers present were the Master and general secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, the general secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and members from many towers in the surrounding district. The bells were rung half-muffled before the service and as the cortege left the church.

Mr. Marsh learnt to ring at St. Paul's, Chippenham, and later joined the band at St. Andrew's. Unfortunately, no record of his peal ringing activities is available, but he was known to have rung peals in numerous methods up to Surprise Major. He was a good striker and safe ringer; his great interest was with learners, in fact he always maintained that he was as happy when ringing rounds with learners as when ringing Surprise with a good band. He was largely instrumental in bringing about the recent rehanging of the bells and had done much to improve the comfort and appearance of the ringing chamber.

In accordance with his wish, his ashes were scattered at his favourite spot in the countryside just outside Chippenham, within the sound of the bells he loved.

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District.—Meeting at Deane, Saturday, April 26th, 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea in the Deane Gate Inn.—John Chesterman, Hon. Dis. Sec. 633

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Stretham (6), April 29th. Dedication of new treble and rehanging bells by the Lord Bishop of Ely at 7 p.m. Meeting, May 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 29th.—Miss M. Grain, Belmont, Ely. 595

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tuesday, April 29th. 7.15, advanced methods practice, Christ Church, Ealing Broadway. Monday, May 5th. 7.15, practice at St. Mary's, Lambeth. Saturday, May 10th, 3 p.m., quarterly meeting, All Saints', West Ham. Service 4.45. Tea and business. 5.15, in Church Hall. Ringing afterwards. All welcome. Names for tea, please.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921. 638

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Informal Dinner Mardle. Open to all Norfolk and Suffolk Branches. Wednesday, April 30th, 7.30 p.m., Swan Hotel, East Harling. Handbells after. Tickets 7s. 6d. Names, please, to Dr. Paul Jonason, East Harling, Norwich. 875

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Annual meeting on Saturday, May 3rd, at St. Michael's. Bells (12) 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—E. Walker, Sec. 629

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Deanery.—Meeting, Croscombe, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells 3. Service 4. Notify tea before Tuesday, 29th.—William Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 612

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Keysoe, May 3rd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Schoolroom 5. All visitors welcome to this fine-toned ring of five.—Michael Stephens. 644

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Crusader meeting, Barking (8), May 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Plenty of cafes nearby.—F. V. G. 582

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bushey Heath (8), Saturday, May 3rd 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names to R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford, Tel. Watford 7936. 657

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Woodchurch, May 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Bonny Cravat.—Names to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 643

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Accrington on Saturday, May 3rd. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 5.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 655

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Practice meeting, May 3rd, Malling (6) 2.30. Tea at Hornby. Ringing at Hornby (8) after tea. Names for tea, by 30th, to E. Goth, 14, Main Street, Hornby.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 626

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Emmanuel Church, Southport, on Saturday, May 3rd. For tea, please notify Mr. N. Heaps, 24, The Crescent, Crossens, Southport. A Branch practice will be held at Ormskirk Parish Church on Thursday, May 1st, 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—W. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 654

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Leicester, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells, St. Margaret's (12), St. John the Divine (10) and St. Mary de Castro (8), from 2 to 4. Service, St. George's, 4.30. Tea, St. George's Hall, 5, followed by meeting. Social evening afterwards at Victoria Hotel, Granby Street. Names for tea by April 29th to Mr. J. R. Smith, 13, Leopold Street, South Wigston, Leics.—W. A. Wood, Hon. Gen. Sec. 590

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Tydd St. Mary, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells from 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea before April 26th to Mr. J. W. Ketteringham, 4, Council House, Tydd St. Mary, Wisbech. 618

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Pakefield, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. All names or numbers by Wednesday, April 30th, to P. Kindred, 102, Morton Road, Lowestoft, South Suffolk.—J. Harwood, Sec. 620

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, May 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by April 30th to M. J. Pryor, 59, Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon. 607

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, May 3rd, Donhead St. Mary; Berwick St. John also available. Bells 2. Service, Donhead, 4.15. Tea 5 for those who send names by April 28th.—Miss Eloie, 81, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 580

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Whiston on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (8) 3. Names for tea to Miss D. E. Wright, 501, West Bawtry Road, Whiston, near Rotherham. 631

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Greasley, May 3rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, April 29th, to Mr. I. Hall, 74a, Moor-green, Newthorpe. 623

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, May 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Church Hall 5.

Shedfield bells available 2.30—4, 6.30—8 p.m. Names by April 29th.—John H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 621

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday, May 3rd. Please note these full arrangements as no circulars will be issued. Audit 11 a.m. in upper vestry. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Ham salad tea (3s. 6d. per head) 4.45 p.m. at Talbot Hotel, Kirkgate, only to those who notify me by May 1st. General meeting in Parish Room at 6 p.m. Special business: Election of new hon. treasurer. Subscriptions now due, and reports will be available. A large and representative meeting is desired.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 652

STOKE GOLDINGTON, BUCKS.—The bells, augmented to six, will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Nottingham (the Rev. J. H. L. Phillips, M.A.) on Thursday, May 8th, at 7.30 p.m. A special meeting of the North Bucks Branch will be held here on Saturday, May 10th, when all ringing friends will be welcomed. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by May 5th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 636

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HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Whitbourne on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 for those only who let me know by May 7th.—A. S. Tomkins, Harp Cottage, Bredebury, Hereford. 656

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Saturday, May 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 2s. per head to those who notify, not later than Tuesday, May 6th. Mr. G. T. Emptage, Orpen, Downbarton Road, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Birchington, and enclosing cash, please.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec. 646

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting at Ightham (6), Saturday, May 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, followed by business. Names, punctually, please, to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone (Maidstone 7216). 647

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Kirton Lindsey on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. G. E. Feim, Cleatham House Farm, Kirton Lindsey, Gainsborough, by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 659

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Silk Willoughby, May 10th. Bells (6). Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, May 5th, please, to Mr. James Musson, The Bungalow, Silk Willoughby, Sleaford, Lincs. 648

MARKSBURY, NEAR BATH.—Annual ringers' service, also dedication of banner, May 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea most essential.—W. A. Prescott, Timsbury, near Bath. Tel. Timsbury 287. 628

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Buxton, Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, for all who send names or numbers, not later than Wednesday, May 7th, to Mr. H. G. Smithson, Buxton, Norwich. No names, no tea.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec. 630

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry and Guilsborough Branches.—Joint meeting at Great Brington on Saturday, May 10th. Names for tea to me by Friday, May 2nd.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 639

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SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Change of date. The annual meeting will now be held on May 10th. Ringing from 2.30. Bells: St. Cuthbert's in the afternoon and St. Mary's Cathedral in addition in the evening. Names for tea, by Thursday, May 8th, to Rognvald Wilson, 15 Durham Road, Portobello, Midlothian. 532

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting, Mansfield Woodhouse (6), Saturday, May 10th. Names for tea, by May 6th, to Mr. A. J. Brown, 4, Ferguson Avenue, Mansfield Woodhouse, near Mansfield.—H. Denman. 632

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Brighton, May 10th. Service, St. Nicholas', 4.15. Tea 2s. 6d. (under 16, 1s. 3d.). Usual allowances. Individual names for tea before May 3rd. Ringing from 2.30, St. Peter's, St. Nicholas'. Good Shepherd after meeting.—S. E. Armstrong, 21, Kenmure Avenue, Brighton 6. 608

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