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THE MOTIF

THE annual reports of the Kent County Association, since Mr. G. H. Spice has been honorary secretary, have always been something more than a catalogue of events. The prelude to Mr. Spice's report delivered at Canterbury on Easter Monday was again a useful contribution to ringing literature. His observations were as follows :

'Once again it is my privilege to report on the work of our Association, and by tradition to preface factual matter with thoughts of a more abstract nature. My theme last year was the teaching mission of all ringers, and the challenge which comes to us as individuals of passing on to a younger generation that love of bells which has been our own inspiration. This year let us think of ourselves as an Association, and endeavour to discern a motif for our corporate effort.

'With what thrill we come to Canterbury, its glorious cathedral telling of the richness of our Christian heritage. Here is no mere fossilisation of the past, but the pulsating heart of a world-wide Communion, sharing a common allegiance with generations of men and women through the centuries, yet always going forward with new vision and creative energy.

'"Who's that old fossil?" is a question thrown out about some elderly person rather old-fashioned in dress or manner, but the true answer would probably be enlightening and very different from the one implied. Outward appearances can indeed be quite misleading, and their fixation into ceremonial is really a means of preventing them from obscuring the inner view. We must ourselves be careful to distinguish these two levels of vision when looking at our Association. On the outside are our rules, our organisation, our meetings, our varied activities, all of which have crystallised out of past experience, and which proceed along with a momentum almost of their own. On the inside is our real motive power, the faith which gave us birth, the love which sustains us, and the loyalty which guides our way.

'Only a few days ago a very great and gracious lady passed from our midst. She was born in 1867, thirteen years before the foundation of the Kent County Association, yet at the age of 85 she possessed a freshness of outlook which is an example to us. Many thousands of words have been written of her, and spoken of her, but Queen Mary's faith in new ideas of art and culture, industry and home, was the quality which shone out. Yet this was not at the expense of the rejection of the old, but was a realisation that only by an inward freshness of meaning could the outer pageantry be preserved. So with our Association, for even in only 73 years it has forged traditions worthy of preservation, but only for so long as its heart is young, and its innermost scene damp with the morning dew.

'So, too, with our Exercise at large; so, too, with our nation. And in this Coronation year of 1953, when the bells everywhere will ring wildly forth to honour the crowning of our young Queen Elizabeth, we shall do well to remember that God's plan insists on an inward faith making the fullest demands on the talents with which He has endowed us. That surely is the motif for our corporate effort in the Association, the idea of an abiding enterprise of outlook embodied in a sustained loyalty.

'Translated unto the terms of every day, what does this really involve? Simply that we should foster the creative impulse, should recognise the value of new thinking about our art, and should expect to witness the rise and fall of our own generation as the main originators. Then, as the sparks of enthusiasm seem to fly from younger and still younger exponents, let us bask in the sunshine of our traditions knowing the future of the Association to be in the safe keeping of guardians determined that its brightness shall not dim.

'It is in this light that we begin to appreciate the past achievements of our Association. But wisely we do not seek their origin in the printed reports, or the minute books, or even in the code of rules, but in the years of devoted and enterprising service of individual members who number many. To-day, however, we shall think of one member in particular, one who not only has been the inspiration of his own ringing chamber for very many years, but for a quarter of a century has held the highest offices of the Association. To Frederick M. Mitchell I proudly dedicate this report.'

IN RESPECTFUL HOMAGE TO QUEEN MARY

Born May 26th, 1867: Died March 24th, 1953

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., March 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	HARRY POYNER	7
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	8
JOHN B. BENNETT	3	*MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	9
HAROLD J. POOLE	4	JOHN R. SMITH	10
*PETER C. WRIGHT	5	WILLIAM J. ROOT	11
S. ANTHONY JESSON	6	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques.
Rung with the bells half-muffled to the respected and glorious memory of H.M. Queen Mary.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ALTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*REX J. CORKE	*Treble*	*JOHN GILBERT	5
*JESSIE M. KIPPIN	2	*RICHARD M. CURRIE	6
GEOFFREY K. DODD	3	*MAURICE J. BUTLER	7
PATRICK PAGE	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., March 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

ALBERT G. HARRISON	*Treble*	CHARLES CATCHPOLE	5
*JAMES B. MORLEY	2	HARRY MOSS	6
*BETTY SYRETT	3	FREDERICK C. ROPER	7
C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	4	ERNEST WHITING	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JAMES B. MORLEY.
* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.
Rung half-muffled in memory of H.M. Queen Mary.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., March 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT	*Treble*	MRS. J. E. TURLEY	5
*ELIZABETH BATE	2	*FRANK BRADLEY	6
†MARION BRADLEY	3	PHILIP COOTE	7
†DOREEN ARMSTRONG	4	JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN H WOOD. Conducted by JOHN E. TURLEY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight bells.
Rung with bells half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising: 1,280 Rutland, 960 London, 640 Wembley, 640 Bristol, 640 Yorkshire, 480 Superlative and 480 Cambridge, with 129 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	LEONARD H. BOWLER	5
*†RICHARD E. PRICE	2	*JOHN R. MAYNE	6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* First peal of seven Spliced. † 50th peal for the Association.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., March 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

WALTER W. MILLER	*Treble*	†RUSSELL G. PARKER	5
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	WALTER RUFFLES	6
FRANK RUFFLES	3	‡ALBERT E. WHITING	7
*GEORGE A. FLEMING	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal. ‡ First peal in the method 'inside.'
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (6th Observation). Tenor 8 cwt. 91 lb.

*DAVID E. WEST	*Treble*	RONALD G. BUGG	5
EDWARD B. SMITH	2	EDWARD E. DAVEY	6
†URBAN W. WILDNEY	3	WALTER A. SOUTHGATE	7
FRED W. ORRISS	4	*FELIX H. ERITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD E. DAVEY.
* First peal of Triples. † Has five times 'circled the tower.'
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., March 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 16 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	HAROLD G. JENNEY	5
DOROTHY M. UDALE	2	LAURENCE GREENHOW	6
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
ERNEST MORRIS	4	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

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RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., March 31, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

*ANN SLINGER	*Treble*	CHARLES WARD	5
†STANLEY IRELAND	2	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN	6
ALAN DUGDALE	3	ROBERT B. P. HULSE	7
WALTER ALLMAN	4	JOHN ORME	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.
Rung half-muffled by the Sunday service band in memoriam Queen Mary.

STEVENAGE, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANK W. CROFT	*Treble*	GEORGE CHERRY	5
PAMELA A. MARTIN	2	†DEREK E. LATCHFORD	6
*DAVID L. GULLICK	3	WILLIAM C. HUGHES	7
PETER CROFT	4	WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal of Cambridge. † First peal of Surprise Major. First Surprise peal on the bells.
Rung for the Easter Festival.
The ringers would like to associate this peal with the memory of a gracious lady, H.M. Queen Mary, who has gone to the Fuller Life.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

MARKET OVERTON, RUTLAND.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., March 31, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

*E. E. GIBSON	*Treble*	REGINALD SCOTT	3
I. TOWNS	2	F. G. VICKERS	4
H. WAND	*Tenor*		

Conducted by REGINALD SCOTT.
* First peal.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., March 31, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Double Court and two each of Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

FREDERICK W. FRENCH	*Treble*	NEVILLE WHITNEY	4
CECIL WADE	2	HENRY P. COLLIN	5
JAMES W. HAW	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

SUTTON-IN-HOLDERNESS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 31, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's Kent. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

LEONARD RODMELL	*Treble*	SYLVIA IREDALE	4
*SUSAN M. HARROP	2	HENRY RODMELL	5
JOHN M. HARROP	3	JOHN A. BROUGHTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD RODMELL.
* First peal.
Rung half-muffled as a tribute to H.M. Queen Mary.

ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one 240 and 40 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

JOHN H. HICKS	*Treble*	DAVID BEACHAM	4
C. ERIC LUCAS	2	GERALD BOWEN	5
A. REGINALD ROWLEY	3	GEORGE LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GERALD BOWEN.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford and St. Clement's, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

DAVID NICHOLLS	*Treble*	RONALD E. BURT	4
FRANK PEARSON	2	T. CHARLES BROWNE	5
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

RETTENDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and one 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

HERMON J. OLIVER	*Treble*	FRANK C. MAY	4
WILLIAM S. MAY	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
BRIAN J. HOWARD	3	GERALD FROST	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 4, 1953, in 3 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE TOWN HALL,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 42½ cwt.

JOHN E. BIBBY	*Treble*	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	7
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	PETER LAFLIN	8
HENRY O. BAKER	3	EDWARD JENKINS	9
ALAN A. POTTS	4	WALTER ALLMAN	10
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	11
JOHN WORTH	6	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
The first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus with 5,040 changes only to be rung.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., April 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 37 cwt.

DAVID E. PARSONS	*Treble*	JOHN B. SANSOM	7
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	2	PHILIP A. F. CHALK	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	JOHN HILL	9
NOEL J. DISERENS	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	10
RONALD F. DISERENS	5	JOHN CHILCOTT	11
KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH	6	T. MARK WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CHILCOTT. Conducted by MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT.
Rung by members of the Society of Roving Ringers. Messrs. G. E. Fearn and A. Walker are honorary members of the Society.

TEN BELL PEAL

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

WILLIAM S. MAY	*Treble*	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
*DAVID W. BEARD	2	FRANK C. MAY	7
FRANK V. GANT	3	CHARLES F. WILLINGTON	8
BRIAN J. HOWARD	4	GERALD FROST	9
†ANDREW J. SALISBURY	5	‡JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Kent Royal. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ 100th peal for Essex Association.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

RONALD KENRICK	*Treble*	THOMAS MARSHALL	5
PETER COXALL	2	ERIC COOK	6
DOREEN DUTTON	3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY	7
*JEAN MARSHALL	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. William Santus, donor of the treble bell, who was interred at Parbold on Wednesday, April 1st, 1953.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 4, 1953, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

FREDERICK W. BURNETT	*Treble*	*JOHN W. MEADE	5
*RICHARD M. CURRIE	2	†BRIAN J. LUFF	6
CHARLES H. KIPPIN	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
*GEOFFREY K. DODD	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Superlative. † First Surprise peal.

BALDOCK, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 26½ cwt.

*JOHN F. COLLINGS	*Treble*	JACK S. DEAR	5
PETER W. CROFT	2	EDWIN G. BUCK	6
*HORACE E. WERRETT	3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	7
*PHILIP MEHEW	4	FRANK W. CROFT	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.
* First peal in the method.

FOBBING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK V. GANT	*Treble*	*PETER J. KING	5
DAVID W. BEARD	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
*BRIAN J. HOWARD	3	CHARLES F. WILLINGTON	7
ANDREW J. SALISBURY	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Surprise.

MUCH WENLOCK, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5168 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST F. WILCOX	*Treble*	JOHN F. BUTLER	5
BESSIE A. CARTER	2	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW	6
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	3	JOHN N. LINDON	7
G. LEONARD HEWITT	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
A compliment to Mr. H. Edge, of the local band, on his 21st wedding anniversary.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Pitstow's Transposition. Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

FREDERICK S. PRICE	*Treble*	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	5
SAMUEL PINDER	2	EDWARD C. GOBEY	6
ALBERT H. WARD	3	EDWARD F. GOBEY	7
CLEMENT GLENN	4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
Arranged as a birthday compliment to F. S. Price, 80 on the above date.

SOUTH SHIELDS, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Brook's Variation. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

ROBERT BELL	*Treble*	†STANLEY HEWITT	5
CHARLES LEA	2	KENNETH ARTHUR	6
ARNOLD BRUNTON	3	*J. ALAN AINSWORTH	7
*MRS. C. LEA	4	STEPHEN THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 24¼ cwt.

*FRANCES E. ELLISON	*Treble*	*STEWART BRACEGIRDLE	5
*RICHARD G. LATHAM	2	CHARLES BLACKBURN	6
JAMES W. GROUNDS	3	†WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND	7
HERBERT ASHTON	4	‡HARRY BLACKBURN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES BLACKBURN.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal.
Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 4th. This was his first peal of Grandsire Triples for over 40 years.

WARBURTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt.

ERIC HORNBY	*Treble*	JOHN SCOTT	5
HENRY PARKER	2	JOHN E. BIBBY	6
HAROLD WORRALL	3	WALTER ALLMAN	7
WILLIAM ALLMAN	4	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung for the Festival of Easter.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.

*DAVID M. LEES	*Treble*	MAURICE G. TURNER	5
RODERICK J. LEES	2	†STANLEY PRESTIDGE	6
HOWARD HOWELL	3	WILLIAM DAVIES	7
HAROLD J. SHUCK	4	JACK TROMANS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.
* First peal of Stedman. † 50th peal.
The quarterly peal for the Guild.
Rung for the Easter Festival.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*LINDA R. BINNINGTON	*Treble*	CHARLES COLES	5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	2	HARRY P. FLOYD	6
M. ANGELA CARTER	3	†BERTRAM J. COGGINS	7
DOUGLAS O. WILKS	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE (C.C.C. No. 119).
Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major.
Rung for the wedding of the Rev. Canon E. W. Kemp, Fellow and Chaplain of Exeter College, Oxford, and Miss L. P. Kirk, youngest daughter of the Bishop of Oxford.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

THURMASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 38 extents and two 240's (Morris'). Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

*DOREEN I. MARTIN ..	..*Treble*	ERNEST F. PAYNE	4
F. KEVON THOMPSON ..	2	†THOMAS H. EARBY	5
B. STEDMAN PAYNE ..	3	*HUGH MATTHEWMAN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. 25th peal as conductor.
A 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 6, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, and one 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR MAWDSLEY* ..	..*Treble*	RONNIE KENRICK	4
DOREEN DUTTON	2	CUTHBERT ACKERS	5
MARGARET RIDYARD ..	3	JACK POUNDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR MAWDSLEY.
The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower.'

RADLEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 6, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. approx.

*MARGARET PATON ..	..*Treble*	†RUTH PATON	4
†HILARY J. EASON	2	*ANNE HUMFREY	5
†JANET EASON	3	MARIE R. CROSS	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARIE R. CROSS.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor.
Rung as a thankoffering for the restoration of the bells. First peal on the bells since their restoration and first peal of Minor by the Sunday service band. Rung also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. G. Cross.

BLAKENHALL HEATH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., April 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 16 methods, viz.: Two different extents each of (1) Old April Day, (2) Rangemoor, (3) Seighford, (4) Little Aston, (5) Newborough, (6) Plain Bob, (7) April Day, (8) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (9) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (10) Kennington, (11) Southrepps Pleasure, (12) Clifford Pleasure, (13) Northrepps Pleasure, (14) All Saints, (15) Rushall, and ten different extents and one 240 (Pitman's arrangement) of (16) Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

*F. TREVOR WARRINGTON..	*Treble*	DAVID W. BARR	3
BRYAN E. CAWSON ..	2	JOHN R. JOYNER	4

CLIVE M. SMITH .. .. *Tenor*
Conducted by CLIVE M. SMITH.
* First peal on five bells. First peal in 16 methods by all the band and on the bells; this also being the greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal for the Society.
Rung for the Easter Festival.

HANDBELL PEALS

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY	1—2	JACK BRAY	5—6
GEORGE E. FEIRN	3—4	*C. AUBREY HARRISON ..	7—8

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
* First peal of Little Bob '-in hand.'

DROGHEDA, IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 24, 1953, *in* 1 *Hour and* 40 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents Plain Bob and 34 of Grandsire. Tenor size 8 in C.

JAMES TAYLOR	1—2	FREDERICK E. DUKES ..	3—4
JOHN HUBER	5—6		

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

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CROYDON

TO H.M. QUEEN MARY OF BLESSED MEMORY

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On Mar. 31st, at St. Michael's Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Brown 1, Miss M. Lewis 2, Miss E. Stewart 3, Rev. P. Cole 4, E. Cragg 5, W. Viggers 6, R. Corke (cond.) 7, B. Batt 8.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. E. Pervin (cond.) 1, J. W. Taylor 2, M. Callow 3, H Summers 4, D A. Carpenter 5, J. L. Garner-Hayward 6, P. Stone 7, G. Gardner 8.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Weston 1, Miss E. Burton 2, W. Wills 3, T. Bolingbroke 4, C. Weston 5, E. Wilson 6, J. A. Walton (first as cond.) 7, J. Daniels 8.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Graham 1, R. G. W. Soars 2, F. K. Thompson 3, J. Chambers 4, K. E. Lovett (cond.) 5, P. Soars 6.

BATH.—At the Abbey, on Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Williams 1, Mrs. D. Evans 2, H. D. Taylor 3, W. F. J. Cope 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, J. Hallett 6, S. S. Woodburn 7, W. J. Prescott and H. J. Merrett 8.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.—On Mar 31st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. H. Holland (first quarter) 1, Miss T. Owen (first quarter) 2, C. B. Pemberton 3, B. A. Critten (first quarter) 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, S. D. Sutton 6.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Reid 1, T. Milsted 2, H. Luck 3, Miss Solly 4, J. Russell (cond.) 5, A. Hinkley 6, L. Everest 7, T. Day 8.

BISHOP'S CANNING, WILTS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Merritt 1, Miss Joy Davis 2, J. Romain 3, W. Mortimer 4, R. Combes 5, F. Hale 6, S. Grant (cond.) 7, G. Oram 8.

BOLTON, LANCS.—At Holy Trinity, on Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara Uren (first quarter) 1, P. Crook, sen., 2, N. Tompkins 3, A. Pendlebury (first as cond.) 4, J. F. Wood 5, T. Bratby 6, G. Pearson 7, J. Thornley 8.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On Mar. 31st, at St. Botolph's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Freeston 1, Lorna Briggs 2, S. Jessop 3, F. Dewey 4 R. Brown 5, J. Petch 6, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 7, J. Brown 8.

BOYN HILL, MAIDENHEAD.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss K. North 1, E. Eldridge 2, J. Eldridge 3, R. McGinlay 4, G. Lister 5, B. Lister 6, E. Gosling (cond.) 7, E. Hobbs 8.

BRANSTON, LINCS.—On Mar. 27th, 720 Single Oxford, 720 Plain Bob, 240 Single Court, 180 St. Clement's: J. E. Cook 1, M. Billings (cond.) 2, A. Ingall 3, P. Mason 4, A. Brummitt 5, R. Applewhite 6. Also on Mar. 31st, 540 Plain Bob, 720 Cambridge: A. Ingall 1, R. Applewhite 2, M. Billings 3, P. Mason 4, J. E. Cook 5, L. Willders (cond.) 6.

BROMYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE. — On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (300 Stedman, 360 Reverse Canterbury, 360 Plain Bob and 240 Grandsire): R. Price 1, D. Hinksman 2, T. Cooper (cond.) 3, W. Hinksman 4, A. Wall 5, G. Wall 6.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Townsend 1, W. Yates 2, W. Townsend 3, H. Jones 4, C. Gough 5, F. Vickers (cond.) 6, G. W. Holland 7, F. Pateman 8. Also on Mar. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss M. Coleman (first of Triples) 1, Miss D. Spokes 2, F. Townsend 3, C. Gough 4, G. W. Holland 5, F. Vickers 6, W. Yates (cond.) 7, F. Pateman 8. First quarter in method for ringers of 2 and 6.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara Bangs (first in method) 1, R. Picton 2, C. W. Woolley 3, P. Nash 4, N. Jenkins 5, L. J. North 6, T. H. Norris (cond.) 7, Mrs. T. Norris 8.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.—On Palm Sunday, 1,209 Grandsire Doubles: Pauline Wright (first quarter) 1, B. Pattison (cond.) 2, D. Bridges (first 'inside') 3, D. G. Horn 4, J. B. Long 5, D. Kitchener 6.

CHATHAM, KENT.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Beaumont 1, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 2, C. S. Jarrett 3, V. A. Jarrett 4, H. Springate 5, P. F. Borer (first of Stedman) 6, C. E. J. Norris 7, D. Norris 8. Also to the memory of Edward A. G. Allen, late Deputy Ringing Master and Secretary of Rochester Cathedral band.

Muffled quarter peals rung to the memory of a beloved Queen

CHILTON, BERKS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Gilks 1, D. Jordan (cond.) 2, J. Bosley 3, D. Bosley 4, W. Corderoy 5, R. Dandridge 6.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Mar. 31st, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hope 1, F. J. Lewis, sen., 2, F. J. Lewis, jun., 3, H L. Cooke 4, V. R. Williams 5, E. H. Jefferies 6, W. H. Hayward (cond.) 7, W. Wrigley 8.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Gilks 1, D. Jordan W. Francis, jun., 3, G. Goodson 4, F. Hinton 5, C. Jones 6, E. Drew (cond.) 7, F. Bennett 8.

CORSTON, NR. BATH.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Norfolk, Old, Plain Bob and April Day and 300 Grandsire): Miss D. Quartermaine 1, Miss M. Taylor 2, S. G. King 3, C. J. A. Brown 4, H. L. Palfrey (cond.) 5, L. R. G. Taylor 6. First quarter peal in five methods by all the band.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Griffiths 1, Miss F. Raybould 2, A. G. Hall 3, L. R. Hall 4, A. Wyre 5 H. J. Shuck 6, R. Dunn 7, H. Wyre (cond.) 8.

CROWCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Duddridge (first quarter) 1, C. W. J. Lock 2, G. Davis 3, L. T. Richards 4, R. E. Colman (cond.) 5, A. E. Welsher 6.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. K. Snelling 1, R. Overy 2, G. Jennings 3, J. W. Jeffery 4, J. H. Lilley (cond.) 5, H. E. Lilley 6, K. Snelling 7, E. J. Brett 8.

CUMNOR, BERKS.—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): H. C. White 1, R. Holmes 2, F. Absalom 3, F. Messenger (cond.) 4, F. A. White 5, H. Snell 6.

DALLINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Old, April Day, Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): E. Nobles (cond.) 1 R. Old 2, J. M. Nash 3, M. Bushell 4, C. Windram 5, C. H. Bushell 6.

EASTON IN GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Carlson 1, D. Gale 2, S. Delve 3, L. W. Allen 4, F. Neate (cond.) 5, E. Light 6.

EALING, MIDDLX.—On Mar. 31st, at Christ the Saviour, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss K. Ball 1, J. E. Churchill 2, J. E. L. Cockey 3, Miss D. Luke 4, G. M. Harvey 5, H. J. Eldred 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, Miss J. Scrutton 8. Also on April 1st, at St. Stephen's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Scrutton 1, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 2, Miss D. Luke 3, J. E. L. Cockey 4, S. Croft 5, F. D. Bishop 6, H. W. Rogers 7, G. M. Harvey 8.

FRIESTON, LINCS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Single Court Minor: B. Harrison 1, A. Pearson 2, H. Pearson 3, G. Dawson 4, H. Harper (cond.) 5, E. Barnes 6.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Green 1, P. T. Spencer-Phillips 2, E. W. Furbank 3, B. Sydenham 4, B. Bover 5, H. Carter 6, G. Green (cond.) 7, L. Ainger 8.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 Wells, 720 London): G. Cherry 1, P. W. Croft 2, J. S. Dear 3, D. L. Gullick 4, W. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6.

HALSALL, LANCS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Ivor Holmes 1, Barbara Haldane 2, Ruth Case 3, J. Pounds 4, C. Ackers (cond.) 5, A. Mawdsby 6.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Mar. 31st, 1,264 Bob Major: F. Whitby 1, V. Tipton 2, W. Aley (cond.) 3, E. Larter 4, S. Clark 5, L. Whitby 6, E. Rochester 7, W. Wheeler 8.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Corderoy 1, D. Jordan (cond.) 2, D. Bosley 3, W. Gilks 4, W. Corderoy 5, B. Bosley 6, R. Dandridge 7, P. Davies 8. First of Doubles for 3 and 4. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. L. Perkins 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, W. Ransom 4, A. Clements 5, H. S. Peacock 6.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, rung with 1 and 2 leading: K. Purse 1, M. Collins 2, W. Kersell 3, P. Dodd 4, G. Evans 5, D. Johnson 6, G. Dodd (cond.) 7, R. Evans (first quarter) 8.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss J. Dear, 1 Miss D. J. Hose 2, J. Harland 3, A. W. Dilley 4, L. H. Bywaters 5, G. Dear (first as cond.) 6.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On April 1st, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: S. Clements 1, W. Papworth 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, O. Norman 4, E. J. Parish 5, W. Ransom 6.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. D. Ashdown 1, W. Seldon 2, J. Salway 3, E. E. Retter 4, A. Tapley 5, A. G. Betts 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7 A. Holway 8. Also in memory of Mrs. E. V. Cox (wife of our president).

HORBURY, YORKS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss A. Wood 1, A. Bowers 2, H. Rowley (cond.) 3, R. Axford 4 J. W. Milner 5, J. E. Dews 6.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pullen 1, L. Stilwell (cond.) 22, Audrey Trott 3, E. Fosberry 4, S. A. Paice 5, E. R. Rapley 6, W. L. Weller 7, C. Denyer 8. Also for the Rev. Canon R. W. D. Lee, 17 years Vicar of this parish.

HURST, BERKS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Allum 1, Mrs. C. A. Eele 2, J. Froome 3, Mrs. B. C. Castle (cond.) 4, B. C. Castle 5, C. W. Mortimer 6, A. J. N. Rance 7, C. A. Eele 8.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 31st, at St. Margaret's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Kinsey 1, K. Whittel 2, F. Bowell 3, J. Munnings 4, C. Woodcock 5, E. Bloomfield (cond.) 6, C. Woodard 1, P. Whittel 8.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: A. V. Bowen (first of Royal) 1, N. N. Cousins 2, S. G. Elsey 3, C. Cousins 4, T. Greenacre 5, E. Barker 6, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 7, J. H. Raper 8, C. V. Ebberson 9, W. Rose 10.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Ambrose 1, F. Turner 2, S. H. Symonds (cond.) 3, W. Faiers 4, S. Smith 5, F. Boreham 6, F. Mortlock 7, M. T. Symonds 8.

LITTLE GLEMHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 31st, 1,200 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Carter 1, G R. Finch (cond.) 2, H. J. Vince 3, E. Steward 4, A. S. Pipe 5.

LISS, HANTS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 7, 6, 8 covering: T. Riley 1, H. Tice 2, J. Newman 3, C. Pound 4, A. Betsworth (cond.) 5, Sergt. D. Holbrey, R.E.M.E., 6, K. Wright 7, A. Cross 8.

LITTLEHEMPSTON, TOTNES, DEVON.—On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. E. Lilley (cond.) 1, A. L. Bennett 2, D. J. Gay 3, G. A. Uglow 4, W. J. Harvey 5. First quarter peal on the bells. Also to Mrs. E. V. Cox, wife of the president of the Devon Guild.

LYDD, KENT.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: L. Terry (first quarter 'inside') 1, Miss O. Boulden 2, Miss M. Vantom 3, J. R. Cooper 4, R. Swift (cond.) 5, Miss A. Boulden 6. First of Stedman for all except conductor.

MARDEN, KENT.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Collins 1, Jill Haffenden 2, P. Carter (first as cond.) 3, F. Mitchell 4, Betty Vidler 5, K. Collins (first quarter) 6.

MARLESFORD, LEICS.—On Mar. 31st 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. R. Finch (cond.) 1, H. J. Vince 2, G. R. Barry 3, J. W. H. Preastner 4, A. S. Pipe 5.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Gilson (76) 1, F. J. Stimson 2, T. Templeton 3, J. Fenton 4, F. Shepherd 5, W. Smith 6, H. Clayton (first as cond.) 7, J. Day 8.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (one six-score each of Norfolk, Kennington, Union and April Day, 3 of Plain Bob and 3½ of Grandsire): E. J. Baker 1, J. J. Yeates 2, L. Derrick (cond.) 3, E. F. Shearn 4 C. Kortright 5, M. J. Horseman 6.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 31st, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: F. Day (cond.) 1, W. Shorter 2, F. Hunt 3, J. Alderton 4, H. Hollocks 5, R. Chambers 6.

RAINFORD, LANCS.—On Mar. 31st, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: D. Roughley 1, J. R. Austin 2, F. Saunders 3, E. Roughley 4, H. Blackburn (first half peal as cond.) 5, G. Raspin 6. First half peal for 1, 3 and 6.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Miss S. Booth 3, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 4, H. F. Perry 5, H. Corney 6, A. T. Langstone 7, J. Merrett 8. 7–8 behind.

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BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Ryder's Church, on Mar. 29th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: A. Ager 1, Miss M. Reay 2, Miss S. Rymer 3, H. H. Fearn 4, S O'C. Holloway 5, B. D. A. Woolley 6, F. E. Haynes 7, G. E. Fearn (cond.) 8.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lorna Briggs 1, A. Freeston 2, S. Jessop 3, R. Brown (cond.) 4, F. Dewey 5, F. Leggott 6, J. Petch 7, T. Freeston 8.

BRIDLINGTON, YORKS.—At the Priory Church, on Mar. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob, alternate six-scores): I. A. Campbell (first quarter) 1, J. B. Ibbotson 2, J. V. Davies 3, J. Porter 4, H. Parker (cond.) 5, E. Thorley 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. Chew, a local ringer.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Latham (first quarter) 1, C. W. Woolley 2, Barbara Bangs (first away from treble) 3, N. Jenkins 4, P. Nash 5, L. North 6, T. H. Norris (cond.) 7, Mrs. T. H. Norris 8.

EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. F. Pickthall 1, D. Watson, sen., 2, R. Ferris 3, D. Watson, jun., 4, A. J. Martin (cond.) 5, A. L. Shepherd 6. In memoriam Mr. E. Pickthall (mother of treble ringer).

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Easter Day, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Miles 1, Miss R. Marwood 2, Miss J. Sturgess 3, Miss B. M. Ball 4, Miss C. A. West 5, A. H. Sturgess 6, P. Page 7, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major for 1, 2, 3 and 6.

FULHAM, S.W.—On April 5th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: H. Belcher 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, H. Langdon (cond.) 4, W. D. Prockson 5, W. T. Elson 6, J. Phillips 7, R. F. Deal 8, H. M. Page 9, R. Linsell 10. For divine service at All Saints', Fulham. Also an 86th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Harland 1, C. W. Haslop 2, Miss D. Bulman 3, J. R. Waller 4, Miss A. Bulman 5, H. Short (cond.) 6, J. A. Alexander 7, T. N. Tindale 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. J. S. Bedlington, a ringer at this church, and Miss B. Allison, married on March 21st.

GARGRAVE, YORKS.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Rosemary Parkinson 1, J. Langstrofe 2, E. J. Gower 3, Jean Dawson 4, Diana Banks 5, W. Wilkinson 6, Patricia Bourn 7, V. J. C. Wood (cond.) 8. First quarter of Kent Treble Bob by 1 and 4.

QUARTER PEALS

HAMBLEDEN, BUCKS.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Wilkinson 1, F. Hayes 2, A. E. Cox 3, W. Lee (cond.) 4, R. Biggs 5, R. Moring (13, first quarter) 6. Rung for the christening of the daughter of the treble ringer.

HAMMERWOOD, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Rosemary R. J. Parsloe 1, A. J Stone 2, Mrs. E. M. Hicks 3, D. H. Cornford 4, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 5. First quarter by 1 and 2.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. A. Bywaters 1, J. Dear 2, D. J. Hare 3, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 4, G. Dear 5, G. Mayes 6. For Mothering Sunday.

HOUGHTON, HUNTS.—On Palm Sunday, 1,280 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Warrington (cond.) 1, G. D. Whitehead 2, E. J. Parish 3, J. R. G. Spicer 5, H. S. Peacock 5. A birthday compliment to Mr. E. Warren, son of the churchwarden, and local ringer.

KINGTON-ON-ARROW, HEREFORDS.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Jones (cond.) 1, A. Keen 2, D. J. Roberts 3, T. Giddings 4, W. Norgrove 5, W. Price 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. W. Powell.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ann Barr 1, Mary Wallace (first quarter 'inside') 2, F. T. Warrington 3, B. E. Carson 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5, M. W. Fairey 6. Rung for the Easter Festival prior to the early celebration of Holy Communion.

MARDEN, KENT.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Collins 1, Jill Haffenden 2, Betty Vidler 3, P. Carter 4, S. G. Waters (cond.) 5, F. W. Mitchell 6, C. Claeys 7, T. Pert 8.

MORTON, DERBYS.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. E. Gough 1, P. H. Wright 2, H Franklin 3, E. G Holdgate 4, J. W. Price 5, W. Swain (cond.) 6. Rung before the Confirmation service and in honour of five young ringers who were confirmed.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCS.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 6, 7, 8 covering: G. Bonser 1, R Clark 2, K. Edwards 3, P. Millward 4, G. Halls (cond.) 5, J. Byron 6, John Maudesley, jun., 7, John Maudesley, sen., 8.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Easter Sunday, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Bridges 1, S. King 2, J. Cordell 3, S. Stevens 4, H. King 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Murphy (first quarter) 1, Molly Denby 2, C. Taylor 3, R. A. Reed 4, Betty Faithful 5, R. Faithful 6, N. Hayes (cond.) 7, P. Sanders (first quarter) 8. A farewell to the Rev. G. Roberts, now appointed Rector of Weston.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Parkin 1, R. Taylor 2, C. Rouse (cond.) 3, B. Dowdeswell 4, D. Surman 5, F. Pendry 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Dr. C. Scott-Stewart, much-loved village doctor, died March 24th

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Ward 1, B. Pike 2, A. A. Livings (first as cond.) 3, B. G. Burton 4, L. Beal 5, J. Terry 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. H. J. Shaw, organist for 40 years.

ST. CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Roberts 1, Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella 2, D. Docking 3, S. J. Robinson 4, A. H. Eplett (cond.) 5, R. Green (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

SOUTH CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. Peter's, on Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Vowles 1, P. Davis (cond.) 2, Miss M. Christopher 3, Miss V. Potter 4, T. Blow 5, W. Brownett 6, J. Relf 7, J. Adcock 8. Rung for the Easter Festival, also for the christening of Graham John Adcock, grandson of the ringer of the tenor.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On Mar 21st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. E. Lester 1, L. Forster 2, J. S. Wybrew 3, A. Fever 4, H. D. Lister (cond.) 5, G. A. Blaxcell 6, M. Page 7, O. G. Barnard 8. First of Major by 3 and 4.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Berry 1, G. W. Townsend 2, C. J. Gardiner (cond.) 3, W. Sidwell 4, T. Townsend 5, R. Townsend 6, W. W. T. Daniell 7, E. Vincent 8 Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. S. Palmer, aged 82, a ringer at Swindon for many years.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On April 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: E. H. Durrant (first on ten) 1, J. Schofield 2 R. Rowley 3, R. G. Smith 4, W. Watson (Banbury) 5, W. G. Paul 6, R. King 7, R. G. Bell 8, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 9, H. Schofield 10. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. W. E. Castell, who is leaving for Collier Street, near Maidstone.

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

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Harry Lofthouse is retiring from the post of hon. secretary and treasurer to the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society of Change Ringers, a post he has held for 30 years. We shall miss his regular contributions to our columns.

Six children, aged 11¼ years, 11 years, 10½ years, 10 years (two) and 9½ years, ring Radley Church bells for Catechism each Sunday.

We regret to hear of the passing of Mr. G. Stacey, of Minehead, on March 28th. A quarter peal to his memory was rung at Dunster on March 29th.

With reference to the touch of 120 Stedman Triples on page 235 our correspondent repeated the row 1532764 S in which Queen's appears. Will conductors please amend their copies. We thank readers who called attention to the error.

The Rev. J. V. Pixell, Vicar of Radley, is seriously ill in hospital. The band which rang a peal on the Radley bells on Easter Monday wish to associate his name with the peal. Mr. Pixell stood in at a previous attempt.

Regarding the figures of a peal of 13,280 Cambridge Surprise Major, a correspondent writes: 'If the introduction of singles is to be allowed, as suggested by Mr. Speed, the whole foundation of the C.C.C. and its principles go "flop." A 5,000 is as much as is required for the purpose of proficiency in any method.'

Mr. Roger O. Fry, of 5, Morford Road, Bath, is the new secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association; Mr. Leslie W. Pullin, Clevedon, hon treasurer; and Mr. H. J. Sanger, Evercreech, peal secretary. The Association presented a handsome pipe, tobacco and a cheque for £35 to the retiring secretary, Mr. J. T. Dyke. We hope to publish a report of the meeting in our next issue.

On Easter Sunday the bells of St. Botolph's, Aldgate, London, E., were rung to a quarter peal of Stedman Triples. The bells had not been rung for about 20 years previously, and there were two ringers on the 28-cwt. tenor. The band was A. A. Hughes 1, W. Williams 2, T. G. Fox 3, D. G. Clift 4, J. Hill 5, J. A. Crampion 6, F. E. Collins (conductor) 7, J. S. Mason and M. V. Chilcott 8.

The 11th bell at St. John-the-Baptist's, Cirencester, is now back from the foundry and in good going order. Sunday ringing is at 5.30 p.m. and all visitors are welcome.

We are informed that at the meeting of the Swansea and Brecon Guild at Aberavon on March 7th the tea was supplied by the ringers of St. Mary's Church, Aberavon, and not as stated on page 188.

The first peal on the restored ring at Radley was of interest to Commander R. G. Cross, R.N., who, during one leave, helped to teach four of the ringers to handle a bell, thus forming the nucleus of the present band.

Members of the Wyggeston School Campanological Society, after a very successful term's ringing, would like to express their sincere thanks to Mr. Peter C. Wright for his help and support during his short stay as a student master. Three peals of Plain Bob Major have been rung, two of the members of the Society ringing their first peals.

On April 4th, at the wedding of his granddaughter, Miss Myrtle Ridout, to Mr. Geoffrey House, at Hazelbury Bryan, Dorset, Mr. Frank Ridout and his five sons rang 120 changes each of Grandsire, Bob Doubles and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. They all belong to the Okeford Fitzpaine team. Mr. Ridout has been a ringer at this North Dorset tower for over 62 years.

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Panel of Instructors Desired

The annual general meeting was held in Norwich on Easter Monday. The bells of Mancroft, St. George Colegate, St. Giles', St. Miles' and St. John de Sepulchre (but not St. Andrew's owing to dust on the ringing chamber floor) were open during the day. The Rev. H. Lillingston, Rector of Marsham, preached at the annual service at Mancroft.

The business meeting was held after lunch in Mancroft Parish Hall. At this the Rev. A. St. J. Heard (absent through illness) was unanimously re-elected president, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow general secretary and treasurer, Mr. Nolan Golden Ringing Master, the vice-presidents were re-elected with the addition of Bishop Belcher, Vicar of Diss, and Mr. George Fletcher was re-elected hon. auditor.

Presenting the accounts, Mr. Fletcher noted that too many subscriptions remained unpaid from last year, and a searching appeal is made to all to pay up and do their share of supporting the Association.

The 1952 annual report was stated to be nearly ready. The general secretary said they were to receive a bequest of £50 from the late Herbert Morley. It was agreed to pay this handsome bequest into the Belfry Repair Fund.

The revision of the Association's rules, as recently carried out by the Standing Committee, was passed, except that the date of the annual general meeting is to be described as 'determined by the Standing Committee,' as it is felt that a better attendance may be secured by having it on a Saturday, perhaps the last Saturday in April, in future, instead of on Easter Monday.

Warm tributes were paid to Mr. J. G. W. Harwood, who has resigned after 21 years as secretary of the East Norfolk Branch, and encouragement was offered to Mr. Peter Newstead, his successor. The meeting stood in silence in honour of Mr. William J. Eldred, hon. secretary of the West Norfolk Branch, who had recently passed away.

The Rev. H. Lillingston asked if the Association could organise more instruction for beginners in outlying towers. The general secretary said a panel of instructors was very necessary and any who would form such a panel would be most welcome. He added that in certain conditions the local education authority would sponsor a scheme for an instructor to give a course where desired.

Thanks were given to Canon Waddington and the other local clergy for the use of their bells, Mr. Coleman for playing at Mancroft, Mr. Lillingston for preaching, and the verger for his help.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

Arrangements for Whitsun

Headquarters: Devonshire Hotel, Bournemouth

TOWER BELL PEAL ATTEMPTS

The Southampton ten-bell towers and several eight- and six-bell towers will be available for peals on Saturday, May 23rd, and on Whit Monday. Bands desiring to make peal attempts should apply to the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, St. Michael's Vicarage, Southampton.

HANDBELL PEAL ATTEMPTS

Mr. D. Matkin will arrange handbell peal attempts. All interested should apply to him at 26, Wellington Road, Bournemouth.

WHIT SUNDAY

Mr. A. F. Martin-Stewart has very kindly invited anyone interested to view his extensive nurseries at Ferndown, near Wimborne, on Whit Sunday afternoon. Assemble at Mr. Stewart's private house at 2.30 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided, and in order to cater for these names should be sent to Mr. G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh, Hants, not later than May 9th. Ringing at Wimborne Minster afterwards from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.

WHIT MONDAY

Subject to sufficient support, all-day coach tours will be arranged as follows:—

(1). **Isle of Purbeck.** Ringing at Swanage, Kingston, Blandford, Wimborne Minster, etc. Approximate fare 9s.

(2). **New Forest.** Ringing at Lymington, Lyndhurst, Southampton, Romsey, etc. Approximate fare 9s.

(3). **Salisbury** (to view Cathedral). Stonehenge. Ringing at Fordingbridge, Amesbury, Salisbury, Cranborne, etc. Approximate fare 12s.

All applications for these tours should be sent to Mr. A. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth, **not later than April 30th.**

WHIT TUESDAY

Holy Communion at St. Peter's Church at 8 a.m.

Council meeting at the Town Hall, 10 a.m. Will members please note earlier meeting time.

By kind invitation of the Mayor and Corporation of Bournemouth, Council members, ringers and friends will be entertained to tea at the Town Hall at 5 p.m. Admission will be by ticket only, and all wishing to be present should advise Mr. G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Road, Eastleigh, Hants, not later than May 9th. Tickets will be distributed at Bournemouth.

All ringers and friends will be welcome at headquarters during the week-end and after the Council meeting.

Arrangements for ringing at local towers will be published later.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

BRISTOL CITY BRANCH'S DINNER

The fourth annual dinner of the Bristol City Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held on March 4th at Redcliffe Community Centre, Bristol. Nearly 80 ringers and friends attended including visitors from the Bristol Rural and Swindon Branches of the Association, the Bristol University Society and the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

Immediately following the dinner the loyal toast was drunk. The chairman, Mr. F. G. Leaker, then proposed the toast of 'The Church,' in which he emphasised the ringers' duty to both Church and clergy and expressed his gratification at the co-operation he had received from incumbents throughout the City during the past year.

In replying, the Rev. T. P. Tindall, M.A., referred to the spiritual uplift ringing brought about among the public, particularly to the aged and infirm, to whom the bells were a message of hope and faith in resurrection. He hoped ringers would, by means of their art, assist many to declare their loyalty to our Church and Queen this Coronation year.

Mr. S. S. Woodburn, from Bath, gave the toast of 'The Bristol City Branch,' and conveyed the very good wishes of his friends there. He commended the Branch officials on their work at the St. John's Ringing School in persevering with the teaching of learners.

Mr. E. F. Hancock replied and, on behalf of the Branch, accepted Mr. Woodburn's good wishes.

The Branch secretary, Mr. A. Bennett, welcomed the visitors in giving the toast of 'Ringing Friends' and in the final speech of the evening, Mr. L. Derrick, from Nailsea, replied, recalling his earlier visits to the city some years ago and the welcome he was given. He was pleased to find the welcome still there when he was able to visit some of the city towers.

During the course of the evening entertainment was given with change ringing and tune ringing on handbells, and 'The Music Makers Ladies' Choir,' who concluded the evening's programme.

P. P. A. B.

MISS MURIEL REAY'S 200 PEALS

Miss A. Muriel Reay includes 26 Surprise Major methods in her list of 200 peals and 25 peals of Stedman Cinques. She rang her first peal in Lancashire in June, 1948, and her second with Mr. G. E. Fearn's band in Birmingham a week later. Most of her peals of Surprise have been rung with the Birmingham band, many of them without previous practice. Miss Reay feels that the credit for her Surprise peals must go to the Birmingham ringers rather than to herself. Without such capable and experienced ringers she would not have had such a list. Details are appended:—

Doubles.—Grandsire 1, Two methods 1.

Minor.—Plain Bob 5, Three methods 2, Four methods 1, Cambridge Surprise 2.

Triples.—Grandsire 12, Stedman 5, Plain Bob 1.

Major.—Double Norwich 15, Plain Bob 8, Kent Treble Bob 2, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 1, Little Bob 1.

Surprise Major.—Cambridge 26, Yorkshire 15, Lincolnshire 8, Rutland 7, Superlative 3, Pudsey 2, Apsley 1, Belvedere 1 Bristol 1, Chiltern 1, Cornwall 1, Cranborne 1, Crewe 1, Jersey 1, Langley 1, London 1, Painswick 1, Pyrford 1, Radnor 1, Sandringham 1, Southgate 1, Tring 1, Trowbridge 1, Warnham 1, Warwickshire 1, Whitminster 1. Spliced. Two methods 1, Four methods 1, Six methods 1.

Caters.—Stedman 8, Grandsire 2.

Royal.—Kent Treble Bob 1, Plain Bob 1.

Surprise Royal.—Cambridge 10, Yorkshire 3, Langley 1, Pudsey 1, Warwickshire 1, York 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 25.

Maximus.—Cambridge Surprise 4.

Total.—200.

MORE CORRESPONDENCE FROM AMERICA

The letter from Mr. E. A. Barnett, which appeared in 'The New Yorker' of February 28th, to which we referred a few weeks ago, has brought him several more interesting letters, in one of which Mrs. T. Grantmyre, writing from Nova Scotia, mentioned that her uncle, Robert Duckworth, who is now in his 76th year, was a ringer at Deane, Lancs, before going to Canada in 1911. Among the peals in which he took part was a 12,000 of Kent Treble Bob at Deane on June 4th, 1908.

Father Charles Keenan, S.J., of New York, Managing Editor of 'America,' a Roman Catholic weekly review, asked to see a copy of 'The Ringing World.' Mr. C. McK. Lewis, also of New York, inquired for 'some publication or source from which I could get a more detailed explanation of just what this change ringing really is and just how it is carried out.' Mr. Gerald Marion, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, also asked for a copy of 'The Ringing World,' and details of subscription rates, as did Mrs. Grantmyre.

From the University of Chicago, Mr. A. L. Putnam wrote that 'along with many other Americans, I acquired a taste for change ringing from Dorothy Sayers' "Nine Tailors,"' to which Mr. Marion also referred, while, like Mrs. L. R. Wells, of Evanston, twelve miles from Chicago, he asked where, in Chicago, bells were hung for ringing. According to the 'Bellringer's Guide' this is in the University itself, but evidently they are not used for the purpose.

Mr. Brian Price has kindly sent a copy of the articles on ringing machines which he contributed to this paper during 1950, to be lent to Mr. J. Kiefer, of Cornell University, who, it will be recalled, is engaged with a colleague in constructing a machine of this nature.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting Approves of Division Into Districts

ABOUT 70 members and friends attended the annual meeting at Cardiff on Easter Monday. At 1.30 the bells were set going by early arrivals. The Master (Miss Jacqueline Evans) was in charge of the ringing arrangements and saw to it that everyone had a chance of a pull.

Owing to the heavy agenda the service was brought forward one hour in order to give more time for the business. In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar (Canon T. M. Hughes) the service was taken by the curate (the Rev. J. Lewis), who extended a hearty welcome to the visitors.

The visitors were afterwards invited to St. James' Guildhall where tea which had been generously and amply provided by Mrs. Lewis and her lady helpers was awaiting them. On the proposition of the Rev. I. J. Richards the ladies were duly thanked.

The Rev. J. Lewis took the chair at the business meeting which followed. Before the minutes were read members were asked to stand in silence for a few moments in memory of Mr. Fred Way, of Porthkerry, and Mr. Sam Jones, of Caerleon, who had recently passed away.

The balance sheet showed a healthy financial position. There was a balance on the year's working of £7 19s. 9d. and total cash in hand of £72 16s. 9d. The treasurer asked permission to cash savings certificates which were in the name of a previous treasurer, and to re-invest them in the Post Office Savings Bank. It was decided this should be done and the amount increased to £50.

The secretary (Mr. F. J. Hannington) gave a short report on the year's working reporting that 31 peals were rung during 1952. There were 276 fully paid up members and 42 towers in affiliation.

DIOCESAN DISTRICTS

Next came the recommendations of the special committee which was appointed at the last annual meeting to draw up suggestions for the division of the Association into Districts. These were presented by the Master and it was decided to accept the committee's proposal that there be two Branches, one to be known as the Llandaff Branch and the other the Monmouth Branch, each to be coterminous with its own diocese.

The same committee put forward proposals for the revision of the rules, which, after a good deal of debate, were, with slight amendments, accepted by the meeting. One alteration in the new rules is a change in the title—Church Bell Ringers being substituted for Change Ringers. The full title is now 'The Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers.' The committee were thanked for their services.

Officers elected were:—Master, Mr. Robert E. Coles; secretary, Mr. F. J. Hannington (re-elected); auditors, Messrs. T. M. Roderick and R. H. Addis.

Progress was reported from Bedwellty tower by Mr. Ryan Price, where the young band are now ringing Bob Triples.

Mr. L. H. Jones said he is going to Llangattock to instruct a new band there. Mr. R. Lucas said it was hoped to form a new band at Peterstone Wentloog. Progress was also reported from the new band at Radyr.

MONMOUTH BELLS READY FOR CORONATION

Restorations was the next item and Mr. L. H Jones reported that Monmouth bells would be ready for the Coronation. The secretary reported that Llandaff bells had been rehung but it would probably be some time before they were dedicated because the Dean wanted the whole of the work dedicated together. Caerleon bells, which had been recast and rehung, were to be dedicated on Whit Sunday. Coity bells, which have been rehung, are ready but there is some roof work to be done before they are re-dedicated. It was proposed to hold the next annual meeting at St. Woolos', Newport.

The Association badge was next considered. Miss Jacqueline Evans submitted three designs she had obtained from the makers. One, a bell in blue enamel with the name of the Association in silver lettering inscribed on it, was chosen. It was decided to purchase 100 studs and 50 brooches.

The secretary was asked to write a letter of congratulation to the Vicar of All Saints', Newport, on being made Archdeacon of Newport, and also a letter of greeting to Mr. J. W. Jones, who was unable to attend owing to illness. The Rev. I. J. Richards moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. J. Lewis for taking the chair and so ably conducting the meeting.

The meeting then split up, the Monmouth people to one room and the Llandaff people to another, to choose their own Branch officers and arrange their first meetings. Miss Jacqueline Evans was elected Branch secretary, and Mr. A. Ryan Price Master of the Monmouth Branch, and Mr. R. E. Coles secretary and Mr. A. J. Pitman Master of the Llandaff Branch. The first Branch meetings were proposed to be held at Abergavenny and Cadoxton Neath. Thus ended a very successful and enjoyable meeting.

THE BELLS OF WEYBRIDGE

The Church of St. James, Weybridge, Surrey, was dedicated in 1848, after erection on the site of a much older church. The tower contains a ring of eight, tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb., cast by Mears and Stainbank in 1875, but owing to the situation of tower, much sound descends to shops and houses nearby which curtails the ringing of lengthy touches.

The spire has outlets for the sound to ascend over the tops of buildings in the vicinity, but the louvres are too open and a nice-toned octave is not heard at its best in the near neighbourhood.

The entrance to the tower is via one of the pews at the west end, and after seeing a well-kept church one is not greatly impressed with the ringing chamber, a place seldom open to the Diocesan Guild or County Association. Very few peals or quarter peals have been rung on these bells, and they need rehanging after 78 years' service in the tower.

Weybridge had 'ij bells in the steple and a sauns bell' in 1552, and prior to 1875 three bells of different dates, all from the Whitechapel foundry, formed a ring of three as follows: Robert Mot 1597, Thos. Mears 1798, and William Carter 1614. There appears to be no record when the bells were increased from two to three, but it is recorded in the 1623 accounts: 'Pd for drinke for the Ringgers upon the Prince came out of Spain and at other tymes £00 02s. 08d.' This refers to the return of Charles I., then Prince of Wales, after his journey to Spain in search of a princess.

November 5th was observed in many towers by paid ringing, and Weybridge seemed no exception judging by an entry in 1667, which tells us: 'Item given to the ringers one gunpowder treson day 1s. 0d.'

Thirty years later, in 1697, is recorded: 'Sept ye 16 gave ye ringers for Joy of pees £00 04s. 00d.' This event was the peace signed at Ryswick, which ended the war between Great Britain and her several allies against France.

For many years very little method ringing has taken place here, and it is a matter of regret that none of the ringers will join the Diocesan Guild or the County Association, both of which operate in nearby towers. Sunday service ringing is irregular here on account of insufficient ringers, and the bells are seldom rung on practice nights.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Mr. Lofthouse Retiring After 30 Years as Secretary

The March meeting was held at Christ Church, Armley. Ringing started at the advertised time and was enjoyed until the break for tea at 5 p.m. Tea was served in the Parochial Hall and the business meeting was held in the same room. Mr. T. W. Strangeway (vice-president) presided, and members were present from Armley, Bramley, Drighlington, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Michael's), Leeds Parish Church, Ossett, Otley, Pudsey, Rothwell, Thorner, Woodlesford, Collingham and Doncaster.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was proposed by Mr. J. Gibson and seconded by Mr. L. Drake. Mr. Lofthouse replied for the Vicar, wardens, local company and the ladies for service at the tea tables, and promised to see all the individuals concerned and pass on the Society's thanks.

The next meeting is to be held at Leeds Parish Church on April 25th. The local company have arranged a tea (cooked meal), price 3s. 6d. per head, for all who notify their intention to be present to Mr. I. Slack, 25, Hollin Park Terrace, Leeds 8, by April 22nd.

The following nominations for next year's officers were received: President, Mr. T. W. Strangeway; vice-presidents (three required), Messrs. S. H. Barron, L. Drake, W. Dixon, H. Lofthouse and J. Gibson; Ringing Master, Mr. L. Drake; secretary and treasurer, Mr. I. Slack; auditors, Miss M. Rhodes and Mr. J. Roberts; trustees, Mr. H. Lofthouse and Mr. J. Gibson.

Mr. J. Gibson proposed and Mr. J. Roberts seconded a vote of thanks to Mr. Lofthouse for his services during the past 30 years as secretary-treasurer. This was supported by Mr. T. W. Strangeway and Mr. L. Drake.

On return to the tower the bells were kept ringing until 8.30 p.m.

EASTER MONDAY IN CORNWALL

On Easter Monday, despite the almost wintry weather, about a dozen ringers from Cornwall, Devon and Dorset had an extremely pleasant outing amongst the six-bell towers of S.E. Cornwall. The party met at Menheniot, where the Rev. E. M. Thomas, himself a ringer, welcomed them and also stood in for a touch. The organiser was severely reprimanded for his unavoidably late arrival, but all enjoyed this lovely ring of bells (tenor 11½ cwt.). Will any change ringers within reasonable distance please note that the Vicar is keen to start a 'scientific' band and would be grateful for offers of assistance in doing so.

Leaving here, Mr. Wilf Panter assumed the role of guide and after taking the party on a conducted tour over a reliability trials course brought them safely to Pillaton (tenor 12 cwt.). After three-quarters of an hour's ringing and an alfresco lunch a move was made to St. Mellion (tenor 7 cwt.), where further ringing was enjoyed. Landulph Church, the next stop, is close to the River Tamar and was found to have lovely bells with a tenor of 10¾ cwt., and an hour's ringing here was much appreciated. After a sumptuous tea at the Cecil Arms, St. Stephen's-by-Saltash (kindly arranged by the Vicar) a move was made to the tower opposite. Here it was found that the best wine had been kept for the last and no one really wanted to leave these fine bells (tenor 15¼ cwt.) and over an hour's ringing passed far too quickly before the goodbyes and dispersal for the long trips home.

During the day five Doubles and two Minor methods were rung but the chief objective was good striking and this was, on the whole, achieved. Best thanks are due to all incumbents for permission readily given and to those locals and the two Vicars who met the band and extended such warm welcomes.

E. T. P. F.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

Dear Sir,—The formation of the Archdeaconry of Halifax Guild should be welcomed as a step in the right direction. The idea of a ringing guild working within the same boundaries as an Archdeaconry is something new in Yorkshire, and its name more closely allies its work to that of the Church. Furthermore, the object of the Guild, 'To encourage the art of change ringing in the service of the Church,' is worthy of notice and certainly reads much better than do the objects of many older guilds, e.g., 'To promote belfry reform and the recognition of bell-ringers as church-workers.' 'Belfry reform,' whatever it may mean, is outdated and ringers are now regarded as good church-workers by all right thinking people.

Since the last war several district societies have been formed in Yorkshire to meet a need not provided for in the organisation of the County Association. The many district organisations are not affiliated and hold no allegiance to the Yorkshire Association, but all work for the betterment of ringing in their respective spheres of influence and so, ultimately, for the good of the Yorkshire Association. Indeed, I think it is true to say the district societies are the backbone of the Yorkshire Association.

If the position in Yorkshire is examined a little closely it will be seen the areas covered by several of the district societies conform, more or less, to archidiaconal boundaries. Thus:—

Cleveland & North Yorkshire, Archdeaconry of Cleveland.
Beverley and District, Archdeaconry of the East Riding.
Selby and District, Archdeaconry of York.
Doncaster and District, Archdeaconry of Doncaster.
Sheffield and District, Archdeaconry of Sheffield.

An amalgamation or affiliation of the first three may result in the formation of a diocesan organisation (York), and as the Doncaster and Sheffield Societies cover the Diocese of Sheffield it will be seen the Halifax people, intentionally it is to be hoped, have started something and given a lot of food for thought in Yorkshire. The seed has been sown. Will it grow, by a process of evolution, into a Yorkshire Association of Diocesan Guilds?—Yours faithfully,

HAROLD WALKER.

Clifton, York.

THE OLD BELLS OF CHOBHAM

Dear Sir,—W. Shepherd is wrong when he says Chobhamers do not desire the tone of their bells improved. Much has been done to beautify the old church in the last five years, much, including the bells, remains to be done. In any case would a recast be justified in view of their historic value? They are not nearly so bad as he implies.

Further, in my opinion, it is the 1892 bells which are bad! There has been no clock bell in the tower for many years, the clock uses the ringing bells.

I have returned to Chobham recently after two and a half years at Farnham and hope to start a team of change ringers shortly. The present ringers use cards, but most are old and have no desire to learn anything else. My hope is to train a team, while not interfering with the old team's service ringing till they can no longer muster enough. Some of them have been ringing over 50 years at the tower and their numbers are rapidly dwindling.

I hope W. S. will visit us one day to bring his information up to date.—Yours faithfully,

ROY COLLINS.

Chobham.

BOB MAJOR WITH THE TENORS PARTED

Dear Sir,—It is gratifying to know that I am not alone in my opinion that Bob Major with the tenors parted produces some very fine music. (Letter: W. J. G. Brown, Ipswich. 'Ringing World,' March 27th, 1953, page 203).

Whilst realising that to part the tenors for so long a period, 20 courses out of the 42, is highly unconventional, I do feel that to depart from convention occasionally is very advantageous in that, in this case, new music, equally as good, is produced and also one is awakened from a sound sleep by the fact that the invariable coursing order, 8-7, is broken. Had we been 'weened' with the tenors parted would it not be unconventional to keep them together in so many of our compositions?

I agree with Mr. Brown that having the tenors reversed for two leads reduces the musical value of the composition but feel that this is a very minor point in view of the music that follows. In any case, this is only a means to an end and not an end in itself, and may we overlook this discrepancy as it is of such short duration? Had a similar occurrence taken place at any of the W's in the composition the waste paper basket would certainly be the place for it. An illustration of this occurs in the following 384 Bob Major:—

234567	W	5	In	M
526374	—	x	1	—
357246	—	x	1	—
234567	—	x	1	—

In conclusion, perhaps the following 5,056 Bob Major, by myself, would prove of interest to those who are not averse to ringing with the tenors separated:—

234567	W	5	4	B	In	M	R
237546				1	4		3
527346	—						3
357246	—						3
632547	—	x			1		3
532467	—			1		—	3
432657	—			1		—	3
523647	—			3			
235647	—	x	—			—	
324567	—			2			S

Repeated

This composition gains where the 5,024 loses, in that the tenors are not reversed. On the whole, though, I feel that each is worthy of as much merit as the other.

I would like to write privately to Mr. W. J. G. Brown, if he would kindly let me have his address.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK C. W. KNIGHT.

Folkestone.

'PROFESSOR OF CAMPANOLOGY' AT RUGBY

Dear Sir,—The account of the unique performance of a 'Professor of Campanology' given by W. S. in 'The Ringing World' of March 20th was interesting and rather intriguing. The bells at Rugby at that time would be five in number, the same five as are being rung at present, being the bottom five of an octave (s, f, m, r, d in the sol-fa notation) and it would be interesting to learn how the 'Professor' could play 'God Save the King' and other popular tunes of the day with such a limited number of notes at his disposal. There seems to be no local knowledge of the event and one would like to know the source of the information.—Yours faithfully,

Rugby. G. A. PECK.

Into a Midlands belfry walked a young visiting ringer recently. 'And your name?' inquired the captain. 'Maurice Stout,' came the reply.' 'How peculiar,' remarked the captain, 'I know of two other bellringers named Edward J. Beer and Mansfield Ginn!'

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of April 18th, 1913

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
The Winchester Diocesan Guild.
On Wednesday, April 9th, 1913, in 2 hours and 35 minutes,
At the Residence of A. H. Pulling.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5,040 CHANGES.
Holt's Original.

Charles Hazelden	1–2
Alfred H. Pulling	3–4
*John S. Goldsmith ..	5–6
Bernard Clark	7–8

Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.

* First peal of Grandsire on handbells. Rung to commemorate the 20th anniversary of J. S. Goldsmith's first peal, rung on April 8th, 1893.

[Though he will always be remembered mainly as the founder of this journal, Mr. Goldsmith was an excellent practical ringer. Beginning when very young, he reached 100 peals in March, 1899, with a peal of London when just 21 years of age, an outstanding record for the time. In all, he rang 463 peals, one of which was the first of Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Major to be accomplished.]

GRANDSIRE DOUBLES AT HARTEST, SUFFOLK

Dear Sir,—I read with interest the account, in your issue of 27th ult., of the rededication at Hartest, but may I point out that Roan, who was Master of the College Youths 300 years ago, is credited with the invention of the method, about 1650, and that it was to his friend, Richard Duckworth, that he contributed matter for the latter's famous book, 'Tintinnalogia,' 1668.

Duckworth was appointed Rector of Hartest in 1650, where he probably met Stedman, who published his work and then, later, his own more ambitious work, the 'Campanologia,' 1677.

Robert Roan was one of the King's Court and so it is more likely that his methods were first rung in London than at his friend's tower, Hartest, down in Suffolk.

We are indebted to the research of both Trollope and Morris for much of the above. But the mention of the Rev. Mr. Drake, Rector of Hartest in the 18th century, joining the College Youths, caused me to look up the Roll, where there seems to be no record of his name. I was disappointed to find that the name of so famous a ringer as Duckworth is also missing therefrom.—I am, Your obedient servant,

E. ALEXR. YOUNG.

Bromley, Kent.

THOMAS POWER

Dear Sir,—With reference to 'Thomas Power, Gent.,' it would appear that this Thomas Power was the man who made a lantern clock about the same period inscribed 'Tho. Power de Wellingborow Hoc Fabricavat.' and a basket-top bracket clock of a little later date inscribed 'Thos. Power, Wellingbrow.'

Beyond this nothing appears to be known regarding this maker but a search of the registers at Wellingborough might well reveal interesting information.

HARRY KING.

North Weald.

COUNTY HISTORY BOOKS

Dear Sir,—The article by Mr. Shepherd mentions Dorset as one of the counties without any reference books on its bells. 'The Church Bells of Dorset,' by Canon Raven, with an appendix by Miles Barnes, was published at Dorchester in 1906. Many of the inscriptions were obtained by the three brothers Hughes D'Aeth, who went round on bicycles to explore the various towers.—Yours sincerely,

F. LL. EDWARDS

Kington Magna.

OBITUARY

MR. J. H. BLAKISTON

An Appreciation

I was interested to read the letters of Mr. Semmens and Mr. Peck regarding Mr. J. H. Blakiston, of Middlesbrough, and perhaps I may be permitted to advance a little further information. Jack Blakiston, as he was called, was the son of Mr. William Blakiston, who was, I understand, the cashier to an old-established Quaker ironfounding business in this town and which ultimately developed into one of its largest commercial undertakings. As a young man he moved to Middlesbrough and took up a post with another predominantly Quaker concern, the owners of the Middlesbrough Estate, with whom he served until well advanced in years.

He was born in Darlington and learned his ringing at St. John's Church, joining the Durham and Newcastle Association in 1880, three years after its formation. He relinquished active membership of this Association when the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association was formed in 1898. He was a founder member of this Association and was credited with forming the band of St. Hilda's, Middlesbrough. He continued an active member for ten years and then, in 1908, he retired from the Middlesbrough tower and transferred his affections to the Northern District of the Yorkshire Association. The following are the peals in which so far as is known he took part and the figures in brackets are those he conducted:—Durham and Newcastle Association 38 (19), Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association 29 (24), Yorkshire Association 20 (13), a total of 87 (56).

My father recalls that Mr. Blakiston took part in his first attempt for a peal at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, in the early nineties and in my boyhood days I rang with him on one or two occasions at Yorkshire meetings.

W. N. PARK.

MR. ERNEST PARKER

The death occurred at Holt, Wiltshire, on March 29th, of Mr. Ernest Parker, aged 73. A native of Bleadon, Somerset, where he learned to ring, he was for many years conductor of the band at St. John's, Weston-super-Mare. On retirement, 16 years ago, he came to live in Holt and from then until the time of his death was a regular member of the Trowbridge band, cycling the four miles each way in all winds and weathers until the last few months to ring for morning and evening service and the weekly practice night.

He was a Ringing Master of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Guild for 12 years. Although not a great lover of peal ringing he rang quite a number of peals in all standard methods and was always willing to stand in if needed. On several occasions he had conducted Holt's Original, the last time being on his 70th birthday, at that age a performance of which any ringer might well be proud.

After the funeral service at Holt, attended by many ringers of the Devizes Branch, he was buried at Bleadon, and a muffled peal was rung at Trowbridge in the evening. He leaves a widow, to whom the deepest sympathy is extended. In the course of a friendship of 30 years he showed himself to be a devout churchman who conscientiously adhered to the highest principles and he won the respect and affection of all who came in contact with him. He was a true Christian gentleman.

G. H. H.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. O. Davis 1, G. K. Westlake 2, Miss P. Barnard 3, L. W. Pullin 4, R. H. Brice 5, D. E. Vowles 6, H. A. Price (cond.) 7, J. W. Baker 8.

MR. WALTER CLIFF

By the passing of Mr. Walter Cliff at the age of 81, Tenterden has lost a good tradesman. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Kent Association of Change Ringers. He rang for Queen Victoria's two Jubilees and covered several peals of Grandsire Triples (5,040 changes).

Mr. Cliff joined the parish church choir when a boy and only resigned a few years ago on account of ill-health. He was chief officer of the Tenterden Fire Brigade for many years and was held in high regard by all who knew him.

The ringers of St. Mildred's Church, in the evening of the day of his funeral, rang half-muffled.

MR. SIDNEY PALMER

The death has occurred of Mr. Sidney Palmer, of Swindon, after a short illness, at the age of 82. He was a native of Potterne, near Devizes, where he learned to ring and had been a member of Swindon Parish Church band for nearly 50 years.

Mr. Palmer kept no record of the peals he had rung but they must have been a considerable number. Among them was the first peal of Surprise by a Wiltshire band. His last peal was Kent Royal rung at Christ Church, Swindon, in 1945.

On the day of his funeral a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Christ Church. The Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was represented at the funeral by Mr. W. H. Trueman (chairman) and Mr. W. B. Kynaston (secretary). Former colleagues who attended were Mr. E. J. Berry (Master of Christ Church tower) and Mr. C. E. Gardiner, who had rung with Mr. Palmer for 50 years.

W. B. K.

SIR GILFRID CRAIG, J.P., D.L.

Ringers in West Middlesex and those of the St. John-the-Baptist Guild, Hillingdon, in particular, have lost a good friend by the death of Sir Gilfrid Craig, of The Grange, Hillingdon. He was for many years an honorary life member of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, and had always taken a kindly interest in the work of ringing.

A churchwarden for many years, he took great pleasure in being associated with the welcome extended to the Association at Hillingdon, and had attended several of the autumn annual joint meetings with the Oxford Diocesan Guild. His modest, unassuming manner and generous disposition endeared him to everyone fortunate enough to know him well. The occasion when, in a gracious and friendly way, he delightrd members of both Guilds by personally paying tribute in making the presentation to the late stalwarts J. J. Pratt and W. H. Honor, after they had completed 60 years of service as ringers, will long be remembered.

He married the elder daughter of the late Mr. John Stillwell, who was himself a ringer, and who, in 1911, generously defrayed the cost of the restoration and augmentation of the ten bells at the Parish Church.

Sir Gilfrid, as he was affectionately known, passed away on Easter Day, and the funeral was at Golders Green on Thursday, April 9th.

In the evening the appropriate prayer taken from the Guild's form of service was said in the belfry before the commencement of half-muffled ringing on these bells, a tribute to one of whom it could be truly said, 'He walked with kings—nor lost the common touch.' Deepest sympathy is extended to Lady Craig, with whom we would wish to share this great loss.

W. H. C.

TO QUEEN MARY

Half-Muffled Quarter Peals

(Continued from page 246)

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL, BERKS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Holloway (first quarter) 1, Audrey B. Castell 2, R. Willis (first quarter 'inside') 3, A. Jarvis 4, J. O. Berry 5, F. C. Castell 6.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 31st, at the Church of St. Andrew, a quarter peal of Doubles in 11 different methods (Erin, Carters, Rugby Slow Course, April Day, Norfolk, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, New, Stedman and Grandsire): C. Underwood 1, G. A. Peck 2, D. J. Pitstow (cond.) 3, J. Underwood 4, J. Wiseman 5. First quarter in 11 methods for 2, 4 and 5.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Nicholls 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, A. Clements 3, W. Ransom 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, F. W. Lack 6, L. W. Fisher 7, H. S. Peacock 8.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,259 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 360 Spliced Grandsire and Plain Bob and 419 Grandsire): Molly Bates 1, Shelagh Kilbourn 2 O. J. Cripps 3, Mrs. W. E. Simpson 4, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 5, R. G. Newsum 6. Also on Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. E. Simpson 1, C. Geary 2, Shelagh Kilbourn 3, W. R. Harrison 4, T. W. Robinson 5, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 6, R. A. Hickton 7, R. G. Newsum (first quarter of Triples) 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Clements 1, A. D. Rivers 2, Mrs. J. Birt (first quarter 'inside') 3, J. Birt 4, W. Birmingham (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, F. Scott 6.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Farr 1, Miss B. Mockridge (first quarter) 2, Miss Allen 3, Mrs. Crocker 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5, E. Jones 6.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Mar. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. G. Williams 1, D. Brown (first of Stedman) 2, W. Faithfull 3, Mrs. J. Kippin 4, E. Brown 5, M. J. Butler 6, C. H. Kippin (cond.) 7, O. N. Curtis 8.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Brown 1, V. B. Hunt (cond.) 2, A. J. Print 3, L. Hallett 4, R. C. Chapman 5, C. R. Steed 6, H. Huxley 7, F. C. Lyne 8.

STYTHIANS, TRURO.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss K. Clemens 1, P. R. C. Williams 2, C. Drewitt (cond.) 3, R. G. Clemens 4, H. C. Spencer 5.

SWINESHEAD, LINCS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, 6–8 covering: M. A. Randall 1, P. H. Reynolds 2, F. A. Porter 3, F. A. Bullock 4, T. E. Wilson 5, J. Thorold 6, J. P. Morriss (cond.) 7, G. H. Penniston 8. First quarter of Minor by 1 and 5.

THORVERTON, DEVON.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. A. Langabeer (first quarter) 1, R. Ford 2, G. Court 3, H. Butt (cond.) 4, W. Butt 5, W. Baker 6.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—On Mar. 29th, at St. Mary de Wych, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Knott (first quarter) 1, Mrs. W. Holm 2, W. H. Raxter (cond.) 3, Miss B. Holm 4, H. Cole 5, W. Holm 6.

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RINGERS' RULES (ANCIENT & MODERN)

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Contined from page 186)

The following lines, from two belfries of the Welsh border counties, are somewhat different from the 17th century rhymes (although they are evidently adapted from them) and contain some lines of more recent composition. The first version is from LLANFYLLIN, Montgomeryshire.

'If for to ring you do come here
You must ring well with hands and ear;
And if you ring with spur or hat,
A quart of beer is due for that.

And if a bell you overthrow
A shilling pay before you go:
The law is old, well known to you
Therefore the Clerk must have his due.'
(Briscoe, 'Curiosities of the Belfry,' p. 17.)

The next version is from BANGOR-ISCOED in Flintshire:—

'If that to ring you do come here,
You must ring well with hand and ear;
But if you ring in spur or hat,
Fourpence is always due for that;
And if a Bell you overthrow,
Sixpence is due before you go.
But if you either sweare or curse
Twelvepence is due—out with your purse.
Our laws are old, they are not new,
Therefore the Clerk must have his due.
If to our laws you do consent
Then take a bell, we are content.'
(Briscoe, 'Curiosities of the Belfry,' p. 18.)

In the belfry of BUCKLAND Church, near Tavistock:—

'We ring the quick to church, the dead to grave;
Good is our use, such usage let us have;
Who swears, curs'th, or in cholerick mood
Quarrels or strikes, Altho' he sheds no blood;
Who wears his hat, or spurs, or turns a bell,
Or by unskilful handling marrs a peal,
Let him pay sixpence for each single crime,
'Twill make him cautious against another time.
Now round let's go, and when we've done let's sing,
God bless our Holy Church, God save the King.
17 Amen 55.'

Similar lines to these were in force at St. Cleer, Cornwall.

In 1849 the following lines were written on a sheet of paper affixed to the wall of the village church of PITMINSTER, Somerset:—

'If Aney one do ware hise hat
When he ringing here
He straitte way then shall sixpence pay
In Sider or Bere.'
(Briscoe, 'Curiosities of the Belfry,' p. 40.)

This is from St. Mary's, ROTHERHITHE:—

'Fear God honour ye King
Whoso comes here these ropes to handle,
Must comply with these rules for buying of candle.
For each oath that you swear or bell yt you throw
Deposit your sixpence before that you go.
These rules are so just and orders so plain,
Who refuseth compliance shall not practice again
Without paying one shilling to wipe off the stain.'

(1). At St. Andrew's Church, PLYMOUTH, were these belfry 'rhymes' dated 1700, with the motto 'Nos resonare jubent pietas mores atque Volutas':—

'Let awful silence first proclaimed be,
And praise unto the Holy Trinity:
Then honour give unto our noble King,
So with a blessing let us raise the ring.
Hark! how the chirping Treble sings most clear,

And covering Tom comes rowling in the rear;
And now the Bells are up, come let us see
What laws are best to keep sobriety,
Then all agree to make this their decree.
Who swears or curses, or in a choleric mood
Quarrels or strikes, although he draws no blood:
Who wears a hat, or spur, or overturns a Bell,
Or by unskilful handling mars a peal:
Let him pay sixpence for each single crime.
'Twill make him cautious 'gainst another time!
But if the Sexton's fault an hindrance be,
We call on him a double penalty.
If any should our Parson disrespect,
Or Wardens orders any times neglect,
Let him be always held in full disgrace,
And ever more be banished this place:
Now round—let go—with pleasure to the ear,
And pierce with echo through the yielding air.
So when the bells are ceased, then let us sing,
God bless the Church—God bless the King.'
1700.

Almost identical with the foregoing are those at (2) LANDULPH, in Cornwall. Some rhymes bearing the date 1811 are on the walls of the tower at (3) LANLIVERY, Cornwall. They are slightly abridged from those at Fowey (already given.

In the belfry of DREWSTEIGNTON Church, Dartmoor.

'The Ringer's Articles

I.
Whoever in this place shall swear,
Sixpence he shall pay therefore.

II.
He that ring here in his hat,
Threepence he shall pay for that.

III.
Who overturns a bell, be sure
Threepence he shall pay therefore.

IV.
Who leaves his rope under feet,
Threepence he shall pay for it.

V.
A good ringer and a true heart
Will not refuse to stand a quart.

VI.
Who will not to these rules agree
Shall not belong to this belfrie.
John Hole, Warden.'

The following is found scrawled at BUTTERWICK, Lincs, with much more to the same effect:—

'All You that hath A mind to Ring
Must to the old Ringer Admission money bring.
.....
.....

Each coult must, sirs, just three and sixpence pay
When our accounts are passed for truth
And you are styled then a College Youth.
So now, my lads, admission money bring
And we will learn [sic] you presently to Ring.'
(North—'Church Bells of Lincs,' page 347.)

(To be continued)

(1). Briscoe—'Curiosities of the Belfry,' page 15.
(2). Dunkin—'Cornwall.' page 38.
(3). Dunkin—page 82.

SUTTERTON, LINCS.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: E. Flintham (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Brown (first of Major) 2, F. Bishop 3, D. White 4, J. Kemp 5, E. Fisher 6, J. Young (cond.) 7, A. Flatters 8.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

A combined meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association and the Selby and District Society was held at Goole on March 21st and was attended by about 30 ringers from various towers in the district. The service was conducted by the curate (the Rev. D. B. Greathead) and was followed by the tea and business meeting, presided over by the vice-president, Mr. A. B. Sellers.

Two new out-county members were elected: Messrs. D. Ladd, of Walmer, Kent, and E. F. Gilbert, of Basingstoke, Hants. These two young men were recently stationed at Leconfield Aerodrome, near Beverley, and the chairman asked the meeting to stand in silence to the memory of the airmen from there who were recently shot down over Germany.

Pocklington was selected as the place for the annual district meeting in June. Mr. L. Woodhead gave particulars of the Selby dinner to be held on April 11th. The usual votes of thanks were passed, special mention being made of Mrs. Taylor, who provided the tea. A collection for the Association's Bell Repair Fund realised 10s.

MARRIAGE OF MISS ANNIE POTTER

A large number of ringers from different parts of Lancashire were present at St. Paul's Church, Walkden, on Easter Monday, for the wedding of Miss Annie Potter, a member of the local band for 25 years and for many years the competent secretary of the tower, to Mr. William McDermott. Her marriage has ended a well-known name in Lancashire ringing circles as her father, the late Mr. John Potter, was one of the Association's stalwarts and a very reliable conductor in any method.

The service was fully choral as both the bride and the bridegroom have been members of the choir for many years. The bells were rung for the service and afterwards they were 'fired' and Queens and Tittums rung.

The bride was dressed in a powder-blue costume and she received from the bridegroom a gold watch.

Immediately after the reception and lunch a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by a mixed band from different towers in Lancashire.

There was another band of ringers at the station to meet the couple as they left for their honeymoon at Morecambe and to the amusement of the many onlookers they led them down to the platform ringing handbells and continued until the train departed.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

The quarterly meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was held at Harlow Common and Harlow Town on March 28th. A lower attendance than usual was no doubt due to uncertainty owing to the royal bereavement.

At the business meeting, presided over by the Master, Mr. G. H. Cross, the following new members were elected; Shirley V. Rymer, Dudley; Joan Beresford, Lichfield; Evelyn M. Fletcher, Birmingham; Alison Clarke, Hampton Hill; Geoffrey Paul, Lincoln; G. D. Ingham, Sunbury Hill; David Hawkins, Hampton; Michael Collins, Hampton; C. E. Brown, Lincoln; John Worsdall, Bassingham; John S. Barnes, Attleborough.

The company stood in silence to the memory of F. Richardson (Chatham), George Dawson (Leytonstone) and the Rev. F. J. Winterton (Barnet), members who had recently died.

The next meeting will be held at St. Albans on July 4th, and Mr. Cross asked all members to give their support.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the incumbent and tower keepers of both churches. Ringing took place in methods up to London Surprise Major.

COMPOSITIONS

5,040 Waterloo Bob Triples

Arranged by N. GOLDEN

C.C.C. of Triple Methods No. 14

1234567
2135476
2314567
3241576
2345167
3254617
2345671
3254761
2345716
3254176
2351467
3215476
3124567
1325476

1352746
Bob
1325476

1235746
Single
1325476

1325746

M	F	I	O	H	23456
—				3	52436
—				—	43526
S				3	23546
—				2	25436
—	—			3	64532
		—		3	43652
			—	—	43256

Twice repeat the last seven courses, omitting the bob M, then repeat the whole.

Contains the 5th and 6th their maximum number of courses home at backstroke.

The composition is true to any P triples method.

Rung at St. Giles'. Norwich, January 14th, 1953.

5,376 Double Norwich Court Bob Major

By ERNEST MORRIS

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Repeated.

Sixth full extent in 4th and 6th alternately.

To commemorate the 40th anniversary, the composer called this same peal at Whitwick, March 16th, 1953.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,440 Bob Minor: Mrs. W. E. Simpson 1, Shelagh Kilbourn 2, W. Simpson 3, O. J. Cripps 4, R. A. Hickton 5, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 6.

STEEPLE CLAYDON, BUCKS.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Phillips 1, A. Hodges 2, V. G. Phillips (cond.) 3, N. Townsend 4, C. Gough 5, J. Gascoigne 6. Rung in thanksgiving for installation of new heating system.

OUTING

DANBURY, ESSEX

On Easter Monday the Danbury ringers and a collection of other 'tower snatchers' met in Chelmsford for their cycle tour of Northern Essex.

Great Easton was reached without serious mishap although some apprehension was felt on the part of two of the young ladies who dragged behind and arrived at Great Easton 20 minutes after the main body of the company. The six at Great Easton were soon swinging and good touches of Cambridge downwards were rung.

Then over the hills to Thaxted, where the tourists were in time to see the traditional folk dancing. The fine ring of eight was soon set going watched by a large crowd of sightseers who had adjourned from the folk dancing. Most of the ringers partook of lunch sheltering behind a large windmill on a hill just outside Thaxted.

Finchingfield was reached in twos and threes as most of the band had stopped in a public house (watching the television !). But the heavy eight at Finchingfield were soon ringing out. The ringing here did not do justice to the bells but some well-struck Grandsire rounded off the ringing here.

After tea at Great Bardfield a tough road led to Stebbing. The six here have not a very good 'go,' nevertheless the best touch of the day (London Minor) was rung on these bells.

About a mile from Felstead the rain came down in torrents and a wet and cold party arrived at the tower. This did not impair the ringing and the eight at Felstead were soon going very well

Thanks are due to the local bands who helped by preparing their bells and to Peter Came and Joe Roast for so capably organising a very pleasant day.

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MEETINGS

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely and Wisbech Districts.—Joint meeting, Littleport (8), April 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 2397

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Meeting at Gamlingay (6), Saturday, April 18th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 2407

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division. — Meeting, Boreham (8), Saturday, April 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Meeting to follow. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, Boreham. 2402

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD — Meeting, Saturday, April 18th, at Iden, Sussex. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 2391

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at Brookfield Unitarian, Gorton, April 18th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea. Note date.—R. Benson. 2440

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Barkston, April 18th. 2394

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 18th, St. John's, Leytonstone. Ringing 3. Tea 4.45, nearby cafes. Business in tower 6 o'clock and further ringing till 8.—Boyack, Dis. Sec. 2443

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Clerkenwell, April 18th. Service 4.30 followed by tea and meeting. Resolution extending constitution of District committees to include Association officers. Ringing: St. Bartholomew, Smithfield, 2.30-4; Clerkenwell 3; St. Giles'-in-the-Fields after meeting. Names for tea to Ernest Turner, 73, Braithwaite Gardens, Stanmore, (WORdsworth 5109.) 2372

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Ticknall, April 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify W. G. Soar, Ticknall, near Derby. 2410

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Monthly meeting, Oxted, April 18th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Look up Kent. 2389

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Henfield, April 18th. Tower open 3.30 p.m.—C. W. Linington, Div. Sec. 2400

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Practice meeting, Abbot's Ann, April 18th. Bells 3.30. Transport arranged from St. Mary's Andover, leaving 3.30. Service 4.30. Meeting 5. Goodworth Clatford after tea. Ringers from other branches welcome. 2388

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting, Haselbury Plucknett, near Crewkerne, April 25th. Service 4.30. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock. 2409

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Banwell, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. C. Wickham, Hon. Local Sec., Railway Farm, Cheddar. 2433

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Deanery.—Meeting, Pilton, Saturday, April 25th. Service 4. Tea and meeting. Notify for tea by Tuesday, 21st.—William Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street, Somerset. 2445

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting, Pavenham, April 25th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Bryan Pattison, 51, Winchester Road, Bedford. 2432

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. — Meeting at Mottram, April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise, before Tuesday, April 25th. Mr. A. L. Townend, Arnside, Matley, Stalybridge.—C. K. Lewis. 2441

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Sandiacre (6) on April 25th at 3 p.m. **(Note the change of venue.)** Names for tea to Mr. D. R. Carlisle, 85, Derby Road, Risley, Derbyshire. 2455

DEVON GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch. — Cockington, Torquay, Saturday, April 25th. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 2435

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting at Tickhill (8), Saturday, April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by April 22nd, to Miss D. E. Smythe, 19, Kirkby Avenue Bentley Road, Doncaster. 2449

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Annual meeting, Dudley, April 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting 5 o'clock. Tea for those only who send in their names, before April 21st, to F. Colclough, 27, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 2418

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Terrington St. John, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided 5 p.m. Farewell meeting to our president (The Vicar).—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2466

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting, Marshfield, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, April 21st, to W. F. Scudamore, 6, Sandringham Avenue, Downend, Bristol. 2459

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Eastington (6 bells), April 25th, 3 p.m. Service at 4.45. Tea after service. Names by April 21st. —S. T. Price, 1, Bridge Cottage, Gloucester Road, Stonehouse, Glos. 2427

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Seale (6) on Saturday, April 25th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to Mr. J. Carter, Lydgate, Seale Lane, Runfold, Surrey.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 2442

HEREFORD GUILD.—Hereford District.—Combined practice, Hereford Cathedral (10) on Saturday, April 25th, 6 p.m.-8.30 p.m.—J. W. Downes, Sec. 2456

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Bromfield, April 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.10.—G. Randle. 2434

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Weston, April 25th 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Gravelev after tea. Special methods: All Saints' Doubles and Single Oxford.—F. Buck, Dis. Sec. 2425

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, Farningham, Saturday, April 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Lion Hotel. Names for tea, by Monday, 20th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 2415

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Linton (8), on Saturday, April 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 2451

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — Quarterly meeting, Meopham, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, April 22nd, to Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting will be held at Leeds Parish Church on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea arranged (cooked meal) 3s. 6d. per head for those who notify, by April 22nd. Mr. I. Slack, 25, Hollin Park Terrace, Leeds 8. Business meeting in the tower 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 2460

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Enderby, April 25th. Bells (8) 3 o'clock. Cups of tea in Schools at 5. Please bring own food.—F. K. Measures, Hon. Sec.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Leicester District.—Whetstone (6), Saturday, April 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Wednesday, April 22nd, to J. R. Smith, 13, Leopold Street, South Wigston. 2437

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual meeting, Lincoln, April 25th. Corporate Communion 8 a.m. Cathedral Evensong 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Eastgate Court, for those who notify, by Tuesday previous, Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank. Business meeting Cathedral Chapter House, 6 p.m. Usual ringing arrangements.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting Kirtlington (8) on Saturday, April 25th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names by 18th, please.—C. H. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 2406

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — Annual meeting, Hughenden, Saturday, April 25th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names f r tea by April 18th, latest. High Wycombe 7 p.m.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 2413

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch. — Annual meeting at Faringdon on April 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, April 22nd, please, to Mr. M. J. Pryor, 59, Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon. 2399

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — Roade, April 25th. Names for tea, not later than April 22nd, to E. Nobles, Hon. Branch Sec., 48, Millway, Duston. 2421

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Castor, April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, essential by previous Tuesday, to G. S. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 2447

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Thrapston Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Aldwincle (5), April 25th. Names for tea Tuesday previous.—L. Witten, 4, Johns Street, Thrapston, Kettering, Northants. 2428

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Quarterly meeting Huntingfield (5), April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. It is hoped to have ringing at Heveningham (5) also, after tea.—R. S. Payne, Hon. Sec. 2446

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. — Practice meeting, Heathfield (8) Saturday, April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 2438

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Wootton St. Lawrence on Saturday, April 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by April 21st, to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 2454

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Arreton, April 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by April 22nd, to Mrs. Guy, Merrie Meade, Watergate, Newport. 2452

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery. — Corporate Communion, Wraxall, April 26th, 8 a.m. Bells 7 a.m. Breakfast reserved for those notifying me by April 24th.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 2458

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Crusader meeting on May 2nd, Woodford (8) 2.30 p.m.-4.30 p.m. Service, Wanstead, 5 p.m., to be followed by tea and further ringing. Names for tea to B. Petty, 13, High Street, Wanstead, E.11. 2463

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Meeting at Appledore, May 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 2444

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Cowbridge, May 2nd. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea, by April 28th, to Mrs. R. E. Coles, 2, The Causeway, Llanblethian, Cowbridge, Glam. —Jacqueline Evans, Hon. Sec. 2457

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly meeting at Scorton on May 2nd. Ringing (8 bells) 2.30–8. Tea 4.30. Names for tea without fail to S. Anderton, Springfield Farm, Scorton.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 2465

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells available: St. Margaret's (12), St. John's (10), St. Mary's (8) 2.30-4.15 p.m. Service at St. George's 4.30. Tea 5 in Dover Street Rooms. Social evening 7.30-11 Victoria Hotel. Names for tea, by Wednesday April 29th, to J. R. Smith, 13, Leopold Street, South Wigston.—W. A. Wood, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2436

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Winterton, May 2nd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, April 29th, to R. E. Woodhouse, Clink Road, Winterton, Great Yarmouth.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 2439

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The dedication of the Canon Coleridge Memorial will take place on Saturday, May 2nd, 1953. Service in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, at 3 p.m. A good attendance of choristers is desired at the service. Will choristers please notify Mr. F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon, who will supply details of music and reserve seats in the choir. Tea at the Forum Restaurant, High Street, 5 p.m., 2s. Applications for tea to the General Secretary with remittance not later than April 28th.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants. 2330

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Brighton, May 2nd. Ringing from 2.30, St. Peter's, St. Nicholas'; Good Shepherd after meeting. Service St. Peter's 4.15. Tea 2s. 6d. (under 16 1s. 3d.). Usual allowances. Individual names for tea before April 29th.—B. W. White, 14, South View, Henfield. 2430

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at Selby on Saturday, May 2nd. The Abbey bells (10) available 2–4.15 p.m. and after the meeting till 9 p.m. Auditors meet 11 a.m., Hawdon Institute. Service 4.15 p.m. in chancel. Tea (4s. per head) served at 5 p.m. at the Corunna Cafe, Ousegate. Names by April 30th to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby. Meeting same room immediately afterwards. Reports will be available and subscriptions are now due.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 2462

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, May 9th, Liverpool. Train, Euston 8.30. Meet 8. Names to A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 2464

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual Ringing Guild meeting will be held at Chipping Norton on Saturday, May 9th. Bells 3.30 to 4.30. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxford. 2448

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The ringers of St. Mary's, North Mymms, held a half-day outing on March 21st.

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